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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 are normally 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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1. OPENING. The Seventy-seventh General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Rev. William Shishko, Moderator of the Seventy-sixth General Assembly. The Assembly sang “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken,” and Mr. Shishko constituted the meeting with prayer.

2. PRESIDENT TIMMERMANS’S ADDRESS. The President of Trinity Christian College, Dr. Steven Timmermans, addressed the Assembly, welcoming commissioners to the campus.

3. SERMON. Mr. Shishko read 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 and delivered a sermon entitled “A Call to Ministers to Write the Best Books.”

4. COMMISSIONERS ROLL.

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

Presbytery of the Central United States (CUS)
   Ministers (2/2) – Joseph A. Auksela, Timothy L. Black
   Ruling Elders (1/1) – D. Keith Tillotson (Lincoln)

Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York (C&S NY)
   Ministers (3/3) – Richard R. Gerber, John W. Mallin III, Robert E. Tarullo
   Ruling Elders (1/1) – Michael F. Montemarano (Franklin Square)

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
   Ministers (4/4) – Leonard J. Coppes, W. Vernon Picknally, Jr., Terry F. Thole, D. Jason Wallace
   Ruling Elders (2/2) – Louis C. LaBriola (Providence, Denver), Billie J. Papke (Winner)

Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario (M&O)
   Ministers (6/6) – Everett A. Henes, Douglas A. Felch, John R. Ferguson, Kenneth A. Smith, Peter J. Wallace, Francis E. VanDelden
Ruling Elders (2/5) – Theodore C. Himebook (Hudsonville), David C. Noe (Ada)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)
Ministers (5/5) – Clark H. Brooking, S. Edd Cathey, Allen H. Harris, Stuart R. Jones, Michael A. McCabe
Ruling Elders (1/5) – Donald H. Potter (Manassas)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)
Ministers (9/9) – Ronald L. Beabout, Brian L. De Jong, Brent C. Evans, John M. Fikkert, Kenneth R. Golden, Bruce H. Hollister, David W. King, David M. VanDrunen, Iain A. M. Wright
Ruling Elders (7/7) – Barry G. Allison (New Lenox), Jeffrey G. Dennison (Hanover Park), William A. Muether (Janesville), Jack W. Pluister, Jr. (Orland Park), Donald A. Schlernitzauer (Sheboygan), Bruce A. Stahl (St. Louis), Bernard R. Winter (Grays Lake)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)
Ruling Elders (5/5) – Robert A. Freeman (Whippany), David E. Haney (Bridgeton), Gordon E. Kauffman (Phillipsburg), Mural Rao (Stratford), Jon W. Stevenson (Wildwood)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY&NE)
Ministers (4/7) – Michael G. Fettes, Gerald P. Malkus, Stephen L. Phillips, Andrew H. Selle
Ruling Elders (1/5) – Steven W. Anderson (Portland)

Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada (NC&NV)
Ministers (2/3) – Wayne K. Forkner, Robert B. Needham
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Ralph B. Montgomery (San Francisco), Dennis J. Fullalove (S. San Francisco), James R. Lemen (Sunnyvale)

Presbytery of Northwest (NW)
Ministers (5/6) – J. Glenn Ferrell, David W. Inks, John W. Mahaffy, Donald M. Poundstone, Marcus J. Renkema
Ruling Elders (3/4) – Robert R. Bonebrake (Newberg), Paul Anthony Hamstra (Monroe), John P. Jambura (Boise)

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)
Ministers (6/6) – Sam M. Allison, Robert Y. Eckardt, L. Charles Jackson, Lawrence B. Oldaker, Danny E. Olinger, Lawrence Semel
Ruling Elders (3/4) – Timothy K. Jackson (Morgantown), Paul H. Tavares (Grove City), David K. Thompson (Moon Township)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)
Ruling Elders (5/5) – Mark T. Bube (Glenside), David J. Gregg (Middletown, PA),
Journal

Timothy D. Krizan (Wilmington), Timothy L. Shatzer (Gettysburg), Christian H. Walmer II (Middletown, PA)

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

Presbytery of the Southeast (SE)
Ministers (7/7) – DeLacy A. Andrews, Hank L. Belfield, Clifford L. Blair, William D. Dennison, Timothy L. McClymonds, T. Nathan Trice, S. Scott Willet
Ruling Elders (3/4) – Jeffrey A. Cleveland (Matthews), John M. Mauldin (Mathews), Larry F. Mehe (Chattanooga)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ruling Elders (5/5) – L. Alberto Gomez (Phoenix), Archibald M. Laurie (Goleta), Robert Bruce Settgren (Escondido), Andrew W. Taylor (Temecula), David Winslow, Jr. (Westminster)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ministers (4/4) – Phillip D. Hodson, John R. Hunt, Jr., John H. Johnson, Jr., Christopher H. Wisdom
Ruling Elders (2/2) – John S. Emmett (Garland), David T. Mahaffy (Garland)

Ex Officio
Minister – Donald J. Duff (PH)
Minister – William Shishko (C&SNY)

Committee Representatives:
Commissioners: Paul N. Browne (Foreign Missions), Mark T. Bube (Foreign Missions), Robert B. Needham (Chaplains), Richard R. Gerber (Home Missions), Ross W. Graham (Home Missions), David E. Haney (Arrangements, Diaconal Ministries, Loan Fund), Timothy K. Jackson (Coordination), Stuart R. Jones (Appeals and Complaints), Gordon E. Kauffman (Chaplains), John W. Mallin III (Appeals and Complaints), John R. Muether (Historian), Danny E. Olinger (Christian Education, C. for Historian), Stephen L. Phillips (Trustees), Jack W. Sawyer (Ecumenicity), Paul H. Tavares (Coordination), John D. Van Meerbeke (Foreign Missions)

Corresponding Members: Douglas B. Clawson (Foreign Missions), John R. Hilbelink (Home Missions), Roger W. Huijbregtse (Pensions), Robert M. Meeker (Arrangements), George W. Knight III and Jack J. Peterson (Ecumenicity), Lendall H. Smith (Diaconal Ministries), Alan D. Strange (Appeals and Complaints, Christian Education)

Fraternal Delegates: Jacques Roets and Casey D. Freswick (United Reformed Churches of North America), Michael S. Voytek (Reformed Church in the US), Kevin M. Backus (Bible Presbyterian Church)
5. **SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.** On motion committee representatives who were not commissioners were seated as corresponding members.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE.** Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Kevin M. Backus, fraternal observer of the Bible Presbyterian Church. On motion he was seated as a corresponding member.

7. **SURVEY OF COMMISSIONERS’ LENGTH OF SERVICE.** A survey of commissioners and corresponding members present, taken at a later time in the Assembly, yielded the following information as to their dates of ordination:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates of Ordination</th>
<th>No. of Presbyters Responding</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jan. 1, 2000 through Dec. 31, 2009</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1990 through Dec. 31, 1999</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1970 through Dec. 31, 1979</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1940 through Dec. 31, 1949</td>
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<td>Those attending the General Assembly for the first time</td>
<td>18</td>
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8. **APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO 77th GA.** The apportionment of commissioners to the Seventy-seventh General Assembly, in accordance with Chapter I of the *Standing Rules of the General Assembly*, and enrollment are as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Ruling Elders</th>
<th>Presbytery</th>
<th>Ministers</th>
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<td>Apport’d Enrolled</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connecticut and So. N.Y.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Dakotas</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Michigan and Ontario</td>
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<td>Northwest</td>
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<td>Moderator, 76th GA</td>
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<td>Stated Clerk, 76th GA</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>85</td>
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9. **COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.** Mr. Haney reported for the Committee on Arrangements at this time and at other times during the Assembly (see §80-83, 122, 196-197).

10. **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES.** The Stated Clerk presented the *Minutes of the Seventy-sixth General Assembly*.

11. **ELECTION OF MODERATOR.** The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Jambura and Pontier were nominated. Mr. Pontier was elected. Mr. Gerber, at Mr. Graham’s request, escorted Mr. Pontier to the chair. Mr. Shishko welcomed Mr. Pontier to the chair and led in prayer.

12. **OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPEALS.** The Stated Clerk presented overtures, communications, and appeals addressed to the Assembly. They were referred as indicated in §15.

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

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<th>Afternoon</th>
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<td>Convene</td>
<td>8:15 a.m.</td>
<td>1:15 p.m.</td>
<td>6:45 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>8:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Recess (Meals)</td>
<td>12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>5:15 p.m.</td>
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Exceptions:

a. Recess Wednesday 7/7, after item 12.
b. Reconvene Thursday 7/8, 6:45 p.m. or at the call of the Moderator.
   (Note: Advisory committees to meet during the day).
c. Recess Friday 7/9, at 5:15 p.m.
d. No session Saturday evening.

All sessions of the Assembly open with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

A daily devotional service: 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Thursday through Tuesday.

**LEADERS:**

- **Thursday - July 8, 2010 (M&O)**: John R. Ferguson
- **Friday - July 9, 2010 (MA)**: Clark H. Brooking
- **Saturday - July 10, 2010 (MW)**: David W. King
- **Monday - July 12, 2010 (NJ)**: Leonard F. Chanoux
- **Tuesday - July 13, 2010 (NY&NE)**: Andrew H. Selle
14. DOCKET. The docket up to this point was as follows:

1. Assembly convenes 7:00 p.m., Wednesday July 7, 2010
2. Sermon by the Rev. William Shishko, Moderator of the 76th General Assembly
3. Roll call
4. Seating of corresponding members
5. Preliminary report of the Committee on Arrangements
6. Presentation of the Minutes of the Seventy-sixth General Assembly
7. Election of Moderator
8. Presentation of overtures, communications, complaints, and appeals
9. Set times for convening, recessing, and reconvening
10. Adoption of docket
   On motion the remainder of the docket was adopted as follows:

11. Assignment of items of business to Advisory Committees
12. Election of Advisory and Temporary Committees
   a. Advisory Committees in accordance with Standing Rule Chapter IX, Sec. 5b
   b. Temporary Committee on Arrangements, three members
   c. Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, twelve members
   d. Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, eight members (none to be a member of any Standing Committee)
13. Report of Stated Clerk
14. Assumption of office by the new Stated Clerk, the Rev. George R. Cottenden
16. Appointment of Assistant Clerk
18. Election of Statistician
19. Report of the Standing Committee on Arrangements (Election to be held after the final report of the committee.)
20. Greetings and addresses by Fraternal Delegates from other bodies to be at times agreeable to them and to the Moderator
21. Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
22. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
23. Report of the Committee on Christian Education
24. Report of the Committee on Coordination (Order of the day on Monday after item 33)
25. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (Order of the day on Monday after item 24)
27. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
28. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
29. Report of the Committee on Chaplains
30. Report of the Historian
31. Report of the Committee for the Historian
32. Temporary Committees other than Presbyterial Records, Standing Committee Records, and those already completed in connection with earlier reports
33. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:15 a.m., Monday, July 12, 2010
34. Report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010
35. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, following item 34
36. Reports of the Temporary Committee on Arrangements as appropriate during the Assembly
37. Set Budgets for General Assembly purposes
38. Resolution of thanks
39. Unfinished Advisory Committee Business
40. Miscellaneous business
41. Reading and approval of Minutes (Note: Minutes are presented for approval following the lunch recess beginning on Friday, July 9, 2010
42. Dissolution of the Assembly (not later than noon, Wednesday, July 14, 2010)

15. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES ERECTED. On motion it was determined that the following temporary committees be erected, with reports, overtures, communications, complaints, and appeals referred to them as indicated (see §12), and that the commissioners named below be appointed to these committees and the name given in italics be the convener of the committee:

Advisory Committee 1 Total- 10
Members: Messrs. Beabout, Hamstra, Kauffman, Orteza, Stephan, Thole, Tillotson, Trice, VanDelden, Watson
Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions

Advisory Committee 2 Total- 10
Members: Messrs. Black, Bonebrake, Harris, Lemen, Rao, Schlermitzauer, Walker, D. J. Wallace, Westerveld, Willet
Report of the Committee on Christian Education
Overture #1

Advisory Committee 3 Total- 10
Members: Chanoux, Ferrell, Fullalove, Golden, Himebook, Johnson, Martin, McClymonds, Potter, Van Meerbeke
Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
Communications #2, 3

Advisory Committee 4 Total- 10
Members: Messrs. Andrews, Eckardt, Emmett, Gorrell, King, Malkus, Shishko, Sutton, Thompson, Walmer
Report of the Committee on Coordination

Advisory Committee 5 Total- 10
Members: Messrs. J. Dennison, Fettes, Hollister, Keele, LaBriola, MacLaren, Mauldin, Noe, Oldaker, Renkema
Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Report of the Committee on Pensions

Advisory Committee 6 Total- 11
Members: Messrs. Allison, Alvira, Cleveland, Fesko, Hodson, Jambura, McCabe, Picknally, Settgem, Welzien, Wright
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Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Communications #4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Advisory Committee 7  Total- 10
Members: Messrs. W. Dennison, Felch, Fikkert, Gregg, T. Jackson, Laurie, Phillips, Poundstone, Tarullo, Wisdom

Report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
Overture # 2

Advisory Committee 8  Total- 9
Members: Messrs. Babcock, Browne, Coppes, Duff, Freeman, D. Mahaffy, Mehne, Muether, Semel

Report of the Historian
Report of the Committee for the Historian
Communication #6, 7

Advisory Committee 9  Total- 9
Members: Messrs. Bennett, Blair, Brooking, De Jong, Ferguson, Montemarano, Montgomery, Shatzer, Winslow

Report of the Committee on Arrangements
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the Statistician
Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly
General Assembly Operations Fund Budget

Advisory Committee 10  Total- 10
Members: Messrs. Auksela, Evans, Foh, Gomez, Jones, Mallin, Papke, Stevenson, VanDrunen, P. Wallace

Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
Appeals #1, 2, 3
Communication #1

Arrangements 11  Total- 3
Members: Messrs. Haney, Meeker, J. Muether

Temporary Committee to Examine Presbytery Records 12  Total- 12

Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records 13  Total- 7
Members: Messrs. Forkner, Henes, L. Jackson, Pluister, Selle, Snodgrass, Stahl

16. RECESS. Following the singing of “Now the Day Is Over” and prayer led by the Moderator, the Assembly recessed at 8:53 p.m. for advisory committee meetings.
Thursday Morning, July 8, 2010

17. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly reconvened for a devotional service at 11:41 a.m. The Moderator led in prayer. Mr. Ferguson read Psalm 116 and delivered a message entitled “Calling on the Lord” and led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place.”

18. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Thursday Evening, July 8, 2010


20. PARLIAMENTARIAN. The Moderator announced that he had appointed Mr. Bube as Parliamentarian.

21. OFFERING AT WORSHIP SERVICE. The Moderator announced that the offering to be taken at the Sunday evening public worship service would be designated for the work of Worldwide Outreach of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

22. STATED CLERK’S REPORT. The Stated Clerk, Mr. Duff, presented his report (see pp. 138-43). Concerning proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order he reported the following: “The 76th General Assembly proposed to the presbyteries for approval a new Directory for the Public Worship of God. During the year the presbyteries have voted on this matter. Of the sixteen presbyteries thirteen have voted to approve the new directory and three presbyteries voted not to approve it. The 76th General Assembly also proposed to the presbyteries certain amendments to the Form of Government. All sixteen presbyteries have approved of these amendments. Since these proposed revisions required a majority of the presbyteries to approve them they will take effect on January 1, 2011 in accordance with the directive of the 76th General Assembly (cf. Minutes of the 76th General Assembly §120, p. 38).”

23. DECLARATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER. The Moderator declared that, since a majority of the presbyteries have voted to approve the revised Directory for the Public Worship of God and the proposed revisions to the Form of Government, these revisions will go into effect on January 1, 2011.

24. STATED CLERK’S REPORT (continued). Mr. Duff continued his report as Stated Clerk, including the following recommendation: that at the appropriate place in the Docket the proposed changes to the Standing Rules be considered for possible adoption.

25. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk). Mr. Winslow reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Stated Clerk.
26. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES.** On separate motions the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules were adopted as follows (see §24):

1. The following amendments to SR X.2.h.:
   “h. The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of three members, one member in each class. If the full Committee is not present during the Assembly, temporary members will be assigned by the Assembly. The Committee shall…”
   [Numbers (1) through (3) will remain the same]
   (4) It shall recommend to the Assembly the granting of excuses and the method of reimbursement of the commissioners’ expenses.
   (5) Members of this Committee will be exempt from serving on temporary or advisory committees.

   In addition, delete Chapter X.4.a.(3).

2. SR XIII.e amended in accordance with the amendment to the Instruments to read “Coordinating the Worldwide Outreach of the Church.”

3. A new item 4 in the SR IX.4 (with the remaining items renumbered) to read: “When available, electronic voting may replace other means of voting with appropriate adjustments to conform as closely as possible with the rules given above.”

27. **PRAYER FOR THE CLERKS.** Mr. De Jong, a member of Advisory Committee 9, led in prayer for Mr. Duff as he retired from the position of Stated Clerk, and for Mr. Cottenden, as he assumed that office. Following the prayer the Assembly gave Mr. Duff a standing ovation.

28. **ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE BY NEW STATED CLERK.** Mr. Cottenden began his service as Stated Clerk.

29. **TRUSTEES, THANKS TO MR. DUFF.** Mr. Phillips presented the report of the Trustees with respect to the service of Mr. Duff and presented him with a plaque.

30. **TRUSTEES.** Mr. Phillips presented the report of the Trustees (see pp. 144-50), with the following recommendations:

   A. In regard to the Clerk of the General Assembly, that the following remuneration package for 2011 be adopted (see §127):

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   Plus 12 days vacation (3 days per week for 4 weeks)
The Stated Clerk’s normal work week will be 3 days per week with the freedom to adjust his schedule according to the workload.

The Stated Clerk’s workload and compensation package will be reviewed in January 2011 and July 2011.

B. Nominate the Rev. Martin L. Dawson, Sr., and Mr. Edward K. Tress for the Trustees Class of 2013 (see §33).

C. That the following minute of thanks be adopted:

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is thankful to God for the 18 years of faithful service of the Rev. Donald J. Duff as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. Mr. Duff’s service has been a great blessing to the church. He has served the church with great distinction, skill, and wisdom. His labors have enabled the work of the church to move forward and have furthered the work of the Kingdom of God. We commend him to God’s care during his retirement.

D. 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 2011 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $16 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2011 (see action on GAOF Budget, §125, 127).

31. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees). Mr. Winslow reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Trustees.

32. MINUTE OF THANKS. The Assembly adopted the minute of thanks recommended by the Trustees (see §30.C).

33. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Trustees for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Minister: Martin L. Dawson, Sr.; Ruling elder: Edward K. Tress. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared them elected. Mr. Winslow led in prayer for the work of the Trustees.

34. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK. The Stated Clerk announced that pursuant to Standing Rule III.B.4.a, Mr. J. Mahaffy had consented to serve as Assistant Clerk.

35. STATISTICIAN’S REPORT. The Stated Clerk presented the report of the Statistician (see pp. 151-55).

36. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Statistician). Mr. Winslow reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Statistician.

37. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the office of Statistician. Mr. Luke E. Brown (Hatboro) was nominated. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared Mr. Brown elected. Mr. Winslow led in prayer for the Statistician.

38. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS POSTPONED. On motion the report of the Standing Committee on Arrangements was postponed and made the order of the day on Monday following Item 26.
39. **INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES.** Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Messrs. Jacques Roets and Casey D. Freswick, fraternal delegates of the United Reformed Churches of North America. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

40. **HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.** Mr. Hilbelink, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, read Psalm 12 and presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 247-65). Mr. Hilbelink introduced Mr. Gerber, Associate General Secretary of the Committee. Mr. Gerber continued the report. Mr. Hilbelink presented home missionaries and regional home missionaries. Mr. Graham reported on his work as General Secretary and on his recovery from double knee replacement surgery. Home missionaries Evans and Watson reported on their labors.

41. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 8:31 p.m. after the Moderator led in prayer.

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42. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 8:15 a.m. The Assembly sang “Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord.” Mr. Foh led in prayer. The Moderator read 1 John 5:1-5.

43. **HOME MISSIONS (continued).** Mr. Hilbelink continued the report of the Committee. Mr. Andrews reported on his labors as a home missionary.

44. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3.** Mr. Johnson reported the silence of Advisory Committee 3 with respect to the work of the Committee on Home Missions.

45. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Ministers: Knight, Poundstone, Gerald S. Taylor; Ruling elders: Robert L. Ayres (Caney), and Gregory S. DeJong (Wheaton). In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared them elected.

46. **PRAYER.** Mr. Johnson led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Home Missions.

47. **FOREIGN MISSIONS.** Mr. Van Meerbeke, Vice-President of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 156-225). He introduced the General Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Bube, who read Psalm 130 and reported on the work of the Committee. Mr. Bube introduced the Rev. Benjamin K. Hopp, who reported on his work in Haiti. Mr. Shishko led in prayer for suffering believers.

48. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1.** Mr. Trice reported the silence of Advisory Committee 1 with respect to the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

49. **QUESTIONS.** Committee representatives responded to questions from commissioners.
50. **RECESS AND RECONVENE.** The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m. and sang “O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art.” Mr. Hollister led in prayer.

51. **FRATERNAL ADDRESS.** Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Kevin M. Backus, fraternal observer of the Bible Presbyterian Church. Mr. Backus addressed the Assembly.

52. **INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE.** Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Michael S. Voytek, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the US. On motion he was seated as a corresponding member.

53. **FOREIGN MISSIONS (continued).** Messrs. Bube and Clawson continued to respond to questions from commissioners.

54. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Ministers: Hodson, William B. Kessler, J. Mahaffy, Picknally, and Van Meerbeke; Ruling elders: Christopher A. Boersema (Hatboro), Robert H. Joss (Ipswich). In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared Messrs. Boersema and Joss elected. The Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Kessler, Mahaffy, and Van Meerbeke. Nominations were opened to fill the vacancy of a ruling elder, class of 2012. Mr. Papke was nominated. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator announced the election of Mr. Papke.

55. **PRAYER.** Mr. Trice led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

56. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.** Mr. Strange, Vice-President of the Committee on Christian Education, read Matthew 28:18-20 and presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 226-45). He introduced Mr. Olinger, the General Secretary of the Committee, who reported for the Committee. He reported on the work of the Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Eckardt reported on the internship program. Mr. Winslow reported on the Timothy Conference. Mr. Strange reported on the Psalter-Hymnal project.

57. **DEVOTIONS.** The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Brooking led a devotional service at 11:40 a.m. He read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 and delivered a message entitled “Treasures in Jars of Clay.” He led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, “The Church’s One Foundation.”

58. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 12:04 p.m.

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59. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 1:17 p.m. and sang “How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?” Mr. Montemarano led in prayer.
60. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (continued).** The report of the Committee continued. On motion the Rev. Thomas R. Patete, Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, was seated as a corresponding member. He reported on the work of Great Commission Publications.

61. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2.** Mr. Westerveld reported for Advisory Committee 2 with respect to the report of the Committee on Christian Education as follows: Advisory Committee 2 met with Messrs. Strange and Olinger who summarized the Report of the Committee on Christian Education and responded to the Committee’s questions. The committee is grateful to God for the service to the Church of the General Secretary and the Committee on Christian Education and commends them for their recognition of the need to study the best use of both printed and electronic media. Advisory Committee 2 is silent with respect to the work of the Committee on Christian Education.

62. **QUESTIONS.** Representatives of the Committee responded to questions from commissioners.

63. **ELECTION, MINISTERIAL TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training of the Committee on Christian Education required by the Bylaws for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: *Ruling elders:* James S. Gidley (Sewickley) and J. Muether. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected.

64. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to the remaining members of the Committee on Christian Education for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: *Ministers:* Rodney T. King, Stephen A. Pribble, and Strange. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared them elected.

65. **PRAYER.** Mr. Westerveld led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Christian Education.

66. **MINUTES.** The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of the Assembly for Wednesday evening, §1-16, which were approved as corrected.

67. **ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS.** Mr. Knight, President of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (see pp. 313-43), including the recommendations which follow in §68. He expressed thanks for the faithful labors of Mr. Peterson. The Assembly gave Mr. Peterson a standing ovation. He introduced Mr. Sawyer, the new Administrator for the Committee. Mr. Sawyer reported for the Committee, including giving thanks for the work of Mr. Peterson over the years, and for the work of Mr. Needham.

68. **RECOMMENDATIONS.** The recommendations proposed by the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were as follows:

1. That the General Assembly invite the Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC) into a Corresponding relationship with the OPC.
   
   *Grounds:* (see p. 328)

2. That the General Assembly invite the Heritage Reformed Congregations into a corresponding relationship with the OPC.
   
   *Grounds:* (see pp. 325-6)
3. That the General Assembly invite the Independent Reformed Church of Korea to enter into a corresponding relationship with the OPC.  
*Grounds: (see p. 327)*

4. That the General Assembly invite the Reformed Church of Quebec (ERQ/ L’Eglise Réformée du Quebec) into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC.  
*Grounds: (see pp. 324-5)*

5. That the Assembly express its thankfulness to the Lord for the gracious invitation of the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt) (GKNv) to enter into an official sister church relationship (i.e., Ecclesiastical Fellowship) and the Assembly’s ongoing desire (without presuming on our GKNv brothers) to work towards the day when it will be able to accept their invitation without reservation. However, the Assembly believes that, given the serious nature of the obligations undertaken in the sister church relationship, such relationships should not be entered into in situations where the Assembly finds itself unable to affirm, without reservation, that the other church is indeed Reformed in its confessional standards, church order, or life. It is our prayer that the Lord would be merciful to our GKNv brothers and grant them grace to work through the weighty issues facing them—particularly those touching upon the sufficiency (WCF 1.6), interpretation (WCF 1.9), and authority (WCF 1.10) of Scripture, that seem to be currently troubling the GKNv—in a manner that is in full obedience to and accord with Scripture (Article VII of the Belgic Confession). Accordingly, the Assembly determines to continue the relationship of Corresponding Relations with the GKNv, and to request its Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to persevere in addressing matters of mutual concern with the appropriate deputies of the GKNv, with a view towards taking up the matter of entering into full Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the GKNv at a future assembly.  
*Grounds: (see p. 328)*

69. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (CEIR). Mr. Jambura presented the report of Advisory Committee 6 with respect to the CEIR, expressing its silence with respect to the recommendations of the Committee.

70. ACTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The Assembly acted on the recommendations as follows:
Recommendation 1 was moved. A related recommendation by Advisory Committee 6 was moved. On motion the pending questions were referred to Advisory Committee 6. Recommendation 2 was adopted without dissent. Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 were adopted on separate motions.

71. HISTORIAN. Mr. J. Muether presented the report of the Historian (see p. 368).

72. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:37 p.m. The Assembly sang “Rejoice, All Ye Believers.” Mr. Renkema led in prayer.

73. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Casey D. Freswick, fraternal delegate of the United Reformed Churches. Mr. Freswick addressed the Assembly. Mr. Picknally led in prayer for the United Reformed Churches and for the Bible Presbyterian Church.
74. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8.** Mr. D. Mahaffy presented the report of Advisory Committee 8 as follows:

The Advisory Committee met with Danny Olinger, president of the Committee for the Historian, and with the Historian, John Muether. With regard to the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian, Advisory Committee 8 is silent. Advisory Committee 8 commends the Historian and the Committee for their extensive efforts to record, study, and promulgate the knowledge of our own church’s history, believing it will be of great benefit in plotting our future.

75. **COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN.** Mr. Olinger presented the report of the Committee for the Historian (see p. 369). He introduced Mr. Noe, who reported on plans for audio-visual aspects of the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

76. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee for the Historian for the class of 2013. The Rev. Brenton C. Ferry was nominated. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared him elected.

77. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (OVERTURE 1).** Mr. Westerveld presented the report of Advisory Committee 2 as follows:

Advisory Committee 2 met with Mr. VanDelden who represented the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario and who answered the Committee’s questions.

**Recommendations**

A. That the General Assembly deny Overture 1 and refer its concerns for greater clarity and any possible improvements in our process of shepherding men from coming under care through ordination to the Committee on Christian Education for their consideration, with a report back to the General Assembly by 2012.

B. That if Overture 1 is denied, we recommend that only Overture 1 (pp. 21-22 [of the Agenda]) be included in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

(See §84.)

78. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 5:20 p.m. after the Moderator led in prayer.

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80. **COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.** Mr. Meeker reported for the Committee on Arrangements and presented the following recommendations (see §81-83):


2. That Mr. Mark Bube be excused from the assembly beginning with the evening
session of Monday, July 12, 2010 through the balance of the assembly so that he may be able to serve as a fraternal delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil in Curitiba, which begins on July 11, 2010, with the loss of none of his travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a).

3. That Mr. Iain Wright be excused from the assembly for the evening session of Thursday, July 8, 2010, for the rehearsal for the marriage of two of the members of Covenant OPC in Orland Park with the loss of none of his travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a).

4. That Mr. David Haney be excused from the assembly beginning with the evening session of Thursday, July 8, 2010 through the afternoon session of Saturday, July 10, 2010, to attend classes which are part of a Master’s program that he is enrolled in, with the loss of none of his travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a).

5. That Mr. Everett Henes be excused from the afternoon and evening meetings of the assembly beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12 to teach an outreach Bible study in Hillsdale with the loss of none of his travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a).

6. That the Assembly request the session of Columbia Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Maryland, to assume responsibility for a worship service on the Sunday morning of the 78th General Assembly.

7. That the Assembly request the session of Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Delaware to assume responsibility for a worship service on the Sunday evening of the 78th General Assembly.

81. DATE AND PLACE OF 79th GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Recommendation 1 was adopted.

82. REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE. Recommendations 2-5 were adopted.

83. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Recommendations 6 and 7 were adopted.

84. OVERTURE 1 (continued). Consideration of Overture 1 continued (see §77). Recommendation A was adopted in the following amended form:

That the General Assembly deny Overture 1, but refer its concerns to the Committee on Christian Education for its consideration.

Recommendation B was defeated.

85. NEW PRESBYTERY FORMED (Advisory Committee 3). Mr. Johnson presented the following report from Advisory Committee 3:

Report on: Communication 2

The advisory committee met with representatives of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Presbytery of Ohio. We concur with the Presbytery of Philadelphia’s proposal to form a new presbytery in central Pennsylvania. The advisory committee believes that the new proposed presbytery will be strong and stable and will ably serve the member churches. There are 9 churches, 9 pastors, 32 ruling elders, 24 deacons and sufficient financial resources.

Recommendation:

The advisory committee recommends that General Assembly form the new Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, effective January 1, 2011, with the following boundaries: Northern—
Pennsylvania State Boundary with New York, Southern – Pennsylvania State Boundary with Maryland, Western – the western boundaries of the counties of Potter, Clinton, Centre, Blair, and Bedford, and Eastern – the eastern boundaries of the counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Northumberland, Lebanon, and York; and in Lancaster County, the eastern boundary of Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township, East Donegal Township (including the municipalities of Conoy Township, West Donegal Township, East Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township, Marietta Borough, Mount Joy Borough, and Elizabethtown Borough).

Report on: Communication 3

After discussions with representatives of the Presbytery of Ohio, they said that their second recommendation was misstated and will be reconsidered by the Presbytery; therefore we recommend that General Assembly take no action.

The recommendation to establish the new presbytery was adopted.

86. **CEIR RECOMMENDATION 1 (continued).** Mr. Sawyer reported for the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. On motion the Committee was allowed to withdraw Ground D of Recommendation 1. Mr. Jambura reported the silence of Advisory Committee with respect to Recommendation 1. Recommendation 1 was adopted (see §68).

87. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (continued).** Mr. Jambura presented the recommendations of Advisory Committee 6 concerning communications referred to it:

A. That the General Assembly receive communications 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 12 for information.

B. That communication 9 be referred to the CEIR.

88. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Cottenden, Curto, Fesko, Stephen J. Oharek (Oviedo), P. Wallace, and Wright. The Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Cottenden, Curto, and P. Wallace. Mr. Jambura led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

89. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Communications 6 and 7).** Mr. D. Mahaffy presented the report of Advisory Committee 8 as follows

Report on: Communications 6 and 7

I. The Advisory Committee met with a representative of the Candidates and Credentials Committee of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario and questioned him regarding the educational and ministerial experiences of the two men discussed in communications 6 and 7.

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. With regard to communication 6, that the General Assembly communicate to the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario that the Assembly does not object to the proposed exceptions of educational requirements (FG XXI.3, XXIII.3) with regard to the licensure and ordination of Mr. Douglas Bylsma.

2. With regard to communication 7, that the General Assembly communicate to the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario that the Assembly does not object to the proposed exceptions of educational requirements (FG XXIII.3) with regard to the reception of Rev. David Vander Meer from the CRC as a minister without call.

Recommendation 1 was adopted (see §92).
90. **RECESS AND RECONVENE.** The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m. The Assembly sang “Let Our Choir New Anthems Raise,” and Mr. LaBriola led in prayer. Mr. Freeman led in prayer for Lorraine Stephens, wife of retired ruling elder Bill Stephens and mother of Joan Letham, who is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor.

91. **FRATERNAL ADDRESS.** The Moderator, at Mr. Peterson’s request, introduced the Rev. Michael S. Voytek, the fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the US. Mr. Voytek addressed the Assembly. The Moderator read Romans 16:17-20. Mr. Peterson led in prayer for the RCUS.

92. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (continued).** Recommendation 2 (see §89) was adopted.

93. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Overture 2).** Mr. Poundstone presented the report of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to Overture 2 as follows:
   a. That the Assembly respond to Overture 2 by referring it to the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel for study and response to the 78th General Assembly; and that the Committee through the Stated Clerk inform presbyteries of documents available through the Committee concerning pastors/reservists.
   b. That the Assembly advise presbyteries when considering calls to a military reserve component chaplain (which includes a reservist or national guardsman in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy), to give careful consideration to the details of the call and the implications to the congregation of potential mobilization and/or deployment of the minister.

Recommendation a. was adopted. Recommendation b. was adopted in the following amended form: That the Assembly advise presbyteries when considering calls to military reserve component service members (which include a reservist or national guardsman in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy), to give careful consideration to the details of the call and the implications to the congregation of potential mobilization and/or deployment of the minister.

94. **DEVOTIONS.** The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly reconvened for a devotional service at 11:40 a.m. The Moderator led in prayer. Mr. King read 1 Kings 12:26-33 and delivered a message entitled “The Sin of Jeroboam” and led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns.”

95. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 12:01 p.m.

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96. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. and sang “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” Mr. Gorrell led in prayer.

97. **EXCUSE.** On motion the members of Advisory Committee 10 were excused from attendance at the remainder of today’s session. At their request the negative votes of Messrs. Hunt and Shishko were recorded.
98. **MINUTES.** The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of the Assembly for Thursday and Friday, §17-78, which were approved as corrected.

99. **CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.** Mr. Needham read Deuteronomy 20:1-4 and presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 355-68), including its recommendations: (See §182 for the revised form of Recommendations A and B.)

C. Request that the 77th General Assembly Approve Amendments to the PRJCCMP Constitution

The Committee recommends that the 77th General Assembly approve the following amendments to the PRJCCMP Constitution, as already approved by the Commission. *(NOTE: Proposed additions or new language are in italics and proposed deleted words are in brackets.)*

**ARTICLE I — NAME**
The name of this organization shall be the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

**ARTICLE II — PURPOSES**
The Commission is an agent of its member denominations (not an ecclesiastical commission in the technical sense). *It was constituted to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. The Commission is a ministry of member denominations dedicated to obeying Christ’s Great Commission by providing men to serve as chaplains in military and civilian organizations. The Commission endorses and ecclesiastically supports ordained, qualified chaplains; approves chaplain candidates; and helps presbyteries and congregations in biblical ministry to military personnel and their families.*

[The Commission was created to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. Since the primary structure of such ministries is through formal chaplaincies, the principal activity and concern of the Commission shall be involved with chaplains.]

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

1. By maintaining liaison with the appropriate contact point of each member denomination, and through their various presbyteries, to:
   a. Provide current information regarding criteria, policies, and procedures for the appointment of ministers as chaplains.
   b. Provide a technical service to the presbyteries by recommending qualified candidates to the Chaplaincy.

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

3. By maintaining contact and liaison with individual chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and other institutions through regular reports, newsletters, written correspondence, and personal visits as authorized by the Commission.

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

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

6. By assisting the presbyteries in the promotion of the ministry of the Chaplaincy to the member denominations and their particular churches.

**ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP**

The Commission is made up of the following member denominations:

1. Korean American Presbyterian Church
2. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
3. Presbyterian Church in America
4. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Any member denomination may withdraw from the Commission by act of its General Assembly/Synod. Any denomination seeking membership in the Commission shall:

1. Submit a letter of application for membership to the Commission no later than 1 January of the year in which it desires membership.

2. Be approved by vote of all current member denominations at their General Assembly/Synod.

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

Each denomination shall be entitled to three Commission members for its first fifty thousand members or portion thereof. One Commission member may be added for each additional fifty thousand members or portion thereof.

The Commission may serve as the endorsing agency for applicants of associate member denominations that are in doctrinal agreement with the standards of the member denominations. The Commission will only entertain applications from denominations that are members of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) for associate membership in the PRJCCMP. Formal applications from associate member denominations will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to approval at the next meeting of the Commission.

**ARTICLE IV — INCORPORATION**

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

**ARTICLE V — RULES OF ORDER**


**ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The Commission shall be financially supported primarily through contributions of member denominations and donations from interested individuals, churches and groups. Commission income shall be supplemented by the dues of endorsed chaplains.

A. The financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, for whom the Commission endorses and supports chaplains.

1. Each denomination shall contribute a specific annual amount for each active duty, reserve components, Veterans Administration or civilian chaplain requiring an endorsement by the employing body. Chaplains not required to have an endorsement will not be counted.

2. In addition, the Commission shall be free to communicate with and to receive donations from individuals, churches or other organizations, both within and outside of the denominations.
3. Each denomination shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its own representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its committees.

B. Chaplains also have a responsibility to share in the cost of their endorsement and support. Chaplain dues, as distinct from denominational contributions, will be assessed and received as follows:

1. Amounts of chaplain dues shall be reviewed by the Commission at least biennially.

2. Each military and civilian chaplain who requires an ecclesiastical endorsement shall pay a designated amount of annual dues. Requests for waivers of dues shall be considered by the Commission when received in writing.

3. A chaplain may request his church, presbytery, or denomination to pay some or all of his dues, or a presbytery or denomination may elect to contribute all or part of their chaplains’ dues to the Commission.

4. If a chaplain’s dues remain unpaid, and a waiver request is not approved by the Commission, the Executive Director shall inform his denominational representatives on the Commission. The Chaplain’s denomination will become responsible for the dues, and will deal with the chaplain through his presbytery as it desires.

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

ARTICLE VII — STAFF

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

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendments to each member denomination and by subsequent approval of each denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod. Proposed amendments shall be provided to members of the Commission with at least twenty days prior notice to the date of the meeting. If a constitutional quorum is present, a 3/4ths vote shall be required to submit a proposed amendment to member denominations’ General Assembly/Synod for approval.

[This Constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendment by the Commission to each of the member denominations and by subsequent approval of each member denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod.]

100. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7. Mr. Poundstone presented the report of Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Advisory Committee 7 met with Messrs. Needham and Kauffman (Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel (CCMP)). Advisory Committee 7 acknowledges with thanks the arduous labors of the CCMP in its support not only of our chaplains, but of all the known OPC members in the military.

The CCMP reported that subsequent to the submission of their report for inclusion in the agenda, communications were received by the Stated Clerk from representatives of the De-
partment of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense and were forwarded to the CCMP, from which Advisory Committee 7 received a copy at this Assembly (see attachments 1 & 2). These communications have affected the way Advisory Committee 7 is presenting its recommendations to the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **RE: Committee Recommendations A. and B.**
   That the Assembly not concur.
   **Ground:** Communication to the OPC subsequent to the written report of the Committee involves a specific request from the Department of Defense for a response from the OPC. Advisory Committee 7 proposes its modified version as an answer to the request. This may curtail debate on whether a “humble petition in cases extraordinary” to various governmental civilians and military officials is deemed necessary (see Recommendation 4).

2. **RE: Committee Recommendation C.**
   That the Assembly approve the amendments to the PRJCCMP Constitution with the exception of Article II, and that the Assembly request the PRJCCMP to reword the proposed language to clarify their use of the words “endorses,” “ecclesiastically,” and “approves” (including their various forms as also used throughout Article II).
   **Ground:** The listed words appear to be used with multiple references/meanings regarding the military and the church.

3. **RE: Overture 2 (see §89)**

4. In light of the recent communications from representatives of the DOD Comprehensive Review Working Group and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (attachments 1 & 2), Advisory Committee 7 recommends that this Assembly send the following letter of response:

   TO: The Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group  
   c/o Chaplain (COL) Gary Linsky

   SUBJECT: Concern About Repeal of the Current Military Policy Prohibiting Homosexual Behavior

   The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) is thankful for the opportunity to respond to the letter of Major General (S) Gregory A. Biscone, USAF, Chief of Staff and the subsequent letter from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense under the signatures of Chaplain (Major General) Douglas L. Carver, USA, Chairman and Army Chief of Chaplains; RADM, CHC, Robert F. Burt, USN, Chief of Chaplains; and Chaplain (Major General) Cecil R. Richardson, USAF, Chief of Chaplains soliciting our “views…regarding the impact of the repeal of [10 U.S.C. § 654]” and “promoting dialog with civilian organizations regarding religious issues” (see attachments 1 & 2). We regret that the Assembly itself could not make the 15 May 2010 deadline, for our denomination did not meet in deliberative session until our July General Assembly. This is the official response that supersedes the earlier communication you received 15 May 2010 (see attachment 3).

   The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is gravely concerned over the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that has governed the service of homosexual individa-
als in our military for much of its history. Therefore, we consider carefully the moral implications of your approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

We are concerned that the repeal of the current policy may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning from the military. They have affirmatively answered the following question in their ordination: “Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?” Thus, OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

We are concerned that other members of the OPC who are serving in the Armed Forces may also be coerced to teach and enforce a policy that explicitly violates the Word of God. When they took their membership vows in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they answered “Yes” to this question: “Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?”

Several Bible passages forthrightly state God’s condemnation of homosexual behavior. From the Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Romans 1:18-33 in the New Testament historically and prophetically describes how the wrath of God is revealed against people who, by their own sinful behavior, suppress the truth about the one true God and how the moral disintegration of human society follows. In the consequent moral disintegration in human society, the acceptance of homosexuality is a prominent symptom: “26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Our military chaplains and members are concerned about the following specific consequences:

- Chaplains may be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand when they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel message which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- Bibles in military chapels and on military bases may be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, the effort may be made soon after the repeal of the law.
  - Marriage and family retreats conducted by chaplains intended to strengthen traditional marriages and families may have to include homosexual couples, which will violate chaplains’ faith tenets and may discourage the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.
  - Homosexual couples may seek union ceremonies or marriages, which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large percentage of military chaplains, not just those from this denomination. Refusal may invite the charge of discrimination and command reprimand.
These expressions are consistent with the *Chaplain’s Manual* of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, Section “Policy and Guidance; VI. HOMOSEXUALITY” (we will be happy to provide a copy upon request) and our own denomination’s *Instruments of the General Assembly*, Appendix A (www.opc.org/GA/Instruments2009.pdf, p. 3023, starting at line 530).

We provide this response for the good of the nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle of the free exercise of religion.

Sincerely,
Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Encl:
1. DOD Comprehensive Review Working Group
2. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
3. Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel to CRWG correspondence

Attachment 1:

**DOD COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

**1600 DEFENSE**

**PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301**

APR 8 2010

Dear Members of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board,

The Secretary of Defense established a Comprehensive Review Working Group (CRWG) to conduct a review of issues associated with the possible repeal of 10 V.S.C. § 654. which would allow homosexuals to serve openly in the military, and develop an implementation plan, should Congress repeal the law.

We are directed to accomplish this review through an inclusive and collaborative process involving the participation of service members, families, and stakeholders. Specifically, we are tasked to conduct a review of the issues associated with repeal of the law and how to manage implementation, should repeal occur, in a way that minimizes disruption to a force engaged in combat operations and other demanding military activities around the globe.

The CRWG recognizes many Chaplain Endorsing Agencies have expressed an interest in this comprehensive review and the relationship of our work on their serving chaplains. Accordingly, we request your assistance to solicit the views of the Chaplain Endorsing Agencies regarding the impact of repeal on the following:

- The service of the Chaplains they endorse;
- Specific areas, such as worship/pulpit ministry and counseling of service members
and their families, which may require policy changes or other accommodations to enable Chaplains to continue to perform their duties;

- Any other issues, comments, or guidance related to Military Chaplains that the endorsing agencies feel are important for our consideration in accordance with the attached terms of reference.

Our point of contact is Chaplain (Col) Gary Linsky at gary.linsky@wso.whs.mil. We request the feedback from the Chaplain Endorsing Agencies on the previously stated issues regarding the impact of a repeal of IOU §. 654 NLT May 15, 2010 so that we may carefully consider and include those thoughts and views in our assessment.

We appreciate your consideration of our request, and acknowledge the important contribution of our Chaplain Corps to military readiness, family readiness, and unit cohesion. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/ S /
GREGORY A. BISCONE
Maj Gen (S), USAF Chief of Staff

Attachment 2:

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-4000

PERSONNEL AND READINESS

April 15, 2010

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

On April 8, 2010 two members of the DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group (CRWG), which is exploring issues regarding the possible repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” legislation, met with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB). They came to express to the AFCB the CRWG’s desire to gain input from the Ecclesiastical Endorsers of chaplains in the Armed Forces. From the attached letter, you win see that they are particularly interested in what you believe will be the impact upon the chaplains you endorse and their military ministry should the law be repealed.

As you know, the AFCB is charged with making recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding religious, ethical, and moral matters and with promoting dialog with civilian organizations regarding religious issues. As the senior members of the AFCB and the Chiefs of Chaplains of our respective Services, we are extremely gratified that the CRWG is taking this step to ensure that your voice and the voice of the religious body you represent are heard. We realize that among our listing of 202 Ecclesiastical Endorsers the range of
theological and social views concerning this matter is wide and varied. However, your insight into the impact the possible repeal of this law will have upon the chaplains whom you endorse is of vital importance to us and to the CRWG.

This is, indeed, a unique opportunity for you to participate in this process. We encourage you to provide the input requested no later than May 15, 2010 so that any concerns you have may have their voice in the deliberative process of the CRWG. Please send your input to Chaplain, Col, Gary Linsky at gary.linsky@wo.whs.mil.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that our Service Members enjoy the best religious and spiritual support possible through the dedicated chaplains you provide.

/S/ DOUGLAS L. CARVER ROBERT F. BURT
CH (MG) USA RADM, CHC, USN
Chairman Chief of Chaplains

/S/ CECIL R. RICHARDSON
Ch, Maj Gen, USAF
Chief of Chaplains

Attachment 3:

Subject: FW: OPC Response to AFCB Letter of 15 April, 2010
Date: 5/19/2010 9:59:54 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: gary.linsky@navy.mil
Reply To:
To: RMCoie@aol.com

Dear Rev. Coie:

On behalf of the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group (CRWG), I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your response to our request for input concerning the effects on the chaplains your religious body endorses for ministry in the Armed Forces should Congress direct a repeal to USC 654, the law commonly known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” I assure you, the CRWG will examine your input thoroughly to ensure we’ve correctly identified and addressed all possible effects such legislation would have on our Armed Forces and Chaplain Corps.

Very Respectfully,

/SIGNED/
GARY S. LINSKY, Ch, Col, USAF
Chaplain Advisor/Policy Team Member

-----Original Message-----
From: RMCoie@aol.com [mailto:RMCoie@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 23:25
To: gary.linsky@wso.whs.mil
Cc: dougellee@gmail.com
Subject: OPC Response to AFCB Letter of 15 April, 2010

Standing Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Robert M. Coie, Secretary 562-803-1873
coe.1@opc.org
10052 Angell Street Downey, CA 90242-5013

May 15, 2010

Chaplain (Col.) Gary Linsky USAF

Ref: Response to the Letter of 15 April under the signature of: Chaplain (MG) Douglas L. Carver USA, Chairman, Armed Forces Chaplains Board

Dear Chaplain Linsky,

This letter is in response to the letter of 15 April 2010, addressed to our denominational Stated Clerk, Donald Duff. We are responding as the denominational committee that oversees the work of our Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) chaplains and military personnel.

First, we are in complete agreement with the response previously sent by Chaplain Douglas E. Lee (BG, USAR, Retired) who serves as the Endorser for several Reformed and Presbyterian denominations, of which the OPC is one. His response included material agreed to by our committee members who serve on the endorsing commission, The Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

Secondly, we include here the position of our General Assembly Standing Committee, which will be presented to our denominational General Assembly in July 2010.

May God grant you wisdom as you consider the best care for our military chaplains and those who willing serve in one of our military forces.

Very respectively in Christ’s service,

Robert M. Coie, Secretary
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church General Assembly Standing Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel

From our Committee Report to our 77th OPC General Assembly, meeting July 7-14, 2010:

Petition to Department of Defense Officials Regarding the Homosexuality Policy in the Armed Forces
The Committee requests that the 77th General Assembly grant the petition from the PRJCCMP in the following form and instruct the Stated Clerk to send the following letter to each of the civilian and military officials named in the above petition (see also Report IV.F):

TO: The Honorable, General, or Admiral XXXXX

SUBJECT: Potential Repeal of the Current Military Policy Prohibiting Homosexual Behavior

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) is gravely concerned over the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that has governed the service of homosexual individuals in our military for much of its history. Therefore, we humbly petition you to carefully consider the moral implications of your approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

The repeal of the current policy may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning from the military. They have affirmatively answered the following question in their ordination: “Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?” Thus, OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

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Our military chaplains and members already fear the following specific consequences:

- Chaplains will be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand if they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First
Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel message which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

- Bibles in military chapels and on military bases will be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, we can anticipate that such an effort will be made soon after the removal of the ban.

- Marriage and other retreats conducted by chaplains intended to strengthen traditional marriage bonds will have to include homosexual couples, thus violating chaplains’ faith tenets and discouraging the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.

- Homosexual couples will seek union ceremonies or marriages, which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large percentage of military chaplains, not just those from this denomination. Refusal will invite the charge of discrimination and command reprimand.

We humbly petition you to oppose weakening the current policy or supporting the extraordinary statutory approval of sexual immorality proposed by the advocates of repealing the current policy. We plead this for the good of the nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle of the free exercise of religion.

Sincerely,

Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Encl: General Assembly Petition passed on July XX, 2010

(See §183, 189.)

101. AMENDMENTS TO PRJCCMP CONSTITUTION. Recommendation C of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel was moved. Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 7 was adopted as a substitute.

102. PENSIONS. By general consent the Assembly amended the docket to take up the report of the Committee on Pensions at this time. Mr. Watson read Numbers 8:23-26 and Galatians 6:6 and presented the report of the Committee on Pensions (see pp. 295-312).

103. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5. Mr. Keele reported the silence of Advisory Committee 5 with respect to the report of the Committee on Pensions. Mr. Watson responded to questions.

104. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Pensions for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Ministers: Darren S. Thole;
Ruling elders: Meeker and William C. Redington. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared them elected. Mr. Keele led in prayer for the Committee on Pensions.

105. RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS. Mr. Jambura reported for Advisory Committee 6 and presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:
   1. On the occasion of the conclusion of the Rev. Jack Peterson’s long tenure of service as administrator of the CEIR, the GA expresses its profound gratitude to God for Mr. Peterson’s manifold and faithful service to reformed ecumenism through the OPC.
   2. On the occasion of the resignation of the Rev. Robert B. Needham from the CEIR, as providentially necessitated by a life-threatening automobile accident, the GA expresses its gratitude for Mr. Needham’s many years of sacrifice and service to reformed ecumenism through the OPC.

106. AMENDMENTS TO ORDER OF THE DAY PROPOSED. It was moved to amend the docket to recess for the day at 3:15 p.m. It was moved as a substitute that we amend the docket to take up the report of the committee on coordination following the afternoon recess. Following the recess the Moderator declared the motions moot.

107. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly recessed for the afternoon break at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. The Assembly sang “Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth,” and Mr. Wright led in prayer.

108. ORDER OF THE DAY AMENDED. On motion it was determined to recess following the distribution of materials from Advisory Committee 10.

109. RECESS. The order of the day having arrived, the assembly recessed at 3:57 p.m.

On Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, Illinois, hosted a communion service for the commissioners and visitors to the 77th General Assembly. Area pastors led the service. The Rev. A. Craig Troxel preached a sermon based on Psalm 25:6-7, entitled “Remember Me.” The offering, which had been designated for Worldwide Outreach, totaled $3,022.00.

Monday Morning, July 12, 2010

110. RECONVENE. The assembly reconvened at 8:17 a.m. The Moderator read Psalm 130, the Assembly sang “Christ Shall Have Dominion,” and Mr. Sutton led in prayer.

111. COORDINATION. Mr. Tavares presented the report of the Committee on Coordination (see pp. 266-70), including the recommendations which follow. He introduced Mr. Haney, the Director of Finance and Planned Giving, who reported for the Committee.

The Committee recommends that the 77th General Assembly approve the following 2011 Worldwide Outreach program (with the allocation of undesignated gifts as follows: Christian Education – 15.0%, Foreign Missions – 42.0%, and Home Missions – 43.0%).
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112. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4. Mr. King presented the report of Advisory Committee 4 as follows:
Advisory Committee 4 met with Mr. Paul H. Tavares, Chairman of the Committee on Coordination and Mr. David E. Haney, Controller and Director of Finance and Planned Giving.
Advisory Committee 4 commends the Committee on Coordination for its thorough and careful labors in working with Mr. Haney and the General Secretaries of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the Committee on Foreign Missions, and Committee on Christian Education in presenting to the Church a coordinated budget for Worldwide Outreach. It further offers praise to the Lord for the harmony that exists among the committees that compose Worldwide Outreach, and the Christ-like willingness of the General Secretaries to assist and encourage the other General Secretaries and committees in their labors.
With regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Coordination Advisory Committee 4 is silent.

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

114. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Coordination for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Minister: Duff; Ruling elders: D. Mahaffy, John D. Mazunik (Des Moines). The Moderator declared Mr. Duff elected. Mr. Mazunik was elected. The floor was opened to the ruling elder vacancy for the class of 2012. Nominated were Messrs. Emmett, D. Mahaffy, and W. Muether. Mr. Muether was elected. Mr. King led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Coordination.

115. DIACONAL MINISTRIES. On motion Mr. Smith and Deacon Christopher A. Sudlow (Wheaton) were granted the privileges of the floor. Mr. Smith presented the report of the
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Committee on Diaconal Ministries (see pp. 284-94), including the recommendations which follow. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Sudlow, who reported on the Diaconal Summit. Mr. Haney reported on relief in Haiti and on the Obadiah Fund.

Recommendations:
1. 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, and inquire as to whether the candidate has adequate life insurance.
2. That the General Assembly request the presbyteries to investigate whether all their ministers have adequate medical and life insurance coverage and retirement provision including looking into the sufficiency of co-pay and other alternatives.
3. That for the year 2011 the General Assembly requests the churches of the OPC support the work of this Committee at the suggested rate of $25.00 per communicant member.

116. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal Ministries). Mr. Keele reported the silence of Advisory Committee 5 with respect to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

117. QUESTIONS. Committee members responded to questions from commissioners.

118. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. The Assembly sang “Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty,” and Mr. W. Dennison led in prayer.

119. QUESTIONS (continued). The time of questions continued.

120. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED. The recommendations of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries were adopted (see §115).

121. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for the class of 2013. The following were nominated: Minister: Ronald E. Pearce; Ruling elder: David P. Nakhla (La Mirada), Deacon: Christopher A. Sudlow (Wheaton). In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared them elected. Mr. Keele led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

122. ARRANGEMENTS. Messrs. Haney and J. Muether presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 136-7), including the following recommendation: The Committee on Arrangements recommends that the General Assembly elect one alternate member without term to assist the Committee.

123. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Arrangements). Mr. Winslow reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the Committee on Arrangements.

124. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation was adopted in the following form:
That Standing Rule X.2.h. be suspended and the General Assembly elect one alternate member without term to assist the Committee (see §198).

125. TRUSTEES (GAOF). Mr. Haney, for the Trustees, presented the proposed General Assembly Operating Funds Budget and request for giving as follows (see §30):
The Trustees propose the following budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for 2011 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $16 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2011 (Note: The budget reflects amendments made later in the Assembly):

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126. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (GAOF). Mr. Winslow reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the GAOF.

127. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The proposed request for giving and GAOF Budget were adopted (see §125). The Stated Clerk’s compensation package proposed by the Trustees was adopted. (see §30)

128. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS. Mr. Foh presented the report of the Committee with respect to Appeal 1 (see pp. 345-54), including the following recommendations:
1. That the Appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.
2. That Specification #3 be considered first.
Ground: The question of jurisdiction may affect the relevancy of other specifications of error.

129. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Chanoux led a devotional service at 11:40 a.m. He read Ephesians 3:1-11 and 4:1-7 and delivered a message entitled “Peace in the Church.” He led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, “Peace, Perfect Peace.”

130. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:06 p.m.

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131. RECONVENE. The assembly reconvened at 1:20 p.m. The Assembly sang “We Come, O Christ, to You,” and Mr. Schlenitzauer led in prayer. The Moderator read the announcement of the Book of Discipline IV.A.1.a.

132. MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of the Assembly for Saturday, §79-109, which were approved as corrected.

133. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (continued). Mr. Foh continued the report of the Committee.

134. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10. Mr. Auksela presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to Appeal 1 as follows:
I. Advisory Committee 10 met with the Rev. Scott Willet (representative of the appellants) and with the Rev. Alan Strange (representative of the session of Stratford OPC and the Presbytery of New Jersey). The appellants were also present at various times during the committee’s consideration of the Appeal, as were various members of the Presbytery of New Jersey.

II. Recommendations:

With regard to the appeal of Stahl, Mather, and Mather, Advisory Committee 10 makes the following recommendations to the Assembly:

A. Advisory Committee 10 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, that “the appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.”

B. Advisory Committee 10 recommends that, following the presentation of the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and Advisory Committee 10 and subsequent determination that the appeal is in order and properly before the Assembly, Standing Rule V.5.c-e be suspended and the following procedure be adopted for consideration of the appeal:

1. Presentation by the appellants and/or representatives for up to 15 minutes;
2. Presentation by the representative(s) of the session/presbytery from whose judgment appeal is taken for up to 15 minutes;
3. Presentation by the advisory committee of recommendations regarding disposition of the specifications of error and of the appeal itself for up to 10 minutes;
4. Questions of clarification concerning the presentations of the appellant and of the presbytery, and concerning the recommendations of the advisory committee for up to 20 minutes;
5. Final remarks by the presbytery for up to 10 minutes;
6. Final remarks by the appellant for up to 10 minutes;
7. Debate and action on the recommendations of the advisory committee regarding consideration and disposition of each specification of error and of the appeal itself.

C. Advisory Committee 10 recommends the following as a substitute for the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints that “Specification # 3 be considered first”:

that the General Assembly consider specifications of error 1 and 4 (in that order) before consideration of specifications of error 2, 3, or 5.

D. Regarding specification of error # 1: Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly:

1) sustain specification of error # 1; and
2) declare that the censure of each of the appellants has not yet been executed, nor may it be pronounced before the process of appeal has been exhausted.

E. Regarding specification of error # 4: Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly:

1) sustain specification of error # 4; and
2) determine that specification of error 4 warrants remittal of the case to the Presbytery of New Jersey with the following advice:

a. The General Assembly advises the PNJ to conduct a serious visitation of Stratford OPC and the appellants;

b. The General Assembly advises the PNJ to urge removal of charges and proposed censures by all concerned;
c. The General Assembly requests the PNJ to report to the General Assembly through the Stated Clerk of the Assembly for review by the 79th (2012) General Assembly;

d. The General Assembly advises the PNJ that a future General Assembly may itself appoint a committee to visit the PNJ, Stratford OPC, and other concerned parties, if such a General Assembly deems it necessary.

F. If recommendation E.2 above is adopted, Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly suspend further action on specifications.

If recommendation E.2 above is not adopted, Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly:

1) sustain specification of error # 2; and
2) not sustain specification of error # 3; and
3) not sustain specification of error # 5.

A minority recommends that General Assembly sustain specification of error # 3.

135. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10, MINORITY REPORT. The following minority report was distributed to the Assembly:

The undersigned respectfully offer the following Minority Report including recommendations and rationale for them. This concerns the committee (5-3) vote recommending that specification of error #3 be denied.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. That the Assembly sustain specification 3.
2. That the Assembly declare that the purported censure is void ab initio with respect to Bethanie Stahl and Carol Mather for lack of proper jurisdiction.

