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FOREWORD

The three sections of this volume are the following:

MINUTES – the journal of the daily sessions of the Assembly. Although the Minutes do not contain the documents that appear in the second section (Appendix), they do contain the recommendations made in those documents; those recommendations appear in the Minutes at the point where they were considered. For ease of reference and cross-reference, the Minutes are divided into articles, denoted by the symbol §. In the Index that symbol, in boldface type, indicates reference to articles in the Minutes; page numbers refer to the Appendix and the Yearbook.

APPENDIX – the documents submitted to the Assembly by presbyteries, committees of the Church, and 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 Minutes 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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Wednesday Evening, June 4, 2014

1. OPENING. The 81st General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Rev. Jeffery A. Landis, Moderator of the 80th General Assembly. He led in prayer. The Assembly sang “Rejoice, the Lord Is King.”

2. SERMON. Mr. Landis read Isaiah 66:15–24 and delivered a sermon entitled “From Now to Eternity.” He led in prayer. The Assembly sang, “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns.”

3. COMMISSIONERS ROLL.

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

Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania (CPA)
Ministers (3/3) – Roth M. Reason, Thomas E. Tyson, John D. Van Meerbeke
Ruling Elders (2/2) – Alan W. Montgomery (Hollidaysburg, PA), Gary P. Steiner (Hollidaysburg, PA)

Presbytery of the Central United States (CUS)
Ministers (1/1) – Jim G. Stevenson
Ruling Elder (1/1) – Terry K. Miller (Bartlesville, OK)

Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York (C&SNY)
Minister (2/2) – Jonathan W. Shishko, William Shishko
Ruling Elder (1/1) – Michael F. Montemarano (Franklin Square, NY)

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
Ministers (3/3) – Archibald A. Allison, Leonard J. Coppes, Kevin P. Swanson
Ruling Elders (2/2) – Donald W. King (Ogden, UT), Todd E. Smith (Lander, WY)

Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario (M&O)
Ministers (7/7) – John Currie, Everett A. Henes, W. Vernon Picknally, Jr., Ralph A. Rebandt II, David A. Vander Meer, Robert M. Van Manen, Peter J. Wallace
Ruling Elders (5/5) – J. Anthony Blair (Harvest, Grand Rapids, MI), James L. Larsen (Rockford, MI), Don J. McCrory (Wyoming, MI), David C. Noe (Ada, MI), Daniel J. Sandbulte (Wyoming, MI)
Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)
Ministers (6/6) – Charles R. Biggs, Clark H. Brooking, Bryan D. Estelle, Mark A. Green, Anthony A. Monaghan, Chad B. Van Dixhoorn
Ruling Elders (2/4) – Kenneth F. Barnes (Charlottesville, VA), James W. Van Dam (Silver Spring, MD)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)
Ministers (9/9) – Camden M. Bucey, Matthew E. Cotta, Ivan J. De Master, Frank J. Marsh, Donald F. Ritsman, John S. Shaw, Alan D. Strange (enrolling later—Charles A. Muehler, alternate), A. Craig Troxel, Brandon T. Wilkins
Ruling Elders (5/7) – Leslie M. Hilbelink (Oostburg, WI), Mitchell K. Mahan (Des Moines, IA), Robert McKenzie (Indian Head Park, IL), Jack W. Pluister (Orland Park, IL), Bruce A. Stahl (St. Louis, MO)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)
Ministers (4/6) – Richard N. Ellis, Ross W. Graham, Neil J. Lodge, Ronald E. Pearce
Elders (4/4) – D. Miguel Flower (Reformada, San Juan, PR), Robert A. Freeman (Harmony, NJ), Jonathan W. Stevenson (North Wildwood, NJ), Mark J. Williams (West Collingswood, NJ)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY&NE)
Ministers (6/7) – Gordon H. Cook, Samuel N. Folta, Gerald P. Malkus, Danny F. Patterson, Stephen L. Phillips, Patrick R. Severson
Ruling Elders (2/5) – Steven W. Anderson (Portland, ME), James J. Hobbs (West Barnstable, MA)

Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada (NC&NV)
Ministers (4/4) – Wayne K. Forkner, Robert B. Needham, Joel C. Robbins, Mark R. Wheat
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Dennis J. Fullalove (S. San Francisco, CA), Donald G. Jamieson (San Jose, CA), Ralph B. Montgomery (San Francisco, CA)

Presbytery of the Northwest (NW)
Ministers (6/6) – Randall A. Bergquist, Martin Emmrich, John W. Mahaffy, Calvin R. Malcor, Benjamin W. Swinburnson, Robert C. Van Kooten
Ruling elders (3/4) – Brett T. Chase (Mercer Island, WA), Paul A. Hamstra (Mercer Island, WA), Robert J. Johnson (Lynnwood, WA)

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)
Ministers (6/6) – Thomas G. Albaugh, David G. Graves, Jason C. Kirklin, Brett E. Mahlen, Ken B. Montgomery, Danny E. Olinger
Ruling Elders (4/4) – James S. Gidley (Sewickley, PA), Timothy K. Jackson (Morgantown, WV), Paul H. Tavares (Grove City, PA), Shawn R. Ritenour (Grove City, PA)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)
Ruling Elders (4/4) – Charles T. De Boer (Easton, PA), Edward K. Tress (Glenside, PA),
Minutes

Peter Veenema (Wilmington, DE), Drew E. Van Dyk (Wilmington, DE)

Presbytery of the South (SO)
Ruling Elders (2/3) – William J. Montgomery (Gainesville, FL), John R. Muether (Oviedo, FL)

Presbytery of the Southeast (SE)
Ministers (7/7) – Clifford L. Blair, James H. Ganzavoort, Frederick F. Hofland, Matthew Holst, Peter Stazen II, Peter C. Van Dooodewaard, S. Scott Willet
Ruling Elders (4/4) – Mark R. Honeck (Shiloh, Cary, NC), Jeremy D. Huntington (New Bern, NC), Wallace King (Woodstock, GA), Ronnie G. Morgan (Hickory, NC)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ruling Elders (4/5) – Robert M. Coie (Westminster, CA), Archibald M. Laurie (Goleta, CA), R. Bruce Settergren (Escondido, CA), David Winslow, Jr. (Westminster, CA)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ministers (4/4) – Todd P. Dole, John H. Johnson, Jr., F. Allan Story, Jr., Adam A. York
Ruling Elders (2/2) – Jesse A. Montgomery (Garland, TX), John H. Terpstra (Austin, TX)

Ex-Officio:
Ministers – George R. Cottenden (PH), Jeffery A. Landis (NC&NV)

Committee Representatives:
Commissioners: Robert M. Coie (Chaplains), Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. (Foreign Missions), James S. Gidley (Christian Education), Jeffery A. Landis (Home Missions), John W. Mahaffy (Assistant Clerk), Robert B. Needham (Chaplains), David C. Noe (Historian), Ronald E. Pearce (Diaconal Ministries), Stephen L. Phillips (Trustees), Jack W. Sawyer (Ecumenicity), John S. Shaw (Home Missions), Alan D. Strange (Appeals and Complaints, Christian Education), Paul H. Tavares (Coordination), A. Craig Troxel (Christian Education), John D. Van Meerbeke (Foreign Missions), S. Scott Willet (Appeals and Complaints)
Corresponding Members: Mark T. Bube (Foreign Missions), Douglas B. Clawson (Foreign Missions), L. Anthony Curto (Ecumenicity), Richard R. Gerber (Home Missions), David E. Haney (Arrangements, Coordination, Diaconal Ministries), John R. Hilbelink (Home Missions), Garrett A. Hoogerhyde (Home Missions, Pensions), Roger Huibregtse (Pensions), John W. Mallin III (Appeals and Complaints), Charles A. Muether (Ecumenicity), David P. Nakhla (Diaconal Ministries)

Fraternal Delegates:
Kevin M. Backus (Bible Presbyterian Church), Byoung Kil Chung (Independent Reformed Church in Korea), J. Ligon Duncan (Presbyterian Church in America), Casey Freswick (United Reformed Churches), Richard Holst (Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales), Eric Kampen (Canadian Reformed Churches), Mark A. Kelderman (Heritage Reformed Congregations), Heon Soo Kim (Independent Reformed
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Church in Korea), Jeffrey Kingswood (Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church), Michael McGee (Reformed Church in the U.S.), Cornelis Poppe (Canadian Reformed Churches), Kurt Vetterli (Evangelical Reformed Church, Westminster Confession), Bernard Westerveld (Reformed Church of Quebec), Keisuke Yoshioka (Reformed Church in Japan)

4. SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS. On motion committee representatives who were not commissioners were seated as corresponding members.

5. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. The Stated Clerk introduced the following fraternal delegates present as the Assembly opened: the Rev. Messrs. Kevin M. Backus (Bible Presbyterian Church), Byoung Kil Chung (Independent Reformed Church in Korea), Richard Holst (Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales), Heon Soo Kim (Independent Reformed Church in Korea), Kurt Vetterli (Evangelical Reformed Church, Westminster Confession), Bernard Westerveld (Reformed Church of Quebec). On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

6. 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:

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<tr>
<th>Dates of Ordination</th>
<th>No. of Presbyters Responding</th>
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<tr>
<td>Since Jan. 1, 2010</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 2000 through Dec. 31, 2009</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1990 through Dec. 31, 1999</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1950 through Dec. 31, 1959</td>
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<td>Those attending the General Assembly for the first time</td>
<td>21</td>
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7. APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO 81st GA. The apportionment of commissioners to the 81st General Assembly, in accordance with Chapter I of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and enrollment are as follows:

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<th>Presbytery</th>
<th>Ministers</th>
<th>Ruling Elders</th>
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<td>Apport’d</td>
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<td>Central Pennsylvania</td>
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<td>Central United States</td>
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<tr>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
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8. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS. Mr. Haney reported for the Committee on Arrangements at this time and at other times during the Assembly (see §§ 178, 180).

9. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The Stated Clerk presented the Minutes of the Eightieth General Assembly.

10. ELECTION OF MODERATOR. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Allison and Troxel were nominated. Mr. Troxel was elected. Mr. Olinger escorted Mr. Troxel to the chair and led in prayer. Mr. Landis welcomed Mr. Troxel to the chair.

11. OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPEALS. The Stated Clerk presented overtures and communications addressed to the Assembly. They were referred as indicated in §14.

   See: OVERTURES, p. 54.
   COMMUNICATIONS, pp. 55–61.
   APPEALS, pp. 62–75.

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

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<th>Morning</th>
<th>Afternoon</th>
<th>Evening</th>
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<td>Convene</td>
<td>Afternoon</td>
<td>Evening</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>1:15 p.m.</td>
<td>6:45 p.m.</td>
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<td>Recess</td>
<td>3:15–3:35 p.m.</td>
<td>9:00 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 6/4, after item 12
   b. Reconvene Thursday 6/5 at 3:35 p.m. or at the call of the Moderator.
      [Note: Advisory committees to meet during the day]
   c. *No evening session Friday or Saturday. On those days the dinner recess begins at 6:00 p.m.

All sessions of the Assembly open with the singing of a hymn and prayer.
Daily devotional service: 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Thursday through Monday

   LEADERS:  
   Thursday, June 5 (CPA) – Roth M. Reason
   Friday, June 6 (CUS) – Jim G. Stevenson
   Saturday, June 7 (CT&SNY) – Jonathan W. Shishko
   Monday, June 9 (DAK) – Archibald A. Allison

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

   1. Assembly convenes 7:00 p.m., Wednesday June 4, 2014
2. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Jeffery A. Landis, Moderator of the Eightieth General Assembly

3. Roll call

4. Seating of corresponding members

5. Preliminary report of the Committee on Arrangements (Reports given throughout the Assembly as needed)

6. Presentation of the Minutes of the Eightieth 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

11. Assignment of items of business to Advisory Committees

On motion the remainder of the docket was adopted as follows:

12. Election of Advisory and Temporary Committees

   a. Advisory Committees in accordance with Standing Rule Chapter IX, Sec. 5.b.
   b. Temporary Committee on Arrangements, four 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

   a. Amendments to Standing Rules proposed by the 80th General Assembly
   b. Amendments to Standing Rules and Instruments for proposal to the 82nd General Assembly
   c. Appointment of Assistant Clerk

14. Assumption of office by new Stated Clerk


17. Election of Statistician

18. Greetings and addresses by Fraternal Delegates from other bodies at times agreeable to them and to the Moderator

19. Report of the Committee on Christian Education [No earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7]

20. Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

21. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions

22. Report of the Committee on Coordination

23. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries


25. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations

26. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints [No later than following Item 29]

27. Report of the Committee on Chaplains


29. Report of the Committee for the Historian

30. Temporary Committees other than Presbyterial Records, Standing Committee Records, and those already completed in connection with earlier reports

31. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:30 a.m., Monday, June 9, 2014

32. Report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, 6:45 p.m., Monday, June 9, 2014 [including suspending Standing Rule VI.C and requiring the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records and the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records to have their written reports ready for distribution at the morning break on Monday, June 9]
33. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, following item 32
34. Report of the Committee on Arrangements
35. Set Budgets for General Assembly purposes
36. Resolution of thanks
37. Unfinished Advisory Committee Business
38. Miscellaneous business
39. Reading and approval of Minutes (Note: Minutes are presented for approval following the lunch recess beginning on Friday, June 6, 2014.)
40. Dissolution of the Assembly (not later than 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014)

14. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES ERECTED. On motion it was determined that the following temporary committees be erected, with reports, overtures, communications, and complaints referred to them as indicated (see §11). On motion it was determined that the commissioners and corresponding members named below be appointed to these committees and the name given in italics be the convener of the committee:

Advisory Committee 1 Total 9
Members: Forkner, L. Hilbelink, Larsen, Lyon, Monaghan, W. Montgomery, Sandbulte, Settergren, Van Dyk
Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions

Advisory Committee 2 Total 10
Report of the Committee on Christian Education
Overture 1, Communication 6

Advisory Committee 3 Total 10
Members: Brooking, Fesko, Flower, Hofland, Laurie, Malkus, Montemarano, Morgan, Ritsman, Veenema
Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

Advisory Committee 4 Total 10
Members: Cook, De Master, Fullalove, Huntington, Keele, Malcor, Rebandt, J. W. Stevenson, Tyson, Williams
Report of the Committee on Coordination

Advisory Committee 5 Total 10
Members: C. Blair, Bucey, Estelle, Freeman, Hobbs, McCrory, Miller, J. Montgomery, Robbins, Welzien
Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Report of the Committee on Pensions

Advisory Committee 6 Total 10
Members: Albaugh, Bergquist, Currie, Ellis, Folta, Honeck, Kirklin, Marsh, Okken, Stazen
Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Overture 2, Communications 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9
Advisory Committee 7  Total 9  
Members: Cotta, DeBoer, R. Johnson, D. King, Lim, Lodge, McKenzie, Picknally, J. Shishko  
Report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel

Advisory Committee 8  Total 9  
Members: Anderson, Barnes, T. Blair, Buchanan, Ganzevoort, Ritenour, Smith, Stahl, Wheat  
Report of the Historian  
Report of the Committee for the Historian  
Report of the Statistician

Advisory Committee 9  Total 10  
Members: Coppes, Holst, Jackson, Jamieson, Patterson, W. Shishko, Steiner, Story, Terpstra, Wilkins  
Report of the Committee on Arrangements  
Report of the Stated Clerk (including Standing Rule amendments)  
Report of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
General Assembly Operation Fund Budget

Advisory Committee 10  Total 11  
Members: Chase, Mahan, Mallin, Sallade, Strange, Swanson, Van Dam, Westerveld, Willet, Winslow, York  
Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints  
Appeal 1, Appeal 2

Committee on Arrangements 11  Total 5  
Members: Cottenden, Graham, Haney, Tarullo, Tress  
Communication 9

Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records 12  Total 12  

Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records 13  Total 8  
Members: Dole, Foh, Graves, W. King, A. Montgomery, Van Kooten, Van Manen, Wallace

Communication 1, a letter of thanks from the Presbytery of New Jersey, is referred to the clerks.

15. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 8:21 p.m. after Mr. Coie led in prayer.

Thursday Morning, June 5, 2014

16. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly reconvened at 11:40 a.m. The Assembly sang “Amazing Grace.” Mr. Reason read Acts 3:1–10, delivered a message entitled “The Power of Jesus’ Name” and led in prayer.
17. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 12:07 p.m. after Mr. Stahl led in prayer.

**Thursday Afternoon, June 5, 2014**

18. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim.” Mr. Ritenour led in prayer.

19. **APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN.** The Moderator reported that he had appointed Mr. Allison as Parliamentarian.

20. **INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES.** Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Eric Kampen and Mr. Cornelis Poppe, fraternal delegates of the Canadian Reformed Churches, and the Rev. Mark A. Kelderman, fraternal delegate of the Heritage Reformed Congregations. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

21. **APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK.** Mr. Cottenden, the Stated Clerk, reported briefly on his labors in that office. He reported that he had appointed Mr. Mahaffy to serve as the Assistant Clerk.

22. **STATED CLERK REPORT ON FORM OF GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS.** The Stated Clerk reported that the amendments to the Form of Government, XV.2 and XXIII.22, proposed by the 80th General Assembly (see Minutes of the 80th General Assembly, §§ 25, 48, and 54), had been approved by sixteen and fourteen presbyteries respectively, and that they will take effect with the publication of the next edition of the Book of Church Order, scheduled for 2015.

23. **STATED CLERK’S REPORT.** The Stated Clerk presented his report (see pp. 78–84), including the following recommendations:

   1. That the 81st General Assembly propose to the 82nd General Assembly the amendment to the Standing Rules and Instruments on pp. 275–6.
   2. That the Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to request each recipient of the Minutes to consider a voluntary contribution to offset the cost of production and distribution, with the suggested amount to be set annually by the Stated Clerk in consultation with the Trustees.
   3. That the Assembly authorize the Stated Clerk to begin as soon as feasible to give the recipients the option of receiving the Minutes in bound volume or on disk, and to continue to explore the options for other means of delivery, always taking into account issues of security and privacy.
   4. That the General Assembly remind its standing committees of the provision of Standing Rules Chapter V that all reports that are to be included in the Agenda “shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk eight weeks prior to the Assembly except the report of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints, which shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk six weeks prior to the Assembly.”

24. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk).** Mr. W. Shishko reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Stated Clerk.

25. **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS.** On separate motions Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 were adopted.
26. AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES ADOPTED. Recommendation 1 of the Stated Clerk, the amendments to the Standing Rules proposed by the 80th General Assembly, were adopted as follows:

Chapter I. OF MEMBERSHIP
1. The roll of voting commissioners in each Assembly shall include no others than the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the previous Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the current Assembly, . . . .

8. [Last sentence] Certification of ruling elder commissioners shall include their full names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.

CHAPTER III. OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY
A. 15. He shall be the custodian of the gavel during the Assembly and shall, upon the election of the Moderator of the succeeding Assembly, present the gavel to him.

B. 5. d. To receive reports of Standing and Special Committees, overtures, papers, requests, complaints, appeals, and any other communications intended for the next Assembly, for inclusion in an printed Agenda and presentation to the Assembly. . . .

B. 5. e. (3) To mail provide a copy of the Agenda. . . .

B. 5. e. (4) i. To prepare and arrange for the preparation of releases concerning actions of the Assembly and its agencies for the secular and religious news media press . . . .

B. 5. e. (4) j. (2) To be responsible for the receiving of such funds and the payment of all expenses properly incurred in the execution of the Assembly’s business, ordinarily through the Committee on Coordination.

(3) To receive from the Committee on Coordination a copy of its annual audit of the General Assembly’s funds and report to the General Assembly concerning its reception.

m. To maintain custody of the gavel between Assemblies.

m. To perform such other duties as the General Assembly and its committees shall request of him.

n. To publish annually a Directory of the Church and, when appropriate, to solicit advertising for it.

n. To publish the Book of Church Order as directed by the Assembly, and when amendments have been adopted, to make available substitute pages to accommodate the amendments in a form compatible with the format of the book.

n. The Assembly may elect a Corresponding Clerk to assist the Stated Clerk between Assemblies with correspondence, additional to that prescribed in this section, as is referred to him by the Stated Clerk.

D. 3. c. (1). The publication of books and other literature and the production of video and audiotapes media.

Chapter IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS
3. Preliminary Report of the Committee on Arrangements
5. a. Presentation of the report of the Committee for up to 15 minutes. Presentation of audio/visuals to supplement a report, not to exceed 15 minutes, and reports from missionaries, chaplains, and the Short-Term Missions Coordinator and the Disaster Response Coordinator, not to exceed 10 minutes each, shall be made at this time. Such audio/visuals shall have been previewed by advisory committees for their information in preparing their reports.

9. Reports of Standing Committees that are to be included in the printed agenda shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk two months prior to the Assembly; reports of Special Committees, in order to be in the printed agenda, shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk two and one half months prior to the Assembly.
Chapter X. OF COMMITTEES

2. j. The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel shall consist of four six members arranged in one three classes of two members and two classes of one member each.

27. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO STANDING RULES AND INSTRUMENTS.

On motion the Assembly proposed to the 82nd General Assembly the following amendments to the Standing Rules and Instruments:

Standing Rules

S.R. I.9. Any standing or special committee of the Assembly may send not more than three presbyters to sit as corresponding members of the Assembly in order to present its report. Such corresponding members shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor in all matters concerning their respective committees, and shall also be entitled to travel, room, and board compensation on the same basis as a voting commissioner. If members of such committees are elected as commissioners to the Assembly, the committees should avoid unnecessary appointment of corresponding members of the Assembly.

_ground: This makes it clear that the committee representatives receive reimbursement on the same comprehensive basis as commissioners, which is our practice._

S.R. III.B.5.k. Strike Standing Rule III.B.5.k. and renumber the following paragraphs.

To request annually of all calling bodies (congregations, committees) the submission of the forms of the Committee on Pensions for reporting all calls issued (prior to presentation of the call to the presbytery); and to request annually of all presbyteries the submission of the proper forms of the Committee on Pensions immediately upon the reception of a minister.

_ground: The Stated Clerk has been informed by the Treasurer of the Committee on Pensions that no such form exists and that the section has been superseded by electronic means of gathering this data._

S.R. III.A.11. The Moderator shall speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the judicatory by any two members. When in doubt on a point of order, the Moderator may submit the question to the Assembly for decision. The Moderator may appoint a parliamentarian to assist him in arriving at these decisions.

_ground: We have for many years had a parliamentarian, but without any provision in the Standing Rules for one or any definition of his role. This small addition accomplishes both. His role is merely advisory. The actual decision remains that of the Moderator._

S.R. III.B.5.d. To receive reports of Standing and Special Committees, overtures, papers, requests, complaints, appeals, and any other communications intended for the next Assembly, for inclusion in a printed published Agenda and presentation to the Assembly. Individuals may bring matters to the Assembly only by way of a presbytery, unless they concern a responsibility assigned the individual by the Assembly.

_ground: This recognizes that the Agenda may be published electronically as well as in printed form._
S.R. XI.3.f. Review on a regular basis General Assembly Operation Fund receipts and expenditures and authorize, in conjunction with the Stated Clerk, any over-expenditures of more than ten percent, according to the provisions of Instrument H.2.b.

*Ground:* This clarifies the process and removes any possibility of a conflict with Instrument H.2.a. and b., where the process is given in more detail.

**Instruments**

Instrument F

4. In proposing the assignment of matters and commissioners to temporary and advisory committees the Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Moderator of the previous Assembly, shall observe the following:

*Ground:* This brings the Instrument into harmony with the relevant provision in S.R. III.B.5.e.

a. Commissioners shall not be assigned to advisory committees that are to review reports of standing or special committees on which they serve or of which they are employees, except for members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, as provided in the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, X.2.b.

b. Not more than two commissioners from the same presbytery shall normally be assigned to the same temporary or advisory committee. However, each member of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records shall be drawn from a different presbytery.

*Ground:* This brings the Instrument into harmony with the relevant provision in S.R. X.4.a.(1).

28. **RETIREMENT OF STATED CLERK.** Mr. Cottenden, as he retired as Stated Clerk, expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve the Assembly. The Assembly gave Mr. Cottenden a standing ovation.

29. **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Stated Clerk).** Mr. Phillips reported for the Trustees, that they had fulfilled their responsibility as a commission (*Minutes of the 80th General Assembly*, §§ 26 and 28) and had appointed Mr. Graham to serve as Stated Clerk for a three-year term.

30. **GRAHAM ASSUMED OFFICE.** Mr. Graham assumed the office of Stated Clerk. Mr. Phillips led in prayer for Messrs. Cottenden and Graham.

31. **TRUSTEES.** Mr. Phillips presented the report of the Trustees (see pp. 85–87), including the following recommendation: That the Assembly adopt the following budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for 2015 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $20 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2015. The recommendation requesting a contribution of $20 per communicant member was adopted. For action on the GAOF (see §184).

32. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees).** Mr. W. Shishko reported for Advisory Committee 9 its silence with respect to the report of the Trustees.
33. **TRUSTEES ELECTION.** Nominations were opened for the Trustees for the class of 2017. Messrs. Phillips and William C. Redington (Regional Church of Philadelphia) were nominated. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Mr. W. Shishko prayed for the Trustees.

34. **STATISTICIAN.** By general consent Mr. Luke E. Brown was granted the privilege of the floor and presented his report (see pp. 88–92).

35. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Statistician).** Mr. Anderson reported the silence of Advisory Committee 8 with respect to the work of the Statistician.

36. **ELECTION OF STATISTICIAN.** Nominations were opened for Statistician. Mr. Brown was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. Mr. Anderson led in prayer for the Statistician and the work of the whole church.

37. **HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.** Mr. J. Hilbelink, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 93–109). He introduced Committee members and church planters present. He also introduced Mr. Shaw, the General Secretary of the Committee, who continued the report of the Committee. Mr. Shaw introduced Mr. J. G. Stevenson, who reported on his work in Tulsa, and Mr. Flowers, who reported on his work as a ruling elder in *Iglesia Presbyteriana Reformada Del Caribe* in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

38. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 5:17 p.m. after Mr. Winslow led in prayer.

**Thursday Evening, June 5, 2014**

39. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The Assembly sang “Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness.” Mr. Lyon led in prayer.

40. **FRATERNAL ADDRESS.** Mr. Sawyer introduced The Rev. Jeffrey J. Kingswood, fraternal delegate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kingswood addressed the Assembly. Mr. Sawyer led in prayer for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

41. **HOME MISSIONS (continued, see §37).** Mr. J. Shishko reported on his work in Queens, New York.

42. **GERBER RETIREMENT.** Mr. Gerber addressed the Assembly reflecting on his 15 years of serving as the Associate General Secretary of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. The Assembly gave Mr. Gerber a standing ovation.

43. **RESOLUTION OF THANKS.** Mr. J. Hilbelink presented Mr. Gerber with the following resolution, which, on motion, was recorded in the minutes:

   To Richard R. Gerber
   In recognition of his faithful ministry
   as Associate General Secretary
   of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
   of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s faithful service as a minister of the gospel, ordained April 8, 1972, and serving as pastor of Calvary OPC, Wildwood, New Jersey from 1972 to 1979, as pastor of Westminster OPC, Hamden, Connecticut from 1979 to 1999, and as Associate General Secretary of the Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension from 1999 to 2014, during which time he served as Moderator of the 73rd General Assembly in 2006, in Palos Heights, Illinois.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s service to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension as a member of the Committee from 1987 to 1996 and from 1997 to 1999, and for his service as our first Associate General Secretary, serving with the Rev. Ross W. Graham from August 1, 1999 to February 28, 2013 and with the Rev. John S. Shaw from March 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. As our first Associate General Secretary, he shared many responsibilities with the General Secretary, and helped cultivate an exemplary working relationship demonstrating mutual trust and confidence that has benefited and gained the respect of the Committee and the whole church. In addition, Mr. Gerber provided excellent personal and pastoral leadership in the transition from that of Mr. Graham to Mr. Shaw. His gifts in helping to build strong working relationships with both Mr. Graham and Mr. Shaw, as well as the Committee, the Presbyteries, and the fields, have served the whole church well for the purpose of establishing solidly Reformed and Presbyterian churches, through the ministry of the gospel.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s personal and pastoral leadership with the members and staff of the Committee, including Administrative Assistants Beverly Mariani, Vickie Swann, and Sean Gregg, and with other Worldwide Outreach staff members and workers in the OPC administrative offices.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s leadership in planning, organizing, and participating in seminars and conferences throughout his fifteen years of service as Associate General Secretary, including the annual Church Planters’ Training Conference, the three yearly Readiness for Ministry in the OPC seminars on the campuses of Reformed and Presbyterian seminaries, and the annual Regional Church Extension Conference, along with his participation in the annual Ambassadors’ Conference.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s gifts of pastoral care for our church planters on the field along with their wives and children, and for his particular ability to help and encourage men facing difficulty in the ministry.

With gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber’s ministry to the churches: for his visitation to the fields, churches, and presbyteries, for his preaching the gospel and making presentations of the work of the Committee, for his prompt attention to the needs of our churches and his readiness to help, for his writing articles for New Horizons magazine and Home Mission News, for his management of the Ministerial Information Forms and his work with those applying, for his being a ready source of names of men who are available for pastoral calls and internships,
and for taking his turn in leading the promotion of the Worldwide Outreach Thank Offering.

With gratitude to our Lord for the faithful support of Mr. Gerber’s loving wife and helpmeet, Rita, for her encouragement to him in his overall ministry, including many days and weekends during which he is away from home, and for her godly example with Mr. Gerber of love and care in raising their family.

Therefore, we, the grateful members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, resolve on this 5th day of June, 2014, to give thanks to the Lord for Richard R. Gerber, his wife Rita, and their family, and for our brother’s beloved influence in our own lives, and for his faithful service to the Church of Jesus Christ.

We also resolve to encourage and support our brother and his family in every way possible, pledging ourselves and the resources God has graciously entrusted to us to minister to his support.

And we resolve with gratitude to treasure in our hearts and minds and in our Committee’s history the rich blessing the Lord has given to our denomination through our brother’s ministry which has resulted in the spiritual, numerical, and organizational growth of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

This we resolve with gratitude to our Lord for Mr. Gerber, whose humble service and faithful stewardship as our first Associate General Secretary reflect well the Scriptural exhortation,

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”
(1 Timothy 1:5)

Mr. Landis led the Assembly in a prayer of thanks for the faithful service rendered by Mr. Gerber.

44. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3. Mr. Malkus reported for Advisory Committee 3 as follows: The committee is grateful for the excellent work of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and commends its diligent work to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ and plant new churches as well as encourage others. With respect to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension report, the committee is silent. The committee also encourages the church to be in prayer for the selection of a successor for Rev. Gerber as Associate General Secretary.

45. QUESTIONS. Committee representatives responded to questions from commissioners.

46. HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION ELECTION. Nominations were opened for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for the class of 2017. The following were nominated: Ministers: Messrs. Landis, Larry G. Mininger, and Sallade; Ruling elders: Keith A. LeMahieu (Joliet, IL) and Van Dam. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Mr. Malkus led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

47. FOREIGN MISSIONS. Mr. Gaffin, President of the Committee on Foreign Missions,
presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 110–200). He introduced Mr. Bube, the General Secretary of the Committee. Mr. Bube reported for the Committee. He introduced Mr. Sam F., who reported on his work in Asia, Mr. B. Westerveld, who reported on his work in Quebec, and Mr. Okken, who reported on his work in Uganda. Mr. Clawson, the Associate General Secretary, reported on the Mobile Theological Mentoring Corps and on the work of missionary associates.

48. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 9:07 p.m. after Mr. Fick led in prayer.

**Friday Morning, June 6, 2014**

49. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. The Assembly sang “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord.” Mr. Bucey led in prayer.

50. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1.** Mr. Monaghan reported for Advisory Committee 1 as follows:

The committee met with representatives of the Committee on Foreign Missions: Messrs. Bube, Clawson, Van Meerbeke, and Gaffin.

Advisory Committee 1 thanks the Lord Jesus Christ for the labors of the Committee on Foreign Missions in the gospel. We note the financial issues facing the Committee, plead with God for his provision, and urge the churches of the OPC to give joyfully and generously to the work of Worldwide Outreach.

51. **FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS.** The floor was opened for nominations to the class of 2017. The following were nominated: Ministers: Gaffin, Green, Frank J. Marsh, and York; Ruling elders: David J. Gregg (Middeltown, PA) and J. W. Stevenson. Messrs. Gaffin, Green, and Marsh were elected, and in the absence of other nominations Messrs. Gregg and J. W. Stevenson were declared elected. Nominations were opened for the vacancy for a ruling elder in the class of 2015. Messrs. Flower, W. King, and J. Montgomery were nominated. Mr. Flower was elected. Mr. Monaghan led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

52. **LANDIS ASSUMED CHAIR.** At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Landis assumed the chair.

53. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Great Commission Publications).** Mr. Gidley, President of the Committee on Christian Education, presented the report of the Committee with respect to Great Commission Publications (see pp. 220–221). He introduced Mr. Olinger, the General Secretary of the Committee. The Rev. E. Marvin Padgett, the Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, and the Rev. Mark L. Lowrey, Associate Executive Director, were granted the privilege of the floor. They addressed the Assembly on behalf of Great Commission Publications.

54. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Christian Education).** Mr. Pluister reported for Advisory Committee 2 regarding the Committee on Christian Education as follows:

The Advisory Committee met with Rev. Marvin Padgett, Executive Director, and Rev. Mark Lowry, Associate Executive Director, of Great Commissions Publications; and with Rev. Danny Olinger, General Secretary on Christian Education. Dr. Gidley and Rev. Tyson were also present. The Committee heard reports on various aspects of the work of the committee, including *New Horizons*, Great Commission Publications, Internet Ministries, the Psalter-
hymnal development, the internship program, the Ministerial Training Institute, the Timothy Conference, and the Seminary visitation program. The advisory committee commends the Committee on Christian Education for its diligent and faithful labors for the Kingdom.

Concerning the report of the Committee on Christian Education, Advisory Committee #2 is silent.

55. **MODERATOR RESUMED CHAIR.** The Moderator resumed the chair.

56. **COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION.** Mr. Tavares, Chairman of the Committee on Coordination, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 234–253), including the following recommendation:

That the 81st General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 2015 and allocation of undesignated contributions as follows:

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Increase over 2014 approved 7.4% 5.5%
Increase over 2013 actual 5.4% 3.5%

Allocation of undesignated contributions:

- Christian Education: 15.00%
- Foreign Missions: 42.00%
- Home Missions: 43.00%

Mr. Tavares introduced Mr. Haney, who reported as Director of Finance and Planned Giving.

57. **DOUGLAS A. WATSON RESOLUTION.** Mr. Haney read the following resolution which had been adopted by the Committee, and which, on motion, was recorded in the Minutes:

The Committee on Coordination is thankful to God for the twelve years of faithful service of The Rev. Douglas A. Watson as Staff Accountant for the committee. Mr. Watson’s humble service and faithful stewardship has been of great assistance to all who work in the office in Willow Grove and to the church at large. This is seen in his timely and accurate financial reports provided to each committee. He has done yeoman work in the expansion of a database that greatly enhances the work of the church. Perhaps he will be most remembered by those who work in the office for his ability and willingness to deal with problems with the copier, to see that the postage meter has funds on it, or to help solve someone’s computer problems. We give thanks to the Lord for preparing and providing this humble servant for the special needs of the church. 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.

58. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4. Mr. Keele presented the report of Advisory Committee 4 as follows:

Advisory Committee 4 met with Mr. Haney and Mr. Tavares.

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, the Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Committee on Christian Education. We would like to join the Committee on Coordination in its expression of gratitude to the Lord for the labors of the Rev. Douglas A. Watson, who has served as Staff Accountant for the Committee on Coordination for the past 12 years, and who leaves these labors this year. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to God for the faithful labors of Mr. David E. Haney who has served the Committee on Coordination and the church in his various capacities for 25 years, and continues to serve for the glory of God.

With regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Coordination, Advisory Committee 4 is silent.

59. QUESTIONS. Committee representatives and representatives of the three program committees responded to questions.

60. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m. The Assembly sang “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” and Mr. T. Miller led in prayer.

61. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Kevin M. Backus, fraternal delegate of the Bible Presbyterian Church, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Tyson led in prayer for the Bible Presbyterian Church.

62. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation of the Committee on Coordination was adopted (§56).

63. COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the class of 2017. The following were nominated: Minister: Stephen J. Oharek; Ruling elder: Mr. Tavares. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Mr. Keele led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

64. DIACONAL MINISTRIES. Mr. Pearce, President of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 254–273), including the recommendations below. He introduced Mr. Nakhla, the Administrator of the Committee, who reported for the Committee, including a report on Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response. Mr. B. Westerveld reported on Short-Term Missions and their help to the work in Quebec. The Committee presented an audio-visual report on “2013 OPC Short-Term Missions.”

Recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly erect a temporary study committee of five (with at least one being a member of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and at least one being a member of the Committee on Pensions) to investigate needs of OPC ministers and suggest ways in which ministerial care can be provided or enhanced during all phases
of ministry, and report back their findings along with any recommendations to a future Assembly; and that there be a budget of $3,000.

2. That for the year 2015 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.

65. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal Ministries). Mr. Estelle presented the report of Advisory Committee 5 with respect to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries as follows:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and met with Messrs. David Nakhla, Ronald Pearce, and David Haney, of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Mr. Nakhla presented a slideshow on Short-Term Missions work facilitated by the Committee.

Regarding the report, the Advisory Committee remains silent.

The Advisory Committee recommends a perfection to Recommendation 1 by deleting the word “ministerial.” Regarding Recommendation 2, the Advisory Committee is silent.

66. QUESTIONS. Representatives of the Committee responded to questions.

67. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang “We Are God’s People.” Mr. J. G. Stevenson read Acts 20:26–28, delivered a message entitled “Pay Attention!” and led in prayer.

68. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:02 p.m. after Mr. Noe led in prayer.

Friday Afternoon, June 6, 2014

69. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. The Assembly sang “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” Mr. DeBoer led in prayer.

70. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Richard Holst, fraternal delegate of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Van Dixhoorn led in prayer for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales.

71. DIACONAL COMMITTEE (Questions continued, §66). Representatives of the Committee continued to respond to questions.

72. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The recommendations of the Diaconal Committee were adopted as follows, including the amendment proposed by Advisory Committee 5 (§§ 64, 65, also 90):

1. That the General Assembly erect a temporary study committee of five (with at least one being a member of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and at least one being a member of the Committee on Pensions) to investigate needs of OPC ministers and suggest ways in which care can be provided or enhanced during all phases of ministry, and report back their findings along with any recommendations to a future Assembly; and that there be a budget of $3,000.

2. That for the year 2015 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.
73. **Diaconal Ministries Election.** Nominations were opened for the class of 2017. The following were nominated: *Minister*: Nathan D. Trice; *Ruling elder*: Seth B. Long (Neon, KY); and *Deacon*: Christopher A. Sudlow (Wheaton, IL). In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected.

74. **Approval of Minutes.** The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of Wednesday and Thursday (§§ 1–14), which were approved as corrected.

75. **Pensions.** Mr. Huibregtse, President of the Committee on Pensions, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 274–289), and reported further on the work of the Committee.

76. **Advisory Committee 5 (Pensions).** Mr. Estelle presented the report of Advisory Committee 5 as follows:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the report of the Committee on Pensions and met with Messrs. Roger W. Huibregtse and Douglas L. Watson of the Committee on Pensions. Mr. Huibregtse made a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Committee.

Regarding the report, the Advisory Committee remains silent.

77. **Questions.** Committee members responded to questions from commissioners.

78. **Pensions Election.** The floor was opened for nominations to the class of 2017. The following were nominated: *Minister*: Watson; *Ruling elders*: Messrs. Fullalove, Hoogerhyde, and Steven G. Veldhorst (Appleton, WI). In the absence of other ministerial nominations Mr. Watson was declared elected. Messrs. Hoogerhyde and Veldhorst were elected. Mr. Estelle led in prayer for the work of the Committee. Mr. Watson expressed thanks to the Lord for the love and faithful labors of Messrs. Hoogerhyde and Huibregtse.

79. **Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.** Mr. Curto, President of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 290–328), including the recommendations below. He introduced Mr. Sawyer, the Committee’s Administrator, who reported further for the Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That the 81st (2014) General Assembly invite the Independent Reformed Church in Korea (IRCK) into a relationship of full Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

   **Grounds:**

   1. The confessional standards of the IRCK are the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort. Its church order is a combination of Presbyterian church government and the Church Order of Dort.
   2. The IRCK strives to advance the confessional consciousness of its members and maintains a high view of worship according to the Regulative Principle.
   3. The IRCK has been engaged in a productive working relationship with the OPC China Mission since 2009 (cf. Minutes of the 77th [2010] General Assembly, pages 222–223), including sending short-term lecturers to work with the Mission in China and providing training in its theological institute for candidates for the ministry with whom the Mission plans to work in China.
   4. The IRCK has been a member of the ICRC since 2009.
   5. The IRCK has been in corresponding relations with the OPC since 2010 (cf.