II. RATIONALE:

THE OPC CHURCH ORDER

The OPC rules regarding jurisdiction relevant to this case are found primarily in following places:

FG XII.1 (“A person charged with an offense may be required to appear only before the assembly having jurisdiction over him, . . ..” N.B. that witnesses from other bodies are not said to be under the “jurisdiction” of the judicatory they might be called before for testimony.)

2. FG XII. 2 (“Each governing assembly exercises exclusive original jurisdiction over all matters belonging to it.”)

BD II.A.1 (“Original jurisdiction over an individual belongs to the judicatory of the body of which the individual is a member…”)

4. BD. II.A.3 (“the judicatory of jurisdiction” is one with authority to “dismiss” a member to another body.)

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF JURISDICTION

In secular law distinctions are made respecting territorial, material, and personal jurisdiction. The church must beware of allowing these concepts and their relationship to distort her own polity. Such a distortion seems to be present in the view of Stratford session—and perhaps derivatively the PNJ—in assuming that material jurisdiction in a particular case brings all active parties in the case under its jurisdiction thereby trumping the personal jurisdiction of a session over its own members.
In Presbyterianism, personal jurisdiction is foundational to all particular disciplinary judgments. Only one governing body has immediate jurisdiction over a given individual and this is expressed in the concept, “original jurisdiction” (BD II.A.1; FG XII.2). This understanding was most clearly expressed prior to the 1934 BD revision in the following provision:

The judiciary to which a church-member or a minister belongs shall have sole jurisdiction for the trial of offenses whenever or wherever committed by him. (1884 BD §109 and 1910 BD §108; italics supplied)

This principle is flatly contradicted by Stratford Session when it states (cf. GA agenda, paragraph 4 of specification 3):

The Stratford session may bring you to trial for unwarranted charges and if found guilty you may be awarded a greater censure. By bringing the charges against [Mr. X] who is a member of Stratford OPC you are placing yourself under the jurisdiction of the Stratford session in this matter.

There are no territorial jurisdictional limits to God’s Law and so sessions and presbyteries have no need to discuss whether their laws differ from the session down the street or which session’s law has priority. The one law, however, is administered by judicatories of original jurisdiction. Materially, in a given case, only one judiciary will have jurisdiction over that case at a time. At the trial stage, a judiciary’s original jurisdiction over a defendant dictates that the trial be held by that judiciary. If an appeal is entered, the appellate judiciary takes jurisdiction over the case and in that case the jurisdiction is exclusively before the appellate judiciary so that other proceedings in that case are no longer before the original judiciary, though other cases involving the same individual might exist with the judiciary of original jurisdiction.

Even in the case of appellate jurisdiction, ordinarily censures will be executed (pronounced or publicized) in the judiciary of original jurisdiction. The Southern Presbyterian F.P. Ramsay, in his church order commentary (Ch X, p. 225) stated the matter this way (italics supplied):

It may be in place here to add the following observations: 1. The censure is always to be inflicted by the court having original jurisdiction. If the Presbytery takes the place of the Session, then the Presbytery is, for that case, the court having original jurisdiction. If it should be that the court, whose duty it is to inflict the sentence, does not approve the sentence, it is bound to obey the court rendering the final decision; but it may disclaim its own approval of the sentence even when inflicting it.

This principle seems to have predated the Southern Church. The Digest of 1861 (p. 233) cites an 1840 finding:

That the Synod seem to have forgotten the nature and limits of the appellate, as distinguished from the original jurisdiction in the case; in that they censure at their bar the appellant in a way competent, in any circumstance, only to the Session of the church to which the appellant was primarily amenable.

A famous case in the Northern Church is that of Donald Grey Barnhouse. The Synod of Pennsylvania essentially found the Presbytery of Philadelphia in error for not disciplining Barnhouse. However it was the presbytery that administered the admonition, evidently with a number of compliments to Barnhouse:

It was an unusual trial. The prosecution, failing to attain its goals in Presbytery, had the case sent up to Synod (the next highest judiciary in the Presbyterian Church), where a verdict of guilty was reached. The moderator of presbytery was ordered to deliver a reprimand, which he did under protest. Following this, according to an Associated Press report, the Presbytery “adopted a resolution commending Mr. Barnhouse for ‘his expressed desire to close this case; for his adherence to the doctrines of the church and his zeal in preaching the full gospel of salvation.’” (from alliancenet.org)
One notable exception to this pattern is the suspension of Charles A. Briggs from the ministry. It appears this censure was imposed directly by the General Assembly in 1893 and this extraordinary course of action may have been dictated by the need to, in essence, assume more expansive jurisdiction in a matter where the Presbytery and Synod were resistant to carrying out the censure themselves. The principle in play seems to be that which was articulated in the 1934 BD revision, that “when a lower judicatory neglects or is unable to exercise proper discipline in a particular administrative or judicial case, the higher judicatory shall assume jurisdiction in the case, and either issue specific instructions to the lower judicatory as to its disposition, or conclude the matter itself.” (1934 BD II.1)

THE CASE AT HAND

In the examples above it is demonstrated that original jurisdiction is the ordinary and necessary precondition for administering a church censure. The one exception entailed a case of notoriety (Briggs) and even in this case there was lineal appellate jurisdiction.

In the case at hand there is neither original jurisdiction nor appellate jurisdiction on the part of the judicatory who supposedly executed (proposed?) the censure. There appears to be an assumption that by bringing a case before the Stratford session, that the accusers, in effect, transferred their membership or jurisdiction to that church. This flies in the face of the fact that Mantua Session (which had and has original jurisdiction over two of the appellants) never voted to grant such a transfer and as such no transfer was possible under our rules. The notion of wholesale transfer is absurd. Even in secular jurisprudence, coming before a foreign court does not entail a change of citizenship though it may entail legal vulnerability to the courts of the territory where the person is appearing. But more likely the argument is that the accusers, without changing their membership in toto, came under the jurisdiction of Stratford session with respect to the particular case they were bringing.

This too is a novel idea without foundation in the Book of Discipline or Presbyterian precedent as far as we can determine. It amounts to making up a rule that does not exist and a new principle with respect to original jurisdiction—a principle without any obvious precedent in Presbyterianism. It appears that this made-up rule is derived from a speculative and expansive reading of BD III.6. There are two variations on this invented rule. The first and more conservative variation is that with respect to admonition or rebuke, the judicatory receiving an accusation against one of its members acquires a kind of limited jurisdiction; it stops short of putting accusers of another judicatory on trial or imposing such censures as require a trial. Though less objectionable than the wholesale transfer of jurisdiction idea, it is reading an amazing amount of unwritten legislation into the text. It relies on one sentence particularly. The one sentence supplying a novel pretext for this idea was added to the old Book of Discipline by the revision of 1983. The sentence reads: “No censure stronger than a rebuke shall be pronounced without a trial.”

It should be noted that the only obvious reason for the addition of this sentence was to make clear that there is a limit on how great a censure might be pronounced against those bringing a charge not meriting a trial. If the revision committee or Assembly had any other purpose for adding that sentence, it was not made clear. For example, a 1981 paper from the revision committee states in general what are new changes at the beginning of its report. In the columns besides the text of the proposed revised BD, the only comment is that the sentence is a new addition. In short, the new sentence should not be used as a platform for speculative and novel constructions that introduce new principles foreign to the Presbyterian concept of original jurisdiction. To do so confuses adjudicating with legislating. By the same method, some may have mistaken this provision to mean that any judicial admonition or rebuke may be issued in any circumstance without a trial. This is manifestly against the meaning of and context of the section but it is just such liberal construal that we think undermines the serious
work of constitutional Presbyterianism and evades the serious deliberation entailed in revision. Eccentric and novel construals that ignore context and larger Presbyterian principles should not be given credence.

This is not to deny that our Book of Discipline is a limited document and requires interpretation. The question may properly be asked, by what means does the rash accuser become subject to proper censure if the judicatory he has appeared before may not censure him? A simple and elegant answer that honors original jurisdiction is close at hand and supported by the BD itself. In BD IV.A.4.f., church members of another judicatory who fail in their duty to appear as witnesses may be reported to their judicatory of original jurisdiction. They are not tried for contempt by a “foreign” judicatory as the case would be with a person cited as a witness who is subject to the trial judicatory. Applying this principle, which clearly honors original jurisdiction, suggests that the judicatory which has found that an accusation appears having original jurisdiction over the accuser. BD IV.A.4.f establishes the principle that simply being part of a case does not change the person’s original jurisdiction.

PASTORAL AND REFORMATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE

Though what has been presented should be sufficient to void the “censure,” it is worth noting some ideas rooted in the Reformation itself that make “censure” without proper jurisdiction and corresponding pastoral oversight obnoxious to the proper disciplinary processes of the church. Reformation discipline, while occasionally having a vindictive purpose (e.g. BD I.3), is not the imposition of a penal satisfaction. Typically the censures of admonition and rebuke are more associated with the “medicinal” purpose of discipline. The more remote the body that presumes to discipline, the less credible and medicinal will be its “ministry.” It is recognized in the sphere of the family that parents are the proper disciplinarians of children. Others who presume upon that jurisdiction may do harm even if their “case” appears valid. Though no analogy is perfect, the family analogy is appropriate in that the Church is not primarily about enforcing laws and penalties. The very use of the word “discipline” implies as much. Conformity to Christ the Son is the goal and credible personalized discipline has a place in this spiritual formation.

Reformed churches have expected discipline to be a matter that is done before the congregation of the person involved in the discipline. Further, the involvement of the congregation was even deemed to act as a proper safeguard against whimsical discipline. Calvin states:

I add only this: Paul’s course of action for excommunicating a man is the lawful one, provided the elders do not do it by themselves alone, but with the knowledge and approval of the church; in this way a multitude of the people does not decide the action but observes as witnesses and guardians so that nothing may be done by the whim of a few. (Inst. IV.XII.7)

Prior to excommunication, formal admonitions were typically articulated before the congregation with increasing seriousness until the person repented or was cut off. In later Presbyterianism, formal judicial admonition or rebuke became something of a self-contained censure that arguably closed a case. The danger presented in the present case is that our discipline might lose contact with its Reformational roots and return to the sort of impersonal Romanist system in which vindication (especially of clerical power) becomes its major object. Luther puts the matter this way:

Such are all the bans [i.e. devil’s bans] with which the episcopal representatives and spiritual courts practice their illusions when with a slip of paper, they excommunicate people before a congregation ten, twenty, or thirty miles distant, although these people have never been condemned, accused, or convicted in their own congregation and before their own pastor. (Luther’s Works, vol. 40, “The Keys”, p. 371)
Because the particular censure in view is rebuke, some may lose sight of the applicability of the local principle in proper discipline. The rebuke is a formal judicial rebuke. Some disagreement over this is present in the two reports from CAC in 1994; cf. p. 225, B.1-3 versus p. 227 b.1. Though the GA did not make a direct determination on the question in 1994, the presupposition that such a rebuke is appealable underlies the very fact that the present case was heard on appeal before the PNJ and is now before the GA in 2010 (cf. also 2009 GA Minutes, p. 347; cf. also Presbyterian Quarterly and Princeton Review, October 1875, p. 647). Everyday admonitions might flow back and forth among members of various churches without ever requiring a trial or allowing of appeal. If that were all that is at stake, then the appellants might as freely issue their rebuke of current Stratford Church members with as much claim to general authority and jurisdiction. But this rebuke purports to be the pronouncement of a formal censure (even asserting a right to try the appellants further!) and this is lacking in jurisdictional warrant from the Bible, the Book of Discipline, and Reformational thinking.

III. FURTHER POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Assembly propose to the presbyteries the following amendment to the Book of Discipline:

1. Append a new paragraph to the end of BD III.6 as follows:

   The provisions of this section shall not be construed in any way to suggest that:
   Cases other than those involving charges not warranting a trial may utilize formal admonition or rebuke without prior trial; or 2) cases of charges brought by individuals not subject to the original jurisdiction of the judicatory where the charges are filed may be tried or censured in any degree by that judicatory.

   The provisions of this section shall be construed: 1) to allow for referring cases entailing charges not warranting a trial brought by individuals outside the original jurisdiction of the trial judicatory to the accuser’s judicatory of original jurisdiction; or 2) the bringing of charges concerning such a matter before such a judicatory having original jurisdiction over the previous accusers, by those having standing to do so.

   Grounds:

   1. These amendments clarify proper Presbyterian policy regarding jurisdiction without making substantive change.

      For two years in a row confusion has existed in cases brought before the GA about the necessity of original jurisdiction as a precondition for executing judicial censures (cf. 2009 GA Minutes, p. 347, §4). This amendment clarifies what has been regular Presbyterian policy and also addresses a possible misunderstanding some may have had about the ordinary need for trials in judicial cases.

   2. That the Assembly commit these recommendations to a committee of three (two ministers and one ruling elder), elected by the Assembly, with a budget of $500.00, to report back to the Assembly in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart R. Jones
Thomas A. Foh

136. QUESTIONS. Members of the Committee responded to questions from commissioners. The moderator, in response to a question, ruled that unless the Assembly grants approval, audio recordings of the proceedings are not allowed. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

Appeal was taken from the Moderator’s ruling that Mr. Stahl was entitled to vote in matters regarding Appeal 1 before this Assembly. The ruling of the Moderator was not sustained.
137. APPEAL FOUND IN ORDER. Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted (see §128).

138. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION. Recommendation 2 of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was moved (see §128). Recommendation C of Advisory Committee 10 was moved as a substitute (see §134). The motion to substitute was defeated. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

139. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang “I Sing the Almighty Power of God,” and Mr. Snodgrass led in prayer.

140. PRESENTATION BY APPELLANT. The Moderator read the announcement of the Book of Discipline IV.A.1.a. Mr. Willet, counsel for the appellants, presented their case.

141. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SESSION/PRESBYTERY. Mr. Strange, counsel for the session/presbytery, presented the case for the session/presbytery.

142. PRESENTATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. Auksela gave the presentation of Advisory Committee 10 regarding specifications of error and of the complaint.

143. QUESTIONS. Questions of clarification were asked and were responded to by the parties involved.

144. FINAL REMARKS BY THE PRESBYTERY. Mr. Strange presented the final summary for the presbytery.

145. FINAL REMARKS BY APPELLANTS. On motion the order of the day was extended to the completion of final remarks. Mr. Willet presented the final remarks of the appellants.

146. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:19 p.m.

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147. RECONVENE. The assembly reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The Assembly sang “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past,” and Mr. Thompson led in prayer.

148. SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBER. Mr. Needham introduced Chaplain (Brigadier General) United States Army, (Ret.), Douglas E. Lee. On motion Chaplain Lee, a ministerial member of the Siouxlands Presbytery of the PCA, was seated as a corresponding member.

149. SPECIFICATION OF ERROR 3. The Moderator read the announcement of the Book of Discipline IV.A.1.a. The Assembly began consideration of specification of error 3. The Moderator put the question: shall specification of error 3 be sustained? The specification was sustained. Recommendation 2 of the Minority of Advisory Committee 10
(see §134) was moved as follows: That the Assembly declare that the purported censure is void *ab initio* with respect to Bethanie Stahl and Carol Mather.

The recommendation was adopted in the following amended form: that the Assembly declare that the purported censure is void *ab initio* with respect to Bethanie Stahl, Carol Mather, and Stephen Mather.

**150. OTHER SPECIFICATIONS OF ERROR MOOT.** The Moderator declared specifications of error 1, 2, 4 and 5 moot.

**151. RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 8:34 p.m. after Mr. Poundstone led in prayer.

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**Tuesday Morning, July 13, 2010**

**152. RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 8:17 a.m. The Moderator read Revelation 22:1-7, and the Assembly sang “The Sands of Time Are Sinking.” Mr. Van Delden led in prayer. Mr. Fesko prayed for the Rev. Robert Godfrey, son of the Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey, President of Westminster Seminary California, who was undergoing surgery today.

**153. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.** Mr. Belfield presented the report of the Committee as follows:

1. The committee recommends that with respect to the minutes of the Presbyteries of Michigan and Ontario, Midwest, Southeast, and Southern California their response to the exception(s) to their minutes taken by the 76th General Assembly be deemed sufficient.

2. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Central United States be approved through page 10-7 without notation and with the following exception:
   a. (p. 10-7) The time of the adjourning of the special meeting on February 27, 2010 is not recorded (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Records #3).

3. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York be approved through page 2010-10 without notation and without exception.

4. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas be approved through page 2009-13 without notation and without exception.

5. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario be approved through page 421 with five notations and the following exception:
   a. (p. 382) The call approved does not include whether hospitalization insurance is to be provided by any source (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Records #12.c).

6. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved through page 223 with four notations and without exception.

7. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved through page 68 with two notations and with the following three exceptions:
   a. (p. 48) Minutes from the May 1, 2009, special meeting for ordination and installation service were not included in the minute book (Rules for keeping Presbyterial Records #12 and Form of Government XXIII.7-10).
   b. (p. 49) Minutes from the April 26, 2009, special meeting for ordination and installation service were not included in the minute book (Rules for keeping Presbyterial Records #12 and Form of Government XXIII.7-10).
c. (p. 61) Follow up confirmation of October 2, 2009, service of recognition of Mission OPC and installation of pastor and elders not included in the minute book (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Records #12 and Form of Government XXIX.B).

8. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved through page 191 with three notations and with the following exception:
   a. (p. 173) The specifications of the charges read and presented were not recorded in the minutes (Book of Discipline IV.A.2.b.(1)).

9. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved through page 209–42 without notation and without exception.

10. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada be approved through page 220 with one notation and the following three exceptions:
   a. (p. 219) Insufficient information of detail of exception recorded (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #12 and #22).
   b. (p. 219) Mention of “implied resignation” not explained clearly (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #12.a).
   c. (p. 220) The minutes do not identify who closed the meeting with prayer (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #10).

11. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Northwest be approved through page 28 without notation and with the following exception:
   a. (p. 12) Appointment of Clerk pro-tem not recorded (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #6).

12. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved through page 109 with two notations and with the following four exceptions:
   a. (p. 73) The year in which the referenced meetings were held was not recorded in the date given (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #3).
   b. (p. 72) The moderator of the meeting was not clearly identified (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #5).
   c. (p. 107) The clerk pro-tem who took the minutes of the special meeting did not sign the minutes recorded (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #18).
   d. (p. 109) The clerk pro-tem who took the minutes of the special meeting did not sign the minutes recorded (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #18).

13. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved through page 934 with eleven notations and the following two exceptions:
   a. (p. 900) A committee is established to install a minister, but future minutes do not record the committee as having fulfilled its mandate (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #12 and Form of Government XXIII.7-10).
   b. (p. 918) There is no explanation given in the minutes for the apology approved and given by the presbytery (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #12).

14. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the South be approved through page 599 with one notation and without exception.

15. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved through page 410 with four notations and without exception.

16. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California be approved through page 518 with one notation and without exception.

17. The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest be approved through page 09-56 with two notations and the following exceptions:
   a. (various pp.) Items were added to the minute book which are clearly stated to be “not part of the minutes of the Presbytery” (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes #16).
On motion it was determined to vote separately on Recommendation 17. Recommendations 1-16 were adopted. Recommendation 17 was adopted in the following amended form: The committee recommends that the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest be approved through page 09-56 with two notations and without exception.

154. STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. Mr. Snodgrass reported for the Committee as follows:

1. That the following minutes be approved without exception and without notation:
   - The Committee on Appeals and Complaints
   - The Committee on Christian Education
   - The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
   - The Committee on Arrangements
   - The Committee on Pensions
   - The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
2. That the following minutes be approved with one notation and no exceptions:
   - The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
3. That the following minutes be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception:
   - The Committee on Diaconal Ministries
   - The Committee on Coordination
   - The Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
   - The Committee on Foreign Missions
   - The Committee for the Historian
4. That the responses of the Committees on Arrangements, Diaconal Ministries, and Chaplains and Military Personnel to the exceptions taken by the 76th General Assembly be deemed sufficient.

The recommendations were adopted.

155. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Advisory Committee 10). Mr. Auksela reported for Advisory Committee 10 that it was postponing presenting its Recommendation E pending preparation of a possible substitute motion.

156. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Appeal 2). Mr. Mallin reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints with respect to Appeal 2 (pp.) including the following recommendation:

that the Complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

157. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeal 2). Mr. Auksela reported for Advisory Committee 10 with respect to Appeal 2 as follows:

Advisory Committee 10 met with the Rev. Alan Strange (representative of the complainants) and with the Rev. Gregory Gentry (representative of the Presbytery of New Jersey). Other members of the Presbytery of New Jersey were present during a portion of the committee’s consideration of the complaint. The committee also met with Mr. Bruce Stahl concerning the complaint.

158. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10. Mr. Auksela reported the concurrence of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and presented their report as follows:

Recommendations:

With regard to the Alvira, et al. Complaint, Advisory Committee 10, makes the follow-
ing recommendations to the Assembly:

A. Advisory Committee 10 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, “that the appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.”

B. Advisory Committee 10 recommends that, following the presentation of the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and Advisory Committee 10 and subsequent determination that the complaint on appeal is in order and properly before the Assembly, Standing Rule V.5.c-e be suspended and the following procedure be adopted for consideration of the complaint:

1. Presentation by the complainants and/or their representative(s) for up to 15 minutes;
2. Presentation by the representative(s) of the presbytery against whom complaint is made for up to 15 minutes;
3. Presentation by the advisory committee of recommendations regarding disposition of the specifications of error and of the complaint itself for up to 10 minutes;
4. Questions of clarification concerning the presentations of the complainant and of the presbytery, and concerning the recommendations of the advisory committee for up to 20 minutes;
5. Final remarks by the representative(s) of the presbytery for up to 5 minutes;
6. Final remarks by the representative(s) of the complainants for up to 5 minutes;
7. Debate and action on the recommendations of the advisory committee regarding consideration and disposition of the complaint.

C. Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the Assembly deny the complaint.

Note: the question that should be put to the General Assembly is: “Shall the complaint be denied.”

159. QUESTIONS. Members of the Committee and the Advisory Committee responded to questions from commissioners.

160. APPEAL 2 FOUND IN ORDER. The recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted (see §156).

161. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS. Mr. Auksela presented the procedural recommendations of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to Appeal 2. The procedural recommendations were adopted.

162. PRESENTATION BY COMPLAINANTS. Mr. Strange, the representative of the complainants, gave the presentation of the complainants.

163. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m. The Assembly sang “Lift High the Cross,” and Mr. Fullalove led in prayer.

164. PRESENTATION BY THE PRESBYTERY. Mr. Gentry gave the presentation of the Presbytery.

165. PRESENTATION BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. Auksela reported the recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 that the Assembly deny the complaint. Mr. Jones, on behalf of the Advisory Committee continued the presentation.

166. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION. Various parties responded to questions of
clarification from commissioners.

167. FINAL REMARKS BY THE PRESBYTERY. Mr. Gentry presented final remarks for the presbytery.

168. FINAL REMARKS BY THE COMPLAINANTS. Mr. Strange, for the complainants, presented final remarks.

169. ACTION ON COMPLAINT. The Moderator ruled that he would put the question, at the appropriate time, in the form, “Shall the complaint be sustained?” Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

170. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Selle led a devotional service at 11:41 a.m. He read James 1:5 and Philippians 1:8-11. He delivered a message entitled “Two Passionate Prayers for Wisdom” and led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee.”

171. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:03 p.m.

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172. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. It sang “And Can It Be That I Should Gain.” Mr. Welzien led in prayer.

173. MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes for Monday morning and afternoon, §110 - 146, which were approved as corrected.

174. APPEAL 2 (continued). Discussion continued on Appeal 2. The Moderator put the question, “Shall the complaint be sustained?” The complaint was not sustained.

175. VISITATION COMMITTEE. Recommendations E. 2) a, c, and d. were moved (see §134). The following was adopted as a substitute:

In recognition of the issues that have brought such distress to both the session of Stratford OPC and the Presbytery of New Jersey, and that have also occupied so much time at both the 76th (2009) and 77th (2010) General Assemblies; and in recognition that our goal in conflict resolution is always biblical restoration and reconciliation, the 77th (2010) General Assembly establish a (temporary) Visitation Committee (composed of three presbyters, one each drawn from among the presbyteries of Connecticut and Southern New York, Mid-Atlantic, New York and New England, and/or Philadelphia, to be appointed by the moderator) with the following mandate--

1. To seek to meet with all concerned members of the Regional Church of New Jersey of the OPC and Stratford OPC to seek reconciliation of offended parties;
2. To meet specifically with the session of Stratford OPC to discuss with it the proper applications of the Book of Discipline, and to encourage the session to pursue reconciliation in its dealings with offended parties;
3. To consult with the Presbytery of New Jersey about decisions of the General Assembly pertaining to both Stratford OPC and the Presbytery of New Jersey; and
4. To report to the 79th (2012) General Assembly concerning its findings and wheth-
er any further judicial or administrative discipline or pastoral care for one or more of the parties is needed;
--and that the Assembly amend the previously adopted GAOF budget to include a line item expense for this temporary committee in the amount of $1,000 per year.

Grounds:

a. There is a prima facie need for a committee of the GA to provide this help for both the PNJ and the session of Stratford OPC.
b. This follows the pattern of response made by the 58th (1991) GA to similar difficulties in another presbytery.

At a later time the Moderator announced the appointment of Messrs. Shishko, Christian H. Walmer II (Middletown), and Westerveld (Convener) to the Visitation Committee, with Mr. Van Meerbeke as alternate (see §201).

176. MR. STRANGE RECUSED. Mr. Mallin reported that Mr. Strange had recused himself from all matters concerning the Presbytery of New Jersey that came before this Assembly

177. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints for the class of 2013. Messrs. Mallin and Willet were nominated. The Moderator announced the election of Mr. Mallin.

178. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 3:41 p.m. and sang “O Savior, Precious Savior.” Mr. Rao led in prayer.

179. ELECTION OF ALTERNATE. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints for the one-year term for an alternate. Messrs. Foh and Willet were nominated. The Moderator announced the election of Mr. Foh.

180. PRAYER. Mr. Auksela led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

181. CHAPLAINS (continued). Mr. Needham continued the report of the Committee. He introduced Mr. Wisdom, who reported on his work as Chaplain. He introduced Chaplain Douglas Lee, the Executive Director of the Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. Chaplain Lee reported on the work of the Joint Commission.

182. CHAPLAINS (Recommendations A and B). Mr. Kaufman presented the Committee’s Recommendations A and B in the following revised form:

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS A AND B

Revised Recommendation A. Letters to Department of Defense Officials Regarding the Homosexuality Policy in the Armed Forces
The Committee requests that the 77th General Assembly grant the petition from the PRJCCMP in the following form and instruct the Stated Clerk to send the following two letters:

Chaplain, Colonel, Gary S. Linsky
Chaplain Advisor/Policy Team

Dear Colonel Linsky,

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) is thankful for the opportunity to respond to the letter of Major General (S) Gregory A. Biscone, USAF, Chief of Staff to the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group, and the letter from the members of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board soliciting our views, regarding the impact of the repeal the current law governing homosexuals in the military services and “promoting dialogue with civilian organizations regarding religious issues.” We regret that the General Assembly itself could not meet the 15 May 2010 deadline. Our denomination did not assemble in deliberative session until 7 to 14 July. This official response supersedes the provisional reply of 15 May sent by the Standing Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

The OPC is gravely concerned over the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that has governed the service of homosexual individuals in our military for much of its history. Therefore, we are grateful for your desire to consider carefully the moral implications of approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

We are concerned that the repeal of the current policy may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning. OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

We are concerned that other members of the OPC who are serving in the Armed Forces may also be coerced to teach and enforce a policy that explicitly violates the Word of God. When they took their membership vows in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they answered, “yes” to this question: “Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?”

Several Bible passages forthrightly state God’s condemnation of homosexual behavior. From the Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Romans 1:18-33 in the New Testament historically and prophetically describes how the wrath of God is revealed against people who, by their own sinful behavior, suppress the truth about the one true God and how the moral disintegration of human society follows. In the consequent moral disintegration in human society, the acceptance of homosexuality is a prominent symptom: “26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Our military chaplains and members are concerned about the following specific consequences:
• Chaplains may be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand if they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel message which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice. “9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But, you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

• Bibles in military chapels and on military bases may be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, the effort may be made soon after the repeal of the law.

• Marriage and family retreats conducted by chaplains intended to strengthen traditional marriages and families may have to include homosexual couples, which will violate chaplains’ faith tenets and may discourage the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.

• Homosexual couples may seek union ceremonies or marriages, which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large percentage of military chaplains, not just those from this denomination. Refusal may invite the charge of discrimination and command reprimand.

These expressions are consistent with the Chaplains’ Manual of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, “Policy and Guidance Handbook,” section VI, “Homosexuality.” We will provide a copy upon request. We refer you also to our own denomination’s Instruments of the General Assembly, Appendix A (www.opc.org/GA/Instruments2009.pdf, p. 3023, line 529.)

We provide this response for the good of the nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle of the free exercise of religion.

Sincerely,

Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Electronic copy to: gary.linsky@wso.whs.mil

Second letter to the President, copies to the Secretary of Defense, the service Secretaries, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chiefs of Chaplains, and the Armed Forces Chaplains Board

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

SUBJECT: Concern About Repeal of the Current Military Policy Prohibiting Homosexual Behavior
The OPC is gravely concerned over the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that has governed the service of homosexual individuals in our military for much of its history. Therefore, we are grateful for your desire to consider carefully the moral implications of approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

We are concerned that the repeal of the current policy may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning from the military. They have affirmatively answered the following question in their ordination: “Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?” Thus, OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

We are concerned that other members of the OPC who are serving in the Armed Forces may also be coerced to teach and enforce a policy that explicitly violates the Word of God. When they took their membership vows in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they answered, “yes” to this question: “Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?”

Several Bible passages forthrightly state God’s condemnation of homosexual behavior. From the Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Romans 1:18-33 in the New Testament historically and prophetically describes how the wrath of God is revealed against people who, by their own sinful behavior, suppress the truth about the one true God and how the moral disintegration of human society follows. In the consequent moral disintegration in human society, the acceptance of homosexuality is the foremost symptom: “26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Our military chaplains and members are concerned about the following specific consequences:

- Chaplains may be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand if they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel message which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- Bibles in military chapels and on military bases may be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, the effort may be made soon after the repeal of the law.
- Marriage and family retreats conducted by chaplains intended to strengthen traditional marriages and families may have to include homosexual couples, which will violate chaplains’ faith tenets and may discourage the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.
- Homosexual couples may seek union ceremonies or marriages, which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large percentage of military chaplains, not just those
from this denomination. Refusal may invite the charge of discrimination and command reprimand.

We humbly petition you to oppose repealing the current law for the good of the nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle of the free exercise of religion.

Very respectfully,

Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

cc:  Dr. Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense  
     Mr. John H. McHugh, Secretary of the Army  
     Mr. Raymond E. Mabus, Secretary of the Navy  
     Mr. Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force  
     Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
     General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, U. S. Army
     Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations  
     General Norman A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force  
     General James T. Conway, Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps  
     General Carter F. Ham, Commander, U. S. Army Europe  
     Mr. Jeh C. Johnson, General Counsel, U. S. Department of Defense  
     Major General Douglas L. Carver, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army
     Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy
     Major General Cecil R. Richardson, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Air Force
     Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd, Chaplain of the Marine Corps  
     Chaplain (COL) Thomas E. Preston, Executive Director, Armed Forces Chaplain Board
     Chaplain, Colonel, Gary S. Linsky, Chaplain Advisor/Policy Team

Revised Recommendation B:

That the 77th General Assembly distribute to our OPC churches the content of the letter to the President and senior military officials, as it seems appropriate.

Ground:

The members of the OPC should be informed of the General Assembly’s action in officially informing the Commander-in-Chief and senior defense leadership of its grave concern about the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that governs the service of homosexual individuals in our military.

183. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Recommendations A). Mr. Poundstone presented the report of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to Recommendations A and B (see §100) and reported further for the Advisory Committee.

184. QUESTIONS. Members of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel responded to questions from commissioners.

185. RECOMMENDATION A. The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel moved Recommendation A. At the Committee’s request, the question was divided. Consideration of the first letter began.

186. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday Evening, July 13, 2010

187. RECONVENE. The assembly reconvened at 6:46 p.m. The Assembly sang “Worship Christ, the Risen King!” Mr. Tavares led in prayer.

188. PROTEST. Mr. Anderson read the following protest:

The undersigned protest the decision of the 77th General Assembly to sustain Specification #3 in Appeal #1, to wit, that “the session of Stratford OPC erred in presuming jurisdiction over persons outside of the Stratford session’s jurisdiction,” because this decision directly contradicts the clear reading of Book of Discipline III, paragraph 6, wherein a session is charged with the responsibility to warn a bringer of a formal accusation that he is liable to a censure up to rebuke if that session finds that accusation to lack merit. This decision sets an unhelpful precedent for our lower courts, with possible implications that may prove deleterious:

1. A session is hereby stripped of its important first-line protection from meritless charges laid against members of the congregation over whom it bears spiritual oversight. Properly read, Book of Discipline III.6 supports the discipline of reviewing charges for merit.

2. Those who wish to pursue the matter are hereby required to present the accusation of a meritless charge to the session of original jurisdiction, violating Jesus’ principle of reconciliation that accusations be first addressed at the most private possible level (Matt. 18:15-18).

3. The session of original jurisdiction is hereby required to investigate the accusation laid against one not under its jurisdiction, so that the issue of proper jurisdiction is not solved, but exacerbated. Book of Discipline III.6 does not deny recourse to censured bringer of the charge; if he believes that the session erred in determining the charge meritless, he has the option of appealing that decision to the overseeing Presbytery, including a petition for the vacation of the censure, should Presbytery sustain his appeal.

4. The determination of standing is hereby clouded, because standing is detailed in Book of Discipline III.1, which provides the definitional context of paragraph 3. A session could reasonably argue that since it lacks authority to assess the merit of a charge brought by one outside its jurisdiction, then such a bringer has no standing to file the charge.

Respectfully,

189. RECOMMENDATION A. The amendment was adopted that the text of 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 be included in the letter. Recommendation 4 of Advisory Committee 7 (see §100) was moved as a substitute for the Committee on Chaplains’ Recommendation A. The substitute was adopted in the following amended form (see also §191):

TO: The Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group
c/o Chaplain (COL) Gary Linsky

SUBJECT: Concern About Repeal of the Current Military Policy Prohibiting Homosexual Behavior

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) is thankful for the opportunity to respond to the letter of Major General (S) Gregory A. Biscone, USAF, Chief of Staff and the subsequent let-
ter from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense under the signatures of Chaplain (Major General) Douglas L. Carver, USA, Chairman and Army Chief of Chaplains; RADM, CHC, Robert F. Burt, USN, Chief of Chaplains; and Chaplain (Major General) Cecil R. Richardson, USAF, Chief of Chaplains soliciting our “views…regarding the impact of the repeal of [10 U.S.C. § 654]” and “promoting dialog with civilian organizations regarding religious issues” (see attachments 1 & 2). We regret that the Assembly itself could not make the 15 May 2010 deadline, for our denomination did not meet in deliberative session until our July General Assembly. This is the official response that supersedes the earlier communication you received 15 May 2010 (see attachment 3).

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is gravely concerned over the potential repeal of 10 U.S.C. §654 that governs the service of homosexual individuals in our military. Therefore, we are grateful for your desire to consider carefully the moral implications of your approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

We are concerned that the repeal of the current law may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning from the military. They have affirmatively answered the following question in their ordination: “Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?” Thus, OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

We are concerned that other members of the OPC who are serving in the Armed Forces may also be coerced to teach and enforce a policy that explicitly violates the Word of God. When they took their membership vows in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they answered “Yes” to this question: “Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?”

Several Bible passages forthrightly state God’s condemnation of homosexual behavior. From the Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Romans 1:18-33 in the New Testament historically and prophetically describes how the wrath of God is revealed against people who, by their own sinful behavior, suppress the truth about the one true God and how the moral disintegration of human society follows. In the consequent moral disintegration in human society, the acceptance of homosexuality is a prominent symptom: “26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another; men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Our military chaplains and members are concerned about the following specific consequences:

• Chaplains may be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand when they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel mes-
sage which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 -- *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God*).

- Bibles in military chapels and on military bases may be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, the effort may be made soon after the repeal of the law.

- Marriage and family retreats conducted by chaplains intended to strengthen traditional marriages and families may have to include homosexual couples, which will violate chaplains’ faith tenets and may discourage the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.

- Homosexual couples may seek union ceremonies or marriages, which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large percentage of military chaplains, not just those from this denomination. Refusal may invite the charge of discrimination and command reprisal.

These expressions are consistent with the *Chaplain’s Manual* of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, Section “Policy and Guidance; VI. HOMOSEXUALITY” (we will be happy to provide a copy upon request) and our own denomination’s *Instruments of the General Assembly*, Appendix A (www.opc.org/GA/Instruments2009.pdf, p. 3023, starting at line 530).

We provide this response for the good of the nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle of the free exercise of religion.

Sincerely,

Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Encl:  
1. DOD Comprehensive Review Working Group
2. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
3. Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel to CRWG correspondence

cc:  Major General Douglas L. Carver, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army
Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy
Major General CECIL R. Richardson, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Air Force
Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd, Chaplain of the Marine Corps
Chaplain (COL) Thomas E. Preston, Executive Director, Armed Forces Chaplain Board.

(See §100 for the text of the attachments.)

190. SECOND LETTER WITHDRAWN. The Committee was granted permission to withdraw its second letter (see §182).

191. ADDITION OF NAMES TO COURTESY COPY LIST. It was moved that the courtesy copy list from the Committee’s second letter be added to the first letter. Fol-
Following a series of amendments, it was determined to add to the courtesy copy list only the names of: Major General Douglas L. Carver, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army; Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy; Major General Cecil R. Richardson, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Air Force; Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd, Chaplain of the Marine Corps; Chaplain (COL) Thomas E. Preston, Executive Director, Armed Forces Chaplain Board (see §189).

192. PUBLICATION OF LETTER. Recommendation B was moved as follows: that the 77th General Assembly distribute to our OPC churches the content of the letter to the senior military officials as it deems appropriate. The following was adopted as a substitute: that the Committee on Christian Education be requested to publish in an issue of *New Horizons* an announcement of the availability on the website of this letter.

193. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED. The order of the day was extended to allow for the completion of business.

194. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel for the class of 2013. Messrs. Needham and Wisdom were nominated. The Moderator announced the election of Mr. Wisdom.

195. APPRECIATION AND PRAYER. The Assembly expressed its appreciation to Mr. Needham for his 25 years of service by giving him a standing ovation. Mr. Poundstone led in prayer for our military personnel and for the work of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

196. ARRANGEMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT. Mr. Haney presented the following recommendations (which were adopted) and the summary financial report:

1. That the Assembly approve the following rules for travel compensation:
   a. Those traveling by public conveyance be reimbursed the cost of their airfare as reported to the nearest dollar.
   b. Those traveling by private conveyance as drivers be reimbursed to the nearest dollar at the rate of $0.40 per mile for the first 500 miles and $0.12 per mile for the next 1000 miles and thereafter $0.05 per mile, plus $0.07 per mile for each passenger who is eligible to receive travel compensation, plus tolls and parking fees, with the exception that the driver and passengers not receive a combined amount greater than the combined costs of economy airfares for the driver and his passengers.
   c. Those traveling by private conveyance as passengers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.07 per mile.
   d. Commissioners, who apply for it, be reimbursed up to $264.60 for room and meals expense incurred off campus in conjunction with the Assembly.

2. That the General Assembly remind presbyteries and committees to notify the Stated Clerk of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of commissioners to the 78th General Assembly by March 1, 2011 (Standing Rule X.2.h.3)

3. That the General Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 2011 at the rate of $12.00 per communicant member.

4. That Mr. Allen Harris be excused from the assembly beginning with the evening session of Tuesday, July 13, 2010 through the balance of the assembly, to attend to family concerns with the loss of none of his travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a)
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197. 78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Mr. Haney provided some details of the arrangements for the 78th General Assembly. He presented the following recommendation of the Committee on Arrangements:

- In order to accommodate the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Committee on Arrangements recommends that the agenda for the 78th General Assembly (2011) be abridged in the following ways:
  1. the Assembly shall dissolve no later than noon on Tuesday, June 14;
  2. appeals and complaints to the 78th General Assembly shall be docketed for the 79th General Assembly. (The Committee on Appeals and Complaints shall have discretion to advise otherwise, augmented, for this purpose, with the Stated Clerk and the current and previous moderators of the General Assembly).

NOTE: The Committee on Appeals and Complaints concurs with this recommendation.

Mr. D. Mahaffy read a report from Advisory Committee 8 as follows: with regard to proposals concerning the docket of the 78th GA (2011), Advisory Committee 8 advises against postponing adjudication of appeals or complaints until the 79th GA (2012).

The recommendation was adopted in the following amended form: In order to accommodate the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the agenda for the 78th General Assembly (2011) be abridged in the following way: the Assembly shall dissolve no later than noon on Tuesday, June 14.

198. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Arrangements for the class of 2013. Mr. J. Muether was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. Nominations were opened for the alternate to the Committee on Arrangements. Edward K. Tress (Glenside) was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. Mr. De Jong led in prayer for the Committee on Arrangements.

199. RESOLUTION OF THANKS. Mr. Sawyer read the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:
The 77th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church extends to President Stephen Timmermans of Trinity Christian College our sincere thanks. The use of the campus facilities, and the hospitality of the College’s staff, led by Ms. Kara Bruxvoort the Conference and Events Coordinator, greatly enhanced our work. The meeting spaces, logistical helps (Ms. Jean Huizinga should be thanked for meeting a pressing medical need), meals, and lodging were all more than adequate to serve the needs of the Assembly. We note above all the cheerful spirit of the college staff that made us feel welcome, even right at home, in our first return to Trinity’s beautiful campus since 2006.

As in previous years, the Assembly notes the conscientious labors of our Committee on Arrangements. David E. Haney, Robert M. Meeker, and John R. Muether, assisted by Mrs. Jan Giandomenico, were active behind the scenes, before and during our Assembly, to ensure we had the tools to do our work decently and in good order. The assembly also thanks the eager young men who distributed necessary papers to the Assembly, Elijah K. DeJong, Caleb N. Moore, and Robert A. Muether.

The Orthodox Presbyterian churches of the Chicago area are to be commended for extending their kind hospitality, for providing transportation to and from their worship services, and for hosting our Sunday evening worship service here at the College. We also appreciate the efforts of those providing the shuttle services getting us back and forth between Midway and O’Hare airports and the College.

Recognition also must be extended to the moderator, Mr. Alan Pontier, for his capable leadership. Dr. John Jambura continued as a fixture of our devotions as he beautifully accompanied our singing on the piano. On an administrative level, we thank Mr. Donald J. Duff for finishing his course as Stated Clerk with the same dedication and thoroughness that has always characterized his work. At the same time the assembly wishes to thank our new Stated Clerk, George R. Cottenden and our tireless Assistant Clerk, John W. Mahaffy for their attention to the details of our work, which served us very well. We also give thanks for the cheerful presence of Mr. Stephen L. Phillips, thanking the Lord both for his work with our audio visual communications, and especially that we are able to see him with us in good health and spirits, in answer to many prayers.

Most of all, the 77th General Assembly hereby testifies of its gratitude to the head of the Church for his own presence and Spirit among us, for granting us the inestimable privilege of being a part of his great work of gathering, and perfecting the saints in this life, on their way to the assembly of the elect in life everlasting. In these words from Psalm 133 the Assembly makes melody to the Lord in our hearts:

How good and pleasant is the sight
when brethren make it their delight
to dwell in blest accord;
such love is like anointing oil
that consecrates for holy toil
the servants of the Lord.
Such love in peace and joy distills,
as if from heights of Hermon’s hills
refreshing dew descends.
The Lord commands his blessing there,
and they that walk in love shall share
in life that never ends.
Amen.

200. THANKS. Moderator expressed his appreciation to the Assembly for allowing him to serve the body. The Assembly gave Mr. Pontier a standing ovation.
201. ALTERNATE TO VISITATION COMMITTEE. By general consent the Moderator was authorized to appoint an alternate to the Visitation Committee. (see §175)

202. MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the remaining Minutes of the Assembly §150-204.

203. MINUTES AS A WHOLE APPROVED. On motion the Minutes as a whole were approved.

204. DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY. On motion it was determined that the Assembly be dissolved. The Assembly sang the hymn, “Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” The Moderator led in prayer. Mr. Pontier 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 Sandy Cove Conference Center, Northeast, Maryland, on the 8th day of June, 2011.” He pronounced the Apostolic Benediction. The 77th General Assembly was dissolved at 9:14 p.m.
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OVERTURES

Overture 1

Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario April 23, 2010

It is our observation that confusion sometimes ensues in addressing a licentiate who has received a call, and now seeks ordination. We have discussed the matter among ourselves, and also with some members of C&C committees of other presbyteries.

A significant part of this confusion exists because Form of Government Chapter 21 refers to this as a “period of probation” without defining either the length of the period or the content of the probation.

As a man processes from Under Care to Licensure, the main emphasis is usually upon their education, knowledge, and theology. During this period, the candidate is often attending seminary—where the emphasis is highly academic and intellectual.

Having achieved Licensure, the candidate may seek and receive a Call. Indeed, we usually refer to one of the primary activities of a licentiate as “candidating”, or seeking a call to the gospel ministry. The concept of a period of probation where the man’s gifts are tested can be lost.

Reception of a Call often moves the process quickly to ordination exams—there is, after all, a congregation or ministry that believes that this is the man God has provided for them. Again, the concept of probation and testing of gifts can be lost.

To address these issues, the attached Overture proposes some significant revisions to FOG Chapter 21, and appropriate revisions to FOG Chapters 22 and 23 and other places in the BOCO which would be impacted.

Cordially,

Rev. Ken Smith, Clerk
Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario

The Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario overtures the 77th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that the Form of Government:

- Chapter XXI – Licensing Candidates to Preach the Gospel,
- Chapter XXII – Calling a Minister, and
- Chapter XXIII – Ordaining and Installing Ministers

be revised as follows (see Sections 1, 2, and 3 below), and that other references in the Book of Church Order be revised as required (see Section 4 below).

Grounds:

1. Chapter XXI.1 describes a “period of probation sufficient to make trial of their qualifications and service.”
   - Chapter XXII.1 states that a “licentiate may be called to ministerial service.”
   - Chapter XXII.13.d states, “When the call is to a licentiate and he is disposed to accept the call he shall request his presbytery to approve the call and grant him permission to accept it. Before the presbytery considers his request it shall have determined that he has satisfactorily completed his probation for the gospel ministry.”

   Occasions exist where a man is licensed with a call in view. In such cases licensure is not a period of probation, but rather a box to be checked off as the man is moved (often
quite quickly) to ordination. The “period of probation” is nowhere defined in our Form of Government. Satisfactory completion of the period of probation is likewise not defined.

A clear definition of what “probation” entails would benefit the church as a whole.

2. There are numerous references in Chapters XXI to XXIII, to the need for presbyteries to guard the sacred office, such as:

The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the gospel, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men and that the churches may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those by whom they are to be instructed and governed. (XXI.1)

It is highly reproachful to religion and dangerous to the church to entrust the preaching of the gospel to weak and ignorant men. (XXI.3)

That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unqualified men into the sacred office… (XXIII.3)

However, the process by which the Form of Government largely relies in guarding the office is a series of academic qualifications and examinations given by the presbytery (either in whole or in part by a committee).

The definition of a process that entails formal evaluation of the candidate’s life and testing of his gifts of ministry, especially preaching, is in keeping with the high view of the sacred office in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

3. The current set of examinations for licensure and ordination are confusing to many. Questions are asked such as:

a. Should the licensure exams be harder than the ordination exams, or visa-versa?
b. Why are ecclesiastical history and original language examinations given twice?
c. Are “English Bible” and “knowledge of the Bible” the same?
d. When licensure is quickly followed by ordination, may duplicate exams be waived?

Combining the examinations into one set would resolve such questions.

Notes:
1. The Sections that follow are in three-column format. Column 1 contains the 2005 adopted text of the Chapter. Column 2 contains the proposed, revised text. New text is shown in an italic font. Deleted text is show in a strikeout font, or by blank space with a notation in the third column. Column 3 gives the rationale for the specific revisions proposed.

2. The following flowchart illustrates the process of Under Care, Licensure, and Certification as defined in the proposed revisions.
Current chapter 21

CHAPTER XXI

LICENSING CANDIDATES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

1. The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the gospel, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men and that the churches may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those by whom they are to be instructed and governed. For this purpose candidates for ordination shall first be licensed by presbyteries to preach the gospel as probationers. After a period of probation sufficient to make trial of their qualifications and service, and having received reports that their services are edifying to the church, the presbyteries may in due time proceed to ordain such probationers, or licentiates, to the sacred office.

Proposed Revision of chapter 21

CHAPTER XXI

LICENSURE and CERTIFICATION

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2. There shall be two sets of examinations given in the ordinary course of preparation for the gospel ministry. The purpose of the licensure examination is to ascertain whether a man is an orthodox and capable preacher. The purpose of the certifying examination is to ascertain whether a man is prepared to be a faithful and competent pastor.

Rationale for changes

The proposal is to restructure our present plan as follows:
1) Under care – same as at present
2) Licensure – requires only a sermon and examinations in Bible and theology (ordinarily required for any preaching).
3) Certification – the main battery of examinations (required before the candidate may receive a call)

Another part of the proposal is to make more explicit the requirement for practical training and preparation for pastoral ministry (fleshing out what our current book says about “probation”).

The current book creates the awkward situation where as soon as a man is licensed and declared a probationer, he is also eligible to receive a call. This proposal would clearly distinguish between these two actions.

Some presbyteries have expressed uncertainty as to the purpose and redundancy of the different exams. This may help provide clarity and the redundancy is removed.
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2. Prior to licensure candidates shall be taken under care of a presbytery. A candidate must be a communicant member of a local congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; ordinarily it should be of the same presbytery in which he is applying to be taken under care. The presbytery shall receive a written recommendation from the session of the local congregation of which the candidate is a member, certifying that in its judgment his Christian faith and potential gifts qualify him to be taken under the care of the presbytery with a view to ordination to the gospel ministry. It is of particular importance, at this time, that the presbytery inquire as to the grace of God in him and whether he be of such holiness of life as is requisite in a minister of the gospel. It is therefore the duty of a presbytery, in taking a candidate under its care, to examine him respecting his Christian faith, life, service, and the motives influencing him to desire the sacred office. The presbytery must show its continuing concern for the progress of all the candidates under its care, and shall continually guide, counsel, and help them as they further prepare themselves for the work of the ministry.

If a candidate desires to place himself under the care of a presbytery other than his own, he shall request his presbytery to forward the written recommendation of his session to the presbytery under whose care he desires to place himself. That presbytery shall examine the candidate as required above of all candidates and, if it receives him as a candidate shall give him all that continuing care above required.

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No change to this section
3. It is highly reproachful to religion and dangerous to the church to entrust the preaching of the gospel to weak and ignorant men. The presbytery shall therefore license a candidate only if he has received a bachelor of arts degree, or its academic equivalent, from a college or university of reputable academic standing, and has completed an adequate course of study lasting at least one year and a half in a theological seminary.

Licensure

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The presbytery may license a man who does not meet this educational requirement if it shall judge, by a three fourths vote of the members present, that this action is warranted by the manifest qualifications of the candidate; and shall report this matter to the General Assembly (per XXI. "X").

5. The presbytery shall satisfy itself of the candidate’s piety and exemplary life and his personal zeal for and experience in presenting the gospel to others by receiving a written testimonial from his session and additional written or oral testimonials.

6. The candidate for licensure shall be examined by the presbytery, or by a committee appointed for that purpose, in the English Bible, ecclesiastical history, theology, and the original languages of the Scriptures. The presbytery shall also satisfy itself, by receiving testimonials or by other means, of the candidate’s piety and exemplary life and his personal zeal for and experience in presenting the gospel to others.

Under this proposal the presbytery may license the man without waiting for the advice of the Assembly, but it may not certify him to receive a call without such advice (see below).

This is excerpted from the present section 4 in order to highlight it as a distinct step. Note also that we have added the requirement that one of his testimonials comes from his session.

Since the main battery of examinations will be conducted at certification, the focus of the licensure exam would be English Bible, theology, and a sermon, all three of which would be conducted before the presbytery.

With “licensure” now meaning simply “eligible to preach in the churches” (and having no overtones of “eligible to receive a call”), the requirement of seminary is not necessary. The question before the presbytery is simply, “is he an orthodox and capable preacher.” Therefore, the presbytery may license him at whatever point in a candidate’s development that it judges that he should be allowed to preach in the churches.
at the meeting are dissatisfied with the examination in theology, the candidate shall be required to continue the examination at a future meeting of the presbytery.

5. In order to make trial of his gifts to explain and vindicate and practically to enforce the doctrines of the gospel, the presbytery shall further require that the candidate prepare (1) a sermon, which the presbytery may ask to be delivered in its presence, (2) an essay on a theological theme, and (3) an exegesis of the Hebrew or Greek text of a passage of Scripture.

6. That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unqualified men into the sacred office, no exception shall be made of any of the educational or other requirements for licensure outlined above unless the presbytery, after reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it may offer, shall judge, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, that the exception is warranted by the manifest qualifications of the candidate for the holy office of the gospel ministry.

7. If the presbytery is satisfied with the trials of a candidate for licensure, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner. The moderator shall propose to him the following questions:

Under this approach, there would normally be less “haste” to license a man. If early examination were the norm, then the presbytery could take its time to work with a man in greater detail.

This is moved to certification.

No change to this section.
1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

3. Do you promise to seek the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church?

4. Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this presbytery, or any other presbytery under the jurisdiction of which you may come?

8. After the candidate has answered these questions in the affirmative the moderator shall offer prayer suitable to the occasion and shall address the candidate in the following or similar words: “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority that he has given to the gospel, wherever God in his providence may call you; and for this purpose, may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen.”

The presbytery shall record the licensure in its minutes and provide the licentiate with a certificate in the following form:

At ______ on the ______ day of ______, the Presbytery of ______ having received testimonials in favor of ______, of his being in the communion of ______.

No change to this section.
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Probation and Internship

9. In order for the presbytery to test a man’s gifts and qualifications for the gospel ministry, a candidate shall serve as an intern for at least twelve months (either consecutively or in segments).

a) The plan for a candidate’s internship shall be determined by the presbytery and shall include the full scope of ministerial duties (c.f. FG VI-IX).

b) This period of internship should normally begin after a candidate is licensed (see suggested form after curriculum in the back of the BCO).

c) Regular reporting from both the intern and his supervising body (e.g. a session) shall be required by the presbytery. Upon the conclusion of the internship, the

This section draws on aspects of the church orders of the ARP, RPCNA and the PCA in order to define what is meant by “probation.”

The section is designed for maximum flexibility since there are so many unique cases that occur.

Too often our candidates jest that they are “under neglect,” and that they have to figure out how to prepare for the gospel ministry without clear oversight. By giving the presbytery responsibility for deciding the course of practical training for its candidates, we can give teeth to “under care” and the probationary period.

We have provided a flow chart, included in the introduction, to help visualize what this chapter is doing.

This will enable presbyteries to judge more accurately whether a man has satisfactorily completed his probation.
supervising body(ies) shall provide testimonials evaluating the candidate's gifts and qualifications for the gospel ministry.

d) Upon completion, the presbytery shall approve or approve the internship. If the internship is not approved, the presbytery shall either extend it for a definite period of time or remove him as a candidate. If the internship is approved, then the presbytery shall declare that he has satisfactorily completed his probation.

10. A presbytery may approve, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote at a stated meeting, previous experience as satisfying part or all of the requirements for internship. Such experience shall meet the following requirements:
   a. satisfactory performance of the full scope of ministerial duties;
   b. the manifest approbation of God's people in a local church as having the requisite gifts for the pastoral ministry.

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There are many men who come to us with substantial experience. It would be unfair not to recognize it. This provision allows for previous experience.
This summary statement introduces what is required for certification (eligibility to receive a call).

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No change.
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Do you agree that you will make a continuing endeavor, under the direction of the presbytery, to attain competency in those languages until the presbytery is satisfied?

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23-6. Trials for ordination shall consist of the following: (1) the evaluation of written and oral testimonials as to the candidate’s satisfactory exercise of the gifts for the gospel ministry; (2) an examination as to the candidate’s Christian faith and life; as to his knowledge of the Bible, theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, pastoral theology, the Greek and Hebrew languages, and such other branches of learning as to the presbytery may appear requisite; and as to his knowledge of the confession, government, discipline, and worship of the Church; this examination may include such written discourses, founded on the Word of God, as shall seem proper to the presbytery. If the examination is referred to a committee an examination at least in theology and pastoral theology shall also be held before the presbytery; if one-fourth of the presbyters present at the meeting are dissatisfied with the examination, the candidate shall be required to continue the examination at a future meeting of the presbytery.

13. In order to demonstrate his progress in preaching, the presbytery shall further require that the candidate prepare (1) a sermon which shall be delivered before the presbytery, which the presbytery may ask to be delivered in its presence, (2) an essay on a theological theme, and (3) an exegesis of the Hebrew or Greek text of a passage of Scripture.

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Since the presbytery is evaluating whether a man is prepared to be a faithful and competent pastor, it should require the candidate to preach a second time.

In this system the bulk of the examinations occur at one time (he has already been examined for licensure in Bible and theology, but this is his major examination. As will be seen in the proposed revision to chapter 23, if a man receives a call to a different presbytery, the certifying presbytery must forward all of his written examinations for review. Only the theology examination on the floor of presbytery would be required in the calling presbytery (though obviously the calling presbytery would have full liberty to explore questions regarding other portions of the examinations).

The addition of “pastoral theology” comes from the RPCNA which regularly conducts such examinations on the floor of presbytery with salutary results.
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This permits correspondence directly between presbyteries.

The current regulations regarding a licentiate have in view the idea that we do not want “roving” men looking for a call who are not under the jurisdiction of the presbytery where they are laboring. In the case of a probationer, he is under the direct oversight of the presbytery that is overseeing his probation, and so may serve a year-long internship (for instance) in a presbytery other than his own. He may “transfer” from one presbytery to another (see section 3 above), but only the certified licentiate is required to place himself under the jurisdiction of the presbytery where he labors.

Prior to certification, a licentiate will now be laboring under a particular plan that is designed by the presbytery to prepare him for certification. If he fails to progress towards certification, the presbytery will remove his license (see section 9 above). A certified licentiate, on the other hand, needs the sort of time limit envisioned here.
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Other Preachers

[move to section XIV?]

X. No one may preach regularly within the bounds of the presbytery without being examined and approved by the presbytery. A man (e.g., a ruling elder from within the presbytery or a minister or ministerial candidate from another denomination) may be approved to preach regularly by the presbytery if he is able to sustain examinations in Bible knowledge and theology and preaches a satisfactory sermon before the presbytery. Such men are not considered candidates for the gospel ministry.

Ordination to the office of ruling elder does not require any training or certification regarding a man’s abilities to preach. Therefore ruling elders who desire to preach regularly should receive the approval of the presbytery, as should ministers or licentiates from other denominations. The “some other man” clause permits flexibility for unusual cases—such as a man who is under care of another denomination to serve as an intern/stated supply.

Occasional supply preachers serve at the discretion of the session and would not be required to be approved by presbytery. Only those preaching regularly within the bounds of the presbytery would need to be approved. “Regularly” would need to be interpreted and applied with wisdom by the presbytery.

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Rationale for changes

Insertion of “certified”
3. When a congregation desires to call a pastor it shall ordinarily choose a special committee from its own membership to assist it in selecting him. If the committee is not identical with the session, invitations to preach to the congregation shall be issued only with the approval of the session. No person shall be called by the congregation without the prior approval of the session, except that any ten members entitled to vote or one-fifth of all those entitled to vote, which ever be the larger number, may present a nomination to the congregation, such nomination having been previously submitted to the special committee for its consideration.

4. When the special committee is prepared to make its report it shall inform the session and present to it a copy of its proposed report so that the session may consider such nominations as may be contemplated in the proposed report. The session shall then, if it deems it advisable, convene a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee and acting on it; it shall, however, always be the duty of the session to convene the congregation in accordance with Chapter XVI, Section 1, and to conduct the meeting in accordance with that chapter.

5. When the meeting has been convened and the call of the meeting has been found in order, it is expedient that the moderator give an exhortation to the congregation suited to the purpose of its coming together. The special committee, or the session, shall then present its report, after which the congregation shall determine whether it wishes to proceed to call a pastor.
6. If the congregation decides to vote to call a pastor the moderator shall conduct the election. The voting shall be by ballot, a majority being required for election. If the vote is unanimous a call shall be drawn in due form. If there is a majority and a minority the moderator shall address the congregation seeking to persuade the minority to concur in the call. A ballot shall then be taken to determine the number concurring in the call. If there is still a minority unwilling to concur, the moderator shall advise the majority and the minority concerning their mutual responsibilities. A final ballot shall then be taken to determine the number desiring to prosecute the call in the circumstances. If a majority decides to prosecute the call it shall be drawn in due form and the presbytery shall be informed of the proceedings.

If at any point in the meeting the congregation decides not to call a pastor it may refer the matter back to the special committee, or to the session, as the case may be, for report to a later meeting, or take such other action as may be appropriate.

7. When the congregation has determined to issue a call it shall by vote determine the terms of the call, and shall order it subscribed either by the electors, or by the session or other representatives of its choice. The session shall then draw up the call in proper form and see to its signing by the proper signatories.

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8. If the congregation has chosen to subscribe its call by representatives the moderator shall certify to the presbytery that the persons signing have been appointed for that purpose by a vote of the congregation. The moderator shall also certify as to the validity of the meeting of the congregation and that the call as presented has been prepared in all respects as directed by vote of the congregation.

9. A call from a congregation shall be in the following or like form:

The congregation of _____________________ Church
being, on sufficient grounds, well satisfied with the ministerial qualifications of you ________________________
and having good hopes that your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation; promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly care and employment, we promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of ______________ in regular ______________ payments during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church, together with free use of a house and ______________ vacation each year.

A call from a presbytery or the general assembly or an
agency thereof shall be in appropriately similar form.

10. When a call from a congregation has been presented to its presbytery for approval the presbytery may find the call in order, approve its terms, and determine to place it in the hands of the person called, whether or not he be of the same presbytery; may refer the call back to the congregation with recommendations either to amend or desist from the call; or may, for reasons which it shall communicate to the congregation, decline to place the call in the person’s hands.

If the call is to a minister or licentiate who is under the jurisdiction of another presbytery of this Church the clerk of the presbytery which has jurisdiction over the calling congregation shall, if that presbytery approves the call, forward the call to the person called and a copy to the clerk of his presbytery. The calling congregation’s presbytery may, before acting on the call, require the person called to be interviewed by the presbytery or a committee of the presbytery in order to judge of his fitness in the circumstances. If the person resides at an inconvenient distance from the presbytery’s area such an interview may be arranged, if agreeable to all parties, at the time of his visiting the congregation prior to the issuance of a call.

11. When a call is issued by a presbytery or the general assembly, or an agency thereof, a person designated by the calling body shall sign the call, forward it to the person called, send a copy to the presbytery that has jurisdiction over him, and certify to that presbytery as to the validity of the meeting at which the call was issued and agency thereof shall be in appropriately similar form.
sued and that the call has been prepared in all respects as determined at that meeting.

12. The procedures to be followed in response to a call from within the Church shall be:

a. When the call is to the pastor of a congregation, and he is disposed to accept the call, he shall inform the congregation of his desire and ask them to concur with him in requesting their presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship; such request shall be voted on by the congregation at a regularly called meeting of the congregation.

If the congregation concurs in his request the pastor shall request their presbytery to approve the call and to dissolve the pastoral relationship. If the congregation declines to concur in his request he may, if he is still disposed to accept the call, request the presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship; in such a case the congregation shall be given the opportunity to be represented at the meeting of presbytery to plead its cause.

When the presbytery has received a request to approve a call and to dissolve a pastoral relationship it may grant the request, require the pastor and congregation to give the matter further consideration, or require the continuance of the relationship.

If a pastoral relationship is dissolved, the presbytery shall declare the pulpit vacant as of a specified date and record the facts in its records. If the call is to work under the jurisdiction of another presbytery, the minister shall declare the pulpit vacant as of a specified date and record the facts in its records. If the call is to work under the jurisdiction of another presbytery, the minister shall
shall be dismissed to that presbytery as of a convenient date and the clerk of the dismissing presbytery shall so inform the presbytery to which the minister is being dismissed.

b. When the call is to a minister serving a presbytery or the general assembly, or an agency thereof, a procedure parallel to that for a pastor shall be followed.

c. When the call is to a minister without a charge, or if his charge is not under the jurisdiction of the Church, he shall, if he is disposed to accept the call, request the presbytery to approve the call and grant him permission to accept it.

d. When the call is to a licentiate and he is disposed to accept the call he shall request his presbytery to approve the call and grant him permission to accept it. Before the presbytery considers his request it shall have determined that he has satisfactorily completed his probation for the gospel ministry.

e. If the person called decides to decline the call he shall promptly inform the calling body and the presbytery through which the call was issued, and return the call to the calling body.

f. No minister may leave his charge without the prior approval of the presbytery.

g. If a call to a minister of another denomination is contemplated the person presiding, at the meeting of the calling body, shall, before a vote is taken, inform the presbytery of the call to the minister of another denomination.
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Reference to Chapter XXI corrected.

the provisions of this section.

b. When the calling body has voted to issue a call to
such a minister it shall present it to the appropriate presbytery for approval; if the presbytery approves the call it shall place it in his hands contingent upon his reception into the presbytery.

c. If the minister desires to accept the call the presbytery shall require him to give evidence of possessing the qualifications in regard to piety, faith, and learning that are required of candidates for ordination as given in Chapter XXI. This evidence shall include written testimonials from qualified persons of his satisfactory exercise of the requisite gifts for the ministry of the Word.

In no case shall an examination on the floor of presbytery be waived. If one-fourth of the presbyters present are dissatisfied with the examination in theology the minister shall be required to undergo an examination in the subject again at a future meeting of the presbytery. If at the outset of such subsequent meeting one-fourth of the presbyters so request, a clear recording of this examination shall be made and filed with the presbytery.

The presbytery shall require him to answer affirmatively the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confes-
1. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?

3. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?

5. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before the flock over which God shall make you overseer?

d. Under no circumstances shall such a person be permitted to undertake any of the duties contemplated in the call nor to occupy living quarters that are to be provided by the calling body, and he shall be strongly advised not to change his residence in any case, until after the call has been approved and his reception by the presbytery has been completed.
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Only a certified licentiate would now be eligible to receive a call. A certified licentiate (by definition) has given sufficient evidence of his gifts.
Ordination of a licentiate, or reception of a minister from another denomination, without the full requirements specified above and in Section 6, below, may be granted as an exception to the above rule only if the presbytery, after reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it may offer, shall judge, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, that such exception is warranted by the qualifications of the candidate.

If the presbytery is satisfied as to the ministerial qualifications of the candidate but finds that he lacks competency in the Hebrew and Greek languages, or one of them, it may judge by a three-fourths vote of the members present to waive these requirements without referring this question to the general assembly for advice. Such action shall be taken only when the applicant has given affirmative answer to the following question:

Do you agree that you will make a continuing endeavor, under the direction of the presbytery, to attain competency in those languages until the presbytery is satisfied?

4. When a licentiate indicates his willingness to accept a call, the presbytery shall, at the earliest time convenient to both the presbytery and the licentiate, examine him as to his qualifications for the sacred office, with a view to his ordination.

Ordaining a Certified Licentiate

4. When a certified licentiate receives a call within the same presbytery that certified him, and indicates his willingness to accept a call, no further examination is necessary.

When a certified licentiate receives a call to labor in a different presbytery from the one that certified him, the presbytery that certified him shall forward his written exams and any other relevant material to the presbytery.

This chapter has been notoriously difficult to read. Therefore headings have been added. Since the certified licentiate has already been declared qualified for the sacred office, no further examination is necessary.

However, since the presbytery is the proper judge of the qualifications of its own members, the new presbytery maintains the right to review his certification examinations and must examine him in theology before the pres-
5. If a licentiate is called to ministerial service within the Church, and the presbytery has authorized his ordination, he shall be ordained and installed at an occasion arranged for the purpose. If he is called to ministerial service under auspices other than those of this Church and indicates that he desires to accept the call, the presbytery, if it approves of the call and authorizes his ordination, shall ordain him at a time suitable to the parties concerned.

6. Trials for ordination shall consist of the following: (1) the evaluation of written and oral testimonials as to the candidate's satisfactory exercise of the gifts for the gospel ministry; (2) an examination as to the candidate’s Christian faith and life; as to his knowledge of the Bible, theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, the Greek and Hebrew languages, and such other branches of learning as to the presbytery may appear requisite; and as to his knowledge of the confession, government, discipline, and worship of the Church; this examination may include such written discourses, founded on the Word of God, as shall seem proper to the presbytery. If the examination is referred to a com-

This language from section 6 must be retained here.

5. If a certified licentiate is called to ministerial service within the Church, and the presbytery has authorized his ordination, he shall be ordained and installed at an occasion arranged for the purpose. If he is called to ministerial service under auspices other than those of this Church and indicates that he desires to accept the call, the presbytery, if it approves of the call and authorizes his ordination, shall ordain him at a time suitable to the parties concerned.

This has been moved to chapter 21.
committee an examination at least in theology shall also be held before the presbytery; if one-fourth of the presbyters present at the meeting are dissatisfied with the examination in theology, the candidate shall be required to continue the examination at a future meeting of the presbytery.

7. When a licentiate has been called to be the pastor of a congregation and has expressed his desire to accept the call, and the presbytery has satisfied itself that he has the requisite qualifications for the office and service as specified in Sections 1, 5, and 6, above, the presbytery shall appoint a time to meet to ordain and install him. The service shall be, if convenient, in the church of which he is to be the minister. It is also recommended that a day of prayer and fasting be observed in the congregation previous to the day of ordination.

8. At the time for ordination and installation the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside over the meeting of the presbytery, with the congregation present. A minister previously appointed shall preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Afterwards the moderator shall briefly inform the congregation of the proceedings of the presbytery preparatory to this occasion; he shall also instruct the congregation concerning the warrant and nature of the office of minister of the Word of God, and the duties of a pastor toward a congregation and a congregation toward a pastor, and shall endeavor to give to the congregation a proper sense of the solemnity of both ordination and installation.

Ordaining a Certified Licentiate as Pastor

6. When a certified licentiate has been called to be the pastor of a congregation and has expressed his desire to accept the call, and the presbytery has satisfied itself that he has the requisite qualifications for the office and service as specified in Sections 1 and 5, and 6, above, the presbytery shall appoint a time to meet to ordain and install him. The service shall be, if convenient, in the church of which he is to be the minister. It is also recommended that a day of prayer and fasting be observed in the congregation and presbytery previous to the day of ordination.

7. At the time for ordination and installation the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside over the meeting of the presbytery, with the congregation present. A minister previously appointed shall preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Afterwards the moderator shall briefly inform the congregation of the proceedings of the presbytery preparatory to this occasion; he shall also instruct the congregation concerning the warrant and nature of the office of minister of the Word of God, and the duties of a pastor toward a congregation and a congregation toward a pastor, and shall endeavor to give to the congregation a proper sense of the solemnity of both ordination and installation.

This section is still important because his certification does not specify that he is well prepared for this particular call. That must always be determined on a case-by-case basis.

It appears from Acts 13:3 and 14:23 that it was the presbytery that fasted (although it is likely that the congregation fasted as well).
Then, addressing the candidate, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before the flock over which God shall make
which God shall make you overseer?

8. Are you now willing to take the charge of this congregation, in agreement with your declaration when you accepted their call? And do you promise to discharge the duties of a pastor to them as God shall give you strength?

9. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, the moderator shall propose to the people the following questions, to which they shall answer in the affirmative by holding up their right hands:

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive ____________, whom you have called to be your minister?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4. And do you promise to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever else you may see needful for the honor of religion and his comfort among you?

10. If these questions have been satisfactorily answered, the candidate shall then kneel, and by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, according to the apostolic example, he shall be solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry. Prayer being

you overseer?

8. Are you now willing to take the charge of this congregation, in agreement with your declaration when you accepted their call? And do you promise to discharge the duties of a pastor to them as God shall give you strength?

9. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, the moderator shall propose to the people the following questions, to which they shall answer in the affirmative by holding up their right hands:

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive ____________, whom you have called to be your minister?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4. And do you promise to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever else you may see needful for the honor of religion and his comfort among you?
ended, he shall rise and the moderator shall declare him to be ordained a minister of the Word of God and the pastor of that congregation. The presbytery shall then extend to him the right hand of fellowship. The moderator, or others appointed for the purpose, shall give solemn charges in the name of God to the newly ordained minister and to the people, to persevere in the discharge of their mutual duties, and shall, by prayer, commend them both to the grace of God and his holy keeping. At the conclusion of the service the pastor shall dismiss the congregation with a benediction.

Installing a Minister of This Church as a Pastor

10. When a minister of this Church is to be installed as the pastor of a congregation the installation may be performed either by the presbytery or by a committee appointed for that purpose, as may appear most expedient; and the following order shall be observed therein:

A time shall be appointed for the installation at such time as may appear most convenient and due notice thereof given to the congregation.

When the presbytery, or committee, shall be convened and constituted at the time appointed, a sermon shall be delivered by a previously appointed minister. Immediately thereafter the moderator shall state to the congregation the purpose of the meeting and briefly review the relevant proceedings of the presbytery. And then, addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Are you now willing to take the charge of this...

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congregation as its pastor, in agreement with your declaration when you accepted its call?

2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you this charge you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the gospel of Christ?

Having received satisfactory answers to all these questions, he shall propose to the people the following questions, to which they shall answer in the affirmative by holding up their right hands:

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive ______________, whom you have called to be your minister?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4. And do you promise to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever else you may see needful for the honor of religion?
and his comfort among you?

If these questions have been satisfactorily answered the moderator shall pronounce and declare the minister being installed to be regularly constituted the pastor of that congregation. Solemn charges in the name of God shall then be given to the newly installed pastor and to the people, to persevere in the discharge of their mutual duties, and shall, by prayer, commend them both to the grace of God and his holy keeping. At the conclusion of the service the pastor shall dismiss the congregation with a benediction.

12. a. When a minister of another denomination is called to be the pastor of a congregation of this Church and has indicated his desire to accept the call, the presbytery shall require him to give evidence of possessing the qualifications in regard to piety, faith, and learning that are required of candidates for ordination as provided in Sections 3 and 6, above. This evidence shall include written testimonials from qualified persons of his satisfactory exercise of the gifts for the ministry of the Word.

In no case shall an examination on the floor of presbytery be waived. If one-fourth of the presbyters present are dissatisfied with the examination in theology the minister shall be required to undergo an examination in the subject again at a future meeting of the presbytery. If at the outset of such subsequent meeting one-fourth of the presbyters so request, a clear recording of this examination shall be made in the minutes of the presbytery.

Installing a Minister from Another Denomination as Pastor

11. a. When a minister of another denomination is called to be the pastor of a congregation of this Church and has indicated his desire to accept the call, the presbytery shall require him to give evidence of possessing the qualifications in regard to piety, faith, and learning that are required of candidates for ordination as provided in Section 3 above and as given in Chapter XXI, Sections 12-14. This evidence shall include written testimonials from qualified persons of his satisfactory exercise of the gifts for the ministry of the Word.

This is required for consistency, due to the changes above.

Reference to Section 6 changed to Chapter XXI.
amination shall be made and filed with the presbytery.

The presbytery shall require him to answer affirmatively the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before the flock over presbyters so request, a clear recording of this examination shall be made and filed with the presbytery.

The presbytery shall require him to answer affirmatively the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary pi-
b. After the fulfillment of these requirements the presbytery shall proceed to install the minister in the following manner:

A suitable time shall be appointed for the installation and due notice given to the congregation.

When the presbytery shall be convened and constituted at the time appointed, a sermon shall be delivered by a previously appointed minister.Immediately thereafter the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall state to the congregation the purpose of the meeting and briefly review the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then, addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know, to stand as pastor of the congregation?

b. After the fulfillment of these requirements the presbytery shall proceed to install the minister in the following manner:

A suitable time shall be appointed for the installation and due notice given to the congregation.

When the presbytery shall be convened and constituted at the time appointed, a sermon shall be delivered by a previously appointed minister. Immediately thereafter the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall state to the congregation the purpose of the meeting and briefly review the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then, addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?

6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before the flock over which God shall make you overseer?

8. Are you now willing to undertake the work of the ministry in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and do you promise to discharge the duties which may be incumbent upon you in that capacity as God may give you strength?

9. Are you now willing to take the charge of this congregation as its pastor, in agreement with your declaration when you accepted its call?

10. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you this charge you are influenced by a desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

11. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to
maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the gospel of Christ?

Having received satisfactory answers to all these questions, the moderator shall propose to the people the following questions, to which they shall answer in the affirmative by holding up their right hands:

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive ____________, whom you have called to be your minister?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. And do you promise to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever else you may see needful for the honor of religion and his comfort among you?

If these questions have been satisfactorily answered the presiding minister shall solemnly pronounce and declare the minister being installed to be regularly constituted the pastor of that congregation. A charge shall then be given to both parties and prayer offered as directed in Section 10. At the conclusion of the service, the pastor shall dismiss the congregation with a benediction.

If these questions have been satisfactorily answered the presiding minister shall solemnly pronounce and declare the minister being installed to be regularly constituted the pastor of that congregation. A charge shall then be given to both parties and prayer offered as directed in Section 10. At the conclusion of the service, the pastor shall dismiss the congregation with a benediction.
c. Under no circumstances shall a person be permitted to undertake any of the duties contemplated in the call nor to occupy living quarters that are to be provided by the calling body, and he shall be strongly advised not to change his residence in any case, until after the call has been approved and the presbytery has approved him for installation and reception.

13. When a licentiate has been called to be an evangelist, or teacher of the Word of God, and he has indicated his desire to accept the call, and the presbytery has been satisfied with his qualifications for ordination to the sacred office and for installation into the service to which he has been called, in the terms of Sections 1, 3, and 6 above, it shall appoint a time for him to be ordained and installed. It is fitting that these be done before a congregation at a service held for the purpose.

14. At the time for ordination and installation the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside over the meeting of the presbytery with the congregation present. A minister previously appointed shall preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Afterwards the moderator shall briefly inform those assembled concerning the warrant and nature of the office of minister of the Word of God and concerning the duties which the minister’s service will place upon him, and shall endeavor to give them a proper sense of the solemnity of both ordination to the office and installation in his field of service.

Ordaining a Certified Licentiate as an Evangelist or Teacher

12. a. When a certified licentiate has been called to be an evangelist, or teacher of the Word of God, and he has indicated his desire to accept the call, and the presbytery has been satisfied with his qualifications for ordination to the sacred office and for installation into the service to which he has been called, in the terms of Sections 1 and 3 above, and as given in Chapter XXI, sections 14-16, it shall appoint a time for him to be ordained and installed. It is fitting that these be done before a congregation at a service held for the purpose.

b. At the time for ordination and installation the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside over the meeting of the presbytery with the congregation present. A minister previously appointed shall preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Afterwards the moderator shall briefly inform those assembled concerning the warrant and nature of the office of minister of the Word of God and concerning the duties which the minister’s service will place upon him, and shall endeavor to give them a proper sense of the solemnity of both ordination to the office and installation in his field of service.

Insertion of “certified”

Reference to Section 6 changed to Chapter XXI.

All the others use “a, b, c” for the subsections. So 13-15 has been renumbered 13a, b, c, and the following sections renumbered.
Then addressing the candidate he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before those among whom you labor wherever you may be?
8. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as
far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God) you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

9. Are you now willing to undertake the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God), and do you promise to be faithful in the discharge of all the duties of this ministry as God may give you strength?

15. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, he shall then kneel, and by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, according to the apostolic example, he shall be solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry. Prayer being ended, he shall rise and the moderator shall declare him to be ordained a minister of the Word of God and installed as an evangelist (or teacher of the Word of God). The presbytery shall then extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

The moderator, or another appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn charge in the name of God to the newly ordained and installed minister to persevere in the discharge of his duties, and shall then, by prayer, commend him to the grace of God and his holy keeping. The newly ordained and installed minister shall close the service with a benediction.

c. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, he shall then kneel, and by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, according to the apostolic example, he shall be solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry. Prayer being ended, he shall rise and the moderator shall declare him to be ordained a minister of the Word of God and installed as an evangelist (or teacher of the Word of God). The presbytery shall then extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

The moderator, or another appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn charge in the name of God to the newly ordained and installed minister to persevere in the discharge of his duties, and shall then, by prayer, commend him to the grace of God and his holy keeping. The newly ordained and installed minister shall close the service with a benediction.
16. When a minister of this Church is called to be an evangelist, or a teacher of the Word of God, and he has indicated his desire to accept the call, the presbytery shall satisfy itself that he has the qualifications for that service. If it is satisfied it shall appoint a time for his installation by the presbytery or by a committee appointed for that purpose. It is fitting that the installation take place in the presence of a congregation at a service held for that purpose.

The time being come, and the meeting convened, a sermon shall be preached by a previously appointed minister. The moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall then briefly inform those assembled concerning the purpose of the meeting and concerning the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God) you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

2. Are you now willing to undertake the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God), and do you promise to be faithful in the discharge of all the duties of this ministry as God may give you strength?

13. When a minister of this Church is called to be an evangelist, or a teacher of the Word of God, and he has indicated his desire to accept the call, the presbytery shall satisfy itself that he has the qualifications for that service. If it is satisfied it shall appoint a time for his installation by the presbytery or by a committee appointed for that purpose. It is fitting that the installation take place in the presence of a congregation at a service held for that purpose.

The time being come, and the meeting convened, a sermon shall be preached by a previously appointed minister. The moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall then briefly inform those assembled concerning the purpose of the meeting and concerning the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God) you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

2. Are you now willing to undertake the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God), and do you promise to be faithful in the discharge of all the duties of this ministry as God may give you strength?
Affirmative answers to these questions having been made, a solemn charge in the name of God shall be given to the newly installed minister to persevere in the discharge of his duties. Prayer shall then be offered, commending him to the grace of God and his holy keeping. The newly installed minister shall close the service with a benediction.

Installing a Minister from Another Denomination as an Evangelist or Teacher

17. When a minister of another denomination is called to serve as an evangelist, or as a teacher of the Word of God, and the provisions of Chapter XXII, Section 13, have been fulfilled, the presbytery shall install him in the following manner in the service to which he has been called:

A time shall be set for the installation at which the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside. It is fitting that the installation take place in the presence of a congregation at a service held for that purpose.

The time being come and the presbytery convened, a sermon shall be preached by a previously appointed minister. The moderator shall then briefly inform those assembled concerning the purpose of the meeting and concerning the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice for the church of Christ?

Affirmative answers to these questions having been made, a solemn charge in the name of God shall be given to the newly installed minister to persevere in the discharge of his duties. Prayer shall then be offered, commending him to the grace of God and his holy keeping. The newly installed minister shall close the service with a benediction.

14. When a minister of another denomination is called to serve as an evangelist, or as a teacher of the Word of God, and the provisions of Chapter XXII, Section 13, have been fulfilled, the presbytery shall install him in the following manner in the service to which he has been called:

A time shall be set for the installation at which the moderator of the presbytery, or another appointed in his place, shall preside. It is fitting that the installation take place in the presence of a congregation at a service held for that purpose.

The time being come and the presbytery convened, a sermon shall be preached by a previously appointed minister. The moderator shall then briefly inform those assembled concerning the purpose of the meeting and concerning the relevant proceedings of the presbytery.

Then addressing the minister to be installed, he shall propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice for the church of Christ?
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2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?

4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?

6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

7. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before those among whom you labor wherever you may be?

8. Are you now willing to undertake the work of the ministry in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and do you promise to discharge the duties which may be incumbent upon you in this capacity as God may give you strength?
9. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God) you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of his church?

10. Are you now willing to undertake the work of an evangelist (or a teacher of the Word of God), and do you promise to be faithful in the discharge of all the duties of this ministry as God may give you strength?

Affirmative answers to these questions having been made, a solemn charge in the name of God shall be given to the newly installed minister to persevere in the discharge of his duties. Prayer shall then be offered, commending him to the grace of God and his holy keeping. The newly installed minister shall close the service with a benediction.

Receiving a Minister Without Call

15. If a minister of another denomination, though not having a call to service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, desires to labor in the gospel in this church, the presbytery to which he applies shall require him to give evidence of possessing the qualifications, in regard to piety, faith, and learning, that are demanded of candidates for ordination as provided in Sections 2 and 3, above. The evidence shall include written testimonials from qualified persons of his satisfactory exercise of the gifts of the ministry of the Word.

In no case shall an examination on the floor of presbytery be held on the admission of a minister without a call.

Same as above.
Appendix 107

If one-fourth of the presbyters present are dissatisfied with the examination in theology the minister shall be required to undergo an examination in the subject again at a future meeting of the presbytery. If at the outset of such subsequent meeting one-fourth of the presbyters so request, a clear recording of this examination shall be made and filed with the presbytery.

If the presbytery is satisfied as to the ministerial qualifications of the candidate but finds that he lacks competency in the Hebrew and Greek languages, or one of them, it may judge by a three-fourths vote of the members present to waive these requirements without referring this question to the general assembly for advice. Such action shall be taken only when the applicant has given affirmative answer to the following question:

Do you agree that you will make a continuing endeavor, under the direction of the presbytery, to attain competency in those languages until the presbytery is satisfied?

Although such a minister may not be received as a minister of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church until the favorable judgment of the presbytery has been confirmed by his receiving a call to specific service the presbytery, after approving his examination, shall require him to give affirmative answer, before the presbytery, to the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely approve the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Will you, if you become a minister of this Church, be willing to be in subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Are you induced, so far as you know your own heart, to enter the ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church from love for God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Will you, if you become a minister of this Church, be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, as well as in all the duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the gospel by your life, and walking with exemplary piety before those among whom you labor wherever you may be?
7. Will you, if you become a minister of this Church, be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity, the peace and the unity of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
8. Will you, if you become a minister of this Church, undertake and discharge the duties which may be incumbent upon you as an Orthodox Presbyterian minister, as God may give you
The candidate having been approved and having answered the above questions in the affirmative, the fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the presbytery, and the clerk shall promptly inform the other presbyteries of the church of this fact. Normally the minister will remain in his denomination while he seeks a call to service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. However, if such continued membership is unacceptable to him the presbytery may, at his request, enroll him as a member of the regional church; he shall thus not be enrolled as a member of the presbytery, and the presbytery shall hold his ministerial credentials in suspense while he seeks a call to service. The presbytery, having approved his qualifications for the ministry, shall authorize him to preach in the church as a candidate for a call to service. If and when he receives a call to service his ministerial credentials shall be restored and he may be installed for his service.

If after a period not to exceed two years gifts for the ministry are not confirmed by receipt of a call to service the presbytery shall consider divesting him from office in accordance with Chapter XXVI, 3, of the Form of Government. If the presbytery divests him of office, presbytery shall require him to seek membership in a particular congregation.

19. If a minister is to be installed in a position that is a change of function from his previous service the presbytery having been approved and having answered the above questions in the affirmative, the fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the presbytery, and the clerk shall promptly inform the other presbyteries of the church of this fact. Normally the minister will remain in his denomination while he seeks a call to service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. However, if such continued membership is unacceptable to him the presbytery may, at his request, enroll him as a member of the regional church; he shall thus not be enrolled as a member of the presbytery, and the presbytery shall hold his ministerial credentials in suspense while he seeks a call to service. The presbytery, having approved his qualifications for the ministry, shall authorize him to preach in the church as a candidate for a call to service. If and when he receives a call to service his ministerial credentials shall be restored and he may be installed for his service.

16. If a minister is to be installed in a position that is a change of function from his previous service the presby-
bytery shall weigh his qualifications for the new function when consideration is given to approval of his call. Such change of function, if approved, shall be noted in the records of the presbytery.

20. When a presbytery has ordained or installed a minister a record of the fact shall be made in the minutes of the presbytery.

The presbytery’s decision to install shall be regarded also as its decision to receive the minister into the presbytery if he had been a licentiate or was coming from another presbytery or denomination. Upon installation his name shall be placed on the roll of the presbytery.

If the newly enrolled minister has come from another presbytery of this Church the clerk of the installing presbytery shall notify promptly the presbytery from which the minister has come so that his name may be removed from the roll of his former presbytery. If the minister has come from another denomination the clerk of the installing presbytery shall notify the proper authority of the minister’s former denomination.

21. If a minister enrolled in a presbytery (a) desires to engage in a ministry not under the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church within the bounds of another presbytery, or (b) desires to transfer to another presbytery for other purposes for which a call and installation are inappropriate, such transfer may be effected without a call and without installation, provided the minister’s reasons are satisfactory to both the dismissing and the receiving presbytery (cf. Chapter XX, Section 8).

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Appendix 111

Rationale for Change

Revised section number.

Revised section number.

Aligns with revised Chapters XXI and XXIII.

Proposed Revision

Chapter II.D.4: If a teaching elder has been dismissed to another presbytery, he shall be considered subject to the jurisdiction of the presbytery which dismissed him until the time when his name is placed on the roll of the presbytery (cf. Form of Government, Chapter XXIII, Section 17) to which he has been dismissed. The receiving body shall acquire jurisdiction over him when his name is placed on the roll of the presbytery (cf. Form of Government, Chapter XXIII, Section 17) and at that time he shall be invested with all the rights and privileges of membership therein, which rights and privileges shall not be impaired by the filing of a complaint, unless and until such complaint shall be sustained by the highest judicatory to which complaint is made.

Rationale for Change

Revised chapter title.

This Recommended Curriculum was approved by the Fiftyfourth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to serve as a guideline to ministerial candidates, presbyteries, and seminaries (FG, XXIII, 3). The elements in the Curriculum are not to be understood as additions to the constitutional requirements stated in FG (XXI, 3, 4; XXIII, 3, 6) regarding the preparation and evaluation of qualifications of candidates for the ministry of the Word.
Overture 2

Presbytery of Southeast

AN OVERTURE TO THE 77th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2010) OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

Adopted by the Presbytery of the Southeast at its Stated Meeting Held on April 23-24, 2010

WHEREAS a minister of the OPC installed as a pastor of a congregation vows “willing[ly] to take the charge of this congregation as its pastor, in agreement with . . . its call” (FG XXIII: 11 (1)), and

WHEREAS such a minister also “solemnly promise[s] . . . to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation” (FG XXIII: 11 (3)), and

WHEREAS the congregation likewise promises worldly maintenance and support to him while he continues as their pastor (FG XXIII.11 (4)), and

WHEREAS our Form of Government specifies that “no minister may leave his charge without the prior approval of the presbytery” (FG XXII: 12.f), and

WHEREAS our Form of Government outlines circumstances for ministers to labor “in churches other than those of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church” and the Form of Government provides that the “general principles” that apply to ministers laboring in churches outside the OPC “shall also apply to the relationship of ministers in non-ecclesiastical religious organizations” (FG XXVIII), but it seems that these provisions were not intended to address military chaplain reservists, and

WHEREAS our presbyteries have approved calls for ministers to serve as pastors in local congregations while also serving as military chaplain reservists, and

WHEREAS our military chaplain reservists in the OPC are called to serve on active duty, often on foreign soil, removing them from their local pastorates for many months and potentially up to two years, and

WHEREAS our presbyteries and the general assembly Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel allow its ministers who serve as reservist chaplains to respond to such calls to military deployment thus removing them from their pastoral duties to the local church, and

WHEREAS the physical relocation of the congregation’s pastor appears to negate promises and vows per our Form of Government taken by minister and congregation during the course of the chaplain’s military duties, and

WHEREAS such action appears to have no basis of support in our Form of Government and has a propensity to disrupt the peace and unity of the church by raising questions related to dual calls and the process of handling military calls to active duty by ministers, sessions, con-
gregations and presbyteries which are not addressed by our Form of Government,

THEREFORE the Presbytery of the Southeast overtures the 77th General Assembly requesting that a Study Committee of three be erected, with a budget of $500, in order to recommend changes to the Book of Church Order regarding the seeming discrepancy between the duties of a pastor who is also concurrently serving as a military chaplain reservist.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Presbytery of the Southeast,

Hank L. Belfield, Stated Clerk
COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1

Presbytery of the Midwest         September 30, 2009

Fathers and Brethren,

In accordance with the action of the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the MidWest (hereafter PMW), I am writing to you to inform you of the determination of a judicial matter.

It is known throughout the church that judicial charges were brought against the Rev. Victor Atallah, a minister of this presbytery. The complaint of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic against the PMW’s failure to proceed with judicial process was sustained by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, and the PMW was instructed to proceed judicially.

The PMW received a letter dated June 6, 2009, from the accusers withdrawing their charges. In light of that action, the presbytery took the following action on September 18, 2009, at its Stated Meeting:

That the PMW notes with thanks that those who brought a charge in 2008 to the PMW against the Rev. Victor Atallah have requested that their charge be withdrawn. Accordingly the PMW dismisses the charge against Mr. Atallah with prejudice and instructs the clerk to notify the PMA and the Stated Clerk of the GA that the GA's ruling with respect to upholding the PMA's appeal is moot, the underlying charge having been dismissed, and the case concluded.

I am, at the direction of the presbytery, also forwarding this letter to the stated clerk’s of all the other presbyteries of the action taken, so that it will be known that Mr. Atallah is a ministerial member of the PMW in good and regular standing.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Rodney T. King
Stated Clerk

Communication 2

Presbytery of Philadelphia         November 24, 2009

Fathers and Brethren,

1. The Presbytery of Philadelphia, at its November 21, 2009 Stated Meeting, determined to propose to the 77th General Assembly that a new presbytery be formed to serve central Pennsylvania, to be called the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, effective January 1, 2011.

2. The Presbytery of Philadelphia determined that the boundaries and territory of the proposed new presbytery be delineated as follows:
   - Southern: Pennsylvania State Boundary with Maryland.
   - Western: The western boundaries of the counties of Potter, Clinton, Centre, Blair, and Bedford.
Eastern: The eastern boundaries of the counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Northumberland, Lebanon, and York; and in Lancaster County, the eastern boundary of Mount Joy Township, Mount Joy Borough, and East Donegal Township (This includes the municipalities of Conoy Township, West Donegal Township, East Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township, Marietta Borough, Mount Joy Borough, and Elizabethtown Borough).

Summary Description: The portion of Pennsylvania between New York State and Maryland, between and including Potter, Clinton, Centre, Blair and Bedford Counties on the west; and Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Northumberland, Lebanon, and York Counties, and Mount Joy Township, Mount Joy Borough, and East Donegal Township in Lancaster County on the east.

Inclusive Description: Thus, the regional church of the proposed new presbytery includes all of the Pennsylvania counties of Potter, Clinton, Centre, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Snyder, Union, Lycoming, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Dauphin, York, and Lebanon, as well as the Lancaster County townships of Mount Joy, East Donegal, West Donegal, and Conoy, and the Lancaster County boroughs of Mount Joy, Elizabethtown, and Marietta.

3. The proposed Bylaws of the proposed Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania are attached, for information. These proposed Bylaws were developed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia's special committee to consider the feasibility of forming a presbytery in central Pennsylvania.

4. The Presbytery of Philadelphia determined to send these actions to the Presbytery of Ohio for its consideration.

For the Presbytery, The Rev. Thomas A. Foh, Stated Clerk

Communication 3

The Presbytery of Ohio

April 2, 2010

Dear Brothers,

The Presbytery of Ohio, at the Spring Stated Meeting, held at Redeemer OPC, Dayton, Ohio, on March 12 and 13, 2010, took the following action with regard to matters before the General Assembly Liaison Committee:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMITTEE
   The Rev. Larry E. Wilson reported for the committee.

On Motion the Presbytery of Ohio concurs with the proposal of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in regard to forming a new presbytery in central Pennsylvania.

On Motion the Presbytery of Ohio asks the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the General Assembly to consider including the West Virginia counties of Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Mineral, Hampshire, Hardy, and Grant in the proposed new presbytery.

In the Kings Service,
Everett C. DeVelde, Stated Clerk
Communication 4
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
April 23, 2010

Rev. David McKay has forwarded to me your invitation to send a fraternal delegate to your forthcoming Assembly.

As Clerk of Synod I wish to convey to you the greetings of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland and apologize that we will not be sending a delegate to your Assembly. We give thanks for the fellowship we can enjoy even at a distance as we both work for Christ’s Glory in our respective areas of the world and pray that you will know the blessing and enriching of God in your Assembly and Congregations.

May the Lord bless your labours over the coming year.

Yours in Christ,
E. M. McCollum (Clerk of Synod)

Communication 5
Committee on Relations with Churches Abroad of The Reformed Churches in The Netherlands
May 11, 2010

Esteemed brothers,

Thank you most heartily for inviting us to attend the 77th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. We are sorry to inform you that we are not able to respond to this invitation by attending your Assembly.

We also thank you for the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (i.e. the GKNv subcommittee). Due to the lateness of this document we have not been able to write a reply that could be discussed at your assembly. We intend to offer you a response this Autumn.

May the Lord continue to bless your church in all its endeavours and in the proceedings of your assembly in particular. May you hold high the faith once for all delivered for the saints and serve faithfully in the Kingdom of our Saviour and Lord. To Him be the glory for ever!

Yours in Christ,
for the Committee:
Rev. M.H. Oosterhuis, General Secretary

Communication 6
The Presbytery of Michigan & Ontario
May 24, 2010

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

The Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, at its stated meeting on May 17, 2010, determined to seek your advice regarding the licensure of Mr. Douglas Bylsma.

FG XXI.3 requires: “The presbytery shall therefore license a candidate only if he has received a bachelor of arts degree, or its academic equivalent, from a college or university of reputable academic standing, and has completed an adequate course of study lasting at least one year and a half in a theological seminary.”
Appendix

FG XXI.6 requires: “That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unqualified men into the sacred office, no exception shall be made of any of the educational or other requirements for licensure outlined above unless the presbytery, after reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it may offer, shall judge, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, that the exception is warranted by the manifest qualifications of the candidate for the holy office of the gospel ministry.”

Mr. Bylsma has completed his licensure requirements before the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario. Mr. Bylsma is a ruling elder and has served at Grace Covenant Church in Sheffield, ON, Canada for over 7 years. He has completed a Bachelor of Theology at Haddington House in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada, and has served a 4 month internship under Grace Covenant Church at Living Hope, Vineland, ON, Canada (a mission work). Mr. Bylsma’s B.Th. is not accredited, but upon review Presbytery considers it equivalent to an M.Div.

Mr. Bylsma does not have a “bachelor of arts degree, or its academic equivalent” as required by FG XXI.3.

The Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario is prepared, at its September 2010 stated meeting, to vote on granting an exception to the educational requirement outlined above and seeks the advice of the 77th General Assembly.

The Presbytery also seeks the advice of the 77th General Assembly with respect to a future call to Mr. Bylsma. If the 77th General Assembly’s advice regarding Mr. Bylsma’s education permits the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario to proceed with his licensure; may the Presbytery process a Call to Mr. Bylsma without returning to a future General Assembly to seek similar advice with respect to FG XXIII.3?

FG XXIII.3 requires: “That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unqualified men into the sacred office the presbytery shall ordain a licentiate, or receive a minister from another denomination, if he has satisfactorily completed the academic requirements set forth in Chapter XXI, Section 3, and an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree.

Ordination of a licentiate, or reception of a minister from another denomination, without the full requirements specified above and in Section 6, below, may be granted as an exception to the above rule only if the presbytery, after reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it may offer, shall judge, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, that such exception is warranted by the qualifications of the candidate.”

Rev. Kenneth A. Smith
Stated Clerk

Communication 7
The Presbytery of Michigan & Ontario        May 24, 2010

Fathers and Brothers:

The Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, at its stated meeting on May 17, 2010, determined to seek your advice regarding receiving Rev. David Vander Meer as a minister of the gospel in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

FG XXIII.3 requires: “That the most effectual measures may be taken to guard against the admission of unqualified men into the sacred office the presbytery shall ordain a
licentiate, or receive a minister from another denomination, if he has satisfactorily completed the academic requirements set forth in Chapter XXI, Section 3, and an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree.

Ordination of a licentiate, or reception of a minister from another denomination, without the full requirements specified above and in Section 6, below, may be granted as an exception to the above rule only if the presbytery, after reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it may offer, shall judge, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, that such exception is warranted by the qualifications of the candidate.”

Rev. Vander Meer has served as an elder and deacon at Seventh Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI (CRC) and as an elder at Trinity CRC, Sparta, MI. He trained for the ministry under the oversight of Classis Grand Rapids North. He served as assistant pastor of Trinity CRC from 2001 through 2003. In 2003, he accepted a call and was ordained as the pastor of Rusk CRC, Rusk, MI (2003 – 2009). Rev. Vander Meer is serving as regular supply at Rockford Springs Community Church (OPC), Rockford Springs, MI, and desires to enter The Orthodox Presbyterian Church as a minister without call.

Rev. Vander Meer does not meet the requirement for “an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree.” Rev. Vander Meer has completed seminary course work and additional course work under the supervision of the Presbytery.

Rev. Vander Meer lacks competency in the Hebrew language, and has affirmed before the presbytery that he will made a continuing endeavor to attain competency until the presbytery is satisfied.

The Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario is prepared, at its September 2010 stated meeting, to vote on granting an exception to the educational requirement “an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree” and seeks the advice of the 77th General Assembly.

Rev. Kenneth A. Smith
Stated Clerk

Communication 8
Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) June 8, 2010

I append an extract minute for your attention.
Yours sincerely,
John MacLeod, Principal Clerk of Assembly

At Edinburgh and within Liberton Kirk there on Tuesday the 18th day of May 2010 years, which day the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) being met and constituted...
Inter Alia
The General Assembly then called for the Report of the Committee on Ecumenical Relations, which being printed and in the hands of members, was referred to by the Convener, who addressed the Assembly thereanent.
It was moved, seconded and agreed that:
The General Assembly note with gratitude their relationship with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly by John MacLeod Assembly Clerk

Communication 9
Reformation Presbytery of the Midwest

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

At a stated meeting held on May 22, 2010, our Presbytery voted “to seek fraternal relations with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.” At an earlier stated meeting held on October 26, 2009, our Presbytery voted “to seek fraternal relations with the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Hanover Presbytery) and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and to explore the possibility of organic union.”

In the interests of promoting the unity of the Bride of the Lamb, we earnestly present these matters before you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Cordially in Christ, Jim Brown, Stated Clerk

Communication 10
Canadian Reformed Churches

Thank you for the invitation to send a fraternal delegate to the forthcoming General Assembly of the OPC to be held in Palos Heights, Ill, from July 7-14, 2010. We regret that we are not able to send delegates this year. By means of this letter we pass on to you some of the decisions made by the General Synod held in Burlington, ON, May 11-26, 2010 and also convey our greetings on behalf of the Canadian Reformed Churches.

Excerpted, with modifications, from the Press Release of Synod 2010:

1. Synod Overview

Synod was preceded by a special prayer service on Monday evening, May 10. On the following day, the delegates elected Rev. R. Aasman to chair the meeting. The following are some of the highlights of the decisions made by Synod.

Theological Seminary: Dr. Jason VanVliet was appointed professor of Dogmatology and Dr. Jannes Smith professor of Old Testament. With thankfulness to the Lord we may report that both men accepted their respective appointments.

Ecclesiastical Fellowship: With thankfulness to God, ecclesiastical fellowship was maintained with all churches with whom such a relationship had been established previously. The relationship with the Free Church Continuing (FCC) was re-instated. Synod decided to enter into ecclesiastical fellowship with the Reformed Churches in Indonesia (RCI) (Timor). Synod decided not to enter into ecclesiastical fellowship with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA). The main reason Synod came to this conclusion was the RPCNA's practice of ordaining women deacons.

Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN): Synod appointed a temporary
sub-committee to investigate the situation in our sister churches in the Netherlands. This Committee will also seek contact with a group of churches that left the RCN. Among other things, the Committee was mandated to express and discuss our grave concerns about a change in how biblical hermeneutics are functioning in the RCN and to pay special attention to the upcoming report on the role of women in the church.

United Reformed Churches of North America: It was decided to continue ecclesiastical fellowship with the URCNA under the adopted rules and to declare that we are still committed to the goal of federative unity and to ask the URCNA whether they are still committed to this goal, too. A letter signed by all the members of Synod will be sent to the upcoming General Synod of the URCNA to be held in London, ON. As an indication of commitment to the process, all the subcommittees were continued.

Bible Translation: The Committee for Bible Translations informed the churches that a new version of the NIV is to be published in 2011. This is a matter of concern since the NIV is used in the official documents of the Church. Since current information about the upcoming new version of the NIV gives little indication of the nature of the changes being contemplated, Synod mandated the Committee for Bible Translations to review this new edition. As part of the mandate, the Committee was asked to investigate the possibility and feasibility of publishing an ecclesiastically-produced and owned Bible translation with the cooperation of English-speaking churches which are members of NAPARC and/or ICRC.

Book of Praise: The Book of Praise used in the churches is undergoing a major revision by updating the language of the rhymed psalms and adding nineteen hymns. Synod adopted a provisional edition for use in the churches, to be presented to Synod 2013 for final approval.

Women’s Voting: Since the 1970s, Synods have received submissions regarding women participating in the voting for office bearers. Synods were unable to reach a clear decision but had opted to maintain the status quo of having only men participate in the voting. Synod decided to affirm that based on 1 Timothy 2:11–15 and 1 Corinthians 14:33–35, and as stipulated in Article 3 of the Church Order, only male communicant members can be called to the special offices of minister, elder, and deacon. Furthermore, Synod decided that that any arrangement for the election of office bearers beyond what has been agreed upon by the churches in Article 3 of the Church Order is a matter of the local regulations, adopted for that purpose by the consistory with the deacons.

Greetings and Prayer for Blessing

While the above indicates our General Synod had a full agenda, we are aware your assembly also has many matters on its agenda. We highlight your ongoing discussion about entering into ecclesiastical fellowship with the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, and your great caution in proceeding due to concerns ably expressed in the Report of your Committee. By means of this letter, we therefore not only send you our heartfelt greetings, but we also indicate it is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide you in all the matters put before you so that you will be a blessing to the churches in which you serve and bring glory to the King of the church.

On behalf of the Committee for Contact with Churches in North America - East,
Rev. Eric Kampen
Corresponding Secretary
Communication 11
Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)  
July 7, 2010

Fraternal Address of the Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)
to the General Assembly 2010 of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear esteemed fathers and brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Please receive the warm Christian greetings of your brothers and sisters in the Église réformée du Québec, the Reformed Church of Quebec (ERQ). We praise our heavenly Father for our fellowship in the one holy catholic and apostolic faith committed once and for all to the saints (Jude 3).

For those of you who are not familiar with the ERQ, permit us to give you a brief introduction to the ERQ. Officially begun in 1988, the ERQ had a vision of forming a single French-speaking Reformed denomination to serve the province of Quebec, Canada. United by a common Reformed confession, namely the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Heidelberg Catechism, we preach Christ and the full counsel of God to the French-speaking people of the province. The ERQ is presently composed of five local congregations, totaling about 250 communicant and non-communicant members.

With regret we cannot address your assembly in person. Our inter-church relations committee has given priority this year to attending the synods of the Canadian Reformed Churches and the United Reformed Churches in North America. Lord willing we may attend your General Assembly in 2011 or 2012.

Concerning the major decisions of the ERQ synod in that past year, we would highlight the extensive discussion about the future of one of our local congregations. The previous pastor was honourably released from his responsibilities, and the two remaining members of the session were also relieved of their duties due to age and health issues. For nearly a year, a provisional session has been seeking to renew the congregation. You might pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as we seek to shepherd the dozen or so remaining members.

The four remaining churches of the ERQ are doing well, by God’s grace. The two urban center congregations of Montreal and Quebec City are experiencing numerical growth, due in part to new converts, membership transfers, and births. We are particularly encouraged by the public profession of faith of our covenant youth. For many members, these youth represent the second generation of the Reformed witness in the province of Quebec which had been revived during the late 1970s and early 1980s. As this second generation of believers begin to marry, we rejoice to see the third generation be born and received into the Church through covenant baptism.

With respect to our inter-church relations, the ERQ synod of March 2010 adopted the motion to establish ecclesiastical fellowship with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For more than twenty-five years, the PCA has been actively involved with and supporting the missionary endeavours of the ERQ. Two additional PCA ministers will join us, Lord willing, near the end of 2010 in order to work actively in the Montreal area with the Muslim and Mandarin communities. In 2007, the General Assembly of the PCA invited the ERQ into ecclesiastical fellowship. After investigating several particular questions about PCA doctrine and practice, as well as consulting with the inter-church relations committees of the CanRC, OPC, and URCNA, the ERQ synod received the PCA as a sister church.

We continue our corresponding relationship with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations of the OPC. Our face-to-face discussions during the annual
NAPARC meetings are informative and constructive. We understand that the CEIR will be recommending that your assembly receive the ERQ into ecclesiastical fellowship. We would be delighted to see such a relationship materialize. Once the invitation is extended, our committee will recommend establishing full sister-church relations with the OPC to the ERQ synod.

We would end our address with an appeal for your intercessory prayers on behalf of the Lord’s work in the ERQ, even as we pray for the OPC. Our Lord and Saviour has mandated us to make disciples of all nations. We rejoice to fulfill this mission amongst the nations represented in North America.

With Christian greetings,
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Communication 12

July 6, 2010

The Rev. George R. Cottenden
Stated Clerk of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
607 N. Easton Road, Bldg. E
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Dear Mr. Cottenden:

Greetings in the name of our gracious and sovereign God!

We have been unable to get a PCA representative who was able to attend the OPC General Assembly. We regret that we were unable to do so. Please accept our apology.

Last week we were pleased to receive the Rev. Dr. Anthony Curto as the OPC Fraternal Delegate to the PCA General Assembly. We appreciated his gracious remarks to us.

I am attaching a summary of the actions of our last week’s Assembly as well as a copy of the letter that our General Assembly sent to the President of the United States regarding a proposed change in the law governing homosexuals in the U.S. military.

We pray that the Lord will bless Donald Duff upon his retirement and bless you in your beginning your service as Stated Clerk.

We pray that the Lord will guide you by his Word and Spirit as you gather to deliberate upon the ecclesiastical matters that are before you.

Cordially in Christ,
L. Roy Taylor
Stated Clerk of the
General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church in America
Communication 13

From David Meredith, Fraternal Delegate from the Free Church of Scotland
Subject: Re: greetings
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2010 09:12:01 +0100
From: David Meredith <dcmeredith@gmail.com>
To: Peter Wallace <wallace.1@opc.org>
References: <4C23AF1B.5020101@opc.org>

Peter - thanks for the e mail. It was so nice to meet with you and I hope that your GA goes well next week. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend and please ensure that my greetings and apologies are noted.

Hope to meet up again.
With kindest regards,
David M(eredith)
APPEALS

Appeal 1

Appeal of Miss Bethanie Stahl, Mrs. Carol Mather, and Stephen Mather

May 22, 2010

And now, this 22th day of May, A.D. 2010, come Bethanie Stahl, Carol Mather, and Stephen Mather and appeal from the pronouncement of the censure of rebuke by the Session of Stratford OPC in the case of Bethanie Stahl, Carol Mather, and Stephen Mather, asking for the censure to be vacated, and in support of said appeal sets forth the following specifications of error:

Specification of Error 1:

The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing censure “before the expiration of the time in which the accused may file notice of appeal. If notice of appeal is filed and an appeal is taken within the time prescribed by the Book of Discipline, Chapter VII, the trial judicatory may not execute its judgment unless and until the judgment is affirmed by the judicatory to which final appeal is taken.” (BOD IV.C.3.b)

The report of the presbytery’s own committee report (Attachment A) regarding this appeal defines the following history: “On February 5, 2009 Miss Bethanie Stahl, Mrs. Carol Mather, and Mr. Stephen Mather filed three (3) charges against Mr. [X] with the Stratford OPC session. The charges were for the alleged offenses of breaking the first, second, and ninth commandments, respectively. The Session of Stratford OPC performed a preliminary investigation and communicated its findings, on February 12, 2009, to the accusers and informing them that judicial process would not be instituted. Furthermore, in the same letter, the Stratford session informed the accusers that they have received the censure of rebuke for their bringing this charge. On March 3, 2009 the accusers filed an appeal of the censure with the Presbytery of New Jersey.” (Emphasis added.)

The appellants argue that the purpose of the delay in pronouncing censure is to preserve the right of those censured to appeal prior to the pronouncement of censure. Yet in this case, the appellants were and are to this day placed under the censure of the church without that right of prior appeal. The denial of that right is prima facie evidence of injustice, warranting the censure to be vacated. No judicatory of the OPC is allowed to pronounce censure in violation of the BOD IV.C.3.b.

Specification of Error 2:

The Session of Stratford OPC erred by failing to cite the appellants to present themselves for censure at the time appointed. The Book of Discipline VI.A.2 requires not only one but two citations before the judicatory is permitted to pronounce censure in their absence. In this case, the Session of Stratford OPC pronounced censure, by email correspondence, in the absence of the appellants, immediately upon their determination not to institute judicial process. (Attachment B)

The appellants note that the presbytery sustained this specification of error, thus admitting that the constitutional rights of the appellants required by BOD VI.A.2 were denied. Despite
that acknowledgment, the presbytery committee report states that this error was not “so important as to require the reversal or modification of the judgment of the session.” The appellants argue to the contrary, that the denial of their right to both appear for censure and appeal the censure prior to receiving the censure is manifest injustice, warranting the censure to be vacated. No judicatory of the OPC is allowed to pronounce censure in violation of the BOD VI.A.2. It is unconstitutional for a member of the church to be censured by email correspondence with no citation to appear in person.

**Specification of Error 3:**

The Session of Stratford OPC erred in presuming jurisdiction over persons outside of the Stratford session’s jurisdiction.

The Book of Discipline II.A.1 defines the matter of jurisdiction unequivocally: “Original jurisdiction over an individual belongs to the judicatory of the body of which the individual is a member.” BOD II.B.1 states with equal clarity, “The session of a particular church shall have jurisdiction over all those whose names are on the roll of the church.”

It might be argued that the provisions of BOD III.6 could be interpreted as to transfer original jurisdiction of those who present charges to the judicatory who is receiving the charges, but the appellants argue that such a presumption would necessarily contradict the explicit definitions of jurisdiction found in BOD II, which admit of no exceptions. BOD III.6 clearly issues a warning to those who present charges, that they may become subject to censure themselves, but it says nothing about transferring their jurisdiction in order to receive that censure. They remain under the original jurisdiction of the church in which they are members.

The appellants believe that the session of Stratford OPC violated the constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church when they communicated the following by letter to the appellants on February 8, 2009 (Attachment C), requesting them to appear in order to be warned of possible censure: “Whether you attend the meeting or not you are hereby solemnly warned that if you continue with your charges and they are found not to warrant judicial process you may be censured up to rebuke by the session of Stratford without trial. The Stratford session may bring you to trial for unwarranted charges and if found guilty you may be awarded a greater censure. By bringing the charges against [Mr. X] who is a member of Stratford OPC you are placing yourself under the jurisdiction of the Stratford session in this matter.”

The appellants argue that no such transfer of jurisdiction is permitted by our BOD. Further, they argue that they are not subject to being tried by the session of Stratford OPC in reference to these same circumstances, and they plead earnestly for the General Assembly to free them from the threatening warning of another judicatory assuming original jurisdiction of them even unto excommunication, believing such jurisdiction “belongs to the judicatory of the body of which the individual is a member.” (BOD II.A.1) By presuming this unconstitutional jurisdiction, the Stratford OPC session has violated the constitutional rights not only of the appellants but the Session of Providence OPC, Mantua, New Jersey, under whose jurisdiction the appellants are by virtue of their church membership.

In the analogous circumstance of the judicial culpability of a witness under the jurisdiction of one judicatory who refuses to appear when cited by another judicatory, BOD IV.A.4.f specifies the procedure to be followed: “If a member of the church under the jurisdiction
of another judicatory has been cited as a witness, and such person refuses to appear, the trial judicatory will communicate the facts to judicatory having jurisdiction over the person concerned.” The appellants argue that if the Stratford OPC Session determined that the appellants were worthy of censure in this case, an analogous course of action was the only legitimate response afforded to them by the BOD. The session should have communicated the facts to the judicatory having jurisdiction over the appellants. Constitutionally, however, the session was not permitted to presume original jurisdiction themselves.

Specification of Error 4

The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing a censure that came about as a result of an improper preliminary investigation. The constitutional circumstance which allows for censure “pronounced without a trial” (BOD III.6) is that “the judicatory, after conducting the preliminary investigation defined in this chapter, Section 7, determines that judicial process with respect to such charge may not be instituted.”

With regard to charges one and two, the Session in preliminary investigation determined that the specifications, if true, would support the charge; and that the charge, if proved true, would constitute an offense serious enough to warrant a trial. (Attachment D) However, the Session determined not to institute judicial process because they judged the accusers incompetent to present a charge and judged a transcript inadmissible as evidence because it resulted from a recording of a Sunday School class which the session declared to be unauthorized. The appellants note that the purpose of the preliminary investigation should have been to consider the apparent authenticity of the recording and transcript. The session should have judged whether or not the recording and transcript were authentic, not whether or not they as a session had authorized them. Indeed, if it was authentic, it ought to be the final evidence used to determine either guilt or innocence of the accused. Yet it was excluded because the session said that it wasn’t authorized. Even further, however, without the recording, there were two witnesses prepared to testify. But the session determined they were not competent witnesses. As a result, with no recording and no witnesses, there was no evidence. Thus the preliminary investigation concluded there would be no trial.

That raises a much more significant issue in this specification of error. In the words of a written sessional preliminary investigation report (Attachment E), it is noted: “The witnesses cited are not competent to bring a charge concerning a theological matter. The bringers are not theologically competent to judge whether Mr. [X] was teaching heresy. They wrongly constructed what he said as evidenced by the fact that all office bearers present construed what he said as within the bounds of orthodoxy. None of the office bearers present at the class questioned his teaching.” (Emphasis added.)

Thus, by use of the evidence provided by “all office bearers present” when the questioned teaching was presented, the session judged that the charges were false and that the expressed views of the particular teacher were, therefore, not subject to judicial question. Upon that basis and with the evidence provided by others, the appellants were judged as incompetent to bring a charge on a theological matter. By use of this circular reasoning, the session members have obviously judged the actual case. The session determined by their own judgment, upon the basis of admitted evidence, that the charges were false, and then judged the accusers to be incompetent to bring a charge on a theological matter because the charges were false charges. Then, upon that basis of the theological incompetence of the accusers who brought false charges, the session determined that those charges would not be judged by instituting judicial
process. Finally, because the session determined not to proceed to trial, the session censured the accusers for bringing false charges.

The logical conclusion of the preliminary investigation which was conducted is that these charges could not be brought to trial to determine if they were true because the accusers were judged to be incompetent to bring the charges on the basis of a sessional determination in preliminary investigation that the charges were not true. Yet such a determination is not the proper consideration of a preliminary investigation, which has as its starting point the hypothetical assumption that the specifications were true in order to ask the question, “Do the specifications support the charge.” It is well worth noting that had the session instituted judicial process and found the charges to be false by evidence presented in judicial process, the appellants would not have been subject to immediate censure according to the provisions of BOD III.6, pronounced upon them without a trial.

The appellants note that, on appeal, the report of the committee of the Presbytery of New Jersey appointed to respond to this appeal upheld a specification of error (as articulated by that committee) which asserted that “the three charges against Mr. [X] were not false.” The committee thus reported affirmatively that, by the determination of a preliminary investigation, the charges were not false. Yet even so, the committee opined in such a way as to justify the action of the session, “While the committee is of the opinion that the preliminary investigation of the Stratford session did, in fact, judge the merits of the case and not the case itself, the use of the language “false charges” made it sound as if they judged the case itself. The session would have done better had they spoken of the appellants as those who brought “meritless charges” rather than “false charges.”

The appellants have no ability to defend their appeal if the opinion of the appellate judicatory is allowed to substitute for the actual, recorded actions of a lower judicatory. We appeal against the actions of the session, not against the words which, in the opinion of a presbytery committee, the session would have “done better” to use. The words they used define the actions they took, and those words must be allowed to speak for themselves. We agree with the impression of the committee, “the use of the language ‘false charges’ made it sound as if they judged the case itself.” Indeed it does! The Session of Stratford OPC explicitly judged that the charges were false. The session exercised the keys of the kingdom of heaven by rebuking the appellants “for the serious offense of bringing false charges against an innocent man.” That is the censure which was imposed upon us. We, the appellants, were censured for bringing false charges. It is that stated action of the Session of Stratford OPC which is the subject of this appeal.

**Specification of Error 5**

The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing a censure that came about in the context of the appearance of judicial prejudice against the appellants. Evidence to demonstrate the appearance of prejudice against the appellants is as follows:

1. The report of the session’s preliminary investigation committee, a committee of one man, articulates “Reasons for Censure of Rebuke” which begin with the words, “The charges are without merit.” Such an opinion, in the preliminary investigation, demonstrates the appearance of prejudgment, for only upon introduction of actual evidence can that determination be made. Additionally, that paragraph of “Reasons for Censure of Rebuke”, imposed without a trial, concludes with these two sentences, “This is the third time two of the
bringers have brought frivolous charges and they were previously censured by the Presbytery of New Jersey. These actions are disruptive to the peace, purity and unity of the church and a serious and needless disruption to the work of the church.” (Emphasis added.)