6. IRCK has approximately 665 members (466 communicant and 199 non-communicant) in four congregations, who are served by five ministers (most of whom have completed some studies at Westminster Theological Seminary and worshipped with OPC congregations during their time at WTS), four ruling elders, and seventeen deacons. One congregation has unordained female “deacons” to help minister mercy to the women in the congregation, but they do not sit with the consistory when it meets.

7. The IRCK publishing house, Sungyak “Holy Covenant” Press (http://www.sybook.org), has published more than 130 titles (including works by Dr. Gaffin) and sold more than 500,000 copies in the past thirty years.

2) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly approve the application of the Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) for membership in NAPARC.

Grounds:
1. The OPC has Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Presbyterian Church of Korea (Kosin). The Presbyterian Church of Korea (Kosin) was formed in 1938 by Presbyterians who refused to participate in Shinto shrine worship during the Japanese occupation of Korea.
2. The Kosin family of churches has denominational branches is Korea, Australia, Japan, USA, and Europe. The Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) was formed in 1985.
3. The doctrinal standards of Kosin are the Westminster Standards including Chapters 34 and 35 on the Holy Spirit and Missions that were added by the American Church in the early 20th Century. (Note that the ARPC also adheres to the 1903 revision, while the PRC holds to the original version of the WCF).
4. The KPCA does not ordain women to any ecclesiastical office. They do have kwonsas (unordained deaconesses) [two NAPARC denominations, the RPCNA and the ARPC, ordain deaconesses since, in their view, the office of deacon is not regarded as an authoritative office of government of the church] and kwonchals (similar to enrolled widows, I Timothy 5:3–11) who visit members in their homes and report to the pastor. (Kwonchal is similar to the role of “pastor’s aide” in some older Southern Presbyterian churches, i.e. an older woman, who visits younger women with the pastor or visits women and children and reports to the pastor). Both men and women who have gifts and interests in personal evangelism may be appointed to the role of lay evangelists by the Session. Lay evangelist in Kosin polity is not an ordained office, nor is it equivalent to an OPC ordained evangelist.

3) That the General Assembly communicate the following to the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)—

The General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. Twice in the past seven years, our Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (CEIR) has written at length to your Foreign Church Liaison Committee (October 10, 2007 and September 28, 2009) regarding the matter of ordaining women to the special offices of minister and elder, to which our CEIR has yet to receive a substantive response. We understand that ministering to those who suffered in the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 has occupied much of your attention, and you
Our Japan Mission has forwarded to our CEIR a copy of Report 67 to your 2012 General Assembly, “Proposal Concerning Church Officers and Their Work,” which we have had translated. Normally we would not correspond with you regarding a report of one of your study committees before that report is adopted by your general assembly, unless you specifically wrote us and sought our counsel. Perhaps Report 67 was also intended to be your reply to the earlier letters, we don’t know. So, if we are communicating prematurely, please forgive us.

Nevertheless, we would be remiss in our love for you and our duty to you if we did not humbly express our deep concern with regard to the proposals in Report 67. Our fraternal delegate to your 2013 General Assembly came away with the impression that matters are proceeding towards the adoption of these proposals soon. And should the proposals be adopted in some form that would open the special offices of minister and/or elder to women, it would disrupt the basis of the fellowship we have enjoyed for more than sixty-five years.

We believe the reasoning in Report 67 is fundamentally flawed in that it fails to distinguish properly between the elemental and the circumstantial with respect to the biblical qualifications for special office in Christ’s church (cf. Westminster Confession of Faith [WCF] I.6). There are no common circumstances regarding the qualifications for office in any other human society that are parallel to the qualifications for office in the government which the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of His Church, has appointed, in the hand of Church officers (cf. WCF XXX.1), and to which the keys to the kingdom of heaven are committed (cf. WCF XXX.2). The divine calling of biblically qualified men to the special offices of minister and elder occurs only within Christ’s church. Therefore, it is erroneous to seek to discern the qualifications for those who would hold special office in the Church beyond that which is expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture (cf. WCF I.6).

We also believe that the Scriptures are wholly sufficient, either in what is expressly set down in Scripture or in what by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture, concerning all things necessary for God’s own glory, man’s salvation, faith, and life (cf. WCF I.6), including the qualifications for special office in Christ’s church. Christ’s Apostle, Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, devotes much of the First Epistle to Timothy to instruction on “how one is to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God” (1 Timothy 3:15). Just before detailing the qualifications for each of the special offices, Christ’s Spirit, speaking in His Word, declares, “I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet” (1 Timothy 2:12). The good and necessary consequence of this Scripture is that, since teaching and exercising authority over men is a necessary biblical function of the special offices of minister and elder, women are barred from them. The reasons supplied by the Holy Spirit for this prohibition are given in the next two verses: “For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor” (1 Timothy 2:13–14). These are events that occurred in the account of creation and the fall. Accordingly, by thus grounding its disqualification of women for these special offices so early in the creation order of events, the Scripture further distinguishes this abiding command from things which may be thought of as merely temporal or culturally conditioned. Rather, this Scriptural prohibition remains as an abiding requirement in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ until He comes again.

And so, brothers, we humbly plead with you not to start down the road proposed in Report 67, a road upon which we believe that Christ, speaking in the Scriptures, has barred His church from traveling, and a road which, we fear, will leave us behind. May the Holy Spirit, working by and with the Word, guide you in all your deliberations, to the end that Christ might...
be honored by your faithful testimony to His grace in your midst.

Your servants in Christ,

Grounds:
1. The OPC has a long-standing relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Reformed Church in Japan.

2. OPC rules for Ecclesiastical Fellowship require: both “consultation on issues of joint concern, particularly before instituting changes in polity, doctrine, or practice that might alter the basis of the fellowship; and the exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting Christian unity.” It is the conviction of the CEIR that the RCJ has regrettably not followed this agreed procedure, though the CEIR has endeavored to do so.

3. Periodic communications from the OPCJM to the OPC CEIR have indicated a persistent trend in the RCJ toward opening all ecclesiastical offices to women. The OPCJM have requested the CEIR to address this on multiple occasions.

4. The CEIR have written of their concerns to the RCJ Foreign Church Liaison Committee in 2007, 2009, and again in 2012 in order to express concerns about this trend. No substantive reply has been forthcoming. Additionally, the CEIR sent two representatives to the RCJ General Assembly of 2008 to communicate face-to-face in a brotherly, concerned manner.

5. It is the intention of the CEIR to send another fraternal delegate to the 2014 RCJ General Assembly which will meet in October (14–16). Communication of this letter from our General Assembly could strengthen this mission, and even if it does not arrest the trend toward women in office in the RCJ, it may give the brethren pause to reflect on the consequences of adopting such a policy, and should at least give encouragement to other RCJ brethren who do not wish to change what they see as the historic, confessional, and biblical view of office in the church.

4) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly vote to approve the Constitutional Amendments as proposed by the 39th Meeting of NAPARC to the member churches for approval. (See Appendix 1)

Grounds:
1. While NAPARC and its original constitution have served the Council and its member churches well over the past forty years, the proposed amendments, not at all radical in nature, express a mature, better perfected basis for the function of the Council.

2. The Amended Constitution is the product of in-depth research and deliberation by a NAPARC Committee of Review. In addition, it has received scrutiny and input by all the Ecumenicity committees of the member churches.

3. The Amended Constitution has been reflected upon by successive meetings of NAPARC, and unanimously approved at the 2013 meeting for distribution to the member churches for endorsement by their major assemblies.

5) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly vote to approve the Constitutional Amendments as proposed by the 8th Meeting (2013) of the ICRC to the member churches for their approval. (See Appendix 2)

Grounds:
1. To mark the occasion of 25 years since its inception, the ICRC appointed a committee of review to help the Conference reflect on its history and effectiveness as an instrument of Reformed Ecumenicity, and how any constitutional changes might be necessary
or helpful. The proposed Amended Constitution is a fruit of that work.
2. The amended constitution was thoroughly discussed in advisory committee and plenary session at the 2013 meeting, having been sent prior to the meeting to all member church ecumenicity committees for comment.
3. The vote to approve for distribution to the member churches was unanimous.

80. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. The Assembly sang “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” and prayed.

81. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Eric Kampen, fraternal delegate of Canadian Reformed Churches, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Williams led in prayer for the Canadian Reformed Churches.

82. ECUMENICITY (continued). Mr. Sawyer continued the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

83. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6. Mr. Stazen reported for Advisory Committee 6 as follows:
The Advisory Committee met with Messrs. Sawyer and Curto from the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and gives thanks and commends them for their work.
Recommendations:
1. That the General Assembly receive Communications 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 for information and refer Communication 7 to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.
2. That the Assembly deem its action on Recommendation 3 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations a sufficient response to Overture 2.
The Advisory Committee is silent with respect to the recommendations of the Committee except that it recommends the adoption of recommendation 3 with the last paragraph of the letter changed to read as follows:
“And so, brothers, we humbly plead with you not to start down the road proposed in Report 67, a road upon which we believe that Christ, speaking in the Scriptures, has barred His church from traveling, and a road which we will not travel with you. May the Holy Spirit, working by and with the WORD, guide you in all your deliberations, to the end that Christ might be honored by your faithful testimony to His grace in your midst.”

84. RECOMMENDATIONS. By general consent Mr. Bube was granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the report. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. The amendment to Recommendation 3 made by Advisory Committee 6 was lost. Recommendation 3 in its original form was adopted. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 6 was adopted that the Assembly deem this action a sufficient response to Overture #2. Recommendations 4 and 5 were adopted.

85. ECUMENICITY ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the class of 2017. The following were nominated: Messrs. Biggs, C. Muether, Sawyer, Tyson, Van Dixhoorn, and Iain A. M. Wright. Messrs. C. Muether, Sawyer, and Van Dixhoorn were elected. Nominations were opened for the vacancy in the class of 2015. The following were nominated: Messrs. Story, Tyson, and Wright. Mr. Wright was elected. Mr. Stazen led in prayer for the work of the Committee.
86. REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN AND THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN. By general consent the Assembly moved to the reports of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian. Mr. Noe, Vice-President of the Committee for the Historian, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 345–348). Mr. J. Muether reported as the Historian (see p. 344).

87. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Historian and Committee for the Historian). Mr. Buchanan presented the report of Advisory Committee 8 with respect to the Historian and the Committee for the Historian as follows:

REPORT ON: The report of the Historian
Advisory Committee 8 expresses its general approval of the work of the Historian, noting in particular his encouragement of the archiving of historical documents on the congregational level; and his reminder that reviewing church history provides a strengthening perspective for ecclesiastical endeavors, such as planning for the future and for ecumenical interactions.

REPORT ON: Committee of the Historian
Advisory Committee 8 expresses general approval of the work of the Committee of the Historian and concurs with its recommendations, in particular noting the Historian’s gracious willingness to acquiesce to the adjustment of the proposed budget to support the denominational archives.

88. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations to the class of 2017. Messrs. Noe and Olinger were nominated. In the absence of other nominees they were declared elected. Mr. Anderson led in prayer for the Committee for the Historian, and for the Historian as well as for the Rev. John P. Galbraith and Miss Grace Mullen.

89. DOCKET AMENDED. The recommendation of the Committee on Arrangements was adopted that the time for reconvening on Saturday and Monday for the afternoon session be set for 1:30 p.m.

90. ELECTION (Temporary Committee to Study the Care for the Ministers of the Church). Nominations were opened for the Temporary Committee to Study the Care for the Ministers of the Church (see §72). For the representative from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, Mr. Lendall H. Smith was nominated. For the representative from the Committee on Pensions, Mr. David Vander Ploeg (Green Bay, WI) was nominated. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Nominations were opened for the remaining members. Messrs. Clark H. Brooking, Haney, Douglas L. Watson, and Winslow were nominated. Messrs. Haney, Watson, and Winslow were elected. The Moderator later named Mr. Haney as convener. Mr. Estelle led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

91. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Heon Soo Kim, fraternal delegate of the Independent Reformed Church of Korea, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Folta led in prayer for the Independent Reformed Church of Korea.

92. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 6:10 p.m. after Mr. Lodge led in prayer.
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93. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. The Assembly sang “When Morning Gilds the Skies.” Mr. Laurie led in prayer.

94. **STRANGE ENROLLED.** The Rev. Alan D. Strange began his attendance at the Assembly and was enrolled as a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Midwest. Mr. C. Muether became a corresponding member.

95. **LANDIS ASSUMED CHAIR.** At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Landis assumed chair.

96. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Overture 1 to the 80th General Assembly).** Mr. Olinger, General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, presented the recommendation of the Committee dealing with Overture 1, requesting amendments to the Form of Government, presented to the 80th General Assembly and referred to the Committee:

The Committee on Christian Education recommends that the 81st (2014) General Assembly deny Overture 1 from the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York to the 80th General Assembly.

*Grounds:*

1. Ground one of the overture rightly observes that the Form of Government is unclear about the differences between the licensure and ordination theology exams. However, there are other ways for the church to clarify those differences, to wit, the SMT of the CCE has prepared a booklet for the church, which addresses this need for clarity.

2. It is difficult in practice to distinguish a confessional question from a theological question. This may generate confusion that will divide presbyteries.

3. All theological exam questions, for licensure or ordination, should test a candidate’s ability to think theologically, based on Scripture and confession. By segregating confessional questions from theological questions, we may unwittingly sanction the mistaken thinking that theological reflection can be abstracted from the confession, possibly even diminishing a sense of the confession’s centrality in theological reflection.

4. The overture seeks to lower expectations for licensure, encouraging candidates to think they can achieve licensure sooner rather than later. Because the grounds suggest a “thorough understanding of the church’s doctrinal standards,” this seems to heighten expectations instead. “Thorough understanding” should be demonstrated by the “breadth and depth” of the theology exam for ordination.

5. The increased maturity in theological understanding that a candidate for ordination should exhibit does not consist in the acquisition of a new category of knowledge previously unknown. Rather, it consists in a deepening and broadening of understanding in the same categories of knowledge: scriptural, confessional, and theological. Therefore, the theology exams for licensure and ordination should not differ in kind but in the expectation of the maturity of understanding.

97. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Overture from 80th General Assembly).** Mr. Pluister reported the silence of Advisory Committee 2 with respect to the recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education.

98. **OVERTURE DENIED.** Overture 1 from the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern
New York to the 80th General Assembly was denied.

99. MODERATOR RESUMED CHAIR. The Moderator resumed the chair.

100. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Appeal 1). Mr. Mallin presented the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see pp. 329–332) including the following recommendation: that without prejudice to future cases, Mr. Dodds be deemed the appellant in the case and, as such, the appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

101. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeal 1). Mr. Sallade presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to the appeal of a minister against the judgment of a presbytery against him, as follows:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the supplementary material and chronology supplied by the Presbytery of Ohio. The committee heard from Messrs. Mallin and Willet, members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, from the Rev. Bradley M. Peppo, counsel for the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds, and from Mr. Mahlen, representing the Presbytery of Ohio.

With respect to the report and the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Appeal 1, the Advisory Committee is silent.

Procedural recommendation

That, following the presentation of the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and Advisory Committee 10 regarding Appeal 1 and subsequent to the determination that the appeal is in order and properly before the Assembly, the following procedure be adopted for consideration of the appeal:

1. Presentation by the appellant and/or his counsel, for up to 15 minutes.
2. Presentation by the Presbytery of Ohio, against whose judgment appeal is taken, for up to 15 minutes.
3. Presentation by Advisory Committee 10 of any recommendations regarding disposition of the specifications of error and the appeal itself, for up to 10 minutes.
4. Questions of clarification regarding the three preceding presentations, for up to 20 minutes.
5. Final remarks by the Presbytery of Ohio, for up to 5 minutes.
6. Final remarks by the appellant and/or his counsel, for up to 5 minutes.
7. Debate and action on each of the three specifications of error, with the question regarding each specification of error to be put in this form: “Shall the specification of error be sustained?”

Recommendations regarding the disposition of each specification and the appeal

1. That specification of error I not be sustained.
   However, if specification of error I is sustained, then AC 10 recommends that consideration of specifications II and III be deemed moot and that the appeal itself be sustained. Explanation: If the Assembly sustains this specification, thereby agreeing that disciplinary action should not have been instituted against Mr. Dodds, there is no need to consider the other specifications regarding the evidence brought against Mr. Dodds because there should not have been a trial.
2. That specification of error II not be sustained.
3. That specification of error III be sustained.

If specification of error III is sustained, then AC 10 recommends that the error not be considered of such importance as to require a reversal or modification of the judgment (BD VII.6).
102. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. Mr. Peppo, counsel on behalf of Mr. Dodds, was granted the privilege of the floor.

103. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation of Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted that without prejudice to future cases, Mr. Dodds be deemed the appellant in the case and, as such, the appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

104. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS. The procedural recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted.

105. PRESENTATIONS. The Moderator read the charge of the Book of Discipline IV. A.1. a. Mr. Peppo presented the case for the appellant. By general consent the order of the day was extended until 10:10 a.m. Mr. Mahlen presented the case for the Presbytery of Ohio.

106. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. It sang “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God” and Mr. Fullalove led in prayer.

107. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Bernard Westerveld, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church of Quebec, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. J. W. Stevenson led in prayer for the Reformed Church of Quebec.

108. PRESENTATIONS, QUESTIONS, AND FINAL REMARKS. Mr. Sallade presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 on sustaining the specifications of error. Following a time of questions, Mr. Mahlen presented concluding remarks for the Presbytery, and Mr. Peppo presented concluding remarks for the appellant.

109. RECOMMENDATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10. Mr. Sallade presented the recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to specification of error I (§101).

110. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.” Mr. J. Shishko read 1 Thessalonians 1, delivered a message entitled “Paul Said What?!?” and led in prayer.

111. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:06 p.m. after Mr. McCrory led in prayer.

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112. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The Assembly sang “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart.” Mr. York led in prayer.

113. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Kurt Vetterli, fraternal delegate of the Evangelical Reformed Church, Westminster Confession, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Emmrich led in prayer for the Evangelical Reformed Church, Westminster Confession.

114. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Keisuke Yoshioka, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in Japan, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Fesko led in prayer for the Reformed Church in Japan.
115. ACTION ON SPECIFICATIONS OF ERROR. Specifications of error 1 and 2 were not sustained. Specification of error 3 was sustained. The Moderator put the question whether the error should be considered of such importance as to require a reversal or modification of the judgment (BD VII.6). The Assembly voted in the negative, thus not requiring reversal or modification of the judgment.

116. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Appeal 2). Mr. Mallin presented the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see pp. 332–336), including the following recommendation: that the complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

117. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Appeal 2). Mr. Sallade presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to the appeal of a complaint of a session against the action of a sister session which received the covenant children of a transferring member without their authorization, as follows:

    The committee reviewed the supplementary material and chronology supplied by the Presbytery of Ohio. The committee heard from the Rev. Messrs. John Mallin and Scott Willet, members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, from Dr. James Gidley and the Rev. Brett Mahlen, members of the session of Grace OPC, and from the Rev. Jason Kirklin, representing the Presbytery of Ohio.

    With respect to the report and the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Appeal 2, the Advisory Committee is silent.

A. Procedural recommendation

    That, following the presentation of the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and Advisory Committee 10 regarding Appeal 2 and subsequent to the determination that the appeal is in order and properly before the Assembly, the following procedure be adopted for consideration of the appeal:

    1. Presentation by the appellant, for up to 15 minutes.
    2. Presentation by the Presbytery of Ohio, against whose judgment appeal is taken, for up to 15 minutes.
    3. Presentation by Advisory Committee 10 of any recommendations regarding the disposition of the complaint on appeal, for up to 10 minutes.
    4. Questions of clarification regarding the three preceding presentations, for up to 20 minutes.
    5. Final remarks by the Presbytery of Ohio, for up to 5 minutes.
    6. Final remarks by the appellant, for up to 5 minutes.
    7. Debate and action on the complaint on appeal.

B. Recommendations regarding the disposition of the appeal

    1. That grounds 6 and 7 of the complaint of the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, dated July 31, 2013, which contain allegations of sin, not be printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly.
    2. That the complaint on appeal be sustained.
    3. That the Assembly concur with the amends approved by the Presbytery of Ohio, in the following revised form:

        a. That the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church acknowledge its error with
respect to the membership of the ______ children and, as soon as possible, rescind its action in receiving the children as members of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

b. That the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church announce this rescission to the congregations of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

118. APPEAL 2 IN ORDER. The recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was presented: that the complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly (see §121).

119. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang “To God My Earnest Voice I Raise” and Mr. Swinburnson led in prayer.

120. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Michael McGee, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the United States, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. C. Muether led in prayer for the Reformed Church in the United States.

121. APPEAL 2 FOUND IN ORDER. The recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was moved: that the complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly (see §§ 117, 118). The following substitute was adopted as amended:

1. That the Grounds enumerated in the Complaint of the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, dated July 31, 2013, from the sustaining of which by the Presbytery of Ohio the appellant has appealed, be deemed severable, at least with regard to Grounds 6 and 7.

2. That Grounds 6 and 7 of the Complaint, which contain express allegations of sin, be found out of order (BD I.2.).

3. That the Complaint be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

122. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATION. The procedural recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted (§117).

123. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS. Mr. Gidley presented the case for the appellant. Mr. Kirklin presented the case for the Presbytery of Ohio. Representative of both parties responded to questions from commissioners. Mr. Kirklin presented closing remarks for the Presbytery of Ohio. Mr. Gidley presented closing remarks for the appellant.

124. ITEMS NOT TO BE PRINTED IN MINUTES. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted in the following amended form, that Grounds 6 and 7 of the complaint of the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, dated July 31, 2013, and requested amend 8.c., which contain allegations of sin, not be printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

125. COMPLAINT (Appeal 2) SUSTAINED. Advisory Committee 10 reported its recommendation that the complaint on appeal be sustained. The Moderator put the question, “Shall the complaint on appeal be sustained?” The complaint was sustained. During debate on the issue the order of the day was extended by general consent until the disposition of the pending question, but not later than 6:15 p.m.

126. AMENDS. Recommendation 3 was moved. On motion Recommendation 3 was
recommitted to Advisory Committee 10, and the Advisory Committee was requested to contemplate providing grounds for Recommendation 2.

127. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 6:17 p.m. after Mr. Pearce led in prayer.

At 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8, commissioners and members of area Orthodox Presbyterian Churches took part in a communion service held in the building of Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Ada, MI. The Rev. Messrs. Dale Van Dyke, Steve Igo, Glenn Jerrell, and James Mong led portions of the service. The Rev. John Currie delivered a message entitled “Fervent, Flexible, Faithful Ministry,” based on 1 Corinthians 9:19–23. The offering received during the service totaled $2,580.60, which the Moderator later designated for Worldwide Outreach ($139). 670 people were present for the service.

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128. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:31 a.m. The Assembly sang “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim.” Mr. McKenzie led in prayer.

129. FRATERNAL DELEGATE INTRODUCTION. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. Casey D. Freswick, fraternal delegate of the United Reformed Churches. On motion he was seated as a corresponding member.

130. BUBE SEATED AS COMMISSIONER. On motion Mr. Bube was seated as a commissioner. The Assistant Clerk reported that Mr. Tress had left the Assembly due to the serious illness of his mother-in-law, and that Mr. Bube was the first alternate ruling elder commissioner from the Presbytery of Philadelphia and had been appointed as its commissioner. The Moderator led in prayer for Mr. and Mrs. Tress and her mother.

131. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. The Rev. Casey D. Freswick, fraternal delegate of the United Reformed Churches, addressed the Assembly. Mr. Paterson led in prayer for the United Reformed Churches.

132. OVERTURE 1. Mr. Pluister presented the report of Advisory Committee 2 with respect to Overture 1 from the Presbytery of the Northwest as follows:

   The Advisory Committee met with the Rev. Messrs. Martin Emmrich, Randall Bergquist, Robert Van Kooten, representing the Presbytery of the Northwest, and John Mahaffy, upon his request. The advisory committee also met very briefly with Dr. Leonard Coppes, speaking for the Presbytery of the Dakotas concerning their communication in support of the Overture of the Presbytery of the Northwest.

   **Procedural Recommendation:**

   The Advisory Committee recommends that the Presbytery of the Northwest be allowed up to 30 minutes to present Overture 1.

   **Recommendation:**

   With respect to Overture 1 from the Presbytery of the Northwest (and Communication 6 from the Presbytery of the Dakotas), the Advisory Committee recommends that the 81st General Assembly:
1. Deny Overture 1.
2. Erect a committee of three presbyters and one alternate (all from outside the Presbytery of the Northwest) to be appointed by the Moderator of the 81st General Assembly to meet as soon as possible with the Presbytery of the Northwest and concerned parties within it to assist the presbytery in dealing with matters that divide it and to promote reconciliation, with a budget of $4000.

*Grounds:*
1. Discussion of the issue of the doctrine of republication is already taking place in several scholarly journals and other forums. The need for a General Assembly study committee at this time is not obvious.
2. It is not clear that appointing a study committee will promote the unity of the presbytery.
3. The overture requesting this 81st General Assembly to set up a study committee is vague, asking the Assembly to determine not only whether, but also “in which particular senses the concept of the Mosaic Covenant as a republication of the Adamic Covenant is consistent with the doctrinal system taught in the confessional standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.” The fact that the presbytery could not agree on the question it is asking evidences how much it is divided.

The procedural recommendation was adopted.

133. **PRESENTATION BY PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST.** Mr. Bergquist delivered a presentation in support of Overture 1 from the Presbytery of the Northwest.

134. **RECOMMENDATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2.** The Moderator read the text of Overture 1. Mr. Pluister presented the recommendation of Advisory Committee 2, that the Overture be denied.

135. **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF MINORITY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2.** Mr. Emmrich presented his report of the minority of the Advisory Committee as follows:

I. The undersigned recommends that the 81st GA adopt Overture 1 of the PNW.

*Grounds:*
1. PNW by its motion affirms that the erection of a study committee will help to address the theological problems that have arisen in our regional church.
2. The overture makes clear that the PNW believes that the church as a whole will benefit from the work & findings of the study committee.
3. PNW believes that it is at a stage where it needs to hear a voice of advice & guidance coming from outside the PNW.
4. Contrary to the assertions of AC 2 on p. 2 of its report, the PNW did in fact agree on the question it is asking [i.e., the one contained in the overture, established by the ordinary process of vote]. The open-ended form of the request is due to the division over the doctrinal points at issue. The appeal seeks to avoid limiting a committee’s field of inquiry to the extent of our Presbytery’s controversy, since the debate also affects the larger church. Nonetheless, it is on account of the theological controversy over republication that our Presbytery appeals to the GA with Overture 1.

II. The undersigned recommends that the 81st GA deny recommendation 2 of the Advisory
Committee 2.

Grounds:

1. A motion for the creation of such a visitation committee has already been made at the last stated meeting of the PNW. It was rejected and did not advance to the level of discussion on the floor of the Presbytery. The GA should respect the action of the PNW by not imposing a committee that has not yet been requested by the PNW.

2. The already existing special Study Committee of the PNW has been tasked with the explicit assignment to apply pastoral care for the healing of the body. We have seen significant progress, though much more will be needed. Yet since the PNW already called its own committee to attend to our internal problems, and since the Presbytery affirmed this calling in its most recent action not to appeal for outside help, the GA should refrain from erecting a second committee with the same objective. Our committee knows our problems, let us deal with them, and please give us ample time to do so.

3. Should the PNW come to a point at which it requests assistance it will surely signal the need.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Emmrich

The recommendation of the minority of Advisory Committee 2 was moved that the 81st General Assembly grant Overture 1 from the Presbytery of the Northwest.

136. QUESTIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Questions were asked of Advisory Committee 2.

137. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. It sang “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” and Mr. W. Montgomery led in prayer.

138. FRATERNAL INTRODUCTION AND ADDRESS. Mr. Sawyer introduced the Rev. J. Ligon Duncan, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. On motion he was seated as a corresponding member. He addressed the Assembly. Mr. J. Muether led in prayer for the Presbyterian Church in America.

139. OFFERING. The Moderator stated that the offering received at the Sunday evening worship service was designated for Worldwide Outreach.

140. STATEMENT OF THE QUESTION BEFORE THE BODY. The Moderator stated that the motion before the body is, “Shall the overture be granted?”

141. SUBSTITUTE. The following was moved as a substitute for the motion on the floor:

That the 81st (2014) General Assembly request its Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (CEIR) to recommend to the 40th (2014) Meeting of NAPARC that NAPARC call a Conference (NAPARC Bylaws V.3) on the Confessional Implications of Republication, to which the faculties of the several theological seminaries that are operated or commended by the Member Churches are invited to send speakers, and authorize the CEIR to accept, on behalf of the OPC, the designation as the Member Church responsible to convene such Conference (and appoint a chairman and secretary, etc.).
It was moved to refer the substitute to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

On motion it was determined to postpone definitely all matters pertaining to erecting a study committee until after the completion of action on Recommendation 2 (see §132).

142. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang “All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name.” Mr. Allison read Ephesians 4:17–21, delivered a message entitled “Truth As It Is in Jesus,” and led in prayer.

143. PRAYER FOR TRESS FAMILY. Mr. Sallade led in prayer for the Tress family, asking for God’s grace for them following the death of Mr. Tress’s mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Blocker.

144. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:10 p.m. after Mr. Wilkins led in prayer.

145. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The Assembly sang “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Mr. Terpstra led in prayer.

146. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2. Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 2 was moved.

147. COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST. The following was adopted, as amended, as a substitute for the recommendation of Advisory Committee 2:

That the Assembly erect a committee of three ministers and/or ruling elders as well as one alternate presbyter (all from outside the Presbytery of the Northwest) to be appointed by the Moderator of the 81st General Assembly to be available to assist the presbytery in dealing with matters that divide it; and that the committee, contingent upon receiving a request for such assistance from the Presbytery, begin as soon as possible to meet with the presbytery and with concerned parties in order to promote reconciliation; with a budget of $4,000.00.

At a later time the Moderator appointed ministers Bruce H. Hollister, Stephen J. Oharek, and Dale A. Van Dyke (convener), with Jonathan B. Falk, alternate.

148. OVERTURE 1. Debate resumed on Overture 1 (§141). The substitute motion was laid on the table.

149. DISCUSSION OF OVERTURE 1. The motion on the floor became that the Assembly grant Overture 1 and elect five men to the study committee with a budget of $6,000.

150. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 3:37 p.m. and sang “Let All Things Now Living.” Mr. Graves led in prayer.

151. HANEY SEATED AS COMMISSIONER. On motion Mr. Haney was seated as a commissioner in view of the departure of Mr. Williams from the Assembly.
152. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes for Thursday through Monday morning (§§ 15–144). They were approved as corrected.

153. ACTION ON OVERTURE. The Assembly determined to grant Overture 1 and to elect five men to the study committee with a budget of $6,000 (see §170).

154. LANDIS ASSUMED CHAIR. At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Landis assumed the chair.

155. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Psalter-Hymnal). Mr. Olinger presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education with respect to the Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee (pp. 209–220), including the recommendation that the 81st (2014) General Assembly approve the metrical psalms, psalm paraphrases, and psalm partials for the proposed psalter-hymnal as a package. On motion the Rev. Harry G. Zekveld, a member of the Psalter-Hymnal Committee from the United Reformed Churches, was seated as a corresponding member. Mr. Strange reported for the Psalter-Hymnal Committee.

156. QUESTIONS. Members of the Committee responded to questions from commissioners.

157. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Psalter-Hymnal). Mr. Pluister reported the silence of Advisory Committee 2 with respect to the recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education.

158. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted that the 81st (2014) General Assembly approve the metrical psalms, psalm paraphrases, and psalm partials for the proposed psalter-hymnal as a package.

159. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training. The following were nominated: Ministers: Troxel and David M. VanDrunen. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Nominations were opened for remaining members of the Committee on Christian Education. The following were nominated: Minister: Gregory E. Reynolds; Ruling elders: Jackson, W. King, Paul S. MacDonald (Topsham, ME), and McCrory. In the absence of other nominations Mr. Reynolds was declared elected. Messrs. Jackson and W. King were elected. Mr. Zekveld expressed thanks to the General Assembly. Mr. Pluister led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Christian Education.

160. MODERATOR RESUMED CHAIR. The Moderator resumed the chair.

161. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeal 2). Mr. Sallade presented the following report of Advisory Committee 10 concerning the matters referred to it as follows:

That the General Assembly request the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, in connection with his notification of the Presbytery of Ohio and the sessions of Grace OPC, Sewickley, PA, and Immanuel OPC, Moon Township, PA, regarding the disposition of the complaint on appeal, to convey the following observation of Advisory Committee 10: “The action against which complaint was made created a situation in which two sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would have a claim of “exclusive original jurisdiction” over the same individuals, a circumstance not allowed by our Form of Government (FG XII.2). The argument by the session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church that such action was justified by the exigent
and abnormal circumstances of this case was not persuasive to the Assembly, given the availability of other constitutional means to address the situation. This action of the Assembly does not address all aspects of this case nor all the actions of both sessions, but only the narrow constitutional issue before it.”

162. AMENDS (Appeal 2). The recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted as follows:
That the Assembly concur with the amends approved by the Presbytery of Ohio, in the following revised form:

a. That the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church acknowledge its error with respect to the membership of the _____ children and, as soon as possible, rescind its action in receiving the children as members of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

b. That the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church announce this rescission to the congregations of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

163. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:17 p.m. after Mr. Ganzevoort led in prayer.

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164. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The Assembly sang “My Anchor Holds.”

165. INTRODUCTION OF JOANN VANDENBURG. Mr. Olinger introduced Mrs. Joann Vandenburg, as follows: We have with us this evening a member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church from its beginning in 1936. A covenant child at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Lark, North Dakota, she attended with her parents the last sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. Gresham Machen at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Leith, North Dakota, on the Lord’s Day of December 27, 1936. As an adult member of Lark Church, and then as a member of Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Carson, North Dakota, she opened her home to presbyters of the Presbytery of the Dakotas for decades, the men welcomed to sleep on one of the eight extra beds for them in the basement. Now here in Grand Rapids and a member of Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church, her service to the church continues.

The Assembly gave her a standing ovation. Mr. Duff led in prayer for her, and for the Assembly as it reconvened.

166. PRAYER. After the Moderator was granted general consent for the handling in the Minutes of sensitive material in Appeal 2, Mr. Sallade led in prayer for parties in both appeals.

167. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the class of 2017. Messrs. Stuart R. Jones and Scott S. Willet were nominated. Mr. Willet was elected. Nominations were opened for the alternate to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints. Messrs. Allison, Jones, and Pontier were nominated. Mr. Jones was elected.

168. PRESbyterIAL RECORDS. Mr. Pontier presented the report of the Committee as follows:

1. That the responses of the following presbyteries to the exceptions taken by the 80th
General Assembly be deemed sufficient:
   a. Central United States
   b. Michigan and Ontario
   c. Mid-Atlantic
   d. Midwest
   e. New York and New England
   f. Northern California and Nevada (The Presbytery expects to find the necessary information soon and send a response to the last exception taken by the 80th General Assembly.)
   g. Ohio
   h. South
   i. Southeast
   j. Southern California

2. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania through page 92 be approved with the single notation listed by the Committee and without exception.

3. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Central United States be approved through page 13–13 with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exception:
   a. Page 13–5. There is no explanation of the change in location of the meeting. (Rule 4)

4. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York be approved through page 2014–04 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

5. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas be approved through page 2013–17 with the single notation listed by the Committee and without exception.

6. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario be approved through page 541 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

7. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved through page 94 with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exception:
   a. Page 70. The minutes of the September 21, 2013 stated meeting are missing from the book. (Rule 14)

8. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved through page 196 without exception and without notation.

9. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved through page 312 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

10. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved through page 30 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

11. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada be approved through page 62 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

12. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Northwest be approved through page 160 without exception and without notation.

13. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved through page 65 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

14. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved through page 1085 with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exception:
   a. Page 1040, 13.a., page 1053, 14.b, and page 1083, 13.a. The motions to approve the examinations of six men are not recorded. (Rule 13)

15. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the South be approved through page 677 without notation and with the following exception:
   a. Page 666, paragraph 4. The Presbytery did not follow BD VI, A.1–2 in
pronouncing the censure.

16. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved through page 167 with the single notation listed by the Committee and with the following exception:

   a. Page 98, paragraph 23.a.xi. The minutes do not record whether hospitalization insurance is to be provided from any source. (Rule 12.c)

17. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California be approved through page 646 with the notations listed by the Committee and without exception.

18. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest be approved through page 41 with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exception:

   a. The minutes were not in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Assembly by the deadline. (Rule 19)

Recommendations 1–18, with the exception of 13, were moved as a whole and were adopted.

Recommendation 13 was adopted in the following amended form:

13. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved through page 65 with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exceptions:

Page 58. The minutes do not contain the Charges and Specifications adopted by the Presbytery against a minister. Contra BD IV, 2.b.(1) which states that the minutes shall not omit them.

Page 60. The Charges and Specifications (referred to on page 58 as “Appendix A”) are not accompanied by the names of witnesses and titles of documents to be produced in support of the specifications. Contra BD III. 3.(c) which states that these things must accompany the specification.

Page 64, item 8. The minutes do not preserve a complete record of the trial proceedings in that there is no record of any particular evidence being presented to the trial judicatory, whether documentary or from witnesses. Contra BD IV 2b.

Page 64, item 9. At the beginning of the session of the trial judicatory beginning after the lunch recess there is no record of the roll of members present or the reading of the required admonition. Contra BD IV 1.a. and BD IV 2.a.

Mr. Pontier prayed for the clerks of presbyteries.

169. STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. Mr. Van Kooten presented the report of the Committee as follows:

The Temporary Committee to examine Standing Committee Records met with representatives of the various committees before presenting any exceptions to their records. We give thanks to God for the careful labors of the clerks of the various committees, and commend the committees for their diligence in maintaining good records.

Recommendations:

1. That the following committee minutes be approved without exception and without notations:
   - Committee on Christian Education
   - Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
   - Committee on Appeals and Complaints

2. That the following committee minutes be approved without exception and with notations:
   - Committee on Foreign Missions
   - Committee for the Historian
Trustees
Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Committee on Arrangements

3. That the following committee minutes be approved with one exception and with notations:
   Committee on Pensions
      Rule 18: Minutes are not signed on page 713, line 16, or page 714, line 7 (two instances of a single exception).
   Committee on Coordination
      Rule 6: On page 495, there is no record of selection of the secretary pro-tem.
   Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
      Rule 23: On page 108, the committee requests the chairman to compose a response to the exception of the 80th General Assembly. (Rule 23 requires that the committee note in their minutes “the corrections or explanations adopted by the standing committee” to rectify the exception).

4. That the following committee minutes be approved with two exceptions and with notations:
   Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
      Rule 1: Page 127 is missing (pagination error).
      Rule 14: On page 129, line 14, there is no reference to the previous action of the committee establishing a temporary committee.

5. That the responses of the committees to the exceptions taken by the 80th General Assembly be deemed satisfactory.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted. Mr. Van Kooten prayed for the work of the committees.

170. ELECTION OF STUDY COMMITTEE. Nominations were opened for the Committee to Study Republication (cf. §153). The following were nominated: Messrs. Cotta, Curto, Estelle, Douglas A. Felch, Fesko, Graves, Mahlen, Ryan M. McGraw, Monaghan, Stephen J. Oharek, Ramsey, Swinburnson, Tipton, Troxel, Van Dixhoorn, and Wallace. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Estelle, Swinburnson, Tipton, Troxel, and Van Dixhoorn, with Mr. Tipton convener.

171. CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. Mr. Needham presented the report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel (pp. 338–343), including the following understanding: that the 81st General Assembly will implement the change to Standing Rule: X.2.j, namely: “The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel shall consist of six members arranged in three classes of two members each” (see §26).

Mr. Cook reported on his hospital chaplaincy ministry. Mr. Rebandt reported on his ministry as a police chaplain. Mr. Coie reported on matters relating to the Chaplains Commission. Mr. Needham reported the retirement of Chaplains Jack K. Unangst and Christopher H. Wisdom.

172. MANUAL CHANGE REQUEST. On motion the Assembly determined to request the Chaplain’s Committee to seek a change in the Policy and Guidance Handbook, III. C. Denominational Contributions, to replace “as of 01 January of the year due” with “as of 01 January of the budgeting year of the denomination.”
173. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7. Mr. Picknally presented the report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel as follows:

Advisory Committee 7 met with Mr. Coie and Mr. Needham, representatives of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel. Questions were asked of these men. Advisory Committee 7 is silent in regard to the report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

Recommendations:
A. Due to a $1000 underpayment in 2014 PRCC denominational contribution, we recommend that the $7,500 denominational contribution made in 2014 for PRCC be increased by $1,000 making the total 2014 contribution $8,500.