Such reasoning gives evidence of the appearance of judicial prejudice, for whether or not the appellants have filed charges in prior matters, previous actions are not grounds for the imposition of censure in this matter. That those previous charges are identified as “frivolous” further evidences the appearance of judicial prejudice. The appellants also note that the previous censure (used as grounds for the current censure under appeal) was vacated by action of the 76th General Assembly, which sustained the complaint that the Presbytery of New Jersey erred.

To set the record straight, the appellants have NOT been previously censured by the Presbytery of New Jersey, for that censure, being wrongly imposed as judged by the 76th General Assembly, was vacated. In light of the duties required in the ninth commandment, we appeal to this General Assembly to defend our innocency which the report of the preliminary investigation of the Stratford OPC session has called into question. We do so because we believe that “the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment [include] all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbors, as well as our own, especially in public judicature.” (Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.145, emphasis added.)

The 76th General Assembly further made amends in that case which included the following: “That the Assembly...encourage the Presbytery of New Jersey to be careful to avoid receiving evidence in the matter before voting on a motion not to institute judicial process following a preliminary investigation–and, as the Presbytery of New Jersey receives this advice, to consider whether it needs to make any further amends with respect to the original complainants regarding such.” (Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, Paragraph 195) In response, the Presbytery of New Jersey determined, in December 2009, to “apologize” (Attachment F) to those involved (including two of the three current appellants) on the following grounds, “A. The Presbytery adopted a chronology at its December 2008 stated meeting which potentially or possibly contained accusations against some of the chargers. B. The Presbytery–as it carried out its duty to perform a Preliminary Investigation through a committee, allowed the work done by the Committee to be accepted, even though it did not adhere to the BOD as closely as it ought to have done.” The apology was sent by email attachment in March 2010.

The appellants note that the focus of that “apology” was the hypothetical possibility that an official document approved by the presbytery contained accusations. The appellants further note that the egregiousness of that document in question was so significant that the moderator of the 76th General Assembly would not permit it to be distributed to that Assembly, and thus we believe the apology was warranted. Nonetheless, these previous matters which warranted an apology from the Presbytery of New Jersey continue to be used as grounds for the current censure under appeal. We believe that to be a demonstration of the appearance of judicial prejudice.

2. Upon debate, the Presbytery of New Jersey received and publicly distributed a petition from the congregation of Stratford OPC dated November 30, 2009 (Attachment G), in which the actions of the appellants are identified as “persecutions.” Those actions in filing charges according to the Book of Discipline of the OPC are described as “matters that have continued far too long in disturbing the peace and good order of the congregation.” We
believe that the presbytery, by receiving and publicly distributing that document, failed to protect the good name of the appellants, thus evidencing an appearance of judicial prejudice prior to hearing the appeal.

3. The imposition of censure by the Stratford OPC Session, in accordance with BOD III.6, was conjoined with the imposition of a “ban” imposed upon at least one of the appellants who had been involved in previous judicial matters. That “ban,” tantamount to a censure of excommunication, included at least one occasion in which one of the appellants was refused the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at Stratford OPC. The “ban” was imposed prior to the actions of the 76th General Assembly and was not removed upon the actions of that Assembly to annul the previous censure. Although BOD III.6 specifies that “no censure stronger than a rebuke shall be pronounced without a trial,” one of the appellants received a letter (Attachment H) dated March 10, 2010 from the session of Stratford OPC stating, “Session will be very happy to lift this Ban when you repent of these sins and are reconciled to the Church and Academy. Until then, please be advised that you are not permitted on the property or to attend any functions of Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church; in addition, the Session firmly upholds the Ban placed on you by Stratford Classical Christian Academy’s Board of Directors. Our prayer is that this [ban] will lead you to repentance.”

We believe that such a “ban” is unconstitutional, unjust, and a demonstration of the appearance of judicial prejudice by the Session of Stratford OPC against the appellants.

4. The Presbytery of New Jersey exacerbated this context of the appearance of judicial prejudice by permitting a member of the lower judicatory (the Stratford OPC Session) to make the motion (upheld) on the floor of Presbytery to select the committee that would review this appeal, a violation of BD VII.7, which states: “When the judgment of a lower judicatory is before an appellate judicatory, neither the appellant, nor any member of the judicatory from whose judgment the appeal is taken shall propose or second motions, or vote in any decisions concerning the case.”

5. The Presbytery of New Jersey exacerbated this context of the appearance of judicial prejudice by failing to make provisions for the appellants’ defense prior to September 2009. Appellants were not represented by counsel at the two judicial committee meetings or at four of the six Stated Meetings of the Presbytery at which the appeal was discussed. The Presbytery failed to inform appellants of their right to a defense counsel at any time in advance to the Presbytery’s committee hearing of the Appeal on July 18, 2009. At that committee meeting, one appellant, a woman unrepresented by any counsel, was the sole representative speaking for the appeal for several hours, alone in a church basement in the presence of seven men. A second appellant, a woman, was compelled of conscience to leave the meeting because her continued presence at that meeting was predicated upon her willingness to take an oath at the insistence of the committee that she would not record the meeting. Unwilling to be bound by that oath, the committee of Presbytery left her no alternative but to absent herself. Committee members advised the appellants at that meeting to obtain counsel, but such wisdom did not preclude them from conducting the meeting in its absence.

6. The Presbytery of New Jersey exacerbated this context of the appearance of judicial prejudice by failing to communicate with the appellants concerning the place or time at which the original appeal would be heard. This error is a violation of BD VII.4, which states, “The clerk of the appellate judicatory shall give the appellant and the lower judicatory from whose judgment the appeal is taken reasonable notice of the time, date, and place fixed by the appellate judicatory for the hearing of the appeal.” In the absence of any notification, the
appellants attended stated meetings of presbytery in February 2009, April 2009, September 2009, December 2009, February 2010 and April 2010. The appeal was finally heard at the April 2010 meeting, with no previous notice given to the appellants by the clerk.

7. The Presbytery of New Jersey exacerbated this context of the appearance of judicial prejudice by receiving the committee report in which the following reasoning was adduced to support the conclusion of the session’s preliminary investigation: “The Stratford session is correct to presume the innocence of Mr. [X]...In point of fact, the Stratford session ought to presume Mr. [X]’s innocence.” The appellants argue that such a presumption, while appropriate at the outset of trial, is not the appropriate starting point of a preliminary investigation. In such preliminary investigation, neither the guilt nor innocence of the accused is a matter under question, but rather the hypothetical query: “(5) whether the specifications, if true, would support the charge; and (6) also, whether the charge, if proved true, would constitute an offense serious enough to warrant a trial.” (BOD III.7.b) The inability of both the session and presbytery to maintain that distinction and to conduct a preliminary investigation strictly in the hypothetical is precisely the appearance of judicial prejudice which we cite in support of our appeal.

Had the session determined on the basis of those hypothetical questions to institute judicial process, they might well have concluded that the charges were false and that Mr. [X] was innocent, but at that point we would not have been subjected to summary judgment and censure without a trial. It is the pronouncement of that censure of rebuke by the Session of Stratford OPC which we appeal.

Appeal 2


May 21, 2010

To Rev. Donald Duff, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:

On this, the 21st day of May, A.D. 2010, Rev. Benjamin Alvira, Rev. Mark Larson, Rev. John Vroegindewey, Rev. Jeffrey Waddington, et.al. APPEAL the April 27, 2010 decision of the Presbytery of New Jersey that denied the complaint of February 10, 2010 that was filed by the same original persons (represented in PNJ communication #7 of the February 27, 2010 meeting of the presbytery), in order to bring that complaint to the 77th (2010) General Assembly of the OPC for adjudication. Please note that the notice of the Intent to Appeal this complaint was filed with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on May 5, 2010.

Attached is a pdf copy of the complaint that was denied, and is now being appealed. The APPEAL TO THE 77th GA is further attached in a second pdf copy. Thus, there are two pdf attachments to this email.

For the Appellants, Rev. Alan D. Strange has consented to represent us in all matters pertaining to the APPEAL of this complaint to the 77th GA (2010).

A hard copy of this APPEAL, along with the complaint, will also be forwarded to you in quadruplicate by Priority U.S. mail.
Appendix

Please reply by return email to the Clerk of Appellants (RAReith@aol.com) your receipt of this APPEAL. Thank you.

Rev. Benjamin Alvira, Appellant
Rev. Mark Larson, Appellant
Rev. John Vroegindewey, Appellant
Rev. Jeffrey Waddington, Appellant
Elder Robert Freeman, Appellant
Elder Robert Terwilliger, Appellant
Elder Robert A. Reith, Appellant and Clerk

In Christ’s service,
Robert A. Reith, Clerk for Appellants

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APPEAL TO THE 77TH GA (2010) OF THE COMPLAINT BROUGHT TO THE
PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY IN RE: A NULL AND VOID MOTION

The complainants append the following reasons justifying the appeal of the denial of this complaint to the highest judicatory:

1. The reasoning of the committee of the Presbytery of New Jersey (PNJ) that considered this complaint, and thus shaped much of the discussion in the PNJ, was overly narrow, focusing only on the action of 1 December 2009 and finding it essentially not amenable to complaint. The action of the PNJ on 1 December 2009, however, involved a failure to declare a previous parliamentary tactic, and all that followed in its wake, to be null and void. The parliamentary maneuver in question that the judicatory was asked to declare unconstitutional had had the effect of overturning the clear disciplinary process set forth in BD IV.C.3.b and BD VII.1-4.

2. In fine, a trial at the sessional level of one of the congregations of the PNJ—the Session in question being entirely augmented for equity’s sake—had found an accused party guilty; the guilty party, though refusing to come to the trial, appealed to the PNJ. The PNJ found the appeal untimely and did not grant it. Though in the abstract one might fault the PNJ for holding an appellant so strictly to the BD (and wonder whether equity was done in his case, prompting, as it did, the honorable brethren of the PNJ to reconsider), the particulars of the case suggest that strict adherence to the BD, even as to the timeliness of the appeal, was warranted, especially insofar as the appellant refused to come to trial, insisting that he did not want his case adjudicated in ecclesiastical court and threatening a defamation suit if his case continued in ecclesiastical court.

3. Historically, the PNJ, and the GA, have had little sympathy for convicted parties who refused to come to their trials and who appealed to higher judicatories instead of submitting to the trial judicatory having original jurisdiction (Minutes, 1997 GA, p. 59). In appealing to the PNJ, in fact, the convicted party rendered hollow his claim that he did not wish his case to be in ecclesiastical court, because at the point of the appeal to the PNJ, the appellant became the plaintiff, the party keeping the matter alive in ecclesiastical court (though a civil trial was still ongoing).
4. The accused, however, though the PNJ denied his judicial appeal, did not appeal further to the GA, the only recourse open to him in the wake of the PNJ’s denial (if he wished to continue to contest the decision of the trial judiciary). Three meetings later other parties moved to reconsider the denial of his appeal. It is this process to which the complainants object: not only did the PNJ use a parliamentary tactic wrongly (some actions not being amenable to reconsideration), but it also, by so doing, permitted a dubious use of Robert’s Rules of Order to overturn the clear process of the Book of Discipline.

5. It is inimical to Presbyterian law to permit a mere motion or memorial in the ordinary judicatory to overturn a matter decided by a trial judicatory or the appeal of a trial judicatory: “Were the Assembly to allow a judicial case, when once adjudicated, to be revived on a simple memorial, it would give rise to endless litigation, insomuch that no judicial case could ever be known to be finally settled” (Minutes, 1858 GA, p. 297). The only vehicle that could properly bring a judicial case before an appellate court “in an orderly manner” is an appeal, not a motion to reconsider a decided appeal (cf. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Presbyterian Law, pp. 192-94: trials and appeals should be conducted “strictly according to the ‘Book of Discipline’”).

6. No small part of the reasoning behind the denial of the complaint by the PNJ seemed to be that the complaint should have been lodged directly against the action of the PNJ on 28 April 2009 in adopting the parliamentary tactic to overturn the BD. This parliamentary tactic, however, was not only on its face out of order but had itself been employed 7 months (and three presbytery meetings later) after the lawful BD decision. It seems anomalous to us that a dubious parliamentary tactic used significantly after a lawful BD decision should be permitted while a complaint filed at the end of a train of attempts to overturn the unconstitutional parliamentary tactic would be disallowed. This complaint was scored for dealing with a motion two presbytery meetings after the adoption of the April 2009 parliamentary maneuver (which tactic was three meetings after the lawful BD decision).

7. It should be noted that in the immediate wake of the parliamentary maneuver of April 2009, most of the complainants (with the exception of one) had filed a protest against the tactic, had called for the restoration of the BD process, and had asked that such a parliamentary maneuver be declared unconstitutional. A member of the Stratford Session, at the PNJ meeting of September 2009, in response to the protest, moved that the parliamentary tactic of April 2009 and the actions that followed in its wake be declared to be null and void. The moderator of the PNJ ruled this motion out of order for a member of the Stratford session to make (regarding him as ineligible to make such a motion), saying that other presbyters were free to bring such a motion. As it was late in the meeting and certain principals had left, no one was prepared at that point to bring such a motion.

8. At the next meeting, however, in December 2009, men were prepared to bring a motion asking the PNJ to declare the parliamentary tactic of April 2009 to be unconstitutional and all that followed that particular maneuver to be null and void. Again, it was late in the meeting (as it had been at the April 2009 meeting) and a diminished presbytery, on a close vote, defeated the null and void motion.

9. The reason that the complainants did not immediately complain against the action
of April 2009 but first protested and then sought otherwise to overturn that action was two-fold. First, there was a slow growing awareness between the April 2009 and subsequent meetings (September and December 2009) of the precise nature of the unconstitutional action of April 2009 and of how wrong it was from a number of perspectives. And, secondly, the protesters and complainants genuinely sought through an orderly process short of complaint to persuade the PNJ to deal with this unconstitutional action that it had taken.

10. It is the case that our book requires the following affirmation in the filing of a complaint: “In bringing this complaint I affirm that I believe that the session (or presbytery) has erred (or has been delinquent) and that this error (or delinquency) is serious; that I have tried to understand the session’s (or 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; and that I have made a serious effort to correct the error (or delinquency) short of entering a complaint.”

11. It is our conviction that too often such a statement (in 10, above) is merely pro forma. We agree that if we had taken no action of any kind by way of protest until the 1 December 2009 meeting that that might raise the kind of questions that the committee that dealt with this in the PNJ raised. However, given the serious attempts to re-visit this unconstitutional motion short of a complaint, we do not believe that waiting until following the defeat of the December motion should count against us but rather be taken as a mark of how we sought to deal in respectful forbearance with our brethren. Instead of being scored for not filing an immediate complaint, we believe that we should be recognized as seeking to deal with this without filing a complaint.

12. It has been previously noted herein that decisions relative to this complaint have been taken late in meetings, with diminished attendance and close votes. The denial of this complaint certainly occurred under such conditions, with the vote to deny coming more than half an hour after the time for adjournment with half of the voting members of that day gone and the vote close. Some may even have voted to deny, a conclusion based on some of the speeches made, because this was, the “easiest way to get this matter before the GA, which is where it will surely, one way or another go:” words to this effect were expressed in the debate. It is the contention of the appellants that a GA decision on these important constitutional matters is needed, a decision rendered by a full body able soberly to assess all the facts.

The Complaint

To John Stevenson, Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this 10th day of February, A.D. 2010, comes Rev. Benjamin Alvira, Rev. Mark Larson, Rev. John Vroegindewey, Rev. Jeffrey Waddington, Elder Robert Reith, Elder Robert Terwilliger, and Elder Robert Freeman, and complain against the action (or delinquency) of the Presbytery of New Jersey in connection with the motion that it failed to adopt at its 1 December 2009 stated meeting, to wit, that the action it took at the April 28 2009 presbytery meeting, to rescind its finding in the matter of Mr. Mehmel’s appeal, was out of
order and therefore should be declared null and void, on the grounds that said action was unconstitutional.

In bringing this complaint we affirm that we believe that the presbytery has erred (or has been delinquent) and that this error (or delinquency) is serious; that we have tried to understand the presbytery’s point of view; that we have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, our willingness to be in subjection to our brothers in Christ; and that we have made a serious effort to correct the error (or delinquency) short of entering a complaint.

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

Once the Presbytery, at its Sept. 2008 stated meeting, made its finding that the Mehmel appeal was out of order, the session of Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church took the following constitutional actions: (Please see addenda A and B for Background and Timeline leading up to the filing of this complaint)

1. In accordance with the decision of the Presbytery of New Jersey to find the Mehmel appeal out of order and in the absence of any notice of further appeal (to the General Assembly) on the part of Mr. Mehmel or his counsel (Len Chanoux), the Session, following BD VII.6, pronounced the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of membership against Mr. Mehmel on October 18th, 2008.

2. BD VII.6 makes it clear that “if the appellate judicatory does not sustain any of the specifications of error, the judgment of the lower judicatory shall be affirmed.” Accordingly, and in the absence of any further notice of appeal, the Session of Stratford OPC, in accordance with BD IV.C.3., executed its judgment of indefinite suspension.

3. Subsequent to this, and over the course of 7 months (October 2008-April 2009) which included 10 separate meetings (during which time Mr. Mehmel refused to meet with the Session), the Session, acting in accordance with BD VI.C.2.a-b., reviewed the suspension of Mr. Mehmel in March and April 2009 and was not satisfied that he had shown repentance. Accordingly the Session proposed an increase of censure, in accordance with BD VI.C. 3.a., from indefinite suspension to excommunication on April 12, 2009. (See addendum A for background)

4. Mr. Mehmel appealed the proposed increase of censure to the Presbytery of New Jersey and this appeal was in the process of consideration at its April 28, 2009 meeting when a motion was adopted by the Presbytery of New Jersey to rescind the action of September 2008 in which the Presbytery declined to sustain any of the specifications of error in the appeal before it and allowing the Session of Stratford OPC to proceed to pronounce the proposed censure against Mr. Mehmel.

5. The Presbytery’s rescinding of its action permitting the censure of Mr. Mehmel to go forward was in serious error, however. The conditions under which such a rescinding may arguably have been in order would have been before the conclusion of the September 2008 meeting of the PNJ or, in any case, before the Stratford Session lawfully pronounced the censure. Clearly, the proper path for the appellant to have taken if he objected to the finding of the PNJ in the appeal would have been to appeal the decision of the PNJ to the GA. Since he failed to appeal, however, the Stratford
6. It is inimical to Presbyterian government and discipline for the PNJ to allow a dubious use of Robert’s Rules of Order, a disorderly use of the motion to rescind, to trump the clear directives and procedures set forth in our Book of Discipline as that pertains to judicial appeals. In fact Robert’s Rules do not allow a dubious use of itself to supersede the constitution of a body. Robert’s Rules sees itself as being inferior to the constitution of a body. (RONR (10th ed.), p.16, 1.8-14)

7. In fine, the motion to rescind was an unconstitutional use of that motion on two grounds:
   a. According to RONR, a motion to rescind is not in order “when something has been done, as a result of the vote on the main motion, that it is impossible to undo.” While it is clear that the “unexecuted part of an order” may, in some cases, be rescinded, the action taken by the Session to apply a Censure of Indefinite Suspension had already been executed. Thus, the vote to rescind was out of order according to Robert’s Rules of Order (RONR (10th ed.), p. 297, 1.32-35).
   b. Robert’s Rules provisions are entirely subordinate to the Book of Discipline, and therefore no parliamentary procedure may be invoked to overturn a matter taken in accordance with the Book of Discipline. The Book of Discipline is an application of the discipline defined in Scripture. If we allow this illegal use of parliamentary procedure to overturn something lawfully determined by the Book of Discipline, then this action jeopardizes the appeals process specifically and the Biblical process of discipline itself.
   c. An improper motion, upon discovery, is to be declared null and void (RONR (10th ed.), p. 332, 1.15-18; p. 106, 1.20-25). The motion to rescind was Improper and should be declared “null and void.” As a further remedy, the judicatory should return to the point at which it was considering Mr. Mehmel’s appeal of the increase of his censure to excommunication (as described in 3, above) at the meeting of April 28, 2009.

Signed by Complainants: Date: February 17th, 2010

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

I PURPOSE

The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of three members, one member in each class. The Committee shall (1) Report to the General Assembly the funds that are available for the travel expenses of the commissioners to that Assembly, (2) Recommend to each General Assembly a date and place for the next General Assembly, and (3) 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. [Standing Rule X.2.h]

II ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Committee will give a full financial report at the Assembly regarding funds that are available for the travel expenses of the commissioners to this year’s Assembly. We expect that the funds necessary to cover this year’s anticipated costs will be readily available.

The Committee has worked throughout the year to assure that the arrangements are in place for this year’s General Assembly. The chairman made a site visit to the campus of Trinity College in May to meet with the college’s Conference and Events Director to review the needs of the Assembly. This year also marked the second year utilizing online registration. We believe it has saved the commissioners time and money and will continue to be a standard way of operating in the future.

The Committee also continues to evaluate sites for future Assemblies. The Committee has worked hard at finding sites that will meet the Assemblies’ needs as well as budget constraints. Of particular focus has been the venue for the 78th General Assembly, at which we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the denomination. The 76th General Assembly has already approved the site selection of Sandy Cove Conference Center in Northeast, Maryland. The Committee is tentatively working on sites for the 79th and 80th Assemblies. Due to the high cost anticipated for the 75th celebration, the Committee is working on finding a low cost location for the following year. We have tentatively made arrangements to hold this Assembly at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. We anticipate the 80th Assembly will be held on the west coast, most likely in the Bay area.

III 2011 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Committee requests the Assembly to set aside $5,000 for the work of the Committee in 2011.

IV RECOMMENDATION

Due to ongoing work of the Committee, the Committee has only one recommendation at this time. The Committee on Arrangements recommends that the General Assembly elect one alternate member to assist the Committee.
V ELECTION

The current make-up of the Committee is as follows:

Class of 2012    Robert M. Meeker
Class of 2011    David E. Haney
Class of 2010    John R. Muether

In accordance with Standing Rule X.2.h., The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of three members, one member in each class. The term of John R. Muether expires at this Assembly. He is eligible to be re-elected.
REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

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I INTRODUCTION

The present Stated Clerk has served in the Office of Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for six three year terms. At this General Assembly the present clerk will retire and the Rev. George R. Cottenden, who was elected at the last assembly, will become the new clerk. The Stated Clerk works out of the Orthodox Presbyterian Administration Building at 607 N. Easton Road in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

II GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCKET

A. Appeals

The Clerk has received two appeals for the 77th General Assembly.

B. Docket and Time Schedule

Like last year, the assembly is to start with a worship service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the plan is to go through the docket up to item 14 on that opening evening. There will be a joint communion service with the local churches on Sunday evening. The advisory committees will start work right away on Thursday morning. The proposed dockets for the past three years allowed for a more relaxed schedule than had been previously followed. Essentially a full business day went from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations has made the following request as taken from the minutes:

2. EVENING FOR FRATERNAL DELEGATES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
   On motion, the Committee requested the secretary to write to the Stated
Clerk, requesting an early recess Friday evening during the Assembly to allow the CEIR to meet with fraternal delegates.

In the discussion surrounding the motion, the committee expressed its desire to have some time to sit down with fraternal delegates from around the world. In the past we have done this on Saturday evening, but some men have missed it due to the need to travel in order to preach on Sunday (and there is a desire to avoid working on Saturday evening).

This request has been followed in the proposed docket.

C. Agenda

The *Agenda for the 77th General Assembly* was mailed to commissioners by June 7. All reports for the Agenda from Special and Standing Committees were due, according to SR 5.9, on May 7, 2010. This year five reports were in on time.

III  AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THIS ASSEMBLY

A. Book of Church Order (BCO)

The 76th General Assembly proposed to the presbyteries for approval a new *Directory For the Public Worship of God*. During the year the presbyteries have voted on this matter. Of the sixteen presbyteries thirteen have voted to approve the new directory and three presbyteries voted not to approve it. The 76th General Assembly also proposed to the presbyteries certain amendments to the *Form of Government*. All sixteen presbyteries have approved these amendments. Since these proposed revisions required a majority of the presbyteries to approve them they will take effect on January 1, 2011 in accordance with the directive of the 76th General Assembly (cf. *Minutes of the 76th General Assembly* §120, p. 38).

B. Standing Rules (SR)

The 76th General Assembly proposed to the 77th General Assembly several changes to the *Standing Rules*.

1. That the following amendments to SR X.2.h., be proposed to the 77th General Assembly:

   “h. The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of three members, one member in each class. If the full Committee is not present during the Assembly, temporary members will be assigned by the Assembly. The Committee shall…”

   [Numbers (1) through (3) will remain the same]

   (4) It shall recommend to the Assembly the granting of excuses and the method of reimbursement of the Commissioners’ expenses.

   (5) Members of this Committee will be exempt from serving on temporary or advisory committees.
In addition, delete Chapter X.4.a.(3).

2. That SR XIII.e be amended, in accordance with the amendment to the Instruments to read “Coordinating the Worldwide Outreach of the Church.”

3. That there be a new item 4 in the SR IX.4 (with the remaining items renumbered) to read: “When available, electronic voting may replace other means of voting with appropriate adjustments to conform as closely as possible with the rules given above.”

IV 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 concluded in connection with the work and actions of the Assembly. The editing and publication of the General Assembly Minutes and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Directory (Directory), along with the preparation of the Agenda, require a great deal of time.

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. Many of these reports are on the website, but there are still reports that must be looked up and copied for those who ask for them.

For nine years, there has been an OPC web page (http://www.opc.org). There is more information on this website in the report of the Committee on Christian Education. The Clerk has had very little to do during the year with regard to the web page. The Clerk has spent some time supplying updates to the Directory. The Clerk does 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 Subcommittee 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 roundabout way and, if someone thinks a matter has been missed that 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 their flow of information and in support of their work.

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 SR 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 meeting 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.

B. Publications

1. Minutes
   a. The Minutes of the 76th General Assembly are 477 pages in length compared to 390 pages for the Minutes of the previous year. The Minutes were delivered on November 25, 2008. The Clerk has used the services of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Mininger in formatting the Minutes for publication.
   b. Cost: Printing and distribution of the Minutes in 2009 cost $12,817.19. One needs also to realize that there is more expense in editing and copying. 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 denomination with a request to contribute $15 per copy to cover the cost of printing. The Minutes were sent out as directed. Many sent in a contribution of $15 which has been a big help. Contributions and sale of the Minutes amounted to $3,702 in 2009. The Minutes are mailed to churches with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has ecclesiastical relations and are sold to some nineteen libraries that have requested them.

2. OPC Directory
   a. The 2009 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 December 17, 2008, and 9,000 copies were received on, January 7, 2009. They were distributed to the churches. The cost of printing and distributing them was $7,985. The Stated Clerk solicited advertising for the 2009 OPC Directory in the amount of $4,550. Dr. James W. Scott did a lot of work in formatting the Directory.
   b. PLEASE NOTE: It is imperative that, when there are changes to be made to the Directory, 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 has been printed with all the amendments that took place in accordance with FG XXXII. 2 on January 1, 2005. The book is published in hardback and includes an index. 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. Do note that the BCO can also be found on the OPC web page. A new edition of the BCO should be printed, according to FG XXXII. 2, in 2010. The General Assembly has directed that the revisions of the Directory of the Public Worship and the Form of Government will go into effect on January 1, 2011 and new BCO will be printed by then.

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 (GAOF). A letter was
sent to all the sessions on July 27, 2009, concerning the actions of the General Assembly, including the request for funds for the GAOF. Along with that letter, forms were sent to help in determining what each church should contribute to the GAOF. We received $160,410 in contributions in 2009, and we had budgeted for $173,000. (See the Report of the Trustees, page 304.)

2. The Clerk prepared vouchers in 2009 for expenses charged to the GAOF.

3. 2011 GAOF Budget: Under the provisions of the Standing Rules III.3.j.(4) and XI.2.e., the Clerk has met with the Trustees of the General Assembly and has prepared together with them a proposed budget for the GAOF for 2011. This proposed budget for 2011 is to be found in the Report of the Trustees.

4. Expenses for the GAOF in 2009 were $31,962 less than had been budgeted for 2009. Expenses in 2009 exceeded receipts by $44,966 (Please note: For 2009 the General Assembly asked for $14 per communicant member and the budget had a built-in deficit of $58,911. There remained $95,328 in the GAOF at the end of 2009 of which $7,500 is set aside in reserve for the 75th anniversary). The General Assembly should know that we used to ask for $16 per communicant member, and we were running a considerable surplus in the GAOF. For several years the General Assembly has asked for $14 per communicant member and has adopted a deficit budget with the purpose of drawing down the surplus. That has been done and the Trustees in their recommendation for the 2011 budget are taking this matter into account as they recommend a request of $16 per communicant member in 2011.

5. The Committee on Coordination receives the income for the GAOF and issues payments, which the Clerk authorizes, from the fund. The Committee on Coordination also ensures that the GAOF is audited each year.

V. SOME PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS:

As I retire, after serving as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for eighteen years, I would like to take this opportunity for some personal observations.

1. Being almost as old as the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and having grown up most of my life in the church, I want to say how much I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the church as the first full-time Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity as well as in four different presbyteries across the country. I am very appreciative of the many busy men (pastors, clerks of sessions or presbyteries, general secretaries, writers of reports, the Historian, and the Statistician) who give of their time and effort to make the clerk’s job possible. I must acknowledge the helpful support of the staff in the office in Willow Grove. Since there is not often an opportunity to say this to the church, let me say that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has been blessed with a dedicated staff in the home office. It is a staff that works well together and serves the church faithfully and with a spirit of humble service. I will miss working with them.

2. In thinking about the future work of the Stated Clerk I would like to suggest a couple to things for the General Assembly to consider.

a. It would be good if the Stated Clerk was a member of the Committee on Ecumenicity. Other churches correspond with the clerk and he in turn corresponds with them. The clerk invites churches to send fraternal delegates to the General Assembly.

b. Ultimately the matter of arrangements for the General Assembly should be part of the Office of the Stated Clerk. There would likely be a need for secretarial help for this. Presently there are those who are basically volunteering to do a job which just has to be done. The Clerk is the one who receives the notice of those who are commissioners and fraternal delegates to the General Assembly. Perhaps there could be a Committee for the Stated Clerk to help with arrangements like there is a Committee for the Historian.
VI RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Moderator declare that since a majority of the presbyteries have voted to approve the revised *Directory for the Public Worship of God* and the proposed revisions to the *Form of Government* that these revisions will go into effect on January 1, 2011.

2. That at the appropriate place in the Docket that the proposed changes to the *Standing Rules* be considered for possible adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Duff
THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO THE 77th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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I MEETING

The Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church met for the regular annual meeting on March 2, 2010. The elected officers of the Trustees are: Martin L. Dawson, Sr., President; Stephen L. Phillips, Vice President; Samuel H. Bacon, Secretary; Edward K. Tress, 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 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service assigned The Orthodox Presbyterian Church the EIN 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 Internal Revenue 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 contact the Department of Revenue of the state in which the church is located.

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 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. Form SS-4 is also available for printing at the IRS web site at www.irs.gov. You may also apply online at www.irs.gov. After applying, the IRS will notify you of the number assigned. The Trustees urge each congregation and mission work of the denomination to apply for an EIN.

IV LEGAL CONSULTANT

Mr. Timothy Ferguson, an attorney, continues to be available as a legal consultant to ministers, churches, presbyteries and committees in the event of a lawsuit filed against them. Mr. Ferguson has agreed to provide such consultation without requiring a retainer. Mr. Ferguson is an elder of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Pennsville, NJ. He is licensed to practice law in several states including New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He has experience in civil, criminal, corporate and family law. He has provided legal advice to ministers and sessions in regard to church discipline cases, and has represented the Presbytery of New Jersey’s Boardwalk Chapel in matters with the State of New Jersey and the City of Wildwood as well as corporate matters. Mr. Ferguson can provide representation or legal advice. He will also provide referrals to other attorneys in matters outside his expertise or outside the states in which he is licensed to practice.

V COMMITTEE EXPENSES THAT EXCEED BUDGET

The Committees of the General Assembly are reminded that the Instruments of the General Assembly, Section H.2. require that committees expecting to exceed their annual budgets by ten percent or more must seek authorization from the Stated Clerk and the Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

VI STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Donald J. Duff, submitted his final report to the Trustees as he will retire at the conclusion of the 77th General Assembly, after serving the church in this position for 18 years. The Rev. George R. Cottenden, who was elected by the 76th General Assembly, begins his service as Stated Clerk at the 77th General Assembly.
VII TRUSTEES’ REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 77th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips was delegated to present the Report of the Trustees to the 77th General Assembly.

VIII ELECTIONS

A. The present Trustees are:
   1. Class of 2012: Samuel H. Bacon and David E. Haney
   3. Class of 2010: Martin L. Dawson, Sr., and Edward K. Tress

B. The terms of the following trustees expire at this assembly:
   1. Class of 2010: Martin L. Dawson, Sr. (minister), and Edward K. Tress (elder).
   2. One minister and one ruling elder or deacon are to be elected to the class of 2013.

IX RECOMMENDATIONS

A. In regard to the Clerk of the General Assembly, that the following remuneration package for 2011 be adopted.

   Salary      13,992
   Housing Allowance      28,000
   FICA Reimbursement        4,054
   Health Insurance        6,954
   Disability Insurance (est)           600
   Workers Compensation (est)           200
   
   Total       53,800

   Also included are 12 days vacation (3 days per week for 4 weeks). The Stated Clerk’s normal work week will be 3 days per week with the freedom to adjust his schedule according to the workload.

   The Stated Clerk’s workload and compensation package will be reviewed in January 2011 and July 2011.

B. Nominate the Rev. Martin L. Dawson, Sr., and Mr. Edward K. Tress for the Trustees Class of 2013.

C. That the following minute of thanks be adopted:

   The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is thankful to God for the 18 years of faithful
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service of the Rev. Donald J. Duff as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. Mr. Duff’s service has been a great blessing to the church. He has served the church with great distinction, skill and wisdom. His labors have enabled the work of the church to move forward and have furthered the work of the Kingdom of God. We commend him to God’s care during his retirement.

D. 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 2011 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $16 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2011:

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**Ending Balance**

| 73,883              | 87,828  | 28,217  | 15,817     | 15,817 |
Note: At the end of 2009 besides the $87,828 there is $7,500 additional in the GAOF account set aside for the 75th OPC Anniversary GA.

This budget is based on $16 per communicant member. An increase to $17 per communicant member would result in only $400 deficit for the year and an ending balance of $27,817.

X ESTIMATED EXPENSE

The Trustees estimate their costs for 2011 to be $500.

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 2009. The Yearbook contains a tabulated summary of statistics for the whole church, the regional churches, and local congregations, the statistical reports of the presbyteries, and a recapitulation of membership totals since 1938.

I SUMMARY

During 2009 the number of local churches in the OPC increased by three to 271, while the number of unorganized mission works decreased by 7 to 50. Thus, the total number of congregations numbered 321 at the end of the year. Total membership was 29,421 at the end of 2009 with an increase of 407 members (1.40 percent) for the year. Average morning worship attendance decreased by 125 persons (-0.54 percent) to 23,102 as measured in November, and Sunday school attendance decreased by 388 persons (-3.06 percent) to 12,281. Total offerings were $46.6 million, an increase of 1.08 percent from 2008. Although general offerings increased 1.92 percent, benevolence giving declined 1.85 percent and contributions for capital improvements declined 1.84 percent. Average giving per communicant member decreased slightly (-0.63 percent). This report is based on reports received from each presbytery and from local churches and mission works comprising 97 percent of the total church membership.

II CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

The total number of local churches at the end of 2009 stood at 271 – an increase of three churches from 2008. Six mission works were organized as new and separate churches and two churches were received into the OPC as organized churches, while four churches were dissolved and one church withdrew from the OPC. The number of unorganized mission works decreased to 50 as seven new mission works were started or received, while six were organized as churches and eight were terminated. The changes that occurred are listed below with their respective regional churches.

Church Additions (8)

Organized as new and separate churches from mission works
- Grace and Peace, California, Md.
- Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minn.
- Christ Covenant, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Holy Trinity, Davie, Fla.
- Covenant, St. Augustine, Fla.
- OPC of Rio Rancho, N.M.

Received as organized churches
- Immanuel Chapel, Upton, Mass.
- Cornerstone, Arden, N.C.

Regional Church
- Mid-Atlantic
- Midwest
- Ohio
- South
- Southwest
- N.Y. & New Eng.
- Southeast

Church Reductions (5)

Dissolved
- Cornerstone, Germantown, Md.
- Covenant, Eureka, Cal.
- Elkhorn, Helena, Mont.

Regional Church
- Mid-Atlantic
- N. Calif. & Nevada
- Northwest
Covenant Reformed, Longview, Wash.  
Withdrawn from the OPC  
New Life, Canton, N.Y.  
Northwest  
N.Y. & New Eng.

Mission Work Additions (7)

Started or received into the OPC as mission works
Reformation, Floral Park, N.Y.  
Berean, Ogden, Utah  
Hispanic Bible Ministry, Cicero, Ill.  
Redeemer, Airdrie, Alta.  
Grace, Huron, Ohio  
Redeemer, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Covenant, Tucson, Ariz.  
Conn. & So. N.Y.  
Dakotas  
Midwest  
Northwest  
Ohio  
Ohio  
So. California

Mission Work Reductions (14)

Organized as new and separate churches
Grace and Peace, California, Md.  
Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minn.  
Christ Covenant, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Holy Trinity, Davie, Fla.  
Covenant, St. Augustine, Fla.  
OPC of Rio Rancho, N.M.  
Mid-Atlantic  
Midwest  
Ohio  
South  
Southwest

Terminated
Covenant, Bismarck, N.D.  
Christ, Logan, Utah  
Bethel, Toronto, Ont.  
Redeemer, De Kalb, Ill.  
Tabernaculo de Gracia, Camden, N.J.  
Westminster, Carrollton, Ga.  
Providence, Paso Robles, Cal.  
Cedar Park, Austin, Tex.  
Dakotas  
Dakotas  
Mich. & Ontario  
Midwest  
New Jersey  
Southeast  
So. California  
Southwest

III MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The total membership of 29,421 persons at year’s end consisted of 485 ministers, 21,123 communicant members, and 7,813 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents an increase of 407 persons (1.40 percent) from 2008’s adjusted total of 28,537 members. This membership increase is comprised of the net gain of 8 ministers, 358 communicant members, and 41 baptized children. Communicant membership change included 706 professions of faith and 686 reaffirmations of faith. Offsetting these gains were losses from deaths (142), net transfers (204), and discipline & erasures (688). The gain in non-communicants (baptized children) came as the result of additions by 497 baptisms and 480 children received with parents, and of reductions by professions of faith (319), death (1), children dismissed with parents (397), and erasures (219).

Attendance at morning worship in November averaged 23,102, which is 78.5 percent of total membership. This is a decrease of 125 persons (-0.54 percent) from a year earlier. Sunday school attendance in November averaged 12,281, which is 41.7 percent of total membership. This is 388 persons (-3.06 percent) less than in 2008.
IV CONTRIBUTIONS

Total giving in 2009 increased by 1.08 percent from the previous year to $46,575,856, which appears to have benefited from the increase in church membership. Average giving per communicant member (per capita giving) decreased only 0.63 percent to $2,205 in spite of the economic difficulties experienced nationally throughout the year.

The $46.6 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC in 2009 is divided into three categories for the statistical report. General offerings for local church expenses grew by 1.92 percent to $36,502,799, or 78.4 percent of giving. Benevolence offerings (for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry) dropped 1.85 percent to $6,790,182, representing 14.6 percent of total contributions. Offerings designated or used for capital improvements totaled $3,282,875, or 7.0 percent of total giving.

Over the years, the percentage of total offerings devoted to each of the standard reporting categories has varied considerably, as depicted in the chart on the following page (which was omitted from last year’s report as published in the Minutes). The church experienced large capital expenses in its early years as many congregations needed to purchase or construct church buildings. By the early 1950s the church was able to shift its focus toward giving for benevolence objectives, establishing a long-term pattern of allocating an average of 21 percent of giving for benevolence which continued for some four decades. Since the late 1980s, however, this focus on benevolence has given way to a greater emphasis on providing for local expenses. As a result, the percentage of offerings given for benevolence has steadily declined to where it is now 14.6 percent of total giving – the lowest percentage of any year on record since 1940. This 6.4 percentage point difference from the long-term average for benevolence noted above represents a very significant reduction in benevolence giving: amounting to almost $3 million per year.

Finally, bequests received by local churches in 2009 totaled $867,500. This amount does not include bequests received by presbyteries and denominational agencies.

V ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 485 ministers in the OPC at the end of 2009, representing a net increase of eight ministers on the rolls of OPC presbyteries. Eleven men were ordained as ministers and seven ministers were received into the OPC from other churches. Ten ministers were
removed from the rolls of presbyteries for reasons summarized below. Dates and details of ministerial changes are reported in the reports of the presbyteries in the Yearbook.

Ministers Added to the Roll (18)

Ordained

- David A. Booth
- David M. Cornette
- Matthew A. Figura
- John M. Fikkert
- Brad S. Hertzog
- James F. Mong
- Ken B. Montgomery
- Christopher L. Post
- Patrick R. Severson
- Joseph L. Troutman
- Carl R. Trueman

Received into the OPC

- Mark A. Marquis
- Steven P. Marusich
- Brian H. Nicholson
- Robert L. Reymond
- Peter Van Drünen
- Russell L. Westbrook
- John R. Wiers

Presbytery

- N.Y. & New Eng.
- New Jersey
- Southeast
- Midwest
- Conn. & So. N.Y.
- Mich. & Ontario
- Ohio
- Mich. & Ontario
- N.Y. & New Eng.
- Southwest
- Philadelphia
- N.Y. & New Eng.
- N.Y. & New Eng.
- Northwest
- South
- Mich. & Ontario
- Ohio
- Midwest

Ministers Removed from the Roll (10)

Dismissed from the OPC

- Randall K. Klynsma
- Robert L. Marshall
- Daniel W. McManigal
- Chad C. Sadorf
- Vincent J. Tauriello

Deceased

- Theodore Hard

Demitted

- Charles Chong Y. Lee
- Louis P. Wislocki

Erased

- Jack D. Bradley
- David W. Cole

Presbytery

- Dakotas
- New Jersey
- Northwest
- South
- Mid-Atlantic
- Ohio
- So. California
- Mich. & Ontario
- Northwest
- Midwest

In addition to these changes, ten ministers transferred between OPC presbyteries in 2009.

Minister

Robert L. Broline, Jr.
Richard N. Ellis
John V. Fesko
John R. Hilbelink
C. Phillip Hollstein III

From

Ohio
Mid-Atlantic
Southeast
N.Y. & New England
So. California

To

South
New Jersey
So. California
Midwest
Southeast
The number of ruling elders in the church grew by 25 to 1079, with 817 (76 percent) currently serving on sessions. The total number of deacons grew by 38 to 817, with 620 (76 percent) actively serving. In all, with ministers included, there are 2,381 ordained officers in the church.

VI CONCLUSION

The year 2009, like 2008, was one of modest growth in membership and giving, accompanied by a decline in both morning worship and Sunday school attendance. Nevertheless, as the church enters its 75th year there is much cause for thanksgiving to our faithful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who continues to build and preserve His church.

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

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I INTRODUCTION

The Lord Jesus Christ declares, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20). The Committee on Christian Education (CCE) serves the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) by providing resources and training for teaching about the only name by which men may be saved. The CCE also aims to be a servant that assists in advancing the total ministry of the OPC as it works with local churches, presbyteries, the General Assembly, standing committees, and the program committees of Home and Foreign Missions.

II PROFILE OF THE CCE

A. Structure

The CCE is divided into two subcommittees, the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) and the Subcommittee on Resources for the Churches (SRC). The former, composed of six members, is elected by the General Assembly; the latter is composed of the other members of the CCE. The six members of the Great Commission Publications (GCP) Board of Trustees representing the OPC are drawn from the entire CCE.

B. Officers

President—Dr. James S. Gidley
Vice-President—The Rev. Alan D. Strange
Secretary—The Rev. Archibald A. Allison
Treasurer—Mr. David Winslow, Jr.
C. Staff

General Secretary—The Rev. Danny E. Olinger  
Publications Coordinator and Managing Editor of *New Horizons*—Dr. James W. Scott  
Office Secretary and Editorial Assistant—Mrs. Patricia Clawson  
Website Manager—The Rev. Stephen A. Pribble  
Website Design and Technical Associate—The Rev. Barry A. Traver  
Website Technical Assistant—The Rev. Andrew T. Moody  
Website Assistant—Mrs. Linda Foh  
Technical Consultant—Mr. Andrew Duggan  
Editor of *Ordained Servant*—The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Reynolds  
Cover Designer—Mr. Christopher Tobias

D. General Secretary

The Rev. Danny E. Olinger serves as General Secretary of the CCE and as an *ex-officio* member of all subcommittees. Mr. Olinger’s duties as General Secretary include the following:

1. General Administration of the work of the CCE.
2. Editing New Horizons.
3. Directing the Intern Program.
4. Serving as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of GCP.
5. Sharing the work of the CCE with the congregations and presbyteries of the OPC.
6. Serving as Director of MTIOPC.
7. Supervising CCE special projects and publications.
8. Supervising CCE conferences and seminars.

III RESOURCES AND MINISTRIES

A. *New Horizons*

The General Assembly has entrusted the CCE with producing the denominational magazine, *New Horizons in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church*. Seeking to be faithful to the church’s primary and secondary standards, *New Horizons* instructs in the teachings of the Scripture and the Confession and Catechisms of the OPC that Christian faith and practice might be furthered. It also informs about OPC ministries at home and abroad.

Mr. Olinger serves as editor and Dr. Scott serves as managing editor. Mrs. Clawson is the proof reader and Mr. Tobias is the cover designer. The Subcommittee on Serial Publications of the SRC serves as the editorial board.

1. 2009 Issues

   January – The Authentic Church
   February – The Church’s Evangelistic Mission
   March – What Makes a Great Hymn?
   April – The Sabbath
   May – CFM: Makes Disciples of All Nations
   June – Worship
   July – Report on the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly
August/Sept – CHMCE: Reaching the Nations Through Queens, N.Y.
October – John Calvin: Theologian and Pastor
November – Thank Offering 2009: All Things Through Christ
December – Looking at Christ’s Coming

2. Circulation
The CCE publishes 14,000 copies of *New Horizons* eleven months a year (there is a summer double issue). It is sent free of charge to OPC members and friends. Changes to the mailing list of *New Horizons* can be sent to Mrs. Clawson (ccesec@opc.org or 215-830-0900).

B. Internet Ministries

1. OPC.ORG
The CCE maintains Internet ministries through the OPC.ORG website. The Subcommittee on Internet Ministries (SIM) of the SRC supervises the work. The staff include Mr. Pribble (Website Manager), Mr. Traver (Website Design and Technical Associate), Mr. Moody (Website Technical Assistant), Mrs. Foh (Website Assistant) and Mr. Duggan (Technical Consultant). *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Newsletter* is sent out monthly in electronic form in order to help members and friends of the OPC stay informed of the resources available on OPC.ORG. Those wishing to receive this publication can sign up for the newsletter on OPC.ORG.

2. Technical Improvements
Technical improvements made to OPC.ORG during 2009 included:

a. Migrating the operating system from Fedora 6 to Fedora 10.
b. Enabling the security enhanced Linux (SELinux) feature of Fedora.
c. Implementing an appropriate firewall configuration for the server.
d. Enhancing the overall system security by eliminating password access via SSH.
e. Auditing the PHP code in the website for security vulnerabilities.
f. Implementing HTTPS (SSL/TLS) security for the password protected pages.
g. Cleaning up inconsistencies in the use of the style sheets in the website.
h. Re-engineering the OPC alias system from qmail to Postfix/MySQL.
i. The *Trinity Hymnal* online resources were improved with the addition of the ability to play MIDI files of hymns of multiple tunes.
j. Improvement of bulk-email feature allowing the scheduling of bulk emailing at a date and time in the future.

3. New Postings
New postings to the website in 2009 include:

a. Annual statistical report
b. 2008 Thank Offering report
c. Seventy-sixth General Assembly report
d. General Assembly Standing Rules and Instruments
e. MTIOPC updates
f. *Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church* (2nd ed.)
4. 2009 Feature Articles

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   d. *Ordained Servant*
   e. Question and Answers
f. Book Reviews from *New Horizons* and *Ordained Servant*
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6. Statistics

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a. Daily Devotional
b. Front Page
c. Trinity Hymnal
d. Question and Answer
e. Church Locator
f. *New Horizons*
g. Search
h. *Ordained Servant*

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C. Ordained Servant

The online journal *Ordained Servant* provides materials to help in the training and effective functioning of ministers, elders, and deacons in the OPC. Through high quality editorials, articles, and book reviews, it endeavors to stimulate clear thinking and the consistent practice of historic Presbyterianism. It is published monthly online (except for combined issues June/July and August/September). Dr. Gregory Reynolds, pastor of Amoskeag Presbyterian Church, Manchester, New Hampshire, serves as the editor. He is always happy to receive comments, suggestions, and submissions.

1. Online Edition 2009
   a. January – Forgiveness
   b. February – Original Sin
   c. March – Union with Christ
   d. April – The Church in the World
   e. May – Rest in a Frenetic World
   f. June / July – Evangelism
   g. August / September – The Mission of the Church
   h. October – Calvin at 500: The Word
   i. November – Calvin at 500: Soteriology and Other Matters
   j. December – Eldership: Not Shepherding Alone

The monthly online edition of *Ordained Servant*, now referred to as *Ordained Servant Online* (see below), appears on the home page of OPC.ORG. Archived material from 1992 to the present can be found on the *Ordained Servant* webpage. The SIM has attempted to increase awareness of the periodical through monthly announcements via the OPC email system, semimonthly newsletter, and periodic announcements in *New Horizons*. The newsletter may be received by signing up on the website under “JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST” on the left sidebar. RSS feed is also available.

2. Print Edition

Many of the online editorials, articles, and book reviews are published in an
annual print edition. Indices are now available online for 2006 through 2009.

This year we have made an important change in our citation standards. With the help of CCE member and Reformed Theological Seminary librarian John Muether, *Ordained Servant Online* and *Ordained Servant* the printed annual are now distinguished. The latter alone will be referred to by volume number with the year, while the online version will be referred to by month and year, and where appropriate by URL. Please consult the “How to Cite *Ordained Servant*” on our website at http://www.opc.org/OS/HowToCite.html.

Copies of the annual edition of *Ordained Servant* are sent to each ordained minister, each organized congregation, and each designated mission work of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and are paid for by the Committee on Christian Education. Ordained elders, deacons, and licentiates of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church may receive copies gratis upon request. Those under care of presbyteries may receive copies gratis through bulk mailings to each presbytery. *Ordained Servant* is also available to anyone in the U.S. and Canada who wishes to subscribe by remitting $10.00 per year to: Ordained Servant, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 607 N. Easton Road, Building E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539. Checks should be made out to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, designated for Ordained Servant in the memo line. Foreign and institutional subscribers please remit $15.00 per year. All remittances should be made payable in U.S. funds. Subscriptions, both paid and gratis, may also be received through our website under “PUBLICATIONS” on the left sidebar.

All officers who would like the journal are encouraged to subscribe to the printed annual of *Ordained Servant* in one of the ways described above. Doing so helps determine the size of the print run more accurately. It is also less expensive to distribute single copies directly from the printer to the subscriber.

D. Literature

1. CCE publications

   The CCE produced one new publication in 2009, *Are You a Christian?* by Lawrence Eyres.

2. Available Titles

   • Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants? (Larry Wilson)
   • Helps for Worship (Bill Shishko)
   • Welcome to the OPC: A Primer on the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
   • The Book of Church Order, 2005.
   • The Confession of Faith and Catechisms with proof-texts.
   • Are You a Christian? (Lawrence Eyres)
   • What is the OPC?
   • What is the Reformed Faith? (Thomas E. Tyson and G.I. Williamson)
   • God or Mammon? (Tom D. Tomer)
   • Why Join a Church? (Mark R. Brown and Larry Wilson)
   • Get to Know Us Better
   • CONOZCANOS MEJOR La Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa

All of these publications may be ordered by email (CCEsec@opc.org) or phone (215-830-0900).

E. Psalter-Hymnal
1. Mandate

The Seventy-Third (2006) General Assembly adopted the following in response to Overture 3:

That the 73rd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church authorize its Committee on Christian Education to seek to develop a Psalter-Hymnal by 2011 (our 75th anniversary) – which includes musical settings of all 150 Psalms, in their entirety, with as much accuracy and as little archaic language and confusing syntax as possible—for use in our congregations; that it authorize the Committee on Christian Education to appoint a special Psalter-Hymnal committee; and that it grant this special committee a budget of up to $5000.

2. Special Committee

The CCE determined to refer the question of developing a psalter-hymnal, as authorized by the Seventy-Third General Assembly, to its Subcommittee on Resources for the Churches (SRC). The SRC erected a Special Committee on the Psalter-Hymnal, the Rev. Alan D. Strange (chairman), the Rev. Stephen A. Pribble, the Rev. Danny E. Olinger, and Dr. Darryl G. Hart.

3. CCE Motion Passed (October 2, 2007)

That the CCE continue to develop a Psalter-Hymnal through its special committee and that the CCE commit $200,000 of its own funds to this project.

Grounds:

a.) The 73rd GA had determined that consideration of the publication of a Psalter-Hymnal was meritorious and committed such to the CCE. At the 74th GA, the CCE reported that it had determined, among other things, “That the CCE, through its special committee, continue seeking to develop a Psalter-Hymnal as requested by the General Assembly containing settings of all 150 Psalms and a selection of the best hymns from the history of the church.” This report was presented to the GA and no opposition was expressed in the CCE’s disclosure that it had determined to continue seeking to develop a Psalter-Hymnal.

b.) The CCE, upon further work and reflection, believes that there is a need for a Psalter-Hymnal and that such will prove useful to the churches. The CCE believes that producing a book containing psalms for singing that are well-translated and versified with appropriate tunes, together with excellent hymns (old and new), will enhance the biblical worship of the church. We do not believe, particularly for our purposes, that such a Psalter-Hymnal currently exists and, therefore, we believe that if the OPC is to have one, she must produce it. While not scientific, it is the case that an informal survey of the denomination, previously reported on, has found significant interest in and commitment to such a project.

c.) It is also the conviction of the CCE, given its mandate, that the CCE should undertake to publish a Psalter-Hymnal out of the funds committed to it as a significant part of its ministry to the whole OPC and even the broader church. The CCE believes that a psalter-hymnal can be produced for around $200,000 and is willing to commit funds to that end.

d.) The Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee, to which the CCE has committed this work, is willing to continue to oversee this project and to implement the mechanisms necessary to see this through to publication.

4. Subcommittees

The Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee determined to carry out its work through the erection of a production subcommittee and a composition subcommittee.
Appendix

a.) Production Subcommittee

Mr. Olinger (chairman), Dr. Hart, and Dr. James Scott serve as the Production Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has researched music copyright issues, the ordering and layout of the psalter-hymnal, and what tasks in production can be done in-house through the CCE and what will need to be outsourced.

b.) Composition Subcommittee

Mr. Strange (chairman), Mr. Pribble, Mr. Olinger, the Rev. Peter J. Wallace, the Rev. Larry E. Wilson, the Rev. Bryan D. Estelle (Hebraist), Dr. Timothy Shafer (Westminster OPC, Hollidaysburg), and the Rev. Terry Johnson (PCA) serve on the Composition Subcommittee. Mrs. Lou Ann Shafer is the musical editor. Dr. Dale Grotenhuis (URCNA) serves as a musical consultant. The Subcommittee has held three in-person meetings, August 13-14, 2008 at Michiana Covenant Presbyterian Church, Granger Indiana, March 23-24, 2009 at Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana, and January 25-26, 2010 at Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia. It has also held numerous teleconference meetings. At the conclusion of the January 25-26, 2010 meeting, the Subcommittee has worked on translations and tunes for the Psalter selections from Psalm 1 to Psalm 72. It has also approved over 100 hymns from the Trinity Hymnal and the Revised Trinity Hymnal. It is the goal of the Composition Subcommittee at a future time to place these selections on OPC.ORG to receive feedback from members and friends of the OPC.

5. Proposed Principles

a.) Mandated and exemplified in the Bible, singing is integral to corporate worship and is itself an act of worship. Psalms and hymns are a fundamental means by which believers respond to divine grace in God’s redeeming work in Christ Jesus and the proclaimed Word, communicate their praise, affirm their faith, and proclaim spiritual truth. The songs of the church are a sacrifice of praise. It is essential that God be worshiped in accordance with his own infallible Word, and that songs used in public and private worship reflect the whole counsel of his will.

b.) Christian hymnody flows directly from the Word of God and thus reflects the church’s pattern of belief. The aim of The Trinity Psalter-Hymnal is to assist the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian and Reformed community with material for congregational singing that is pleasing in the Lord’s sight. Each selection shall conform to the requirements for the acceptable worship of God as set forth in the Bible and in the subordinate standards of the church.

We praise God in and through Jesus Christ. When we gather in worship and sing, we do so as the bride of Christ and our singing should reflect God’s redemptive work. Songs that minimize the person and work of Christ should be evaluated more critically and carefully than those that do not. This is not to say, however, that every song must include Christ’s name, since the majority of the Psalms do not.

c.) This psalter-hymnal is rooted in the rich tradition of the Protestant Reformation. Singing the Psalms with understanding conveys theology, piety, and ethos of the Reformation. Because psalmody has been highly accorded among Reformed Protestants as one of the best means for congregational song, one of the principal objectives in assembling The Trinity Psalter-Hymnal is to provide congregations with a complete setting of all 150 Psalms in one text, with as much accuracy and as little archaic language and confusing syntax as possible.

In presenting the individual Psalms in one text, this psalter-hymnal guards against the practice of breaking the Psalms up into smaller selections without adequate sensitivity to the outline of the Psalm itself, which militates against singing with understanding. Each Psalm is set to one tune so that a congregation may sing through the complete Psalm
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(except Psalm 119, which is clearly designed as 22 separate songs). While not a feature of Hebrew poetry, rhyme is generally used in Anglo-American Presbyterian psalmody and most selections should rhyme, although consistency within a single Psalm is the chief goal.

d.) *The Trinity Psalter-Hymnal* also will include a generous collection of hymns that are theocentric, rich in biblical language and imagery, and suitable for public and private worship. The hymns shall be chosen with full awareness that “the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by God himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men . . . or any . . . way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture” (*Westminster Confession of Faith*, XXI:1).

e.) Another important consideration is the nature of the melodies and harmonies employed as the setting for the Psalms and hymns. Every effort will be maintained to include tunes that are accessible to believers with various musical abilities. At the same time, the music selected in this psalter-hymnal shall be clearly informed by the melodic traditions that have been at the heart of Anglo-American Presbyterian psalmody and hymnody. This means that the committee will pay attention particularly to tunes that are appropriate for congregational singing as opposed to music that is fitting for performance either by soloists or choirs.

6. Anticipated Date of Completion

The Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee anticipates that the psalter-hymnal will be completed by 2014 or 2015.

F. Great Commission Publications (GCP)

1. Shared Ministry

GCP is entering its thirty-fifth year as a joint ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America in the production of Christian educational materials.

2. Administration

The Rev. Thomas R. Patete, a PCA minister, has faithfully served for 31 years as executive director of the twelve-member GCP Board. Six trustees are elected from the Committee on Christian Education and Publications (CE&P) of the PCA and six trustees are elected from the CCE of the OPC. The CCE General Secretary (Mr. Olinger) and the CE&P Coordinator (Mr. Charles H. Dunahoo) sit as *ex officio* members. The GCP trustees from the OPC function as a subcommittee of the CCE and report to the entire CCE. The present roster of GCP trustees is as follows:

OPC  
Mr. John R. Muether  
The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Reynolds  
Dr. Darryl G. Hart  
Mr. Paul S. MacDonald  
Mr. David Winslow, Jr.  
The Rev. Alan D. Strange  
The Rev. Danny E. Olinger (*ex officio*)

PCA  
Mr. Steve Fox  
The Rev. E. Marvin Padgett  
The Rev. Richard W. Tyson  
The Rev. Willard G. LaRose  
The Rev. Dr. Michael Woodham  
The Rev. Dr. Don Clements  
The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Dunahoo (*ex officio*)

Alternates are appointed to serve in case regular members cannot. The Rev. Rodney T. King and the Rev. Thomas E. Tyson are the current OPC alternates. The Board convenes in two stated meetings each year in April and October.
3. Editorial Statement

GCP’s editorial statement, which guides the writing of its material, is as follows: “Under the conviction that the Word of God is verbally inspired and infallible, we seek to handle Scripture as a whole and each individual passage with great care—not adding or deleting, not speculating or embellishing, emphasizing both by content and means of teaching that these are God’s words and not ours.”