Grounds:
1. An undercounting of chaplains in 2013 (one chaplain was missed in the counting)
2. An additional chaplain in 2014 (one chaplain was added)

B. We note that neither Mr. Coie nor Mr. Needham is prepared to serve another three-year term. However, both are willing to serve shorter terms in order to transition their responsibilities. Therefore, we recommend that elections be held in the following order of classes: 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Recommendation 1 was declared moot in view of adjustments made in the General Assembly Operating Fund. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

174. BERGDAHL STATEMENT. On motion the following statement as amended was added to the report and included in the Minutes:

In the wise providence of our Sovereign LORD, we acknowledge thankfully, the 31 May release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl USA from Taliban captivity; and that he is in the custody of the United States Army.

Consequently, for those who ask how to pray, we suggest the following, or similar petitions.
• For grace to resist the temptation to rush to judgment, in the absence of sufficient information.
• Thanks to God for the release of Bowe.
• For Bowe’s recovery from any and all ill effects arising from his captivity, with healing as well for his family members.
• That truth will triumph and justice will be done.
• That, in the months to come, it might please our Lord Jesus to use the events of the past five years to draw Bowe and his family increasingly closer to Himself and give them His peace.

175. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED. On motion the order of the day was extended until the earlier of the completion of business or 10:00 p.m.

176. COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS ELECTION. Nominations were opened for the class of 2015. Mr. Needham was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. Nominations were opened for the class of 2016. Mr. Coie was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. The floor was opened for nominations for the class of 2017. Paul T. Berghaus, (CH, MAJ, USA), CAPT. Michael Jennings (CAPT, USN, Ret.) (San Marcos, CA), and Mark Rogers, (Col. USMC, Ret.) (Sterling, VA), were nominated. Messrs. Jennings and Rogers were elected.

Mr. W. Shishko expressed the appreciation of the church for Mr. Needham’s service on the
Committee.

177. MACDONALD RESOLUTION. The Assembly adopted the following:

Whereas Mr. Paul S. MacDonald has served faithfully on the Committee on Christian Education for forty-two years (1972–2014), and

Whereas Mr. MacDonald has served faithfully on the Board of Trustees for Great Commission Publications for thirty-three years (1980–2014), the longest continuous service in the history of the joint venture,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 81st General Assembly offer our thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for the gift of Mr. Paul S. MacDonald, who with humble dedication performed extraordinary service to the Committee on Christian Education and Great Commission Publications and to the entire Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and to Jesus Christ, the only Head of the Church, who in His sovereignty has employed His servant for the good of His kingdom.

178. ARRANGEMENTS. Mr. Haney presented the following recommendations for the Committee on Arrangements, which were adopted on separate motions:

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, with the exception that the cap for those traveling from east of the Mississippi is $450.00 and for those traveling from west of the Mississippi is $550.00.
   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 $0.20 per mile for the next 1000 miles and thereafter $0.05 per mile, plus $0.10 per mile for each person 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 $0.10 per mile.

2. That Robert M. Van Manen be excused from the Thursday evening session June 5, 2014, to attend the graduation ceremony of a member of his congregation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) without loss of travel compensation.

3. That Dan Sandbulte be excused from the Monday evening session June 9, 2014, for personal reasons (Standing Rule XII.5.a) without loss of travel compensation.

4. That Jack Sawyer be excused from the afternoon and evening session, Monday, June 9, 2014, and the morning session of Tuesday, June 10, 2014 to attend the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod (Standing Rule XII.5.a) without loss of travel compensation.

5. That Mark Williams be excused from Monday, June 9, 2014, and Tuesday, June 10, 2014, sessions for employment reasons (Standing Rule XII.5.a) without loss of travel compensation.


7. That the 82nd General Assembly be held at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, beginning on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., with a terminus no later than 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

NOTE: The COA anticipates holding the 83rd General Assembly at Sandy Cove Conference Center, North East, Maryland, on June 8, 2016.

8. That the Assembly request the session of Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minnesota to assume responsibility for a worship service on Sunday evening of the 82nd General Assembly.
9. That the General Assembly remind presbyteries and committees to notify the Stated Clerk of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of commissioners to the 82nd General Assembly by March 1, 2015, (Standing Rule X.2.h.3) and that the Committee on Arrangements intends to be less flexible in its application of the rules for travel compensation in the future. If you know, or even suspect that you will be unable to be present for the whole assembly, please do not seek to be a commissioner to that assembly. Excuses are to be used for unforeseen emergencies. Also, when making air travel arrangements you must arrive and depart within the announced time frame, or discuss your travel arrangements with a COA member before booking your travel.

If you don’t follow these rules and you request an excuse, we will recommend a loss of travel compensation so that you will receive not more than half the amount to which you would otherwise be entitled. (Standing Rule XII.5.a)

10. That the General Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 2015 at the rate of $12.00 per communicant member.

11. That if the Assembly adopts the recommendation of the CEIR concerning communication 9, that the assembly be held at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in 2018.

179. **URCNA INVITATION.** On motion the following was adopted without dissent:
That the 81st (2014) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

a. Express its thanksgiving to the Lord for the kind and gracious invitation of Synod Visalia 2014 of the United Reformed Churches in North America to hold its 2016 General Assembly concurrently and contiguously with the next Synod of the URCNA (in 2016);

b. Respond that the General Assembly would be delighted to accept that invitation, but to suggest that those concurrent and contiguous assemblies be held in 2018, instead of 2016 as originally proposed;

c. Should the 2018 date be agreeable with our URCNA brethren, that the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (CEIR—in consultation with the Committee on Arrangements) be requested to work with the URCNA’s Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Church Unity (CERCU—and, when known, the convening consistory of Synod 2018) to make the necessary arrangements.

The Committee on Arrangements reported that it anticipates Wheaton College as the venue for a concurrent meeting.

180. **ARRANGEMENTS FINANCIAL REPORT.** Mr. Haney presented the following financial report for the Committee on Arrangements:

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181. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED. On motion the order of the day was extended until 10:30 p.m. or the completion of business.

182. ARRANGEMENTS ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the class of 2017. By general consent the standing rules were suspended to allow the election of an alternate. Messrs. Tress, A. Montgomery, the Rev. Jonathan E. Hutchison, and David Mahaffy (Garland, TX) were nominated. Messrs. Mahaffy and Tress were elected and Mr. Montgomery was elected alternate.

183. GRACE MULLEN RESOLUTION. The Assembly adopted the following:

The 81st GA of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church hereby resolves to communicate the following to Miss Grace Mullen: The 81st General Assembly takes this opportunity to greet you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and to assure you of our love and prayers. We thank God for your life and the many ways your gentle, quiet, and faithful service has enriched the life of our denomination. Your service in the Montgomery Library at Westminster Seminary has led to the establishment of a denominational archives, in a facility named, to the glory of God, in your honor. Your loving, cheerful, and loyal friendship and service have prompted many in the OPC to esteem you highly in Christian love.

In the light of your declining health, we pray that you will find comfort in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives eternal hope to the living and eternal life to the dying.

184. GAOF. The following General Assembly Operating Fund Budget was adopted (see §31):

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### NOTES

¹ This budget is based on $20 per communicant member.

² 2013 Actual includes payment for extra hours worked in 2012.

³ Included in previous line for 2011–15

⁴ The actual for 2013 shows the cost of Minutes Printing/Distribution for the 79th GA and the entire production cost for the Minutes of the 80th GA.

⁵ For 2013 and following this amount is included in the CEIR line item.

⁶ The 2012 assessment was paid in January 2013.

⁷ Beginning with the 2015 budget the assessment also includes endorsed civilian chaplains.

⁸ For 2013 and following this includes what was formerly in the Fraternal Delegates line item.

#### 185. RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Mr. Jackson presented the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

We, the commissioners of the 81st General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Kuyper College community which hosted us during our stay in Grand Rapids.

We are grateful to Mr. Eric Roosma, the facilities and safety director of the college, for his attention to our needs and working so well with our committee on arrangements.

We thank the kitchen staff of Chef Jeff Bettig, Michelle Walsh, Lars Norell, and Karen Salyer, and the kind and pleasant student servers of all the meals and snacks which we enjoyed daily.

We give thanks to our Lord for the faithful service of the pages. They worked tirelessly to assist the clerks by handing out the multiple papers we needed. These young folk were Jonathan Moore, Bethany, Jacob, Joshua, and Rachel Stevenson, Nadia and Ivan Picknally, Fredrick and Lucius Noe. It was our joy to see our covenant children laboring with such joy...
and diligence.

We are grateful for the photography done by Mrs. Jim Stevenson and her daughters throughout the assembly for New Horizons and OPC.ORG publication.

We are grateful for the efforts of the Committee on Arrangements, including Mr. Ed Tress, Mr. David Haney, Mr. Robert Tarullo, and Mr. George Cottenden, all of whom worked tirelessly through the Assembly for our good. Likewise, we are thankful to our clerks, initially Mr. George Cottenden, and then Mr. Ross Graham, and the assistant clerk, Mr. John Mahaffy.

We thank our Lord and God for the work of our moderator, Dr. A. Craig Troxel. He was gentle and self-effacing often and enabled many of us to relax in tense moments. Dr. Troxel allowed us to run quickly when the ground was smooth and flat, yet steered us well when the road became rough, narrow, and steep. For his efforts, we thank God for his service.

Finally, our most sincere thanks goes out to the Grand Rapids area OPC congregations, including Redeemer OPC, for their all hands on deck approach which resulted in a truly blessed and glorious worship service on Sunday evening.

Well done to our faithful fellow servants and thank you for all you did for us.

186. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk read the Minutes from §145 to this point, which were corrected.

187. MINUTES AS A WHOLE APPROVED. By general consent the Minutes as a whole were approved as corrected.

188. DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY. By general consent the Assembly was dissolved. The Moderator led in prayer. Mr. Troxel made the following declaration: “By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the church, let this General Assembly be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it, and require another general assembly, chosen in the same manner, to meet at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, beginning on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.” The Assembly sang the Doxology. Mr. Troxel pronounced the Apostolic Benediction. The 81st General Assembly was dissolved at 10:22 p.m., June 9, 2014.
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OVERTURES

Overture 1

Presbytery of the Northwest

The Presbytery of the Northwest respectfully overtures the 81st General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to establish a study committee to examine and give its advice as to whether and in which particular senses the concept of the Mosaic Covenant as a republication of the Adamic Covenant is consistent with the doctrinal system taught in the confessional standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Grounds:

[1] There is conflict over this issue among the teaching and ruling elders of the church, sufficiently serious and pervasive to injure the unity and peace of the whole body.
[2] A resolution over this doctrinal question, rendered in accord with the General Assembly’s constitutional power as defined in the Form of Government XV.6, will help to negotiate disagreements, maintain unity, and advance the gospel testimony of the whole church.

Donald M. Poundstone
Stated Clerk

Overture 2

Presbytery of Ohio

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I am writing to communicate to you the following motion adopted at the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio on March 15, 2014.

That in view of the intention of the Reformed Church in Japan (announced at its General Assembly in October 2013), to amend the RCJ form of government so as to allow women into the offices of ruling elder and minister, on motion the Presbytery of Ohio overtures the General Assembly (OPC) to send a letter to the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan urging them to defeat the proposal.

We request that such letter be sent before the October 2014 General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan. Please let me know if there is anything else you need for this overture to be properly in order before the June 2014 GA.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Christ’s Service,
Ken B. Montgomery
Stated Clerk
COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1

Presbytery of New Jersey
October 16, 2013

Dear Rev. Cottenden,

Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus.

At its September 28, 2013 stated meeting the Presbytery of New Jersey requested the PNJ Stated Clerk to express its thanks for the work of the Visitation Committee to New Jersey which was erected by the action of the 77th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to help sort out a number of PNJ actions that had been appealed to that assembly as well as the 76th General Assembly.

The GA Visitation Committee (GAVC)—comprised of Rev. Larry J. Westerveld (POP), Rev. John Van Meerbeke (PCP), Elder Christian H. Walmer II (Calvary OPC, Middletown, PA), and Rev. Robert E. Tarullo, (PCT & SNY)—spent three years working within the bounds of the PNJ. It collected over 1,000 pages of documentation from all parties involved, held multiple personal meetings with each, and provided wise counsel to the Presbytery during the eleven consecutive stated meetings it attended. The comprehensive and thoughtful motions the GAVC recommended were, with very few amendments, adopted by overwhelming majorities.

The marvelous grace of our loving Lord was evident when the governing body of the Regional Church of New Jersey, via the personal plea made by its moderator, requested forgiveness of the offended parties. The expressions of their forgivingness were subsequently recorded in the presbytery minutes.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” (Col. 3:16–17, ESV)

Thank you for showing love to the PNJ by erecting a committee and by choosing the gracious and gifted members to the Committee who were so well suited for the task.

To the men of the Visitation Committee – Thank you!

In Christ,
Jon W. Stevenson
Stated Clerk

Communication 2

The Reformed Churches of South Africa
February 15, 2014
Dear brother George,

Thank you for the friendly invitation to your 81st General Assembly in June 2014. The GKSA try to send delegates every three years to the General Assemblies of churches with which we have ecumenical ties. It will therefore not be possible for us to send delegates to you assembly this year.

Our ties with OPC are very important to us. We pray that our Lord may bless your meeting and that He will guide you by his Word and Spirit.

Greetings in our Lord

Dr. Douw G. Breed, Chairman
Ecumenicity Committee
Reformed Churches of South Africa

**Communication 3**

Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
March 5, 2014

Thank you most sincerely for the invitation to send a representative to the forthcoming 81st General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

We regret that on this occasion we are unable, because of the location of the General Assembly, to send a representative.

We nonetheless send our prayerful good wishes to the 81st General Assembly and assure the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of our deep appreciation of their help over the past fourteen years.

Warm Christian regards
John MacLeod
Principal Clerk of Assembly

At Inverness and within Greyfriars Free Church (Westhill) on Tuesday 4th March 2014 the Ecumenical Relations Committee of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) met and was constituted.

Inter Alia:
The Committee took up consideration of a letter inviting a representative to attend the forthcoming OPC General Assembly meeting in Grand Rapids June 4th–10th 2014. It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Clerk send to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church a letter expressing the prayerful good wishes of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), thanking the Assembly for the invitation to send a representative, but expressing regret that on this occasion the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) are unable to arrange for a representative to be present in person.
Dear brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your kind invitation for a delegation of our churches to attend the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in June this year.

We are not in a position to send delegates to your General Assembly this year, though we look forward to the possibility of hosting delegates from your churches at our Synod in September in Christchurch.

We extend Christian greetings to you on behalf of our churches and we thank the Lord that we as federations of churches are able to continue in a sister-church relationship. We pray that the Lord will bless you as churches as you continue to bear witness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus in an increasingly secular society. We also pray that He bless the preparations for the upcoming General Assembly and that He will give you much wisdom as you prepare to deal with the various issues before you in a way that pleases the Lord and builds His church.

As you are aware we are in the process of collecting information for our new yearbook and once complete will forward a copy to the office of the Stated Clerk.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

On behalf of the Interchurch Relations Committee,
Yours in Christ,
Pieter van de Wel
Convenor

Communication 5

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
Business of Synod Committee
March 12, 2014

Dear Mr. Cottenden,

Thank you for the letter of invitation to visit the Annual Assembly meeting of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. With this letter I send you greetings on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland as we will not be sending a delegate in person. Our own Synod
meets the following week and makes the timing rather difficult.

We rejoice in God’s faithfulness in our own work where there has been blessing in different ways over the past few years. This year we will have eight students graduate from the Reformed Theological College. This number of men preparing for ministry and Mission has been an answer to prayer and we find that the number of Congregations without settled pastors has declined. Indeed we wonder where all these men might be settled; however it is exciting to see how God opens opportunities for new ministry in Ireland and beyond.

We give thanks to God for every blessing he bestows upon our churches and pray for your continuing work in America. Please convey the greetings and prayerful good wishes of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland to your Assembly. We continue to pray with you that the Kingdom of God will be built and that our gracious Lord will yet call many to saving faith in Jesus Christ our King and Head. We pray that your meetings will prove of benefit and be spiritually uplifting for all.

May God bless you in all the work of His kingdom and may the name of Jesus Christ be lifted up and magnified.

Yours in Christ,
Edward McCollum
Clerk of Synod

Communication 6

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Office of the Stated Clerk
April 17, 2014

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

The Presbytery of the Dakotas concurs with the overture from the Presbytery of the Northwest to the Eighty-first General Assembly.

Yours in Christ,
Archibald A. Allison
Stated Clerk

Communication 7

Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
Foreign Relations Committee
Zeewolde, May 12, 2014

To the General Assembly
Of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear brothers,
Greetings to you in the Name of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! Thank you very much for inviting us to attend your General Assembly. Since the undersigned has been appointed as representative for North America, it is my duty and privilege to visit your assembly. Last year we met your delegates in Cardiff at the ICRC conference. This was a great pleasure. My plans are to visit your Assembly next year, in 2015, the Lord willing.

May the King of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you richly with all spiritual blessings as you are striving to be faithful to Him and His Word. May the Lord bless your Synodical meetings.

As an appendix I send you the main decisions of our General Synod held in 2013. I trust this will give you an update on the latest developments within our churches. Please contact me, if you have further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the Foreign Relations Committee
Of the Christian Reformed Churches in The Netherlands (CGKN)
Rev. J. W. Wullschleger

Appendix

Main decisions of the General Synod of the CGKN 2013

I. Theological training
The Synod approved the effort to establish a broader theological institution. This institution is to be supported by broad orthodox-protestant grass-roots. Its reformed identity needs to be secured. If this becomes a reality, our own theological seminary will be relegated to this intitute.

II. Foreign Missions
The Synod gave instructions to reflect on the specific approach of mission work in Europe, and to translate this into a concrete course of action.

III. Homosexuality
The Synod adopted a study report containing a vision document and a pastoral guide with regard to homosexuality and homosexual relations. On the basis of this report the Synod issued the following statement:

1. The General synod acknowledges that in the past the Christian Reformed Churches failed in providing a specific pastoral approach in dealing with homosexuality and homosexual relations;

2. Within the church of Christ, members with a homosexual orientation have the same position as other members; their orientation has no bearing on this. They are full-fledged and equal members of the congregation, share in the mutual care and a3. Sexual intercourse between persons of the same gender and relations in which that intercourse takes shape, are not in harmony with the Word of God and thus they must be identified as sin. In doing this, the church has to follow the path of ecclesiastical admonition in conformity with Scripture, confession and church order;
4. The application of this Biblical speaking with regard to homosexuality and homosexual relations in preaching, catechizing and pastoral care needs to take place with the mind of Christ. The report will be available in English on our website www.cgk.nl within the next few months.

IV. Unity at home
The Synod gave a new stimulus to the local congregations to seek ecclesiastical unity with other churches of reformed persuasion. The possibility to invite Reformed ministers from other churches to our pulpits has been enlarged. A number of concerns and points of attention were formulated with regard to the denomination-wide discussions with the Dutch Reformed Churches (a split-off in 1969 from the Liberated Churches) and the Reformed Churches Liberated.

V. Foreign Relations
The Synod decided to offer a relationship of limited correspondence to the Heritage Reformed Churches (HRC) in North America and full correspondence to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW).

**Communication 8**

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2 Barronstown Court
Dromore BT25 1FB
Northern Ireland

May 15, 2014

Dear Brother Cottenden,

I write on behalf of the Presbytery of the above church to extend our warm greetings to the 81st General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

As you are aware it was our intention to have a delegate attend the Assembly this year but plans did not work out. We have appreciated the close relationship between our two churches and were delighted to have had Rev. Jack Sawyer and Mr. Mark Bube pay a visit to Northern Ireland last September.

We welcomed Prof. Carl Trueman to our Office Bearers’ conference in March 2013 and look forward to his return in June 2014.

We wish you God’s blessing for an enriching and profitable Assembly and pray that the work and witness of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church may continue to earnestly contend for the faith.

With warm Christian Greetings,
Harold Gibson
Clerk of Presbytery
Communication 9

Office of the Stated Clerk
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June 5, 2014

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At Synod Nyack 2012, we were pleased to accept your invitation to “work with you to produce a Psalter-Hymnal for use in a wide range of confessional Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.” We have seen God’s blessing upon that decision and upon the work of the committees.

At Synod Visalia 2014, which is currently in session, we received the Psalm Proposal from those committees. The recommendation from the committee was “that synod adopt the submitted Psalm Proposal to be the psalter portion of the new songbook.” That motion was adopted without dissent. To celebrate the blessing of God in this work, we also adopted the following recommendation:

“That the next Synod be held in June 2016 and that we invite the OPC to hold its 2016 General assembly concurrently and contiguously with the next Synod of the URCNA. Grounds:
   a. This would express our unity as sister churches in Christ.
   b. This will be an expression of our appreciation for their invitation to join them in the production of a new songbook.
   c. This would allow an opportunity to hold a joint discussion on the songbook should both assemblies desire to do so.”

We have encouraged the convening consistory of Synod 2016 to work in association with our Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Church Unity to make arrangements with your Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations for such a meeting.

We rejoice in God’s blessing and faithfulness to his people in allowing the work of the committee to be so fruitful. We have been singing the proposed songs as part of our devotions during our current synod. We pray and trust that you will be as blessed as we have been in singing the songs of Zion.

We pray that the Lord will bless the work of your assembly and we look forward to the opportunity to meet as brothers in the Lord in two years, to receive the final work of our committees and to praise God for his goodness to us together.

In His Service,
Rev. Bradd L. Nymeyer
Stated Clerk
United Reformed Churches in North America
APPEALS

Appeal 1

To George R. Cottenden, Clerk of the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this 12th day of March, A.D. 2014, comes the Rev. Bradley M. Peppo and appeals from the judgment of The Presbytery of Ohio in the case of the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds, and in support of said appeal sets forth the following specifications of error:

I. The Presbytery of Ohio of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church erred in instituting and continuing disciplinary action against Rev. Dodds after he had informed the Presbytery that he desired to renounce the jurisdiction of the OPC by declaring himself an independent minister of the Gospel, had abandoned his ministry in the OPC, had joined himself to another body, and after the Presbytery had determined that it had failed to dissuade him from his course.

A. On July 21, 2013, Rev. Dodds tendered his pastoral resignation from Covenant OPC and renounced the jurisdiction of the OPC by declaring himself an independent minister of the gospel. On July 22, he left his ministry at Covenant OPC and accepted a call to be the pastor of an independent Reformed church. On the same day, he informed Presbytery of his actions and indicated that he had taken these steps in conformity with Book of Discipline V:2.b.(1).

B. BD V:2b(1) provides: When a minister, whether or not he be charged with an offense, informs the presbytery that he desires to renounce the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church by abandoning his ministry and membership therein, or by declaring himself independent, or by joining another body without a regular dismission, the presbytery shall seek to dissuade him from his course, and, if these efforts fail, it shall erase his name from its roll and record the circumstances in its minutes unless the presbytery institutes or continues disciplinary action.

C. At its 2013 stated fall meeting, the Presbytery formed a committee to draft charges against Rev. Dodds and to report its findings to Presbytery. At a special meeting, on November 8, 2013, the committee presented its charges and recommended that the Presbytery institute formal judicial process. Presbytery determined that it had failed to dissuade Rev. Dodds from his course and proceeded to institute disciplinary action against him.

D. On December 14, 2013, at the first session of the second meeting of the trial, counsel for Rev. Dodds moved the judicatory to dismiss the charges against him for lack of jurisdiction. It was argued that all the elements for mandatory erasure per BD V:2.b.1 had been satisfied and that the final clause of that provision, “unless the presbytery institutes or continues disciplinary action,” was an insufficient basis for continuing to exercise jurisdiction in the case.

1. Drawing on the opinions of two denominational experts in the Book of Discipline, counsel reviewed the history of the clause, explaining that originally erasure had been the only option available in the case of a renouncing minister and that the final
clause had been added by later amendment.

2. Counsel explained that the clause was contrary to the original purpose of the provision, which was to protect ministers from the kinds of show trials with which departing ministers had been persecuted by the mainline churches in the Machen era.

3. Counsel also explained that the added clause was inconsistent with the principles of jurisdiction evident in the parallel provisions for erasing non-minister members, which continue to make erasure mandatory whenever a departing member has joined himself to another church body.

4. The absence of a similar requirement in the provision regarding departing ministers, counsel argued, was the result of an oversight, and consequently, the final clause should not be used as the basis for instituting disciplinary action against a minister after he has renounced the jurisdiction of the OPC and joined himself to another church body.

5. Counsel also argued that an interpretation of the final clause which would allow a judicatory to institute disciplinary proceedings against a minister after he had renounced the jurisdiction of the Church and joined another body might expose the judicatory to serious civil legal liability.

E. Presbytery denied counsel’s motion to dismiss the charges for lack of jurisdiction. In so doing, it erred.

II. The Presbytery erred in finding Rev. Dodds’ absence from Covenant OPC after the resignation of his pastorate and renunciation of the jurisdiction of the OPC sufficient to support charges of dereliction of his duty as a pastor and of disrupting the peace and unity of the church.

A. Presbytery’s charge of “dereliction of duty as a pastor” was expressly based upon the notion that a minister who desires to renounce the jurisdiction of the OPC by abandoning his ministry therein, by declaring himself independent, or by joining another body without a regular demission is required to remain in his pastorate until he has followed the procedures of Form of Government XXIV.4 and has received permission of his presbytery to resign. This claim was made in the original committee report and throughout the course of the trial. Furthermore, Rev. Dodds’ continued absence from Covenant OPC following his renunciation was repeatedly set forth as the key piece of evidence against him.

B. Counsel for Rev. Dodds explained at trial that the provisions of FG XXIV.4 apply only to those men who desire to remain ministers in the OPC and members of their presbyteries and that no such procedures are either required by or even reasonably consistent with the provisions of BD V:2.b.(1) which govern ministers who desire to renounce the jurisdiction of the OPC. Counsel further argued that failure to follow the requirements of an inapplicable and incompatible section of the FG could not reasonably serve as the basis for charges of dereliction of duty.

C. Furthermore, counsel presented evidence that for the year leading up to his resignation,
there had been a bitter dispute related to a case of domestic abuse within the church which had already seriously disturbed the church’s peace and unity. A letter from Rev. Dodds and from the session of his newly formed church was also read at trial in which it was explained that, whether rightly or wrongly, Rev. Dodds had believed that leaving the church would be the best way to help restore the her peace and unity. No evidence was presented to the contrary or to indicate how Rev. Dodds’ absence had further contributed to the disruption of the peace and unity of the church.

D. Nevertheless, presbytery found Rev. Dodds’ absence from Covenant OPC sufficient to support the charges of dereliction of duty as a pastor and disrupting the peace and unity of the church. It erred in so finding.

III. The Presbytery erred in finding the evidence of Rev. Dodds’ alleged complicity “in the planning and formation of an independent church” and of his alleged failure “to seek to dissuade said action” sufficient to sustain charges of dereliction of duty and of disrupting the peace and unity of the church.

A. Presbytery presented no witnesses at trial to testify to this or to any other specification or charge. The only piece of non-circumstantial evidence offered in support of this specification was an email relating a third party’s account that Rev. Dodds had been informed that some members of Covenant were planning a new work. Not even in this account was it stated how Rev. Dodds’ responded to being so informed.

B. Furthermore, this same account indicated that the planning of the new work had been taking place for some time without Rev. Dodds’ knowledge and that he had only been made aware of the plan after he had informed one of the members that he had already decided to resign.

C. Beyond the hearsay evidence, the only support for the specification of complicity was the circumstantial evidence that Rev. Dodds had announced his reception of the call from the new work on the day after his resignation from Covenant.

D. Counsel produced evidence that the members of Covenant who had been planning the work were leaving Covenant for reasons of conscience related to the dispute that had already disrupted the peace and unity of the church and that Rev. Dodds was troubled by the same issues of conscience. No evidence was presented to indicate how either the separation or the formation of the independent church had further contributed to the disruption of the peace and unity of the church.

E. Presbytery, nevertheless, found the evidence sufficient to sustain the specification and to support the charges based upon it. It erred in so doing.

Rev. Bradley M. Peppo, Appellant
Appointed Counsel for Rev. Dodds
Date: 3/11/2014

I have authorized this appeal while continuing to maintain that the purported judicial action against me by the Presbytery of Ohio was taken without authority, power, and right to act, that is, without jurisdiction. Therefore its actions were ultra vires, beyond its powers.

Rev. Gerald C. Dodds, Accused
Date: March 11, 2014
Appendix

The Appeal
Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Sewickley, PA

April 9, 2014

To: George Cottenden
Clerk of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

And now, this 9th day of April 2014, A.D., comes the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, PA (GOPC) and appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio on the enclosed complaint of the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church (IOPC), Moon Township, PA against actions of the Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in order to bring that complaint to the General Assembly for adjudication.

James S. Gidley, Clerk of Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Appellant

Reasons for the Appeal

We believe that it will be difficult for the Assembly to understand why we acted as we did without having some account of the circumstances leading up to our decision to receive Mr. M. into communicant membership along with his covenant children, the action against which the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church (IOPC) complained. Therefore we present the following narrative as a preamble to our formal reasons for the appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. and their children were members of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church and were experiencing marital difficulties. They began to be counseled by the Rev. Robert Broline, then pastor of IOPC. Mr. Broline left the pastorate and IOPC called the Rev. Mark Garcia to be its pastor. Mr. and Mrs. M. began counseling with Dr. Garcia. At some point Dr. Garcia began discussing with them the advisability of a separation. To forestall Mrs. M. leaving with the children, Mr. M. left the home on July 11, 2010. In a letter to the congregation, dated July 20, 2010, the Session of IOPC stated that the separation was “a necessary, temporary part of … an ongoing process of pastoral and sessional care.”

On April 28, 2011, the Session of IOPC sent a letter to the congregation stating their conviction that “Mr. M. has, over time, ‘abdicated his responsibilities to love and provide for his wife, and has done so to a degree that renders him guilty of a neglect that rises to the level of “willful desertion,” ’ ” citing WCF 24.6, and declaring that Mrs. M. was “the innocent party” and was justified in seeking a divorce.

On August 9, 2011 Mr. M. complained to the Session of IOPC regarding the sending of the letter to the congregation, in that it was in effect rendering a judicial decision without due process. In September 2011, Mr. M. began marital counseling with the Rev. George Scipione, an OPC minister who teaches pastoral counseling at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. Despite repeated requests, Mrs. M. has declined to participate in counseling with Mr. M. The counseling continues up to the present.
The Session of IOPC denied the complaint on October 4, 2011, and Mr. M. appealed to the Presbytery of Ohio. On October 22, 2011 the Presbytery sustained the complaint and specified the following amends:

1. The Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall vacate its decision that Mrs. M. has valid Biblical grounds for divorce.
2. The Session shall strongly encourage Mrs. M. that she pursue Biblical reconciliation with her husband and attend counseling with a third party in consultation with the session of Immanuel OPC.
3. The Session shall send a letter to the congregation of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church notifying them of its error and communicating Mr. M. desire to pursue reconciliation.

On November 1, 2011, Dr. Garcia protested the action of the Presbytery of Ohio by means of a letter. In a letter to the congregation, dated November 7, 2011, the Session of IOPC reported the Presbytery’s action, quoting the amends. Regarding what the Presbytery had directed it to do, the Session said only:

It is in conjunction with this third amends that we now write to you. The Presbytery has determined that we erred as described in the complaint and has instructed us to take certain steps in response to that error. It is our duty to communicate with you in this regard.

One of the members of the Session of IOPC, Mr. David Thompson, requested a leave of absence from the Session on May 22, 2012. According to an email, dated June 4, 2012, from the session of IOPC to the congregation, he cited reasons of health and “requested the freedom to worship at other Reformed churches during his leave, citing the divisions evident in the session and in the congregation that impact his and his family’s ability to worship here.” The session granted Mr. Thompson’s request. According to an email, dated December 15, 2012, from the session of IOPC to the congregation, the Session had, on December 11, granted the request of Mr. Thompson to demit the office of elder and to erase his name from the roll of IOPC, along with his wife and daughter. Another member of the session, Dr. James Thomas, sought to facilitate reconciliation between the Session of IOPC and Mr. Thompson.

During this time, the Session of IOPC determined to bring charges against Mr. M. concerning his offenses against his wife. The first meeting of the trial was held on October 16, 2012. Mrs. M. stopped attending IOPC in November 2012. On December 26, 2012, the Session of IOPC sent an email to Mr. and Mrs. M., reporting its determination not to proceed with the trial. The Session explained its reasons as follows:

In her letter to the Session dated Nov. 15, 2012, Mrs. M., in response to recent developments within the Session, indicated she is transferring her membership and is no longer able to participate in the trial. The Session regrets both the fact of Mrs. M.’s decision and the sessional developments which prompted it. Inasmuch as the charges and specifications were originally constructed and voted upon with the expectation of Mrs. M.’s involvement, this development renders the trial as originally conceived impracticable.

According to an email, dated February 4, 2013, from the Session of IOPC to the congregation, a group of members of the congregation had petitioned the Session under FG XXVI.4.a.(1) to divest Dr. James Thomas of the office of ruling elder. The Session called for a congregational meeting on February 13, 2013 to consider this petition. The petition failed to get a two-thirds vote, and Dr. Thomas was not divested of his office. Shortly after the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas declared their intention of requesting a letter of transfer to Grace Orthodox Presbyte-
rian Church (GOPC). Two of their children, David and Barbara, also communicant members of IOPC, also requested letters of transfer. A letter for all four Thomases was granted on February 16, 2013. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas and Barbara were received by the Session of GOPC on March 3, 2013. David Thomas was received on March 10, 2013.

By April 2013 Mrs. M. had resumed attendance at IOPC. On April 17, 2013 Mrs. M. filed for divorce against Mr. M. in civil court. The Session of IOPC has acquiesced in this, and Mrs. M. remains a member in good standing of IOPC. While they have formally retracted their statement to the congregation that Mrs. M. has biblical grounds for divorce, it can be inferred from their tacit acceptance of Mrs. M.’s petition for divorce that they are willing to act on that basis. The Session of Grace OPC makes no judgment on the validity of the divorce, because we are not in a position to adjudicate the matter.

On June 8, 2013, the Session of IOPC communicated to the Presbytery of Ohio their intention of leaving the OPC, because their membership and finances were dwindling, and because they believed the Presbytery of Ohio to be unsympathetic to them, as evidenced by their sustaining of the M. complaint. Because of the urgency of their situation, the Session requested the Presbytery to act on this request at a special meeting rather than waiting for a regular meeting, which is ordinarily the process according to FG XVI.7.a. On June 22, 2013, the Session of Grace OPC sent a letter to the Session of IOPC urging them not to leave the OPC. The Presbytery acted on IOPC’s request at a special meeting on June 29, 2013 and voted to erect a dissuasion committee.

Shortly after the congregational meeting of IOPC (February 13, 2013), Mr. M. informed the Session in a letter dated February 19, 2013 that he would begin attending another Reformed church, and he began attending Grace OPC. Because of a shared custody arrangement, the M. children immediately began attending Grace OPC on alternate Lord’s Days. This arrangement has continued to the present. On April 10, 2013, with the concurrence of his counselor, Dr. Scipione, Mr. M. requested a letter of transfer from the Session of IOPC for himself and his children to Grace OPC. The Session granted a letter for him, but specifically excluded his children. The letter of transfer, dated June 5, 2013, rehearsed the charges that had been drafted against Mr. M. but did not request the Session of Grace OPC to adjudicate them (BD II.A.3.). Rather, the charges were transmitted as pastoral advice. The letter also declared that the Session of IOPC regarded Mr. M. to be a member of Grace OPC as of the date of their letter, contrary to BD II.B.3.a. In a letter dated July 24, 2013, the Session of Grace OPC expressed its disapproval of both these aspects of the letter of transfer: the rehearsing of the charges and the declaration that Mr. M. was already a member of Grace OPC in their eyes.

On July 12, 2013 the Session of Grace OPC considered the reception of Mr. M. We were faced with the question of the membership of his covenant children. As the covenant head of his household, Mr. M. has a right to have his children enrolled as members of the church to which he belongs. However, the Session of IOPC had refused to include them in the letter of transfer. We had the option to complain against the Session of IOPC, but this appeared to be a fruitless exercise in view of the circumstances outlined above. The session of IOPC had made their attitude towards Mr. M. to be abundantly clear, the Session and congregation of IOPC had been in a condition of tumultuous discord for several years, and IOPC was on the verge of leaving the OPC. We were also concerned that a process of complaint would leave the membership of Mr. M. and his children in suspense, potentially for a protracted period, which would not be conducive to their spiritual welfare. If we received Mr. M. without receiving his children,
awaiting the adjudication of a complaint before receiving them, we would have been tacitly conceding that the children were not to be received with their covenant head.

None of these considerations would have been cogent to us if we had not been persuaded that we had Biblical warrant to receive the children with their father. Believing this, we determined to receive the children with Mr. M. on the basis of their covenant relationship to him. In taking this action, we implicitly recognized that the children would also remain on the roll of membership of IOPC. We believed that this was the best that could be achieved in this chaotic situation.

On July 31, 2013, the Session of IOPC complained against our action of receiving the M. children – the complaint that is now before the Assembly. In an email to the Session of IOPC, dated August 16, 2013, we expressed our desire to discuss the complaint with them face to face, and invited them to meet with us on September 13, 2013. The Session of IOPC responded in a letter, dated August 23, 2013, that they could not accept our invitation unless we agreed to severe restrictions on what would be discussed. One of the topics to be excluded would have been the issue of covenant headship. We did not wish to decide on this matter without deliberation, and so we responded to IOPC that we would take up the matter of their request at the September 13 meeting as the first order of business; we urged them to attend the meeting to make their case for why the scope of discussion should be restricted as they had requested. They responded that they could not come, because we would not meet their conditions. We determined to try to carry on the discussion by correspondence, and sent them questions about the complaint on November 26, 2013. They responded by letter on January 14, 2014. We denied the complaint on February 21, 2014, on the following three grounds:

1) The complaint is based on divergent views, not a serious error with respect to the Book of Church Order.
2) The complaint alleges serious sin, for which a complaint is not the proper vehicle (BD IX.1.)
3) The complaint has arisen due to an anomaly wherein a husband and wife are members in good and regular standing of different OP congregations. GOPC is committed to finding the most biblical and confessional way to deal with this anomaly, which, in our view, is not by way of a complaint, a vehicle not meant to resolve anomalies.

We sent a fuller explanation of our action to them on March 6, 2014. During this entire period, the Session of IOPC suspended the process of leaving the OPC until their complaint could be adjudicated.

Immediately upon receiving notice that we had denied the complaint, the Session of IOPC appealed to the Presbytery of Ohio. On March 14, 2014 the Presbytery sustained the complaint. At the close of the Presbytery meeting, on March 15, the Session of IOPC gave notice that they were proceeding to hold the congregational meeting on March 24, 2014 for the purpose of voting to leave the OPC. At that meeting, the congregation voted to leave, in accordance with FG XVI.7.a. Upon hearing that we were appealing the decision of the Presbytery to the Assembly, the Session of IOPC informed the Presbytery that it would postpone the second congregational vote on withdrawal (FG XVI.7.b.) until after the Assembly had heard the appeal.

Our formal reasons for appealing the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio fall under three main headings:
1. The complaint is out of order because it alleges that the Session of Grace OPC sinned.
2. The delinquencies of the Presbytery in handling the complaint were prejudicial to the Session of Grace OPC and contributed significantly to the failure of the Presbytery either to find the complaint out of order or to deny it.
3. The complaint’s charge of administrative error is unfounded.

1. The complaint is out of order because it alleges that the Session of Grace OPC sinned.
   1.1. We considered the option of declaring the complaint out of order when we first adjudicated it. We determined to answer the charge of administrative error contained in the complaint and to cite the allegation of sin as an additional reason for denying it. We believe that an allegation of serious sin in such a formal way implies that the complainant believed our actions were deserving of judicial censure. It is our understanding that such sins are to be addressed by charges, while errors are to be addressed by complaints. That is why our second ground is that the complaint “alleges serious sin, for which a complaint is not the proper vehicle (BD IX.1.)” We thought that it would be gracious to the complainant not to dismiss the charge of administrative error in the complaint without answering it directly. Subsequent events have persuaded us that the disorderliness of the complaint lies closer to the heart of the matter than we had recognized.
   1.2. In a letter of November 26, 2013 to the Session of IOPC, containing questions about the complaint, we addressed the complainant about the allegation of sin, before adjudicating the complaint. The complainant had ample opportunity to withdraw the allegations before the complaint was adjudicated. We now believe that the allegation of sin is, in the complainant’s deliberate intent, an essential feature of the complaint. The complainant’s contention that the session of Grace OPC erred administratively cannot be disentangled from its allegation that we sinned. The disorderliness of the allegation makes the whole complaint disorderly. Therefore no injustice would have been done to the complainant if we had disposed of the complaint in its entirety by finding it out of order.

2. The delinquencies of the Presbytery in handling the complaint were prejudicial to the Session of Grace OPC and contributed significantly to the failure of the Presbytery either to find the complaint out of order or to deny it.
   2.1. We addressed our concerns about the disorderly handling of the complaint in a letter to the Presbytery, dated March 12, 2014, the day before the Presbytery met to hear the appeal. While the entirety of the letter is cogent in this appeal, We repeat here only some of its main points:

   2.1.1. BOD IX.4 states “…the clerk of the judicatory which is charged with delinquency or error shall submit to the clerk of the higher judicatory the relevant papers, including a statement of the facts of the case arranged by date in the form of a chronology, and a certified copy of any minutes or other documents evidencing the alleged delinquency or error.” Prior to our submitting this official documentation, the complainant (IOPC) submitted an unauthorized version of this documentation, which was then distributed to the Presbytery by the Judicial Committee as official documentation associated with the appeal of the complaint.
   2.1.2. The presentation of two versions of the documentation to the Presbytery is confusing and imposes unnecessary demands on the time of presbyters. We do not
think that it is likely that presbyters will be able to spend as much time reading the authorized documentation as they will have spent reading the unauthorized version. Both the nature and timing of the Judicial Committee’s report prejudices the case in favor of the complainant.

2.1.3. The unauthorized documentation contains prejudicial statements and interpretations that mischaracterize the actions of the judicatory (GOPC).

2.1.4. BOD IX.3 states “…The complaint carried to the higher judicatory must be the same complaint presented to the lower judicatory.” After we had received the complaint and determined to deny it, IOPC submitted documentation to the Presbytery that we had not seen before. We had no opportunity to consider this evidence in our deliberations. Therefore, in effect, the complaint carried to the Presbytery is not the same as the one presented to us.

2.1.5. While we gave IOPC an opportunity to see the authorized documentation prior to its being published to the Presbytery, neither IOPC nor the Presbytery’s Judicial Committee gave us an opportunity to see the unauthorized documentation prior to its being published.

2.2. We concluded the March 12 letter to the Presbytery of Ohio in the following words: “We must confess that we are at a loss to suggest what the Presbytery might do to answer our objections and to satisfy our concerns. We register them in the hope that your hearing them might mitigate some of the damage that has occurred.” Our sense of frustration was based on our perception that once prejudicial statements and actions have been countenanced, it is impracticable to undo their effects. We could have proposed that the Presbytery find the complaint out of order because of these delinquencies, but these very delinquencies would have hindered the Presbytery from deliberating objectively on such a proposal.

2.3. An additional delinquency occurred in the Presbytery’s disposition of the complaint. The Presbytery chose to adjudicate the complaint without regard to the allegation of sin contained in it. In doing so, the Presbytery in effect did not hear the same complaint as the one presented to the session of Grace OPC, contrary to BD IX.3. The Presbytery adopted substantially different grounds for sustaining the complaint from the grounds contained in the complaint, further exemplifying that the Presbytery in effect rewrote the complaint.

2.4. We believe that the delinquencies of the Presbytery of Ohio in handling the complaint are serious enough to invalidate the Presbytery’s action on it. We are not confident that the effects of the prejudicial statements and actions can be sufficiently erased so as to allow the Presbytery to adjudicate the complaint objectively, if it were given a second opportunity to do so. Therefore we appeal to the General Assembly to deny the complaint.

3. The complaint’s charge of administrative error is unfounded.

3.1. If the Assembly is not persuaded that the complaint is out of order, we return to our conviction that the charge of administrative error contained in the complaint is unfounded. As we have said above, we are now convinced that the charge of administrative error and the allegation of sin cannot be disentangled. We append these reasons for the appeal in case the Assembly does not agree with this assessment.

3.2. The allegation of administrative error in the complaint can be boiled down to the following: The Session of Grace OPC received the M. children as non-communiant members despite the fact that the Session of Immanuel OPC had not included them in the letter of transfer along with their father, and this action is contrary to
good order. We disagree.

3.2.1. BD II.B.2.f. states (in its entirety): “Non-communicant baptized members may be received with their parent(s).” The Session of Grace OPC acted upon this provision in receiving the M. children with their father.

3.2.2. BD II.B.2.a. describes receiving members by letter of transfer from another OP church. A session may choose to include non-communicant baptized members in a letter of transfer, but if it does not, that does not nullify the right of another session to receive them under II.B.2.f. This is not a mere technicality but is founded on the principle that the membership of covenant children is dependent upon the membership of their parents. Covenant children have a right to be enrolled as members of the church to which their father belongs.

3.3. In receiving the M. children, the session of Grace OPC did nothing to disturb the relationship of the children to their mother or to Immanuel OPC. We had no authority to effect the removal of their names from the roll of IOPC, nor did we request it. We recognize the children to be members of both congregations. It has been argued that we thus invented a new class of membership and/or that the Book of Discipline does not allow simultaneous membership in two congregations. We disagree.

3.3.1. We observe that the complaint is not about defending the right of Mrs. M. to have her children belong to the same congregation as she does. Rather, it is about denying that right to Mr. M. Likewise, the complaint is not about defending the jurisdiction of the Session of IOPC over the children. Rather, it is about denying that right to the Session of Grace OPC.

3.3.2. The principle of covenantal membership is that the membership of covenant children depends on the membership of their parents. In this case we were faced with the anomalous situation of a mother and father, headed towards divorce, being members in good and regular standing of two different OPC congregations. Some may be taken aback by this anomaly and insist that it should not have happened. We fervently wish that it had not happened, but it was not within our power to prevent it. It is a situation that we deplore, but we had to act in view of the reality that faced us, not in view of an ideal situation that no longer existed.

3.3.3. It has been argued that the definition of original jurisdiction in BD II.A.1. precludes the simultaneous membership of covenant children in two congregations. We disagree.

3.3.3.1. The principle of original jurisdiction establishes whether a judicatory may institute disciplinary proceedings against a member. It does not reflect one way or another on how many judicatories may have original jurisdiction over a non-communicant member.

3.3.3.2. We submit that the principle of original jurisdiction is one of the “circumstances concerning the … government of the church, common to human actions and societies” mentioned in WCF 1.6. Therefore the analogy to citizenship in the civil realm is relevant. There are various instances of dual citizenship. For example, Austria regarded Arnold Schwarzenegger as its own citizen even when he was a citizen of the USA and the sitting governor of California. If sovereign nations can live with multiple claims of citizenship on a single individual in anomalous circumstances, then the church should be able to live with the membership of covenant children in more than one congregation.

3.3.3.3. Similarly, citizens of one locale (nation, state, city, etc.) are subject to the jurisdiction of another locale when they are physically present there.
Therefore they are simultaneously under the jurisdiction of the civil authorities both of their place of permanent residence and of their temporary presence. If civil authorities can accommodate this dual jurisdiction routinely, then the church should be able to do likewise.

3.3.3.4. It has been objected that confusion would result if one Session instituted disciplinary action against one of the children while the other Session was not concerned or even opposed to the first Session’s actions. We observe that this is no different from what will happen in the M. family, if Mr. M. wishes to discipline one of his children in a matter in which his ex-wife is unconcerned or even opposed to his actions. This is another circumstance common to human actions and societies in which a dual jurisdiction may be tolerated. The disciplining father or Session must simply act as conscience requires.

3.3.3.5. It may be objected that confusion would result when one of the children desires to profess faith. We disagree. Since profession of faith implies that the child is taking responsibility for his own faith, he will need to choose the congregation in which he desires to profess faith. He will then become a communicant member of that congregation and will by virtue of that fact be removed from the roll of the other.

3.3.4. It has been argued – with the benefit of hindsight – that instead of receiving the M. children we should have complained to the Session of IOPC against its failure to transfer them with their father, the covenant head of his household. We regard this as another instance of viewing a situation as it really is but as one believes it ideally should be. The circumstances at the time made complaining against the Session of IOPC seem to be an exercise in futility, and we did not believe that we were conscience-bound to complain. The question is not whether it would have been better for us to have complained against the session of IOPC; the question is whether what we actually did was orderly or disorderly.

3.3.5. We made unguarded statements in our March 6, 2014 response to the complaint regarding the covenantal headship of a mother over her children. We now retract those statements. We do not believe that there are two heads to a household, and we do believe that the husband and father is the singular covenant head.

3.3.6. We acted as we did in view of a mother’s authority over her children (Ex. 20:12). The language of BD II.B.2.f. includes both parent (singular) and parents (plural). Non-communicant baptized children may be received with either their mother or their father. Therefore, they may be retained on a church’s membership roll with either their mother or their father.

3.3.7. We maintain that BD II.B.2.f. is flexible enough to handle a variety of special circumstances, including the extraordinary circumstances in this case.

3.4. Finally, we observe that if the M. children must be members of only one congregation, then Mr. M. has the superior claim as the covenant head of his household. The Session of IOPC has no authority to nullify Mr. M.’s right by refusing to include his children in a letter of transfer. It would at least be ironic if those who believe that the M. children ought to be members only of the church to which their father belongs were to act in such a way as to insure that they will remain members only of the church to which their mother belongs. That is to say, if one is disposed to believe that the Session of Immanuel OPC should have transferred the children with their father, then the only action consistent with this belief is to vote to deny
their complaint. The Assembly does not have the opportunity to act on a different complaint that was never made.

The Complaint
Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Moon Township, PA

July 31, 2013

To Mr. James Gidley, Clerk of Session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania:

And now, this 31st day of July, A.D. 2013, comes the session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, and complains against the action of the session of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church in connection with its vote to receive the M. children (name, name, name, and name) as noncommunicant members of Grace Church.

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

In support of this complaint, we set forth the following grounds:

1. At its meeting of July 12, 2013, the session of Grace Church voted to receive Mr. M. as a communicant member by letter of transfer from Immanuel Church, along with his children. The session of Immanuel Church did, in a letter dated June 5,2013, transfer Mr. M. and moreover expressed pastoral concern for him and some reasons for that pastoral concern. However, this same letter specifically excluded the children from this transfer and gave some reasons for this exclusion.

2. If the session of Grace Church had concerns about the validity of this considered exclusion, it should have addressed those concerns with the session of Immanuel. No such concerns were made known to the Immanuel session until we received a letter twelve days after the Grace session voted to receive the children along with Mr. M.. We were informed in the letter (dated July 24, 2013) that Mr. M. had been received with his children on July 12. In the Grace session letter of July 24, we were told that the children had also been received (despite our not having released them) because Mr. M. had not forfeited his covenant headship. The session of Grace thus acted unilaterally and therefore improperly.

3. Exacerbating this error was the announcement made in the Grace bulletin on July 21, 2013, that Mr. M. and the M. children would be publicly received on Sunday, July 28 (in distinction to their reception by the session’s action on July 12). This intention was not communicated to the Immanuel session in any official way, but came to our attention providentially through other channels. (At this point we had not yet heard of their official reception on July 12). Nor had any of this been officially communicated to Mrs. M. or her children, though they are members of Immanuel Church.
4. When the session of Immanuel first learned that this might be the case, we wrote to the session of Grace on July 23 to ask them to confirm that we had our facts right; if so, to desist from this intention; and in any case to let us know what they planned to do. We then received confirmation of these facts, and we wrote again on July 25 to reaffirm that this session had not released the M. children and to repeat our request not to proceed with this public reception in light of the further damage it was likely to do. Nevertheless, with no further reply, the session of Grace went ahead with the plan to receive the children publicly; the session did not honor our request to desist.

5. The actions of the Grace session as outlined above are a violation of Presbyterian church order. As explained in the OPC Form of Government, “The membership of a local congregation consists of communicant and noncommunicant members, all of whom have the privilege of pastoral oversight, instruction, and government by the church…” (FG XIII 1); and “The session is charged with maintaining the government of the congregation… It shall receive, dismiss, and exercise discipline over the members of the church…” (FG XIII.7); and “The names of members shall be placed upon or removed from the rolls of the church only by order of the session…” (FGXIII.9). Furthermore, as indicated in the OPC Book of Discipline (I.4), “All members of the church, both communicant and those who are members by virtue of baptism only, are under the care of the church, and subject to ecclesiastical discipline including administrative and judicial discipline.” Furthermore, “Original jurisdiction over an individual belongs to the judicatory of the body of which the individual is a member” (BD II.A.1.), and “The session of a particular church shall have jurisdiction over all whose names are on the roll of the church” (BD II.B.1.). In receiving the M. children despite their not being dismissed from Immanuel OPC, by session action and then by public reception, the Grace session has unilaterally assumed jurisdiction over them and in disregard of the only session to which the M. children have been and remain subject. In receiving the M. children as members of Grace Church without their being released by the Immanuel session, the session of Grace has acted presumptuously and in a disorderly manner.

6. [Ground 6 removed by order of the General Assembly]

7. [Ground 7 removed by order of the General Assembly]

The Immanuel session therefore requests the following amends:

a. That the Grace session acknowledge its error with respect to the membership of the M. children, and as soon as possible to rescind its action in receiving the children as members of Grace.

b. That the Grace session make public the fact of its rescission immediately to all concerned parties.

c. [Amend c. removed by order of the General Assembly]

Ruling elder Jonathan Stark, complainant
Pastor Mark Garcia, complainant

July 31, 2014

(All supporting documents from the Presbytery have been given to the Assembly’s Advisory Committee.)
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

I. PURPOSE

The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of four elected members in three classes of two, one, and one respectfully. In addition, the Stated Clerk shall be a fifth member, ex officio. If three elected committee members are not present during the Assembly; the Assembly will assign temporary members. 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 Assembly a date and place for the 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.

Since last Assembly, the Committee has worked to assure that the arrangements are in place for the 81st General Assembly at Kuyper College, in Grand Rapids, MI. The chairman and one other member of the Committee have visited the college campus and have established a good working relationship with their conference staff. The Committee has also secured updated voting devices to be used with the electronic voting system. These devices will be utilized during our upcoming Assembly.

III. 2015 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Committee requests that the Assembly allocate $11,000 for its work in 2015.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Due to the ongoing work of the Committee, we have no recommendations to report at this time. The Committee expects to make recommendations at the Assembly.

V. ELECTION

The members of the Committee are as follows:

Class of 2016    Robert E. Tarullo
Class of 2015    Robert M. Meeker
Class of 2014    David E. Haney
                 Edward K. Tress
Ex officio       George R. Cottenden/Ross Graham

The terms of Mr. Haney and Mr. Tress expire at this Assembly. Both are eligible for reelection. Mr. Haney has asked that his name not be placed in nomination.
REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

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I. INTRODUCTION

With this Assembly the Stated Clerk will have completed four years in office and will hand his tasks over to his successor. He served an initial three-year year term and then the 79th General Assembly elected him for an additional year, down to this Assembly. In agreement with the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church he has continued to work a four-day week instead of the three-day week initially envisioned by them. It appears to him that the position requires at least this much time. The Stated Clerk worked most of the time at the Orthodox Presbyterian Administration Building at 607 N. Easton Road in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. He has also maintained an office in his home in North Wales, Pennsylvania.

II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCKET

   A. Appeals

   The 81st General Assembly has before it two appeals, both from decisions of the Presbytery of Ohio. One is an appeal of a judicial decision and the other of a complaint. They were received by the Stated Clerk by the deadline and were forwarded to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

   B. Docket and Time Schedule

   As usual, 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. The advisory committees will start work right away on Thursday morning. In view of the experience of the last several years, the 80th Assembly set the adjournment time for Tuesday rather than Wednesday. This seems to work well in years when there are no major study papers and few judicial matters. The time was set for 1:30 p.m. to allow the possibility of working through the
lunch hour and eating after adjournment if that should prove necessary to complete business. If the proposed docket is adopted, the number of minutes in advisory committees will be 290, the same as last year. The Moderator will have some flexibility in adjusting this. The number of hours in plenary session will be 33.5. This is slightly less than docketed last year but more time than we actually used. Friday evening in its entirety is free for the CEIR to meet with fraternal delegates and Saturday evening is free for preparations for the Lord’s Day. However, on both of those days supper will be delayed slightly to gain a bit more time for the afternoon sessions.

On the Lord’s Day morning commissioners are invited to worship in area churches. The evening service will be at the College, under the auspices of the Session of Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Ada, Michigan.

C. Agenda

The Agenda for the 81st General Assembly is expected to be mailed to commissioners by May 4, 2014. Once again the Stated Clerk had to deal with many reports arriving well after the deadline. All reports for the Agenda from Special Committees were due in late March and those of Standing Committees were due, according to SR V.9, on April 9, 2014. This year only four reports were in on time. That is down from eight reports last year. In any year there will always be extenuating circumstances for one or another committee. However, the Clerk and his Assistant cannot get the Agenda out to commissioners in time for them to make adequate preparation for Assembly if he does not get the reports on time. According to the Statistician, he has faced the same difficulty in getting the statistical reports from sessions and presbyteries.

One of the concerns has been the issue of security for some of our missionaries who work in dangerous locations if information concerning their work was available in digital form. To address this concern the Agenda will again be placed in a secure, password protected, site on opc.org, with the password provided to commissioners, corresponding members, and fraternal delegates. The material posted on that site will be encrypted. Further information and instructions will be sent to those receiving the password.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The 80th General Assembly approved and sent to the presbyteries an amendment to Form of Government XV.2 and addition to Form of Government XXIII. Sixteen of the seventeen presbyteries had informed the Stated Clerk of their vote. The amendment to FG XV.2, relating to a newly elected Stated Clerk being a member of his first General Assembly as Clerk, even if he was not elected as a commissioner from his presbytery, has passed by a vote of 16-0. The amendment to FG XXIII by the addition of a paragraph 22, relating to the receiving of a retired minister from another denomination, has passed by a vote of 14-2. Under the provisions of FG XXXII.2, both amendments will take effect with the publication of the next edition of the Book of Church Order, scheduled for 2015.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES AND INSTRUMENTS

A. Upon the recommendation of the Stated Clerk and the Trustees, the 80th General
Assembly proposed to the 81st General Assembly a series of amendments to the Standing Rules. Those amendments are found on page 251 of the Agenda for your action.

B. The Stated Clerk has continued his review of the Standing Rules and Instruments and is presenting to this Assembly several more amendments for proposal to the 82nd General Assembly. The force of these amendments is, in many cases, to bring the Rules into harmony with what has been our practice for many years. In other cases, their force is to allow for the use of technology and procedures that were not available to the Church when the Rules were written. These amendments have been reviewed by the Trustees individually, and no objections were raised, however, the Board of Trustees has not had a meeting since that time and so and they have not had opportunity for formal concurrence. These proposals begin on page 271.

V. WORK OF THE STATED CLERK

A. Overview
With a four-day work week the Stated Clerk has been better able to keep up with the daily responsibilities of the job than with the three-day work week with which he began in 2010–11. There still is little time for planning and reflection on how to make the job to better serve the church. It will be remembered that the Clerk is an ex officio member of two Standing Committees. This adds to the time commitment but has been invaluable for the work both of the Clerk and the committees involved (Ecumenicity and G.A. Arrangements).

Letters were written soon after the last General Assembly concluded in connection with the work and actions of that Assembly impacting individuals, sessions, presbyteries, and committees. Information concerning budget decisions and requests from the congregations was also posted on the OPC web page. Throughout the year the Clerk receives requests from all over the country and the world for information about the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. During the year there are requests for information about various study papers that are found in the Minutes of the General Assemblies. Most of these reports are on the website and inquirers can simply be pointed to them.

The Clerk interacts in a variety of ways with the OPC web page (http://www.opc.org) and its staff. Communications often come by means of the Clerk’s link on the website. Usually these require an email or telephone response. The opc.org alias list is made available to the Clerk by the Website Committee for communications such as the prayer requests that are sent out when there are urgent needs. He has also worked with the website staff to provide similar functionality for contacting clerks of session. Ministers who do not have an opc.org alias should consider securing one to be sure to get the prayer requests and other notices that are distributed in this way. When a session elects a new clerk, the Stated Clerk should be informed of his name, address, and contact information including email address. The Clerk has also been provided with a password protected portion of the site for the distribution of Agenda materials.

In working out of the office in Willow Grove, the Clerk seeks to serve the committees of the church. For some, such as the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations or the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, this involves facilitating their flow of information and otherwise supporting their work. He works closely with the Staff Accountant of the Committee on Coordination to maintain accurate records concerning ministers and churches. Several changes of address, phone number, worship time, worship location, etc., arrive each week, sometimes each day. The Clerk seeks to make sure that the staff members of each of the committees and of the Website Committee receive information on any change
that is relevant to their work. Previous reports have noted that the office-wide conversion to a new database was going slowly and the data with which the Clerk works had not yet been integrated into the process. This has been largely but not yet fully accomplished. When this is done several of his tasks should be able to be accomplished with greater efficiency.

The Clerk is very appreciative of the many busy men (pastors, stated clerks of sessions or presbyteries, general secretaries, writers of reports, the Historian, and the Statistician) who give of their time and effort to make his job possible. He tries to keep open lines of communication with the stated clerks of the presbyteries that facilitate timely sharing of information. The Clerk is responsible ultimately to the General Assembly for his work, but he recognizes that the Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church are charged by the Standing Rules with the task of reviewing his performance as the Stated Clerk. The Clerk has submitted reports on his labors to the Trustees and has met with the Trustees and with members of its subcommittee.

B. Staff

For many years the Stated Clerk has had a budget for the employment of assistants on an as needed basis. Mrs. Charlene Tipton has served in this capacity admirably in preparing the Minutes for publication and in a variety of other administrative and secretarial tasks. She has also assisted the Committee on Coordination on a similar basis. Beginning at the start of 2014 the Stated Clerk and the Director of Finance and Planned Giving are employing her on a regular, four day, twenty hour a week basis with her time divided between the two offices. A reconfiguration of the office area allows her to share an office with the Staff Accountant. The regularity of this arrangement is proving very beneficial since it allows for better planning of the work flow.

Mrs. Linda Foh works for the Stated Clerk a few hours a month maintaining and updating information for the publication of the next Ministerial Register.

Dr. James W. Scott, Managing Editor of New Horizons, assists each year with formatting the Directory and every five years by preparing the new Book of Church Order for publication. He also does the layout work for the publication of the Minutes. The Stated Clerk reimburses the Committee on Christian Education for his services.

C. Publications

1. **OPC Directory**
   - The 2014 OPC Directory was printed in a 6-inch by 9-inch booklet form with double columns. A considerable amount of time in the fall was given over to updating and verifying information. It was sent in final form to the printer late in December, and 7,400 copies were received on January 6. They were mailed out to the churches later that week. That number was down 100 copies from the previous year. Please inform the Clerk when you find that you need either more or less copies than are sent to you each year. The cost of printing and distributing them was $10,224. In addition, $945 was paid to the Committee on Christian Education for the services of its staff. Advertising revenue offset those costs by approximately $5,000. (The actual number will appear in the 2014 financial statements.) There was a major increase in the cost of mailing two years ago due to greater stringency in the Post Office’s requirements that precluded the use of Media Mail. The Clerk considered doing away with advertising in the Directory to avoid that problem, but it appears that the ad revenue still offsets the increased cost. This should be revisited on an annual basis.
   - **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
2. Certificates for licensure and ordination are available to stated clerks of the presbyteries for their use.

3. **Minutes**
   
a. One of the major responsibilities of the Stated Clerk is to oversee the taking of the minutes during the Assembly and then to edit and publish the *Minutes and Yearbook* and distribute it as described below. One of the problems that the Stated Clerk has faced in the past has been his inability to get the *Minutes* published and distributed in a timely fashion. The change to having Dr. Scott do the layout work in-house has largely solved that problem. With the assistance of Mrs. Tipton and the Assistant Clerk, the Rev. John Mahaffy, the Clerk was able to get all of the files into Dr. Scott’s hands by August 22. He and Dr. Scott then worked together to put everything in final form for indexing. The Historian, Mr. John Muether, graciously volunteered once again to do the indexing. We approved the printing proofs on October 4 and were able to mail out the volumes to the ministers and sessions on October 21. The *Minutes* were 411 pages in length, which is close to the recent average.

   The actual recording of the minutes during the last several Assemblies has been done by the diligent and gifted Assistant Clerk, the Rev. John W. Mahaffy. In the weeks following the Assembly he and the Stated Clerk edit the Journal. By the fall portions of it can be made available electronically to those who have a need. Mr. Mahaffy has agreed to serve the 81st General Assembly as Assistant Clerk.

   b. The 62nd General Assembly set the policy that Stated Clerks have 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. That policy was reaffirmed by the 80th General Assembly. In past years, many have sent in a contribution of $15 which has been a big help. During 2013 the sale of and contributions for the Minutes generated $3,644. The *Minutes* are mailed to churches with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has ecclesiastical relations and are sold to some twenty libraries, organizations, and individuals that have requested them. The cost during 2013 for printing and distributing the *Minutes* was $26,178. However, half of that represents the cost of the 2012 edition which, as mentioned above, was late in production and distribution. These figures are exclusive of salaries related to this work.

   Each year the Clerk receives emails from ministers and others urging that we move to a digital format for the *Minutes*. The Clerk has some sympathy for moving in that direction although he believes that for the foreseeable future there will remain a need for some printed copies. He is convinced that, at present, there are many office bearers in the OPC who are not prepared to go totally digital. During the registration process this year each commissioner was asked to state his preference for how he would like to receive the Minutes. This was simply an informational poll and will not necessarily affect this year’s distribution. As of the writing of this report the results of that survey are as follows:

   Prefer a hard copy 39  
   Prefer both a hard copy and digital access 27  
   Prefer a digital download 41  
   Have another means to access it 02

   It is the conviction of the State Clerk, as it was apparently the conviction of the General Assemblies that gave the instructions under which he presently operates, that in a connectional church every congregation and its minister and elders ought to have readily available the actions of the broadest court of that church.

   There is a problem, however, with providing easy digital access. The problem relates to at least two areas of the Minutes. One is the matter of judicial appeals.
Sometimes material is presented in the course of an appeal that, for the preservation of the good name of those involved, ought not to be able to become readily available on the Internet.

The second area is the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Ready availability about certain of our missionaries to anyone searching the Internet could place them and the people to whom they minister in grave physical danger. For this reason the Committee has been reluctant even to provide a digital download of its report to the commissioners without additional layers of security. The way ahead is not at all as clear as some seem to think. I am proposing some recommendations to begin making progress.

Several years ago the Committee for the Historian produced a collection on two CD’s of all of the Minutes from 1936–2004. It has been the goal of the Stated Clerk to release a consolidated and more easily searchable edition including the years since 2004. This project has been one of the casualties of a four-day work week. Mrs. Tipton and the Clerk have done some preliminary work that it is hoped the new clerk can bring to completion.

4. Ministerial Register

At the request of the Committee for the Historian, the Stated Clerk has responsibility for publishing the Ministerial Register. Mrs. Linda Foh works for him on a limited, part-time basis to maintain the information database for this as she did for the Committee for the Historian, so that, when the time comes to publish a new edition, the information will be up-to-date.

D. 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 by August 29, 2013 concerning the actions of the General Assembly, including that request. Along with that letter, forms were sent to summarize what was being requested for all General Assembly causes. This was also posted on the web page. The GAOF received $237,193 in contributions in 2013 and we had budgeted for $215,000. (See the Report of the Trustees, page 303.)

2. The Clerk authorized vouchers in 2013 for expenses charged to the GAOF.

3. Under the provisions of the Standing Rules III.3.j.(4) and XI.2.e., the Clerk has met with a representative of the Trustees of the General Assembly and has prepared, together with him, a proposed budget for the GAOF for 2015. This proposed budget was approved by the Trustees and is found in their report on p. 303.

4. Expenses for the GAOF in 2013 were $1,240 less than had been budgeted. Total receipts in 2013 exceeded total expenses by $17,389.

5. The Committee on Coordination receipts 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.

6. As required by the Standing Rules, the Committee on Coordination has provided the Stated Clerk with a copy of its annual audit report of the General Assembly’s funds.

E. Transition

One of the tasks on which the Stated Clerk has been working during the past year has been the development of a written procedures document detailing the various responsibilities of his office and the information needed and processes employed for the meeting of those responsibilities. That document includes a timeline for the accomplishment of the work throughout the year. The task is not yet complete as of this writing but it is hoped that it will be ready for review by the Advisory Committee.
The Stated Clerk and his successor, the Rev. Ross Graham, have begun meeting to assure a smooth transition. Mr. Graham has also met with Mrs. Tipton to plan their work patterns.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 81st General Assembly propose to the 82nd General Assembly the amendment to the Standing Rules and Instruments on pp. 271–2.

2. That the Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to request each recipient of the Minutes to consider a voluntary contribution to offset the cost of production and distribution, with the suggested amount to be set annually by the Stated Clerk in consultation with the Trustees.

3. That the Assembly authorize the Stated Clerk to begin as soon as feasible to give the recipients the option of receiving the Minutes in bound volume or on disk, and to continue to explore the options for other means of delivery, always taking into account issues of security and privacy.

4. That the General Assembly remind its standing committees of the provision of Standing Rules Chapter V that all reports that are to be included in the Agenda “shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk eight weeks prior to the Assembly except the report of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints, which shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk six weeks prior to the Assembly.”

VII. CONCLUSION

I am deeply grateful to the Lord and to the Trustees and General Assembly for allowing me to serve in this role for the past four years. To be sure, it has had its pressures. Nevertheless, it has been the source of great blessing and satisfaction to me to work with the staff in the office and to be able to have an overview of what the Lord is doing across the OPC and beyond. Part of me would have liked to have served longer in this post and to bring to fruition some of the changes that still need to be made. However, family needs continue to increase and I am convinced that the decision made a year ago to retire (again) was a wise one. I look forward to being able to spend more time with Barbara and our family while continuing to serve our Savior in whatever additional ways he allows me to. I continue to serve the General Assembly on the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and hope to be able to do some pulpit supply. In addition to service within the OPC, I also continue as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Westminster Theological Seminary. My prayers will be with our new Stated Clerk as he takes up his labors.

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Cottenden
Stated Clerk
THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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IX. ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2015

I. MEETING

The Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church met for the regular annual meeting on March 20, 2014. The elected officers of the Trustees are: Stephen L. Phillips, President; Edward K. Tress, Vice President; Samuel H. Bacon, Secretary; William C. Redington, Treasurer.

II. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

   A. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is 23-7001990. This number is only to be used 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 US 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 go to the IRS web site at www.irs.gov. The Trustees urge each congregation and mission work of the denomination to apply for an EIN.

IV. 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 must seek prior authorization from the Stated Clerk. If they expect to exceed their annual budgets by more than ten percent they must seek prior authorization from both the Stated Clerk and the Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

V. TRUSTEES’ REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips was delegated to present the Report of the Trustees to the 80th General Assembly, with Mr. Edward K. Tress as the alternate.

VI. ELECTIONS

A. The present Trustees are:
   1. Class of 2016: Edward K. Tress and Mark D. Mathews
   2. Class of 2015: Samuel H. Bacon and David E. Haney

B. The term of the following trustees expires at this assembly:
   2. One minister and one ruling elder or deacon are to be elected to the class of 2017.

   The Trustees wish to inform the Assembly that Stephen L. Phillips (minister) and William C. Redington (elder) are eligible to be re-elected and have indicated their willingness to serve for the Class of 2017.

VII. NEW STATED CLERK APPOINTED

A. At the 80th General Assembly the following motion was passed: “That the Standing
Rule III.B.1. and XI.2.b. be suspended and that the Board of Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church be authorized as a commission with the interim power (cf. FG XII.3) to appoint a Stated Clerk for up to a term of three years beginning at the 81st General Assembly, and report to that Assembly."

B. At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church held on November 21, 2013 a proposal containing conditions of employment and compensation package was approved to be presented to Ross W. Graham for the first year of a three year term in the position of Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

C. A letter from Ross W. Graham dated December 19, 2013 was received by the Trustees indicating his acceptance of the position for a three year term.

VIII. RECOMMENDATION

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”) recommend the following budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for 2015 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $20 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2015:

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR GAOF FOR 2015 (see Minutes §184)

IX. ESTIMATED EXPENSE

The Trustees estimate their costs for 2015 to be $8,700 (Insurance $8,200 and Trustees expenses of $500).

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen L. Phillips
President
REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

This report provides a summary of statistics for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 2013. The Yearbook contains a tabulated summary of statistics for the whole church, the regional churches, local congregations, the statistical reports of the presbyteries, and a recapitulation of membership totals since 1938.

I. SUMMARY

During 2013 the OPC continued its ten-year long trend of experiencing modest growth in most areas of statistical measurement. Although local churches decreased in number by one to 269, the number of unorganized mission works grew by four to 53, bringing the total number of congregations and mission works to 322 at the end of the year. Total membership reached 30,758 at the end of 2013. This is a new record high for total membership, but the increase was only 127 members (0.41 percent) for the year. Morning worship attendance fared somewhat better, having increased by 422 persons (1.78 percent) to 24,160 as measured in November. Sunday school attendance grew to 12,596, having increased by 133 persons (1.07 percent).

Total offerings of $54.1 million represented an increase of 6.04 percent from 2012. This was driven by a substantial 5.22 percent gain in average giving per communicant member, from $2,284 to $2,404. Of the total giving, general offerings increased 5.27 percent, while benevolence giving decreased 0.36 percent. Contributions for capital improvements increased 7.36 percent.

The church welcomed 26 new ministers last year: 15 men ordained to the gospel ministry and 11 received from other churches, while losing nine ministers for various reasons. This brings the total number of ministers to 534.

This report is based on reports received from each presbytery and from local churches and mission works comprising 93 percent of the total church membership.

II. CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

Local churches at the end of 2013 numbered 269, which represents a decrease of one congregation from 2012. This came about as three mission works were organized as new and separate churches and one congregation was received, while five churches were dissolved. The number of unorganized mission works grew by four to 53, as eight new mission works were started or received, three were organized as new and separate churches, and one was terminated. These changes are listed below with their respective regional churches.

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Church Reductions (5)

Dissolved
Sovereign Redeemer, Boise, Id. Northwest
Yardley OPC, Yardley, Pa. Philadelphia
Faith, Ocala, Fla. South
Christ, Etowah, N.C. Southeast

Mission Work Additions (8)

Started or received into the OPC as mission works
Trinity, Gaithersburg, Md. Mid-Atlantic
Immanuel, Andover, Minn. Midwest
Providence Reformed, Eau Claire, Wis. Midwest
Providence, West Lebanon, N.H. N.Y. & New England
Hope, Mercer Island, Wash. Northwest
OPC, Naples, Fla. South
Reformation, Virginia Beach, Va. Southeast
Concho Valley, Concho, Ariz. So. California

Mission Work Reductions (4)

Organized as new and separate churches
Grace Reformed Fellowship, Lander, Wyo. Dakotas
Shiloh, Cary, N.C. Southeast
Covenant, Tucson, Ariz. So. California

Terminated as a mission work
Greater Reading Chinese Philadelphia
(incorporated into Covenant, Reading)

III. MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The total membership of 30,758 persons at year’s end consisted of 534 ministers, 22,493 communicant members, and 7,731 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents an increase of 127 persons (0.41 percent) from 2012’s adjusted total of 30,631 members. This membership increase is comprised of the net gain of 17 ministers and 172 communicant members, and a reduction of 62 baptized children. Communicant membership change included 645 professions of faith and 683 reaffirmations of faith; offset by losses from deaths (151), net transfers (331), and discipline & erasures (674). The reduction in non-communicant (baptized children) membership came as the result of additions by 547 baptisms and 433 children received with parents, and of reductions by professions of faith (315), death (3), children dismissed with parents (452), and erasures (272). Overall, these membership changes by category compare closely to the average annual changes recorded over the past five years.

Attendance at morning worship in November averaged 24,160, which is 78.5 percent of total membership. This is an increase of 422 persons (1.78 percent) from a year earlier. Sunday school attendance in November averaged 12,596, which is 41.0 percent of total membership. This is 133 persons (1.07 percent) more than reported in 2012. Both morning worship and Sunday school attendance have changed very little over the past ten years.

OPC congregations, naturally, vary greatly in size, ranging from tens to hundreds of mem-
members. The “average” OP church (not including unorganized mission works) has 105 members (communicants and non-communicants) and a weekly attendance of 84 at morning worship. The median size (half smaller, half larger), however, is 81 members and 67 attending worship, indicating that most (almost two-thirds) of the churches are smaller than the average. About ten percent of OP churches exceed 196 members and 155 attendees.

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS

Total giving in 2013 grew by 6.04 percent over the previous year to $54,068,500, consistent with the increase in church membership and average giving per communicant member, which increased 5.22 percent to $2,404.

The $54 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC in 2013 is divided into three categories for the statistical report. General offerings for local church expenses grew by 5.27 percent to $42,928,228, or 79.4 percent of giving. Benevolence offerings (for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry) decreased 0.36 percent to $7,158,568, representing 13.24 percent of total contributions. Offerings designated or used for capital improvements totaled $3,981,704, or 7.36 percent of total giving.

As noted in last year’s report, benevolence giving through the local churches has continued the long term decline as a percentage of total giving reported to the 77th General Assembly (2010), to the point where benevolence is now only 13.24 percent of total giving. By comparison, OPC benevolence giving from the 1950s through the late 1980s averaged 21 percent of total giving. The apparent shift in emphasis since those years toward support of local church expenses continues unabated, although the reasons for this shift cannot be determined solely from the statistical data.

Finally, bequests received by local churches in 2013 totaled $296,300. This amount does not include bequests that may have been received by presbyteries and denominational agencies.

V. ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 534 ministers in the OPC at the end of 2013, representing a net increase of 17 ministers on the rolls of OPC presbyteries. Fifteen men were ordained as ministers and eleven ministers were received into the OPC from other churches. Nine ministers were removed from the rolls of presbyteries for reasons summarized below. Dates and details of ministerial changes are reported in the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries in the Yearbook.

Ministers Added to the Roll (26)  

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Michael L. Myers  Southeast
Bradley M. Peppo  Ohio
Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III  Philadelphia
Lloyd J. Sterrett  Philadelphia

Received into the OPC
Bryan P. Crotts  Southeast
Timothy G. Herndon  N.Y. & New England
D. Nathan Holloway  Southeast
Scott R. Huber  Southwest
Shane P. Lems  Midwest
Christopher A. Malamisuro  Ohio
Daniel W. McManigal  Northwest
Bruce L. Prentice  Dakotas
Neil P. Stewart  Mich. & Ontario
Philip B. Strong  Dakotas
David L. Veldhorst  Midwest

Ministers Removed from the Roll (9)

Dismissed from the OPC
Luis A. Orteza  South
Joseph Puglia  Ohio

Erased (demitted)
Charles D. Abbate  Philadelphia

Erased (renounced jurisdiction of the OPC)
Richard S. Anderson  New Jersey
Martin L. Dawson  New Jersey
Ross H. Ritter  Philadelphia

Deceased
Robert L. Reymond  South
Michael D. Stingley  So. California
Samuel van Houte  Northwest

In addition to these changes, six ministers transferred between OPC presbyteries in 2013.

Minister  From  To
Kyle N. Brown  Ohio  Central Pa.
John Currie  Philadelphia  Mich. & Ontario
Eric R. Hauser  Mich. & Ontario  South
D. Nathan Holloway  Southeast  Dakotas
Kenny R. Honken  Dakotas  Midwest
Wendell L. Rockey  Central Pa.  Philadelphia

The number of ruling elders in the church increased by four to 1106; of these, 834 (75 percent) are currently serving on sessions. The total number of deacons increased by 18 to 870,
with 683 (79 percent) actively serving. In all, with ministers included, there are 2,510 ordained officers in the church.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 2013 continued the slow but steady growth characteristic of the past ten years. Sessions added 2,038 new communicant members to their rolls, but also removed 1,866 members. Similarly, non-communicant gains were 980, but removals totaled 1,042 (of whom 315 were by profession of faith). Each year the church experiences many changes at the local level, but overall there is a great degree of stability and some growth in the total numbers, as the Lord guides and preserves his church. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness, which is new every morning.

Respectfully submitted,
Luke E. Brown
Statistician
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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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.

The year 2013 was for the Committee a year of continued expansion and also a year of significant administrative change. By year’s end, seven new mission works saw the arrival
of their organizing pastors and the start of denominational financial aid, and one presbytery utilized the services of a church planting intern (jointly supported with funds from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the Committee on Christian Education, and the presbytery) to lay the groundwork for a new mission work. The Committee also bade farewell to their retiring general secretary, the Rev. Ross W. Graham, giving thanks for his more than twenty-two years of service, and welcomed the Rev. John. S. Shaw to begin his duties as the Committee’s new general secretary on March 1, 2013.

As the year 2014 unfolds, it appears that God has graciously continued to favor the OPC with the addition of at least eight new mission works and two new regional home missionaries. Already four of these works have organizing pastors in place, and four more are anticipating the arrival of their organizing pastors by the end of summer or fall.