4. Show Me Jesus

GCP produces covenantal, Christ-centered Sunday school materials built upon a high view of the Bible as God’s complete, unified revelation. This material, under the GCP adopted label *Show Me Jesus*, points children to know and trust Jesus, the Revealer of the Father and the Savior of his people.

5. Publications

GCP publishes and makes available numerous Christian education resources for use in the church, including:

- *Trinity Hymnal* (Original 1961 and Revised 1990 editions)
- Vacation Bible School material
- Catechetical materials featuring *Kids’ Quest! Catechism Club, First Catechism*, Settle’s *Memory Work Notebook*
- Westminster Standards (including Williamson’s *Westminster Confession of Faith for Study Classes* and *Shorter Catechism for Study Classes*)
- Christian Education resources for Teachers and Parents
- Church Resources (including Marston’s *Biblical Baptism; OPC 9th General Assembly Report on Christ and the Lodge; Eyres’s Elders of the Church; Brown’s *2UGHLQWKH2I¿FHV*; Cummings’s *The Covenant of Grace*; and Murray’s *The Sovereignty of God*)
- Baptism and Membership certificates
- Church bulletins (subscription service)

A complete listing of GCP’s educational resources can be found at its website, GCP.ORG.

6. Communication

As the Executive Director of GCP, Mr. Patete is accountable to the Board of Trustees. He and his staff are responsive to concerns expressed by the parent committees. Comments from within the OPC concerning content of GCP materials are properly and most helpfully addressed through sessions or presbyteries directly to the CCE.

G. Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (MTIOPC)

1. History

The 34th (1967) General Assembly established the Committee on Ministerial Training (CMT) as a standing committee of the General Assembly. The 47th (1980) General Assembly made the CMT a Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) of the CCE. The 65th (1998) General Assembly approved a plan for the SMT to establish a Ministerial Training Institute.

2. Purpose

The stated purpose of the MTIOPC is to assist in maintaining and enhancing the quality of ministerial service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, especially pastoral and missionary, by helping men to prepare for informed and effective ministry that conforms to
the standard of Holy Scripture. To this end, the Institute seeks to advance a constructive view of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and its doctrine, government, discipline, and worship.

3. Oversight

The six-member SMT serves as the board of directors for the Institute. These men are elected directly by the General Assembly. The MTIOPC offers instruction primarily by readings, correspondence, and training seminars under the SMT’s supervision.

4. Administration

Mr. Olinger serves as Director of MTIOPC and Mrs. Clawson serves as Coordinator.

5. Intensive Training

Intensive training seminars are held in different geographical regions in order to give greater opportunity for men and churches throughout the entire OPC to take advantage of MTIOPC. The Spring 2009 session was held at Lynnwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Lynnwood, Washington. The Summer 2009 session was held at Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

6. Program of Instruction

a. The Westminster Standards (George W. Knight III)

b. Ecclesiology (A. Craig Troxel)
c. Book of Discipline (Stuart R. Jones)
d. Homiletics (William Shishko and Peter J. Vosteen)
e. Pastoral Theology (William Shishko)
f. Covenant Nurture (Thomas E. Tyson)
g. Reformed Worship (Larry E. Wilson)
h. Defending the Faith (William D. Dennison)
i. OPC History (John R. Muether)

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H. Aids for Ministerial Training:

1. Glenn R. Coie Memorial Scholarship Fund

Glenn R. Coie was a minister and missionary in the OPC who served effectively and faithfully for many years. He was particularly interested in the training of young men for the pastoral ministry in the OPC. A fund in his honor exists to assist those who have the following basic qualifications:

a) He must be a candidate for the gospel ministry under care of a presbytery of the OPC.

b) He must be enrolled in a seminary.

c) If he is a senior, he must ordinarily be pursuing licensure in his presbytery. Qualified applicants can receive a loan or grant up to $1,500. Applications can be sent to the General Secretary.

2. Book Grants

An important component of ministerial training is the development of the pastor’s personal library, which tends to fall beyond a young minister’s budget. To address this problem, an anonymous donor made a generous gift of $10,000 to assist recently ordained ministers of the OPC to obtain books of their choice, especially solid biblical commentaries, for their libraries. At the end of 2009, $2,350 was available in the fund.

The CCE has established the following rules governing the disbursement of these funds:

(a) Requirements:

(i) have been ordained within three years of applying for the program

(ii) be engaged in pastoral or missionary ministry of the OPC

(iii) have completed at least two MTIOPC courses

(b) To receive a grant, one must provide the following:

(i) name of seminary, or seminaries, attended and date of graduation

(ii) dates of ordination and installation into current ministry

name and address of body with which currently he is serving as a minister

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(iii) in the case of application for the three-year option, a letter from the proper person confirming that the body with which the applicant serves has committed to at least match the grant for each of the three years

(c) Grants are credited in one of two ways:

(i) $200 one-time grant

(ii) up to $150 per year for up to three years if that amount is at least matched each year by the minister’s calling body

(d) Applications are to be sent to the Director of the MTIOPC

I. The Ministerial Internship Program

Heeding the Apostle’s words in 2 Timothy 2:2, “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also,” the CCE oversees OPC ministerial internships, providing financial assistance and guidance to churches and interns. We thank the congregations, pastors, and sessions who have committed themselves to the sacrificial service of helping in this critical training and ministry.

1. Importance of Internships

In the development of young men for the pastoral ministry, the CCE has aggressively supported and developed both the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC and the internship program. In particular, the CCE believes that an internship with an experienced OP pastor and session is invaluable for a man as he prepares for the gospel ministry.

2. Financial Assistance

The CCE, through the SMT, provides matching funds of up to $1,100 monthly for approved summer internships and $1,500 monthly for approved yearlong internships. Applications for summer and yearlong internships can be found on OPC.ORG under “Christian Education.”

3. Summer Internships 2009

The CCE assisted in funding nine summer internships during 2009. The summer internships were the following:

- Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, VA—Andrew Miller
- Calvary OPC, Wildlife, NJ—Curtis Moleterno
- Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Ambler, PA—Cris Simpson
- Covenant OPC, Grove City, PA—Mitchell Haubert
- Grace OPC, Vienna, VA—Christopher Chelpka
- New Life OPC, Williamsport, PA—Andrew Adcock
- Providence Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC—Alan Dueck
- Trinity OPC, Hatboro, PA—John Sharpe
- Westminster OPC, Hollidaysburg, PA—Jeremiah Montgomery


The CCE also assisted in funding three yearlong internships which started in 2008 and six yearlong internships which started in 2009. 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. The yearlong internships, some of which are still continuing, are:
(2008-2009)
- Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, TX—Tim Beauchamp
- Faith OPC, Elmer, NJ—Sam Rodriguez
- Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Ada, MI—Jim Mong

(2009-2010)
- Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL—Brett Mahlen
- First Presbyterian Church, North Shore, Ipswich, MA—Derek Baker
- Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI—Paul Johnson
- Immanuel OPC, Bellmawr, NJ—Steve McDaniel
- Mount Rose Reformed Church, Reno, NV—Simon Jooste
- Reformation OPC, Morgantown, WV—Jonathan Hutchison

5. Guidelines for Seeking a Summer Intern
For churches interested in participating in the ministerial summer internship program, the following policies guide ministerial internship approval:

a. Applications for 2011 summer interns should be sent to the CCE by March 1, 2011. Applications can be found on OPC.ORG under “Christian Education” or by contacting Mrs. Clawson at ccesec@opc.org or 215-830-0900.

b. A mentoring pastor must have five years of pastoral experience in the OPC.

c. OPC men contemplating summer internships are required ordinarily to be under care of a presbytery.

d. Failure of a session to return intern evaluations will be considered a negative factor on the church’s next application for an internship.

6. Guidelines for Seeking a Yearlong Intern
For churches interested in participating in the yearlong internship program, the following policies guide ministerial internship approval:

a. Applications for 2011-2012 yearlong interns should be sent to the CCE by March 1, 2011. Applications can be found on OPC.ORG under Christian Education or by contacting Mrs. Clawson at ccesec@opc.org or 215-830-0900.

b. A mentoring pastor must have five years of pastoral experience in the OPC.

c. Yearlong interns must be members of the OPC.

d. A yearlong intern 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. Failure of a session to return intern evaluations will be considered a negative factor on a church’s next application for an internship.

f. Churches having a yearlong 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.
7. Readiness for Ministry Seminars

Mr. Olinger participated in seminars at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, California; and Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana. While on seminar visits, Mr. Olinger meets with students to answer questions and to conduct interviews concerning ministerial opportunities and internships in the OPC.

8. OPC Timothy Conference

In order to assist OP congregations in identifying and encouraging young men with apparent gifts for the gospel ministry, the SMT has established an “OPC Timothy Conference” for young men from ages 15-22. The conference was so named because the apostle Paul exhorted Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you” (2 Tim. 1:6) and “guard the good deposit entrusted to you” (2 Tim. 1:14). Paul also said, “What you have heard from me . . . entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2).

The SMT sent brochures announcing the 2009 OPC Timothy Conference to every OP church and session in November 2008. A communication was also sent on the OPC alias list at that time and another hard letter was sent at the start of January 2009. The churches, through their sessions, were asked to seek out and recommend young men for the conference to the SMT. Having heard an encouraging word from their sessions, those young men who were agreeable were invited to participate in the conference where they would be challenged regarding pursuing a call to the gospel ministry in the OPC.

New Community Church, New Lenox, Illinois graciously served as the host church for the Conference providing meals. Mid-America Reformed Seminary (MARS), Dyer, Indiana kindly allowed both the use of its facility and also for students to sit in on classes. Dr. and Mrs. Venema opened their home for a meal and great fellowship. OPC ministers Alan Strange, Bruce Hollister, David VanDrunen, A. Craig Troxel, and Danny Olinger spoke to the participants on topics related to the pastoral ministry. Mr. and Mrs. David Winslow coordinated hotel and transportation details. The student participants in the conference were:

- Adrian Crum, Bayview OPC, Chula Vista, CA
- Colin Doak, Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Augustine, FL
- Seth Dorman, Pilgrim OPC, Bangor, ME
- David Doyle, Grace OPC, Sewickley, PA
- Daniel Dunn, Mt. Carmel Church, Somerset, NJ
- Joshua Harper, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Medford, NJ
- Michael Hunter, Emmanuel OPC, Kent, WA
- Samuel Krieg, Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, VA
- Sam Lofton, Grace Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
- Peter Madsen, First OPC, Portland, OR
- Jordan McClellan, Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hickory, NC
- Matthew Neumann, Grace Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
- James O’Neil, Sovereign Grace OPC of Quad Cities, Moline, IL
- Robbie Pfaff, Covenant OPC, Pasco, WA
The SMT is greatly encouraged by the response to the conference by the churches. Even more so, it is encouraged by the fine character of young men who participated in the sessions. Pastors, elders, and other OP members who helped with the conference all remarked that the young men were respectful, attentive, and eager to learn about the gospel ministry.

J. Seminary Visitation

1. Program

   The SMT visits Reformed seminaries in order to glean information about seminaries whose graduates are regularly entering the pastoral ministry in the OPC. SMT seminary visitation does not function as an accreditation program. The outcome of a visit is not intended to be either an endorsement or a disqualification of a seminary as a place suitable for training men for ministry in the OPC. There were no seminary visits in 2009.

2. Seminary Visit Chronology

   - October 1998
     *Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana*

   - March 1999
     *Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
     Visitation Members: Mr. James S. Gidley, the Rev. Lawrence Semel, and the Rev. Hailu Mekonnen

   - April 1999
     *Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina*

   - February 2001
     *Westminster Theological Seminary, Escondido, California*
     Visitation Members: Mr. David Winslow, Jr., the Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, and the Rev. Larry E. Wilson

   - March 2002
     *Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*
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- October 2003
  *Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, Massachusetts*
  Visitation Members: Mr. David Winslow, Jr., the Rev. Gregory E. Reynolds, and the Rev. John R. Hilbelink

- February 2005
  *Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, California*

- March 2005
  *Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida*
  Visitation Members: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger, the Rev. William Hobbs, and Mr. David Winslow, Jr.

- Sept. 2006
  *Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana*
  Visitation Members: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger, the Rev. Larry Wilson, the Rev. Glenn Jerrell, and Mr. David Winslow, Jr.

- October 2008
  *Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
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V. ELECTIONS

A. CCE

The CCE is composed of three classes, each composed of five members—three ministers and two ruling elders. Two of the members of each class are also members of the SMT. The Class of 2013 is to be elected by this Assembly. The present composition of the CCE is as follows:

Class of 2010
Ministers: Rodney T. King, Stephen A. Pribble, Alan D. Strange
Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley, John R. Muether

Class of 2011
Ministers: Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel, David M. VanDrunen
Ruling Elders: Timothy K. Jackson, Paul S. MacDonald

Class of 2012
Ministers: Sidney D. Dyer, Thomas E. Tyson, Archibald A. Allison
Ruling Elders: Darryl G. Hart, David Winslow, Jr.

Members whose terms expire at this Assembly are:

1. Ministers
   Rodney T. King (SRC, SIM, Finance)
   Stephen Pribble (SRC, PHSC)
   Alan D. Strange (SRC, GCP trustee, PHSC, Executive Committee, CCE vice-president)

2. Ruling Elders
   James S. Gidley (SMT, Executive Committee, CCE president)
   John R. Muether (SMT, GCP trustee)

B. SMT

The members of the CCE’s Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) are elected directly by the Assembly. The six members must include at least two ministers and two ruling elders.
C. Procedure to Elect the Class of 2013

The Assembly must first elect the SMT class of 2013. At least one member elected to the SMT class of 2013 must be a ruling elder. The men elected to the SMT are automatically elected to the CCE. The Assembly must then elect the remaining three members of the CCE class of 2013.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
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I INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension exists to help the presbyteries and congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to start new Presbyterian and Reformed congregations throughout the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. This simple statement of purpose gives clear direction to both the Committee and its staff about how biblical ecclesiology works itself out in the OPC.

The sessions, congregations, and presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have developed a godly passion for the establishment of new churches. They have come to expect that their Church will plant a number of new mission works each year; that new men will be needed to fill the ranks of those who serve as pastors in her growing number of congregations; and that significant dollars will need to be expended in the divine direction of her expansion. These attitudes are now a part of what describes her denominational consciousness. The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension rejoices over these expectant attitudes in the OPC and is humbled to be a part of the process of the accomplishment of the church planting expansion that is occurring within her midst.

In the year 2009, the Committee saw God graciously and abundantly provide the needed
financial support for its work, and eight new mission works began receiving denominational financial support. Year-end figures showed that 103.4% of the Worldwide Outreach portion of the 2009 CHMCE budget had been provided. But the year 2009 did not start that way. The radical decline of the stock market and the failure of the banking system in the latter months of 2008 caused a worldwide financial crisis. The resultant decline in the confidence of economic systems throughout North America probably contributed to a lower-than-expected 2008 Thank Offering and moved the Worldwide Outreach committees (including the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension) into the early months of 2009 with significant deficits and drains on their reserves.

The decline in giving to Worldwide Outreach was so steep that by April it became necessary to alert the sessions, congregations, and ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the serious financial shortfall being experienced by each of the program committees and to ask for prayer. The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension drastically revised downward its 2009 CHMCE budget expectations and placed a moratorium on the granting of additional new field support requests for the remainder of 2009.

Then God’s people responded to the need. Special, large gifts from several churches were received within a month of the announcement of the WWO financial crisis. Throughout the summer months when WWO support is usually light, steady giving from the churches continued. And it continued all through the fall. Some wondered whether such generous, regular support from the churches would be in lieu of Thank Offering gifts. Then Thank Offering contributions from the churches poured in unabated and unaffected by the world’s economy. By the close of fiscal 2009 the people of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church had given more than 105% of the askings of the General Assembly to Worldwide Outreach in a year when the rest of the world faced the ravages of fiscal mismanagement and shortsightedness and when global charitable giving had been seriously curtailed. Truly God has been good to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

As the year 2010 unfolds, two new organizing pastors have already begun their labors for church planters. But the church planting “engine” that was slowed dramatically in the early part of 2009 has been slow to recover. Much prayer is needed that God will help our presbyteries to re-gather their strength and their mutual determination to field new church planters for new mission works throughout North America. So the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension submits to the 77th General Assembly the report that follows, in praise to God who has abundantly met our needs in time of crisis. We ask you to lift up your prayers as you read it, and understand it to be a statement of our faith that God will continue to bless the work of church planting in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and that he will thrust forth into the white harvest fields his select harvesters for their work of enlarging his church and accomplishing what he has laid out for us to do.

II FIELD SUPPORT IN 2009

A. Fields Supported

The following mission works were provided with financial assistance in 2009 (listed by presbytery):

Dakotas  Calhan, Colorado (Scott L. Seder)
Connecticut and So. NY  Long Island, New York (Nathan W. Ketchen)
                        Queens, New York (Brad S. Hertzog)
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Mid-Atlantic
Elkton, Maryland (David T. King)
St. Mary’s County, Maryland (S. Edd Cathey)
Washington, D.C. (Joshua D. Curl)

Michigan & Ontario
Hillsdale, Michigan (Everett A. Henes)
Fremont, Michigan (Norman De Jong)

Midwest
Cedarburg, Wisconsin (James T. Hoekstra)
Chicago, Illinois - (Christopher A. Sandoval) (Hispanic)
Chicago, Illinois (John H. Ro)
Madison, Wisconsin (Mark C. Jenkins)
Momence, Illinois (Brent C. Evans)
Pella, Iowa (Charles A. Muether)
Rockford, Illinois (John R. Hilbelink)
St. Paul, Minnesota (John S. Shaw)

New Jersey
Camden, New Jersey (Benjamin Alvira)
Medford, New Jersey (David J. Harr)
San Juan (Ref), Puerto Rico (Carlos Cruz)
San Juan (Ver), Puerto Rico (Milton Villanueva)
Vineland, New Jersey (Sixto Perez)

New York & New England
Cobbleskill, New York (Timothy Sharadin)
Dover, New Hampshire (David R. Holmlund)
Lowell, Massachusetts (Roberto Laranjo)

Northern Calif. & Nevada
Reno, Nevada (Andrew J. Preston)
Shasta Lake, California (Gene L. Crow)

Northwest
Helena, Montana (Ethan W. Allison)
Port Angeles, Washington (Andrew M. Elam)

Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio (Lawrence B. Oldaker)
Huntington, West Virginia (J. Boone Leigh)

Philadelphia
Carlisle, Pennsylvania (Jody O. Morris)
Danville, Pennsylvania (Roth M. Reason)
Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania (Stephen S. Payson)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Philip Darmawiry) (Indonesian)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (William Joe) (Liberian)

South
Bradentown, Florida (David A. Smiley)
Broward County, Florida (Robert L. Reymond)
Gainesville, Florida (Joel D. Fick)
Key West, Florida (William V. Welzien)
Oviedo, Florida (Stephen J. Oharek)
St. Augustine (formerly Jacksonville), Florida (Eric B. Watkins)

Southeast
Aiken, South Carolina (Kevin L. Medcalf)
Cookeville, Tennessee (Matthew A. Figura)
Greenville, South Carolina (George C. Scipione / Peter Van Doowwaard)

Neon, Kentucky (John W. Belden)

Southern Calif.
Big Bear Lake, California (Alan R. Pontier)
Honolulu, Hawaii (Douglas L. Watson)
Phoenix, Arizona (Alberto Gomez)

Southwest
Longview, Texas (Philip D. Hodson)
Mid Cities, Texas (Joseph L. Troutman)
B. New Fields

Eight new mission works began receiving financial assistance in 2009: Chicago (Loop), Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio; Cookeville, Tennessee; Fremont, Michigan; Helena, Montana; Rockford, Illinois; Queens, New York; and Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

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 a 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 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 email form at the end of 1998 to assist church planters.

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 2009, ten churches and two Regional Home Missionaries concluded their support relationship with the Committee as follows:

Aid in the amount of $67,900 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southeast to Providence Presbyterian Church in Aiken, South Carolina, for the support of Mark J. Larson from July 2005 through May 2007 and Kevin L. Medcalf from July 2007 through December 2009.

Aid in the amount of $37,380 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Southern California to Big Bear Valley OPC in Big Bear Lake, California, for the support of Alan R. Pontier from September 2006 through May 2009, after which the session and presbytery indicated that further financial assistance to the work was not required.

Aid in the amount of $60,900 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the South to Providence Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Florida, for the support of David A. Smiley from July 2005 through June 2009.

Aid in the amount of $2,400 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New York and New England for the mission outreach in Cobleskill, New York, for the support of Timothy A. Sharadin from November 2008 through February 2009, after which the work was discontinued by the presbytery.

Aid in the amount of $12,000 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Northwest to Elkhorn Presbyterian Church in Helena, Montana, for the support of Ethan W. Allison from January 2009 through December 2009, after which the work was dissolved.

Aid in the amount of $30,450 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New Jersey to Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Medford, New Jersey, for the support of David J. Harr from October 2005 through September 2009.

Aid in the amount of $30,000 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Southern California to Iglesia Nueva Vida in Phoenix, Arizona, for the support of Alberto Gómez from November 2007 through June 2009.

Aid in the amount of $60,300 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada to Mount Rose Reformed OPC in Reno, Nevada, for the support of Andrew J. Preston from August 2005 through April 2009, after which the session and presbytery indicated that further financial assistance to the work was not required.

Aid in the amount of $60,900 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New Jersey to Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada Ortodoxa - “Jesus es la Verdad” in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the support of Milton Villanueva from May 2006 through August 2009.

Aid in the amount of $41,475 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic to Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church in St. Mary’s County, Maryland, for the support of S. Edd Cathey from July 2006 through December 2009, after which the session and presbytery indicated that further financial assistance to the work was not required.

Aid totaling $92,800 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Ohio for the
support of Rev. Lawrence B. Oldaker from July 2004 through April 2009. Aid totaling $7,200 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York for the support of Rev. Carl N. Smith from January 2008 through June 2009.

III REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES

God has raised up a 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 2009 the regional churches of the OPC were served by six full-time and four part-time regional home missionaries supported by the Committee.

Rev. DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr., continued his ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southeast by assisting in the development of mission works in Neon, Kentucky; Aiken and Greenville, South Carolina; and Cookeville, Tennessee. He has provided assistance to people in Memphis, Tennessee; Gastonia, North Carolina; and to groups and individuals in several other locations which were exploring the possibility of an OPC church plant.

Rev. James L. Bosgraf continued his ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Midwest by assisting with the mission works in Madison, Wisconsin; Pella, Iowa; Brainerd and St. Paul, Minnesota; and Chicago (two), Crystal Lake, DeKalb, Moline, Momence, and Rockford, Illinois. He has also encouraged other groups considering the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Rev. David A. Crum began his ministry in January as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Southern California. He visited with the churches, sessions, and mission works of the presbytery. He has been assisting with the development of a new group in Tucson, Arizona. He has also been providing counsel in the development of the work in Cottonwood, Arizona.

Rev. Gary W. Davenport continued his ministry as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southwest by assisting with the mission works in Rio Rancho, New Mexico; and Longview and Mid Cities (Dallas), Texas. He assisted with an outreach campaign for presbytery churches. He has been exploring other sites for the development of mission works within the presbytery.

Ruling Elder Bruce C. Fenton assisted the Presbytery of New Jersey as their home missions administrator. He assisted with mission works in Bridgeton, Medford, and Vineland, and with the congregation in Pennsville. He has been surveying various opportunities throughout the presbytery.

Rev. John W. Mallin III serves as the part-time area home missions coordinator for the northern region of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He is gathering demographic information on communities within his region and exploring potential church planting possibilities. He and Christian Walmer are working together to develop a church plant in the State College/ Lewiston area.

Rev. Lawrence B. Oldaker continued his ministry through April as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Ohio. At that time he transitioned to being the organizing pastor of Lake OPC in Cleveland. He continues to carry regional church planting duties. He
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has assisted the mission works in Huron, Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been assisting in developing a group in Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Carl N. Smith serves as the part-time evangelist for the state of Connecticut for the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York. He received financial support from the Committee for the first four months of the year. He led Bible studies in Greenwich and Waterbury and nurtured contacts throughout the western portion of the state.

Ruling Elder Christian Walmer began serving as the part-time area home missions coordinator for the western region of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He has assisted the mission works in Danville and Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania. He has consulted with one congregation as it has considered the possibility of a daughter church plant. He and John Mallin are working together to develop a church plant in the State College/Lewiston area.

Rev. Douglas A. Watson serves as the part-time area home missions coordinator for the suburban Philadelphia region of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He is gathering demographic information on communities within his region and exploring potential church planting possibilities. He has been specifically seeking to develop contacts in Milford, Delaware.

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

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 North America and the Caribbean. 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 about 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.

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 email.

Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church (2nd edition), which is available as a printed book and in electronic format on the OPC website, has proved useful for better equipping new OP church planters for their task. But it has also provided a helpful tool for working with newly developing groups and with the orientation of the overseeing sessions of new mission works. It is the Committee’s hope that this document will continue to provide valuable assistance to our presbyteries in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church which God continues to expand.

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 2009 gathering was held November 5-6 in the
facilities of Lake Sherwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida.

Since the mid 1990’s, OP church planting practice had been largely a response to requests to help form pre-existing core groups into new OP congregations. But in 2003 the first steps were taken for a more intentional strategy to be laid side-by-side with the responsive strategy. The participants at that year’s Regional Church Extension Conference identified five major metropolitan areas of North America where the OPC had no presence – Memphis, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Tampa, and Toronto. Additionally, the urban cores of five cities of influence in North America were targeted where our presence would make an important difference – Chicago, Detroit, Miami, New York, and Washington, D.C. For the past six years the people of the OPC have been praying about these locations, and the presbyteries have been discussing and strategizing the planting of OP churches in these locations.

We are happy to report that observable fruit has come from these efforts. In Memphis, the Wolf River OPC mission work in the Memphis suburb of Collierville is awaiting the arrival of an organizing pastor. In the Minneapolis area, Mission OPC in St. Paul has now matured into an organized congregation. In St. Louis, Christ Presbyterian Church was received from the PCA, and the Gateway OPC mission work is underway. In the greater Tampa area, Providence OPC in Bradenton has now matured into an organized congregation. In Chicago, the Gospel Life OPC mission work is developing in the Loop area, and the Hispanic Bible Ministry is underway in Cicero. In New York City, the Reformation OPC mission work is underway in Queens, and the Cristo el Rey OPC mission work is underway in Elmont. But not all our efforts have been so uniquely blessed. During 2009 our attempts over several years’ duration to establish new works in Washington, D.C., and in the Toronto area had to be discontinued.

An additional new development which has affected a number of our presbyteries is a growing interest in the Reformed faith among Spanish speakers. Over the last five years churches in Chicago, New York, and Phoenix have sprung up, and the territory of Puerto Rico has been added to the boundaries of the Presbytery of New Jersey, largely as a result of a desire among Hispanics themselves for Reformed preaching, teaching, and worship forms. As the Committee and the presbyteries of the OPC respond to Spanish language inquiries, it seems appropriate to wonder whether God may be requiring us to expand the way in which our church planting efforts are carried out in North America.

V TRAINING AND PROMOTION

The Committee seeks to provide encouragement and tangible assistance to those who do the difficult work of church planting in the OPC. In January 2010, the Annual Church Planter Training Conference was held for the “Class of 2009” in the facilities of Lake Sherwood OPC in Orlando, Florida, with nine OP church planters and regional home missionaries attending. This conference is an enrichment opportunity for the church planters of new mission works. They are gathered together in the January following their arrival on the field for three days of intensive church planter training and discussion with CHMCE staff and selected regional home missionaries centered around the contents of the Committee’s manual Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Worldwide Outreach ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church are also presented to them by the general secretaries and the director of finance and planned giving.

In its continuing effort to identify men who possess church planting skills, the Committee sponsored “Readiness for Ministry in the OPC” seminars in four locations during 2009 – Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Westminster Seminary California, Westminster Theological Seminary in Dallas, and Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Taylors, South Carolina. Men from other reformed seminaries are always invited
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and welcome. These seminars provide invaluable contacts for the Home Missions staff and for the intern program of the OPC.

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 2009 received copies of all available titles.

In an attempt to provide the churches with timely prayer request information about OP mission works, a bi-weekly 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 email transcript (to all OP congregations with email and to individuals who have requested it), from the posting on the OPC website, by recorded telephone message, and, if requested, by printed transcript (mailed along with Foreign Mission’s Telenews).

Two pages of copy are regularly provided for each issue of New Horizons to keep the church informed of God’s working in our home mission fields. Occasional issues carry expanded coverage.

By invitation, the general secretary and the associate general secretary gladly make presentations of the ministry of OPC Home Missions to congregations and presbyteries throughout the denomination.

VI FINANCES

In the years to come, history will record that in 2009 the Committee saw God graciously and abundantly provide the needed financial support for its work. We praise God for the abounding grace of faithful and sacrificial giving evident throughout the churches. The year-end figures showed that 103.4% of the Worldwide Outreach portion of the 2009 CHMCE budget had been provided. But the year 2009 did not start that way. The radical decline of the stock market and the failure of the banking system in the latter months of 2008 caused a worldwide financial crisis. The resultant loss of incomes and depletion of personal savings coupled with a decline in the confidence of economic systems throughout North America probably contributed to a lower-than-expected 2008 Thank Offering and moved the Worldwide Outreach committees (including the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension) into the early months of 2009 with significant deficits and drains on their reserves.

The decline in giving to Worldwide Outreach was so steep that on April 14, 2009, a letter was sent out under the signatures of the general secretaries of the three program committees to all sessions, congregations, and ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, alerting them to the serious financial shortfall being experienced by each of the Worldwide Outreach committees and asking for prayer. It became necessary for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to revise downward the total expenditures of the 2009 CHMCE budget from $1,323,467 to $1,277,666 by striking $8,000 from “Missionary Moving and Travel,” by rolling back a “Staff Salaries” increase at the request of the general secretaries, and by placing a moratorium on the granting of additional new field support requests for the remainder of 2009. On April 30, 2009, a unique and heart-rending conference call was held between the CHMCE staff and the home missions committee chairmen and RHMs of the OPC’s sixteen presbyteries to review the Committee’s grave financial situation and to lay concrete plans for curtailing all new church planting efforts that required denominational financial assistance.

Then God’s people responded to the need. Special, large gifts from several churches were received within a month of the announcement of the WWO financial crisis. Throughout the summer months when WWO support is usually light, steady giving from the churches
continued. And it continued all through the fall. Some wondered whether such generous regular support from the churches would be in lieu of Thank Offering gifts. Then Thank Offering contributions from the churches poured in unabated and unaffected by the world’s economy. By the close of fiscal 2009 the people of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church had given more than 105% of the askings of the General Assembly to Worldwide Outreach in a year when the rest of the world faced the ravages of fiscal mismanagement and shortsightedness and when global charitable giving had been seriously curtailed. Truly God has been good to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

So in this section of its report that usually compares and contrasts previous and future budgets and total spending versus deficits and the use of reserve funds, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension simply stands in awe of the mighty hand of God. In the absence of any realistic projections, and in light of this unprecedented outpouring of generosity of the people of the OPC, our proposed budget for 2011, in the section which follows, reflects only our statement of faith concerning what the Great Lord of the Church can do through us as he chooses to bless and supply.

VII  BUDGET

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VIII  CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
During 2009 the final event occurred in the Church Extension Fund: the remaining fund balance of $41,054.10 was transferred to its successor organization, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, Inc. As reported to previous assemblies, the Committee has not received new investments into the Church Extension Fund since March 18, 1993. The last investors in the Fund elected either to withdraw their investment prematurely in order to purchase a Note(s) in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund (OPCLF) or to receive their funds when their Notes matured according to the Notes’ terms. The final few Note investments payable were closed in 2008.

Due to the purchase by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund of the remaining Mortgage Notes Receivable from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (held in the Church Extension Fund) as of December 31, 2002, there were no outstanding loans in the Church Extension Fund in 2009.

As reported in 2003, during that year those investors holding Demand Notes (issued by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, through its Church Extension Fund) had either received payment for their Notes, gifted their Note proceeds to the Committee (CHMCE), or used the proceeds to purchase new Notes in the OPC Loan Fund. During 2008 the last Demand Notes were closed; those two Notes had been held at 0% interest; there were no open Notes in the Church Extension Fund in 2009.

Therefore, with the final transfer of the net fund balance of $41,054.10 to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, Inc., this concludes all reporting on the Church Extension Fund.

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 2010: Messrs. George W. Knight III, Peyton H. Gardner
Class of 2011: Messrs. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Sidney O. Smith
Class of 2012: Messrs. Stanford M. Sutton, John M. Mauldin

The following men serve as officers of the Board: president, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; vice president, George W. Knight III; secretary, Stanford M. Sutton; 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.

At the close of 2009, Notes in the OPCLF were offered in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington 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, 1.5%; 3-year, 2.75%; 5-year, 3.75%; 10-year, 4.75%; these rates were effective September 17, 2009, and are subject to change by the Board. At the close of the year the total of the Notes outstanding was $9,445,658.55. Notes outstanding, including accrued interest, on December 31, 2009, were as follows: one-year, $756,066.10; three-year, $1,010,287.52; five-year, $2,139,466.90; and ten-year, $5,539,838.03; for a total of $9,445,658.55. This is an increase of $61,446.40 from the prior
Gifts and bequests to the Loan Fund totaled $41,054.10 in 2009; this total amount came from the final transfer of the net fund balance of the Church Extension Fund (see section VIII, above), $41,054.10, to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, Inc. Since it was a transfer of ‘working capital,’ these funds were added to the general funds of the Loan Fund.

During the year the Board took the following actions: (1) approved the request made by the provisional session of Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California, Maryland, for a one-year extension of its lease of the church property, effective April 10, 2009 (until April 10, 2010); (2) revised the Policy & Procedures Manual of the Loan Fund, adding two sentences (as requested during the review of the Loan Fund’s application with the state of Michigan to claim exemption for its increased offering amount); (3) unanimously commended Richard A. Barker for his many years of service to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, serving as director and also as its secretary since its inception, sharing his wisdom and his precision in the use of the English language, reflecting a true servant’s heart towards the churches applying for loan assistance; the loan fund manager expressed the Board’s sincere thanks to Mr. Barker for his years of service in a letter; (4) modified certain dates within the terms of the loan granted in 2008 to Hope Presbyterian Church, Grayslake, Illinois, for the purpose of constructing their worship facilities on the church’s land located at 18215 W. Belvedere Road, Grayslake, Illinois; (5) concurred with the request made by the session of Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, for a one-year extension of its lease of the church property, effective October 31, 2009 (until October 31, 2010), and agreed to extend the expiration date of the Option to Purchase agreement from November 14, 2009, to November 14, 2010; (6) determined to remove the loan term payoff date applicable to the two loans to New Life Presbyterian Church, Canton, New York (subsequent to the presbytery’s April 28, 2009 removal of the church from the roll of churches of the Presbytery of New York and New England), permitting the two loans to continue until their scheduled balloon payment dates (December 15, 2014, and May 15, 2015), subject to an earlier call option by the loan fund manager if those funds would be needed for new loans, at which point in time New Life Presbyterian Church would have a period of six months in which to obtain new financing; (7) granted Apple Valley Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, new loan terms to replace the terms of their loan maturing December 29, 2009; (8) granted a loan of up to $165,000 to Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, Georgia, to purchase land located at 5306 Woodstock Road NW, Acworth, Georgia, for the future site of their worship facility; (9) changed the interest rates on new one-year fixed-rate Promissory Notes to the rate quoted earlier in this report (the interest rates on all other length-of-term Notes remaining unchanged, such rates provided earlier in this report); (10) changed the interest rates offered on new loans granted to church applicants, effective September 17, 2009, to provide for a two-tier approach: the interest rate for new loans whose terms include a ten-year balloon repayment date was changed to 7%, while the interest rate for new loans whose terms include a five-year balloon repayment date was set at 6.25%; (11) granted a loan of up to $250,000 to Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, Ohio, for the purpose of purchasing an existing church property located at 101 E. National Road, Vandalia, Ohio; (12) granted the request of the session of Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to extend the date of their non-interest bearing SAFE Loan #1 from the original due date of May 15, 2010, to May 15, 2012; (13) revised the Policy & Procedures Manual of the Loan Fund; and (14) revised the SAFE (“Supplemental Assistance Fund Endowment”) Policy & Procedures.

The following loans granted in 2008 were fully disbursed in 2009: Providence Presbyterian Church, Pataskala, Ohio; Hope Presbyterian Church, Grayslake, Illinois; Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa Jesus es la Verdad, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Stratford
Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, New Jersey; and Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio. The loan to Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, Ohio, was not fully disbursed in 2009.

As first reported in 2006, at its July 31, 2006 meeting, the Board approved the purchase of the church property located at 325 Market Street, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, together with a sum of not more than $25,000 for necessary improvements, such property to then be leased to Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church until the congregation is in a position to purchase the property from the Loan Fund. The matter was reviewed with and concurrence obtained from the overseeing session of Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, and the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The property continues to be leased to the church (see item (5) above, under Board actions). The property is also subject to a Lease to Purchase Option Agreement, effective until November 14, 2010 (as revised in item (5) above).

At its March 14, 2007 meeting, the Board approved the purchase of the church property located at 22646 Benswood Road, California, Maryland, for $100,000, together with a sum of not more than $40,000 for associated closing costs, holding costs and building renovation costs, such property to then be leased to Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church until the congregation is in a position to purchase the property from the Loan Fund. The matter was reviewed with and concurrence obtained from the overseeing Session of Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. The property is leased to the church through April 9, 2010 (see item (1) above, under Board actions), with one-year extensions available upon the request of the session of Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. The property is also subject to a Lease to Purchase Option Agreement, effective until April 9, 2012.

The balances due on loans from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund as of December 31, 2009, are as follows:

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Idaho Falls, ID - New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church 44,309.19
Janesville, WI – Christ Presbyterian Church 2,223.03
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Manchester, NH - Amoskeag Presbyterian Church 151,874.76
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Phillipsburg, NJ - River of Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church 287,683.42
Phoenix, AZ - Calvin Orthodox Presbyterian Church 171,173.74
Puerto Rico – Iglesia Cristiana Jesus es la Verdad 226,410.37
Raleigh, NC - Pilgrim Orthodox Presbyterian Church 273,144.80
Rockport, ME - Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church 157,341.98
Salt Lake City, UT – Christ Presbyterian Church 152,413.09
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Walkerton, IN – Grace Reformed Church 68,264.51
Wasilla, AK – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church 170,237.50
Wilmington, DE – Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church 452,795.70
Woodstock, GA – Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church 159,288.81

TOTAL of all loans held by OPCLF as of December 31, 2009 $8,971,335.53

During 2009 the loans to Trinity Reformed Church, Bowie, MD; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, OR (their SAFE Loan #1); Covenant Church (OPC), Orland Park, IL; and Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vienna, VA, were paid off.

X CONTINGENT FUND
The Contingent Fund was created through special gifts to the Committee and includes receipts from 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.

During 2009 the Committee, using the Contingent Fund, granted a loan of up to $70,432 to Hope Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, New York, to enable them to complete certain renovations to their worship facilities located at 4962 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York. The loan was funded at the lesser amount of $30,000, at the church’s request.

During 2009 the Committee completed the funding of the loan granted in 2008 to Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Neon, Kentucky.

The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 2009, are as follows:

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<th>Location</th>
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<td><strong>TOTAL of all loans held by Contingent Fund as of December 31, 2009</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 299,371.73</strong></td>
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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.  2010 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 $31,253 for the first year of service following ordination. NOTE: Due to a relatively high base salary increase (5%) added last year, combined with the economic recession of 2009, the Committee has determined to leave this schedule unchanged for 2010. However, a yearly incremental increase should be given on the basis of an additional year of service.

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<th>Years of Service</th>
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<td>$32,034</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>$32,836</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>$33,657</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>$34,498</td>
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<td>6th</td>
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<td>7th</td>
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<td>$43,083</td>
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<td>15th</td>
<td>$44,160</td>
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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 IRS allowable rate.

4. **Hospitalization.** The congregation should pay the cost for medical/hospitalization premiums for the pastor and his family.

5. **Pension.** The church should pay the recommended 6% of the pastor’s
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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 DISASTER RELIEF WORK**

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina came ashore at the mouth of the Mississippi River just to the east of New Orleans and changed the way Orthodox Presbyterians think about responding to major disaster relief. The devastation in the Gulf Coast region caused by that storm and the two which followed it began a time of unprecedented response by Orthodox Presbyterian people. By late 2005, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension had agreed in principle to serve the Committee on Diaconal Ministries by developing a plan to assist the CDM in implementing responses to future major disasters in North America. In June of 2006, the 73rd General Assembly requested the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to undertake relief ministries on behalf of the GA in the event of a major disaster in North America (as defined by the Committee on Diaconal Ministries in their report to the 63rd GA on pp. 222-224 – “A major disaster is a calamity which arises suddenly and unexpectedly resulting from an identifiable natural or man-made event like an earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane [or typhoon], famine caused by drought, or war, which directly injures the persons and property of tens of thousands of persons in a defined geographical area.”)

Since that time, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has laid plans and maintained the readiness of donated equipment and supplies in the event of a future major disaster in North America.

After Hurricane Ike made landfall near Galveston, Texas, in September 2008, the effects of the storm there were felt over many states. The OPC has only one congregation, located in the Houston area, which was affected. The members of Providence OPC in Kingwood, Texas, safely survived the storm, though one of the church families living in Galveston had to take refuge inland. On the Monday after the hurricane came ashore, David Haney, coordinator for major-disaster response for the Committee and president of the CDM, drove from Louisiana into the Houston area to assess the needs and to determine if a national response would be initiated. He was able to secure a generator for Providence pastor Adam York and to review with him the status of each of the families affected by the storm. We were grateful that our OP members were not severely affected by the hurricane, and we were also able to send a significant gift from the Disaster Relief reserve fund to the OP congregation to enable them
to assist their neighbors who were not as fortunate.

Although in God’s providence 2009 was a quiet year with regard to major disasters within the United States, 2010 began with a major earthquake in the country of Haiti. The response to this disaster is being handled by our denomination’s CDM in consultation with the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The CDM, in consultation with the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, is now moving quickly to hire a short-term missions coordinator with the expectation that upon securing these services, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension will transfer the responsibility for major disaster relief back to the CDM along with the balance of funds noted below.

Accounting of funds received for Disaster Relief Efforts are as follows:

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<td>Balance on hand December 31, 2009, and available for continued operations and future disasters</td>
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XIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY MATTERS

The Committee appointed the Rev. Ross W. Graham, general secretary; the Rev. Richard R. Gerber, associate general secretary; Mr. David E. Haney, OPC Loan Fund manager; and the Rev. John R. Hilbelink, Committee president, as their representatives to the 77th General Assembly.

XIV ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members:

   Class of 2010
   Ministers: George W. Knight III, Donald M. Poundstone, Gerald S. Taylor
   Ruling Elders: Robert L. Ayres, Gregory S. De Jong

   Class of 2011
   Ministers: John S. Shaw, Jeffery A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger
   Ruling Elders: Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam

   Class of 2012
   Ministers: Mark R. Brown, John R. Hilbelink, Dale A. Van Dyke
   Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, John M. Mauldin

B. Committee Officers:

   President, John R. Hilbelink
   Vice President, Jeffery A. Landis
   Secretary, Gerald S. Taylor
   Treasurer, Garret A. Hoogerhyde
C. Executive Committee:
   Messrs. Hilbelink (Chairman), Hoogerhyde, Knight, Mauldin, and Taylor

D. Committee Representative to COC:
   Mr. Hoogerhyde

E. Subcommittees:
   Finance: Messrs. De Jong, Hoogerhyde, Mauldin
   Church Planting: Messrs. Ayres, Brown, Shaw, Mininger, Poundstone, Van Dam
   Ministry Operations: Messrs. Hilbelink, Knight, Landis, LeMahieu, Taylor, Van Dyke

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 descriptions for these two men call 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.

G. Office Staff:
   Mrs. Vickie Swann has served ably as the Committee’s administrative assistant since April 2007.

XV ELECTIONS
   The terms of the above-named Class of 2010 expire at this assembly.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

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I  PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is 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 and 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 [year elected]
   a. Class of 2010
      Ruling Elder John D. Mazunik [2004]
      The Rev. Lawrence Semel [2007]
   b. Class of 2011
      Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares [1999]
      The Rev. Larry D. Conard [2008]
   c. Class of 2012
      Ruling Elder [open due to resignation]
      The Rev. Anthony A. Monaghan [2009]
2. Elected by the Program Committees

3. General Secretaries [ex officio]

B. Officers
   1. Chairman – Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares
   2. Vice-Chairman – The Rev. Lawrence Semel
   3. Secretary – The Rev. Danny E. Olinger
   4. Treasurer – Garry A. Hoogerhyde (pro tem)

C. Standing Subcommittees
   1. Administration
      The Administration Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Conard and Hoogerhyde is principally responsible for arranging the orderly receiving and accounting of funds for the program committee. It also serves to provide oversight for the work and budget of the Director of Finance and Planned Giving and his staff.

   2. Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education
      The Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Mazunik, Jackson and Monaghan, is principally responsible for 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, times and talents in the work of Christ’s kingdom.

   3. Program Review
      The Program Review Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Tavares, Semel and Jerrell, 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: September 12, 2009 (via conference call), November 14, 2009 (via conference call), and April 30, 2010.
I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program

1. 2009 Financial Results

In the midst of an economy which has adversely impacted many of our congregations, we are reminded once again that we serve a faithful God who has once again seen fit to direct His people to meet the financial needs of the church in its labors to proclaim the Gospel and minister to the saints. It is clear that God moved hearts to make both large and small contributions to His work. At the conclusion of 2009, we can report that the year ended with contributions exceeding the $3.4 million Worldwide Outreach budget by 2.6% ($87,877). The 2009 Thank Offering totaled $798,822. It should be noted that contributions to Home Mission and Foreign Mission exceeded their budgeted amounts (3.4% and 4.8% respectively) while the Christian Education contributions showed a slight shortfall of 3.4% of budget.

B. Continued Coordinated Promotional Efforts

1. Combined Worldwide Outreach oriented materials

The use of the Worldwide Outreach pocket folder materials continues to be a tool to describe and promote the work of the three Committees serving the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The plan for regular updating of the information by each Committee continues. We believe it continues to be a useful tool in explaining Worldwide Outreach to the members of the OPC.

2. Ambassador Program

In 2010 we continued the OPC Ambassador program. It brings representatives from most presbyteries together to hear of the work of all parts of Worldwide Outreach. The goal is to see our Ambassadors go back and share this information to their home presbyteries and to establish an informed resource to promote Worldwide Outreach on a regional level. These Ambassadors will continue their charge to make regular contact with the churches of their respective presbyteries throughout the year to further instruct them about Worldwide Outreach and to promote regular financial support of Worldwide Outreach. We plan to continue the OPC Ambassador program in 2011 and will continue to assess its usefulness on an annual basis.

3. Administrative

Our Director of Finance and Planned Giving, Mr. David E. Haney, continued his full-time work for the Committee. The Rev. Douglas A. Watson continues his service as Staff Accountant. Mrs. Janet L. Giandomenico labors as Assistant to the Director of Finance, and also serves as Office Manager for the three program committees.

IV. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Special Relationships

The Committee continues to review the status of special relationships entered into by the Committee on Foreign Missions with certain presbyteries and/or sessions. The list of
approved relationships is contained in section IV.G of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

V  2010 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

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VI RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the 77th General Assembly approve the following 2011 Worldwide Outreach program (with the allocation of undesignated gifts as follows: Christian Education – 15.0%, Foreign Missions – 42.0%, and Home Missions – 43.0%).

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<td>Grand Total</td>
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Increase over 2010 approved +11.96% +5.59%

VII ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee (Class of 2010) expire at this Assembly:

Ministers: Lawrence Semel
Ruling elder: John D. Mazunik

Required for election to the Class of 2013: Under Standing Rule x.2.i., this Assembly should elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 2013.

Required for election to the Class of 2012: Mr. Ted Weber has resigned from the Committee. Under Standing rule X.2, this Assembly should also elect one ruling elder to the Class of 2012.

Mr. Semel has requested that his name not be placed in nomination for the Class of 2013.
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

**Total Budgets and Receipts: 2000 - 2010**

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<th>Increase</th>
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Averages: $154,055 6.1%  $106,818 4.0%  97.2%

* DMS funds folded into WWO in this budget cycle

### WWO: Receipts and Budgets 2000-2011

![Graph showing WWO Receipts and Budgets from 2000 to 2011](image.png)
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

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### WWO: Sources of Funds 2009-2011

![Bar chart showing sources of funds from 2009 to 2011](chart.png)

- **Reserves**
- **Misc**
- **Non OPC**
- **OPC**
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

**Use of Funds**

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**WWO: Use of Funds 2009-2011**

![Use of Funds Graph](chart.png)
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### 2010 OPC Minutes

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**2000-2009 Balance Sheet Based on Auditor's Report**

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# WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

## Combined General Funds: Revenues and Expenses

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| **EXPENSES**         |             |               |                |
| Program Services     |             |               |                |
| Christian Education  | $264,586    | $234,000      | $333,600       |
| Foreign Missions     | 1,069,601   | 1,045,714     | 1,018,960      |
| Home Missions & Ch. Ext. | 887,436    | 782,816       | 826,600        |
| New Horizons         | 257,607     | 269,424       | 269,423        |
| **Total Program Services** | $2,479,231 | $2,331,954    | $2,448,583     |

|                      |             |               |                |
| Supporting Services  |             |               |                |
| Christian Education  | $148,892    | $178,077      | $185,900       |
| Foreign Missions     | 428,705     | 464,395       | 483,847        |
| Home Missions & Ch. Ext. | 331,931   | 367,877       | 399,581        |
| Coordination         | 351,778     | 365,277       | 350,272        |
| **Total Supporting Services** | 1,261,306 | 1,375,626     | 1,419,600      |

|                      |             |               |                |
| **Total Expenses**   | $3,740,537  | $3,707,580    | $3,868,183     |

|                      | ($194,066)  | ($422,380)    | ($197,483)     |

## EXCESS (Deficit):

| Funding of Deficit (Surplus): |          |               |                |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|                |
| From (to) CCE cash reserves  | 17,168   | 55,577        | 18,000         |
| From (to) CFM cash reserves  | 97,299   | 238,909       | 106,607        |
| From (to) CHMCE cash reserves | 42,039   | 97,693        | 73,181         |
| From (to) NH cash reserves   | (2,393)  | (576)         | (577)          |
| From (to) COC cash reserves  | 39,953   | 30,777        | 272            |
| **Deficit (Surplus) funded** | $194,066 | $422,380      | $197,483       |

## Notes:
- Actual 2009: Based on Auditor's reports
- Approved 2010: Based on Committees' reports, allocated in same manner as the Auditor.
- Requested 2011: Based on amounts requested by the Committees in their annual reports, allocated in the same manner as the Auditor.
- Supporting Services: All salary and benefits for staff are allocated as Supporting Services.
## COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### General Fund: Revenue and Expenses

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**Note:**

The salary and benefits paid to the General Secretary have been allocated as follows:

- 33.3% to New Horizons, 66.6% to Christian Education.
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**

- Inter-fund transfers $100,213 $238,909 $106,607
- Decrease (increase) in cash (2,914) 0 0
- Deficit (Surplus) funded $97,299 $238,909 $106,607

**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 $56,403 and $82,389 and $68,480 for 2009 and 2010 and 2011 respectively.
## COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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### Funding of Deficit (Surplus):

- **Inter-fund transfers**
  - 2009: $44,249
  - 2010: $97,696
  - 2011: $75,000

- **Decrease (increase) in cash**
  - 2009: (2,211)
  - 2010: (3)
  - 2011: (1,819)

- **Deficit (Surplus) funded**
  - 2009: $42,039
  - 2010: $97,693
  - 2011: $73,181

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**Note:**
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### NEW HORIZONS
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#### Funding of Deficit (Surplus):
- Inter-fund transfers: $0
- Decrease (increase) in cash: $(2,393) $(576) $(577)
- Deficit (Surplus) funded: $(2,393) $(576) $(577)

### COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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#### Funding of Deficit (Surplus):
- Decrease (increase) in cash: $39,953 $30,777 $272
WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
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1990-2009 Average: 91.6 99.4 95.1
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The Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Unrestricted Liquid Cash Reserve Levels

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![Liquid Cash Reserves](chart.png)
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Percentage Distribution of Budgets Approved by the General Assembly

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Average: Last 5 years (2006-2010) 14.02% 43.83% 42.15%

Average: 1992-2010 13.03% 46.24% 40.73%

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### Budgets Approved by the GA: 1992-2010

**Percent Distribution by Committee**

![Graph showing budget distribution by committee from 1992 to 2010](image-url)

- CE
- CFM
- CHMCE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES
TO THE 77TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.
(Original Trinity Hymnal, #50)

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee. Amazingly, He has loved us in Christ. Nothing will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39). We have every confidence that we will continue to see His mercies “daily attend” us. We have this confidence to comfort those in need. We have this assurance as we minister compassion to individuals and to congregations in this nation and throughout the world. This is the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (CDM) report on the opportunities the Lord has given us to demonstrate His tender mercies to many in this past year.

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I  ADMINISTRATION

The present make-up of the CDM is: President The Rev. Lendall H. Smith (retired minister, Wheaton, IL), Vice-President The Rev. John W. Belden (minister, Mayking, KY), Secretary The Rev. Ronald E. Pearce (minister, Hackettstown, NJ), Treasurer Mr. David E. Haney (elder, Bridgeton, NJ), Mr. Robert O. Keys (deacon, Columbus, OH), Mr. Kenley K. Leslie (deacon, Morgantown, W.VA), Mr. David P. Nakhla (elder, La Mirada, CA), Mr. Christopher A. Sudlow (deacon, Wheaton, IL), and Mr. Robert J. Wright (deacon, Pole Tavern, NJ ministering in Uganda). This was the first year the General Assembly expanded the CDM with additional deacons. And we have benefitted from their additional gifts and enthusiasm for ministry.

II  WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee met twice in 2009. The Committee met for its 2009 Spring meeting at Bethel OPC, Wheaton, IL, March 27-28, 2009. The regular Fall meeting was held at Bethel OPC, Wheaton, IL, October 30-31, 2009. The CDM is grateful for the generous hospitality of the Wheaton congregation to host our meetings.

The Committee meets over two days; the first day is for docketed agenda items, the second day is for the CDM to work on policies and to discuss future plans. The intent is to have Mr. Bob Wright join via telephone-conference if possible from Uganda. The Committee is structured to convene by telephone conference as needed. The executive committee is also authorized to make additional decisions between meetings. The treasurer is authorized to respond as per policy to budgeted items and to provide insurance premium payments for ministers who are unable otherwise to have such coverage.

The record keeping and bookkeeping are administered out of the OPC offices in Willow Grove. This office receives donations for the CDM, acknowledges and issues receipts to donors, as well as generates reports to the Committee. All donations and distributions of diaconal funds are kept confidential within the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

Donations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries are to be sent to the OPC, 607 N. Easton Road, Building E, Box P, Willow Grove, PA 19090-0920, and clearly marked for CDM. All correspondence and inquiries for CDM are to be sent to Rev. Ronald Pearce, Secretary CDM, Church of the Covenant OPC, 319 Blau Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-5227.

The CDM continues to work on a policy for Accountability and Reporting of Funds that are distributed for Foreign Aid. The Committee is asking for careful reporting back to the Committee from everyone who receives diaconal assistance from the Committee. Especially when money is given for foreign aid, we are very concerned to know who distributes our funds and how the monies were used. We are very concerned that monies be carefully accounted for.

The CDM continues to develop a policy for Accountability and Reporting of Funds that are distributed through Presbyteries for Home Aid. The Committee is concerned that presbyteries that ask for and receive financial assistance from CDM should be careful to report how the monies were used. The CDM annually corresponds with the presbyteries in which ministers have received aid, to ascertain 1) whether the man is still in need for financial assistance, 2) if his congregation has addressed this need again this year, 3) whether the presbytery’s diaconal committee has asked the churches of the presbytery for help with the need, and 4) if they are able to respond to his need.

The CDM continues to develop a policy for Major Disaster Relief. The 73\textsuperscript{RD} General Assembly charged Home Missions with the oversight of Major Disaster Relief in the USA.
The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE) and the CDM are actively working on a policy for proposed steps of action or concepts to be discussed for the oversight of major disaster relief to be returned to the CDM from the CHMCE, with a view to have a plan to be adopted by both committees and referred to the GA for approval.

The CDM has made progress this year to establish a policy handbook which collects the policies and directives given to the CDM over the years from General Assemblies. It will also include our operating policies. Part of this policy notebook will be available to churches with information and recommended procedures to follow in different diaconal situations that arise in church life.

The future direction of the Committee is being addressed. The consensus of the Committee is that we would like to be a resource for the churches. To that end we planned a national Deacons’ Summit for June 3-5, 2010, held at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. The scheduled keynote speaker will be Dr. Brian Fikkert, of Covenant College. The theme of his addresses will be, “How to Help the Poor Without Hurting Them . . . and Ourselves.” The Summit’s purpose will be to help deacons think through their calling, know their resources, express their needs and shape their vision for ministry. The CDM desires to encourage deacons in their work and provide an opportunity for them to fellowship with one another and to network for resources. To these ends, workshops will be designed to address different subjects. The CDM will cover the cost for room and board for all ordained men in the OPC so that as many as possible can attend.

Another way in which the future direction of the Committee is being addressed is, that the CDM is prayerfully working to have a staff person to oversee short-term missions trips. The concept of a staff person was reported to last year’s General Assembly, and we received a very favorable response. Both the Home and Foreign Missions Committees are in hearty agreement with having this staff person. A job description has been developed and approved. This man will be an employee of the CDM (subject to the concurrence of the CFM and the CHMCE in his employment) and labors under its oversight. He shall be an ordained officer in the OPC. In the performance of his duties on behalf of either the CFM or the CHMCE, he will also be under the oversight of, and be subject to the policies and direction of the respective committee (through its general secretaries). He is to assist CDM, CFM and CHMCE in the administration of the committees’ short-term missions (STM) programs. This person would minister on behalf of Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE) and Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) and CDM. He would try to divide his time proportionately and equally among the three committees. A full description of his responsibilities is made available to the Advisory Committee. A budget has been approved, and Lord willing we hope to have a man called to this position this year.

One member from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries continues to serve as a trustee for the “Widows and Minor Dependents of Deceased Missionaries Relief Fund.” Reports as needed are given to the CDM on the actions of the trustees.

Audit. The Committee’s books are audited annually as part of the OPC audit. Copies are available upon request.

A. DIACONAL ASSISTANCE - FOREIGN

The CDM desires to report to the Assembly as fully as possible with regard to recipients of foreign ministry disbursements, with due regard for safety and confidentiality. While we report as fully as we can in this report, some information needs to be reserved for a confidential, verbal report to the Advisory Committee due to the delicate political context and danger to some who receive aid.

The Committee granted the full amount requested from the CFM for diaconal assistance for all our missionaries in 2009, including the full amount requested for the work of the clinic
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in Uganda. The Committee granted the full amount requested from the CFM for diaconal assistance for all our missionaries in 2010.

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**Iraq.** $30,000 was budgeted for diaconal needs in Iraq but CDM received no requests for aid in 2008 or 2009.

**Sudan.** $30,000 was budgeted for diaconal needs in Sudan but CDM received no requests for aid in 2008 or 2009. CDM has encouraged our deacon missionary, Mr. Bob Wright, to visit the fields (Sudan) where our diaconal funds have been distributed in the past.

**Haiti.** $4,800.00 was budgeted and given in 2009. Funds are to aid members and adherents of the congregations with which the OPC works. This is a very needy land. Reports are that one-third of the children die before their fifth birthday, and life expectancy in the country is only 50 years (Prison Fellowship, June 3, 2008).

**Eritrea.** $1,747.00 was budgeted and given in 2009. An additional $5,550 a quarter (an annual figure of $22,200.00) was given, upon a request from OPC CFM. These are special and sensitive circumstances. The people ministered to are in desperate situations. Vital aid is being given in Jesus’ name. The CDM responded with the same amount for 2009, but decided to conclude this support at the end of 2009.

**Uganda.** $13,800 was budgeted and given in 2009 and 2010 for the two mission stations as our missionaries have opportunities to minister to the needy believers.

**Uganda clinic.** $50,000 was budgeted and given in 2009. Of that $50,000, $26,000 is for medicines and lab expenses; the rest is to help with the operating deficit of the Akisyon A Yesu Presbyterian Clinic at Nakaale. This clinic is the only place in the locality that people can be treated for serious or potentially life-threatening medical conditions. The CDM is budgeting the same amount for 2010. In addition to these funds, the CDM at its October 2009 meeting voted to respond to the financial needs of the Uganda Mission, and grant their requests. $14,000 was given for the purchase of a vehicle for Dr. Knox. $18,000 was given for the purchase of a truck for the Karamoja Station. The CDM also approved up to $12,000 a year for each year of his first term, for the support of associate missionary deacon Andrew Dickson as a deacon by the CFM.