So the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension submits to the 81st General Assembly the report that follows, in praise to God who has abundantly cared for us in time of great need. 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 2013

A. Fields Supported

The following thirty-nine mission works and one church planting intern were provided with financial assistance from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension during 2013 (listed by presbytery):

Central
Pennsylvania
Central United States
Connecticut & Long Island
Southern New York
Dakotas
Michigan & Ontario
Midwest
New Jersey
New York & New England
N. Calif. & Nevada
Northwest
Ohio

Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania (Stephen S. Payson)
State College, Pennsylvania (Jeremiah W. Montgomery)
Williamsport, Pennsylvania (Andrew T. Adcock)
Tulsa, Oklahoma (Jim G. Stevenson)
Long Island, New York (Benjamin W. Miller)
Queens, New York (Brad S. Hertzog and Jonathan W. Shishko)
Lander, Wyoming (Phillip B. Strong)
Beamsville, Ontario (Douglas L. Bylsma)
Hillsdale, Michigan (Everett A. Hennes)
Chicago, Illinois (John H. Ro)
Crystal Lake, Illinois (Brandon T. Wilkins)
Davenport, Iowa (Kenneth R. Golden)
Doniphan, Missouri (Kent W. Harding)
Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Kim M. Kuhffuss)
St. Louis, Missouri (Todd V. Wagenmaker)
San Juan (Ref), Puerto Rico (Carlos M. Cruz)
Bridgton, Maine (Tim R. Beauchamp)
Lowell, Massachusetts (Roberto Laranjo)
Morgan Hill, California (Tony Garbarino, intern)
Seattle, Washington (Daniel W. McManigal)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Christopher A. Malamisuro)
Cleveland, Ohio (Geoffrey L. Willour)
Huntington, West Virginia (David J. Robbins)
B. New Fields

Seven new mission works began receiving financial assistance from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension during 2013 in the following locations: Carson, California; Cincinnati, Ohio; Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Hartwell, Georgia; Lander, Wyoming; Naples, Florida; and Seattle, Washington. The Committee also supported the work of a church planting intern under the oversight of Covenant OPC in San Jose, California.

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. [The Committee is currently developing a process to more fully and effectively implement b. and c.]
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 via email 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 anticipates every church planter will strive to make at least thirty outreach contacts per month. Items for praise and petition are also gleaned from these reports, with some being passed on through *Home Missions Today* and the Prayer Calendar in *New Horizons*.

2. Support for non-aid-receiving mission works

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

a. Non-aid-receiving mission works will make a commitment to report monthly on the challenges and blessings of the ministry for use in prayer support.

b. Services and assistance provided by the Committee will include prayer listings in *New Horizons* and *Home Missions Today* and postings on www.chmce.org and CHMCE’s Facebook page, OPC Home Missions, 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 2013, eight churches and one presbytery home missions administrator concluded their support relationship with the Committee as follows:

Aid in the amount of $30,450 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario to Living Hope Presbyterian Church in Beamsville, Ontario, for the support of Tristan Emmanuel from September 2002 through March 2003, and for the support of Douglas L. Bylsma from June 2010 through October 2013.

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Ohio to Lake OPC in Cleveland, Ohio, for the support of Larry B. Oldaker from May 2009 through February 2012, and for the support of Geoffrey L. Willou from March 2012 through April 2013.

Aid in the amount of $85,250 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Ohio to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Huntington, West Virginia, for the support of J. Boone Leigh from January 2007 through April 2009, and for the support of David J. Robbins from February 2010 through January 2013.

Aid in the amount of $64,465 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New York and New England to Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira in Lowell, Massachusetts, for the support of Roberto Laranjo from May 2007 through June 2013.

Aid in the amount of $63,750 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Cen-
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tral Pennsylvania to Providence OPC in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, for the support of Stephen S. Payson from January 2006 through December 2013.

Aid in the amount of $57,300 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to Greater Reading Chinese Church in Reading Pennsylvania, for the support of Li Chen Fu from January 2010 through March 2011, and for the support of Jonathan F. Peters from April 2011 through February 2013, after which a decision was made to enfold the work into Covenant OPC in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southwest to Rio Rancho OPC in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, for the support of Todd S. Bordow from May 2009 through April 2013.

Aid in the amount of $124,000 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New Jersey for the support of Bruce C. Fenton from September 2003 through December 2013.

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 follow up contacts and meet with groups and individuals interested in establishing new mission works. They conduct public meetings and lead Bibles studies in efforts to form core groups that will comprise the worshipping nuclei of new mission works. They often lead or coordinate the conduct of a mission work’s first months of worship and service. 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 2013, the regional churches of the OPC were served by six full-time and two part-time regional home missionaries supported by the Committee.

The Rev. DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr., continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southeast during 2013. He provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Hartwell (formerly Royston), Georgia; Cookeville, Tennessee; Gastonia, North Carolina; and Neon, Kentucky; and, at the request of the Presbytery of the South, in Collierville, Tennessee. He also worked in conjunction with Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic regional home missionary Stephen Doe in the development of the mission work in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Rev. James L. Bosgraf continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Midwest during 2013. He assisted in the beginning of new mission works in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Andover, Minnesota. He has assisted in exploratory work in Shawano, Wisconsin. He also provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in St. Louis, Missouri; Brainerd, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Crystal Lake, Illinois; Davenport, Iowa; Pella, Iowa; and Rockford, Illinois.

The Rev. David A. Crum continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Southern California during 2013. He assisted with the plans for the revitalization of Grace OPC in Carson, California and the development of a new work in Anaheim Hills, California. He assisted with the reception of a church in Concho, Arizona. He also provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Cottonwood, Arizona; Tucson, Arizona; Capistrano Beach, California; Pearl City, Hawaii; and Big Bear Lake, California.

The Rev. Stephen D. Doe continued his labors as a regional home missionary for the
Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic in 2013. He assisted with the continued development of Trinity Reformed Church in Gaithersburg (formerly Derwood), Maryland. He worked in conjunction with Presbytery of the Southeast RHM Lacy Andrews, assisting in the development of a new mission work in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He also assisted in the development of a group in Front Royal, Virginia, and assisted the presbytery in exploring a number of potential areas for church plants.

Ruling Elder Bruce C. Fenton continued to assist the Presbytery of New Jersey as their part-time home missions administrator during 2013. He conducted a survey of various potential development sites for new mission works throughout the presbytery. He assisted the congregation of Redeemer OPC in Seaside Heights, New Jersey, as it merged with Faith Bible Church in Brick to become Faith Bible OPC. Mr. Fenton concluded his labors as home missions administrator for the Presbytery of New Jersey at the end of 2013.

The Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell continued his service as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario in 2013. He followed up contacts for the beginning of new churches in northwest Indiana and Ontario. He assisted with the establishment of New City Fellowship OPC in southeast Grand Rapids, Michigan, a daughter congregation of Harvest OPC in Wyoming, Michigan. And he also provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Beamsville, Ontario and Hillsdale, Michigan.

The Rev. Lawrence B. Oldaker continued his service as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Ohio during 2013. He assisted in the development of the mission work in Huron, Ohio. He followed up contacts for the beginning of new churches in several locations in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. He assisted with the transition of a group from outside the OPC as it became Good Shepherd OPC, a mission work in Cincinnati, Ohio. And he also provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia; and Wilkinsburg (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania.

Ruling Elder Christian H. Walmer II continued his service as a part-time area home missions coordinator in the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania during 2013. During the year the presbytery increased the number of hours each month that he labors in this calling. He has assisted in the planning for a new church start in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. And he also provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania; State College, Pennsylvania; and Williamsport, Pennsylvania.


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 that authorize the beginning of new mission works and oversee their progress and development. It is the presbyteries that approve and call qualified men to work as church planters. The Committee stands in support of the work that the presbyteries do. Each year the general secretary and the associate general secretary visit six to eight 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 always 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, email, and messaging.

*Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church* (2nd edition) continues to be a useful tool for equipping new OP church planters for their task. 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 that God continues to expand. *Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church* is available as a printed book, in electronic format on the Committee’s menu on the OPC website, and in epub and mobi formats for download to electronic readers.

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 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 2013 gathering was held November 7–8 at Lake Sherwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida.

Since the mid-1990s, God has regularly and consistently sent groups of people to the presbyteries of the OPC who are desirous of becoming OP mission works or individuals open to the challenge of gathering their friends and relatives into such groups. Therefore, OP church planting practice has largely been working to form such gatherings into the core groups of new OP congregations. But in the fall of 2003 the first steps were taken for a more intentional strategy to be laid side-by-side with that responsive strategy. The initial intentionally identified areas were urban and metropolitan regions. This intentional emphasis continues, as does the focus on large population centers. Four of the mission works that began their support from CHMCE in 2013 are in major population centers. Several of the new church plants anticipated in 2014 are located in large metropolitan areas.

Another aspect of being intentional in our church planting has been encouraging established congregations to initiate daughter church plants. Five of our current fields fit into this category.

The advisory committee for the 80th General Assembly encouraged CHMCE to consider how they might help local congregations with revitalization efforts. A study committee was formed this past year to consider this issue more carefully.

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 2014, the annual Church Planter Training Conference was held for the “Class of 2013” in the facilities of Grace OPC in San Antonio, Texas, with fourteen OP church planters, prospective church planters, and guests 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 centered on 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 of these ministries, the short-term missions coordinator, 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 three locations during 2013—Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Westminster Seminary California in Escondido, and Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. Men from other reformed seminaries are always invited and welcome. Twenty-seven men attended in 2013. These seminars provide invaluable contacts for the Home Missions staff and for the intern program of the OPC.

In an attempt to provide 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 monthly reports of the church planters and from personal interviews with them. *Home Missions Today*, as this bulletin is called, is available by email transcript to all OP congregations with email addresses and to individuals who have requested it, and is also posted on the Committee’s website.

OPC Home Missions and Church Extension is also on Facebook. This is a very timely way to provide items for prayer and praise. Each item posted is generally viewed by several hundred people. On one occasion more than one thousand people viewed a story and, we trust, praised God for his goodness.

In order to provide the whole church with a better understanding of how richly God has blessed the work of church planting in the OPC and to enlarge the base of prayer support for an increasing number of new churches started each year, the Committee maintains its own website, chmce.org, as part of the opc.org family. The website, which may be easily accessed by selecting the “Home Missions” menu in opc.org, keeps a constantly updated map of all mission works and regional home missionaries under denominational support. It provides additional venues for the distribution of *Home Missions Today*. It collects and makes available the New Horizons-generated stories of the mission works and church planters of the OPC. And it provides an up-to-date full-color Home Missions newsletter that may be accessed at any time for the latest synopsis of news of church planting in the OPC.

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

Our sovereign God has once again provided abundantly for the work of the Committee in 2013. The people and congregations of the OPC gave generously, with receipts from Worldwide Outreach, the Thank Offering, and designated gifts 7% more than budgeted. Seven new works and one church planting intern began receiving financial support from the Committee during the year.

One ongoing challenge for the Committee is how best to match church planting expenditures, which typically involve four-year commitments, with income, which can vary meaningfully from year to year. Often, the initial activity needed to develop a new mission work begins several years prior to it receiving financial support. Thus, the Committee finds itself relying on recent giving history and then determining whether to convey encouragement or restraint to the presbyteries and regional home missionaries, knowing that the resulting financial commitments will likely obligate the church for years to come. Due to the economic
decline of 2007–2008 and the reduction in giving to Worldwide Outreach that followed, the start of new works decreased significantly by 2010.

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With increases in giving over the past three years, the Committee has again been actively working to promote the establishment of new mission works. Yet the increased expense of planting churches and supporting pastors, and the ongoing financial demand of supporting more regional home missionaries (with men called to that work in eight presbyteries already and hopefully nine presbyteries by the end of 2014), presents new challenges. The Committee, with the concurrence of representatives from the seventeen presbyteries, made the decision to reduce or delay support for several works in 2014.

Our reserves, which provide an important financial buffer, have remained relatively constant in recent years.

VII. BUDGET

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VIII. 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 2014: Messrs. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Sidney O. Smith
Class of 2015: Messrs. Stanford M. Sutton, John M. Mauldin
Class of 2016: Messrs. Gregory S. De Jong, Jonathan W. Shishko
During the year the Rev. Ross Graham (ex officio) and directors the Rev. Dr. George W. Knight III and Mr. Peyton H. Gardner retired; the Committee elected Messrs. De Jong and Shishko, and the Rev. John S. Shaw joined as ex officio director. The Loan Fund’s directors commended Mr. Graham, Dr. Knight, and Mr. Gardner for their long-time commitment to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, and for their valuable involvement in the various matters before the Board, and to each for reflecting a true servant’s heart towards the churches applying for loan assistance.

The following men serve as officers of the Board: president, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; vice president, John M. Mauldin; secretary, Stanford M. Sutton; treasurer, Sidney O. Smith; assistant secretary, John S. Shaw; assistant treasurer, David E. Haney. Messrs. Shaw 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 2013, Notes in the OPCLF were offered in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Although a growing number of states are adopting the Uniform Securities Act (USA2002), in other states factors including regulations and fees make it difficult to offer Notes in their states. Notes are currently offered at the following fixed rates: 1-year, 0.75%; 2-year, 1.25%; 3-year, 1.75%; 4-year, 2.25%; 5-year, 2.75%; 10-year, 3.75%; these rates were effective September 13, 2012, have been unchanged since then, and are subject to change by the Board. At the close of the year, the total of the Notes outstanding was $11,931,806.

Notes outstanding, including accrued interest, on December 31, 2013, were as follows: one-year, $970,412; two-year, $384,966; three-year, $1,762,884; four-year, $346,705; five-year, $2,812,040; and ten-year, $5,654,799; for a total of $11,931,806. This is an increase of $1,444,860 from the prior year. Additional financial reports on the OPCLF are available upon request.

Gifts and bequests to the Loan Fund totaled $597.14 in 2013; in line with earlier policy, these funds were added to the S.A.F.E. funds (Supplemental Assistance Fund Endowment) of the Loan Fund.

During the year the Board took the following actions: (1) granted a loan of up to $170,000 (subsequently modified to $100,000, at the church’s request) to Mid Cities Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Texas, for the purpose of purchasing the worship facilities located at 1810 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas; (2) granted a modification to Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Matthews, North Carolina, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 2701 Rice Road, Matthews, North Carolina, effective on the current loan’s maturity date, April 15, 2013; (3) granted a modification to New Hope Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, New Jersey, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 65 Hitchner Avenue, Bridgeton, New Jersey; (4) granted a modification to Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the terms of its second loan (granted in 2012) on its worship facilities under construction at Road 8176 Km 2.9, Cupey Alto, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; (5) granted a modification to Calvin Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona, for its loan located at 4150 E. Acoma Drive, Phoenix, Arizona; (6) granted a loan of up to $750,000 to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Cary, North Carolina, for the purpose of purchasing the worship facilities located at 217, 219 Georgetown Road, Raleigh, North Carolina; (7) granted a loan of up to $176,000 to Hillsdale Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale, Michigan, for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 44 Monroe Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, for use as their worship facilities; (8) granted modifications to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Vandalia,
Ohio, for its two loans on its worship facilities located at 101 East National Road, Vandalia, Ohio, effective November 15, 2013; (9) granted a modification to New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 101 4th Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho, effective on the current loan’s maturity date, December 15, 2013; (10) granted a modification to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 10750 Westpoint Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, effective September 15, 2013; (11) granted a modification to Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Lansing, Michigan, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 1301 W. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan, effective on the current loan’s maturity date, April 15, 2014; and (12) granted a modification to Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware, for its loan on its worship facilities located at 1006 Wilson Road, Wilmington, Delaware, effective on the current loan’s maturity date, March 15, 2014.

The loan granted in 2013 to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Cary, North Carolina, was not disbursed in 2013. The loans granted in 2012 to Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en San Juan, Puerto Rico (both the second loan and S.A.F.E. loan); Providence Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reading, Pennsylvania (second loan) were disbursed in 2013. The loan granted in 2012 to New Hope Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, New Jersey, was not disbursed in 2013. The loans granted in 2011 to New Covenant Community Church, New Lenox (now Joliet), Illinois; Calvin Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona; Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en San Juan, Puerto Rico (initial loan); and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reading, Pennsylvania (initial loan) were fully funded in 2013.

Last year the Board took note of the news that the congregation of Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, New Jersey, had voted to leave the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; the church was erased from the roll of churches at the December 4, 2012, meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey. Therefore, the loan from the Loan Fund to Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, New Jersey, was declared, by its terms, due and payable by June 4, 2013. During 2013 the Board continued to work with the church as it sought new financing, and continues to do so, while the church continues to make its payments.

The balances due on loans from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund as of December 31, 2013, are as follows:

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Salt Lake City, Utah – Christ Presbyterian Church 140,768.15
San Antonio, Texas – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church 270,586.45
Southfield, Michigan – Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church 55,265.85
St. Paul, Minnesota – Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church 136,233.38
St. Paul, Minnesota – Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church (SAFE loan) 60,000.00
Stratford, New Jersey – Stratford Presbyterian Church 133,786.11
Taylors, South Carolina – Covenant Community Orthodox Presbyterian Church 139,955.40
Vandalia, Ohio – Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church (1st loan) 216,075.16
Vandalia, Ohio – Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church (2nd loan) 192,636.53
Walkerton, Indiana – Grace Reformed Church 54,952.41
Wasilla, Alaska – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church 151,593.14
West Barnstable, Massachusetts – Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod 94,308.39
Wilmington, Delaware – Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church 349,841.88
TOTAL of all loans held by OPCLF as of December 31, 2013 $12,101,916.61

During 2013 the loans to Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Easton, Pennsylvania; and Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, were paid off.

IX. 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 the year the Committee approved a modification to the loan terms for Janet L. Gregson, effective on the current loan’s maturity date, April 15, 2013, and also approved a loan to the Rev. John S. Shaw.

The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 2013, are as follows:

Elkins Park, Pennsylvania – the Rev. John S. Shaw $ 313,566.50
Horsham, Pennsylvania – Janet L. Gregson 39,224.97
Neon, Kentucky – Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church 27,238.56
Pennsville, New Jersey – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church 14,446.87
Syracuse, New York – Hope Presbyterian Church 12,861.53
Warminster, Pennsylvania – the Rev. Richard R. Gerber 144,503.17
TOTAL of all loans held by Contingent Fund as of December 31, 2013 $ 551,841.60
X. AUXILIARY MINISTRIES

A. OPC Ministerial Information Form for Ministers/Licentiates

The General Assembly 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 and licentiates 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 posted on chmce.org.

B. 2014 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 $33,826 for the first year of service following ordination. NOTE: This schedule reflects an increase of 2% over 2013.

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<th>Years of Service</th>
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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 7% of the pastor’s salary (base salary and housing allowance) as a pension premium, with the strong suggestion that he participate in the OPC Pension Plan.

6. Social Security. The church should pay one-half of the pastor’s Social Security premiums. For pastors not in the Social Security program, the church should pay one-half of the annual investment in an established investment or retirement income plan, this being on the same basis and in the same amount as though the pastor were in Social Security.

7. Other considerations. The calling body may also consider as part of the salary package items such as: arrangements to help in house purchase with a down payment if needed, disability insurance, and assistance in meeting Christian school tuition for children. The ability to implement any or all of the above suggestions is determined in part by the following:
   a. The congregation’s ability to meet the initial terms of the call with reasonable projections for annual evaluations, including increases as needed and prudent.
   b. In the case of mission works, financial aid from CHMCE, the presbytery, and other possible outside sources as significant factors in determining the salary package. CHMCE support is premised on annual presbytery requests with a maximum commitment of four years.

XI. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MATTERS

The Committee appointed the Rev. John S. Shaw, general secretary; the Rev. Richard R. Gerber, associate general secretary; the Rev. John R. Hilbelink, Committee President; the Rev.
Jeffery A. Landis, Committee Vice-President; and Mr. Garrett A. Hoogerhyde, Committee Treasurer, as their representatives to the 81st General Assembly.

XII. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members:

Class of 2014
Ministers: Jeffery A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger, J. Mark Sallade
Ruling Elders: Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam

Class of 2015
Ministers: Mark R. Brown, John R. Hilbelink, Dale A. Van Dyke
Ruling Elders: Jerold W. Barnett, John M. Mauldin

Class of 2016
Ministers: John Currie, Donald M. Poundstone, Gerald S. Taylor
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Gregory S. De Jong

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, Mauldin, Sallade, and Taylor

D. Committee Representative to COC:

Mr. Hoogerhyde

E. Subcommittees:

Church Planting: Messrs. Barnett, Brown, Landis, Poundstone, Sallade, Van Dam
Finance: Messrs. De Jong, Hoogerhyde, Mauldin
Ministry Operations: Messrs. Currie, Hilbelink, LeMahieu, Mininger, Taylor, Van Dyke

F. Ministry Staff:

At the end of February 2013, Rev. Ross W. Graham retired as general secretary for the Committee after more than twenty-two years of faithful and effective service. The current ministry staff consists of General Secretary John S. Shaw, who began his service to the Committee in March 2013, 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.

Associate General Secretary Richard R. Gerber has announced his intention to retire from his position at the end of December 2014. CHMCE appointed the Ministry Operations Subcommittee to begin the search process to fill the position of associate general secretary.

G. Office Staff:
Mr. Sean D. Gregg has served well as the Staff Administrator for the Committee since May 2012. With a background in journalism and communication, Mr. Gregg continues to enhance the Committee’s ability to keep pace with the ever-changing opportunities for electronic and print communication.

XIII. ELECTIONS

The terms of the above-named Class of 2014 expire at this assembly.
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VI. RECOMMENDATIONS 

I. INTRODUCTION

*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. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The “Great Commission” of the risen Christ in Matthew 20:18–20 cannot be fulfilled apart from the obligation to teach all that Jesus commanded. The Committee on Christian Education has been erected to help assist the church in its teaching ministry to the glory of God and the edification of the saints.
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. Douglas Clawson
Website Senior Technical Associate—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. Thomas Foh
Technical Consultant—Mr. Andrew Duggan
Editor of Ordained Servant Online and Ordained Servant—The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Reynolds
Cover Designer New Horizons—Mr. Christopher Tobias
Proofreader—Mrs. Randall Pederson

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. Editor of New Horizons
3. Director of the Intern Program
4. Director of MIOPC
5. Ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of GCP
6. Sharing the work of the CCE with the congregations and presbyteries of the OPC
7. Supervising CCE special projects and publications
8. Supervising CCE conferences and seminars
III. RESOURCES AND MINISTRIES

A. New Horizons

Seeking to be faithful to the church’s primary and secondary standards, *New Horizons in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church* 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. Pederson 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. 2013 Issues

   January – The OPC response to Hurricane Sandy  
   February – Why Christians Need Confessions  
   March – Unwilling Infertility  
   April – The Devourer Devoured  
   May – CFM: Taking the Gospel to the Nations  
   June – Prayer  
   Jul/Aug – Reflections on our 80th General Assembly  
   September – A Lively Hope for True Evangelism  
   October – Presbyterians and the Heidelberg Catechism  
   November – Thank Offering 2013  
   December – Do You See the Angels?

2. Circulation

   The CCE publishes fourteen thousand 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. A PDF of each issue is also available for download in ePub and Mobi formats at OPC.ORG under “New Horizons.” Clerks of sessions are encouraged annually to send address changes to Mrs. Clawson (ccsecc@opc.org or 215-830-0900). Informing the CCE of address changes saves the Committee hundreds of dollars in postal returns.

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 includes Mr. Pribble (Senior Technical Associate), Mr. Traver (Website Design and Technical Associate), Mr. Moody (Website Technical Assistant), Mrs. Foh (Website Assistant), and Mr. Duggan (Technical Consultant).

2. New Postings

   New postings to the website in 2013 and early 2014 include:
   a. Annual statistical report  
   b. 2013 Thank Offering report  
   c. Eightieth General Assembly report  
   d. MTIOPC updates  
   e. 2013 OPC Timothy Conference materials
Appendix

f. Epub versions of booklets
   *Why Christians Need Confessions* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Your Sabbath Destination* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *What is the Reformed Faith?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Helps for Worship* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Are You a Christian?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Why Join a Church?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *What is the OPC?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *Welcome to the OPC* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *The Work of the Holy Spirit* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   *God or Mammon?* PDF, ePub, and Mobi

g. *New Horizons* in PDF, ePub, and Mobi

3. General Content

OPC.ORG content that requires regular maintenance by the SIM staff to keep updated.

a. Feature Article
b. *New Horizons*
c. *Ordained Servant*
d. Question and Answers
e. Book Reviews from *New Horizons* and *Ordained Servant*
f. Daily Devotionals
g. Home Missions Today
h. Vacant Pulpits List
i. Electronic Newsletter
j. “News”
k. Updates for Directory (Find a Local Congregation)
l. Camps & Conferences page
m. ePub conversions
n. *This Day in OPC History*

4. 2013 Statistics

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C. Ordained Servant

*Ordained Servant: A Journal for Church Officers* is presently in its twenty-first year of publication. The General Assembly has entrusted the CCE with this ministry for church officers since 1992, when G. I. Williamson became its first editor. Three issues were published in 1992; from 1993 to 2004 the journal was published quarterly; and in 2005 two issues were published. In 2006 Gregory Edward Reynolds, pastor of Amoskeag Presbyterian Church in Manchester, New Hampshire, became the second editor with a mandate to redesign the journal for regular online publication with an annual print edition. It is presently published monthly online (except for combined issues June/July and August/September) (E-ISSN 1931-7115). The Subcommittee on Serial Publications of the Subcommittee on Resources for the Church
serves as the editorial board.

*Ordained Servant* exists to help encourage, inform, and equip church officers for faithful, effective, and God glorifying ministry in the visible church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its primary audience is ministers, elders, and deacons of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, as well as interested officers from other Presbyterian and Reformed churches. Through high quality editorials, articles, and book reviews we endeavor to stimulate clear thinking and the consistent practice of historic, confessional Presbyterianism. Through high quality editorials, articles, and book reviews, it endeavors to stimulate clear thinking and the consistent practice of historic, confessional Presbyterianism. The editor is always happy to receive comments, suggestions, and submissions.

1. Online Edition 2013
   a. January – Reading Scripture in Worship
   b. February – Departures
   c. March – Dealimg with Loss
   d. April – How to Run the Session Meeting
   e. May – Officer Training
   f. June / July – A Pastor’s Grief
   g. August / September – Preaching and Literature
   h. October – The Reformation of Preaching
   i. November – Youth Ministry
   j. December – Two or Three Offices?

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 in a new, more accessible format. 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 “Contact” page. RSS feed is also available. An email announcement is sent to everyone on the OPC alias list when each monthly edition is available online. Anyone who does not have an OPC alias email address may request to be placed on the list maintained by the secretary of the Committee on Christian Education in order to receive this monthly notice.

As of February 2012 *Ordained Servant Online* is now being made available in PDF, ePub, and mobi editions to be downloaded at no cost onto a laptop or desktop computer, iPad, Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader, smart phone, or other device. These editions may be accessed directly from the *Ordained Servant Online* box and the *Ordained Servant Online* page. It should be noted that the PDF version of *Ordained Servant Online* differs from that of *New Horizons* because the latter is published in a print version first and that is what is formatted in PDF, whereas *Ordained Servant Online* is only printed annually and thus the PDF must be specially formatted for the PDF version.

2. Print Edition

Many of the online editorials, articles, and book reviews are published in an annual print edition (ISSN: 1525-3503). The first annual print edition of *Ordained Servant* (2006) was unveiled at the Seventy-Fourth General Assembly. Indexes are now available online for 2006 through 2013. Again this year we printed 1,500 copies.

Note that we now distinguish between *Ordained Servant Online* and *Ordained
Servant the printed annual. 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 webpage 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 Rd., Bldg. E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539. Checks should be made out to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, designated for Ordained Servant in the memo line. Institutional subscribers in the US and Canada please remit $15.00 per year. Overseas individual and institutional subscribers please remit $20.00 per year. All remittances should be made payable in U.S. funds. Subscriptions, both paid and gratis, may also be received through our website on the “Publications” page under “Resources” on the top right of the OPC.ORG home page.

We would like to encourage all officers who would like the annual edition of the journal 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

In 2013, the CCE produced and published Carl Trueman’s Why Christians Need Confessions. It also reprinted The Book of Church Order (2011) and the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. Available Titles

Why Christians Need Confessions (Carl R. Trueman)
Your Sabbath Destination (Roger W. Schmurr)
The Book of Church Order, 2011.
The Confession of Faith and Catechisms with proof-texts.
Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants? (Larry E. Wilson)
Helps for Worship (William Shishko)
Welcome to the OPC: A Primer on the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (Danny E. Olinger)
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 E. Wilson)
Get to Know Us Better
CONOZCANOS MEJOR La Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa
The Church of God (Stuart Robinson)
All of these publications may be ordered by email (CCEsec@opc.org) or phone (215-830-0900).

3. Electronic Versions

Electronic versions of the booklets for download are available at no cost on OPC.ORG on the “Publications” page.

E. Psalter-Hymnal

1. Mandate

The Seventy-Third (2006) General Assembly adopted the following in response to Overture 3:

That the Seventy-Third General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church authorize its Committee on Christian Education to seek to develop a Psalter-Hymnal by 2011—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 (PHSC), the Rev. Alan D. Strange (chairman), the Rev. Stephen A. Pribble, the Rev. Danny E. Olinger, and Dr. Darryl G. Hart. At its October 2014 stated meeting, the CCE added Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Shafer to the PHSC.

3. CCE Motion Passed (October 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 Seventy-Third General Assembly had determined that consideration of the publication of a Psalter-Hymnal was meritorious and committed such to the CCE. At the Seventy-Fourth General Assembly, 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 (PHSC) determined to carry out its work through the erection of a production subcommittee and a composition subcommittee.

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. Timothy Shafer is the musical editor, and the Rev. Dr. Mark Vander Hart (URCNA) serves as a Hebrew consultant. Mrs. Douglas Felch serves as poetic and English verse advisor.

At the end of 2011, the Subcommittee had worked on translations and tunes for the Psalter selections from Psalm 1 to Psalm 150 and had placed them before the Committee on Christian Education for review.

Having completed the work on the psalms, the Composition Subcommittee was dissolved with the appreciation of the Committee on Christian Education at its October 2013 stated meeting.

5. CCE Review
At its October 2011 Fall stated meeting, the Committee on Christian Education evaluated Psalms 1–34 as put forward by the Composition Subcommittee. At its March 2012 Spring stated meeting, the Committee reviewed Psalms 35–72. The Committee reviewed Psalms 73–119 at a special meeting prior to the General Assembly. At its October 2012 Fall stated meeting, the Committee reviewed Psalms 120–150.

6. 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 proposed 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 the 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 proposed 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.

d. The proposed 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.

7. United Reformed Churches in North America

On November 9, 2010, the PHSC (Olinger, Pribble, Strange) met with the members of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) Psalter-Hymnal Committee at Lynwood URC in Lynwood, Illinois. The URCNA Songbook Committee invited the PHSC to inform it as to work done so far by the PHSC. At the invitation of the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee, the PHSC presented its work, beginning with the resolution of the Seventy-Third General Assembly. The URCNA members then reprised the history of their work, going back into the late 1990s, and involving emphasis shifts with successive URCNA Synods. The two groups also discussed sharing the fruits of each other’s labors and a potential working arrangement.

Mr. Olinger represented the Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee in attending the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee meetings in Holland, Michigan on November 2–3, 2011.


The Seventy-Eighth (2011) General Assembly passed the following motions:
1) That the General Assembly approve the Psalter-Hymnal Special Committee working together with the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee with a view to producing a joint OPC/URC Psalter-Hymnal; 2) That an official invitation from the Assembly be extended to the URCNA Synod (next meeting in New York in 2012) to work together to produce a Psalter-
Hymnal for use in a wide range of confessional Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

9. Presentation of Psalms to the Eightieth (2013) General Assembly

At its October 3, 2012 meeting, the Committee on Christian Education finished its review of the metrical Psalms put forth by the Composition Subcommittee. On November 6–8, 2012, the PHSC (Olinger, Pribble, Strange) met with the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee at Lynwood URC in Lynwood, Illinois. On January 22–24, 2013 the Composition Subcommittee met at the Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia. Receiving the recommendations of the CCE from its review of the psalms presented and interacting with the psalms put forth by the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee, the Composition Subcommittee approved 221 metrical psalms to be submitted to the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee. The PHSC (Hart, Olinger, Pribble, Strange) met with the URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee at Mt. Olive URC, Mt. Olive, Michigan on March 5–6, 2013. At that meeting, the two committees agreed to 238 metrical psalms, 19 psalm paraphrases, and 15 psalm partials to be presented to the Eightieth (2013) General Assembly for review.


The psalms, with full text and music, were made available for review at psalterhymnal.org by congregations and members of the OPC. This information was sent out to the congregations of the OPC through the OPC alias list, New Horizons, and OPC.ORG. It was also made available to the congregations and individual members of the URCNA. The OPC and URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committees received feedback from individuals and churches until December 31, 2013.

11. Presentation of Psalms to the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly

Acting upon the feedback of individuals and churches and also further consideration of the “First Reading” psalms list, the two committees met at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Wheaton on March 5–6, 2014 to propose a “Second Reading” to be presented to the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly and Synod 2014 for approval. Changes were often based upon improving English poetry and correcting inflection issues.

The OPC and URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committees agreed to arrange the Psalter according to Psalm number beginning with the complete text(s) of a psalm, followed by partial text(s), followed by paraphrased versions. A hymn that is clearly based on a psalm will be identified as such in the hymn section. Pronouns referring to the Deity will be capitalized for the sake of clarity. The beginning of new lines will not be capitalized unless a new sentence begins. Regarding the usage of gender specific language in the psalms, the text of the English Standard Version will be followed. The name ‘Jehovah’ and archaic language in psalms and hymns considered classics will be unchanged.

Amendments to the “Second Reading” list agreed upon by the PHSC and the URCNA Psalter Hymnal Committee were sent to the CCE for its approval prior to the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly. The CCE recommends the following metrical psalms (242), psalm paraphrases (18), and psalm partials (14) for approval at the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly. The URCNA Psalter-Hymnal Committee will also recommend the same 274 psalms to Synod 2014 for approval.

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Psalm 89B  Maryton  vv. 1–4, 28–29, 32 from The Psalter, 1912; alt. (partial)
Psalm 90A  St. Catherine (alt. St. Chrysostom)  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 90B  Suilven  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 91A  Woodlands  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 91B  Hyfrydol  Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973
Psalm 92B  Ellesdie  The Psalter, 1912 (paraphrase)
Psalm 93  Festal Song  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.
Psalm 94A  Aspinwall  Psalter Hymnal, 1957
Psalm 95A  St. Petersburg  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.
Psalm 95B  Hanover (Croft)  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.
Psalm 95C  Beecher  The Psalter, 1912 (paraphrase)
Psalm 96  Wesley (Mason)  The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990
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Psalm 97B  Uxbridge  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.
Psalm 98A  Lyngham  Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973
Psalm 98B  Genevan 98  Standing Committee for the Book of Praise, 2010
Psalm 98C  Austrian Hymn  John Newton, 1779; alt.
Psalm 99A  Leoni  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009
Psalm 99B  Neumark  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 99C  Ellacombe  s. 1, s. 3 Psalter Hymnal, 1987; s. 2 Psalter Hymnal, 1957 (paraphrase)
Psalm 100A  Old 100th/Genevan 34 W. Kethe, 1561; alt.
Psalm 100B  Diademata  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 101A  Downs  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 101B  Genevan 101  W. Helder, 2010
Psalm 102  Holy Communion (alt. Jerusalem)  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 103A  Before the Throne  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 103C  Avondale  Psalter Hymnal, 1957 (partial)
Psalm 103D  Tidings  The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961 (paraphrase)
Psalm 104A  Ode to Joy  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 104B  Lyons  Trinity Psalter, 2000
Psalm 105A  Bucklebury  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 105B  Genevan 105  Standing Committee for the Book of Praise, 2010
Psalm 105C  Seraph (Bethlehem)  vv. 1–4, 12 Psalter Hymnal, 1957 (partial)
Appendix

Psalm 107A  Goshen  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 107B  Halle  vv. 1–5, 19–20 from Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.
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Psalm 109  Blaenhafren  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 110A  St. Thomas (Williams)  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 110B  All Saints New  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009
Psalm 111A  Les Commandements  Dieu  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 111B  Germany  The Psalter, 1912; alt.
Psalm 112  Hetherton  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009
Psalm 113A  Monkland  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 113B  Andre  Psalter Hymnal, 1957
Psalm 114  Winchester New  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 115A  Aberystwyth  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 115B  Gairney Bridge  The Psalter, 1912; alt.
Psalm 116A  Eventide (Monk)  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 116B  Genevan 116  Cantus Christi
Psalm 117A  In Babilone  Psalter Hymnal, 1976; alt.
Psalm 117B  Regent Square  H. Thomas Smart
Psalm 117C  St. Oswald  United Presbyterian Book of Psalms, 1871
Psalm 118A  Geneva 66  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt. 2004
Psalm 118B  Zerah  vV. 19–23, 26, 29 from The Psalter, 1912 (partial)
Psalm 119A  Genevan 119/ Rendez a Dieu  W. Helder, 2010
Psalm 119B  Duane Street  The Psalter, 1912, Psalm 119:9–16, alt.
Psalm 119C  Wareham  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.
Psalm 119D  Olive’s Brow  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119E  Bishop  The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990
Psalm 119F  Mulchaich  Sing Psalms, 2003
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Psalm 119J  Contentment  Sing Psalms, 2003
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Psalm 119L  Melita  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119M  Toulon  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119N  Canonbury  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.
Psalm 119O  Das Walt Gott  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119P  Robinson  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.
Psalm 119Q  St. Crispin  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119R  Winchester New  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119S  Genevan 110  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 119T  Sandon  Sing to the Lord, 2008.
Psalm 119U  Deus Tourum Militum  Sing Psalms, 2003
Psalm 119V  Federal Street  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 120  Cadboll Street  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 121A  Dundee  OPC/URCNA (2016)
Psalm 121B  Guide  The Psalter, 1912; alt.
Psalm 122A  CWM Rhondda  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009
Psalm 122B  Morecambe  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt. (paraphrase)  
Psalm 123  Fillmore  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 124  Genevan 124  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 125  Quam Dilecta  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 126  Arthur’s Seat  The Psalter, 1912; alt.  
Psalm 127A  Ilia  Psalter Hymnal, 1957  
Psalm 127B  Deus Turorum  Based on The Psalter, 1912  
Psalm 128A  McKee  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009  
Psalm 128B  Galilee (Jude)  Psalter Hymnal, 1957  
Psalm 129  Saxony  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 130A  St. Columba  OPC/URCNA (2016)  
Psalm 130B  Sandon  Psalter Hymnal, 1957  
Psalm 131A  Lobt Gott  Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973; alt.  
Psalm 131B  Trentham  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.  
Psalm 132  Blaenwern  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt. 2004  
Psalm 133A  St. Stephen (alt. Manoah)  Sings Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 133B  Pressly  Psalter Hymnal, 1957 (paraphrase)  
Psalm 134  Old 100th/Genevan 34  L. J. Lamberts, 1928  
Psalm 135  Creation  The Psalter, 1912; The Complete Book of Psalms for Singing, 1991; alt.  
Psalm 136  Constance  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.  
Psalm 137  Brynteg  OPC/URCNA (2016)  
Psalm 138A  St. Petersburg  Various sources, 2004  
Psalm 138B  Solid Rock  Psalter Hymnal, 1957; alt.  
Psalm 139A  St. Matthew  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 139B  Woodworth  Psalter Hymnal 288 and 289, 1957, 288 and 289, alt.  
Psalm 140  Leicester  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 141  Southwell  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 142  Rockingham Old  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 143A  Love Unknown  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.  
Psalm 143B  Dolgelly  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 144A  Rhosymedre  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009  
Psalm 144B  St. Denio (Joanna)  H. Mayer, 1940, Psalter Hymnal, 1957, alt.  
Psalm 145A  Yorkshire  OPC/URCNA (2016)  
Psalm 145C  Stuttgart  R. Mant, 1824; alt. 1990 (paraphrase)  
Psalm 145D  Noel  vv. 1–8 from The Psalter, 1912; alt. (partial)  
Psalm 146  Ripley  Various Sources, 2004; alt.  
Psalm 147A  Petersham  Sing Psalms, 2003  
Psalm 147B  Minerva  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009  
Psalm 148A  St. Catherines  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009  
Psalm 148B  Praise Jehovah  Bible Songs Hymnal, 1927; alt. (partial)  
Psalm 150A  Genevan 150  W. Helder, 2010  
Psalm 150B  Wycliff  Sing Psalms, 2003; alt.  
Psalm 150C  Helmsley  Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009  
Psalm 150D  Lasst Uns Erfreuen  D. Hyde, 2001
Since the Eightieth (2013) General Assembly, the combined OPC-URC committee proposed, and the CCE adopted, removing the following tunes from its former proposal.

Psalm 1B  Arlington replaced by St. Peterburg
Psalm 13  Far-off Lands replaced by Meditation
Psalm 33  Epiphany (Wesley) replaced by Ash Grove
Psalm 40  A Flemming replaced by Ancyra (alt. Resignation)
Psalm 48B  Heatherton replaced by Forest Green (alt. Ellacombe)
Psalm 51  New City Fellowship deleted
Psalm 55  Vox Dilecti replaced by Donnelly
Psalm 69  A Salvum Fac replaced by Xavier
Psalm 72  Dundee deleted
Psalm 80  Veni Emmanuel replaced by Caritas (alt. St. Denio [Joanna])
Psalm 92  Yorkshire replaced by Darwell
Psalm 108  Hayden replaced by St. Thomas

The combined OPC-URC committee proposed, and the CCE also adopted, the following new psalm selections.

Psalm 21B  All Saints New
Psalm 127B  Deus Turorum

Psalm selections that were changed in classification by the joint committee and adopted by the CCE include the following:

Psalm 36B  Caddio changed from partial to metrical psalms by adding stanzas
Psalm 86B  Mason changed from paraphrase to metrical psalm
Psalm 115B  Gairney Bridge changed from partial to metrical psalm by adding stanzas
Psalm 138B  Solid Rock changed from paraphrase to metrical psalm

The proposed Psalter tunes are available on psalterhymnal.org (username: psalter; password: hymnal). Tunes proposed at the March 4–5, 2014 Psalter-hymnal Committee meeting are being notated and added to psalterhymnal.org as they are available. Lord willing, this process will be completed by May 15, 2014.

   The CCE recommends that the metrical psalms, psalm paraphrases, and psalm partials for the proposed psalter-hymnal as a package be approved at the Eighty-First (2014) General Assembly.
   
   While adopting this psalm proposal means that this is Assembly’s final approval, it must be understood certain minor changes might need to be made prior to production such as editorial mistakes or typos that need correction. The OPC and URCNA Psalter-Hymnal committees will also continue to work on some textual revisions to improve inflection and language flow. These will be updated on the website as changes are made. Further, unforeseen copyright problems may necessitate changes in order to bring the particular song into copyright compliance, or to remove the song from the collection should the necessary changes or cost prove to be excessive.
13. Hymns
The PHSC and the URCNA psalter-hymnai committee jointly approved 99 hymns at its March 5–6, 2014 meeting. The PHSC had previously approved 155 hymns from the Revised Trinity Hymnal to be included in the proposed Psalter-Hymnal.

At its 2010 Synod, the URCNA Psalter-Hymnai Committee presented 285 hymns for review. It has been interacting with the feedback from its consistories and amending its list of hymns.

The PHSC and the URCNA Psalter-Hymnai Committees plan to have an agreed list of hymns available for review at the Eighty-second (2015) General Assembly. This will constitute a “first reading” of those hymns with opportunity for online feedback for the rest of the year (as with the current psalms section), with a view to seeking approval for the hymns as a package at the Eighty-third (2016) General Assembly, followed by presentation to the 2016 Synod of the URCNA.

14. Printing
The OPC and URCNA Psalter-Hymnai Committees plan to publish two versions of the songbook. Both will have identical song sections, but the secondary standards and other information in the back of the book will differ.

F. Great Commission Publications (GCP)

1. Shared Ministry
GCP is entering its thirty-eighth year as a joint ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in the production of Christian educational materials.

2. Executive Director
At its October 28, 2013 meeting the Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. E. Marvin Padgett, a ministerial member of the PCA, as the Executive Director of GCP. Mr. Padgett, who served on the GCP Board of Trustees from 1991–2012, was formerly Vice-President Editorial at P&R Publishing from 2006–2013, and Vice-President Editorial at Crossway books from 1997–2005. From 1983–1996, Mr. Padgett owned and managed the Logos Bookstore of Nashville, Tennessee.

3. Administration
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. Stephen T. Estock) sit as ex officio members. The GCP trustees from the OPC function as a subcommittee of the CCE and report to the entire CCE. On February 4, 2014, GCP trustee, Mr. Steve Fox, died and went to be with the Lord. A ruling elder at Trinity Presbyterian in Montgomery, AL, Mr. Fox served faithfully on the GCP Board of Trustees for over twenty years.

The present roster of GCP trustees is as follows:

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Alternates are appointed to serve in case regular members cannot. The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson and Mr. David Winslow, Jr. are the current OPC alternates. The Board convenes in two stated meetings each year in April and October.

4. 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.”

5. 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.

6. Publications
GCP publishes and makes available numerous Christian education resources for use in the church, including:

- *Trinity Hymnal* (Original 1961 and Revised 1990 editions)
- *Bible Doctrine*
- *Confessing Christ*
- 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
- Baptism and Membership certificates
- Church bulletins (subscription service)

A complete listing of GCP’s educational resources can be found at its website, GCP.ORG.

7. Communication
As Executive Director, Mr. Padgett 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

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 in working with hosting churches for the intensive training sessions.

5. Program of Instruction
   a. Book of Discipline (Stuart R. Jones)
   b. Covenant Nurture (Thomas E. Tyson)
   c. Defending the Faith (William D. Dennison)
   d. Ecclesiology (A. Craig Troxel)
   e. Form of Government (Alan D. Strange)
   f. Homiletics (William Shishko and Douglas B. Clawson)
   g. OPC History (John R. Muether)
   h. Pastoral Theology (William Shishko)
   i. Westminster Standards (Chad B. Van Dixhoorn)
   j. Reformed Worship

6. 2013 Intensive Training
   The intensive training session for the Ecclesiology, OPC History, Westminster Standards, and Form of Government courses was held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, IL. The Committee would like to extend its thankfulness to members of the Wheaton congregation for their gracious hospitality.

7. Participants in 2013 Courses

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8. Participants in 2014 Courses
At the writing of this report, the 2014 Spring MTIOPC courses of Westminster Standards, Book of Discipline, Covenant Nurture, and Defending the Faith (Presuppositional Apologetics) currently in session have an enrollment of 32 men.

9. Numerical History

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H. Aids for Ministerial Training:

1. 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.

The CCE has established the following rules governing the disbursement of these funds:

(1) Requirements:
(a) have been ordained within three years of applying for the program
(b) be engaged in pastoral or missionary ministry of the OPC
(c) have completed at least two MTIOPC courses

(2) To receive a grant, one must provide the following:
(a) name of seminary, or seminaries, attended and date of graduation
(b) dates of ordination and installation into current ministry
(c) name and address of body with which currently he is serving as a minister
(d) 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.

(3) Grants are credited in one of two ways:
   (a) a $200 one-time grant
   (b) 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

(4) Applications are to be sent to Mr. Olinger at olinger.1@opc.org.

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. Financial Assistance

The CCE, through the SMT, provides matching funds to congregations for approved internships. In 2013, the CCE provided matching funds of $900 monthly for approved summer internships and $1,300 monthly for approved yearlong internships. In 2014, the CCE provided $1,000 in monthly matching funds for approved summer internships and $1,375 in monthly matching funds for approved yearlong internships.

2. Summer Internships 2013

The CCE assisted in funding sixteen summer internships during 2013. The summer internships were the following:

- Branch of Hope OPC, Torrance, CA—Adrian Crum
- Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, TX—Jeremy Boothby
- Community OPC, Kalamazoo, MI—Michael Borg
- Covenant OPC, Kennewick, WA—Adam Phillips
- Covenant OPC, Reading, PA—David O’Leary
- Grace OPC, Hanover Park, IL—Brian Guinto
- Grace OPC, Vienna, VA—Ben Gordon
- Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK—Richard Chung
- Harvest OPC, San Marcos, CA—Chris Hartshorn
- Providence OPC, Mantua, NJ—Jeffrey Carter
- Redeemer OPC, Ada MI—Joshua Schendel
- Redeemer OPC, Santa Maria, CA—Silverio Gonzalez
- Redemption OPC, Gainesville, FL—Jordon Rossi
- Reformation Fellowship, Roseville, CA—Joe Johnson
- Reformation OPC, Oviedo, FL—Matthew Cole
- Spencer Mills OPC, Gowen, MI—Andrew Minatelli

3. Yearlong Internships 2013-2014

The CCE also assisted in co-sponsoring a record eighteen yearlong internships which started in 2013. These longer internships are designed for men under care of an OPC presbytery and who have made a commitment to pursue licensure in the OPC. In order to provide for the funding for these internships, the CCE drew heavily from its monetary reserves.
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The yearlong internships, some of which are still continuing, are:

- Bethel Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, IL—Caleb Smith
- Bonita OPC, Bonita, CA—Yevgeni Koh
- Calvary OPC, Glenside, PA—Thomas Tkach
- Cedar OPC, Hudsonville, MI—Micah Shin
- Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, TX—Jeremy Boothby
- Covenant Grace OPC, Roseburg, OR—Jeff Scott
- Covenant OPC, Mansfield, OH—Jeremy Logan
- Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL—David Franks
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Jose, CA—Tony Garbarino
- Emmanuel OPC, Wilmington, DE—David Landow
- Faith OPC, Elmer, NJ—Andrew Barshinger
- Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI—Jeffrey Shamess
- Knox OPC, Silver Spring, MD—Shane Bennett
- New Life OPC, Montoursville, PA—Josh McKamy
- Pineville OPC, Pineville, LA—Kevin Olivier
- Providence OPC, Temecula, CA—Broc Seaman
- Redeemer OPC Mission, Pittsburgh, PA—Louis Cloate
- Trinity OPC, Hatboro, PA—Steven Moulson

4. 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 2015 summer interns should be sent to the CCE by February 28, 2015. Applications can be found on OPC.ORG under “Christian Education” or by contacting Mrs. Clawson at ccesec@opc.org or 215-830-0900, Ext. *828.

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.

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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.

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

6. Readiness for Ministry Seminars

Mr. Olinger participated in the CHMCE hosted 2013 seminars at Westminster Seminary California, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando. While on seminary visits, Mr. Olinger promotes the OPC through talks and lectures and interviews prospective intern candidates.

J. OPC Timothy Conference

1. Purpose of Conference

In order to assist OP congregations in identifying and encouraging young men with apparent gifts for the gospel ministry, the SMT established an “OPC Timothy Conference” for young men from ages sixteen to twenty-one. 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).

Since its inception in 2008 some 112 young men from every presbytery in the Church have been challenged at the conference to consider the call to gospel ministry in the OPC. These students have been addressed on various topics related to the ministry by general secretaries, home and foreign missionaries, pastors, and seminary professors. They have also been given exposure to seminary classes at Reformed seminaries located near the host congregations.

2. 2013 Conference Report

Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL and New Covenant Church, New Lenox, IL served jointly as the host churches for the OPC Timothy Conference, which was held in Orland Park and in Dyer, IN on the campus of Mid-American Reformed Seminary, April 18–19, 2013. Historic rainfalls and flight delays did not dampen the spirits of the sixteen participants from fifteen OP congregations and ten presbyteries at the conference. OPC ministers, Bruce Hollister, Brian DeJong, John Hilbelink, David VanDrunen, and Danny Olinger spoke to the students on five topics concerned with the ministerial office, calling, and preparation for gospel ministry. As an added benefit, special lectures on J. Gresham Machen and the “Minister and Music in the Church” were also given by Alan Strange, as well as humorous reflections by Pastor Iain Wright on “Ministry in a Cross-cultural Setting.”

Messrs. Olinger, VanDrunen, and Winslow serve as a subcommittee of the SMT to organize these conferences and have been assisted by Susan Winslow with travel and accommodation arrangements.

K. Shiloh Institute

1. Purpose of the Institute
The Orthodox Presbyterian Shiloh Institute introduces prospective ministers to the work of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as a means of recruiting able young men for OPC ministry and future participation in MTIOPC. This is similar to the Timothy Conference, but with an older age group in view.

2. 2013 Institute
The fourth annual institute met again at the Shiloh Retreat in Jefferson, NH, overlooking the White Mountains for three days in June, 2013. This modest but charming retreat provided an ideal environment for lectures, informal discussion, and fellowship. Each instructor presented a lecture interspersed with discussion and then a follow-up session that reflected on pre-assigned readings. Topics included:

“The OPC and Global Calvinism” (Dr. Darryl Hart)
“A True Presbyterian Church at Last” (Mr. John Muether)
“The View of an OPC Immigrant” (The Rev. Stephen Tracey)
“The Shape of OPC Ministry” (The Rev. Gregory Reynolds)

Seven students applied and all but one were able to attend. There was also one auditor. Seminaries represented included Calvin, Gordon-Conwell, Reformed Presbyterian, Reformed in Orlando, and Westminster Seminary California. There were two college students, one from Wheaton and one from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Student response to the institute has been very positive. One participant observed, “The Shiloh Institute is important because it covers things you likely won’t hear in seminary.”


L. 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.

2. Seminary Visit Chronology

October 1998    Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana
*Visitation Members:* The Rev. G.I. Williamson, the Rev. Bruce Hollister, and the Rev. William Bomer

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
*Visitation Members:* The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, the Rev. Mark R. Brown, and the Rev. Danny E. Olinger

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
*Visitation Members:* The Rev. Danny E. Olinger, the Rev. Alan R. Pontier, the Rev. Rollin P. Keller, and Mr. David Winslow, Jr.

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
*Visitation Members:* The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, the Rev. Donald J. Duff, the Rev. Danny E. Olinger, and the Rev. Larry J. Westerveld.
March 2010 Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina

Visitation Members: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger, the Rev. A. Boyd Miller, the Rev. Brenton C. Ferry, and Mr. David Winslow, Jr.


November 2011 Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan


October 2012 Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Visitation Members: The Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel, the Rev. Paul N. Browne, and the Rev. John Van Meerbeke


M. Response to Overture 1

The Eightieth (2013) General Assembly referred Overture 1 (below) to the Committee on Christian Education and requested that the Committee bring a report and recommendations, if any, to the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly.

OVERTURE 1—The Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York overtures the 80th (2013) General Assembly to propose to the presbyteries the following amendment to chapter 21 of the Form of Government, i.e. “Licensing Candidates to Preach the Gospel”, section 4: That the three references to theology in this section be changed to The Confession of Faith and Catechisms of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, so that the proposed new section would read:

The candidate for licensure shall be examined by the presbytery, or by a committee appointed for that purpose, in the English Bible, ecclesiastical history, The Confession of Faith and Catechisms of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 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. If the examination of candidates is referred to a committee, an examination at least in The Confession of Faith and Catechisms of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall also be held before the presbytery; and if one-fourth of the presbyters present at the meeting are dissatisfied with the examination in The Confession of Faith and Catechisms of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the candidate shall be required to continue the examination at a future meeting of the presbytery.

Grounds:
1. In the current Form of Government it is unclear how an examination in theology to license a man to preach the Gospel is different from a theological examination leading to ordination. This makes clear that the required standard for licensure is the actual doctrinal commitment of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
2. Because the current Form of Government may be understood as requiring a full seminary training before a man can be examined in theology with a view to licensure, many, if not most, seminarians wait until their last semester of seminary (or after their graduation) to take the examinations for licensure.

3. This has created a situation in which the majority of seminarians regularly speaking in churches, particularly during the latter part of their seminary training, are not licensed to preach. This brings our practice (in which coming under care of presbytery has been likened to “de facto licensure in the OPC”) into serious conflict with our principle of church order that “It is highly reproachful to religion and dangerous to the church to entrust the preaching of the gospel to weak and ignorant men” (FG, XXI:3, cf. XXI:1, 6).

4. This amendment would allow men to know specifically what the examination in theology for licensure includes, and would also enable them to prepare for this examination so that it can be taken after a year and a half of the seminarian’s formal training, cf. FG XXI:3, regardless of the number of years the man will be in seminary, and regardless of the order of the theological curriculum of the seminary he attends.

5. This would enable men to be licensed during their seminary training, and would enable them to fill pulpits with the authorization of their presbyteries as probationers for the Christian ministry. In so doing, this clears up the ambiguity that exists when men under care of presbytery regularly fill pulpits as either visiting speakers or interns.

6. This amendment also has the advantage of specifying that the theological competence required for Orthodox Presbyterian probationers to preach the Gospel is thorough understanding of the Church’s doctrinal standards. Further, this complements the second licensure vow, in which the candidate affirms that he sincerely receives and adopts the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture.

7. This amendment makes clear in our Church Order that a candidate for the Gospel minister will be examined specifically in the doctrinal standards to which he must vow his sincere commitment.

While sympathetic to many of the concerns raised by the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York, the CCE is not convinced that the proposed amendments to Form of Government chapter 21 will achieve the desired results of the overture. The CCE recommends that the Eighty-First (2014) General Assembly deny Overture 1 on the following grounds.

**Grounds:**

1. Ground one of the overture rightly observes that the *Form of Government* is unclear about the differences between the licensure and ordination theology exams. However, there are other ways for the church to clarify those differences, to wit, the SMT of the CCE has prepared a booklet for the church, which addresses this need for clarity.

2. It is difficult in practice to distinguish a confessional question from a theological question. This may generate confusion that will divide presbyteries.

3. All theological exam questions, for licensure or ordination, should test a candidate’s ability to think theologically, based on Scripture and confession. By segregating confessional questions from theological questions, we may unwittingly sanction the mistaken thinking that theological reflection can be abstracted from
the confession, possibly even dimini\textit{shing} a sense of the confession’s centrality in theological reflection.

4. The overture seeks to lower expectations for licensure, encouraging candidates to think they can achieve licensure sooner rather than later. Because the grounds suggest a “thorough understanding of the church’s doctrinal standards,” this seems to heighten expectations instead. “Thorough understanding” should be demonstrated by the “breadth and depth” of the theology exam for ordination.

5. The increased maturity in theological understanding that a candidate for ordination should exhibit does not consist in the acquisition of a new category of knowledge previously unknown. Rather, it consists in a deepening and broadening of understanding in the same categories of knowledge: scriptural, confessional, and theological. Therefore, the theology exams for licensure and ordination should not differ in kind but in the expectation of the maturity of understanding.

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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 present composition of the CCE is as follows:

Class of 2014
Ministers: Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel, David M. VanDrunen
Ruling Elders: Timothy K. Jackson, Paul S. MacDonald

Class of 2015
Ministers: Sidney D. Dyer, Thomas E. Tyson, Archibald A. Allison
Ruling Elders: Darryl G. Hart, David Winslow, Jr.

Class of 2016
Ministers: Rodney T. King, Stephen A. Pribble, Alan D. Strange
Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley, John R. Muether

Members whose terms expire at this Assembly are:

Ministers
Gregory E. Reynolds (SRC, SIM, GCP, Executive Committee)
A. Craig Troxel (SMT, Seminary Visitation)
David M. VanDrunen (SMT, Timothy Conference)

Ruling Elders
Timothy K. Jackson (SRC, SIM, CoC, Finance)
Paul S. MacDonald (SRC, Serial Publications)

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.

2014 2015 2016
The Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel  The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson  Dr. James S. Gidley
The Rev. Dr. David VanDrunen  Mr. David Winslow, Jr.  Mr. John R. Muether

C. Procedure to Elect the Class of 2017

The Assembly must first elect the SMT class of 2017. The men elected to the SMT are automatically elected to the CCE class of 2017. The Assembly must then elect the remaining three members of the CCE class of 2017.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. The CCE recommends that the Eighty-first (2014) General Assembly approve the metrical psalms, psalm paraphrases, and psalm partials for the proposed psalter-hymnal as a package.

*Grounds:*

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I. PURPOSE

The purposes of the Committee are to recommend to the General Assembly a combined budget for the three program committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions, and Church Extension) for the succeeding year so as to help the Church maximize the use of its resources for the fulfillment of its tasks, to support the ministry of the pastors and sessions in their responsibility to teach and encourage the practice of biblical stewardship in
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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 2014
      Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares [1999]
      The Rev. Stephen J. Oharek [2013]
   b. Class of 2015
      Ruling Elder William A. Muether [2010]
      The Rev. Anthony A. Monaghan [2009]
   c. Class of 2016
      Ruling Elder John D. Mazunik [2004]
      The Rev. Donald J. Duff [2010]

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. Donald J. Duff
3. Secretary–The Rev. Anthony A. Monaghan
4. Treasurer–Ruling Elder Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Standing Subcommittees

1. Administration
   The Administration Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Duff, Hoogerhyde, and Muether, 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. Jackson, Mazunik, and Monaghan, is principally responsible for approving guidelines for promotion of the work and developing support for the program committees, developing and preparing programs to encourage the practices of good stewardship, encouraging the procurement of support from individuals through both current
and deferred giving, and providing counsel, assistance, and literature aimed at increasing the commitment of each member of the Church in the use of his or her means, times, and talents in the work of Christ’s kingdom.

3. Program Review
The Program Review Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Jerrell, Oharek, and Tavares, 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. Chairman
The Chairman serves *ex officio* on all standing subcommittees.

D. Meetings
The Committee met three times since the last Assembly: September 9, 2013 (via teleconference), January 13, 2014 (via teleconference), and April 4, 2014.

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program

1. 2013 Financial Results
The continued focus of the Worldwide Outreach (WWO) program of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church remains in continuing to stress the importance of seeing the work in its singular goal—advancing the Gospel of Christ through focused efforts in Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions. In reviewing the unified results of last year’s giving, we were encouraged to see that the budget goals of each Committee were fully funded. Overall, actual funding to Worldwide Outreach in 2013 saw a substantial growth (13.6%) in contrast to 2012. The numbers are a strong reminder that our Lord is pleased to continue to grow His work in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church through the faithful giving by God’s people.

2. Financial Reserves
As we have reported in past years, the funding within Worldwide Outreach needs to be understood in light of how each Committee has chosen to use their financial reserves. Each of the Committees (at various levels) continued to satisfy their individual budgets through the use of the cash reserves God has granted. This is in place for 2014 (as it has been in the past) with the acknowledgement that God has provided the funds for use as the needs arise. Looking forward into 2015, we see the present cash reserves of the Foreign Missions being exhausted. All Committees have limited their 2015 work in light of their shrinking reserves. In viewing 2015 budgets and beyond, we again remind the whole of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of the situation and the future impacts to the advance of each of the programs making up WWO. Continued use of the reserves (without replenishment) will present Committees with difficult decisions that may require retraction in ongoing programs.

B. Coordinated Promotional Efforts

1. Combined Worldwide Outreach oriented materials
Work on refreshing some of the basic printed materials used for WWO are in
process. We anticipate in 2015 an updated WWO brochure for use by the various Committees. It will continue as a supporting tool that illustrates Worldwide Outreach and its supporting programs to the churches and friends of the OPC. The General Secretaries and the Director of Finance and Planned Giving are working together in exploring all opportunities to determine how best to use the many tools available to meet the needs of delivering timely information to the church at large. Expanding electronic tools create the means for linking the church for prayer and support. There are no specific budget allocations for support in the proposed 2015 budget.

2. OPC Ambassador Program
   In 2015 the OPC Ambassador Program gathered for a meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The ongoing effort is to bring selected representatives from a number of presbyteries together for an update of all parts of Worldwide Outreach. The goal is to see our Ambassadors take the information back to each of their presbyteries and instruct, encourage, and promote the ongoing work of Worldwide Outreach. Our Ambassadors are regularly going back to their individual Presbyteries and sharing the information gained to instruct local churches in regard to WWO. We believe the continued growth in the number of churches within the OPC participating in regular giving to WWO is one of the results of the program. The program will continue into 2015.

3. Stewardship Education
   We recognize that the church greatly benefits from the regular opportunities of instruction in stewardship and estate planning offered from the Director of Finance and Planned Giving (Mr. Haney). With the retirement of the Staff Accountant, Mr. Haney will be putting a greater focus on this part of his work in the upcoming year. We support his desire to increase his work in these areas.

C. Administrative

1. Staff
   Our Director of Finance and Planned Giving, Mr. David E. Haney, continued his work for the Committee. Ms. Janet L. Gregson continues to serve as Assistant to the Director of Finance and as Office Manager for the three program committees. The Rev. Douglas A. Watson, Staff Accountant will conclude his full-time work for the Committee on June 30, 2014. He will continue to remain employed by the Committee on a part-time basis during his transition into retirement. The Committee wishes to note the following resolution adopted by the Committee regarding the service of Rev. Watson:

   The Committee on Coordination is thankful to God for the twelve years of faithful service of The Rev. Douglas A. Watson as Staff Accountant for the committee. Mr. Watson’s humble service and faithful stewardship has been of great assistance to all who work in the office in Willow Grove and to the church at large. This is seen in his timely and accurate financial reports provided to each committee. He has done yeoman work in the expansion of a database that greatly enhances the work of the church. Perhaps he will be most remembered by those who work in the office for his ability and willingness to deal with problems with the copier, to see that the postage meter has funds on it, or to help solve someone’s computer problems. We give thanks to the Lord for preparing and providing this humble servant for the special needs of the
church. 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.

2. Accounting and Database Management
The accounting and data management system continues to be developed. We are now benefiting from the consolidation of older stand-alone databases. We will continue to develop and maximize its capabilities. The Committee is considering what changes will be needed in Instrument E to reflect the inclusion of the database management responsibilities.

3. Planning
This subcommittee spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the staffing needs that support Mr. Haney’s efforts. Restructuring of responsibilities will be done as a result of Rev. Watson’s retirement. A search will be undertaken to find a Controller who will take on the overall accounting responsibilities. This will allow Mr. Haney to devote more time to his responsibilities with the OPC Loan Fund as well as to expand the Stewardship and Planned Giving work that he has successfully undertaken in past years. A review of Mr. Haney’s overall work and commitments were also done during the spring 2014 meeting. The conclusion is that we continue to be very thankful for how Mr. Haney actively uses his talents for the benefit of the Lord’s work in the OPC.

IV. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Special Relationships Requests
No requests for Special Relationships were brought to the Committee this year.

B. Special Relationships Review
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.

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### Excess/(Deficiency)

-7,712 -42,830 -46,973 -1,254

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## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. The Committee recommends that the 81st General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 2015 and allocation of undesignated contributions as follows:

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Coordination $340,000 $340,000
New Horizons $280,000 $280,000
Subtotal $620,000 $620,000
Grand Total $4,071,500 $4,000,000

Increase over 2014 approved 7.4% 5.5%
Increase over 2013 actual 5.4% 3.5%

Allocation of undesignated contributions:
- Christian Education: 15.00%
- Foreign Missions: 42.00%
- Home Missions: 43.00%

VII. ELECTIONS

A. Term Expirations

The terms of the Rev. Stephen J. Oharek and Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares expire at this Assembly. Under Standing Rule X.2.i., both men are eligible to be re-elected. This Assembly should elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 2017.
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

### Total Budgets and Receipts: 2005 - 2015

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Averages: $119,559 (4.6%) $143,125 (4.8%) 100.0%

### WWO: Receipts and Budgets 2005-2015

![Graph showing WWO Receipts and Budgets 2005-2015](image-url)
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

### Sources of Funds

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### WWO: Sources of Funds 2013-2015

![Graph showing sources of funds for WWO from 2013 to 2015](image-url)
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Use of Funds

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#### WWO: Use of Funds 2013-2015

![Graph showing Use of Funds 2013-2015](Image)
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH PROGRAM COMMITTEE FUND BALANCES

#### 2008-2013 balance sheets based on Auditor's report

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### Funding of Deficit (Surplus):

- From (to) CCE cash reserves: $62,960 to $110,900, $70,258
- From (to) CFM cash reserves: $69,158 to $105,879, $4,509
- From (to) CHMCE cash reserves: $(471) to $164,541, $166,110
- From (to) NH cash reserves: $0 to $0, $0
- From (to) CDC cash reserves: $5,658 to $0, $(2,584)

**Deficit (Surplus) funded:**

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### Notes:
- Actual 2013: Based on Auditor's reports
- Approved 2014: Based on Committees' reports, allocated in same manner as the Auditor.
- Requested 2015: 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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|                  |             |               |                |
| **EXPENSES**     |             |               |                |
| Program Services |             |               |                |
| SMT Visitation   | $24         | 0             | 0              |
| Intern Support   | 246,544     | 250,000       | 230,000        |
| Conferences      | 0           | 1,000         | 1,000          |
| MTI-OPC          | 7,544       | 15,000        | 15,000         |
| Internet Ministries | 22,763   | 30,000        | 30,000         |
| Ordained Servant | 16,705      | 21,000        | 21,000         |
| Timothy Conference | 9,600    | 11,000        | 12,000         |
| Summer Institute | 5,924       | 6,000         | 6,000          |
| Psalter Project  | 11,421      | 12,000        | 12,000         |
| Tracts           | 0           | 0             | 0              |
| **Total Program Services** | $319,524   | $346,000      | $327,000       |

|                  |             |               |                |
| Supporting Services |         |               |                |
| General administrative and Promotion | 184,177    | 200,665       | 200,523        |
| **Total Expenses** | $503,701   | $546,665      | $527,523       |

|                  | ($62,960)   | ($110,900)    | ($70,258)      |
| **EXCESS (Deficit)** |             |               |                |

| Funding of Deficit (Surplus): |
| Inter-fund transfers | $56,956         | $110,900       | $70,258        |
| Decrease (increase) in cash | 6,004        | 0             | 0              |
| **Deficit (Surplus) funded** | $62,960     | $110,900      | $70,258        |

**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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<td>($105,879)</td>
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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**
- Inter-fund transfers: $43,935, $105,879, $4,509
- Decrease (increase) in cash: 25,224, 0, 0
- Deficit (Surplus) funded: $69,158, $105,879, $4,509

**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 $179,263 and $187,086 and $184,717 for 2013 and 2014 and 2015 respectively.
## COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

### General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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### Funding of Deficit (Surplus):

|                      |             |               |                |
| Inter-fund transfers | $0          | $184,541      | $166,110       |
| Decrease (increase) in cash | (471)  | 0             | 0              |
| **Deficit (Surplus) funded** | ($471)   | $184,541      | $186,110       |

**Note:**

The salary and benefits paid to all employees have been allocated entirely to administration.
## NEW HORIZONS

**General Fund: Revenues and Expenses**

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## COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

**General Fund: Revenues and Expenses**

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WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Percent of Approved Budget Funded: By Committee 2003-2012

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2000-2012 Average: 98.1
Last 5 Years Average: 98.3

Percent of Budget Funded: By Committee 2003-2013

Graph showing the percent of budget funded by committee from 2003 to 2013. The graph includes data for Christian Education (CE), Foreign Missions (FM), and Home Missions (HM). The data shows a general trend of increasing funding percentages over the years.
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Unrestricted Liquid Cash Reserve Levels

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### Liquid Cash Reserves

- **CE**: Green
- **FM**: Blue
- **HM**: Orange
- **Other**: Brown

![Liquid Cash Reserves Chart](chart.png)
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Percentage Distribution of Budgets Approved by the General Assembly
2005 - 2015

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES

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But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, penned these words in a time of immense pain and affliction that he had personally suffered, much of it at the hands of the Lord. And yet he had hope because he knew that he served a loving, merciful, and faithful God. In 2013, the Lord has allowed much suffering to come upon his people in many ways. All the reasons for it may never be known in this lifetime. Even as we experience the love and mercy of our Lord through redemption in Christ’s work on the cross, we hope that those who are suffering in our midst may experience a tangible expression of that loving, merciful and faithful hand of the Lord through the diaconal ministries of the church—locally, regionally, and denominationally. It is that “cup of cold water” in the name of Christ, a ministry of mercy.

I. PROFILE OF THE CDM

As an agency of the General Assembly, the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (CDM) is entrusted with the responsibility of promoting the diaconal ministries of the congregations of the OPC in those areas which are beyond the province and/or capacity of the local diaconates. Currently, the CDM consists of three ministers, two ruling elders, and four deacons. The CDM has benefitted from the change made to its bylaws in 2009 which increased the number of deacons on the committee from two to four.

In 2013, ruling elder David Nakhla’s term of membership expired. Since Mr. Nakhla now serves as an employee of the CDM, this created an opening for a new ruling elder to join the committee. The CDM was thankful to add ruling elder Alexander Zarek, as well as deacon John Voss, Jr., to its number. Both of these men have already been a blessing to the CDM in its labors, particularly in the area of disaster response.
The current members of the CDM are:

The Rev. Lendall H. Smith (Minister (retired), Warrenville, IL, PrMW) – President
The Rev. T. Nathan Trice (Minister, Matthews, NC, PrSE) – Vice-President
The Rev. Ronald E. Pearce (Minister, Hackettstown, NJ, PrNJ) – Secretary
Mr. David E. Haney (Ruling Elder, Bridgeton, NJ, PrNJ) – Treasurer

Mr. Robert O. Keys (Deacon, Columbus, PrOH)
Mr. Kenley K. Leslie (Deacon, Staunton, VA, PrMA)
Mr. John J. Voss, Jr. (Deacon, Orland Park, IL, PrMW)
Mr. Robert J. Wright, Jr. (Deacon, Pole Tavern, NJ, PrNJ)
Mr. Alexander A. Zarek (Ruling Elder, Franklin Square, NY, PrC&SNY)

The CDM is blessed with experienced men. Its nine members represent 216 years of ordained service! The men come from six different presbyteries. The average tenure of the committee’s current membership is about seven years. Only two members have served before 2005. In many ways, the CDM is like a “new” committee, between the rate of turnover in its membership and its pursuit of new areas of ministry. It is fair to say that the last decade has seen a lot of transition in the CDM and its work.

In recent years, as the CDM saw its work expanding, it changed its bylaws to include a third yearly meeting in order to give the committee additional time to work through its load. Simultaneously, it added subcommittees to its structure.

In 2013, the full committee met twice (March and October), but chose to use the third meeting (July) as an Executive Committee Meeting for the specific purpose of strategizing the transition of much of the administrative work of the CDM from the committee members to its Administrator.

On March 22–23, 2013, the CDM met at Matthews OPC in Matthews, North Carolina. This is the second time that the CDM has enjoyed the wonderful venue and hospitality of Matthews OPC.

On July 29–30, 2013, the Executive Committee of the CDM met at Bethel OPC in Wheaton, Illinois. As mentioned, this meeting focused on reassigning the administrative work of the CDM. The CDM is very thankful to the congregation at Bethel OPC for continuing to allow the use of their facilities over many years.

On October 3–4, 2013, the CDM met at the OPC Administrative Offices in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. The date and location of this meeting is strategically chosen each year to coincide with the fall meeting of the Committee on Pensions in order to facilitate interaction between the two committees, particularly in regards to their overlapping responsibility for ensuring that ministers are cared for in their retirement years.

The CDM has sought to structure its meetings to enable it to be forward-thinking and proactive in its efforts. As seen above, the CDM’s meetings typically take place over a period of two days. When the CDM meets, it makes a concerted effort to work through the bulk of its business on the first day, reserving the second day for discussion items. Some of the fruit of these discussions in recent years has been the development of national diaconal summits, the creation of the position of short-term missions and disaster response coordinator, the dividing of the work into subcommittees, and participation in the sending out of missionary deacons. The CDM has found this meeting structure to be very productive.

At its October 2013 meeting, the CDM enacted changes to its bylaws (ratified at its March 2014 meeting), whereby the administrative work of the CDM is now centered entirely at the Administrative Offices of the OPC in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. The CDM Administrator
oversees the bookkeeping of the CDM, utilizing the financial structures put in place by the Committee on Coordination. The CDM’s books are included in the OPC’s annual audit of all program committees. Copies of the auditor’s report are available upon request.

II. MINISTRIES OF THE CDM

As mentioned above, the past decade has been a formative one for the CDM in many ways. One thing that the CDM set out to do was to examine its work: what it does, why it does it, what it ought to be doing that it is not currently doing, and how to carry out that work. The result of this examination process has been the development of new areas of ministry for the CDM, as well as the refinement of diaconal philosophies, policies, and procedures that support and enable these ministries. The establishment of good policies and procedures has proven to help the committee move through its agenda more efficiently.

The work of developing a handbook of policies and procedures (Operating Manual) has had its share of fits and starts, but with the continual and persistent prodding of CDM Secretary Ronald Pearce, this project has moved forward significantly. Policies and procedures that are relevant to those outside the committee are posted to the Diaconal Ministries page on OPC.org (www.opc.org/committee_dm.html).

The work of the CDM is beginning to be refined into specific “ministries.” These ministries help define the structure of the budget and the agenda of CDM meetings, and will be reflected in the development of the Operating Manual of the CDM.

A. Ministry to Those in Need Within the OPC

The CDM is privileged to be able to respond to appeals for aid for individuals in need within the OPC using funds entrusted to it through the faithful giving of churches and individuals. In striving to follow a Presbyterian structure within the diaconate, the CDM requires that appeals for individual aid first be presented at the local level to a board of deacons. If the need cannot be met locally, it may be presented at the regional level to the presbytery diaconal committee. If the presbytery finds that it cannot meet the need, it may present it at the denominational level to the CDM. This process ensures that, by the time the need reaches the CDM, the local and regional bodies have had ample opportunity to examine the need and to concur in their decision to present it to the CDM. They will also be in a better position to provide local oversight of the situation if aid is granted by the CDM.

In 2013, through this process, the CDM partnered with an OPC presbytery in providing monthly financial assistance to a family who, due to a violent crime committed against them which rendered the husband permanently impaired, found themselves relying heavily on the church to meet their daily needs. The presbytery diaconal committee, working closely with the local deacons, continues to provide diligent oversight of the situation, which enables the CDM to participate with confidence that good accountability and care is in place locally. The CDM was also able to come to the aid of an OPC minister who found himself burdened with unexpected medical bills. Because of the diligent work of the minister’s presbytery diaconal committee, the CDM was able to respond promptly to the appeal and grant the amount requested.

Since 1970, the CDM has worked with Emmanuel Chapel OPC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which oversees a ministry that helps provide an alternative to the dangerous inner-city public school system by assisting church families with the payment of Christian school tuition. This ministry benefits children from four OPC churches: Emmanuel Chapel OPC (English) in South Philadelphia; Emmanuel Chapel OPC (Indonesian) in South Philadelphia; Grace Fellowship OPC in the Germantown section of Philadelphia; and Grace OPC in
Southwest Philadelphia. In recent years, the CDM has appreciated the increased involvement of the presbytery diaconal committee in this ministry. In 2013, the CDM provided diaconal support of $27,500 for scholarships for the 2012–2013 school year. The CDM has approved a request for $25,600 for the 2013–2014 school year.

The procedure by which a presbytery or presbytery diaconal committee may bring a request to the CDM is located here: www.opc.org/CDM/CDM_Procedure_for_Bringing_Aid_Requests.pdf.

The corresponding form coupled to this procedure is located here: www.opc.org/CDM/CDM_Form_for_Financial_Assistance.pdf

B. Ministry to Those in Need Internationally

The CDM has experienced a growing overlap of its work with that of the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM). Not only has there been an increase in the volume of diaconal funds sent to OPC foreign fields, but the two committees are now sharing the responsibility of finding and fielding missionary deacons, overseeing the work of the short-term missions coordinator, and responding to disasters on OPC foreign fields. As such, coordinating the efforts of these two committees has become crucial. On September 26, 2013, representatives from both the CDM and the CFM met for what has now become an annual meeting for the purpose of discussing these and future joint ministries between the two committees. These meetings seem to become more productive each year!

The CDM continues to be blessed to partner with the CFM in supplying many of the OPC’s foreign fields with funds to minister to needy situations that arise there. It does not happen often, but OPC-affiliated missionaries may also present the CDM with diaconal needs that they face in their labors. And, on occasion, sister denominations in foreign lands may also present their needs to the CDM.

Whatever the source of the requests, the CDM classifies requests in one of three ways. They are either “recurring” requests, “special” requests, or “emergency” requests. Recurring requests are defined as those that the requesting party has made previously and is now once again requesting. The typical frequency for a recurring request is annually. Special requests are defined as those that arise out of a new need or opportunity that the Lord places before a particular part of His church. Special requests are typically one-time requests, but may subsequently become a recurring request if appropriate. An emergency request is defined as a need that arises suddenly in the Lord’s providence and warrants immediate attention.

The CDM recently defined the process by which international entities can bring one of these three types of requests to the CDM. This is defined in the CDM’s internal document entitled “Policy and Procedures for Receiving International Requests for Diaconal Assistance.” Through this process, the CDM was thankful to grant the following amounts requested through the CFM by the following OPC foreign fields in 2013.

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The OP China Mission reports that their location affords them the wonderful opportunity of ministering the love of Christ to people coming across the nearby river boundary, slightly to the south of the place where the mission is located. These people come to them in great desperation, in need of medical treatment, food, clothing, shelter, and the Word of God. By using the funds granted by the CDM, our missionaries are able to help them move on to the next safe place. The funds are administered by Chinese brothers and sisters who do this work at great personal risk. Regular accountability reports are submitted to the mission and occasionally, the mission is able to make face-to-face observations.

In Eritrea, ministering aid can be quite difficult and even dangerous for those who bring it. Despite the few remaining contacts we still have in this country, the CDM is able to share in this ministry to saints who find themselves in oppressive circumstances.

Ethiopia is an active mission work of the OPC despite the fact that the Lord has not yet made a way for a full-time missionary to serve there. Through the indigenous church that has been planted there, the work goes on. This church is the conduit through which the CDM is able to minister to some of the local diaconal needs. CDM funds are primarily used to minister to young children from very poor homes, individuals who have been infected or affected by HIV, and others in the church who face various needs. The CDM gained first-hand exposure to this work in January 2014 when, for the first time in the ten years that it has been sending funds to Ethiopia, the CDM sent representatives, Mr. Bob Wright and Mr. Nakhla, to visit the field. The men were encouraged to find some very favorable systems in place for carrying out the distribution of aid in an effective, careful, and conscientious manner.