**Suriname.** $4,800 was budgeted and given for 2009. Funds are for aid to members and adherents. This field was closed in 2009, so no funds were budgeted for 2010.

**Japan.** $1,500 was budgeted and given for 2009. The Mission makes small contributions to two diaconal works of the RCJ: the Shizuoka Blind Center and the Handicapped Rehabilitation Press (near Hiroshima). It also makes a small diaconal gift to Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary, and retains the balance in reserve to meet emergencies arising in the
course of the missionaries’ ministries.

**Ethiopia.** $7,850 was budgeted for 2009, in response to a request from OPC CFM. The OPC does not have a permanent missionary in the field, so these funds are distributed through the Ethiopian Reformed Presbyterian Church (ERPC). These funds are for ERPC members and adherents in Welo, a remote Muslim-controlled region in the north. Funds are also for members and adherents with HIV-AIDS in Addis Ababa.

**China.** $9,600.00 was budgeted and given in 2009. These are special and sensitive circumstances. The people ministered to are in desperate situations. Vital aid is being given in Jesus’ name.

The CDM and the CFM had a meeting with representatives of both committees, September 23, 2009 at the OPC offices in Willow Grove. The meeting was to discuss joint protocol for evaluating and supporting on-going and future joint ministries between the two committees. David Haney, Ronald Pearce and Lendall Smith represented CDM. All parties found this opportunity to discuss ideas and to share communications and to listen to concerns to be an immense help in understanding how we can work together to further the cause of Christ.

In an effort to better respond to major disaster relief in foreign countries, a database was composed. CDM now has a current listing of all countries where Reformed churches have missionaries, so that in event of major disasters, CDM knows whom to contact, and through which denominations we can send emergency relief.

**Kenya Famine.** In 2008-2009 the drought condition in Kenya was severe. 10 million people were without food (Daniel Kithongo). At the time of the CDM’s response, March 2009, the country was “staring at an acute water and food shortage in the coming months. . . . The long drought and the poor short-rains had contributed immensely to the water shortage” (Joel Kavala). The President of Kenya had announced a national disaster because of the drought. One of the hardest hit areas in Kenya was the Mwingi District, where the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) was started. The CDM was able to give funds to families in drought conditions, through the ministry of the (AEPC). The OPC has worked with the AEPC for many years, and recommended them for membership in the ICRC.

The CDM gave $2,000 for drought relief through the AEPC.

**Haiti Earthquake.** January 12, 2010 Haiti suffered the strongest earthquake in more than 200 years. The 7.0-magnitude-tremor destroyed communications making it impossible to tell the extent of destruction, or to estimate the number of dead lying among thousands of collapsed buildings in Haiti’s capital of about two million people. Over 40 aftershocks continued the destruction. Week after week the figures of casualties kept growing. Final estimates are that 200,000 died from the earthquake, another 250,000 were injured, with another 1.5 million or more left homeless. One government official said, “In 30 seconds Haiti lost 60% of its economy.” 20% of the structures in Port-au-Prince were destroyed and 80% of those left standing had serious structural damage. The classroom building that the OPC missionaries used for worship was made unusable.

With thanks to God, all of our missionaries and area pastors were unharmed. But the stories they sent by email about injury, death and destruction were almost overwhelming. Pastor Steve Igo who was in the country at the time wrote, “One missionary couple watched their three story school building in Port-au-Prince collapse to the ground. Praise God it occurred at 4:53 P.M. when all the children were gone. Another missionary couple has many injured and dead lying in their front yard, while they try to get some sleep on the bottom floor of their home with neighbors . . . I am 15 miles north of this devastation with missionaries Ben and Heather Hopp, and I can only imagine how sleepless and distressing the night in Port-au-Prince will be. We were on pins and needles, especially when after-shocks began to intensify between 8 and 9 P.M. in the evening.”
With a non-functioning government and no infrastructure in place the fear was for increasing unrest and violence. Out of concern for their safety our OPC missionaries the Hopps, and Rev. Steve Igo who was in Haiti, were evacuated.

The first level of response was with emergency aid and supplies. We praise God for His common grace as we witnessed nations of the world giving such a massive and generous response. Many in our denomination also responded quickly and generously (by mid March over $200,000.00 had been given for Haiti). CDM is able to channel relief monies to needy believers in this land, and also coordinate our response with the PCA relief team. CDM paid for and sent a shipment of food from Miami directly to the needy on the island of Lagonav.

The second, and more prolonged level of response will be rebuilding. As soon as the Haitian government and the US State Department determined it was safe to return to Haiti, a team under coordination with CFM was sent to assess the needs and make plans for our denomination’s response. The team included OPC missionary Ben Hopp, David Nakhla of CDM and PCA medical doctor Gordon Zubrod. The team spent over a week in country to make contact with associated missionaries and Haitian pastors. The team returned and met with representatives of CFM and CDM in Philadelphia, February 27. The men determined it was time to start sending relief teams for the work of rebuilding. The first team of five specialized workers was sent March 13. Many have volunteered to go on future teams, and relief teams will be sent to Haiti over the next many months.

The immediate goal for the first relief teams is to provide for a place for worship and rebuild Pastor Leon Amicy’s house so that Pastor Octavious Delfils and his family have a place to move to so they can return to Haiti. They are both pastors of the church plant in Port-au-Prince. When this house is rebuilt the local church leaders will be able to minister to people and have facilities both to worship and distribute aid. CDM continues to send monies to the local church leaders who have the best assessment of how to distribute and meet needs.

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries praises God for the many in the OPC who have poured themselves into these relief efforts with their prayers, funds and time. We pray for many who are preparing to go to rebuild structures and minister to broken souls in the coming months and years. We pray for the Haitian believers as they suffer with the rest of their countrymen, that even this tragedy will work for their good, and ultimately for the glory of God and the growth of Christ’s kingdom.

Chile earthquake. February 27, 2010 Chile suffered one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded. The 8.8-magnitude tremor caused the most severe damage in the cities of Arauco and Coronel, Chile. The quake was so powerful that it moved the entire city of Concepcion 3.04 meters to the west. The earthquake generated a blackout that affected 93% of the country for several days. The death toll was listed at 497. CDM communicated with the PCA and Bible Presbyterian Churches who have missionaries in this land, to determine if there are diaconal needs that CDM might be able to respond to.

B. DIACONAL ASSISTANCE - USA

We are grateful to God that there were no major disasters in the US this year requiring emergency relief from the CDM. A procedure is in place (under CHMCE) to respond to any major disaster in the States. The CDM will be actively working along side of the CHMCE in major disasters. The CDM praises God for the many in the OPC who continue to pour themselves into these relief efforts with their funds and time.

The CDM continues to thank the churches for their sincere attempts to cover the insurance needs of their pastors. We thank the presbyteries that have attempted to cover the needs of their ministers. The expense of underwriting insurance premiums remains one of the largest expenses of this Committee, but has been greatly reduced as presbyteries take up the care of their ministers. Because the Lord’s people generously give to The Committee on
Diaconal Ministries we are able to assist ministers with their health insurance premiums in situations where the local church and the presbytery are not able to provide sufficient funds. Each year we request the General Assembly to remind presbyteries to be sure all ministers have adequate major medical insurance, and that they have evaluated the need for life insurance. These directives from the General Assembly for several years are bearing fruit. It is our understanding and expectation that all ministers have adequate health insurance. CDM has a Policy to Supplement a Minister’s Health Insurance Premiums, in which presbyteries are to report annually on the status of the need of the men who are to receive assistance and how the presbytery is able to provide help.

In order to better care for the retired ministers and widows, a database of all ministers and widows was created. CDM now is aware of what presbytery diaconal committee has oversight of what retired ministers and widows. This information was sent to all the presbyteries, and is available upon request.

The CDM continues to provide funds to Emmanuel Chapel, Philadelphia, as per the request of the General Assembly, which the CDM has been doing for some 40 years. These funds go to inner city families to help pay Christian School tuition for their children. In 2009 CDM increased its diaconal support for the Philadelphia churches, to an amount of $42,000 a year. The CDM is seeking to get greater presbytery oversight of this worthy ministry. The Chapel carefully oversees funds it receives, and it reports to the CDM. CDM commends the Chapel for their oversight and careful record keeping.

The CDM was able to contribute diaconal funds through the Presbytery of the Southeast for the needs of the Neon Reformed Presbyterian OPC, Neon, Kentucky. The Committee sent $7,000 to hire specialized labor to help the church complete their building project. This church is in an impoverished area of the country and needs help to finish its building in order to have an adequate place of worship.

The CDM responded to the request from Committee on Pensions, for funds. In 2009 CDM gave $60,000 to this committee to supplement its funds. The CDM gave an additional $60,000 in 2010. These funds were distributed from the Obadiah Fund.

C. DIACONAL ASSISTANCE - OBADIAH FUND

The Lord has blessed the OPC with generous gifts from His people. A significant trust fund, created by a brother in Christ, directed that this fund (Obadiah Fund) be used for the care of retired ministers and widows in the OPC. In 2009 the Committee on Diaconal Ministries was able to address several specific needs that we knew retired ministers had. After meeting those needs, we were able to give each of some 83 retired (and not employed) ministers and widows a gift of $1,000. We desired that this gift be a tangible expression of Christ’s love to these saints through His Church. Many of these retired ministers began their labor in the OPC with small or insufficient salaries, but committed themselves to serve with joyful sacrifice to Christ. So this gift was an acknowledgment of years of faithful service and sacrifice to Christ. The many, warm thank you letters from the recipients of these funds were deeply moving. We truly give thanks to God for the wisdom of this benefactor and his generous desire to serve Christ by caring for those in need. In 2010 we have the joy of again giving $1,000 to each of the 86 widows and retired (and not employed) ministers.

III POLICIES

Requests for aid may come to the Committee through the courts of the church. Sessions and deacon boards need to present their requests first through their presbytery. Then the presbytery and its diaconal committee examine the requested need and perhaps address
the need from within the presbytery. If additional assistance is needed, the presbytery and its diaconal committee would refer their request to the CDM. Only in rare instances does the CDM provide help apart from the request and advice and oversight of a closer court of jurisdiction. The presbytery is “on the scene” and knows best how to advise The CDM. The presbytery and its diaconal committee are the means to give follow-up and continued care.

Specific policies of CDM are now being collected into a booklet form. These are made available to the Advisory Committee and a copy may be requested from the Secretary of CDM.

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<td>Hospital Premiums</td>
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<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>Student Scholarships</td>
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<td>$42,000</td>
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<td>$9,000</td>
<td>$9,000</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>$9,000</td>
<td>$9,000</td>
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<td>Disaster Relief</td>
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<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>Pension Aid Fund</td>
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<td>$25,000</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>$-</td>
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<td>Infirm Ministry</td>
<td>$-</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$54,957.28</td>
<td>$340,000</td>
<td>$276,000</td>
<td>$216,000</td>
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**General Fund Total Expenses**

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<th>$220,575.73</th>
<th>$507,297</th>
<th>$507,487</th>
<th>$487,087</th>
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<td>Difference</td>
<td>110,888.58</td>
<td>(142,297)</td>
<td>(110,085)</td>
<td>(52,087)</td>
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BALANCE SHEET

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

12/31/2009

Assets

Current Assets
Cash
   Commerce Bank $613,679
Total Current Assets $613,679

Investments and Long Term Receivables

Investments
   Janus Funds $335,490
   Beacon Trust $152,346
Real Estate $0
Receivable $0
Total Investments and Receivables $487,836

Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation $0

Total Assets $1,101,515

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities $0

Total Liabilities $0

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets
   Temporarily Restricted [Obadiah Fund] $171,488
   General Undesignated $930,027
Total Net Assets $1,101,515

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $1,101,515
V RECOMMENDATIONS

1. 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, and inquire as to whether the candidate has adequate life insurance.

2. That the General Assembly request the presbyteries to investigate whether all their ministers have adequate medical and life insurance coverage and retirement provision including looking into the sufficiency of co-pay and other alternatives.

3. That for the year 2011 the General Assembly requests the churches of the OPC support the work of this Committee at the suggested rate of $25.00 per communicant member.

VI ELECTIONS

Currently the Committee consists of:

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<tr>
<th>Minister</th>
<th>Elder</th>
<th>Deacon</th>
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<tr>
<td>2012: Lendall H. Smith (President)</td>
<td>John W. Belden (Vice-President)</td>
<td>Robert O. Keys (Presby OH)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011: John W. Belden (Vice-President)</td>
<td>David E. Haney (Treasurer)</td>
<td>Robert J. Wright (Presby NJ)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010: Ronald E. Pearce (Secretary)</td>
<td>David P. Nakhla</td>
<td>Kenley K. Leslie (Presb OH)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Christopher A. Sudlow (Presb MW)</td>
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</table>

Terms expiring at this Assembly: minister Ronald E. Pearce and elder David P. Nakhla and deacon Christopher A. Sudlow. All men are able to return to the Committee should that be the desire of General Assembly.

Requirements for membership on this Committee: The Committee on Diaconal Ministries shall consist of nine male members, with one minister being in each class, two deacons being in one class, and one ruling elder and one deacon being in each of the two remaining classes. Preferably each of the deacons would be from a different presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald E. Pearce
Secretary CDM
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 and full-time employees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Committee also provides a group life insurance plan 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 endeavors to assist the churches in providing for the welfare and retirement needs of ordained officers and full-time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian churches and committees through these programs. The Committee also provided a health insurance plan, but that plan was terminated on March 31, 2009. The Committee earnestly covets the prayers of the Church as it labors in its task, sensing all too clearly “Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain”.

I  PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

A. Investment Policies

1. The investments of the Retirement Equity Fund are managed by two investment managers: Oppenheimer & 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 75% of the total funds under their management.

2. At the end of 2009 the investments of the fund were allocated as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Investment Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Money Market Funds</td>
<td>5.21%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificates of Deposit</td>
<td>11.86%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corporate Bonds</td>
<td>10.45%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.S. Governments and Agencies</td>
<td>6.53%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>65.95%</td>
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B. Investment Results

1. The investment results for the year 2009 showed a substantial recovery from the decrease in value that resulted during the 2007-2008 recession. That rebound in value has continued in the current year (2010) but not at the same rate.

2. The net assets of the Fund at the end of the year amounted to $18,933,705. There was a net gain of 16.96%, or $2,745,135, for the year 2009. This compares with the results of the Dow Jones Average (18.82%), the S&P 500 (23.45%), and the Balanced Mutual Fund Index (23.35%). While the Fund’s gain for 2009 was less than the gain of these benchmarks, it should be remembered that these benchmarks lost more than the Fund in 2008. The growth of the Fund over the years is shown in the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Net Assets</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>December 31, 1969</td>
<td>$325,893</td>
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<td>December 31, 1979</td>
<td>903,997</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1989</td>
<td>4,988,748</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1999</td>
<td>16,062,549</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 2009</td>
<td>18,933,705</td>
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3. At the end of 2009, each participant’s account was credited with 2.54% in income and 13.79% in increased market value, resulting in a net change of 16.33%. The investment results over specific periods are shown in the following:

- Average annual percentage of gain - the last 5 years – 3.187%
- Average annual percentage of gain - the last 10 years – 2.731%
- Average annual percentage of gain - the last 15 years – 7.918%
- Average annual percentage of gain - the last 20 years – 7.738%

C. Term Life Insurance

The pension plan includes $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 2009 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 2009, the participants in the plan consisted of the following:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Participants</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Participants Making Contributions</td>
<td>178</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Participants Not Making Contributions</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
E. Benefits

1. During the year 2009, the following retirement payments were made:
   - Annuity payments - insurance companies $1,380
   - Pension payments - Committee 670,200
   - The average pension payment by the Committee was $1,010 per month.

2. The Committee has designated for the calendar year 2010 that $1,500 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

1. 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 2009, there were 5 ministers and 11 surviving spouses receiving supplementary payments.

2. The Committee, at its meeting of April 1, 2010, by motion, determined:
   a. To establish, until funds are exhausted, a new category in the Pension Supplement Fund, to be called Pension Continuation, the purpose of which is to continue pension payments to those participants and/or their spouses who are enrolled in the Pension Plan as of April 1, 2010, whose accounts run out because of extended age and/or severe market declines.
   b. To fund the Pension Continuation element of the Pension Supplement Fund with the transfer of $300,000.00 of the assets of the Hospitalization Plan, the net proceeds of the sale of the Pennsylvania property, and such other funds that become available through investment returns or contributions to the Pension Supplement Fund.
   c. That those eligible for Pension Continuation payments must also meet the following criteria:
      (1) Participation in the Pension Plan for at least 10 years.
      (2) Drawing pension payments based on (joint) life expectancy or longer.
      (3) Contributions to their account by the churches must have been made for the equivalent of 10 years.
      (4) Not eligible for Pension Supplement Fund payments.
      (5) Still members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
      (6) Surviving spouses will continue to be eligible unless they remarry.
   d. The Pension Continuation payments be set at the rate of their most recent drawing, up to a maximum of $600.00 per month, to commence September 1, 2010.
B. Contributions from Churches

At various times over the last 20 years (1989-1994 and 1995-2000), the Committee has requested contributions from the churches for this fund. We have received grants from The Obadiah Foundation each year since 2007, and we expect this to continue in the future. This has enabled us to provide the additional benefits to those whose regular pension accounts have been exhausted. Therefore, we do not anticipate making future requests from the churches.

C. Benefits

1. During the year 2009, payments made to eligible participants were $225 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 $600 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 2009 is as follows:

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<td>Interest</td>
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<td>Dividends</td>
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<th>DISBURSEMENTS</th>
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<td>Pension supplements</td>
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<tr>
<td>Supplies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Disbursements</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BALANCE – December 31, 2009</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</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:

- Participant: $300,000
- Spouse: $50,000
- Children: $5,000

C. Enrollment

The enrollment in the plan had a decrease of two, and at the end of 2009 had 37 participants. Total insurance in force at year end was as follows:

- Participants: $2,141,000
- Spouses: 710,000

D. Insurance Carrier

Since January 1, 2002, the coverage has been through Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

IV HOSPITALIZATION

A. Dissolution of Plan

The following motion was adopted at the General Assembly (2008): “That the 75th General Assembly authorize the Committee on Pensions to terminate the hospitalization plan effective March 31, 2009, and to assist the churches and presbyteries in making transition for the participants in the Plan to other medical care coverage.”

At March 31, 2009 the Plan was terminated, and, to our knowledge, all participants had secured other coverage. Some individuals did have difficulties in obtaining coverage, but they were able to get it eventually, albeit at higher rates and with some restrictions. We are not aware of anyone who was left without any coverage.

B. Financial Summary

The year 2009 was a good year financially and resulted in a reserve at the end of the year in the amount of $364,950. This was the result of the closing of the plan at the end of March and the excess of premiums and other income over the final medical claims submitted.

The Committee has determined to transfer $300,000 of this reserve to the Pension Supplement Fund (see Section II above).

V ADMINISTRATION
A. Committee Members

Class of 2012:
Minister: John D. McGowan
Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse, Jack D. White

Class of 2011:
Minister: Douglas L. Watson
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Stephen R. Leavitt

Class of 2010:
Minister: Darren S. Thole
Ruling Elders: Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington

B. Officers

President: Roger W. Huibregtse
Vice President: William C. Redington
Secretary: Robert M. Meeker
Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Executive Committee

Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Roger W. Huibregtse (Chairman), Robert M. Meeker, and William C. Redington

D. Staff

Administrative Assistant: Kathleen Kline

VI ELECTIONS

The terms of the class of 2010 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.

VII AUDIT REPORTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Committee on Pensions of Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund (the “Plan”) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statement 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 audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund’s 2008 financial statements and, in our report dated March 18, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 audit provides 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 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, 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.

Fylstra, Wright & Co.
Hawthorne, NJ
March 23, 2010

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

2009 2008

ASSETS
Investments at fair value:

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<th>2009</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<td>Certificate of deposit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corporate bonds</td>
<td>1,979,872</td>
<td>1,170,590</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
<td>12,495,289</td>
<td>10,264,063</td>
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<tr>
<td>U.S. Government securities</td>
<td>1,236,470</td>
<td>3,363,630</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total investments</strong></td>
<td><strong>18,945,865</strong></td>
<td><strong>15,772,618</strong></td>
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Cash and cash equivalents 229,318 336,368
Receivable - Supplement Fund 4,479 -
Accrued interest and dividends receivable 66,140 83,896
Property and equipment at cost, net of accumulated depreciation 27 133

**Total assets** 19,245,829 16,193,015

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

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<td>Accrued expenses</td>
<td>441</td>
<td>4,445</td>
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<td>Agency funds – Hospitalization Trust</td>
<td>311,683</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>312,124</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,445</strong></td>
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Net assets available for plan benefits $18,933,705 $16,188,570

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Additions to Net Assets</th>
<th>Deductions from Net Assets</th>
<th>Change in Net Assets</th>
<th>Net Assets Available for Benefits:</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>$2,741,076</td>
<td>$904,353</td>
<td>$1,836,723</td>
<td>$18,933,705</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>$(4,625,120)</td>
<td>$858,186</td>
<td>$(4,773,306)</td>
<td>$16,188,570</td>
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ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

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ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

Note 1. Description of the Plan:

The following brief description of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for more complete information.

The Pension Fund is a defined benefit contribution plan which was created to provide term life insurance during the period of eligibility and retirement benefits at the normal retirement age (65). The Church’s ordained ministers, permanent full-time employees, and the permanent full-time employees of the congregations or organizations thereof are all eligible to participate in the plan. The normal retirement benefit is based on the individual participant’s equity in the Pension Fund at the time of retirement and on the specific income option selected. In addition, the Pension Fund also provides death benefits to its participants. Plan contributions are limited to a percentage of each participant’s annual compensation, which is determined by the individual congregations. The current recommended contribution percentage is 6%. The participating churches generally make contributions, and allowances are given to individuals to make voluntary contributions on their own.

Key provisions of the Plan are:

I 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.

II Normal retirement date
The normal retirement date is the first day of the month following the participant’s 65th birthday. This date is not mandatory.

III Normal form of Pension
The normal form of retirement benefits is a lifetime annuity which is guaranteed for a minimum of 10 years.

IV Optional forms of Pension available
Participants may elect any option acceptable to the Plan Committee.

V Vesting
If a participant chooses to leave the Plan, their vested interest in the Retirement Equity Fund shall be determined as follows:
A. An individual’s vested interest in the Retirement Equity Fund shall be the sum of:

1. A percentage of the portion of their share of the Retirement Equity Fund, not attributable to any voluntary contributions they have made, equal to the following percentages:

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<tr>
<th>Anniversary</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>1st</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>60%</td>
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<td>6th</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>7th</td>
<td>100%</td>
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Plus:

2. The portion of their share which is attributable to any voluntary contributions they have made.

B. The interest of a totally and permanent disabled participant shall be fully vested.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accompanying financial statements of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

I Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Therefore, actual results may differ from those estimates.

II Investments

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the current fair market value of these investments in reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

III Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

IV Payment of benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.
Note 3. Investments:

All investments are Level 1 investments. Level 1 investments are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the organization has the ability to access at the measurement date. The following table presents both the fair values and cost of investments:

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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Value</td>
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The unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) of the Plan’s investment securities is summarized below:

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Note 4. Agency Funds – Hospitalization Trust:

The Pension Plan received funds totaling $300,000 during the fiscal year 2009 from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church – Hospitalization Trust and is subsequently acting as an agent of the Trust to invest the funds. During the year, investment earnings attributable to these funds were $11,683 resulting from both dividends and unrealized gains.

Note 5. Tax Status:

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Plan is designated in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to tax under present income tax laws.
Note 6. Plan Termination:

In the unlikely event of Plan termination, individual participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 7. Party in Interest:

The accounting firm of Baker & Hoogerhyde LLC CPA’s received fees of $39,600 for the accounting and administration of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2009 and $40,800 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Note 8. Concentration of Risk and Uncertainties:

The investments currently held by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund include corporate bonds, common stocks, and U.S. Government securities. Such investments are exposed to various risk such as interest rate, market, and credit risks.

The following schedule of assets held for investment is provided for informational purposes only. It was not part of the audit report presented above and, as such, was not subject to auditing procedures.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2009
(Unaudited)

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### Corporate Bonds

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**Money Market Funds**

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**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

$15,843,440 $18,945,865
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years 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 management of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust’s 2008 financial statements and, in our report dated March 18, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Company 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 generally accepted accounting principles.

Fylstra, Wright & Co.
Hawthorne, NJ
March 23, 2010

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

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ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

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**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:**

**BEGINNING OF YEAR** | $333,383 | 22,660 |

**END OF YEAR** | $364,950 | $333,383 |

See accountant’s review report and notes to the financial statements.

**Note 1. Description of the Plan:**

The Welfare Benefits Funding Plan for Employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. (the “Trust”) was established in July 1, 1984 when the church’s prior hospitalization plan was terminated.

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.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accompanying financial statements of the Trust are prepared on the accrual method
of accounting.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted
accounting principles requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect
certain reported amounts and disclosures. Therefore, actual results may differ from those
estimates.

The Trust considers money market accounts to be cash equivalents.

Note 3. Investment Account – Pension Plan:

The Trust invested funds totaling $300,000 in assets held by the Orthodox Presbyterian
Church – Pension Plan during fiscal year 2009. The Pension Plan is acting as an investment
agent for the Trust. Accordingly, total earnings for the year of $11,683 resulting from the
investment of these funds are recognized as income to the Trust.

Note 4. Party in Interest:

The accounting firm of Baker & Hoogerhyde LLC CPA’s received management fees
of $13,200 for the accounting and administration of the Hospitalization Plan for the years
ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Garret Hoogerhyde, the account manager for Baker &
Hoogerhyde LLC, is also a participant in the Hospitalization program.

Note 5. 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.

Note 6. Plan Termination:

After thorough consideration, the Pension Committee reached the decision to terminate
the Trust as of March 31, 2009, and will no longer offer any optional health care benefits to
employees. All claims incurred by participants prior to this date will be paid in accordance
with the current plan agreement. The Trust will remain active until such time that all claims
and liabilities have been resolved. Any excess funds held in the Trust will be distributed
appropriately in accordance with a Committee consensus. A proposal for such distribution
has subsequently been drafted by a sub-committee and will be presented to the General
Assembly in June, 2010.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY
AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

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A. Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship in North America
   1. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
   2. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
   3. Reformed Church in the U.S. (RCUS)
   4. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)
   5. Canadian Reformed Churches (CANREF)
   6. United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)
B. Other Churches in North America
   1. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)
   2. Free Reformed Churches in North America (FRCNA)
   3. l’Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ)
   4. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
   5. Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
   6. Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC)

IV  FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD
A. Presbyterian Church in Korea/Kosin (PCK(K))
B. Independent Reformed Church in Korea (IRCK)
C. Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)
D. Presbyterian Church of Japan (PCJ)
E. Free Church of Scotland (FCS)
F. Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW)
G. Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)
H. Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated)(RCN)
I. Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA)
J. Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CGKN)
K. Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA)
L. Presbyterian Church in Brazil (IPB)
M. Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC)
N. The Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC)

V  INTERCHURCH BODIES
A. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC)
B. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)
III THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings

The Committee held a meeting on November 18-19, 2009 at the time of the NAPARC meeting at the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The second was held on March 30-31 2010 at the Administration Building at 607 N. Easton Road, Bldg. E. Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. A special called meeting was held on June 1, 2009 during the 76th General Assembly at Kuyper College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

B. Officers

The officers of the Committee are George W. Knight III, Chairman and Peter J. Wallace, Secretary.

C. Liaisons/subcommittees

The Committee has assigned individual members as “liaisons” whose duty it is to represent the Committee as contact persons with specific churches or organizations 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 - Jack W. Sawyer
   b. BPC - L. Anthony Curto
   c. Can RC - Peter J. Wallace
   d. EPCEW – George W. Knight III, L. Anthony Curto
   e. ERQ - Mark T. Bube
   f. FRCNA - John R. Hilbelink
   g. HRC – John R. Hilbelink
   h. KAPC – Mark T Bube
   i. PCA – George W. Knight III
   j. PRC – George W. Knight III
   k. RPCNA - L. Anthony Curto
   l. RCUS - Thomas E. Tyson
   m. URCNA – John R. Hilbelink
   n. ICRC - Jack J. Peterson

2. Subcommittees
   a. Fraternal delegates – Bube, Sawyer
   b. Asia/Pacific - Bube, Sawyer, Tyson
Appendix

D. Part-time Administrator

Mr. Sawyer was appointed the new administrator of the committee on 1/1/2010. His work will be reviewed annually at the regular spring meeting. Mr. Peterson, who faithfully served in this capacity for many years, ended his tenure on 12/31/09 with the sincere thanks of the committee.

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 Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Jack W. Sawyer), the Canadian Reformed Churches (Everett A. Henes and Jack W. Sawyer), the Free Church of Scotland (Peter J. Wallace), the Presbyterian Church in America (Stephen J. Oharek 2009, and L. Anthony Curto 2010), the Presbyterian Church in Japan (Stewart E. Lauer), the Reformed Church in Japan (Calvin K. Cummings Jr. and Stewart E. Lauer), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Stephen F. Miller 2009, Danny E. Olinger 2010), the Reformed Church of the United States (Mark E. Richline). Written greetings are sent to those churches to which a fraternal delegate was not sent.

2. Since the last General Assembly a fraternal observer was sent to the Free Church of Scotland Continuing (Peter J. Wallace).

3. Later this year the Committee plans to send fraternal delegates to the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (Mark T. Bube and Jonathan B. Falk), and the United Reformed Churches of North America (John H. Hilbelink and Jack J. Peterson).

4. Later this year the Committee plans to send an observer to the Bible Presbyterian Church (L. Anthony Curto).

5. Our 76th (2009) General Assembly received fraternal delegates and observers from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Benjamin Dowling), the Bible Presbyterian Church General Synod (Kevin Backus), the Canadian Reformed Churches (John Ludwig and Riemer Faber), the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (Richard Holst) the Free Church of Scotland Continuing (David Murray), the Presbyterian Church in America (Walter Lorenz), the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (Augustus Lopes and Ludgero Morais), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Ray Lanning) the Reformed Church in the US (Michael McGee), the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (Leo DeVos), and the United Reformed Churches in North America (Casey D. Freswick).

6. The Committee has communicated to the stated clerk a request that the 2010 General Assembly adjourn early one evening in order that the CEIR members attending may host a gathering of the fraternal delegates from other churches. In 2009 the committee used this early recess, as in previous years, to meet for a very useful time of intensive fellowship with fraternal delegates present at the assembly.
B. Churches in Ecclesiastical Relationships with the OPC

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 the 63rd (1996) GA, and it is also found on the OPC website.


C. At present we are in “Ecclesiastical Fellowship” with 14 churches, which are:

1. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church [www.arpchurch.org]
2. The Canadian Reformed Churches [www.canrc.org]
3. The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands [www.cgk.nl]
4. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales [www.epcew.org.uk]
5. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland [www.epcni.org.uk]
6. The Free Church of Scotland [www.freechurch.org]
7. The Presbyterian Church in America [www.pcanet.org]
8. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) [www.new.kosin.org]
9. The Reformed Church in Japan [www.rcj-net.org]
10. The Reformed Church in the United States [www.rcus.org]
11. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand [www.reformed-churches.org.nz]
12. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland [www.rpc.org]
13. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America [www.reformedpresbyterian.org]

D. At present we are in “Corresponding Relationship” with seven churches, which are:

1. The Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC)
2. The Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) Pending reply from their Synod. [www.frcna.org]
3. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) (de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (Vrijgemaakte)) (GKNV/RCN) [www.gkv.nl]
4. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) [www.ipb.org.br]
5. The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) [www.pcea.org.au]
6. The Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ) [www2s.biglobe.ne.jp/~ploion/ncc.htm]
7. The Reformed Church of Quebec (l’Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ)) [www.erg.qc.ca/]
8. The Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) [www.bpc.org/]


Appendix

9. The Reformed Churches of South Africa (GKSA/RCSA) [www.gksa.org.za/]

E. At present we are in “Ecumenical Contact” with thirteen churches:

1. Confessing Reformed Church in Congo (URCC)
2. Presbyterian Free Church of India (PFCI)
3. Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC)
4. Free Church in Southern Africa (FCSA)
5. Free Reformed Churches in South Africa (FRCSA)
6. Gereja-Gereja Reformasi Calvinis (CRCI)
7. Gereja-Gereja Reformasi di Indonesia (RCI)
8. The Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
9. Independent Reformed Church in Korea (ICRK)
10. Reformed Churches of Brazil (RCB)
11. Reformed Churches of Spain (RCS)
12. Reformed Presbyterian Church of India (RPCInd)
13. Reformed Presbyterian Church North-East India (RPCNEI)

F. Program for Deepening Unity

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 Ecclesiastical Fellowship, on a rotating schedule. On the years when the ICRC meets, the delegates to the ICRC will meet with member churches of the ICRC with whom the OPC has Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The agenda of items to be discussed by delegates of 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 policy, doctrine, or practice are pending in your church(es)? What are the significant issues presently under study in the various assemblies of your church(s)? 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 follow this program with churches outside of North America where possible.

Our rules for ecclesiastical fellowship require the following: the promotion of 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 our fellowship; and the exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting Christian unity. It is difficult to see how the OPC’s preceding responsibilities can be faithfully discharged without periodic substantive face-to-face meetings with our brothers.

Members of CEIR met with representatives of the ecumenicity committees of the HRC, ERQ, CanRC, and URCNA before, during and after the meeting of NAPARC.

The Committee also held meetings at the 2009 ICRC with a number of delegates from other churches including the RCNZ, the EPCEW, and ICRK.
G. The Committee continues to encourage the presbyteries to seek ways to improve fraternal relations with churches of like faith and practice in their regions and to communicate regularly with the CEIR to inform it of their progress.

III  FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES IN NORTH AMERICA

Fellowship with several churches in North America is maintained largely by our membership in NAPARC, and we seek to meet with their delegations individually as well as through the plenary meetings of the Council. Our church also maintains fellowship with churches that are not members of NAPARC. Several of the reports of the churches here and below are taken from their annual report to NAPARC.

A. Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship in North America

1.  Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
   a. The ARPC and the OPC are in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship.
   b. Our CEIR Liaison, Jack W. Sawyer, reports the following:

   The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is composed of 35,000 communicant members in 296 churches and mission congregations. While the denomination is concentrated in the southeast, it also has congregations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, California, and Canada.

   World Witness, the foreign mission board of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, has missionaries in Mexico, Pakistan, Germany, Turkey, Spain, Wales, Scotland, Ukraine, and among Persians, as well as a Mobile Theological Training Team.

   2009 General Synod Meeting. At our June 9-11 Synod Meeting in Flat Rock, North Carolina, Moderator Dr. John de Witt choose as his theme for the year, “The Powerful Word”.

   In the months leading up to Synod 2009 there had been much discussion across the denomination about Erskine College and Seminary. Most of this discussion revolved around the leadership of the College and seminary, the Christian commitment of the College, and two PCUSA professors at the Seminary. The 2009 Synod created a commission to investigate these concerns and to report back at the 2010 Synod.

   The RPCNA has allowed use of their new Psalm settings as the ARP work on a new Psalter. At Synod 2009 a rough draft of a proposed new ARP Psalter was distributed to delegates to be examined and commented on.

   The 206th meeting of Synod is scheduled for June 8-10th, 2009 at Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC.

   Special Called Synod. For the first time since the 19th century a special Synod of the ARPC was called by the Moderator, Dr. John R. DeWitt. It met on March 2-3 in Flat Rock, North Carolina and dealt with a Moderator’s commission and its recommendations regarding the direction of Erskine College and Erskine Seminary. By large majorities the recommendations of the commission were adopted by the synod after a very civil debate. The synod has called for a restructuring of the board and removal of a number of trustees in order to make the institutions more accountable to the Synod and to restore and maintain their evangelical character.
Members of the board have filed suit against the Synod and a judicial restraining order has been issued while the matter awaits litigation in secular court.

*ARP Inter-Church Relations Committee.* Along with NAPARC, the ARP is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches and the World Reformed Fellowship.

The Synod voted this year to end its formal relationship with the PCUSA. For the first time in many years a CRC delegate attended the ARP Synod. A spirited discussion was held concerning the direction of the CRC.

The ARP has formalized a policy of receiving fraternal delegates in alternate years. They in turn will send their own delegates in the off years to their various sister churches.

2. **The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).**
   a. The Rev. Stephen J. Oharek was the Fraternal Delegate to the 37th GA (2009) of the PCA. The Rev. L. Anthony Curto was appointed to be the fraternal delegate to the 38th GA which was to have met in June in Nashville, the Lord willing (2010).
   b. Our CEIR liaison, George W. Knight III, reports the following:

   The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) was formed by churches that left the Presbyterian Church, US (referred to as the Southern Presbyterian Church), and who met at its first General Assembly meeting at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL in 1973. They were joined by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod in 1982.

   Actions of the 37th General Assembly (GA) extracted from the Stated Clerk’s report.

   The GA met in Orlando, FL, June 16-18, 2009, hosted by Central Florida Presbytery. A total of 1,081 commissioners attended, of which 819 were Teaching Elders and 262 were Ruling Elders, representing 620 churches. The Assembly includes not only annual reports from the ten Committees and Agencies, and action upon overtures from presbyteries, but also worship services, and fellowship events.

   Ruling Elder Bradford Bradley of Park Cities PCA, Dallas, TX, was elected moderator.

   The topic of the role of women in the life of the Church came to the Assembly. There were two overtures asking the GA to form a study committee to study the role of women in the life of the Church. The Overtures Committee recommended to the Assembly that a study committee not be erected. A minority report recommended that the committee be formed. The minority report failed to be adopted by the Assembly by a vote of 427-444.

   In the calendar year 2008, PCA churches reported increases including total number of churches (1,693 up 27) and total professions of faith (100,335 up 135). Reported decreases included total membership (340,852 down 4,730). The GA allowed two new presbyteries to be formed, Central Indiana and Ohio, bringing the total to seventy-nine.

   The Administrative Committee reported the Historical Center expects to propose a PCA logo to the Assembly next year. Mission to North America reported that presbyteries and church had deployed 52 church planters and six apprentices in 2008. Reformed University Ministries reported that eight new campus ministries were started in 2008, bringing the total number of campus ministries to 123. Covenant
College reported a record enrollment of 1,346, the completion of two new buildings, and a ten-year reaffirmation of regional accreditation.

The 38th General Assembly will convene June 29, 2010 in Nashville, TN. Your committee will be closely monitoring a new Strategic plan being submitted to this GA, particularly as that plan suggests a possible withdrawal from NAPARC:


3. **Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)**
   a. The RCUS and the OPC are in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship.
   b. The report of the RCUS to NAPARC included the following:
      The Synod of the RCUS convened for its 263rd annual session at St. Paul’s Evangelical Reformed Church, at Hamburg, MN on May 11-14, 2009.
      The synod held a special celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.
      The RCUS continues to seek another minister to work in Uganda in order to replace Rev. Thomas Mayville who has reached the end of his service in connection with the OPC Uganda mission.
      The denomination also supports missionary endeavors in the Congo and the Philippines, is active in a number of home mission works, publications, seeking new ministers, and the support of retired ministers and widows.
      The RCUS report to NAPARC noted that the 263rd Synod was “routine” in a good sense.
      The next 264th Synod will meet on Monday, May 17-20, 2010 in Shafter, CA. The Rev. Mark E. Richline was appointed to represent the OPC at this meeting.

4. **Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)**
   a. The RPCNA and the OPC are in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship
   b. Dr. L. Anthony Curto, liaison to the RPCNA, reports the following:
      The RPCNA meet for its 178th Synod on June 22-26, 2009 in Beaver Falls, PA. During the Synod several actions took place which is of interest to The OPC. The Synod ended its long standing membership in the National Association of Evangelicals. This had been a topic of concern for some time. The synod also adopted a new Directory of Worship and has now introduced a new Psalter. The new Psalter has many new tunes as well as many new renditions of the Psalms.
      Throughout the year of 2009 the RPCNA has seen a moderate increase in growth among their churches for which they are thankful to the Lord.
      Other items of interest are that Geneva College is celebrating its 160 year anniversary in 2010, the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary is celebrating its 200 year anniversary and the Reformed Presbyterian Home is celebrating its 115 year anniversary. These are all matters of great praise to God’s faithfulness in the RPCNA.
      The 2010 Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America will have met in Beaver Falls, PA from June 21-25. Rev. Danny E. Olinger has been appointed to represent the OPC at these meetings.

5. **Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)**
a. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Canadian Reformed Churches are in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The Committee, at the time of the NAPARC meetings, met with the delegation from the Canadian Reformed churches.
b. Dr. Peter Wallace, CEIR liaison to the CanRC, reports the following:

The Canadian and American Reformed Churches (CanRC) formed in 1950 when Dutch immigrants came to Canada, just after the formation of the “Liberated” churches in the Netherlands. As they state at http://www.canrc.org/about/about2b.html:

In 1944, another secession (or Liberation) took place under the leadership of Klaas Schilder and S. Greijdanus. The causes related once again to doctrine and church government. The Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands made particular views regarding covenant and baptism binding on all ministers and members. When certain ministers, elders and deacons refused to conform, they were deposed and excommunicated.

Those who were expelled and those who departed of their own accord formed the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated).

North America. After the Second World War there was a massive immigration from the Netherlands to North America, especially to Canada. When members of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands arrived in Canada, they first took up contact with already existing churches of Reformed persuasion in the hope that they could join with them. That hope soon disappeared when it became clear that one of those churches, the Protestant Reformed Church, expected the newly arrived immigrants to accept an unbiblical doctrinal statement relating to election and the covenant. This they refused to do.

The other Reformed church under consideration was the Christian Reformed Church; however, joining with it also proved impossible when it became clear that this Church sided with those in the Netherlands who had earlier expelled the newly arrived immigrants.

The consequence was that on April 16, 1950, the first Canadian Reformed church was instituted in Lethbridge, Alberta. It was soon followed by churches in Edmonton, Neerlandia, Orangeville, New Westminster and elsewhere.

The CanRC has 54 congregations and just over 17,000 members, which are divided into eight classes (i.e., presbyteries), four of which are centered in Ontario, the other four in western Canada. The OPC has been in ecclesiastical fellowship with the CanRC since 2001, though our initial contact began in the 1960s.

The CanRC only holds its general synod every three years. Since this report was due before the meeting of Synod 2010 Burlington (scheduled for May 10, 2010), we cannot report on the actions of their synod. The actions of Synod 2007 Smithers have been reported to previous Assemblies. Topics before the CanRC Synod 2010 Burlington include: revisions to their Book of Praise (Psalter Hymnal), continued negotiations regarding ecclesiastical union with the United Reformed Churches, as well as a variety of discipline cases, ecumenical concerns, and oversight of their Theological College.

Since the CanRC conducts missions through its local congregations, the only standing committees are:

1. Board of Governors of the Theological College (the denominational seminary in Hamilton, Ontario)
2. Standing Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise (the CanRC uses the Genevan tunes for the 150 Psalms, along with a few dozen hymns)

3. Committee on Bible Translation (since the Synod recommends Bible translations for use in the churches [as present use of the NIV is recommended, the ESV, NKJV, and the NASB are allowed] the synod will be pondering what to do in light of the pending unavailability of the NIV.)


5. Three committees on ecumenical matters
   a. Committee on Church Unity (engaged in discussions with the United Reformed Churches)
   b. Committee for Contact with Churches in North America
   c. Committee on Relations with Churches Abroad

Since the OPC and CanRC have relatively little geographical overlap, it requires special effort to get to know each other. If you have the opportunity to visit Canada, please take the time to find the nearest CanRC congregation.

6. United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)
   a. The OPC is in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the URCNA.
   b. John R. Hilbelink, OPC liaison to the URCNA reports the following:

      The URCNA is a member church of the ICRC and of NAPARC.
      The URCNA as a federation of churches was organized in 1997 in reaction to doctrinal and church order changes in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

      In 1997 the 64th General Assembly of the OPC invited the URCNA to enter into Corresponding Relations with the OPC. In 1999 The 66th GA extended an invitation to the URCNA to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship. At its 2007 Synod, the Synod proposed to the churches the OPC’s invitation to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The invitation has been approved by the churches.

      The URCNA consists of 7 classes (5 in the United States and 2 in Canada), 112 churches including 7 church plants. Membership in the URCNA is 23,348 including 15,458 professing members and 7,806 baptized children.

      The churches of the URCNA subscribe to the Reformation Creeds, the Three Forms of Unity: the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort.

      The Synod of the URCNA meets every three years. The next Synod will be held in London, Ontario, Canada, July 26-30, 2010.

      The report of the URCNA to NAPARC included the following:
      The URCNA did not have Synod meeting in 2009 so there is nothing new to report on the Synodical level.

      However, a synod meeting will be held, the Lord willing on July 26-30, 2010 in London, ON. There are several matters that will be before the Synod. First, will be a report on justification in response to Federal Vision. Second, a report on the nature of confessional membership. Third will be a recommendation to Synod that the
URCNA enter into at least phase one relation with all churches in NAPARC according to their church relations guidelines.

The URCNA remain on a path of organic unity with the Canadian Reformed Churches even though the process is taking longer than they had anticipated, a dialogue continues. The ‘Joint Church Order Committee’ will present the results of their work to the Synod. At this time there is not a formal motion to adopt this church order. It is likely joint efforts to achieve union with the CanRC will take some years. We note that there will be an overture before synod asking the URCNA to intermit the ongoing union process.

In addition to their ongoing work with the Canadian Reformed Churches an overture to the Orthodox Christian Reformed Church to join the URCNA was accepted by four congregations.

B. Other Churches in North America

1. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)
   a. The BPC and the OPC are in Corresponding Relationship
   b. We continue to send observers to their annual Synod each year. They afford our observer with full privileges and hospitality.
   c. Dr. Curto replaced Mr. Needham as OPC liaison to the BPC and reports the following:

      The Bible Presbyterian Church held its 73rd General Synod from August 5-12, 2009 in Bristol TN. A matter of concern for the OPC was that one of their presbyteries has left the denomination over our corresponding relationship with the BPC and our ecclesiastical relationships with other reformed denominations in NAPARC.

      The BPC had an observer at NAPARC.

      The next General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church is in Sharonville, OH on August 5-10, 2010.

2. Free Reformed Churches in North America (FRCNA)
   a. The FCRNA are a member of NAPARC and the ICRC. The 75th General Assembly of the OPC (2008) invited the FRCNA to enter into a relationship of Corresponding Relations. The FRCNA has yet to respond.
   b. John R. Hilbelink, OPC liaison to the FRCNA reports the following:

      The FRCNA Synod 2010 is scheduled to meet June 7-11, 2010 in Hamilton, Ontario.

      The churches of the FRCNA fully subscribe to the historic Reformed creeds, the Three Forms of Unity: the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort. The FRCNA also fully subscribes to the three creeds of the early church: the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

      The FRCNA describes herself as “the North American counterpart” of the Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken (CGK/CRCN) which broke away from the Dutch Reformed Church in the Secession of 1834. A number of those in the Secession churches immigrating to North America formed separate but closely related congregations instead of joining the Christian Reformed Church of North America. In 1974 the name Free Reformed Churches of North America was adopted for the denomination. (See the website of the FRCNA, www.frcna.org, for a more detailed historical presentation.)
The report of the FRCNA to the November 2009 meeting of NAPARC included the following highlights:

Dr. Gerald M. Bilkes was ordained as their first Professor of Theology.

A preaching station in Toronto was revived.

Denominational support for and involvement in the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary has increased.

The FRCNA are engaged in mission work in Cobulco, Guatemala. The Rev. Ken Herfst, teaches in the Presbyterian Seminary in San Felipe and Western Theological Seminary in Quetzaltenango, both in Guatemala.

Radio evangelism continues and people can listen in locations close to where their churches are established, but also all over the world. Additionally, an outreach to Punjabi speaking Sikhs airs on the radio and on the internet. There are 18 basic messages in Punjabi, on who is God, what is sin, the need for the cross, heaven and hell, how to be saved, etc. Rev. Kulim Ganger is now presenting a series on the Gospel of John.

A refugee committee is charged to help individual congregations sponsor refugees from across the world to come to Canada.

As of October 31, 2008, there are 4,466 members. Almost one-half are baptized members, children and young people. 78 people made confession of faith, and 124 were baptized. There are 19 congregations, and two preaching stations. Most of the churches are in Canada, but several congregations and one preaching station are in the United States. There are 16 ministers in active service, one missionary/instructor, three retired ministers and now one professor of theology.

The FRCNA presently has ecumenical relationship with the following churches:

- Complete Correspondence: Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken.
- Limited Correspondence: Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
- Limited Contact: Herzfeld Hervormde Kerk, Presbyterian Reformed Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and the United Reformed Churches of North America.

3. l’Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ/RCQ)

a. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church of Quebec (l’Église Réformée du Québec / ERQ/RCQ) are in a Corresponding Relationship. The Committee is now ready to recommend that the 77th General Assembly invite the ERQ into a relationship of full Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

(See recommendation #4)

b. The report of the ERQ to NAPARC included the following:

No matters of great significance by way of overtures or committee reports came before the three meetings of the Synod in 2009. Much time was spent in prayer that the Lord will bring forth a harvest of those thirsting for the Gospel.

Slow growth continues in the urban congregations of Montreal and Quebec, while decline marks the rolls of the suburban and regional churches. Less than one percent of growth comes from conversions of outside Quebeccois.
The Rev. Christian Adjémian from the RPCNA. Pastor Adjémian will teach at their seminary, Farel, as well as fill pulpits. Seminary student, Winston Bosch, was also examined and received as a candidate for the ministry. New mission projects, particularly in the Montreal area, are being actively explored.

Besides numerical growth, the ERQ rejoice to grow spiritually in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ. The ministry of the Word is faithfully maintained in each pulpit. Catechism classes as well as youth groups prepare covenant youth to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, to be received at the Lord’s Table, and to take a more active place in the ministry of the body.

4. **Korean American Presbyterian Church [KAPC]**. The KAPC is a member church of NAPARC

5. **Heritage Reformed Congregations [HRC]**
   a. The Heritage Reformed Congregations are members of NAPARC and in a relationship of ecclesiastical contact with the OPC. The Committee is now prepared to recommend that the 77th General Assembly invite the HRC into a corresponding relationship. (See recommendation #2)
   b. John R. Hilbelink, liaison to the HRC, reports as follows:
      The Heritage Reformed Congregations are members of NAPARC. The HRC consists of ten congregations, five in the United States and five in Canada.
      The HRC reports the following on her website (www.heritagereformed.com) regarding her origins and standards:
      The Heritage Reformed denomination was established in 1993 after the Netherlands Reformed Congregations (NRC) underwent a split related to church-orderly and theological issues. The most substantive underlying issue to future HRC members and congregations was Christ-centered preaching, combined with the preaching of an unconditional offer of grace. . . . Presently, the HRC consists of approximately two thousand members in North American churches from the East Coast (New Jersey) to the West Coast (British Columbia). Most of her ministers labor in North America, though three are presently laboring in Africa—two in South Africa and one in Zambia.
      Heritage Reformed congregations, office-bearers, and members affirm the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles’, Nicene, and Athanasian) and the three Reformed Forms of Unity as Biblically sound doctrinal standards:
      The Belgic Confession of Faith (1561; written primarily by Guido Debris),
      The Heidelberg Catechism (1563; written primarily by Zacharias Ursine and Caspar Olevianus), and
      The Canons of Dort (1618-19; written by the Reformed Synod convened at Dordrecht, the Netherlands).
      Though not yet officially adopted, the HRC also concurs with the Westminster Standards of the 1640s: the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.
      Modest but stable growth is observed in most of the churches.
      A preaching station in Harrison, Arkansas, has grown significantly during the past year under the leadership of its pastor/church planter, Rev. David Lipsy.
The growth of this preaching station has been such that serious consideration is being given to establishing three satellites within a 60-90 mile radius of Harrison.

The student body of our Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids has grown to more than 100 students. A search is being conducted for a fourth full time professor to join the present full-time professors, Drs. Joel Beeke, Gerald Bilkes, and David Murray.

Three full time men are laboring in Africa. Dr. Brian DeVries was recently appointed as principle of Mukhanyo College in the Pretoria area of South Africa, replacing Dr. Flip Buys, who served in this capacity for 16 years. Dr. DeVries is assisted in this ministry by Dr. Arthur Miskin, who is also involved in a church planting work in Rietvallei, SA. Rev. Cornelis Molenaar serves as the principle of Covenant College in Zambia. This college is a joint venture between the Heritage Reformed Churches and the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing).

The HRC are actively pursuing fraternal relationships with the following denominations: The Free Reformed Churches of North America, the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), the United Reformed Churches, the Southern Presbyterian Church of Tasmania, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Hersteld Hervormde Kerk (the Restored Reformed Church) in the Netherlands.”

Members of the CEIR met with representatives of the HRC on November 17, 2009, during the meeting of NAPARC in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was hosted by the HRC.

6. Presbyterian Reformed Church

a. The membership of the Presbyterian Reformed Church is a member of NAPARC. http://www.presbyterianreformed.org/. The OPC has no official relationship with the PRC and none is contemplated at present. CEIR simply wish to report the PRC as being the newest member of NAPARC, and note also the historical tie between our churches in the influence of Professor John Murray.

b. Dr. George W. Knight III provides the following information:

Overview of the Presbyterian Reformed Church:

The denomination presently consists of six congregations located in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. A denominational magazine has served for the education and spiritual benefit of its members. At present, the PRC has one domestic mission involvement in New England. We have not yet been directly active as a denomination in foreign missions, though various congregations have taken upon themselves to support certain foreign works. Regarding fraternal relations, the PRC has entered into communicating relations with the Free Reformed Churches of North America, a denomination with which the PRC had closer association in its formative years, as well as with the Heritage Reformed Congregations. The PRC is now pleased to be seated at NAPARC as a member denomination.

The Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC) was formed on November 17, 1965, by two congregations in the Province of Ontario, Canada. Each congregation had been established by Scottish and Irish Presbyterians about eighty years before. The creation of the presbytery took place largely at the instigation of John Murray, Professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, who had a long relationship with the two founding congregations. Murray composed the proposals leading to the union, and also the constitution which served as the Basis of Union. The subscription by church officers to the Westminster Confession
and Catechisms is understood to require a strict adherence to the teachings of these standards. The PRC affirms the “simplicity and purity of worship.” As an expression of this conviction, the denomination practices a capella psalm-singing and declines to observe holy days not appointed in Scripture. The church teaches a careful observance of the Lord’s Day as the Christian Sabbath. At the Lord’s Supper the communicants sit at a common table, the elements used are bread and wine, and the table is fenced by a prior admonition. Visitors from other churches are admitted to the Lord’s table after examination by the session. The church employs the Authorized King James Version, and the Scottish Metrical Psalter (1650).

The PRC also holds to the original text of the Westminster Confession, without the eighteenth-century American revisions respecting the role of the civil magistrate. The presbytery teaches the obligation of a national acknowledgment of religion, defined by William Cunningham as follows: “It is incumbent upon nations, as such, and civil rulers in their official capacity, or in the exercise of their legitimate control over civil matters, to aim at the promotion of the honor of God, the welfare of true religion, and the prosperity of the church of Christ.”

IV FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD

A continuing highlight of recent General Assemblies has been the informal meeting of several members of the CEIR, in one of the available sitting rooms, with delegates from various sister churches attending our GA. CEIR was thus able to discuss the work of our Lord through his churches around the world and explore how we could help one another. The Committee is seeking to have a similar type of meeting at each GA.

The Committee also seeks to maintain an active fellowship with churches abroad especially through our membership in the ICRC, though not limited to that.

A. Presbyterian Church in Korea/Kosin (PCK(K))

The OPC is in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the PCK(K). We have had a very close relationship dating back almost to the start of our denomination. A matter concerning property, an issue reported to last year’s assembly, appears to have been resolved, as reported to us by CFM.

B. The Independent Reformed Church in Korea (IRCK)

The IRC(K) have had observers at the ICRC. They have expressed interest in working together with the OPC. With the approval of CFM, the OPC China mission has concluded a memorandum of understanding with the IRCK. Thus the Committee is prepared to recommend that the 77th General Assembly invite the ICRK into a corresponding relationship. (See recommendation #3)

C. Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)

The OPC is in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the RCJ. We have had a very close relationship dating back almost to the start of our denomination.

Decisions taken by the RCJ with regard to women in office and the meaning and scope of the system of doctrine in their confessional standards have raised concerns that our committee has addressed in a pair of letters to their Foreign Church Liaison Committee. We continue to await a response.
D. Presbyterian Church of Japan (PCJ)
   The OPC and the PCJ are in Corresponding Relations.

E. The Free Church of Scotland (FCS)
   1. The OPC is in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Free Church of Scotland.
   2. The FCS is a member of the ICRC.
   3. A history of the split of January 20, 2000, when 22 ministers walked out of the meeting of the Commission of the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, is summarized in the report of the CEIR in the Minutes of the 73rd GA.

F. Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW)
   1. The OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical fellowship with the EPCEW.
   2. The EPCEW is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

G. Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)
   1. The OPC has had a relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship with the RCNZ since 1957.
   2. The RCNZ is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches and very capably hosted the 2009 meeting of that body in Christchurch.
   3. The RCNZ actively support mission work in Papua New Guinea and has participated with the OPC in our Uganda mission.
   4. The RCNZ is making steady progress in the publication of a new Psalter Hymnal.
   5. The RCNZ sister church relationship with the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) continues “under strain” due to the determinations of the CRCA concerning the ordination of women to the diaconate.

H. Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) (de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (Vrijgemaakt) (GKNv/RCN)
   1. The OPC has a Corresponding Relationship with the RCN.
   2. The RCN are a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.
   3. The RCN has invited us into a closer relationship with them.
   4. The Committee previously sent a three-man subcommittee of Messrs. Bube, Tyson and Knight to meet with the RCN Deputies of the BBK (the RCN interchurch committee) regarding concerns that have arisen.
   6. The RCN sub-committee of CEIR have drafted a letter, which was approved and sent by the entire CEIR to the BBK, specifying our continuing concerns with the direction being taken by the RCN and expressing our hesitancy in entering into full ecclesiastical fellowship. At the same time CEIR remains committed to try to reach out to our brothers, to ensure we understand them, and to continue to try to attain a fuller unity in Ecclesiastical Fellowship.
I. **Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA/RCSA)**
   1. The GKSA and the OPC are in a Corresponding Relationship.
   2. The GKSA is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

J. **The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (was CGKN now CRCN)**
   1. The OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the CRCN.
   2. The CGKN is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

K. **Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA)**
   1. The Presbyterian church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) is in corresponding relationship with the OPC.
   2. The PCEA is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

L. **Presbyterian Church in Brazil, Igreja Presbiteriana do Brasil (IPB)**
   1. The OPC and the IPB are in a corresponding relationship. The IPB’s highest assembly meets every four years. Each year the executive of about 65 officers meets to take actions that will be ratified by the highest assembly. The executive recognizes that the OPC and the IPB have an official relationship.
   2. The 150th anniversary of the IPB was celebrated in 2009.
   3. The OPC CFM is exploring avenues for co-operative mission work in South America with the IPB.

M. **The African Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC)**
   1. The OPC is in a corresponding relationship with the AEPC
   2. The AEPC has requested the OPC to sponsor them for membership in the ICRC.
   3. The 76th General Assembly agreed to sponsor the application of the AEPC to the ICRC. No action was taken by the ICRC as the AEPC had not completed the requisite paperwork.