The OPC Haiti Mission reports that, while serving in a country that has many needy people, it strives to focus the diaconal ministry on the local church. It takes seriously the Scriptural injunction to help first those who are members of the household of faith. Because Haitians have very strong family ties, particularly when it comes to money, diaconal aid that is distributed within the church often has a very wide impact. The mission finds that most of the diaconal aid is used to help with medical bills.

The OPC Japan Mission has for many years been utilizing the diaconal funds that it receives to make small contributions to three diaconal works of the Reformed Church in Japan: the Shizuoka Blind Center, the Handicapped Rehabilitation Press (near Hiroshima), and Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary. The Mission retains any balance in reserve to meet emergencies arising in the course of the missionaries’ ministries.

The OPC Uganda Mission, now with three missionary deacons on the field, has developed quite a vibrant diaconal component to its ministry, both in Nakaale (Karamoja) and in Mbale. In Nakaale, Akisyon A Yesu (Compassion of Jesus) Presbyterian Clinic is a significant operation. It served over 10,000 patients in 2013. While it does ask each patient to pay a small portion of the costs of their visit, much of the operation of the clinic is subsidized by funds received from the CDM. The clinic is intentional about serving as a form of outreach with the hope that many who come to the clinic from far away villages will have exposure to the gospel that they might not otherwise receive. Missionary deacon and doctor James Knox oversees this ministry of the mission. It should be noted that, in response to the request of the CFM, the CDM plans to make a one-time contribution of funds in 2014 towards the completion of the construction of the new clinic building in Karamoja, a project that was begun several years ago.

Both mission stations in Uganda receive funds from the CDM for use in ministering to the needs of those in the churches. In Nakaale, the diaconal mission funds are typically used for hiring people who have financial needs, purchasing fuel and paying wages for the farm project, and helping with emergency medical needs. The two missionary deacons, Mr. Wright and Dr. Knox, as well as other members of the mission, have found that these funds help them
minister diaconally to those around them.

In Mbale, the diaconal mission funds are typically used to help pay for medical treatment, transportation to receive that treatment, and supplemental food for the widows in the village churches. Missionary deacon Mark Weber arrived on this field in August 2013, and is in the early stages of developing relationships with the churches in the Mbale area, which will be helpful to him in the administration of these funds.

In addition to ministering diaconally through our missionaries, there are times when the CDM is also able to minister diaconally to our missionaries. Occasionally, circumstances on the field will provide the CDM with a wonderful opportunity to be a blessing directly to those who labor for the gospel. In 2013, there were several situations in which the CDM was able to bring some relief to our missionaries.

C. Ministry to Those Affected by Disasters

In March 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake occurred forty miles off the coast of Japan near Sendai. The resulting tsunami devastated over 250 miles of the northeast coast of Japan. The OPC has had a foreign missions presence in the Tohoku region of Japan for over fifty years. Responding to this disaster became a large part of the work of the CDM in 2011 and 2012. That work significantly subsided in 2013, but did continue in the form of helping to fund a ten-person team that traveled to Japan for two weeks. This team, from the Presbytery of Ohio, worked out of the Nozomi (Hope) Center, which had been constructed by OPC teams in the town of Yamamoto, just south of the Sendai airport. The team ministered the love of Christ in Word and deed through various outreach programs in the local community. At the end of 2013, there still remains $56,000 of the $589,000 received in response to the disaster in Japan. The CDM is continually astounded at the compassion of God’s people demonstrated in their generosity toward those who have been devastated by disasters.

In the US, the ministry to OPC families impacted by Hurricane Sandy, both on Long Island, New York, and in the area of Brick, New Jersey, continued in earnest throughout all of 2013. The OPC was blessed by the collaboration of several sister churches: the United Reformed Churches (URC), which sent teams from as far away as Michigan; the Ministry to North America (MNA) Disaster Response branch of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which supported, housed, and fed many volunteers, particularly through the efforts of Calvary PCA in Allenwood, New Jersey; and a faithful brother from the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), James Hulbert, who assisted with much of the field work and spent at least one hundred days volunteering in New Jersey.

A particularly effective aspect of the Hurricane Sandy disaster response efforts has been the steadfast commitment of two brothers in the OPC serving the church as “Site Coordinators,” one in New York and the other in New Jersey. Without the help of Mr. Alexander Zarek, ruling elder of the OPC in Franklin Square, New York, and Mr. Charlie Farrell, deacon of Faith Bible OPC in Brick, New Jersey, the work would simply not have been able to move forward as it did. OPC Disaster Response Coordinator, David Nakhla, gives particular thanks for these men as gifts from the Lord: the right men at the right place and time.

Approximately eight to ten OPC families were affected in both New York and New Jersey, so the focus of our response efforts has been on members and friends of the church. Assisting them in cleaning out, drying out, and rebuilding their flooded homes has been the thrust of the work accomplished. As the year wore on, Mr. Farrell saw his list of ten displaced families shrink, as they were able, one by one, to resettle into their refurbished homes or move into new residences. By the end of 2013, there were only two families in New Jersey who still needed help. Mr. Zarek’s work in New York came near completion by mid-2013.

The Lord has certainly provided well for the work of the CDM. By the end of
2013, the CDM had received $180,000 in contributions for Hurricane Sandy relief. Of that, $69,000 was remaining, despite most of the work being complete. The PCA’s MNA Disaster Response ministry covered much of the cost of providing meals and housing for volunteers. It also contributed many thousands of dollars on hardware store gift cards to be used towards the tools and materials that the volunteers would need to carry out their work. Towards the end of the year, as most of the work became more technical in nature, the Lord provided a handful of skilled men in the church who were willing to make the sacrifice of contributing their skills at a much discounted rate. This has been a great blessing and encouragement, and marks a new development in the CDM’s approach to disaster response.

On May 21, 2013, an EF5 (top of the scale) tornado ripped through the city of Moore, Oklahoma, with peak winds estimated to be over 200 mph. There was not a direct impact on any OPC families that live in that area. Contributions of just over $5,000 were received, designated for ministering to those affected by the tornado.

On November 8, 2013, a Category 5 super typhoon tore through the Philippines, killing over 6,000 people, wounding almost 30,000 people, and causing at least $1.5 billion in damage. It seems that the hearts of many in the OPC are roused when they see such incredible devastation, and donations began flowing in to the CDM. The OPC does not have missionaries in the Philippines, nor is there a reformed church there with which we have an ecclesiastical relationship. As of the writing of this report, it is still not clear to the CDM exactly how the Lord would have it use these funds. A door may be opening however, through a few of the NAPARC churches that have a reformed ministry in the Philippines. The Lord will guide in the use of the $9,000 that was received, earmarked for this purpose.

The CDM established the Major Disaster Response Subcommittee (MDRS) to work closely with the Disaster Response Coordinator. This subcommittee oversees the OPC’s disaster response efforts from beginning to end, acting as a sounding board for the Coordinator, and advising and giving consent to particular disaster response actions and activities. Since ministering to those affected by disasters is still a developing ministry for the OPC, this subcommittee continues to work toward enhancing and refining the disaster response policies and procedures of the CDM.

The CDM owns several trailers, a skid-steer, and other equipment such as chainsaws and generators, which has been accumulated over the years in responding to disasters. This equipment is maintained and stored in South Jersey in a pole barn constructed for this purpose. It is important for the churches of the OPC to know that this equipment is available and could be deployed to any corner of North America in the event that the OPC finds itself in the midst of a disaster.

D. Ministry to and Through Local Deacons

The CDM created the Diaconal Training Subcommittee (DTS) to oversee its ministry to deacons. This subcommittee primarily carries out its ministry through diaconal summits, presbytery-wide diaconal events, and the development of training materials, handbooks, and policies for OPC deacons. While the national diaconal summits of 2010 and 2012 were a great blessing to many OPC deacons, the CDM does not necessarily plan to continue to hold a national conference every two years. The DTS has been exploring various ways in which it might be able to have a similar impact on a more regional scale. While it has not yet come up with the perfect solution, the CDM has encouraged this subcommittee to continue to explore the development of regional diaconal conferences.

In January 2012, the CDM hosted its first “D-17 Summit.” It invited each of the 17 presbyteries to send a representative from its presbytery diaconal committee to meet in San Diego and discuss how to facilitate increased cooperation between the CDM and the
presbytery diaconal committees. This was a great start, but only a start to furthering that cooperation. Since the local deacons are connected to the CDM through the presbytery diaconal committees, seeing these presbytery committees further established in their work can be a great blessing to the local deacons as well. As such, the CDM plans, through the work of the Diaconal Training Subcommittee, to host a second D-17 Summit in Chicago on November 6–7, 2014. Two presbytery diaconal committee representatives are invited from each presbytery and can expect to have their travel expenses to this meeting covered by the CDM.

E. Ministry to and through Missionary Deacons

In recent years, the CDM noticed that several openings for missionary deacons on OPC foreign mission fields went unfilled for years. The CFM was agreeable to the CDM’s offer to work with them in their quest to find candidates who might be suited to fill these spots. The CDM constructed the Missionary Deacon Oversight Subcommittee (MDOS) and through its work, began speaking with deacon Mark Weber about serving on one of our fields. God saw fit to demonstrate that Mark was the one whom He would have serve as a missionary deacon in Mbale, Uganda.

The CDM has also recently become convinced that funding missionary deacons is a legitimate use of CDM funds. As a result, the CDM was blessed to fully fund its first OPC missionary deacon in Mark Weber. The CFM has established a cooperative agreement with the CDM to facilitate this arrangement. It is clearly understood that the missionary deacon is sent by and under the oversight of the CFM. His funding, along with much encouragement, will come from the CDM. The CDM rejoices in the fielding of the Mark Weber family to Uganda!

There continues to be a great need for a missionary deacon in Haiti. Despite a significant bit of work on the part of the CDM in 2013, the Lord has still not made it known whom He would have serve in Haiti. Prayer continues in this regard.

In August, the CDM sent two members of the MDOS, Mr. Lendall Smith and Mr. Nathan Trice, along with the CDM Administrator, to Uganda to visit the mission in preparation for the arrival of the Webers. Sending men from the CDM to visit fields where missionary deacons serve was a first for the CDM, but it anticipates sending more of its members to visit these fields in order to learn more about the labors of missionary deacons and to be an encouragement to them and their families.

F. Ministry to Ministers and Their Widows

In 2007, the CDM received a generous gift of $150,000 from a member of the OPC, who asked that the funds be applied to the needs of retired OPC ministers and their widows. This donor has demonstrated a commitment to renew that $150,000 gift each year and, since 2007, has faithfully done so. The CDM created the “Obadiah Fund” to receive and administer these funds.

That original gift spawned a very important and beloved ministry of the CDM, and has helped the CDM grow in its awareness of and concern for the OPC’s retired ministers and widows. The CDM created the Retired Ministers and Widows Subcommittee (RMWS) for the purpose of overseeing this particular ministry. This subcommittee assisted the CDM in establishing criteria for beneficiaries of the Obadiah Fund: they must be retired, over the age of 65, and have served as a minister in the OPC for at least 10 years.

That first year (2007), the CDM chose to evenly distribute a good portion of the funds through a “one-time” $1,000 check to each of the 75 retired ministers and widows that year. The CDM has been able to continue this practice each year since then, without any promise that it will be able to repeat this practice the following year. But, the CDM
does intend to move towards a more needs-based approach to administering these funds. The
CDM recognizes the limitations it has in making direct contact with each of these now 91
households, and believes that this “diaconal work” would best be performed by the church
body that oversees these individuals, that is, the presbyteries. As such, the CDM is working
towards having the presbytery diaconal committees become increasingly involved in caring
for this segment of the church.

G. Ministry Through the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

In 2009, in coordination with the Committee on Home Missions and Church
Extension (CHMCE) and the CFM, the CDM created a staff position with the title of “Short-
Term Missions Coordinator.” This man was to work as an employee of the CDM, serving it
part-time as an administrator and part-time as a disaster response coordinator as the need arose.
Additionally, a third of his time would be contracted out to each of the other two committees,
to assist them in supporting, developing, and promoting short-term missions programs, both at
home and abroad.

In September 2010, Mr. David Nakhla began his labors as the “Short-Term Missions
Coordinator.” In 2013, he completed his first term of service, and the three committees asked
him to continue on for a second term. The CDM is thankful to have the help of one who is
devoted full-time to this work in the church. Following is Mr. Nakhla’s report on his labors in
2013:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

I am reminded of this each day as I labor: my work, my efforts, and my thoughts
are finite, and as such, limited in the scope of what the Lord is actually doing. My duty
is to strive to faithfully carry out my labors, knowing that the Lord’s purposes will be
accomplished in spite of my feeble efforts. His supreme, infinite, and perfect plan will
come to pass. Even as I report on the work with which I have been tasked in 2013, I am
humbled by the knowledge that it is in fact God who works in me, “both to will and to
work for His good pleasure.” Thank the Lord for this truth!

OVERVIEW OF 2013

In September 2013, I entered my fourth year of service as Short-Term Missions
Coordinator (STMC) for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The old adage—“time flies
when you’re having fun!”—has proven once again to be true. I am very thankful for the
opportunity to work in this capacity and for the joy that it brings me to serve the church
in this way. I continue to wear three hats in this job: coordinating short-term missions (a
somewhat seasonal work), coordinating disaster response (an unpredictably urgent and
timely work), and administrating the work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (a
continual stream of not-so-urgent work that involves periodic bursts of activity). There
is a continual ebb and flow in the work associated with each of these responsibilities, but
they have proven to be a good combination of labors that correspond well to one another.
The shifting of more of the administrative responsibilities of the CDM to me in the second half of the year meshed well with diminishing disaster response efforts in 2013 and with the increased help received through the addition of an administrative assistant to the office, Miss Janet L. Birkmann. Having Janet’s help has really freed me from some of the more routine tasks, enabling me to begin to organize and carry out new areas of service.

In the spring of 2013, I attended my second MTIOPC class, entitled “Form of Government,” which proved to be a useful course for my professional development. A better knowledge of the organization of the church will assist me in my labors. The reading and writing required for this class consumed much of my free time in the spring. In February, I was able to participate in a short-term missions (STM) trip for the first time since I began serving as STMC. I joined a team sent out by the Presbytery of the South and headed to Haiti to assist the Hopps in presenting several VBS programs at two churches on Lagonav. Participating as a member of an STM team gave me insight into the challenges, blessings, and benefits of such a trip.

The summer of 2013 proved to be the most demanding period of international travel that I have experienced since I began serving the CDM as STMC. In July, I had a short visit with the Hacquebords in Ukraine, and then continued on to the Czech Republic to participate as a member of the English Camp team, working with Jerry and Marilyn Farnik. I was home for a short while following that trip, and then it was back across the Atlantic to Uganda for two weeks, travelling on behalf of the CDM in anticipation of the arrival of new missionary deacon Mark Weber in Mbale. And finally, at the end of the summer, I visited Haiti with a missionary deacon candidate. I did not intend to engage in such a series of trips but they became a necessary consequence of my work.

Following this busy travel season, the fall of 2013 provided an opportunity to spend more time in the office, taking on more of the administrative work and endeavoring to keep “my house in order.”

The Lord was gracious to spare the OPC from any major disasters, domestic or abroad, in 2013. This provided a much-needed reprieve from my disaster response duties. We never know what tomorrow holds, but we can rest securely in the hands of the One who holds the future! This peaceful period helped me to regroup and to complete other pending matters.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS COORDINATOR

OPC VOLUNTEERS TO OPC FOREIGN FIELDS

In 2013, just over 100 members of the OPC visited foreign mission fields in a short-term missions or disaster response capacity. (Please see the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions for the complete listing of all the short-term visitors to OPC foreign fields.) This represents a reduction of almost one half from 2012. The main reason that the number was so high in 2012 was that a large number of teams went to Japan that year, following the Tsunami of March 2011. In 2013, only one team went to Japan, as much of the disaster response work had been completed. And yet, the 2013 numbers do represent about 45 different OPC congregations. This means that more than 10 percent of our congregations had direct contact with one of the OPC foreign mission fields. May this truly result in additional prayer support and interest in the foreign mission fields of the OPC.
HAITI

For several years, Lake Sherwood OPC (LSOPC) in Orlando, Florida, has organized a team to present several 2–3 day VBS programs for the churches on Lagonav. The team typically travels to Haiti in the month of February. In 2013, LSOPC once again graciously organized a team. As mentioned earlier, I was invited to participate as a team member, thus gaining the experience of what this trip entails. At missionary Ben Hopp’s request, the curriculum is structured each year to help the children learn the Children’s Catechism in Creole. Each time the team goes, they teach the children the next six questions and answers in hopes that this will build the foundation upon which their faith can develop and grow.

This year (2013) was the sixth year that a team of ten young people (ages 17 and up) was sent by the Presbytery of Southern California to Haiti to help the Hopps present VBS programs. This trip took place in June. Rev. James Lim (Pastor of Faith OPC, Long Beach, California), who had previously led the LSOPC teams when he was the associate pastor there, was able to transfer that experience to his new presbytery by taking on the leadership of this team.

QUEBEC

Members of at least ten different OPC churches traveled to Quebec to help run a total of four week-long English Bible camps, both at St. Marc’s ERQ where OP Missionary Ben Westerveld is the pastor, and at St. Georges de Beaue ERQ, a sister church to St. Marc’s. Based on his own first-hand experience with the camps in the summer of 2013, Ben is exploring new ways of preparing the teams for their work in 2014, so that the experience will result in lasting benefits for both those who serve and those who are served. May this result in tangible fruit in the lives of all involved.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Jerry and Marilyn Farnik labor in the Czech Republic as affiliated missionaries of the OPC. Their furlough schedule is such that every third summer they return to the States. During the other two summers, they pack their schedule with many outreach efforts. One of those efforts is an English Camp for Czech families. The families come from all over the Czech Republic, having heard of the camp through the many contacts that the Farniks have made around the country. The draw for those Czech families (most of them non-Christian) to attend the camp is that they know there will be many native English speakers there. The team of English speakers/teachers is organized by Bayview OPC in Chula Vista, California, the Farnik’s sending congregation. The team consists of twenty individuals of all ages who teach English classes geared to certain age groups or levels of comprehension. The team also has ample opportunity outside of class to engage the Czechs in conversation, including discussions about the Bible stories and truths that are used as teaching materials in the English lessons. Since the camp is clearly presented to be a Christian-run English camp, it cannot be accused of pulling a “bait and switch.” The campers, some of them atheists, know that they will be faced with Biblical truths, but attend year after year because they appreciate the Farniks, the obvious work that goes into preparing the excellent camp, and the STM team that travels from the US to be with them for a week. The hope is that the repeated exposure to the truths of the gospel will yield new life. It was a blessing for me to experience this camp first-hand in 2013.
There is a second set of summer outreach efforts in the Czech Republic that utilizes short-termers. In 2013, the Presbytery of Southern California sent its fifth “Team Praha” to the Czech Republic. This team of ten young people (ages 16 and up) spent one week running a VBS program for the children of the attendees of a concurrent Christian counseling seminar; one week on a Czech Mountain Adventure (a hiking trip with Christian and non-Christian Czech teens and young adults which focused on friendship evangelism and discipleship); and one week doing neighborhood outreach to children, teens, and young adults in Prague, where the Farniks are seeking to plant a church. All of these efforts are geared towards bolstering the year-round efforts of the Farniks.

UGANDA

The OPC Uganda Mission (OPUM) was blessed to have more than 20 short-term visitors work with them in one capacity or another in 2013. The OPUM has become very creative in using the various gifts, talents, and abilities offered by those who have the time and resources (and are healthy enough) to come work with the mission in its remote regions. Some visitors come to work with the pastors in the mission’s ministry of the Word. Others come to be a part of the mercy ministry: working with Jim Knox at the clinic in a medical or dental capacity; working with Bob Wright in construction, drilling or farming; or just being a blessing to the missionaries in whatever way was best. The Karamoja Education Outreach program has also begun to attract visitors who enjoy working with children in a teaching capacity. In all of these realms, there is the opportunity for continual seed-sowing, as the OPUM has developed a holistic ministry, sharing the bread of life even as they minister to the many physical needs of those to whom they bring the ministry of Christ. Those who have the opportunity to serve long-term or short-term in Uganda will not come home unchanged. I look forward to one day seeing an OP church or presbytery muster the will and the funds to send an STM team to Uganda on a regular basis. The mission does give thanks for the solid help that it receives each summer from visitors sent through RP Missions and the organizing efforts of its coordinator, Matt Filbert, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA).

UKRAINE

The OPC has had only one opportunity to send a team to Ukraine to work with the Hacquebords in running a college-age English Camp. That occurred in the summer of 2011. In 2013, one member of an OP church was invited to join a PCA team that went to Ukraine to assist in running the camp. At the time of the writing of this report, we are hopeful that, depending on the political situation, the Presbytery of the Midwest, specifically Bethel OPC in Wheaton, Illinois, will be able to field a team for this coming summer (2014). As with all things, we wait on the Lord for His direction in this matter.

URUGUAY

The year 2013 marked the Richlines’ first full year of missionary service in Uruguay. We are in contact with the Richlines to see if STM teams might be of assistance to them in their labors in Montevideo. We look forward to seeing what opportunities may arise in the coming years. Any VBS programs planned for children on “summer break” would take place in the months of December and January, since Uruguay is south of the equator.
VISITING PRESBYTERIES

It is my goal to pursue a cycle of visits through all 17 presbyteries. Due to other demands, 2013 was a slower year in that regard, and I was only able to make two visits. At this time, there remain four presbyteries that I have not yet had the privilege of visiting. Such visits provide an opportunity not only to engage and encourage the presbytery with respect to short-term missions, but also to share and update the brothers (and sisters when they are present!) on the work of the CDM. It seems that there are quite a few aspects of the work of the CDM that are “news” to many in each presbytery, which makes these trips very worth-while.

I continue to endeavor to identify within each presbytery one committee with which I can interact in order to develop more STM trips here or abroad—a committee that views short-term missions as consistent with its mandate. This might be a youth committee, a diaconal committee, or a missions committee, depending on the presbytery. My main objective is to figure out which committee it is in each presbytery so that these efforts can move forward most effectively.

OPC STMS IN THE US

The OPC has some very exciting STM opportunities within the boundaries of the US. Whether it’s working for the summer at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey (an OPC ministry that has been running for 69 years!), traveling down to Key West, Florida, to practice ‘hands on’ evangelism with Pastor Bill Welzien as he presents the gospel in an open air fashion during the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square, or ministering through our OP churches on the Indian reservations in northern Wisconsin, the short-termer will certainly be challenged! There are churches that would like to have a team come help them with a VBS or other projects that they are unable to accomplish on their own. Each church is encouraged to prayerfully consider whether it would benefit from the help of a team, or whether it can organize a team to help another church, demonstrating one part of the body of Christ reaching out to another.

OPCSTM.org

OPCSTM.org was launched in November 2011 to assist in communicating opportunities for short-term service within the OPC. After two years of accumulated stories, news items, opportunities, and resources, the site needed some reorganization to make it a more useful tool for the church. Over the last few months of 2013, the site underwent a major overhaul, not so much in appearance as in the organization of its content. Features were added to enhance the ability to navigate the site, discover opportunities for service, learn more about short-term missions in general, or explore fields of particular interest (see http://opcstm.org/website-features/). I am very thankful for Janet Birkmann’s labors in this particular area.

S.T.O.R.M. REPORTS

The S.T.O.R.M. Report, a monthly email newsletter, continued to go out to a vast list of contacts in the OPC in 2013. “S.T.O.R.M.” is an acronym for “Short-Term Outreach, Relief, and Missions,” and the report highlights recent postings to the STM website, provides links to those postings, and also identifies the key contacts for each
opportunity advertised. In 2013, twelve monthly S.T.O.R.M. Reports, plus three special editions reporting on current disaster situations, were sent out to a list of approximately 1,600 addresses. The list includes about 900 church officers plus 700 others who have expressed interest in STMs or disaster response. Pastors and sessions are encouraged to consider either forwarding the email to their church email list or downloading a printable version of the S.T.O.R.M. Report for use as a bulletin insert or poster. The printable versions were a new addition to our work in 2013, and can be found at http://opcstmo.org/storm-reports/. The emailed reports have an “unsubscribe” feature that allows any recipient to opt out of receiving future publications.

DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR & CDM ADMINISTRATOR

In my previous reports to the General Assembly, I have made an effort to report on each of the three aspects of my job—Short-Term Missions Coordinator, Disaster Response Coordinator, and CDM Administrator. Since it was my responsibility this year to draft much of the CDM’s report to the GA, I included the details of my labors in the areas of disaster response and the CDM in that report. Suffice it to say that I continue to be challenged by the demands of the work and hope that I am growing each day through the experiences and opportunities that the Lord lays before me.

It continues to be my hope that I can be available to the church, her various committees, and the CDM to serve in whatever way will most effectively help to move the short-term missions and disaster response work of the church forward. I am grateful every day for the privilege of serving the church in this capacity, and I hope to steward each day for Christ and His kingdom. I am thankful that He is faithful to work through us for His good pleasure. Please pray that I would serve Him faithfully in all that I do and that He would be glorified in these labors.

Respectfully Submitted,
David P. Nakhla

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Membership

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B. Officers

President: Lendall H. Smith  
Vice-President: T. Nathan Trice  
Secretary: Ronald E. Pearce  
Treasurer: David E. Haney
C. Subcommittees

1. *Executive Committee*: Smith, Trice, Pearce, Haney

2. Standing Subcommittees:
   a. *Missionary Deacon Oversight Committee*: Smith, Trice, Voss, Wright
   b. *Retired Ministers and Widows Committee*: Haney, Pearce, Smith, Zarek
   c. *Diaconal Training Committee*: Haney, Keys, Leslie, Trice
   d. *Major Disaster Response Committee*: Keys, Leslie, Voss, Zarek

3. Committee Representative on *Missionary Widow Fund* (a standing subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Missions): Pearce

D. Staff

*Administrator*: David P. Nakhla

*Administrative Assistant*: Janet L. Birkmann

*Disaster Response Coordinator (DRC)*: David P. Nakhla

*Short-term Missions Coordinator (STMC)*: David P. Nakhla

E. Donations

Tax-deductible donations made to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries should be made payable to:

- «*Orthodox Presbyterian Church*»

These donations can be further noted as follows:

- “*CDM*” – For funds intended for general benevolent use
- “*Obadiah Fund*” – For funds intended to help retired ministers and/or their widows
- “*Disaster Relief*” – For funds intended for general disaster relief
- Other more specific notations may be found at [www.opc.org/committee_dm.html](http://www.opc.org/committee_dm.html).

Please mail donations to:

*The Committee on Diaconal Ministries*

*Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

607 N. Easton Rd., Bldg. E

Willow Grove, PA 19090

F. Correspondence

All correspondence to the CDM, whether pertaining to the work of the CDM, disaster response or short-term missions, can be emailed to Mr. David P. Nakhla at nakhla.1@opc.org. Alternatively, it can be mailed to the OPC Administrative Offices to Mr. Nakhla’s attention.

G. Incorporation

Since July 20, 2011, the CDM has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Delaware. This enables the CDM to own equipment and property, particularly helpful for ministering to those affected by disasters.
IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly erect a temporary study committee of five (with at least one being a member of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and at least one being a member of the Committee on Pensions) to investigate needs of OPC ministers and suggest ways in which ministerial care can be provided or enhanced during all phases of ministry, and report back their findings along with any recommendations to a future Assembly; and that there be a budget of $3,000.

2. That for the year 2015 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.

V. BUDGET & FINANCIALS

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<td>Beacon Trust</td>
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<td><strong>Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation</strong></td>
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<td>Haiti Disaster Relief</td>
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<td>Oklahoma Tornado Relief</td>
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### Net Assets

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<td>Temporarily Restricted [Obadiah Fund]</td>
<td>$232,296</td>
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<td>General Undesignated</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
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ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Committee on Diaconal Ministries  
Statement of Activities  
Period Ending December 31, 2013  
12/31/13

### Revenues

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<tr>
<td>Contributions–OPC Churches</td>
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<td>Contributions–Obadiah Fund</td>
<td>$161,150</td>
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<td>Interest and Dividend Income</td>
<td>$9,059</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gain on Investments</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td>Other Income (STMC from CFM &amp; CHMCE, Summit Fees)</td>
<td>$72,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong>*</td>
<td><strong>$546,763</strong></td>
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### Expenses

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<td>Aid Requests</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disaster Response**</td>
<td>$1,499</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diaconal Training</td>
<td>$825</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Missionary Deacon</td>
<td>$148,430</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministers &amp; Widows (including Obadiah expenditures)</td>
<td>$144,854</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$568,345</strong></td>
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### Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

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<td>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</td>
<td>-$21,583</td>
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Net Assets

Beginning [12/31/2012] $1,250,503

Ending [12/31/2013] $1,228,920

* This amount does not include:

Received for Haiti Disaster Relief in 2013: 1,500
Received for Japan Disaster Relief in 2013: 1,724
Received for Hurricane Sandy Relief in 2013: 46,516
Received for Oklahoma Tornado Relief in 2013: 5,336
Received for Typhoon Yolanda Relief in 2013: 9,122
Received for Unspecified Disaster Relief in 2013: 2,523
TOTAL Received for Disaster Relief in 2013: 66,721

** This amount does not include:

Expended for Japan Disaster Relief in 2013: 17,312
Expended for Hurricane Sandy Relief in 2013: 71,519
Expended for Unspecified Disaster Relief in 2013: 749
TOTAL Expended for Disaster Relief in 2013: 89,580

VI. ELECTIONS

The terms expiring at this Assembly are:

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Ministers</th>
<th>Ruling Elders</th>
<th>Deacons</th>
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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>T. Nathan Trice</td>
<td>David E. Haney</td>
<td>Kenley K. Leslie</td>
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Mr. Trice is willing to have his name placed into nomination for continued service on the CDM, but Mr. Haney and Mr. Leslie have asked that their names not be put into nomination. The bylaws stipulate the construction of the committee such that this class ought to be populated by one minister, one ruling elder, and one deacon.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

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In calling a pastor, the local church ordinarily promises to provide for him so as to keep him “free from worldly care.” The primary responsibility assigned to the Committee on Pensions is to assist the church to do that for its pastors into the years of retirement. Specifically, the Committee provides a pension plan for the ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (and also for full-time employees). 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 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 Committee contracts with The Concord Advisory Group, Ltd to provide non-discretionary investment advisory services, including (1) investment policy statement preparation, (2) asset allocation, (3) recommendation of underlying investment vehicles and/or managers, and (4) monitoring services.

During the year 2013, working with Concord, the Committee continued to use the following managers with particular expertise in certain investment areas:

a. Aberdeen – International Equity
b. Oppenheimer – Large Cap Equity
c. Silvercrest – Small Cap Equity
d. Pimco – Fixed Income

2. At the end of 2013 the investments of the fund were allocated as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Investment Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Money Market Funds</td>
<td>9.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mutual Fund - Fixed Income</td>
<td>36.24%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mutual Fund - Equities</td>
<td>14.71%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>37.13%</td>
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<tr>
<td>OPC Loan Fund – Notes</td>
<td>2.92%</td>
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B. Investment Results

1. The investment results for the year 2013 showed a continual recovery from the decrease in value that resulted during the 2007-2008 recession. That rebound in value has continued in the current year (2014).

2. The net assets of the Fund at the end of the year amounted to $25,991,852. There was a net gain in assets under management of 11.46%, or $2,978,284, for the year 2013. The growth in assets under management in the Fund over the years is shown in the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Net Assets</th>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1963</td>
<td>$9,588</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1973</td>
<td>441,797</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1983</td>
<td>1,711,361</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1993</td>
<td>7,009,576</td>
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<td>December 31, 2003</td>
<td>15,821,788</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 2013</td>
<td>25,991,852</td>
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3. At the end of 2013, each participant’s account was credited with 2.024% in income and 8.727% for increased market value, resulting in a net change of 10.751%. This is compared with the results of the Dow Jones Average (26.50%), the S&P 500 (29.60%), and the Fidelity Balanced Fund Index (17.56%). The Fund’s gain for 2013 was less than these benchmarks because the low return of fixed income investments offset the higher gain of equities in the Fund. The investment results over specific periods are shown in the following:

Average annual percentage of gain - the last 5 years – 9.474%
Average annual percentage of gain - the last 10 years – 5.620%
Average annual percentage of gain - the last 15 years – 4.461%
Average annual percentage of gain - the last 20 years – 7.489%
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 2013 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 2013, the participants in the plan consisted of the following:

   Participants Making Contributions 183
   Participants Not Making Contributions 47
   Retired - Drawing Pension 41
   Surviving Spouses - Drawing Pension 2
   Surviving Spouses - Receiving Annuity 1
   Total 274

E. Benefits

1. During the year 2013, the following retirement payments were made:
   
   Annuity payments - insurance companies $ 1,380
   Pension payments - Committee 640,845
   
   The average pension payment by the Committee was $1,275 per month.

2. The Committee has designated for the calendar year 2014 that $1,600 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 2013, there were 2 ministers and 6 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 designated for the Pension Continuation 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. That 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. At the end of 2013 there were 10 participants and 5 surviving spouses receiving these payments.

B. Contributions From Churches
At various times over the last 23 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 2013, payments made to eligible participants in both categories, pension supplement and pension continuation, were a maximum of $600 per month.
2. These 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 and Continuation Funds for the year 2013 is as follows:

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<thead>
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<th>Continuation</th>
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<tr>
<td>BALANCE – January 1, 2013</td>
<td>$130,716</td>
<td>$258,479</td>
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<tr>
<td>RECEIPTS</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>26,797</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dividends</td>
<td>6,043</td>
<td>3,187</td>
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2. Investments

The assets of the supplement part are invested primarily in money market funds, fixed income mutual funds, and government securities. This part also holds some equities which were received as gifts to the Fund.

The assets of the continuation part are invested as an account in the pension fund.

III. VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE INSURANCE

A. Premiums and Eligibility

This plan, separate from the pension and hospitalization plans, is open to all full-time church employees and ordained officers and their families. The monthly premium for individual and spouse is based on their ages, but is a fixed cost of $1.50 per month for all children in a family under age 19, or age 25 if a full-time student.

B. Coverage

The maximum individual coverage available is as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Participant</td>
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<td>Spouse</td>
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<td>Children</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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C. Enrollment

The enrollment in the plan had a decrease of five, and at the end of 2013 had 31 participants. Total insurance in force at year end was as follows:

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<td>Participants</td>
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<td>Spouses</td>
<td>590,000</td>
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D. Insurance Carrier

Since January 1, 2002, the coverage has been through Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.
E. Financial Summary

BALANCE – January 1, 2013  $ 24,157.50

RECEIPTS

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<td>Premiums – life insurance</td>
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<td>Service charges</td>
<td>396.00</td>
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<td>Interest income</td>
<td>8.46</td>
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Total Receipts  $27,956.60

52,114.10

DISBURSEMENTS

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<td>Premiums – Voluntary Term Life Insurance</td>
<td>$ 27,552.44</td>
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BALANCE – December 31, 2013  $ 24,561.66

IV. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

Both the Committee on Pensions and the Committee on Diaconal Ministries have shared interests and concerns for the care of the retired and elderly in the church. To that end, the two full committees met together at the offices in Willow Grove, PA on March 22, 2012. Lengthy and helpful discussion was had. The two committees are even more committed to work together to care for the elderly and retired in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Two subcommittees, one from each committee, continue to work together. Both subcommittees are very concerned at the number of retired ministers without adequate retirement provision and are seeking ways to address this. They are also very concerned because the statistics indicate that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be facing a huge diaconal need in the future if pastors are not making aggressive plans for their retirement. The two full committees continue to work closely together to address matters of mutual concern.

V. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members

Class of 2016:
Minister: Darren S. Thole
Ruling Elders: Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington

Class of 2015:
Minister: John D. McGowan
Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse, David Vander Ploeg

Class of 2014:
Minister: Douglas L. Watson
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Stephen R. Leavitt

B. Officers

President: Roger W. Huibregtse
Vice President: William C. Redington
Secretary: John D. McGowan
Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde
C. Executive Committee
Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Roger W. Huibregtse (Chairman), John D. McGowan and William C. Redington

D. Staff
Assistant Administrator: Douglas B. Hoogerhyde
Administrative Assistant: Kathleen A. Kline

VI. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The terms of the class of 2014 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.

Mr. Huibregtse, Mr. Hoogerhyde, and Mr. Watson were designated to represent the committee at the 81st General Assembly.

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 financial statements of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund (the “Plan”) (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control.
control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**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, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Fylstra & Fylstra, LLC

Hawthorne, NJ
May 2, 2014

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

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<td>Investments at fair value:</td>
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<td>Money market funds</td>
<td>$2,315,352</td>
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<td>Corporate bonds</td>
<td>750,275</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
<td>9,553,691</td>
<td>9,694,224</td>
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<td>Mutual funds</td>
<td>13,111,199</td>
<td>12,107,449</td>
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<td>Total investments</td>
<td>25,730,517</td>
<td>22,824,366</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>429,799</td>
<td>442,253</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued interest and dividends receivable</td>
<td>15,255</td>
<td>12,743</td>
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<tr>
<td>Property and equipment at cost, net of accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td>26,175,571</td>
<td>23,279,362</td>
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<td><strong>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued expenses</td>
<td>8,246</td>
<td>7,315</td>
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<td>Pension continuation fund</td>
<td>175,473</td>
<td>258,479</td>
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##ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
##PENSION FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

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<td>Investment income:</td>
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<td>Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments</td>
<td>$1,285,313</td>
<td>$651,871</td>
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<tr>
<td>Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments</td>
<td>912,125</td>
<td>732,841</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net interest income</td>
<td>1,774</td>
<td>87,959</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dividends</td>
<td>519,727</td>
<td>515,953</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Less: Investment expense</strong></td>
<td>(135,528)</td>
<td>(92,896)</td>
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<td><strong>Total investment income</strong></td>
<td>2,583,411</td>
<td>1,895,728</td>
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<td>Contributions:</td>
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<td>Employer</td>
<td>1,002,113</td>
<td>885,820</td>
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<td>Employees</td>
<td>124,775</td>
<td>94,029</td>
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<td><strong>Total contributions</strong></td>
<td>1,126,888</td>
<td>979,849</td>
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| **DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS** |          |          |
| Premiums on life insurance | 26,211 | 26,128 |
| Pension distributions | 640,845 | 560,975 |
| Supplemental pension | 66,600 | 75,000 |
| Lump sum withdrawals | 4,725 | 34,921 |
| Rollovers | 0 | 171,373 |
| Pension continuation payments | 100,020 | 81,975 |
| Administrative expenses | 43,220 | 45,586 |
| **Total deductions from net assets** | 881,621 | 995,958 |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

2,978,284 | 2,018,210
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

BEGINNING OF YEAR  
23,013,568  
20,995,358

END OF YEAR  
$ 25,991,852  
$ 23,013,568

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENSION FUND  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

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 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 organization 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 7%. 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:

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.

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.

Normal Form of Pension  
The normal form of retirement benefits is a lifetime annuity which is guaranteed for a minimum of 10 years.
Optional Forms of Pension Available
Participants may elect any option acceptable to the Plan Committee.

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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<td>90%</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.

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.

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.

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 is reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Fair Value Measurement – The fair value of financial assets and liabilities is measured according to the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Fair value is required to be evaluated and adjusted according to the following valuation techniques.

   Level 1 – Fair value is determined using quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. Assets in this level typically include publicly traded
equities, mutual fund investments, cash equivalents, and listed derivatives.

Level 2 – Fair value is determined using quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are observable in the market for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Assets in the level include debt securities and partnerships that hold Level 1 assets, provided that the Organization has the ability to redeem the investment in the near term, and real estate held for investment if measured by a current appraisal.

Level 3 – Fair value is determined using inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management’s estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The market for assets and liabilities using Level 3 measures is typically inactive. Assets in the level include alternative investments, real estate held for investment if measured using management estimates, investments in partnerships and limited liability companies, and beneficial interests in charitable remainder trusts.

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.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

3. Investments:

All investments are Level 1 investments.

The following table presents both the fair values and cost of investments:

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The unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) of the Plan’s investment securities is
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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 was acting as an agent of the Trust to invest the funds. The Committee on Pensions subsequently agreed to use these funds to set up a Pension Continuation Plan, used to provide pension benefits to individuals whose accounts have run out due to extended age or market fluctuations.

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. The Pension Plan believes that it has appropriate support for all tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. Tax returns are open for examination by the Internal Revenue Service for three years after filing. Thus, returns for this year and the last three years remain open.

6. **Plan Termination:**

In the unlikely event of Plan termination, individual participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. **Party in Interest:**

The accounting firm of Baker & Hoogerhyde LLC CPA’s received fees of $27,600 for the accounting and administration of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2013 and $27,600 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

8. **Concentration of Risk and Uncertainties:**

The investments currently held by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund include common stocks and mutual funds. Such investments are exposed to various risk such as interest rate, market, and credit risks.

**NOTE:** 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.
ORTHOODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND  
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT  
DECEMBER 31, 2013  
(Unaudited)

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**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

$22,660,285 $25,730,517
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      The Committee held a meeting on November 21, 2013, at Greenville Presbyterian
      Theological Seminary in Taylors, SC. A second meeting was held on March 20, 2013, at the
      OPC Administrative Building at 607 N. Easton Road, Bldg. E. in Willow Grove, PA.