N. **The Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC)**
   1. The OPC is in a relationship of ecumenical contact with the FCC.
   2. The FCC is now a member of the ICRC.
   3. The FCC is making progress in leaving behind the schism of the past decade which sundered it from the Free Church of Scotland.
   4. The Committee is thus prepared to recommend the 77th General Assembly invite the FCC into a corresponding relationship. (See recommendation #1)

V. **INTERCHURCH BODIES**
A. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC)

1. The 2009 meeting of the ICRC was held in Christchurch, New Zealand, October 15-22, 2009. Messrs Bube and Knight were the voting members for the OPC. Messrs. Tyson and Peterson were the advisory members.
2. The press release website address is: http://www.icrconline.com/press_releases.html
3. The ICRC has adopted a new nomenclature for its member churches in an effort to simplify and standardize the use of ecclesiastical initials: e.g., GKNv = RCN; CanRef = CanRC; CGKN = CRCN...etc. CEIR will begin the process of converting to these new acronyms.
4. The ICRC voted to receive the following new member churches:
   a. the Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC);
   b. the Independent Reformed Church in Korea (IRCK);
   c. the Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC);
   d. the Reformed Churches of Brazil (Igrejas Reformadas de Brazil) (RCB, was IRB);
   e. the Reformed Presbyterian Church of India (RPCInd)

B. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)

1. The Thirty-fifth meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) was held on November 17-18, 2009, at the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, hosted by the Heritage Reformed Churches. The delegates appointed by the Committee were Messrs. Bube, Curto, Knight and Peterson. The officers for this meeting were Rev. Lawrence J. Bilkes (FRCNA) Chairman, Rev. Bartel Elshout (HRC) as vice-chairman, Rev. Ron Potter (RCUS) as Secretary and Maynard Koerner (RCUS) as Treasurer.
2. Summary of the meeting:
   a. Attending the meeting were representatives of the following member churches: Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Reformed Church of Quebec, Free Reformed Churches of North America, Heritage Reformed Congregations, Korean American Presbyterian, Church, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church in America, Reformed Church in the United States, Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America and the United Reformed Churches in North America. The Presbyterian Reformed Church, having received the requisite approval of 2/3 of the member churches was seated as a full member of the Council.
   Also present were observers from the following invited churches: The Bible Presbyterian Church, The Korean American Presbyterian Church (Kosin). These churches are to be invited again in 2010 along with the Protestant Reformed Churches.
   b. The Free Reformed Churches of North America are responsible for hosting the meeting of NAPARC in 2010. The council will meet in Pompton Plains, NJ on November 16-17.
   c. Messrs. Knight and Bube will be our delegates to the 2010 meeting of NAPARC. (Mr. Bube has been elected to serve as chairman of a special committee of review to examine the constitution, goals, procedures, and meetings of NAPARC and report back to the next meeting.) Messrs. Curto and Peterson will be observers, with Mr. Tyson as alternate.
C. World Wide Ecumenical Organizations

1. World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)
   a. CEIR has continued to monitor developments in the **Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC)** of which the OPC was a member for many years. Present events, in your committee's opinion, sadly continue to confirm the wisdom of the decision made to withdraw from that body.
   b. We note in particular the merger by the liberal REC with the much more liberal World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) This historic merger has resulted in a new international body which known as the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC). A Uniting General Council was to be held from June 18-20 2010 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was facilitate the union.
   c. In the meanwhile, a joint committee composed of four from each body, has been preparing the transition, including a constitution, articles of union, programming, financial transitions, and staff transition.
   d. More information is available from the following website: http://warc.jalb.de/warcjsp/side.jsp?news_id=1536&part_id=0&navi=13

2. World Reformed Fellowship (WRF)
   a. The Committee has monitored the recent General Assembly of the WRF held in April of this year in Edinburgh, Scotland. OPC ministers were in attendance as individuals or representatives of organizations.
   b. **Observations:** The OPC CEIR continue to look upon this organization with some misgivings. While we do not wish to disparage the good intentions, or good work done by members of the WRF, in our view this is an unusual ecumenical organization.
      (1) It is unusual for a fellowship to conduct a general assembly.
      (2) Further, the constituency of the WRF, being made up of denominations, institutions, congregations, agencies, and individuals continues to appear more like some sort of para-ecclesiastical organization than the ecclesiastical conferences, synods, or councils with which the OPC is accustomed to dealing and for which the instruments of the General Assembly provide for our ecumenical contacts.
      (3) We note that the most recent WRF Assembly received a new confession of faith for the 21st century from its theological commission and sent it to the membership for comment: http://www.wrfnet.org/c/journal_articles/view_article_content?groupId=1&articleId=307&version=1.0&p_l_id=PUB.1.27. Totally apart from the content of this new confession which is still being evaluated, your committee continues to be perplexed by the irony that a fellowship should take upon itself the responsibility of creedal formation. Normally, Ecclesiastical Synods and Councils have written creeds, not commissions appointed by fellowships. How will this creedal statement function? In what manner will there be, if any, subscription to it? We hope to supply answers as soon as possible.
      (4) We continue to discern no mechanism for the exercise of discipline, which is perhaps understandable given an informal fellowship. On the other hand the Website for the organization (http://www.wrfnet.org/web/guest/home), describes boards, commissions, programs, and goals that are in our view more properly the province of denominations working through established ecclesiastical structures.
      (5) We continue to believe the OPC is well and adequately served by its present ecumenical relationships with NAPARC and the ICR, not to mention direct contact with our numerous sister churches. We further believe that the resources,
particularly personnel resources, of the OPC are not sufficient to add another ecumenical organization to our portfolio of responsibilities. Of course individual OPC members, given the nature and membership requirements of the WRF, may choose to join.

(6) We once again underscore for the General Assembly and its new commissioners our CEIR report of 1992 and the recommendations which were approved by the assembly of that year (the name referenced in the report of that year was WEF, not WRF; the original plan was for the new organization to be the Reformed branch of the WEF, but eventuated in being a separate WRF):

That the Assembly urge the Presbyterian Church in America to apply for membership in the ICRC and that the Assembly express to the PCA regret that the PCA is proceeding to initiate another worldwide Presbyterian and Reformed fellowship. (emphasis added)

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

(Minutes of the 59th [1992] General Assembly, Articles 95 and 97, pages 30 and 32.)

(7) The CEIR intends to continue to monitor carefully the development of the WRF, especially in light of the WRF embarking upon a course of creedal formation.

VI BUDGET

CEIR proposes a budget request of $41,000.00 for 2011 to the General Assembly.

Budget Proposal to the 77th (2010) General Assembly:

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VII RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly invite the Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC) into a Corresponding relationship with the OPC. [http://www.freekirkcontinuing.co.uk/FCC/Welcome.html]
   
   **Grounds:**
   a. The FCC are now members of the ICRC and thus in Ecclesiastical Contact with the OPC.
   b. The FCC subscribe to the Westminster Standards.
   c. The FCC are Presbyterian in polity and worship.

2. That the General Assembly invite the Heritage Reformed Congregations into a corresponding relationship with the OPC. [http://heritagereformed.com/index.html]
   
   **Grounds:**
   a. The HRC are a member of NAPARC.
   b. The HRC subscribe to the Three Forms of Unity.
   c. The HRC affirm and maintain a Reformed Church Order.
   d. The HRC affirm and maintain Reformed worship and discipline.

3. That the General Assembly invite the Independent Reformed Church of Korea to enter into a corresponding relationship with the OPC. [http://www.irc.or.kr/who.htm]
   
   **Grounds:**
   a. The ICRK is a member of the ICRC.
   b. The ICRK has a memorandum of understanding with the OPC China Mission.
   d. The ICRK maintains a Reformed Church Order and Reformed worship.

4. That the General Assembly invite the Reformed Church of Quebec (ERQ/ L’Eglise Réformée du Quebec) into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC. [http://www.erq.qc.ca/english/ouridentity.html]
   
   **Grounds:**
   a. The ERQ is in a corresponding relationship with the OPC.
   b. The ERQ is a member of NAPARC.
c. The ERQ maintains the Westminster Confession of Faith and Heidelberg Catechism.
d. The ERQ has provided for a Reformed Church order and worship.
e. The ERQ Interchurch committee has a co-operative agreement with CFM of the OPC.

5. That the Assembly express its thankfulness to the Lord for the gracious invitation of the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt) (GKNv) to enter into an official sister church relationship (i.e., Ecclesiastical Fellowship) and the Assembly’s ongoing desire (without presuming on our GKNv brothers) to work towards the day when it will be able to accept their invitation without reservation. However, the Assembly believes that, given the serious nature of the obligations undertaken in the sister church relationship, such relationships should not be entered into in situations where the Assembly finds itself unable to affirm, without reservation, that the other church is indeed Reformed in its confessional standards, church order, or life. It is our prayer that the Lord would be merciful to our GKNv brothers and grant them grace to work through the weighty issues facing them—particularly those touching upon the sufficiency (WCF 1.6), interpretation (WCF 1.9), and authority (WCF 1.10) of Scripture, that seem to be currently troubling the GKNv—in a manner that is in full obedience to and accord with Scripture (Article VII of the Belgic Confession). Accordingly, the Assembly determines to continue the relationship of Corresponding Relations with the GKNv, and to request its Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to persevere in addressing matters of mutual concern with the appropriate deputies of the GKNv, with a view towards taking up the matter of entering into full Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the GKNv at a future assembly.

Grounds:

a. Our Rules for Ecclesiastical Relationships define Ecclesiastical Fellowship, as follows:

Ecclesiastical Fellowship is a relationship in which the churches involved are Reformed in their confessional standards, church order, and life, though there may be such differences between them that union is not possible at this time and there might be considerable need for mutual concern and admonition ...’” (adopted in 1978 (Minutes of the 43th [1978] General Assembly, pages 116–117), and amended in 2000 (Minutes of the 67th [2000] General Assembly, Articles 149 and 151, pages 36–38), and in 2006 (Minutes of the 73rd [2006] General Assembly, Articles 159–161, pages 41–43)).

Obligations unique to the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship include:

1. Occasional pulpit fellowship (by local option);
2. Intercommunion, including ready reception of each other’s members at the Lord’s Supper but not excluding suitable inquiries upon requested transfer of membership, as regulated by each session (consistory);
3. The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting Christian unity;
4. Agreement to respect the procedures of discipline and pastoral concern of one another (Id.).

Among the corresponding rules of the GKNv for sister church relations are:

5. The churches shall inform each other with respect to the initiation of third party sister church relationships;
6. The churches shall accept one another’s attestations (or: Certificates of Good Standing); they shall also admit members of the respective churches to the sacraments upon presentation of an adequate ecclesiastical testimonial;

7. The churches shall in principle open the pulpit to each other’s ministers, subject to the regulations which apply in the receiving federation” (cf. Minutes of the 70th [2003] General Assembly, pages 56–58).

2. The OPC’s Book of Church Order accords special status to churches deemed to be “of like faith and practice,” for example:

- **FOG XIV.7** Seating and corresponding members of presbytery
- **BD II.B.2.b** Letter of transfer
- **BD II.B.2.c** Reaffirmation of faith
- **BD II.B.3.b** Dismissal
- **BD II.B.3.d(1)** Erasure
- **BD V.2.a(1)** Erasure.

We observe that most OPC judicatories presume that a church with which the OPC has established a relationship of (full) Ecclesiastical Fellowship is generally considered to be a church of like faith and practice when considering situations addressed by these provisions of the Book of Church Order.

3. The histories of the GKNv and the OPC have long been entwined in Reformed circles, and working committees of the two churches have enjoyed warm Christian fellowship with one another, especially in more recent years in the ICRC. A brief summary of the history of the interchurch and ecumenical relations of our two churches might be helpful:

### Key:
- **CanRC** Canadian Reformed Churches
- **CEIR** Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (OPC)
- **Deputies BBK** Deputaten Betrekkingen Buitenlandse Kerken, or Committee on Relations with Churches Abroad (GKNv)
- **GA** General Assembly (OPC)
- **GKNs** Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, or Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Synodical)
- **GKNv** Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt), or Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (liberated)
- **GS** General Synod (CanRC and GKNv)
- **ICRC** International Conference of Reformed Churches
- **NGK** Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerken
- **NM** National Meeting (NGK)
- **OPC** Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- **RES** Reformed Ecumenical Synod (in 1988 renamed Reformed Ecumenical Council)

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<td>OPC becomes a member of RES</td>
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<td>CanRC</td>
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<td>CanRC is established by GKNv immigrants, after efforts to unite with either the CRCNA (which sided with the GKNs) or the Protestant Reformed Churches failed</td>
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<td>NGK is established by church officers disciplined by the GKNv; also known as the “Open Letter” group</td>
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<td>GS Coaldale 1977</td>
<td>CanRC recognizes OPC as a true church according to Article 29 of the Belgic Confession and determines to seek “ecclesiastical contact” with the OPC</td>
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<td>Representatives of nine churches present, including the GKNv, CanRC, and Free Church of Scotland, to constitute the ICRC</td>
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<td>Opens with seven member churches and adds three more. OPC sends observers.</td>
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<td>OPC withdraws from RES (after RES fails to terminate membership of GKNs because of the GKNs’ views and practices concerning homosexuality)</td>
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<td>Deputies BBK sends a copy of the booklet published by the Deputies for Marriage and Divorce “Divorce and remarriage? An impulse towards a new approach to divorce, discipline and remarriage (Popular version of the divorce report which was written for the General Synod of Zuidhorn 2002–2003)”</td>
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<td>Determines that it is biblically responsible to allow sisters to serve also as ministers and elders</td>
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<td>Representatives of the GKNv’s BBK and the OPC’s CEIR meet to discuss CEIR's concerns regarding certain views suggested in the booklet, including those pertaining to:</td>
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<td>The Deputies also tell the CEIR men that a new report (different from the one supplied to the OPC earlier in the year) had just been finished (in Dutch, but not yet in English), which might correct some of the points raised by the OPC.</td>
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Commandment and Sunday, and liberties with respect to worship), BBK publishes its booklet, *Not Beyond What is Written*, and sends copies to CEIR. The preface to the booklet includes: “During the last years indeed a growing difference of insight has come into being within the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands about how to deal with strongly varying opinions about important subjects in the churches.”

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<td>• Determines to “express broad agreement,” with the Report of Deputies “Marriage and Divorce,” with which seemed to go, almost like a pendulum swing, in the opposite direction from that of GS Leusden 1999 and conclude that there were no biblical grounds for divorce.</td>
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<td>• Erects a deputyship “women in the church,” and mandates it, <em>inter alia</em>, “by means of a problem-analysis, based especially on empirical research … to make clear which questions and problems exist in the church with respect to the theme ‘women in the church’…. ”</td>
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<td>• Determines “to make no special general declaration concerning the relationship between the fourth commandment and the celebration of the Sunday.”</td>
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<td>• Determines “to declare that in the congregation of Christ alongside the office bearers there is lawful place for church labourers,” and “with a view to accepting church labourers into ministry, to adopt the following rules: … (S)He therefor promises to teach this doctrine…. ”</td>
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<td>• Continues the offer of sister church relations to OPC</td>
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| OPC               | 72nd (2005) GA | OPC responds to GKNv invitation, as follows: “That, with respect to the invitation of the GKNV to enter into sister church relations, the general assembly—having received from the Deputies on Relations with Churches Abroad a copy of the English-language translation of the report of the Deputies on Marriage and Divorce, and having sent a delegation to the Netherlands to meet with GKNV delegates and to discuss with them our concerns
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<td>BBK follows up with CEIR to try to ascertain where things stand regarding their offer of sister church relationship. The CEIR apologizes for the delay in responding, and determines to send a delegation to meet with them. [Apparently there was some miscommunication as to who was to make the next contact, as CEIR was under the impression that it was still waiting for a copy of the new report (to which the BBK representatives referred in the meeting with the CIER’s subcommittee in October 2004) and an English-language translation of the appropriate portions of the <em>Acts of GS Amersfoort 2005</em>.]</td>
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<td>January 2008 in Zwolle</td>
<td>Representatives of the GKNv’s BBK and the OPC’s CEIR meet “to discuss matters of mutual concern,” following which the CEIR’s subcommittee prepares a draft of its report on the substance of the issues pertaining to divorce and remarriage and sends it to the BBK’s representatives.</td>
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| GKNv              | GS Zwolle-Zuid 2008–2009 | Regarding the Report of the Deputies Men/Women in the Church, the GS determines to—
  o “Reject objections against the use of empirical research and the place which this research has”
  o “In line with the recommendations of deputies regarding further consideration and decisions with respect to question in relations to M/W in the church, to chose for three tracks:
    1. academic consideration;
    2. consideration within the churches;
    3. making preparations for practical decisions for the short term” [which included an instruction to... |
the deputies “to tackle the following questions: … b. what role may women have in the worship service (liturgy, prayer, Scripture reading)?…”

- Regarding the decision of GS Amersfoort-Centrum 2005, the GS determines “at this moment, not to adopt a general set of regulations for the churches with regards to the admission of church laborours, including a system of church registration.”
- Regarding church unity with the NGK, the GS determines “to give deputies Church Unity (DKE) the following mandates:
  1. To continue discussions with the Committee for Contact and Discussions (CCS) of the Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerken. These discussions need to continue the discussion on:
     a. The differing ways in which binding to the confession is put into effect, within the ecclesiastical practice of the GKN[v] and the NGK;
     b. The differing ways in which specific and continuing deviations from the confession are dealt with, within the ecclesiastical practice of the GKN[v] and the NGK;
     c. The issue of women in office and the fact that the NGK allows sisters in the congregation to serve in the offices…”

- Instructs the BBK to work on bringing about a sister church relation with the OPC

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CEIR reports:
That the Committee express to the Section 3 Deputies BBK its gratitude for the Deputies’ willingness to discuss the Committee’s concerns regarding several matters pending in the GKNv and communicate the following:

1. While its Subcommittee has communicated in its partial report the Committee’s concerns regarding the substance of issues pertaining to divorce and remarriage in the Report deputies Marriage and Divorce, it is still working on the second part of its report (pertaining to the doctrine of Scripture);
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2. As our Subcommittee was in the process of discussing the second part of its report, it became aware of the Report of the Deputies Men/Women in the Church for the General Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands Zwolle-Zuid, 2008, which seems to the Committee to bear even more significantly upon the doctrine of Scripture;

3. The Committee believes that it would be wise for its Subcommittee to hold off on further work on the second part of its report until Synod has had the opportunity to interact with the Report of the Deputies Men/Women in the Church …;

4. The Committee report to the 75th (2008) General Assembly that it is still in the process of cordial discussions with the Deputies BBK regarding the GKNv’s invitation to the OPC to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

4. Our hearts go out to our Reformed brothers in the Netherlands. What was once a great refuge for those seeking sanctuary to confess and practice their Reformed faith has in recent decades become one of the most pagan and immoral nations in modern Europe. On both sides of the Atlantic, the church is under great pressure to conform to the world. Post-modern influences undermine the authority of Scripture, make all truth relativistic, and promote the de-construction of the special offices in Christ’s church (peeling off, one by one, tasks that were long-deemed, by Scriptural warrant, to belong almost exclusively to the special offices). After working through several of the documents prepared by various GKNv deputies over the course of the past decade—and making allowance for the fact that we’re reading translations and not the original documents themselves—we nevertheless come away with a perception, perhaps even a fear, that the GKNv might be losing her prophetic voice to the world around her—her willingness to declare, “Thus says the Lord”; to call sin, “sin,” and sinners to repentance; and to affirm, in the sentiment of Martin Luther, “Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.”

5. In analyzing two different study reports prepared by Synodical deputies (i.e., committee persons)—women in church office (see ground 7, below), and marriage and divorce (see ground 8, below)—we perceive that in each one, the GKNv has moved towards an alternative understanding of the question at issue, and has arrived at an answer (or perhaps an alternate reading) that is contrary to that which our confessional standards state is the biblical truth on the issue.

Further, in trying to follow the logic and argumentation in some of the reports of deputies over the past several years, we find ourselves wanting to pose questions to the authors, like:

- Is the Bible just about the revelation of God, or is it the revelation itself?
- Is the Apostle Paul’s application of Scripture in his New Testament letters also revelation, or merely an example of how to apply Scripture?
- Do the Scriptures speak to us today, directly and clearly, concerning doctrine, beyond the central truths of the Apostles’ Creed?
Is there specific meaning in Scripture that is ageless, or is there only a general abiding equity?

Does God really put His precious ones into ethical situations in which there is no way of escape, such that they must choose only between a lesser of two evils (in which they must then sin)?

Does the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures indicate that we may rise above the statements of the New Testament in the sense that we are no longer bound to its prescriptions or applications?

Does the Holy Spirit work today apart from Scripture?

Can there really be two equally valid interpretations of Scripture?

We appreciate that Synod wrestled with some of these questions (in part, we are told, in response to our letter to its deputies, cf. Acts of General Synod Amersfoort-Centrum 2005, Article 57, Decision 1, Ground 2), and we realize that, in the final analysis, it is important to look to see what has actually been adopted by the Synod (as compared with what might appear in a report of some of its deputies). But we also note that it is the Synod who appoints the deputies (and presumably the general views of at least most of those so appointed were known before they were appointed) and that these concerns arise out of more than one report. And, without wanting to paint in overly broad strokes, we are growing increasingly uncomfortable with what we see being written by some associated with the Theological University—and with the tendency of Synod, at least in our perception, to refer questions that are fundamentally ones of faithfulness and obedience to God’s revealed will to the “theological experts” of the University.

By way of a prefatory comment, we begin by noting that the GKNv’s General Synod meets only every three years, and that, under the rules of Synod, materials for Synod must be submitted not later than six months before the Synod. One of the consequences of this rule is that a consideration of events which occur in the months leading up to a Synod meeting often cannot be taken up until the following meeting of Synod (three years later)—which might cause an outside observer to have a sense that the General Synod may be behind the proverbial “eight-ball” when trying to address unfolding events (such as might take place in the development of a relationship).

That said, GS Zwolle-Zuid 2008–2009 determined to have its deputies Church Unity (DKE) continue discussions with the NGK, despite the NGK’s decision (NM Lelystad 2004) to open all offices in the church to women, and despite the NGK’s committeeen (CCS) having informed the DKE “that as far as the CCS is concerned, it will not be possible to go back beyond the [NGK’s report on female elders and ministers] and the decisions that were taken as a result” (§5.3 of the Majority Report of the DKE).

The opening of the teaching and ruling offices in Christ’s church is contrary to a direct command of Scripture, and is therefore not negotiable—and we are of the conviction that churches which disregard this command of Scripture ought not to be considered as being “Reformed in their confessional standards, church order, and life.”

It was further sobering to read in the deputies (majority) report: “In this statement [i.e., the INTERIM STATEMENT CONCERNING THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN DKE AND CCS REGARDING THE BINDING TO THE CONFESSION], we have been able to formulate such a level of agreement that Deputies [DKE] are able to propose that the nature of the discussions with the NGK be intensified to ‘discussions focused on ecclesiastical union’” (id., at §5.2.3, emphasis added). We understand that GS Zwolle-Zuid 2008–2009 elected an entirely new set of deputies Church Unity (DKE) to continue the discussions with the CCS, but we note that the INTERIM STATEMENT (which was “acknowledge[d] with thanks” by the Synod), includes the following:
“On the other hand, this may also mean that we may come to new confessing in our own time. In every age, the Spirit of God is able to open the eyes of people to Scriptural insights that lead to new confessing. And the spiritual warfare that is being waged today, urges us towards such confessing. This does not necessarily mean new confessional documents; we could also conceive of new forms of confessing. A common testimony in our time, even if it does not have the status of a confessional statement, may serve to honour God, build His church, and appeal to the world in which we live. From the side of both the GK and the NGK, we believe we are together called to such a joint testimony.”

7. GS Amersfoort-Centrum 2005 erected a deputyship on “Women in the church” which reported back to the GS Zwolle-Zuid 2008 in a report of thirty-one pages and then this is dealt with by that synod over ten decisions comprising four pages (English translation, which is utilized in the following analyses). The report’s name is changed in 2008 to “Men/Women in the Church.”

The report lays out two hermeneutical positions that are claimed to be equally valid ways to understand what the Bible has to say on this question. The first is whether there is a “permanent creation ordinance” or not (designated A and B respectively) “which effects the relationship between men and women.” The latter view, B, says, that “the difference in position is a result of the fall into sin, a distorted development, from which we are redeemed in Christ.” The second set of alternatives is that of C and D which deal with the cultural setting in which the scriptural truths are presented. View C indicates that “the Spirit is able to make clear to us what he intends right through that cultural background…[and that] they are nevertheless permanently applicable…” View D responds that they are in effect culturally conditioned, and would have the tendency to answer “yes” to this question: “So that we, led by the Spirit, can rise above the statements of the New Testament, in the sense that we are no longer bound to them?” The report aids view D by claiming, as examples, that we are no longer bound to polygamy and slavery. Surely our Lord’s pointing to the intention of His Father in bringing one woman to one man and saying of them “So they are no longer two but one flesh” (Mt. 19:6) ought to be enough of a response to the mentioning of polygamy in the OT (which is not condoned because it is mentioned). Slavery is dwelt with quite differently than the relationship of men and women (or husbands and wives). Paul appeals to the creation ordinance for men and women and the ordering of their affairs by Christ who is also their example (cf., e.g., Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Cor.11:1-12), whereas he never does this for slaves but rather writes in 1 Cor. 11:21b, “But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.”

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has studied this issue carefully and has concluded that Paul was quoting the creation ordinance as something binding as long as this earthly life shall last, and therefore also believed that his instructions are as binding on us “as in all the churches of the saints” (1 Cor. 14:33b), namely, prohibiting “a woman from teaching or having authority over a man” (1 Tim. 2:12). By this we understand that Paul in his using action verbs (“teaching and exercising authority”) rather than office terms (minister and elders) is prohibiting not only the offices to women but also the activity of publicly teaching the scriptures to men.

We are also concerned that the GKNv has come to an understanding that those on either side of the hermeneutical issue are willing to obey the Scriptures (“both lines claim to be faithful to Scripture”). We can understand that theoretically, but not in the light of
Paul’s own evaluation of those charismatics and those who are willing to have women speak to the church in 1 Cor. 14:36-38. Yes, they appeal to “the word of God” (1 Cor. 14:36), but Paul asks them did they send that word forth or has it reached only them (1 Cor. 14:36). He urges them and the Corinthian church to listen to him because “the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord” (verse 37). And he says that one who will not recognize this teaching of his “is not recognized” (verse 38). This difference between Paul and those he is trying to correct certainly sounds like error and not at all like an alternative understanding or a different hermeneutical perspective. This basic question must be considered before going further with the study.

8. The GKNv also took decisions on Marriage and Divorce beginning in 2002-3 and resolved in 2005. The most important items are given in the Ground and five Principles contained in Decision 6 (under Article 57, English translation of GS Amersfoort-Centrum 2005). The Ground preceding the Principles states one of the most basic ideas being adopted, namely, “the indissolubility of marriage.” This point is underlined by several statements in the Principles which are not qualified, however, by the exception of our Lord Jesus Christ “for adultery” (Mt. 5:32; 19:9) nor by the provision given by the Apostle Paul to the spouse when the one leaving the marriage is an unbeliever (1 Cor. 7:15). Jesus’ words and Paul’s provision are not regarded as Principles, but are regarded in the case of Paul, for example, as his granting the lesser of two evils, and in the case of Jesus as his referring back to the provision of Moses, but not given as an exception for what he was saying in the gospel account.

This shift from the earlier understanding of these passages by the GKNv (cf., e.g., J. Douma, The Ten Commandments, pages 274-276) and the broader Reformed community (cf., e.g., WCF 24.5 & 6; Second Helvetic Confession, XXIX.2) is indeed troubling, especially when their hermeneutical and exegetical handling of our Lord’s and the Apostle’s words are not agreed to by nearly all commentaries. This understanding also puts the GKNv in direct conflict with the Westminster Standards (WCF 24.5 & 6) that takes the exceptions at face value. Finally, it gives an ethically unsatisfactory understanding of Paul’s clear, and differentiated, teaching on divorce, which took unbelief quite seriously, by alluding to that understanding as a lesser evil (“an evil but is preferred above the greater evil of compromising on the point of faith,” “Popular Version,” page 12), which might suggest that sometimes it is permissible for a Christian to sin. By the Synod’s decision, the GKNv has come to a completely different understanding of the biblical teachings on Marriage and Divorce than that which has so clearly and articulately been stated in the doctrinal standards of the OPC.

VIII ELECTIONS

The terms of the class of 2010 expiring at this GA are those of Messrs. Curto, Needham*, and Wallace.

Required for election to the class of 2013: Under standing rule X.2.g., this assembly should elect three ministers or ruling elders.

*The committee notes with sadness the serious accident which providentially required Mr. Needham to retire after many years of faithful service. We rejoice in his contributions and commend him to our Lord for healing in the hope of future doors of opportunity being opened for him. Mr. Needham’s resignation was accepted by the Committee on 10/01/2009.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

I INTRODUCTION

The Committee met once at last year’s General Assembly to finalize business for that Assembly and on March 22, 2010. At this time no appeals or complaints have come before the Committee. The possibility exists that such business may arise, thereby necessitating a supplementary report.

II BUDGET

The Committee has proposed that a budget of $2000 be considered for its work in the forthcoming year.

III ELECTIONS

The term of Mr. Mallin (PCT&SNY) expires at this Assembly, as does that of Mr. Foh (POP, Alternate, elected yearly). Other members of the Committee are Messrs Jones (PMA, class of 2011) and Strange (PMW, class of 2012).

John W. Mallin, Chairman
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

I  INTRODUCTION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

On May 3, 2010, the Committee received notice of intent to file an appeal of a judicial
decision, and on May 5, 2010, the Committee received notice of intent to file a complaint on
appeal (both rising out of the Presbytery of New Jersey), after completion of the Committee’s
report to the Assembly, to which the following is a supplement. The appeal documents were
received by the Committee on May 21 and May 23, respectively. Additional materials related
to the appeal and to the complaint were received from the stated clerk of the Presbytery of
New Jersey on May 28, 2010. Both matters ultimately have their origins in the trial of a
member of Stratford OPC, Stratford, NJ, which is not before this Assembly.

II  THE APPEAL OF MISS STAHL, MRS. MATHER, AND MR. MATHER

Bethanie Stahl, Carol Mather, and Stephen Mather are appealing the pronouncement of
the censure of rebuke by the Session of Stratford OPC, Stratford, N.J.

A.  INTRODUCTION TO THE APPEAL

On February 5, 2009, Stahl, Mather and Mather filed three (3) charges against Mr.
X, a member of Stratford OPC. The charges were for the alleged offenses of breaking the
first, second, and ninth commandments, respectively. The Session conducted a preliminary
investigation, and determined that judicial process would not be instituted. The Session
determined to pronounce the censure of rebuke against the Appellants (BD III.6).

The appellants brought an appeal of the pronouncement of the censure of rebuke
to the Presbytery of New Jersey. At its April 27, 2010, stated meeting, the Presbytery of New
Jersey determined that the appeal not be sustained. The appellants filed a notice of intent to
appeal with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on May 3, 2010, and filed their appeal
on May 23, 2010.

B.  THE APPEAL DOCUMENT

The Appeal alleges 5 Specifications of Error on the part of the Stratford Session:
1) The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing censure “before the
expiration of the time in which the accused may file notice of appeal. If notice of
appeal is filed and an appeal is taken within the time prescribed by the Book of
Discipline, Chapter VII, the trial judicatory may not execute its judgment unless
and until the judgment is affirmed by the judicatory to which final appeal is taken.”
(BD IV.C.3.b)

2) The Session of Stratford OPC erred by failing to cite the appellants to present
themselves for censure at the time appointed. (BD VI.A.2)

3) The Session of Stratford OPC erred in presuming jurisdiction over persons
outside of the Stratford session’s jurisdiction.

4) The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing a censure that came about
as a result of an improper preliminary investigation.
5) The Session of Stratford OPC erred in pronouncing a censure that came about in the context of the appearance of judicial prejudice against the appellants.

C. BACKGROUND OF THE APPEAL

The Appeal has its origins in a Sunday school class taught by Mr. X, which resulted in the appellants filing charges against him. The Assembly is reminded that the issues involved in the charges are not before this Assembly. However, it may be helpful to have a summary of the charges; it may be argued that the rebuke by the session of Stratford OPC, and the denial of the appeal by the Presbytery of New Jersey rests on the meritless nature of the charges. The charges follow.

1. “First Commandment Charge”: Mr. X was charged with publicly teaching heresy in teaching false doctrines about the nature of God and the nature of salvation.

2. “Second Commandment Charge”: Mr. X publicly involved people in impure religious worship by publicly praying that people would give thanks to God through Mr. Y.

3. “Ninth Commandment Charge”: Mr. X lied about his previous public statements when he was speaking in the presence of the session.

The Session determined that judicial process would not be instituted, and at the same time that determination was made, pronounced the censure of rebuke against the appellants. At the time of the censure, two of the three appellants were members of another OPC.

D. CHRONOLOGY

The following chronology is prepared by the committee, using information provided by the appellants, the chronology provided by the Session of Stratford OPC, and the chronology provided by the Stated Clerk of the PNJ.

1. September 28, 2008 and October 5, 2008 — Issues arise from the Sunday School teaching of Mr. X.

2. October 22, 2008 — Bethanie Stahl is granted a transfer of membership to Providence OPC, Mantua, N.J., and is received by Providence on November 17, 2008.

3. January 22, 2009 — Carol Mather is received by Providence, by way of transfer.

4. February 5, 2009 — Three charges are brought against Mr. X. by the appellants.

5. February 8, 2009 — The Session of Stratford OPC erects a committee of one man to conduct the preliminary investigation.

6. February 11, 2009 — The appellants are read the warning from BD III.6. The committee reports to the Session, recommending that judicial process not be instituted, and that the appellants be censured with rebuke. The Session determines not to institute judicial process and determines to censure the appellants.

7. February 12, 2009 — The appellants are informed via email that the charges
have been found to be without merit and that the Session has determined that
judicial process will not be instituted. The appellants are also informed that “the
Session has pronounced upon you, in the name of and by the authority of the Lord
Jesus Christ, and as an act of the whole Church, the Censure of REBUKE for
the serious offense of bringing false charges against an innocent man” (emphasis
added by the committee).

8. February 14, 2009 — The appellants file their notice of intention to appeal
with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey. On February 28, 2009, the
Presbytery of New Jersey, at its stated meeting, determines to refer the matter to a
committee if the appeal is filed.

9. March 3, 2009 — The appellants file their appeal (consisting of four appeals)
with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey.

10. April 1, 2009 — The PNJ committee meets with the appellants and others.

11. April 28, 2009 — The Presbytery of New Jersey finds three of the four
appeals out of order, and finds one appeal (appealing the Stratford session’s ruling
to censure the appellants with “rebuke” for bringing “false charges” against an
innocent man) to be in order and properly before the Presbytery. The Presbytery
of New Jersey refers the appeal back to the committee.

12. July 18, 2009 — The committee meets with Bethanie Stahl and Carol Mather
and with the Stratford session.

13. August 5, 2009 — The committee reconvenes to finish its business. The
committee determines that there are seven specifications of error in the appeal.
The committee recommends to the presbytery that five of the specifications of error
not be sustained, and that two specifications of error be sustained (specifications
#2 and #7):

#2. That the “three charges against Mr. [X] were not false. Mr. [X] is not ‘an
innocent man’ in the matters for which charges were filed against him. Proof
was provided in the form of transcripts and witnesses . . . .” The committee
report says, “While the committee is of the opinion that the preliminary
investigation of the Stratford session did, in fact, judge the merits of the case
and not the case itself, the use of the language ‘false charges’ made it sound
as if they judged the case itself. The session would have done better had they
spoken of the appellants as those who brought ‘meritless charges’ rather than
‘false charges.’”

#7. That the “session should have cited them to appear before pronouncing the
censure.” The committee report says, “BD VI.A.2 requires that a judicatory
cite the person(s) to appear to receive their censure. The correspondence
from the session dated February 12, 2009 (which was sent via e-mail)
proceeded immediately to pronounce censure without citing them to appear
first. It should also be noted that BD VI.A.2 requires the judicatory to cite
the person(s) to be censured a second time if said person(s) fails to appear the
first time.”

14. September 26, 2009 — Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey. The
Stahl, Mather and Mather appeal is postponed to the next stated meeting, due to a
crowded docket.

15. December 1, 2009 — Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey. The appeal is postponed until the next meeting.

16. February 27, 2010 — Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey. The appeal is postponed until the next meeting.

17. April 27, 2010 — of error are not sustained; specification #7 (see at August 5, 2009, in the Chronology) is sustained. The appeal is not sustained; the ground is, “of the seven specifications of error listed above only one was sustained. The PNJ does not think the sustained specification of error is so important as to require the reversal or modification of the judgment of the session (BD VII.6). The other specifications in their lack of sustainability lead it to believe that the charges are, in fact, meritless. Furthermore, the seriousness of bringing meritless charges against an officer in the church provides sufficient reason for a censure of rebuke leveled against those who would bring such charges.”

E. OBSERVATIONS

The specifications of error in the appeal before the General Assembly are not all identical to those brought before the Presbytery of New Jersey. This is not strictly required as would be in the case of a complaint brought on appeal.

The parties involved in the appeal are the session of Stratford OPC and the appellants. The pleadings of these parties against each other are the main concern. The Presbytery of New Jersey is not an original party; consideration should focus on the specifications of error on the part of the Stratford session, and not on the alleged exacerbations by the Presbytery of New Jersey.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

2. That Specification #3 be considered first.

Ground: The question of jurisdiction may affect the relevancy of other specifications of error.

III. THE COMPLAINT OF MESSRS. ALVIRA, ET AL

The complaint before the 77th General Assembly (2010) is brought against the Presbytery of New Jersey by Rev. Benjamin Alvira, Rev. Mark Larson, Rev. John Vroegindewey, Rev. Jeffrey Waddington, Elder Robert Freeman, Elder Robert Terwilliger, and Elder Robert A. Reith (hereinafter, Messrs. Alvira, et al). The Rev. Alan D. Strange has been asked by the complainants to represent them at this Assembly.

A. INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPLAINT

Messrs. Alvira, et al, bring on appeal to this Assembly a complaint against the Presbytery of New Jersey (PNJ) regarding action of the PNJ with regard to an appeal brought to it in a judicial matter. The complaint was denied by the PNJ on April 27, 2010. The
complainants determined to forward the complaint on appeal to the General Assembly and submitted the complaint to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on May 21, 2010, having filed notice of intent to submit the complaint on appeal on May 5, 2010. Additional materials related to the complaint were received by the stated clerk of the General Assembly from the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey on May 27, 2010, and forwarded to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints on May 28, 2010.

B. THE COMPLAINT DOCUMENTS

The complaint comes on appeal in the following terms: “On this, the 21st day of May, A.D. 2010,” Messrs. Alvira, et al “APPEAL the April 27, 2010 decision of the Presbytery of New Jersey that denied the complaint of February 10, 2010 that was filed by the same original persons (represented in PNJ communication # 7 of the February 27, 2010 meeting of the presbytery), in order to bring that complaint to the 77th (2010) General Assembly of the OPC for adjudication.”

The appeal document then attaches the February 10, 2010, complaint (which is the complaint to be considered by the Assembly), and a second document which is comprised of twelve “reasons justifying the appeal of the denial of this complaint to the highest judicatory.”

The complaint itself sets forth grounds in terms of a series of actions taken by the session of Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church subsequent to the presbytery’s decision to find a judicial appeal out of order and prior to the presbytery’s decision to rescind its earlier finding, against which rescission the complaint is essentially made. The complaint is against the presbytery’s failure to adopt a motion to find the action to rescind “null and void.” Seven numbered items list the actions of the session and the presbytery and comment upon them. The complaint document has two addenda: “ADDENDUM A – Background and Timeline” and “ADDENDUM B – SEPTEMBER 2009 PROTEST TO PNJ.”

The stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey provided, in addition to copies of the documents described above, a chronology with relevant excerpts from minutes of the presbytery and what he believes to be corrections to the “Timeline” in the complainants’ “ADDENDUM A – Background and Timeline.”

C. BACKGROUND OF THE COMPLAINT

The complaint has its origin in the ecclesiastical trial of Mr. M, a member of Stratford OPC, Stratford, NJ, which trial was conducted by an augmented session. Charges were filed against him on January 9, 2008, and Mr. M was found guilty on July 26, 2008. The augmented session proposed the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership. Mr. M notified the augmented session of his intent to appeal on August 4, 2008, and filed his appeal with the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey on September 4, 2008, one day later than that required in BD VII.4. At its September 27, 2008, meeting, the Presbytery of New Jersey found Mr. M’s appeal out of order due to timeliness. On October 22, 2008, the regular session of Stratford OPC pronounced the censure of Mr. M as proposed. On April 16, 2009, the session of Stratford OPC, having reviewed Mr. M’s repentance on April 12, notified him that the session had increased his censure to that of excommunication. On April 24, 2009, Mr. M notified the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey of his intention to appeal the increase of censure. At its April 28, 2009, meeting, the Presbytery of New Jersey determined to reconsider its September 27, 2008, action to find Mr. M’s original appeal out of order, and subsequently rescinded that action, and referred the appeal to a special committee. A protest of the rescission is filed by a number of members (not identical with the complainants) of the presbytery at its September 26, 2009, meeting. The protest was read and inserted into the presbytery minutes at the presbytery’s December 1, 2009, meeting.
At the same meeting, a motion to declare null and void the April 28, 2009, decision to rescind failed. On February 18, 2010, the complainants filed their complaint with the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey, which was referred to a committee. The presbytery, at its April 27, 2010, meeting, considered and denied the complaint. The complainants brought the complaint to the General Assembly on appeal. Mr. M’s original appeal has not yet been heard and the censure of excommunication has not yet been pronounced.

D. CHRONOLOGY

The following chronology is prepared by the committee, using both the “timeline” provided by the complainants and the chronology provided by the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey, with further corrections.

1. **December 12, 2007** – Mr. Gene M, a member of Stratford OPC, Stratford, NJ, brings suit in civil court against three business partners, all of whom are officers of Stratford OPC (Elder L, Deacon H, and Deacon C), contrary to a signed agreement to take disputes before the session of Stratford OPC. The session is notified by the officers.

2. **December 26, 2007 – January 6, 2008** – Correspondence from the officers and from the pastor, and finally a meeting of the session with Mr. M constitute attempts to persuade Mr. M to dismiss his lawsuit, including a warning from the officers that they will file ecclesiastical charges if he fails to do so, are met with Mr. M’s refusal.

3. **January 9, 2008** – The session receives from Elder L, Deacon H, and Deacon C their charge that Mr. M has broken the ninth commandment.

4. **Early February 2008** – The session obtains congregational consent and presbytery approval to augment the session for the purposes of conducting the trial.

5. **Mid-February 2008** – Elder S, formerly of Stratford OPC, informs the session that he is Mr. M’s defense counsel.

6. **February – May 2008** – The augmented session conducts its preliminary investigation and holds the first meeting of trial, at which Mr. M is present.

7. **May or June 2008** – Mr. M’s civil attorney corresponds with the augmented session, advising them to hold the ecclesiastical trial in abeyance until the final ruling of the civil court, and warning them of the possibility of legal action against responsible parties, if untruths regarding Mr. M are spread through use of the augmented session and Mr. M loses standing within the community.

8. **June and July 2008** – The augmented session continues with the trial. Mr. M is not present, and tried in absentia with Mr. S as his defense counsel.

9. **July 26, 2008** – The augmented session finds Mr. M guilty of breaking the ninth commandment and proposes the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership. Mr. M is notified that day of the ruling and is informed of his right to appeal and of the procedures to file an appeal, including the ten-day requirement for filing intent to appeal and thirty-day requirement for filing the appeal (BD VII.3,4).

10. **August 4, 2008** – Mr. M notifies the augmented session of his intent to appeal
the judgment and the proposed censure.

11. **September 4, 2008** – Mr. M submits his appeal to the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey, 31 days after his notice of intent to appeal. (Minutes, PNJ, 2008-09-27, p. 144, § 5)

12. **September 27, 2008** – After voting to not sustain a ruling of the moderator that the appeal was out of order, the Presbytery of New Jersey adopts a recommendation of a special committee to find the appeal “out of order in that the appeal is not properly before the PNJ having been filed with the Stated Clerk one day past the required deadline required by BOD VII.4.” (Minutes, PNJ, 2008-09-27, p. 147, § 14)

13. **October 22, 2008** – The session (no longer augmented) pronounced the censure of indefinite suspension of Mr. M from the privileges of church membership as proposed.

14. **October 2008 – March 2009** – Mr. M stops attending church services at Stratford OPC and starts attending Mantua OPC. During this time, the Stratford session attempts over ten times to meet with Mr. M, and he fails and, in some instances, refuses to attend any meetings.

15. **December 2, 2008** – At the stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey, “The Moderator noted that the action requested in communication # 28” from Mr. M “(asking the PNJ to reconsider its September [27,] 2008 action on the . . . appeal), if moved, would be ruled out of order.” (Minutes, PNJ, 2008-12-02, p. 156, § 20)

16. **February 28, 2009** – At the stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey, the presbytery referred to an existing special committee two communications from Mr. M, one (dated January 29, 2009) “requesting redress from the PNJ’s September 27, 2008 decision that his appeal (of a July 26, 2008 judgment the Stratford session rendered in his trial and the censure it imposed) was not properly before the PNJ having been filed with the Stated Clerk one day past the required deadline”; and the other (dated February 27, 2009) “appealing the July 26, 2008 judgment the Stratford session rendered in his trial and the censure it pronounced upon him.” (Minutes, PNJ, 2009-02-28, pp. 160-161, § 4)

17. **March 2009** – “The session of Stratford OPC decides to prayerfully review Mr. M’s repentance. One additional attempt was made to meet with him.” (Complainants’ ADDENDUM A- Background and Timeline)

18. **Early April 2009** – Mr. M “defiantly responds in writing to the Stratford Session after additional failed attempts by the Stratford Session to work with Mr. [M] so he can repent.” (Complainants’ ADDENDUM A- Background and Timeline)

19. **April 12, 2009** – The session of Stratford OPC formally reviews Mr. M’s state of repentance and determines to increase his censure to excommunication.

20. **April 16, 2009** – The session of Stratford OPC notifies Mr. M of the increase of censure. (Minutes, PNJ, 2009-04-28, p. 165, § 4)

21. **April 24, 2009** – Mr. M notifies the stated clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey of his intention to appeal the increase of censure. It appears from references
in the complaint and perhaps from the minutes of the April 28, 2009, meeting of the presbytery, that Mr. M did submit his appeal of the increase of censure before April 28, but no date is given in the materials available to the committee.

22. **April 28, 2009** – The Presbytery of New Jersey, in response to the February 27, 2009, resubmission of Mr. M’s original appeal of the July 26, 2008, judgment of the augmented session of Stratford OPC, erects a committee. The recommendation of a minority of the committee is adopted: “that the PNJ rescind its September 27, 2009 [sic – should be 2008] action ‘that Mr. [M]’s Appeal be found out of order in that the appeal is not properly before the PNJ having been filed with the Stated Clerk one day past the required deadline required by BOD VII.4.’” The appeal was referred to a special committee. (Minutes, PNJ, 2009-04-28, p. 167, § 15)

23. **September 26, 2009** – The minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey record the May 7, 2009, communication from eighteen members of the presbytery protesting the decision to receive the appeal of Mr. M. (Minutes, PNJ, 2009-09-26, p. 176, § 5)

24. **December 1, 2009** – At the stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey, the protest is read and inserted into the presbytery’s minutes. A motion to declare null and void the April 28, 2009, decision to rescind is considered and fails. The session of Stratford OPC affirms that the censure of excommunication of Mr. M has not been pronounced and he is still a member of the visible church.

25. **February 18, 2010** – The complainants file their complaint against the December 1, 2009, failure of the Presbytery to adopt the motion to declare null and void the April 28, 2009, decision to rescind the September 27, 2008, determination to find the appeal of Mr. M out of order.

26. **February 27, 2010** – At the stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey, the complaint is referred to a special committee.

27. **April 27, 2010** – The Presbytery of New Jersey denies the complaint.

28. **May 5, 2010** – The complainants file with the stated clerk of the General Assembly their notice of intent to appeal the April 27, 2010 decision of the Presbytery of New Jersey to deny their complaint.

29. **May 21, 2010** – The complainants submit their complaint on appeal to the 77th General Assembly (2010).

**E. OBSERVATIONS**

The committee notes the possible confusion following from the appearance of so much material regarding the judicial case of Mr. M and his appeals in the background and chronology sections of this supplemental report. The committee reminds the Assembly that Mr. M’s case is not before this Assembly. While the committee considers the background information necessary (as did, apparently, the complainants and the stated clerk of the PNJ, who included it in the chronological information they each provided), the issues involved in the complaint before the Assembly are not judicial questions but administrative matters (note the distinction in BD I.2,3 and the description of a complaint in BD IX.1). However, the committee notes that the disposition of the complaint has bearing on how the presbytery and the session of Stratford OPC may proceed with respect to Mr. M, who remains, to date,
a member of Stratford OPC, with the question of his excommunication pending, and perhaps the question of the original judgments of the augmented session pending, as well.

Specifically, the complaint before the Assembly focuses on: a) the April 28, 2009, decision to rescind the September 27, 2008, action to find Mr. M’s appeal out of order; b) the December 1, 2009, failure of the presbytery to declare null and void the April 28, 2009, decision to rescind; and perhaps, by implication, c) the September 27, 2008, action to find Mr. M’s appeal out of order due to timeliness. The complaint asks the Assembly to determine a narrow question: viz., Was the presbytery delinquent (or did it err) in failing to declare the decision to rescind null and void? and the complainants desire the Assembly to answer: Yes. The remedy sought by the complainants indicates the effect of sustaining the complaint: a return to consideration of Mr. M’s appeal of increase of censure; denial of the complaint will return the presbytery to consideration of Mr. M’s original appeal.

F. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the Complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.
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I THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings

The Committee met two times during the past year, once in conjunction with the meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJCCMP) and on 3 February 2010 by telephone conference call. The regular meeting was held 25 February 2010 at the Sleep Inn Airport Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Gordon E. Kauffman (class of 2011), Mr. Robert B. Needham (class of 2010) and Mr. James A. Zozzaro (class of 2012) were present in Columbia, while Mr. Robert M. Coie (class of 2011) was absent, but did join in the Committee meeting by conference call. By general consent, the Committee ratified its prior informal action by email, to appoint Messrs. Kauffman, Needham and Zozzaro as Commissioners to the PRJCCMP.
B. Officers

At the annual meeting, Mr. Needham was elected Chairman; Mr. Kauffman, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Coie, Secretary.

II ROLL OF CHAPLAINS

As of 01 January 2010, the PRJCCMP endorses fourteen Orthodox Presbyterian chaplains serving on active duty, three serving in the Reserves or National Guard, and eight serving as chaplains outside the Department of Defense along with two military chaplain candidates.

A. Endorsed Chaplains Serving on Active Duty and their Presbyteries:

| CH (CPT-P) Paul T. Berghaus, USA | Midwest |
| CH (CPT) Kyle N. Brown USA | Ohio |
| LCDR (Sel) John A. Carter, CHC, USN | Southern California |
| CH (LTC-P) Jonathan C. Gibbs III, USA | Philadelphia |
| Ch (Capt.) C. Phillip Hollstein III, USAF | Southern California |
| Ch (Capt.) Cornelius Johnson, USAF | New Jersey |
| CH (COL) Chester H. Lanious, USA* | Central US |
| CDR Timothy J. Power, CHC, USN | Southern California |
| Ch (Capt.) Richard Rojas, USAF | NY and New Eng. |
| CH (MAJ) Earl W. Vanderhoff, USA | Northwest |
| CAPT Bryan J. Weaver, CHC, USN | Ohio |
| CH (COL) Christopher H. Wisdom, USA | Southwest |

* Chaplain Lanious plans to retire in mid 2010.

B. Endorsed Chaplains Serving with Reserve Status on Active Duty and their Presbyteries:

| CH (Lt. Col.) Richard M. Dickinson, Maine Air NG | New York and New England |
| CDR Douglas M. Withington, CHC, USNR | Southeast |

C. Endorsed Chaplains Serving in Active Reserves or National Guard and their Presbyteries:

| The Rev. Graham Harbman, LTC, USAR | Northern California |
| The Rev. Kenny R. Honken, CPT, SDARNG | Dakotas |
| The Rev. Benjamin W. Johnson, Capt., USAFR | Mich. and Ontario |
| The Rev. James A. Zozzaro, CPT, NJARNG | New Jersey |

D. Endorsed Chaplains Serving Outside the Department of Defense:

| The Rev. David P. Bush, Tuolumne County Sheriff Department; Sonora Police Department CA |
| The Rev. Gordon H. Cook, Jr., MidCoast Hospital, Brunswick ME |
| The Rev. Martin L. Dawson, Sr., Police Department, Stratford NJ |
| The Rev. Charles A. McIlhenny, Intern, LA and USC Medical Center, Los Angeles CA |
The Rev. Andrew T. Moody, W. P. Clements Unit Maximum Security Prison, Amarillo TX
The Rev. Robert B. Needham, Kings County Sheriff’s Department, CA
The Rev. Richard A. Shaw, Spring House Estates Retirement Community, Lower Gwynedd PA
The Rev. Jack K. Unangst, Chaplain Coordinator, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Prescott AZ

E. Unendorsed Civilian Chaplains

The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, Quarryville PA
The Rev. Ralph A. Rebandt II, Farmington Hills Police Dept., Farmington MI

F. Retired Chaplains

The Rev. William B. Acker, CAPT, CHC, USNR Ret.
The Rev. Martin L. Dawson, Sr., LTC, USAR Ret.
The Rev. Robert B. Needham, CDR, CHC, USN Ret.
The Rev. Stephen L. Parker, LCDR, CHC, USNR Ret.

G. Candidates for Endorsement as Military Chaplains

1LT David M. DeRienzo PAARNG, Presbytery of Philadelphia
1LT Mitchell L. Haubert, Jr. PAARNG, Presbytery of Ohio
2LT Blake T. Law SCARNG, Presbytery of the Southeast

Note: Any teaching elder currently serving as a chaplain but not included in the Roll of Chaplains above is requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee.

III FINANCES

A. Contributions and Budgets

Contributions to the PRJCCMP from designated gifts, denominational dues, and other sources decreased from $167,026 in 2008 to $164,695 in 2009. Contributions from OPC churches and individuals to support chaplain ministries more than doubled in 2009, from $1,300 to $2,799. Total receipts including chaplain dues increased from $334,878 in 2008 to $348,527 in 2009. In 2009 the Commission Approved Budget was $385,611 and the Working Budget was $350,000. Actual 2009 expenses were $332,587.

The Commission approved the following budgets:

- 2010 Revised Budget $388,861
- 2010 Working Budget $351,861
- 2011 Budget $394,810

B. PRJCCMP Dues Assessed

As of 01 January 2010, the PRJCCMP continues to assess endorsed and paid chaplains at the following rates:
1. Military active duty chaplains and VA chaplains: 1% of base pay, Officer O-2 at 348/year; O-3 at $396/year; O-4 at $600/year; O-5 at $792/year; O-6 at $996/year; and for VA Chaplains, GS-11 at $492/year, GS-12 at $636/year.

2. Reserve and National Guard chaplains: 2% of base pay, Officer grade O-3 at $180/year; O-4 at $204/year; O-5 at $288/year; O-6 at $348/year.

3. Inactive Reserve and civilian chaplains not requiring ecclesiastical endorsement are no longer assessed. However those civilian chaplains requiring such endorsement are charged as follows: $300 per year if full time; $180 per year if part time.

4. For those paid civilian chaplains whose employers or certifying bodies do not require an endorsement, dues are not assessed, but an annual voluntary gift to the PRJCCMP is requested and would be greatly appreciated.

IV MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS AND ISSUES

A. PRJCCMP Elections

The following members were elected to one-year terms on the PRJCCMP:

1. Mr. Bentley B. Rayburn (PCA), Chairman
2. Mr. Don Prichard (RPCNA), Vice-Chairman
3. Mr. Gordon E. Kauffman (OPC), Secretary
4. Mr. Robert B. Needham continues to serve as a member of the Issues and Concerns Committee.

B. PRJCCMP Executive Director

It was noted that Chaplain (BG, USA, Ret.) Douglas Lee has completed his first year as Executive Director of PRJCCMP and Chaplain Endorser.

C. PRJCCMP Associate Directors

The PRJCCMP re-elected Mr. Ron Swafford (PCA) to a one-year term as Associate Director for military chaplaincy and Mr. Gary L. Hitzfeld to a one-year term as Associate Director for non-military chaplaincies. Mr. Beryl T. Hubbard retired as an Associate Director for military chaplaincy effective 01 January 2010. Mr. Hubbard’s position is now vacant.

D. Next PRJCCMP Meeting

The next regular meeting of the PRJCCMP is scheduled for 24 and 25 February 2011.

E. Chaplains’ Manual – Policy and Guidance on Homosexuality

The PRJCCMP adopted the following Pastoral Guidance for chaplains on Homosexuality for inclusion in the CHAPLAIN’S MANUAL section on “Policy and Guidance”:

VI. HOMOSEXUALITY
Appendix

A. BACKGROUND

Until the last few decades, there has been little dispute about how to deal with a member of one of the military services who is discovered to have homosexual leanings, or to have actually engaged in such conduct. These members were to be removed from the particular service, with some degree of consequence, such as an Administrative Discharge or an Other Than Honorable Discharge. During the process of enlistment or applying for a commission, it was not the practice of our armed services to probe for possible moral, social or ethical deficiencies that were not connected to a criminal record of some sort.

This policy was characterized by the Clinton administration as “Don’t Ask – Don’t Tell”, implying some sort of moral hypocrisy on the part of the military for punitively dealing with discovered homosexuals, but who presumably had turned a blind eye to their admission in the first place. This, along with several other contributing factors, including the emergence of formidable political power on the part of the homosexual segment of American society has increased the pressure to revoke the long-standing, adequate practice of our military services in dealing with this problem. This change in public opinion, however, does not relieve Christians from their responsibility to be informed on this matter, and to stand firmly for what is right.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PASTORAL GUIDANCE

“Historically, it has been the practice of each Chaplain Corps of the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively, to insist that it expects every chaplain to remain faithful to the doctrinal practices and ordination vows of his endorsing denomination. For chaplains endorsed by the PRJCCMP member denominations, this includes the vow, in some form, to be faithful to the doctrines and truths of Scripture. That necessarily involves both the duty and privilege of calling sin “sin”, whether in the formal proclamation of the Word of God, or in applying it in solving a problem in conduct, or thinking, requiring a biblical solution. As in our guidance on praying in Jesus’ name, and women in combat, we remind our chaplains of constitutional principles prohibiting government from imposing upon them substantive moral/religious judgments and beliefs such as directing them on how to pray. These prohibitions are even more stringent when attempting to substantively limit chaplains in performance of their spiritual/moral/religious duties in consensual settings where views on homosexuality would be typically discussed in preaching, teaching, or counseling contexts.

“God’s Word specifically addresses the sin of sodomy, and related homosexual behavior in Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; and Romans 1:26-27, in addition to the Genesis chapter 19 account of the supernatural destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for that iniquity.

“In light of the objective passages on the sin of homosexuality, and the Scriptural guidelines on the exercise of pastoral grace (1 Timothy 6:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:14-26), the PRJCCMP advises our endorsed chaplains to deal humbly and yet truthfully, when asked about any aspect of this matter, and to do so in as courteous and kind a manner as possible. A chaplain is entirely at liberty to disagree with current assumptions, such as the idea that homosexuality is genetically caused, and yet provide gracious counsel to an individual who is accused of, or who confesses to, this behavior. A service member who professes to be homosexual is still entitled to receive spiritual counsel if he or she so desires. However, this guidance must not be construed as in any way allowing any PRJCCMP endorsed chaplain to perform a marriage or union ceremony for
homosexual service members, to provide any counseling in support thereof, or to counsel or perform programmatic encouragement for homosexual relationships before or after such a union. It is not unconstitutional to encourage such a service member to seek the grace of Christ to repent of this, or any other sin, whether he is an unbeliever, or one professing faith in Christ as his or her Savior.

“If a chaplain is challenged to cease and desist from addressing what is wrong with homosexual thinking or behavior, or to cover up his belief that it is wrong, especially if by one who is senior to the chaplain, we expect our endorsed chaplains to seek God’s strength not to waver, even if unjustly accused of failing to support the command, or some aspect of the command’s policies, such as equal opportunity programs. Further, if placed in such a situation, we encourage the chaplain to promptly contact the PRJCCMP for such assistance and protection as we are able to provide.”

F. Petition from the PRJCCMP

The Commission approved a petition to the General Assemblies and Synod of the four member denominations as follows:

We, the members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJCCMP), petition the respective General Assemblies or Synod of our member denominations to humbly petition The Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the service Chiefs and the President of the United States in his capacity as Commander in Chief, with copies to GEN Carter Ham, Commander, U. S. Army Forces Europe and Pentagon General Counsel Jeh Johnson, to maintain the existing policy of “Don’t Ask – Don’t Tell”, hereafter “DA/DT,” and faithfully to resist its removal, for the protection and meaningful continuance of the free exercise of religion within the Armed Forces of the United States.

Grounds:

1. Whereas, believing that the Word of God requires ministers, and other church officers, to proclaim the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), and that it is a grave dereliction of duty to proclaim “Peace, peace” when there is no (actual) peace, or to refuse to confront those who “call evil good, and good evil, who substitute darkness for light, or light for darkness” (Isaiah 5:20); and...

2. Whereas, believing it is the duty of the civil magistrate, “as nursing fathers, to protect the church of our Common Lord... in such a manner that all ecclesiastical persons whatever shall enjoy the full, free, and unquestioned liberty of discharging every part of their sacred function, without violence or danger... and as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in His church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder, the due exercise thereof;” and...

3. Whereas, believing (in light of over a century of our collective military experience) that any removal, or diminishing of, the well established U.S. military policy, and high moral purpose, of excluding open homosexuals from military service will, most certainly, put all chaplains who believe the Bible to be God’s Holy Word in its entirety gravely at risk of unconstitutional pressure, and eventual persecution, for upholding the Scriptural truth that homosexual thinking and behavior is sinful, should be so named, and ought to be corporately resisted; and...
4. Whereas, believing that any governmental decision to permit acceptance and inclusion of homosexuals serving openly in our military services, will most grievously, “interfere in matters of faith”, particularly the exercise of Christian ministry on the part of our PRJCCMP endorsed chaplains; and...

5. Whereas, it is apparent from the action of the 2009 PCA and OPC General Assemblies that a number of teaching and ruling elders do not consider such a situation to constitute a circumstance extraordinary enough to warrant General Assembly action. (This in part may be because of the failure to appreciate the difference between a “free civilian society” and a “hierarchical military society.”) To the contrary the PRJCCMP believes that silence by the church on this issue endangers the evangelical chaplaincy in the Armed Services, particularly the continuance of a faithful gospel ministry by almost two hundred PRJCCMP endorsed pastors (chaplains).

6. Whereas, it is our belief that this is an extraordinary case is demonstrated by the following examples among others. We believe that these are predictable and potential results when/or if DA/DT is repealed by Congress, based on statements from lobbying groups supporting the removal of this ban, and similar judicial rulings and/or legislative actions already enacted or proposed within our country:

   a. Unit chaplains may be expected in their preaching, teaching, and counsel to support the federal military policy of non-discrimination and will be subject to equal rights complaints and/or charges if there is any spoken disapproval of homosexual practice and relationships. By way of contrast, while fornication and adultery are both great evils, neither is a politically protected behavior.

   b. Chaplains who frequently hold command sponsored marriage retreats to strengthen traditional marriages may be required to include homosexual couples to avoid equal rights complaints or charges.

   c. Chaplains may be required to facilitate sensitivity training classes for military personnel to foster acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle within the ranks.

   d. Chaplains may be asked to marry, baptize, administer communion, and provide other spiritual services to practicing homosexuals (who may profess to be Christians) which are reserved by Scripture for repentant and obedient believers. Again equal civil rights discrimination and not the free exercise of religion will be the complaint.

   e. Chaplains may be expected to support excising all anti-homosexual passages from any Bibles permitted in military chapels until a “homosexual friendly bible” is printed, which may become the required version for chapel worship and for distribution to military personnel. Current gifts of Bibles for service member distribution by civilian organizations would be ended as well.

   f. A serious dissonance between scriptural truth and immoral law supporting sinful behavior will be generated within the ranks jeopardizing unit cohesion so critical in combat. Again, equal rights and the elimination of alleged “hate speech” will trump the vital blessing of good order and discipline as well as religious freedom.

7. In summation, on the basis of already observed pressures against PRJCCMP endorsed chaplains, we believe that the proposed elimination of the DA/DT policy will become catastrophic in the emerging unbiblical measures which it will bring to bear against all chaplains. Chaplains may be required to
refrain from any identification of any aspect of homosexuality as sinful.

8. Therefore, we believe, in light of the above, that it is our biblical duty to recognize the extraordinary danger descending upon the visible church from this “extraordinary case”, by humbly and urgently petitioning (with biblical grounds) the involved “civil magistrates” to refrain from repealing the current DA/DT policy.

(Note: Quotations, unless otherwise indicated, are from Chapters XXIII and XXXI of the Westminster Confession of Faith)

Respectfully submitted,
Major General Bentley B. Rayburn, USAF (Ret.)
Chairman, Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel

G. Constitutional Amendments

The Commission approved draft amendments to the PRJCCMP Constitution and recommended them for approval by the respective General Assemblies and Synod. The proposed amendments are in the Recommendations section of this report.

H. Sponsoring Congregations

The Committee is thankful for the churches that have supported military chaplains. We strongly urge other congregations to join in this ministry. We expect that chaplains will provide at least quarterly communication with sponsoring OPC congregations. Each chaplain is requested to inform the Committee’s Secretary of additions or deletions to the list of his sponsoring congregations. The following chaplains have reported their sponsoring congregations to the Executive Director of the PRJCCMP:

Active duty and mobilized Reserves and National Guard:
CH (CPT-P) Paul T. Berghaus, USA Grace OPC, Hanover Park IL
New Hope OPC, Hanford CA

Redeemer PC, Birmingham AL
CH (CPT) Kyle N. Brown Grace OPC, Columbus OH
Trinity PC, Spartanburg SC

LCDR (Sel) John Carter, CHC, USN Harvest OPC, Vista CA
Providence OPC, Temecula CA

Ch (Lt. Col.) Richard M. Dickinson, MEANG Pilgrim OPC, Bangor ME;
Second Parish OPC, Portland ME

CH (CPT) Thomas J. Faichney, USA (PCA)Geneva OPC, Marietta GA

CH (MAJ) Michael F. Frazier, USA (PCA) Pineville OPC, Pineville LA

CH (LTC-P) Jonathan C. Gibbs III USA Grace OPC, Hanover Park IL

Ch (Capt.) C. Phillip Hollstein III USAF Westminster OPC, Westmin.,CA
Dickerson First Pres., Haysi VA
Trinity OPC, Bothell WA

CH (COL) Chester H. Lanious, USA
Westminster OPC, Westmin., CA

CDR Timothy J. Power, CHC, USN Covenant Presbyterian (PCA),
Jacksonville NC

Ch (Capt.) Richard Rojas, USAF
First PC, Ipswich MA; Grace
Church, Dover DE

CH (MAJ) Earl W. Vanderhoff, USA
First PC, Enterprise AL
Rocky Mountain PC, West., CO
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Reformation OPC, Olympia WA; Trinity OPC, Bothell WA
Covenant OPC, Mansfield OH
Covenant PC (ARP), Jacksonville NC; Redeemer OPC, Dayton OH;
Westminster OPC, Hollidaysburg PA

CH (COL) Christopher H. Wisdom, USA
Emmaus OPC, Ft. Collins CO;
Grace OPC, San Antonio TX;
Pineville OPC, Pineville LA;
Redeemer OPC, Toms River NJ;
Sharon OPC, Hialeah FL

CDR Douglas M. Withington, CHC, USNR Pilgrim OPC, Raleigh NC

Reserves and National Guard (not mobilized as of 01 January, 2010):
CH (LTC) Graham C. Harbman, USAR
Covenant OPC, Easton PA
CH (CPT) James A. Zozzaro, NJARNG
Calvary OPC, Wildwood NJ
Grace OPC, Westfield NJ

V BUDGET

A. Standing Committee Budget

The Committee requests a 2011 budget of $5,000.00 for travel and lodging to enable the four members of the Committee (three of whom may vote on the PRJCCMP) to attend the annual meeting of the PRJCCMP in Atlanta in February 2011, and the meeting of the Committee to be held at the same time.

B. Chaplain Support

The Committee requests that the OPC financial support for the PRJCCMP in 2011 be provided at the annual rate of $500.00 per active duty, reserve component and Veterans Administration (VA) chaplain, a total of $9,500.00 for the eighteen military chaplains, and one VA Chaplain we expect to have as of 01 January 2011.

VI RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Petition to Department of Defense Officials Regarding the Homosexuality Policy in the Armed Forces

The Committee requests that the 77th General Assembly grant the petition from the PRJCCMP in the following form and instruct the Stated Clerk to send the following letter to each of the civilian and military officials named in the above petition (See also Report IV.F):

TO: The Honorable, General, or Admiral XXXXX

SUBJECT: Potential Repeal of the Current Military Policy Prohibiting
Homosexual Behavior

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) is gravely concerned over the potential removal of the current Department of Defense policy that has governed the service of homosexual individuals in our military for much of its history. Therefore, we humbly petition you to carefully consider the moral implications of your approving sexual practices that God has explicitly condemned.

The repeal of the current policy may go so far as to force our currently serving chaplains to choose between violating their ordination vows and resigning from the military. They have affirmatively answered the following question in their ordination: “Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?” Thus, OPC chaplains preach and counsel from the Scriptures because they are convinced that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (All Bible citations are from the English Standard Version.)

Other members of the OPC who are serving in the Armed Forces may also be coerced to teach and enforce a policy that explicitly violates the Word of God. When they took their membership vows in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they answered, “yes” to this question: “Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?”

Several Bible passages forthrightly state God’s condemnation of homosexual behavior. From the Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 18:22: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” Romans 1:18-33 in the New Testament historically and prophetically describes how the wrath of God is revealed against people who, by their own sinful behavior, suppress the truth about the one true God and how the moral disintegration of human society follows. In the consequent moral disintegration in human society, the acceptance of homosexuality is the foremost symptom: “26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for acts of shameless lust with men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Our military chaplains and members already fear the following specific consequences:

- Chaplains will be open to charges of discrimination or command reprimand if they preach or counsel in accordance with the passages in the Bible which directly speak of the sin of homosexual practice. Such threats compromise the First Amendment protection of the free exercise of religion clause and the freedom of speech as well as the gospel message which delivers homosexuals from this destructive practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- Bibles in military chapels and on military bases will be under the threat of excision of all passages which speak very directly to the sin of homosexual practice. Whether it be under the guise of opposing “hate speech” or alleging insubordinate opposition to a policy of the Department of Defense, we can anticipate that such an effort will be
made soon after the removal of the ban.
• Marriage and other retreats conducted by chaplains intended to
  strengthen traditional marriage bonds will have to include
  homosexual couples, thus violating chaplains’ faith tenets and
discouraging the voluntary participation of married, heterosexual couples.
• Homosexual couples will seek union ceremonies or marriages,
  which are in violation of the beliefs and ordination vows of a large
  percentage of military chaplains, not just those from this denomination.
  Refusal will invite the charge of discrimination and command
  reprimand.

We humbly petition you to oppose weakening the current policy or
supporting the extraordinary statutory approval of sexual immorality proposed
by the advocates of repealing the current policy. We plead this for the good of the
nation, for the integrity and effectiveness of the chaplains who serve the nation on
behalf of their church, for the military and spiritual welfare of our members who
serve in the Armed Forces, and for the protection of the constitutional principle
of the free exercise of religion.

Sincerely,
Stated Clerk, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Encl: General Assembly Petition passed on July XX, 2010

B. Request for Publication of the Petition to Officials of the Department of Defense

The Committee requests that the 77th General Assembly instruct the Committee on
Christian Education to publish the letter to civilian and military officials in New Horizons
and on the denominational web site opc.org.

C. Request that the 77th General Assembly Approve Amendments to the PRJCCMP
Constitution

The Committee recommends that the 77th General Assembly approve the following
amendments to the PRJCCMP Constitution, as already approved by the Commission.
(Note: Proposed additions or new language are in italics and proposed deleted words are
in brackets.)

ARTICLE I — NAME
The name of this organization shall be the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint
Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSES
The Commission is an agent of its member denominations (not an
ecclesiastical commission in the technical sense). It was constituted to assist
in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other
institutions. The Commission is a ministry of member denominations dedicated
to obeying Christ’s Great Commission by providing men to serve as chaplains in
military and civilian organizations. The Commission endorses and ecclesiastically
supports ordained, qualified chaplains; approves chaplain candidates; and helps
presbyteries and congregations in biblical ministry to military personnel and their families.

[The Commission was created to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. Since the primary structure of such ministries is through formal chaplaincies, the principal activity and concern of the Commission shall be involved with chaplains.]

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

1. By maintaining liaison with the appropriate contact point of each member denomination, and through their various presbyteries, to:
   a. Provide current information regarding criteria, polices and procedures for the appointment of ministers as chaplains.
   b. Provide a technical service to the presbyteries by recommending qualified candidates to the Chaplaincy.

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

3. By maintaining contact and liaison with individual chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and other institutions through regular reports, newsletters, written correspondence, and personal visits as authorized by the Commission.

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

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

6. By assisting the presbyteries in the promotion of the ministry of the Chaplaincy to the member denominations and their particular churches.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is made up of the following member denominations:

1. Korean American Presbyterian Church
2. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
3. Presbyterian Church in America
4. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Any member denomination may withdraw from the Commission by act of its General Assembly/Synod. Any denomination seeking membership in the Commission shall:

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

Each member denomination or its responsible committee shall elect its representatives to serve as voting members of the Commission, with qualifications and terms to be set by the member denominations.
Each denomination shall be entitled to three Commission members for its first fifty thousand members or portion thereof. One Commission member may be added for each additional fifty thousand members or portion thereof.

The Commission may serve as the endorsing agency for applicants of associate member denominations that are in doctrinal agreement with the standards of the member denominations. The Commission will only entertain applications from denominations that are members of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) for associate membership in the PRJCCMP. Formal applications from associate member denominations will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to approval at the next meeting of the Commission.

**ARTICLE IV — INCORPORATION**

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

**ARTICLE V — RULES OF ORDER**


**ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The Commission shall be financially supported primarily through contributions of member denominations and donations from interested individuals, churches and groups. Commission income shall be supplemented by the dues of endorsed chaplains.

A. The financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, for whom the Commission endorses and supports chaplains.

1. Each denomination shall contribute a specific annual amount for each active duty, reserve components, Veterans Administration or civilian chaplain requiring an endorsement by the employing body. Chaplains not required to have an endorsement will not be counted.

2. In addition, the Commission shall be free to communicate with and to receive donations from individuals, churches or other organizations, both within and outside of the denominations.

3. Each denomination shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its own representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its committees.

B. Chaplains also have a responsibility to share in the cost of their endorsement and support. Chaplain dues, as distinct from denominational contributions, will be assessed and received as follows:

1. Amounts of chaplain dues shall be reviewed by the Commission at least biennially.

2. Each military and civilian chaplain who requires an ecclesiastical endorsement shall pay a designated amount of annual dues. Requests for waivers of dues shall be considered by the Commission when received in writing.

3. A chaplain may request his church, presbytery, or denomination to pay some or all of his dues, or a presbytery or denomination may elect to contribute all or part of their chaplains’ dues to the Commission.

4. If a chaplain’s dues remain unpaid, and a waiver request is not approved by the Commission, the Executive Director shall inform his denominational representatives on the Commission. The Chaplain’s denomination
will become responsible for the dues, and will deal with the chaplain through his presbytery as it desires. [The Financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, and shall be on a fair share basis, as recommended by the Commission.

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

ARTICLE VII — STAFF

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

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendments to each member denomination and by subsequent approval of each denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod. Proposed amendments shall be provided to members of the Commission with at least twenty days prior notice to the date of the meeting. If a constitutional quorum is present, a 3/4ths vote shall be required to submit a proposed amendment to member denominations’ General Assembly/Synod for approval. [This Constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendment by the Commission to each of the member denominations and by subsequent approval of each member denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod.]

VII ELECTION

The term of Mr. Needham expires at this Assembly. One member is to be elected to the Standing Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel, class of 2013.
REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Denominational history has fallen on hard times, and it is not hard to see why. As the saying goes, victors write the history, and denominations are the losers in the highly competitive environment of American Protestantism, the landscape of which many describe as “post-denominational.”

Even less plausible is the celebration of denominational anniversaries, which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church prepares to do next year when our denomination turns seventy-five. These events are sometimes ridiculed as occasions for the expression of denominational pride and chauvinism. But history does not need to be so triumphalistic, and that is certainly not our intention. The Bible instructs us to learn from history, and especially from the unpleasant side of history (Joel 1:2-3).

For its first 43 years the OPC was blessed with an honest telling of its story in the pages of the Presbyterian Guardian (1935-1979). Begun on the eve of the founding of the church, the Guardian was the voice of Presbyterian orthodoxy. Its inaugural issue outlined its mission to describe for readers the “changing scene” of American Presbyterianism “in the light of the unchanging Word.” Anything less as an editorial vision would be a “waste of space.” Though an independent journal, it closely associated with the OPC in its proclamation and defense of Reformed confessionalism for over four decades. By the late 1970s, the American Presbyterian scene having changed more dramatically than anyone might have anticipated, the trustees of the Guardian determined to “move on” by merging with the Southern lay magazine, the Presbyterian Journal, a marriage that lasted until the Journal ceased publication in 1987.

Much of the OPC story is captured in the pages of the Guardian. It continues to be rewarding reading, and it is fitting for the Committee for the Historian to make it available in electronic form on the eve of our seventy-fifth anniversary. The health of the OPC in the future depends on the study of its history, not by moving on and avoiding history. We hope that access to this rich resource will aid such a cause.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Muether
Historian
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   Class of 2011: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger and Dr. David C. Noe
   Class of 2012: The Rev. Chad E. Bond

B. Officers
   President—Mr. Olinger
   Vice-President—Dr. Noe
   Secretary—Mr. Ferry
   Treasurer—Mr. Bond

C. 2009 Meetings
   The Committee met at the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) administrative building in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania on February 27-28 and October 2-3. It also met via teleconference on June 25.

II 2009 ACTIVITIES
A. Calvin 500th Anniversary Pre-Assembly Conference

The Committee held a pre-assembly conference on May 27, 2009 at Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, Michigan marking the 500th Anniversary of John Calvin’s birth. Orthodox Presbyterian Historian Mr. John R. Muether moderated the conference with the Rev. Dr. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. and the Rev. Glen J. Clary serving as the main lecturers. Mr. Clary’s speech, “John Calvin: Servant of the Word,” was published in the October 2009 online edition of *Ordained Servant*. Dr. Gaffin’s speech, “Calvin’s Soteriology: The Structure of the Application of Redemption in Book Three of the Institutes,” was published in the November 2009 online edition of *Ordained Servant*.

B. Murray Reprint

The Committee sponsored the reprinting of the 50th Anniversary edition of John Murray’s *Calvin on Scripture and Divine Sovereignty*. Complimentary copies were distributed to commissioners at the Seventy-Six General Assembly.

III FUTURE PROJECTS

A. Presbyterian Guardian

The Committee is in the process of converting *The Presbyterian Guardian* (1936-1979) into digital form. The Committee has secured a complete set that can be sent to a company specializing in this type of conversion. It is the hope of the Committee to place the digitalized version online at OPC.ORG in 2010.

B. OPC Ministerial and Congregational Register

The Committee continues to work on producing a new print edition of the *OPC Ministerial and Congregational Register* for 2011. The Committee plans to see the project transition into the oversight of the Stated Clerk.

IV OPC ARCHIVES

At the 73rd General Assembly (2006), the report of the Advisory Committee for the Committee for the Historian noted “the impending need for the provision of the OPC archives due to the deficiencies, both spatial and environmental, at the present location in Westminster Theological Seminary.” Working with Mr. David Haney, the Committee approved plans for the renovation of the middle portion of the second floor of the OPC administration building.

Work on the new archival room began in August and was completed in September. In October, the Committee, Mr. Muether, and Miss Grace Mullen, Orthodox Presbyterian Archivist, transferred the archives from Westminster Theological Seminary to the new location.

V OPC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A. Special Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee
The Committee continues its plans to mark the anniversary at the 78th General Assembly (2011) as the church did in 1961 and 1986 with a banquet, special activities, and OPC historical literature. The Committee has invited Miss Mullen, Mr. David Haney, Mr. Jesse Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy Mehne, Mrs. Judy Alexander to serve on a Special Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee with Mr. Muether. The special Committee would work with the Arrangements Committee in planning and executing the activities involved with the celebration of the anniversary.

B. Publications

Mr. Muether and Mr. Olinger are co-editing an anthology with the working title *Confident of Better Things: Essays Commemorating Seventy-Five Years of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church*. Dr. Daryl G. Hart, ruling elder at Calvary OPC, Glenside, is writing a seventy-fifth anniversary history of the OPC that focuses on the OPC from the 1950s through the early 1990s. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of putting together a multi-media presentation.

VI BOOK SALES

One of the primary responsibilities of the committee is to assist the historian in the production and distribution of OPC history books. Books and DVDs are primarily sold through the OPC website. The following lists totals for both 2009 and lifetime sales.

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VII FINANCIAL REPORT (2009)

A. Income and Expenses

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Pre-Assembly Conf. $ 500.00
Service Fees $ 16.72
Total Expenses $ 2,968.31

B. Account Summaries as of 12/31/2009

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Checking $ 7,061.67
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C. General Assembly Operating Fund

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VII PROPOSED BUDGET 2011

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VIII ELECTIONS

The Committee is composed of four members elected in three classes. Of the four members, one must be a minister and one must be a ruling elder. The Class of 2013 is to be elected by this Assembly. The present composition of the Committee is as follows:

Class of 2010
Minister: Brenton C. Ferry

Class of 2011
Minister: Danny E. Olinger
Ruling Elder: David C. Noe

Class of 2012
Minister: Chad E. Bond
The term of Mr. Ferry expires at this Assembly.
### SUMMARY OF OPC STATISTICS FOR 2009

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**Abbreviations:**
- Jan = January 1, 2009
- Dec = December 31, 2009
- MW = Mission Works
- Prof = Received on Profession of Faith
- Bapt = Baptized
- Rnf = Received on Reaffirmation of Faith
- Par = Received with Parents
- Xfer = Received on Letter of Transfer
- Dcl = Deceased (see BD II: B.3.1)
- Dm = Dismissed (per BD II: B.3.a, B.3.b, B.3.c, or B.3.e)
- D&E = Disciplined or Erased (per BD II: B.3.d, B.3.e, or B.3.g)
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| 136 | 151 | Robert Y. Eckard |
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| 62 | 64 | Douglass W. Snyder |
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| 68 | 57 | Daniel Knox |
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| 180 | 190 | J. Mark Sallieide |
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| 0 | 34 | Thomas K. Shepard |
| 97 | 109 | Cliff L. Bair |
| 15 | 14 | Roy Davenport |
| 77 | 82 | Arie van Eijk |
| 44 | 49 | E. Cody Ray |
| 282 | 297 | T. Nathan Trice |
| 89 | 92 | Benton C. Ferry |
| 78 | 81 | M. Daniel Finchem |
| 214 | 208 | Stephen K. Wigginton |
| 43 | 43 | Kevin L. Medcroft |
| 55 | 57 | Peter C. Van Dodewaard |
| 91 | 89 | Calvin D. Kelley |
| 14 | 22 | Matthew A. Figures |
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| 90 | 88 | Hank L. Beinfeld |
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#### Editor(s)
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- Robert G. Herrmann  
- Mark A. Schroeder  
- Stephen A. Lamon  

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#### Region
- Southern California  
- Southwestern  

#### Notes
- Contact information and addresses for each editor are listed above.
- The total offerings and bequests are provided in thousands, with the per capita amount also listed.
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1938-2009
As of December 31, 2009

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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 - 2009

PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL U.S.

General Information
Membership: 9 Ministers, 9 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: January, May, and September
Stated Clerk: Mark T. Harrington, term expires Jan 2012
Moderator: Brian E. Belh, term expires Jan 2011

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 4 churches
Changes in congregations: None

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:
Joseph A. Auksela
Brian E. Belh
Timothy L. Black
Edward A. Eppinger
Mark T. Harrington
Chester H. Lanious
LeRoy E. Miller
V. Robert Nilson
Geoffrey C. Smith

Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK

General Information
Membership: 14 Ministers, 15 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Saturday of January, April, September, and November
Stated Clerk: John W. Mallin III, term expires Jan 2013
Moderator: Robert E. Tarullo, term expired Jan 2010; thereafter, Jonathan Holst, term expires Jan 2011

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 5 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None

Mission work:
Cristo el Rey, Elmont, N.Y.
Reformation, Floral Park, N.Y.

Parent church:
Franklin Square, N.Y.
Franklin Square, N.Y.

Ministers
Ordinations:
Brad S. Hertzog, 6 Jun 09
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed: Brad S. Hertzog, as evangelist to serve as organizing pastor of Reformation, Floral Park, N.Y., 6 Jun 09
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:
James W. Campbell  Nathan W. Ketchen  William Shishko
Richard R. Gerber  John W. Mallin III  Carl N. Smith
Brad S. Hertzog  Benjamin W. Miller  Sabry Tanios
Jonathan Holst  Daniel G. Osborne  Robert E. Tarullo
David C. Innes  Meindert Ploegman

Licentiates
Licences: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Brad S. Hertzog, ordained, 6 Jun 09
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

General Information
Membership: 18 Ministers, 45 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Tuesday of April
                 4th Tuesday of September
Stated Clerk: Archibald A. Allison, term expires Apr 2011
Moderator: D. Jason Wallace, term expires Apr 2010

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 14 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Covenant, Bismarck, N.D., mission work, closed, 9 Aug 09
Christ, Logan, Utah, mission work, closed
Mission works:
Fargo, Fargo, N.D.  The regional church
Berean, Ogden, Utah  Christ, Salt Lake City, Utah

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed:
Randall K. Klynsma, dismissed to Classis Covenant East, RCUS, 14 Jun 09
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Randall K. Klynsma, from serving as pastor of Trinity, Bridgewater, S.D., 8 Apr 09

Roll of ministers:
Archibald A. Allison  W. Vernon Picknally, Jr.  Terry F. Thole
Leonard J. Coppes  Steven A. Richert  Gregory L. Thurston
Richard G. Hodgson  Scott L. Seder  Murray I. Uomoto
Kenny R. Honken  Young J. Son  D. Jason Wallace
Matthew W. Kingsbury  Kevin P. Swanson  Gerald I. Williamson
Shawn C. Mathis  Darren S. Thole  Richard Wynja

Licentiates
Licences:
Brett E. Mahlen, 23 Sep 09
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
Brett E. Mahlen
PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO

General Information

Membership: 36 Ministers, 95 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: January, May, and September
Stated Clerk: Kenneth A. Smith, term expires Jan 2012
Moderator: Robert M. Van Manen, term expires Jan 2012

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 19 churches and 6 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: Bethel, Toronto, Ont., a mission work, terminated 18 May 09

Mission works:
  Providence, Manistee, Mich.  Little Farms Chapel, Coopersville, MI
  Living Hope, Jordan, Ont.  Grace Covenant, Sheffield, Ont.
  Emmanuel, Meaford, Ont.  Covenant, Komoka, Ont.
  Grace, Shedden, Ont.  Covenant, Komoka, Ont.

Ministers

Ordinations:
  Christopher L. Post, 12 Jul 09
  James F. Mong, 23 Oct 09

Ministers received:
  Peter Van Drunen, from the CRC (emeritus status), 18 Sep 09

Ministers removed:
  Louis P. Wislocki, demitted, 17 Jan 09

Ministers installed:
  Norman DeJong, as evangelist serving in Fremont, Mich., 31 Jan 09
  Alan M. Flowers, as pastor of Spencer Mills, Gowen, Mich. (formerly associate pastor), 27 Feb 09
  Christopher L. Post, as associate pastor of Cedar, Hudsonville, Mich., 12 Jul 09
  James F. Mong, as associate pastor of Redeemer, Ada, Mich., 23 Oct 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Louis P. Wislocki, from serving as pastor of Rockford Springs, Rockford, Mich., 17 Jan 09

Roll of ministers:
  Jorge Luiz Barros  Eric R. Hauser  Christopher L. Post
  Timothy L. Bero  Everett A. Henes  Stephen A. Pribble
  Bruce G. Buchanan  Kenneth J. Hovingh  Ralph A. Rebandt II
  K. Dale Collison  Stephen W. Igo  Roger W. Schmurr
  Norman DeJong  Glenn D. Jerrell  Kenneth A. Smith
  Douglas B. Doll  Benjamin W. Johnson  Rodney S. Thole
  Lap O. Duong  Michael D. Knierim  Francis E. VanDelden
  Abe W. Ediger  Edward W. Ludt  Peter Van Drunen
  Douglas A. Felch  James F. Mong  Dale A. Van Dyke
  John R. Ferguson  Gerry J. Mynders  Robert M. Van Manen
  John N. Fikkert  Gerald J. Neumair  Peter J. Wallace
  Alan M. Flowers  Martin A. Novak  Jeffrey B. Wilson

Licentiates
Licensures:
  James F. Mong, 15 May 09
Licentiates received:
  Markus G. Jeromin, from Presbytery of the Northwest, 15 May 09
Licentiates removed:
  Christopher L. Post, ordained, 12 Jul 09
  Ian Van Leeuwen, dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 20 Oct 09
  James F. Mong, ordained, 23 Oct 09
Roll of licentiates:
  Markus G. Jeromin
  David Nicol

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

General Information
  Membership:  25 Ministers, 58 Ruling Elders
  Stated meetings:  1st Saturday of May; 3rd Saturday of September;
                   1st Saturday of December
  Stated Clerk:  Donald H. Potter, term expires Sep 2010
  Moderator:  Stuart R. Jones, term expires Sep 2010

Churches and Mission Works
  Number of congregations:  14 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
  Changes in congregations:
    Cornerstone, Germantown, Md., dissolved as of 25 Jan 09
    Grace and Peace, California, Md., organized as a new and separate church, 21 Feb 09
  Mission works:
    Parent church:
    Christ Presbyterian, Elkton, Md.  The regional church

Ministers
  Ordinations:  None
  Ministers received:  None
  Ministers removed:
    Richard N. Ellis, dismissed to the Presbytery of New Jersey, 16 Jan 09
    S. Scott Willet, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Southeast, 7 Aug 09
    Vincent J. Tauriello, dismissed to the Philadelphia Presbytery of the PCA, Sep 09
  Ministers installed:
    S. Edd Cathey, as pastor of Grace and Peace, California, Md., 21 Feb 09
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  James J. Stastny, from serving as pastor of Cornerstone, Germantown, Md., 25 Jan 09
  S. Scott Willet, from serving as pastor of Staunton, Staunton, Va., 7 Aug 09
  Vincent J. Tauriello, from serving as associate pastor of New Hope, Frederick, Md., Sep 09
Roll of ministers:  (*emeritus)
  Charles R. Biggs  Bryan D. Estelle  George C. Hammond
  Clark H. Brookings  Timothy W. Flora  Allen H. Harris
  S. Edd Cathey  Stephen B. Green  Stuart R. Jones
  Daniel P. Clifford  Stephen R. Hake  David T. King
  Stephen D. Doe  George W. Hall, Jr.  Peter Y. Lee
PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

General Information
- Membership: 48 Ministers, 190 Ruling Elders
- Stated meetings: 13th Friday and Saturday of March
  2nd Friday and Saturday after Labor Day (September)
- Stated Clerk: Rodney T. King, term expires Mar 2010
- Moderator: Bruce H. Hollister, term expires Mar 2010

Churches and Mission Works
- Number of congregations: 26 churches and 8 unorganized mission works
- Changes in congregations:
  - Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minn., organized as a new and separate church, 2 Nov 09
  - Redeemer, De Kalb, Ill., mission work terminated, Dec 09
- Mission works:

  Parent church:
  - Hispanic Bible Ministry, Cicero, Ill.  Covenant, Orland Park, Ill.
  - Christ Covenant, Crystal Lake, Ill.  Hope, Grayslake, Ill.
  - Sovereign Grace, Moline, Ill.  Covenant of Grace, Batavia, Ill.
  - Providence, Rockford, Ill.  Christ, Janesville, Wis.
  - Hope Reformed, Pella, Iowa  Grace Reformed, Des Moines, Iowa
  - Church of the Lakes, Brainerd, Minn.  The regional church
  - Mercy, Cedarburg, Wis.  Falls, Menomonee Falls, Wis.
  - Providence, Madison (Fitchburg), Wis.  Grace, Hanover Park, Ill.

Ministers
- Ordinations:
  - John M. Fikkert, 1 May 09
- Ministers received:
  - John R. Hilbelink, from Presbytery of New York and New England, 8 Feb 09
  - John R. Wiers, from Iowa Presbytery (PCA), 20 Mar 09
- Ministers removed:
  - David W. Cole, erased from the roll, 20 Mar 09
  - Michael J. Matossian, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 2 Oct 09
- Ministers installed:
  - John R. Hilbelink, as associate pastor of Christ, Janesville, Wis., 8 Feb 09
  - John R. Wiers, as associate pastor of Covenant of Grace, Batavia, Ill., 26 Apr 09
  - John M. Fikkert, as associate pastor of Bethel, Wheaton, Ill., 1 May 09
John S. Shaw, as pastor of Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minn., 2 Nov 09
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
William B. Acker III, from serving as pastor of Apple Valley, Neenah, Wis., 30 Jun 09
Roll of ministers:
William B. Acker III  John M. Fikkert  Donald F. Ritsman
Victor B. Atallah  Roger L. Gibbons  John H. Ro
Ronald L. Beabout  Kenneth R. Golden  Christopher A. Sandoval
Paul T. Berghaus  Heero E. C. Hacquebord  John S. Shaw
James L. Bosgraf  John R. Hilbelink  Lendall H. Smith
Andrew Cheatham  James T. Hoekstra  Benjamin J. Snodgrass
Scott E. Churnock  Bruce H. Hollister  Alan D. Strange
Douglas B. Clawson  C. Mark Jenkins  Karl E. Thompson
Matthew E. Cotta  David W. King  Charles K. Telfer
Brian L. DeJong  Rodney T. King  John R. Tinsley
Ivan J. DeMaster  Kim M. Kuhfuss  Cornelius Tolsma
Dennis L. Disselkoen  Frank J. Marsh  A. Craig Troxel
Terry E. Dowds  Christian McShaffrey  David M. VanDrunen
Richard M. Edwards  James R. Megchelsen  Todd Wagenmaker
Brent C. Evans  Charles A. Muether  John R. Wiers
James E. Ferguson  Gordon L. Oliver  Iain A. M. Wright
Licentiates
Licentiates: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
  John Fikkert, ordained, 1 May 09
  Patrick R. Severson, dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 5 Jun 09
Nick G. Lamme, ordained by URCNA
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

General Information
Membership: 38 Ministers, 84 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 4th Saturday of February; 4th Tuesday of April
4th Saturday of September; 1st Tuesday of December
Stated Clerk: Jon W. Stevenson, term expires Sep 2010
Moderator: Gregory R. Gentry, term expires Sep 2010

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 24 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
  Tabernaculo de Gracia, Camden, N.J., mission work terminated, 31 Dec 09
  Neuva Esperanza changed name to New Hope, Vineland, N.J., 31 Dec 09
Mission Work:
  Parent church:
    New Hope, Vineland, N.J.
  The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
  David M. Cornette, 16 Jan 09
Ministers received:
  Richard N. Ellis, from Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 16 Jan 09
Ministers removed:
Robert L. Marshall, dismissed to the South Coast Presbytery (PCA), effective 25 Jan 09

Ministers installed:
David M. Cornette, as pastor of Grace, Pennsville, N.J., 16 Jan 09
Richard N. Ellis, as pastor of Faith, Pole Tavern (Pittsgrove), N.J., 16 Jan 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Richard A. Nelson, from serving as pastor of Grace, Trenton, N.J., 30 Aug 09
Robert J. Cameron, from serving as pastor of Mt. Carmel, Somerset, N.J., 13 Sep 09

Roll of ministers:
James Allay
Benjamin Alvira
Richard S. Anderson
Samuel H. Bacon
Michael W. Bobick
Robert J. Cameron
Kenneth J. Campbell
James J. Cassidy
Leonard F. Chanoux
Thomas D. Church
Glen A. Clary
David M. Cornette
Carlos M. Cruz
Calvin K. Cummings
David B. Cummings
Howard Currie
Martin L. Dawson
Claude D. DePrine III
Richard N. Ellis
Gregory R. Gentry
Ross W. Graham
David J. Harr
Mitchell R. Herring
Cornelius Johnson
George S. Kostas
Marshall J. Larson
Neil J. Lodge
John D. McGowen
Richard A. Nelson
Ronald E. Pearce
William O. Slack II
Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.
Claude A. Taylor III
Milton Villenueva
John Vroegindewey
Jeffrey C. Waddington
Geoffrey L. Willour
James A. Zozzaro

Licentiates
Licensor(s): None
Licentiates received:
Roberto Quiñones, from Presbytery of the South, 26 Sep 09
Licentiates removed:
David Cornette, ordained, 16 Jan 09

Roll of licentiates:
Sixto Perez
Roberto Quiñones

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

General Information
Membership: 40 Ministers, 86 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: April and October
Stated Clerk: Stephen J. Tracey, term expires Oct 2011
Moderator: Timothy H. Gregson, term expires Oct 2010

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 20 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
New Life, Canton, N.Y., withdrew from the OPC, 28 Apr 09.
Immanuel Chapel, Upton, Mass., received as a particular congregation, 16 Oct 09

Mission works:
Penobscot Bay, Bucksport, Maine
Pleasant Mountain, Denmark, Maine
Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira,
Parent church:
Merrymeeting Bay, Brunswick, Maine
Second Parish, Portland, Maine
The regional church
Lowell, Mass.  
Pilgrim, Dover, N.H.  
Amoskeag, Manchester, N.H.

Ministers

Ordinations:
  David A. Booth, 30 May 09
  Patrick R. Severson, 5 Jun 09

Ministers received:
  Steven P. Marusich, from the Potomac Presbytery (PCA), 8 Apr 09
  Mark A. Marquis, from independency, 28 Apr 09
  Daniel F. Patterson, from Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada, 19 Oct 09

Ministers removed:
  John R. Hilbelink, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 8 Feb 09

Ministers installed:
  Steven P. Marusich, as pastor of New Covenant, Newton, Mass., 8 Apr 09
  David A. Booth, as pastor of Merrimack Valley, No. Andover, Mass., 30 May 09
  Patrick R. Severson, as pastor of Grace, Lisbon, N.Y., 5 Jun 09
  Mark A. Marquis, as pastor of Immanuel Chapel, Upton, Mass., 16 Oct 09
  Daniel F. Patterson, as pastor of Second Parish, Portland, Maine, 13 Nov 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:

Paul H. Anderson  
David A. Booth  
Gordon H. Cook, Jr.  
Richard M. Dickinson  
Harold L. Dorman  
Carl A. P. Durham  
Jonathan B. Falk  
Michael G. Fettes  
Samuel N. Folta  
Timothy H. Gregson  
D. Leonard Gulstrom  
Russell J. Hamilton  
Gregory A. Hills  
David R. Holmlund  

Matthew A. Judd  
Kevin M. Kisler  
Daniel L. Korzep  
James A. La Belle  
Roberto Laranjo  
Samuel T. Logan, Jr.  
Gary B. Magur  
Gerald P. Malkus  
Mark A. Marquis  
Steven P. Marusich  
Stephen A. Migotsky  
Peter J. A. Moelker  
David J. O’Leary  

David S. Phillips  
Stephan L. Phillips  
Gregory E. Reynolds  
Richard Rojas  
Andrew H. Selle  
Patrick R. Severson  
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.  
Allen C. Tomlinson  
Stephen J. Tracey  
Thomas Trouwborst  
Jack K. Unangst, Jr.  
Laurence W. Veinott

Licentiates

Licenses:
  Derek W. Baker, 28 Apr 09

Licentiates received:
  Patrick R. Severson, from Presbytery of the Midwest, 5 Jun 09
  John F. A. Kramer, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, 20 Oct 09
  Ian Van Leeuwen, from Presbytery of Michigan & Ontario, 20 Oct 09

Licentiates removed:
  David A. Booth, ThD, ordained, 30 May 09
  Patrick R. Severson, ordained, 5 Jun 09

Roll of licentiates:

Derek W. Baker  
John F. A. Kramer  
Ian Van Leeuwen
PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

General Information
- Membership: 16 Ministers, 45 Ruling Elders
- Stated meetings: 3rd Friday and Saturday of March and September
- Stated Clerk: Donald G. Jamieson, term expires Mar 2011
- Moderator: Kevin W. Van Der Linden, term expires Mar 2010

Churches and Mission Works
- Number of congregations: 15 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
- Changes in congregations:
  - Covenant, Eureka, Cal., dissolved, 18 Oct 09
- Mission work:
  - Parent church: Trinity, Shasta Lake, Cal.
  - The regional church

Ministers
- Ordinations: None
- Ministers received: None
- Ministers removed:
  - Daniel F. Patterson, dismissed to Presbytery of N.Y. & New England, 20 Oct 09
- Ministers installed: None
- Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  - Daniel F. Patterson, from serving as pastor of Grace, Battle Mountain, Nev., 12 Oct 09

Roll of ministers:
- P. Shaun Bryant
- David P. Bush
- Gene L. Crow
- Michael D. Dengerink
- Carl E. Erickson
- Wayne K. Forkner
- W. Reid Hankins
- Graham C. Harbman
- Jeffery A. Landis
- Richard C. Miller
- Robert B. Needham
- Mark E. Richline
- Joel C. Robbins
- Salvador M. Solis
- Kevin W. Van Der Linden
- Andrew J. Preston

Licentiates
- Licensure:
  - Darren Hsiung, 21 Mar 09
- Licentiates received: None
- Licentiates removed: None
- Roll of licentiates:
  - Darren Hsiung

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

General Information
- Membership: 32 Ministers, 60 Ruling Elders
- Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April and September
- Stated Clerk: Donald M. Poundstone, term expires Sep 2010
- Moderator: Calvin R. Malcor, term expires Sep 2010

Churches and Mission Works
- Number of congregations: 19 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
- Changes in congregations:
  - Covenant Reformed, Longview, Wash., dissolved, 24 Apr 09
  - Redeemer, Airdrie, Alta., constituted a mission work of presbytery, 25 Sep 09
  - Elkhorn, Helena, Mont., dissolved, 12 Oct 09

- Other changes:
Mission works:
Redeemer, Airdrie, Alta.
Covenant Grace, Roseburg, Ore.
Emmanuel, Colville, Wash.
Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, Wash.
Sovereign Grace, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
Donald M. Poundstone, from Presbytery of Southern California, 24 Apr 09
Brian H. Nicholson, from Savannah River Presbytery (PCA), 31 Jul 09

Ministers removed:
Jack D. Bradley, letter of standing to CREC and erased, 30 Apr 09
Daniel W. McManigal, dismissed to Northwest Classis (URCNA), 20 Nov 09

Ministers installed:
Andrew M. Elam, as evangelist to serve as organizing pastor of Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, Wash., 2 Jan 09
Brian H. Nicholson, as pastor of Trinity, Medford, Ore., 31 Jul 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:
David A. Bass J. Glenn Ferrell Donald M. Poundstone
Randall A. Bergquist David W. Inks Marcus J. Renkema
Glenn T. Black M. Scott Johnson Jack L. Smith
Mark A Collingridge David J. Klein G. Mark Sumpter
Larry D. Conard John W. Mahaffy Benjamin W. Swinburnson
James T. Dennison, Jr. Calvin R. Malcor Earl W. Vanderhoff
Daniel Dillard Ronald J. McKenzie Samuel van Houte
Stanton P. Durham Brett A. McNeill Robert C. Van Kooten
Albert G. Edwards III Richard A. Miller Richard J. Venema
Andrew M. Elam Jay M. Milojevich J. Peter Vosteen
Martin Emrich Brian H. Nicholson

Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Keith R. Conley, license recalled, 24 Apr 09
Marcus G. Jeromin, dismissed to Presbytery of Michigan & Ontario, 24 Apr 09

Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

General Information
Membership: 33 Ministers, 78 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday of March
3rd Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Everett C. DeVelde, Jr., term expires Oct 2011
Moderator: Robert Y. Eckardt, term expires Oct 2010

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 18 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Christ Covenant, Indianapolis, Ind., organized as a new and separate church, 6 Feb 09
Mission works:
- Grace, Huron, Ohio
- Lake, Cleveland, Ohio
- Redeemer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Trinity, Huntington, W.V.

Parent church:
- Covenant, Mansfield, Ohio
- Covenant, Grove City, Pa.
- Grace, Columbus, Ohio

Ministers
Ordinations:
- Ken B. Montgomery, 13 Nov 09

Ministers received:
- Russell L. Westbrook, from the Presbytery of Iowa (PCA), 17 Oct 09

Ministers removed:
- Theodore Hard, deceased, 15 Mar 09
- Robert L. Broline, Jr., dismissed to the Presbytery of the South, 24 Apr 09

Ministers installed:
- Larry E. Wilson, as pastor of Christ Covenant, Indianapolis, Ind., 6 Feb 09
- Russell L. Westbrook, as pastor of Covenant Reformed, Evansville, Ind., 4 Dec 09
- Sam M. Allison, as associate pastor of Covenant Reformed, Evansville, Ind., 4 Dec 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- Sam M. Allison, from serving as pastor of Covenant Reformed, Evansville, Ind., 4 Dec 09

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Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received:
- Ken B. Montgomery, from the Presbytery of Southern California, 17 Oct 09

Licentiates removed:
- Ken B. Montgomery, ordained, 13 Nov 09

Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

General Information
Membership: 46 Ministers, 98 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of February and May
3rd Saturday of September and November
Stated Clerk: Thomas A. Foh, term expires Sep 2010
Moderator: Douglas A. Watson, term expires Sep 2010

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 21 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
- Redeemer, Danville, Pa.
- Providence, Mifflinburg, Pa.
- First, Perkasie, Pa.
- Greater Reading Chinese Christian Church Covenant, Reading, Pa.

Parent church:
- Calvary, Middletown, Pa.
- The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
- Carl R. Trueman, 12 Jun 09

Ministers received:
- Michael J. Matossian, from Presbytery of the Midwest, 2 Oct 09
- C. Adam Ostella, from Presbytery of the Southwest, 21 Nov 09

Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
- Carl R. Trueman, as teacher, 12 Jun 09
- Michael J. Matossian, as pastor of Emmanuel, Wilmington, Del., 2 Oct 09
- John Currie, as teacher, 20 Nov 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- Harold A. McKenzie, from serving as associate pastor of Living Hope, Allentown, Pa., 31 Mar 09
- Mark W. Holler, from serving as pastor of Bethany, Oxford, Pa., 19 Sep 09
- John Currie, from serving as pastor of Cornerstone, Ambler, Pa., 20 Nov 09

Roll of ministers:

Ordinands:
- Joel C. Kershner
- William F. Snodgrass
- Arthur W. Kuschke
- Albert W. Steever, Jr.
- Richard S. MacLaren
- Matthew D. Stephan
- Michael J. Matossian
- Jason J. D. Stewart
- Harold A. McKenzie
- Wendell S. Stoltzfus
- Harry R. McLeod, Jr.
- Barry A. Traver
- Robert A. Minnig
- Carl R. Trueman
- Jody O. Morris
- Thomas E. Tyson
- George F. Morton
- John D. Van Meerbeke
- C. Adam Ostella
- Douglas A. Watson
- Stephen S. Payson
- Larry J. Westerveld
- Jonathan F. Peters
- Brian T. Wingard
- Roth M. Reason
- Douglas C. Winward, Jr.
- Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.
- Tim W. Young
- J. Mark Sallade
- Richard A. Shaw

Licentiates
Licensures:
- Carl R. Trueman, 7 Feb 09
- Charles D. Abbate, 19 Sep 09
- Ross H. Ritter, 21 Nov 09

Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
- Carl R. Trueman, ordained, 12 Jun 09

Roll of licentiates:
- Charles D. Abbate
- Stephen P. Levine
- Ross H. Ritter
- Timothy R. Beauchamp
- Marcus A. Mininger
- Lane G. Tipton
- Erik A. Ederma
- Matthew H. Patton

**PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH**

**General Information**
- Membership: 28 Ministers, 38 Ruling Elders
- Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday after Easter, 4th Friday and Saturday in October
- Stated Clerk: Jeffrey K. Boer, term expires Oct 11
- Moderator: Kenneth L. Wendland, term expires Oct 10

**Churches and Mission Works**
- Number of congregations: 17 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
- Changes in congregations:
  - Holy Trinity, Davie, Fla., organized as a new and separate church, 8 May 09
  - Covenant, St. Augustine, Fla., organized as a new and separate church, 8 Nov 09

**Mission works:**
- Parent church:
  - Redemption, Gainesville, Fla.
- The regional church:
  - Covenant, Pensacola, Fla.
- Calvary, Tallahassee, Fla.

**Ministers**
- Ordinations: None
- Ministers received:
  - Robert L. Broline, Jr., from Presbytery of Ohio, 24 Apr 09
  - Robert L. Reymond, from the PCA, 8 May 09
- Ministers removed:
  - Chad C. Sadorf, dismissed to Northwest Georgia Presbytery of the PCA, 19 Sep 09
- Ministers installed:
  - Eric B. Watkins, as pastor of Covenant, St. Augustine, Fla., 8 Nov 09
- Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  - Chad C. Sadorf, from serving as pastor of Faith, Ocala, Fla., 9 Sep 09

**Roll of ministers:**
- Warren R. Bennett III
- Hendrick Krabbendam
- David A. Smiley
- Robert A. Berry, Jr.
- James T. Lim
- Henry Stanke
- Jeffrey K. Boer
- Larry G. Mininger
- Harold E. Thomas
- Robert L. Broline, Jr.
- Stephen J. Oharek
- Jose Vera
- David E. Chilton
- Luis A. Orteza
- Eric B. Watkins
- Jerry W. Crick
- Donald M. Parker
- William V. Welzien
- Allen D. Curry
- Robert L. Reymond
- Kenneth L. Wendland
- Joel D. Fick
- Carl G. Russell
- Mark A. Winder
- William M. Hobbs
- Jack W. Sawyer
- Benjamin K. Hopp
- John J. Schortmann

**Licentiates**
- Licenses:
  - Laurence R. O’Donnell, 24 Apr 09
  - Jonathan E. Hutchison, 24 Apr 09
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
  Roberto Quiñones, dismissed to Presbytery of New Jersey, 26 Sep 09
Roll of licentiates:
  David O. Donovan
  Jonathan E. Hutchison
  Laurence R. O’Donnell

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

General Information
  Membership: 39 Ministers, 55 Ruling Elders
  Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April
                  3rd Friday and Saturday of October
  Stated Clerk: Hank L. Belfield, term expires Oct 11
  Moderator: A. Boyd Miller IV, term expires Oct 10

Churches and Mission Works
  Number of congregations: 20 churches and 3 unorganized mission works
  Changes in congregations:
    Cornerstone, Arden, N.C., received as a new and separate church, 19 Jun 09
    Westminster, Carrollton, Ga., mission work terminated, 10 May 09
  Mission works:
    Neon Reformed, Neon, Ky. The regional church
    Trinity Reformed, Wilmington, N.C. Covenant, New Bern, N.C.
    Faith, Cookeville, Tenn. The regional church

Ministers
  Ordinations:
    Matthew A. Figura, 12 Jun 09
  Ministers received:
    C. Phillip Hollstein III, Chaplain USAF, received from Presbytery of Southern
      California, 9 May 09
    S. Scott Willet, received from Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 7 Aug 09
  Ministers removed:
    John V. Fesko, dismissed to Presbytery of Southern California, 8 Nov 09
  Ministers installed:
    Matthew A. Figura, as pastor of Faith, Cookeville, Tenn., 12 Jun 09
    Thomas K. Sheppard, as pastor of Cornerstone, Arden, N.C., 19 Jun 09
    S. Scott Willet, as pastor of Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., 7 Aug 09
  Ministerial relationships dissolved:
    John V. Fesko, from serving as pastor of Geneva, Woodstock, Ga., 24 Apr 09
    Thomas S. Champness, Jr., from serving as pastor of Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.,
      24 Apr 09
  Roll of ministers:
    DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr.  Thomas S. Champness, Jr.  Brenton C. Ferry
    John W. Belden        L. Anthony Curto       Matthew A. Figura
    Hank L. Belfield      Roy Davenport          M. Daniel Fincham
    Clifford L. Blair     P. Michael DeLozier  James H. Ganzevoort
    H. Carl Bone          William D. Dennison   Frederick F. Hofland
    Wayne A. Buchtel      Elmer M. Dortzbach    C. Phillip Hollstein III
    John Carrick          Sidney D. Dyer        Richard L. Horner
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John W. Jamison  Philip T. Proctor  Peter C. Van
Calvin D. Keller  D. Patrick Ramsey  Doodewaard
George W. Knight III  E. Cody Ray  Arie van Eyk
Timothy L. McClymonds  Thomas K. Sheppard  S. Scott Willet
Kevin L. Medcalf  Peter Stazen II  Douglas M. Withington
A. Boyd Miller IV  Donald H. Taws  T. Nathan Trice

Licentiates
Licenses:
Luis Veiga, 25 Apr 08 (not previously reported)
Greg Hoadley, 24 Apr 09
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Matthew A. Figura, ordained, 12 Jun 09
Roll of licentiates:
Richard A. Beerman
Scott G. Davenport
Greg Hoadley
Samuel Rodriguez
Luis Veiga

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Information
Membership: 42 Ministers, 75 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Friday and Saturday of February and May
3rd Thursday, Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Michael D. Pasarilla, term expires Dec 10
Moderator: Zachary R. Keele, term expires Dec 10

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 19 churches and 7 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Providence, Paso Robles, Cal., mission work terminated, 6 Jun 09
Mission works:
Covenant, Tucson, Ariz.  The regional church
Christ and Heaven, Long Beach, Cal.  The regional church
Church of the Living Lord, Santa Ana, Cal.  Westminster OPC, West., Cal.
Redeemer, Pearl City, Hawaii  The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
John V. Fesko, from Presbytery of the Southeast, 8 Nov 09
Ministers removed:
Donald M. Poundstone, dismissed to Presbytery of the Northwest, 24 Apr 09
C. Phillip Hollstein III, dismissed to Presbytery of the Southeast, 9 May 09
Charles Chong Y. Lee, demitted, 16 Oct 09
Ministers installed:
David A. Crum, as Regional Home Missionary of the presbytery, 22 Mar 09
John V. Fesko, as a teacher serving at Westminster Seminary California, 8 Nov 09

Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:
- Michael L. Babcock
- Josué L. Balderas
- Steven M. Baugh
- Bruce M. Brawdy
- Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
- John A. Carter
- David A. Crum
- Kim Ngo Dang
- Jerome A. Farnik
- John V. Fesko
- John W. Garrisi
- William J. Gorrell
- Dale T. Hanaoka
- Douglas P. Harley
- Robert G. Herrmann
- Yousik Hong
- Zachary R. Keele
- Rollin P. Keller
- Yong H. Kim
- Stephen A. Larson
- Joshua E. Martin
- Charles A. McIlhenny
- Mark C. Mueller
- David A. Okken
- Michael D. Pasarilla
- Charles K. Perkins
- Jesse A. J. Pirschel
- Alan R. Pontier
- Timothy J. Power
- Gonzalo Salinas
- Mark A. Schroeder
- Peter H. Sim
- Michael D. Stingley
- Robert B. Strimple
- Paul Viggiano
- Roger Wagner
- Timothy G. Walker
- William E. Warren
- Andrew E. Wikholm

Licentiates

Licences:
- L. Alberto Gomez, 17 Oct 09

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
- Ken B. Montgomery, dismissed to Presbytery of Ohio, 17 Oct 09

Roll of licentiates:
- Matthew W. C. Barker
- Brian D. Chang
- L. Alberto Gomez

**PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST**

General Information
- Membership: 21 Ministers, 48 Ruling Elders
- Stated meetings: 3rd Friday in January
- 1st Friday in May
- 3rd Friday in September
- Stated Clerk: Joseph A. Keller, term expires Jan 10
- Moderator: David T. Mahaffy, term expires Jan 10

Churches and Mission Works
- Number of congregations: 16 churches
- Changes in congregations:
  - OPC of Rio Rancho, N.M., organized as a new and separate church, 30 Oct 09
  - Cedar Park, Austin, Tex., mission work terminated
- Mission works: None

Ministers

Ordinations:
- Joseph L. Troutman, 27 Feb 09

Ministers received: None

Ministers removed:
- C. Adam Ostella, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 21 Nov 09

Ministers installed:
Joseph L. Troutman, as pastor of Mid Cities, Bedford, Tex., 27 Feb 09
Todd S. Bordow, as pastor of OPC of Rio Rancho, N.M., 30 Oct 09
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
   Todd S. Bordow, as pastor of Covenant, Fort Worth, Tex., 30 Apr 09

Roll of ministers:
- William J. Bomer
- Chad E. Bond
- Todd S. Bordow
- David T. Brack
- Gary W. Davenport
- William H. Doerfel
- Todd P. Dole
- Phillip D. Hodson
- Nathan J. Hornfeld
- John R. Hunt, Jr.
- John H. Johnson, Jr.
- Joseph A. Keller
- Robert A. Lotzer
- Andrew T. Moody
- K. Scott Oliphant
- Jack J. Peterson
- F. Allan Story, Jr.
- Joseph L. Troutman
- Mark R. Wheat
- Christopher H. Wisdom

Licentiates
- Licenses: None
- Licentiates received: None
- Licentiates removed: None
- Roll of licentiates: None
APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS
TO THE 78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with the *Standing Rules of the General Assembly*, Chapter I, commissioners to the Seventy-eighth General Assembly (2011) are apportioned as follows:

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

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### CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Ministers:** Rodney T. King, Stephen A. Pribble, Alan D. Strange  
**Ruling Elders:** James S. Gidley*, John R. Muether*

**Ministers:** Archibald A. Allison, Sidney D. Dyer, Thomas E. Tyson*  
**Ruling Elders:** Darryl G. Hart, Ph.D., David Winslow, Jr.*

**Ministers:** Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel,* David M. VanDrunen*  
**Ruling Elders:** Timothy M. Jackson, MD, Paul S. MacDonald,  
**General Secretary:** The Rev. Danny E. Olinger  
*Member of Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

**Psalter Hymnal Committee (Members appointed by the Committee on Christian Education)**  

### COORDINATION

**Minister:** Donald J. Duff  
**Ruling Elder:** John D. Mazunik

**Minister:** Anthony A. Monaghan  
**Ruling Elder:** Ted A. Weber

**Minister:** Larry D. Conard  
**Ruling Elder:** Paul H. Tavares

**Representative, Christian Education:** Dr. Timothy M. Jackson  
The Rev. Danny E. Olinger Gen. Sec., *ex officio*

**Representative, Foreign Missions:** The Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell  
Mark T. Bube, Gen. Sec., *ex officio*

**Representative, Home Missions and Church Extension:** Garret A. Hoogerhyde  
The Rev. Ross W. Graham, Gen. Sec., *ex officio*

**Director of Finance and Planned Giving:** David E. Haney

*Member of Subcommittee on Ministerial Training
DIACONAL MINISTRIES

Class of 2013  
Minister: Ronald E. Pearce  
Ruling Elder: David P. Nakhla  
Deacon: Christopher A. Sudlow

Class of 2012  
Minister: Lendall H. Smith  
Deacons: Robert O. Keys, Robert J. Wright, Jr.

Class of 2011  
Minister: John W. Belden  
Ruling Elder: David E. Haney (Chairman)  
Deacon: Kenley K. Leslie

ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Class of 2013  
George R. Cottenden, L. Anthony Curto, Peter J. Wallace

Class of 2012  
Mark T. Bube, John R. Hilbelink, George W. Knight III

Class of 2011  
Jack J. Peterson, Jack W. Sawyer, Thomas E. Tyson

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Class of 2013  
Ministers: William B. Kessler, John W. Mahaffy, John D. Van Meerbeke  
Ruling Elders: Christopher A. Boersema, Robert H. Joss

Class of 2012  
Ministers: Paul N. Browne, Glenn D. Jerrell, Jack J. Peterson  
Ruling Elders: Billie J. Papke, Bradley Y. Winsted

Class of 2011  
Ministers: Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. (President), David J. O’Leary, Lendall H. Smith  
Ruling Elders: David J. Gregg, Jon W. Stevenson

General Secretary: Mark T. Bube  
Assistant General Secretary: The Rev. Douglas B. Clawson

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

Class of 2013  
John R. Muether

Class of 2012  
Robert M. Meeker

Class of 2011  
David E. Haney  
Alternate: Edward K. Tress

COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

Class of 2013  
Brenton C. Ferry

Class of 2012  
Chad E. Bond

Class of 2011  
Danny E. Olinger, David C. Noe

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Class of 2013  
Ministers: George W. Knight, III, Th.D., Donald M. Poundstone, Gerald S. Taylor  
Ruling Elders: Robert L. Ayres, Gregory S. DeJong

Class of 2012  
Ministers: Mark R. Brown, John R. Hilbelink (President), Dale A. Van Dyke  
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, John M. Mauldin

Class of 2011  
Ministers: Jeffrey A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger, John S. Shaw
Ruling Elders: Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam,
General Secretary: The Rev. Ross W. Graham
Assistant General Secretary: The Rev. Richard Gerber

PENSIONS

Class of 2013  Minister: Darren S. Thole
Ruling Elders: Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington
Class of 2012  Minister: John D. McGowan
Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse (President), Jack D. White
Class of 2011  Minister: Douglas L. Watson
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Stephen R. Leavitt

TRUSTEES OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2013  Minister: Martin L. Dawson (President)
Ruling Elder: Edward K. Tress
Class of 2012  Minister: Samuel H. Bacon
Ruling Elder: David E. Haney
Class of 2011  Minister: Stephen L. Phillips
Ruling Elder: William C. Redington

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

## MODERATORS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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