   B. Officers
      The officers of the Committee are L. Anthony Curto, Chairman; Thomas E. Tyson,
      Vice-Chairman; Charles A. Muether, 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 - Thomas E. Tyson
         c. Can RC - L. Anthony Curto
         d. ERQ - Mark T. Bube
         e. FRCNA - John R. Hilbelink
         f. HRC - John R. Hilbelink
         g. PCA - George W. Knight III
         h. PRC - Charles A. Muether
         i. RPCNA - L. Anthony Curto
         j. RCUS - Charles A. Muether
         k. URCNA - John R. Hilbelink
         l. ICRC - Charles A. Muether

      2. Subcommittees
         a. Fraternal delegates - Bube, Sawyer
         b. Asia/Pacific - Bube, Sawyer, Tyson
         c. Africa [except South Africa] - Bube, George R. Cottenden
         d. Europe - Curto, Knight, Tracey
D. Part-time Administrator

Mr. Jack W. Sawyer serves the committee as its part-time administrator. His work is reviewed every three years at the regular spring meeting. He was re-appointed to a new three year term at the March 2012 meeting.

II. FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

A. Fraternal Delegates/Observers

1. In 2013 fraternal delegates were sent to the major assemblies of the Bible Presbyterian Church (Jack W. Sawyer), the Canadian Reformed Churches (Peter J. Wallace and L. Anthony Curto), the Presbyterian Church in America (Peter C. Van Doodewaard), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Peter J. Wallace), the Reformed Church of the United States (Charles A. Muether), and the Reformed Church in Japan (Murray I. Uomoto).

2. In March of 2014 the Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales was attended by L. Anthony Curto. In April of 2014 the Synod of the Heritage Reformed Congregations was attended by John R. Hilbelink. Later this year the Committee plans to send fraternal delegates to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Jack W. Sawyer), the Bible Presbyterian Church (Thomas E. Tyson), the l’Église Réformée du Québec (Mark T. Bube), the Presbyterian Church in America (Glen J. Clary), the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (Mark T. Bube and L. Anthony Curto), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Thomas E. Tyson), the Reformed Church of the United States (L. Anthony Curto), the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (Mark T. Bube and Jack W. Sawyer), and the United Reformed Churches in North America (Alan D. Strange and Stephen J. Tracey). Fraternal greetings, by letter, will be sent to the FRCNA, FCS, FCC, and the PCEA.

3. Our 80th (2013) General Assembly received fraternal delegates from the Reformed Church in the United States (Jonathan Merica), the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (L. Solano Portela), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (David J. Reese), the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Lee Shelnutt), the Presbyterian Church in America (L. Roy Taylor), the Presbyterian Church of Japan (Takanori Kobayashi), the Evangelical Reformed Church, Westminster Confession (Kurt Vetterli), and the United Reformed Churches in North America (Adam Kalooostian).

4. The Committee intends to host a colloquium with fraternal delegates attending the 81st General Assembly in the evening of June 6th. In previous years the committee has customarily requested an early recess on Friday nights in order to meet for a 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: http://opc.org/relations/unity.html.


C. At present we are in “Ecclesiastical Fellowship” with 15 churches, which are:

1. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) [www.arpchurch.org]
2. The Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC) [www.canrc.org]
3. The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CRCN) [www.cgk.nl]
4. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW) [www.epcew.org.uk]
5. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland (EPCI) [www.epcni.org.uk]
6. The Free Church of Scotland (FCS) [www.freetchurch.org]
7. The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) [www.pcanet.org]
8. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) (PCKK) [www.new.kosin.org]
9. The Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ) [www.rcj-net.org]
10. The Reformed Church of Quebec (l’Église Réformée du Québec (RCQ) [www.erg.qc.ca]
11. The Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) [www.rcus.org]
12. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ) [www.reformed-churches.org.nz]
13. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCIre) [www.rpc.org]
14. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) [www.reformedpresbyterian.org]
15. The United Reformed Churches in North America [www.urcna.org]

D. At present we are in “Corresponding Relationship” with twelve churches, which are:

1. The Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) [www.africaevangelicalpresbyterianchurch.org]
2. Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC) [www.freecirkcontinuing.co.uk]
3. The Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) Pending action of their Synod [www.frca.org]
4. The Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC) [www.heritagereformed.com]
5. Independent Reformed Church in Korea (ICRK) [www.sybook.org]
6. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) (de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, Vrijgemaakt / RCN) [www.gkv.nl]
7. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) [www.ipb.org.br]
8. The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) [www.pcea.org.au]
9. The Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ) [www.chorokyokai.jp/]
10. The Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) [www.bpc.org]
11. The Reformed Churches of South Africa (RCSA) [www.gksa.org.za]
12. Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (ERKWB) [http://www.reformiert.at/]

E. At present we are in “Ecumenical Contact” with twelve churches:

1. Confessing Reformed Church in Congo (URCC)
2. Presbyterian Free Church of India (PFCI)
3. Free Church in Southern Africa (FCSA)
4. Free Reformed Churches in South Africa (FRCSA)
5. Gereja-Gereja Reformasi Calvinis (CRCI)
6. Gereja-Gereja Reformasi di Indonesia (RCI)
7. Reformed Churches of Brazil (RCB)
8. Reformed Churches of Spain (RCS)
9. Reformed Presbyterian Church of India (RPCInd)
10. Reformed Presbyterian Church North-East India (RPCNEI)
11. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
12. Presbyterian and Reformed Church (PRC)
13. The Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC)

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(es)? Are there ministries in which we can more closely cooperate? What are the impediments, real or perceived, to the two churches achieving organic unity?

We desire to 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 fraternal responsibilities can be faithfully discharged without periodic substantive face-to-face meetings with our brothers.

In 2013, members of CEIR met with representatives of the ecumenicity committees of the ARP, ERQ/RCQ, RCUS, CanRC, RPCNA, and URCNA, before, during and after the meeting of NAPARC. At the 2013 meeting of the ICRC in Cardiff, Wales, consultations were held with the CRCN, RCNZ, FCS, EPCEW, RPCI, RPCNEI, and the PCEA.

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 through our membership in NAPARC, and we seek to meet with their delegations individually as well as through the plenary meetings of the Council. We endeavor to send fraternal delegates to the major assemblies of these churches as possible.

A. Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship in North America

1. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) [www.arpchurch.org]
   a. The ARPC and the OPC have been in Ecclesiastical Fellowship since 1977.
   b. The ARPC subscribes to the Westminster Standards, and maintains as part of its constitution Presbyterian government, discipline, and worship. The ARPC’s history dates back to the Secession movement in Scotland during the 1730s, and immigrants which brought its distinctives to America. The denomination is centered in the American Southeast but has begun to spread to other parts of the continent.
   c. The 210th General Synod of the ARPC meets from June 10–12, 2014.
   d. The membership of the ARPC is approximately 33,297 Communicant Members, 26,274 Active Communicant Members, and 4,513 Non-Communicant Members in 294 congregations.
   e. The ARPC is a member of NAPARC and the WRF. The ARPC sends fraternal delegates to sister churches in alternate years, likewise receiving fraternal delegates in off years.
   f. The 207th (2011) Synod voted to leave the ICRC. The ARPC has not, at this time, renewed its membership in the ICRC, for practical and financial reasons, as communicated to the CEIR. The CEIR has strongly urged the ARPC Ecumenicity Committee to reconsider this decision by letter and in a face to face meeting in 2013. The CEIR views ARPC membership in the ICRC as a positive influence in that organization.
   g. Additionally, the 207th General Synod moved to seek greater harmony with the board of Erskine College and Seminary. The 208th Synod continued to seek reconciliation with the Erskine Board and the process of definition and resolution of the relationship between the Board and the Synod continues. The CEIR continues to monitor this progress. The 207th Synod passed resolutions that included the following:

(1) invited the Erskine Board to consider shared oversight of the Institution. (Subsequently, the Erskine Board has approved a policy giving the Synod authority to remove trustees from the Board with cause, and also has approved a statement declaring Erskine to be an agency of the church. The State Charter is being amended to this effect.)
(2) all fraternal relations with the Christian Reformed Church have been severed.

(3) The ARP will now endorse chaplains through the PRJCC.

(4) The Synod issued a call for the PCUSA to repent of its decision to open church offices to practicing homosexuals.

(5) The Synod established a co-operative agreement with Reformed University Ministries.

2. **The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)** [www.pcanet.org]

   a. The Rev. Peter C. Van Doodewaard represented the OPC at the 41st GA..

   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. It was joined by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod in 1982. Statistics reported as of December 31, 2012, include 1,777 churches and missions and a total membership of 364,019, an increase of 12,613 (although only 50.8% of PCA churches submitted an Annual Statistical Report).

   The 41st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America met in Greenville, SC, June 17–20, 2013. A total of 1,327 commissioners attended (1008 Teaching Elders and 319 Ruling Elders) from 705 congregations. Ruling Elder Bruce Terrell, Executive Director at Redeemer of New York, was elected moderator. The 42nd General Assembly of the PCA will meet in Houston, Texas, June 17–20, 2014.

   The Assembly gave final approval to the following BCO amendments (among others): To require licentiates to state their differences with the PCA’s doctrinal standards; and to specify that a Ruling Elder may moderate a congregational meeting of a church other than his own. Presbyteries did not approve an amendment to the BCO that would have prohibited intinction (dipping of bread into the cup in communion).

   **GA Ministries Reports**
   - Christian Education has Dr. Stephen Estock as its new Coordinator.
   - The GA approved the formation of Tidewater Presbytery as its 81st presbytery.
   - MTW is seeking to find a successor to Dr. Paul Kooistra.
   - RUM is seeking to find a successor to Dr. Rod Mays.
   - Covenant Seminary has Dr. Mark Dalbey as its new President.

   **Judicial Matters**
   The Standing Judicial Commission of the Assembly denied complaints against two presbyteries that had each acquitted a minister on allegations of holding to several aberrant theological views known as “Federal Vision Theology.”

   The General Assembly cited Central Florida Presbytery to respond to an exception of substance that the presbytery allowed a candidate to take an exception to the
Westminster Standards on paedo-communion that appears to be unconstitutional.

3. **Reformed Church in the United States** (RCUS) [www.rcus.org]

   a. The OPC has been in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the RCUS since 1954.

   b. The Rev. Charles A. Muether, OPC liaison to the RCUS, reports the following:

      The RCUS is a member church of ICRC and of NAPARC. Members of the CEIR met with representatives of the RCUS at NAPARC 2013.

      **Statistics.** According to the Abstract of the Minutes of the 267th Synod, the RCUS consists of 4 classes (Covenant-East Classis, Northern Plains Classis, South Central Classis, and Western Classis), 42 organized congregations, 5 mission works, and 55 ministers. Membership in the RCUS is 2,938 professing members, 826 unconfirmed members, and 3,764 baptized members.

      **Synod.** The 268th Synod of the RCUS met on May 19–22, 2014, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE.

      **History.** The present-day Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) is the continuing remnant of the German immigrant denomination of the same name which was founded in 1725 by the Rev. John Philip Boehm. The old RCUS continued as a separate denomination until 1933–34 when the larger part of it united with the Evangelical Synod of North America to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. This new church merged with the Congregational Christian Churches in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ. One classis—the Eureka Classis—refused to participate in the 1934 merger. This classis continued as a separate entity for the next five decades. During this time, several congregations of like mind have become part of it. The North Dakota Classis dissolved in 1936 and its ministers and churches joined the Eureka Classis. During the 1950s, congregations at Menno, SD; Manitowoc, WI; Garner, IA; Sutton, NE; and Shafter and Bakersfield, CA, which had either left the Evangelical and Reformed Church or had been independent, joined the Eureka Classis. The 1970s welcomed the arrival of several churches from the General Association of Regular Baptists that had become reformed. In subsequent years, several groups (some as whole congregations) have left the UCC to join the RCUS. At its annual meeting in 1986, the Eureka Classis dissolved to form the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

      **Standards.** The churches of the RCUS subscribe to the Reformation Creeds, the Three Forms of Unity: the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort.

      **Interchurch Relations Committee.** The RCUS Interchurch Relations Committee met with the OPC fraternal delegate at the 267th Synod and with CEIR during NAPARC 2013 to discuss the OPC’s views regarding the length of days of the Genesis 1 creation account.

      **Missions.** The RCUS focuses its foreign missions in the area of the Congo, Kenya and the Philippines and has labored alongside the OPC in Uganda in the past. The RCUS home mission works include planting at Bentonville, AR; Chico, CA; Eden Prairie, MN;
Dickenson, ND; and Omaha, NE.

4. **Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America** (RPCNA) [www.reformedpresbyterian.org]
   
   a. The RPCNA was founded in 1798.
   
   b. The RPCNA and the OPC are in Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The RPCNA maintains membership in NAPARC and the ICRC. The RPCNA has fraternal relations with the ARPC, KAPC, PCA, RCUS, URCNA, ERQ/RCQ, and the Free Church of Scotland, Synod of North America.
   
   c. The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson will represent the OPC at the 182nd Synod of the RPCNA which will be held on June 23–27 Marion, IN. There was a communication to the 180th Synod commending Geneva College in its lawsuit involving the US government’s Affordable Care Act (aka Obama care) and its requirement that religious institutions provide health insurance which pays for services intended to result in abortions. This communication also requests that other agencies of the Synod and entities of the church take similar steps against this government intrusion.
   
   d. The RPCNA experienced a two percent growth in membership as reported in 2012 and currently consists of 84 particular congregations and four mission works. This includes four congregations in Japan. The membership statistics for 2012 including communicant and baptized members totals 6,818 souls.
   
   e. Synod supports and oversees the following institutions:
   
   (1) The Reformed Presbyterian Home in Pittsburgh, PA.
   
   (2) The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. Theological Halls are also supported by local Presbyteries in Ottawa, Canada and Kobe, Japan.
   
   (3) Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA.
   
   (4) Crown and Covenant Publications
   
   f. Overseas mission work is supported in Cyprus, Japan, and South Sudan.

5. **Canadian Reformed Churches** (CanRC)
   
   a. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Canadian Reformed Churches have been in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship since 2001.
   
   b. History. The Canadian and American Reformed Churches formed in 1950 when Dutch immigrants came to Canada, just after the formation of the “Liberated” churches in the Netherlands (the RCN—sometimes known as the “GKNv”). Finding no ecclesiastical home in the Christian Reformed Church or the Protestant Reformed Church, they established their own federation.
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c. Statistics. The CanRC has 55 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.

d. Website. www.canrc.org

e. Ecumenical Relations. The CanRC is a member of NAPARC and ICRC. They are currently in the following relations:

1. seeking federative unity with the United Reformed Churches in North America
2. in ecclesiastical fellowship with:
   - Free Church of Scotland
   - Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
   - Free Reformed Churches of Australia
   - Free Reformed Churches of South Africa
   - Orthodox Presbyterian Church
   - Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
   - Reformed Church in the United States
   - Reformed Church of Quebec
   - Reformed Churches of Brazil
   - Reformed Churches in Indonesia
   - Reformed Churches in New Zealand
   - Reformed Churches in the Netherlands

f. Synod. The CanRC only holds its general synod every three years. Since they conduct missions (both home and foreign) under the auspices of the local church, the chief work of their General Synod has to do with ecumenical relations, theological education, and church order.

g. Synod Burlington (2010). Synod 2010 Burlington determined to continue to seek federative unity with the United Reformed Churches, but differences over psalmody (whether Genevan tunes will be used exclusively), and theological education (the place of church-controlled or independent seminaries) remain significant obstacles.

   Synod also expressed its “grave concerns” regarding the direction of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, Liberated (RCN), with respect to biblical hermeneutics and women in the church.

   Synod also determined that while only male communicant members may be pastors, elders or deacons, it is permissible for consistories (sessions) to allow women to vote in the election of church officers.

h. Synod Carman (2013). The General Synod of the CanRC met at Carman, Manitoba in May of 2013 (after this report was completed). Among items of interest reported to their Synod: 1) their sister church in Indonesia has joined with two other Reformed denominations to form the National Synod of Reformed Churches of Indonesia; 2) they have been actively working to address concerns regarding the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands (RCN); and 3) they have just completed a revision of their Book of Praise which increases the number of hymns from 65 to 85 (along with all 150 Psalms).
i. Conclusion. Since the OPC and CanR 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 in North America (URCNA)

The OPC is in the relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the URCNA since 2008. The URCNA is a member church of the ICRC and of NAPARC. Members of the CEIR met with representatives of the URCNA at the 2013 meeting of NAPARC.

a. Statistics. The report to NAPARC 2013 stated that the federation consists of 23,915 members with 16,152 communicant members and 7,763 baptized members in 118 congregations including fourteen mission congregations." The URCNA consists of 8 classes (5 in the United States and 3 in Canada).

b. Synod. The most recent Synod met June 11–15, 2012 at Nyack College, Nyack, NY. The next Synod is scheduled to meet June 3–6, 2014, in Visalia, CA.

c. Website. www.urcna.org

d. History. 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.

e. Standards. 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 following is adapted from the URCNA report to NAPARC.

f. Missions. Synod 2012, “in response to a recommendation from a special study committee appointed by the last synod voted, without discussion, to establish a new standing committee for missions composed of one representative from each classis. Until such a committee can be convened, the current study committee members will function as the new Committee on Missions. After intense debate, synod also voted to establish the position of Mission Coordinator, to be filled at the next synod based on one nomination from each classis. When the position is filled, the person will become the first full time, paid employee of the federation.” The NAPARC 2013 report also noted that the URCNA has “missions in Costa Rica, Honduras, India, Italy, Mexico, and the Philippines.” OPC CFM General Secretary Mark Bube was invited to speak at the URCNA denominational missions conference which met on June 26–28, 2013 at Mid America Reformed Seminary.

g. Other Synodical Actions. Synod 2012, encouraged “the standing Liturgical Forms Committee to always use the ESV when citing Scripture. The synod adopted a set of definitions to establish the status of ‘Doctrinal Affirmations,’ ‘Pastoral Advice,’ ‘Study committee Reports,’ and ‘Synodical Judgments.’ In every case, synod made clear that when such are adopted to refered to the churches for study. They are not extra confessional bindings and that only the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian) and the Three forms of Unity may serve as grounds in matters of discipline.”
h. **Songbook.** Since 1997, a synodical Songbook Committee has been working on developing a new songbook for the URCNA. A “Hymn Proposal” consisting of 187 hymns has gone out to each of the churches for study and response. The committee is beginning to work on the Psalter section of the songbook, with the mandate to include the 150 Psalms in their entirety in the songbook. The 2012 Synod approved a recommendation from the standing Psalter Hymnal Committee that the URCNA work jointly with the OPC on a Psalter-Hymnal that could be used by a wide range of confessional Presbyterian and Reformed churches, and with the intent that it might become the official songbook of the URCNA.

i. **Confessional Membership Study Committee.** Synod 2007 appointed an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations regarding the level of doctrinal commitment advisable for communicant membership in the URCNA. On recommendation the 2012 Synod “adopted Pastoral Advice, the heart of which is that those who disagree with our doctrine should not be admitted to membership, however, ‘pastoral sensitivity and congregational patience’ should be exercised toward those who do not yet possess full understanding of parts of such teaching and who promise to act in accord with the requirements of the Scriptures, the confessions, and the Church Order. … For example, convinced Reformed Baptists should not be admitted to membership but persons who agree to have their children baptized could be admitted even if they do not yet fully understand the Biblical basis for infant baptism.”

j. **Ecumenicity.** The URCNA Synod 2012 adopted, without dissent, the following regarding the Canadian Reformed Churches, already in Phase Two:

“That Synod encourage each classis and consistory to continue to engage the issue of an eventual merger between the CanRC and the URCNA by inviting Canadian Reformed ministers to fill our pulpits, inviting Canadian Reformed representatives to our classis meetings, seeking open dialogue with Canadian Reformed brothers regarding any outstanding areas of concern, organizing joint events with Canadian Reformed congregations, attending joint conferences, and writing columns to foster our mutual understanding and affection.”

The URCNA report to the NAPARC 2013 lists “the denominations with whom we are working with a view toward complete church unity as God gives us wisdom, strength, and opportunity.

“Churches in Phase One – Corresponding Relations
1. Free Reformed Churches (FRC)
2. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)
3. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
4. Heritage Reformed Churches (HRC)
5. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
6. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
7. Presbyterian Reformed Church

“Churches in Phase Two – Ecclesiastical Fellowship
1. Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)
2. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
3. Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
4. Reformed Church of Quebec / L’Eglise Reformee du Quebec (ERQ)
5. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)”
7. l’Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ/RCQ) [www.erq.qc.ca]

   a. The RCQ and the OPC have been in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship since March 2011. The 77th General Assembly invited the ERQ into Ecclesiastical Fellowship and the 2011 Synod of the ERQ accepted that invitation.

   b. The RCQ consists of five congregations and about 300 souls.

   c. The RCQ also maintains Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the PCA, the CANRC, and the URCNA.

   d. The RCQ subscribe to the Three Forms of Unity, and maintain a Reformed polity and worship.

   e. The RCQ Interchurch has a co-operative agreement with the CFM of the OPC.

   f. The RCQ recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of her founding in 1988, with a family conference attended by over 150 members, held outside of Montreal.

B. Other Churches in North America

1. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) [www.bpc.org]

   a. The BPC and the OPC have been in a Corresponding Relationship since 2004. The General Synod of the BPC last met from August 1–6, 2013, in Grand Island, NY. The Rev. Jack W. Sawyer represented the OPC. The BPC has recently suffered the loss of an entire Presbytery due to the resolve to retain a cordial relationship with the OPC. While the internal division is sad, the affection of the continuing BPC for the OPC is deeply gratifying.

   b. The BPC was founded in 1938. It is currently made up of 21 particular congregations in four Presbyteries.


   d. The BPC Synod has approved support of the following Independent Agencies:

      (1) Western Reformed Seminary in Tacoma, WA.

      (2) The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

      (3) Fundamental Presbyterian Publications.

      (4) Presbyterian Missionary Union.

   e. In 2013 the BPC celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding.
2. **Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA)**

The FCRNA is 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 reported to NAPARC 2013 that their Synod 2013 approved a recommendation to enter into a relationship with the OPC of “Limited Contact (strictly exploratory)” – to use their terminology. This is similar to the relationship of “Corresponding Relations” in the CEIR handbook. Members of CEIR met with representatives of the FRCNA at the 2012 meeting of NAPARC.

a. **Statistics.** The FRCNA 2013 Yearbook reports a total of 4,855 members, with 2,693 communicant members and 2,163 baptized members, and 1,457 families. There are 19 congregations and one church station. Most of the churches are in Canada, with 11 congregations in Southern Ontario, and 3 in Alberta, and 3 in British Columbia. There are two congregations in the United States: one in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, and one in Grand Rapids, MI. There are 17 ministers in active service, one missionary/instructor, in Guatemala, five retired ministers and one professor of theology.


c. **Website.** www.frcna.org

d. **History.** 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 for a more detailed historical presentation.

e. **Standards.** 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.

f. **Involvement in Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS).** The FRCNA report to NAPARC 2013 noted that the Rev. Dr. Gerald M. Bilkes, ordained professor of theology in the FRCNA, and the Rev. Dr. David Murray, who recently joined the federation and accepted a call to part time pastoral work at the FRCNA of Grand Rapids, MI, and several other FRCNA ministers teach courses at the seminary. Two FRCNA students are presently enrolled at PRT.

g. **Missions.** The FRCNA have been engaged in mission work in Cubulco, Guatemala for about 30 years. Recently the church in Cubulco called her first indigenous minister. The Rev. Ken Herfst, who teaches in the Presbyterian Seminary in San Felipe and Western Theological Seminary, is on loan to the Evangelical Presbyterian Seminary, all located in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. At their most recent synod, the mandate for the denominational Missions Committee was expanded to consider ministry outside the Western Hemisphere. A
committee was formed to investigate how FRCNA ministers can be involved in providing theological education to the church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) – Nkhoma Synod in Malawawi, which consists of about 1.3 million members. “The Banner of Truth,” a radio evangelism ministry is conducted by the Rev. H. Overduin of Calvary, Alberta, Canada, and is broadcast across North America where their churches are located, as well as internationally. 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. Kudip Ganger is doing a series on the Gospel of John, and can be found on the website truepath togod.org. A refugee committee is charged to help individual congregations sponsor refugees from across the world to come to Canada.

h. Publications. The FRCNA publishes three official denominational periodicals: *The Messenger*, a monthly magazine of meditations, articles, book reviews and news items; *The Youth Messenger*, a biannual publication that is directed to teens and young adults, and *Open Windows*, a children’s magazine published bimonthly for ages 4-12. All three are featured on their website. The synod adopted a proposal to revise the psalm book presently in use, the Psalter of 1912, and appointed three committees, one to study the Psalter selections, another to study the liturgical forms, and another to study the creeds and confessions, to assist the Publications Committee in carrying out its mandate “to investigate the possibility, together with other Reformed churches that use the Psalter, of reviewing and revising the Psalter that we use for worship in our churches.”

i. Ecumenicity. The FRCNA has three levels of contact with the following Reformed and Presbyterian Churches

Complete Correspondence (mutual recognition as sister churches):
Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken (CGK).

Limited Correspondence (sending of fraternal delegates, mutual encouragement and admonition, etc.):
Free Church of Scotland (Continuing),
the Heritage Reformed Churches,
the Herzfeld Hervormde Kerk in the Netherlands.

Limited Contact (strictly exploratory):
Presbyterian Reformed Church,
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland,
United Reformed Churches in North America,
Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

3. **Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)**

   a. The OPC has been in ecumenical contact with the KAPC since 2012.

   b. The KAPC is a member of NAPARC.
4. **Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)**

   The Heritage Reformed Congregations are at the level of Corresponding Relations with the OPC since 2012, and are members of both NAPARC and ICRC. Members of the CEIR met with representatives of the HRC at the 2012 meeting of NAPARC.

   a. **Statistics.** The HRC consists of nine organized congregations, five in the United States, and four in Canada. The HRC consists of 2,197 total members, with 1,280 communicant members, 917 baptized members, 12 ministers, and 1 minister emeritus.

   b. **Synods.** The 2013 Synod of the HRC met in Chilliwack, British Columbia, April 9, 2013.

   The 2014 Synod of the HRC met in Jordan, Ontario, April 2, 2014.

   The 2015 Synod of the HRC will meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 15, 2015.

   c. **Website.** www.heritagereformed.com

   d. **History.** The HRC website reports, “The Heritage Reformed denomination was established in 1993 after the Netherlands Reformed Congregations (NRC) underwent a split related to church-order 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.”

   e. **Standards.** 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. Though not yet officially adopted, the HRC also concurs with the Westminster Standards of the 1640s.

   f. **Seminary.** Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids has more than 150 students (50 on site, 50 part-time, and 50 via distance education) from more than 20 countries and 30 denominations. The seminary is served by six full-time professors, Drs. Joel Beeke (President), Michael Barrett (Academic Dean), Gerald Bilkes, David Murray, William Van Doodewaard, and Mr. Mark Kelderman, and 30 part-time professors and/or lecturers who teach modular courses in their areas of expertise. The seminary has been vested with a full ten year membership status by the Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries, and is pursuing accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools. Since 2012, Dr. Tony Curto has by invitation, taught Apologetics at PRTS.

   g. **Missions.** Three full time men are laboring in Africa. Dr. Brian DeVries serves as principle of Mukhanyo Theological College in the Pretoria area of South Africa. Dr. DeVries is assisted in this ministry by Dr. Arthur Miskin, who is also involved in church planting works in Rietvallei, SA as well as in the Romatse area. Rev. Cornelis Molenaar, who formerly served as principle of Covenant College in Zambia, [this college is a joint venture between the Heritage Reformed Churches and the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)], has been reassigned to Malawi to serve in the training of African pastors in connection with Mukhanyo Theological College. OPC missionary, Dr. Brian Wingard, is also teaching at the college.

   h. **Ecumenicity.** The HRC continues to actively pursue and expand
fraternal relationships with the following denominations: The Free Reformed Churches of North America, the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), the United Reformed Churches in North America, the Southern Presbyterian Church of Tasmania, the Presbyterian Reformed Church of North America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Free Presbyterian Church of North America, The Bible Presbyterian Church, the Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken (sister denomination of the FRCNA), and the Hersteld Hervormde Kerk (the Restored Reformed Church) in the Netherlands. The HRC report to NAPARC 2012 states, “At our last synod we have moved into level one relationship with the OPC, RPCNA, and BPC and level two with the URC.” At their most recent synod, April 2014, the HRC moved to invite the FRCNA to enter into the level four relationship to begin discussions with a view toward complete fellowship.

5. **Presbyterian Reformed Church** [www.presbyterianreformed.org]
   a. The PRC was founded in 1965. The OPC is in ecumenical contact with the PRC.
   c. The PRC consists of six congregations in the USA, Canada, and the UK.
   d. The PRC is a member of NAPARC and has ecumenical contacts with the FRCNA and the HRC.

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 is thus able to discuss the work of our Lord through his churches around the world and explore ways we can help one another. The Committee seeks 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) [www.new.kosin.org]
   1. The OPC is in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the PCK(K).
   2. The PCK(K) subscribe to the Westminster Standards, and maintain a Presbyterian Form of Government, Worship, and Discipline.
   3. The PCK-K is a member of the ICRC.

B. **The Independent Reformed Church in Korea** (IRCK) [www.sybook.org]
   1. The ICRK and the OPC have been in a corresponding relationship since 2010. The CEIR was able to send a fraternal delegate to the most recent meeting of the IRCK Assembly.
2. The ICRK is a member of the ICRC. OPC delegates to the 2013 ICRC had a fruitful visit with delegates from the IRCK, during the course of the week in Cardiff.

3. The ICRK has a memorandum of understanding with the OPC China Mission.

4. The ICRK subscribes to the Westminster Standards, the Canons of Dort, the Heidelberg Catechism and the ecumenical creeds. The ICRK maintains Reformed polity and worship.

5. The CEIR is recommending full Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the IRCK. See recommendation #1.

C. **Reformed Church in Japan** (RCJ) [www.rcj-net.org]

1. The RCJ was organized in 1946, subscribes to the Westminster Standards, and is in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC. The RCJ has a long history of working with the OPC Japan Mission.

2. 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. The CEIR have received a preliminary acknowledgement of our letters, but no substantive response to our concerns. The CEIR have received, via the OPC Japan Mission, copies of reports on women in office (translated) which will be presented to the next RCJ General Assembly.

3. Rev. Murray Uomoto of the OPCJM was appointed as fraternal delegate to the 2013 RCJ General Assembly. He expressed OPC concern over the RCJ trend toward opening special office in the church to women.

4. The CEIR is recommending that a letter of concern be sent by the 81st GA to the 2014 RCJ GA. See recommendation #3.

D. **Presbyterian Church of Japan** (PCJ) [www.chorokyokaijp/]

1. The PCJ was founded in 1993 out of the merger of the Christian Presbyterian Church in Japan (est. 1956) and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Japan (est. 1979).

2. The OPC and the PCJ have been in Corresponding Relations since 2003.

3. They maintain Reformed polity, government and discipline, and are currently studying which version of the Westminster Standards, and its variants they should adopt.

4. The PCJ maintains Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the PCK (Hap Dong).

E. **The Free Church of Scotland** (FCS) [www.freechurch.org]

1. *Relationship.* The OPC is in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Free Church of Scotland.
2. **History.** The Free Church of Scotland was formed in 1843, withdrawing from the established Church of Scotland in response to the intrusion of the state in church affairs. In 1900 the majority of the Free Church of Scotland entered a church union with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The minority, remaining separate from that union, constitute the present Free Church of Scotland. In 2000, 22 ministers separated from the Free Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). (cf. Report of CEIR, 73rd GA).

3. **Statistics.** The FCS consists of over 100 churches, mostly in Scotland, with two in London and five in North America.

4. **Standards.** The FCS subscribes to the Westminster Standards.

5. **Ecumenical Relations.** The FCS is a member of the ICRC. They have a history of foreign mission work in Peru, India, and South Africa.

6. **Recent Actions.** In November of 2010 a Plenary Assembly of the FCS voted to permit the use of hymns and instruments in worship. The Free Church of Scotland College is changing its name to Edinburgh Theological Seminary, as part of a plan to become a more national theological institution.

F. **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales** (EPCEW) [www.epcew.org.uk]

1. The OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the EPCEW. The EPCEW is very appreciative of its relation with the OPC and looks to strengthen it as providence allows.

2. The EPCEW is a member of the ICRC. They also maintain Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the EPCI, the FCS, and the FCC. Close support is rendered by the PCA MTW.

3. The EPCEW consists of sixteen congregations and mission works (twelve in England, two in Wales, and two in Sweden). At the end of 2011 there were 509 non-communicant members and 424 Communicant members.

4. The EPCEW subscribes to the Westminster Standards and are in the process of developing a Book of Discipline. The future will see them working toward revision of their Book of Church Order as the church grows and matures, the Lord willing. Drafts of these works have been forwarded to the CEIR.

G. **Reformed Churches of New Zealand** (RCNZ) [www.rcnz.org.nz]

1. The OPC has had a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the RCNZ since 1957.

2. The RCNZ subscribe to the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Confession of Faith. The RCNZ also maintain a church polity based on the church order of Dort. The RCNZ came into being in 1953 in reaction to liberalism in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand by Dutch migrants after WWII. Today the RCNZ consist of 18 congregations gathered with over 3000 members.
3. The RCNZ is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches and hosted the 2009 meeting of that body in Christchurch. They maintain sister church relations with the OPC, the CanRC, RCN, CRCN, RCSA, and URCNA. They have been negotiating fellowship with the FRCA for many years.

4. The RCNZ actively support mission work in Papua New Guinea with the Canadian Reformed Churches and the Free Reformed Churches of Australia. They have faithfully and generously participated with the OPC in our Uganda mission.

5. The RCNZ continue to make steady progress in the publication of a new Psalter Hymnal. The OPC delegates to the Synod of 2011 very much appreciated the use of the preliminary version of this work and have commended it as a reference to the OPC Psalter-Hymnal Committee. The RCNZ currently have a study committee involved in drafting biblical guidelines as recommendations for Sessions dealing with cases of sexual abuse in their congregations. A major item before the last Synod involved an appeal from a Session regarding this matter.

6. The RCNZ sister church relationship with the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) has been down-graded to what the RCNZ have chosen to call “Ecclesiastical Fellowship.” As the OPC and many other Reformed Churches around the world use that term to designate the closest possible relationship short of organic union, the CEIR have written to the RCNZ Interchurch Relations Committee requesting that the RCNZ reconsider this confusing nomenclature and their long strained relationship with the CRCA. The RCNZ delegate to the 79th GA indicated to the CEIR that this rethink of terminology is being undertaken.

7. The 27th Synod of the RCNZ was held from September 3–9, 2011 in Auckland. Rev. Jack W. Sawyer and Mr. Mark T. Bube attended in behalf of the OPC. Both were welcomed into local pulpits and warmly included in the deliberations of Synod. The 28th Synod of the RCNZ will be held in Christchurch in September of 2014. It will be hosted by the Bishopdale Congregation.

H. Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (GKNv/RCN) [www.gkv.nl]

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 withdrawn its offer of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC in response to the action of the 77th General Assembly which decided not to accept the RCN offer of Ecclesiastical Fellowship at this time.

4. The Committee previously sent a two man sub-committee to meet with the BBK to discuss matters of concern raised in the CEIR report submitted to the 77th General Assembly. The report detailed the hesitancy of the CEIR in recommending that the GA accept the previous offer of the RCN to enter into full Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The sub-committee and the CEIR were careful to express to the BBK the desire of the OPC to continue to work toward resolution of our concerns and move toward realizing true sister church relations.
5. The BBK, in response to CEIR and actions of the 77th General Assembly to decline at this time to accept Ecclesiastical fellowship, recommended to the 2011 Synod Zwolle that Synod withdraw its standing offer. Although CEIR delegates were providentially hindered from attending, it has been communicated to CEIR that this action was taken.

6. The RCN sub-committee of CEIR previously 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. This policy was endorsed by the 77th GA which gave the CEIR a mandate to continue these efforts.

7. The CEIR met with the fraternal delegate of the RCN, during the 79th GA, and attempted to clarify OPC concerns about the apparent theological and ecclesiastical direction of the RCN, and OPC intentions regarding fraternal relations with the RCN. In light of his subsequent report to the BBK* of the RCN, which report was shared with the CEIR, communications have ensued between the CEIR and BBK.* The BBK is the RCN Synodical Committee for contact with church abroad and is the committee charged by the Synod for relations with the OPC.

8. The 2014 Synod of the RCN has been convened. For the fourth Synod in a row the matter of the service of women in the church is before the delegates. In particular a study committee is recommending that the offices of the church be opened to women. The OPC was not invited to send fraternal delegates to this Synod. Some of our Sister churches such as the Canadian Reformed Churches have sent strong appeals to the brethren in Holland asking them not to proceed down this path.

I. Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA/RCSA) [www.gksa.org.za]

1. The GKSA and the OPC are in a Corresponding Relationship.

2. The GKSA is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

3. L. Anthony Curto and Brian T. Wingard attended the 2012 Synod of the GKSA. The CEIR hopes to send two delegates to the next meeting of Synod in 2015.

4. The General Synod, in a procedural order motion, postponed eight protests against women holding offices in the church until the next Synod should adjudicate. In addition the Synod also adopted a “Turnaround Strategy” in order to retain the young people and reinvigorate the churches of the federation.

J. The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CRCN) [www.cgk.nl]

1. The CRCN was founded in 1834. The federation subscribes to the Three Forms of Unity, and is governed according to a form of the Church order of Dort. A Theological University, founded in 1919, is maintained in Apeldoorn.
2. The OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the CRCN.

3. The CRCN is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

4. The CRCN consists of around 185 churches and around 75,000 members. Mission works are supported in the Netherlands and Belgium, with foreign missions in Indonesia, South Africa, Botswana, and Mozambique.

5. Members of the CEIR had a very helpful meeting with delegates of the CRCN while in Cardiff, Wales and were aided in understanding developments in Holland in the CRCN. These delegates offered apology for the lack of translated documents at the 2010 CRCN Synod. The two delegations became aware of a misunderstanding between our churches on what exactly constitutes the relationship between our churches as the OPC reckons it one of Ecclesiastical Fellowship, while from the CRCN side they view our ties as the equivalent of Corresponding Relations. Face to face meetings such as this are very helpful in beginning to sort out such issues.

6. Unfortunately, an OPC delegation to the 2013 CRCN Synod was not possible due to the lateness of an invitation reaching the CEIR.

K. Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) [www.pcea.org.au]

1. The PCEA was begun in 1846 as a faithful Australian reaction to the disruption in Scotland that led to the founding of the Free Church of Scotland. The PCEA subscribes to the Westminster Standards and maintains Presbyterian government, discipline, and worship. The PCEA consists of 15 congregations located in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania.

2. The Presbyterian church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) has been in a corresponding relationship with the OPC since 2007. Correspondence and face to face meetings have shown a discrepancy between how the two churches view their relationship: namely, from the PCEA side they consider us in Ecclesiastical Fellowship, but from the OPC side there is Corresponding Relations. The CEIR hope to discuss this with the PCEA brothers at the next opportunity for a consultation.

3. The PCEA is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches.

L. Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Igreja Presbiteriana do Brasil (IPB) [www.ipb.org.br]

1. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil was founded in 1859. It subscribes to the Westminster Standards. The IPB consists of nearly 1,000,000 members in over 4000 churches.

2. The OPC and the IPB have been in a corresponding relationship since 2008. The IPB’s highest assembly meets every four years. Each year the Executive Committee of about 65 officers meets to take actions that will be ratified by the highest assembly. The Executive Committee recognizes that the OPC and the IPB have an official relationship. The Rev. Douglas B. Clawson represented the OPC at the 2012 meeting of the Executive. Mark T.
Bube and L. Anthony Curto are scheduled to represent the OPC at the 2014 meeting of their General Assembly.

3. The 150th anniversary of the IPB was celebrated in 2009. American Presbyterian missionaries had a seminal influence in the founding of this denomination.

4. The OPC CFM continues to explore avenues for co-operative mission work in South America with the IPB.

5. The CEIR has been surprised, and concerned, to find out the IPB Executive Commission decided in 2012 “To declare that there is no Biblical impediment that, in special occasions or situations, women preach under the authority of the pastor, who is the person responsible for the teaching in the Church, according what is stated in our Constitution.” This decision was made “in response to a request from a presbytery to clarify the issue of women that were being invited by some churches to bring a message to the congregation.” The 2013 Executive Commission received a request to annul this decision which it declined to do, and reaffirmed the previous ruling stating the following: “Request for annulment of Resolution CE-SC/IPB 2012, Doc. CLIX - Consultation about women preaching at public worship services, and referral of matter to the General Assembly 2014. WHEREAS: 1. The (Christian) work of women is a reality in the church, which includes their role as missionaries, women of piety, highly prepared, cooperators in the preaching of the Word, especially in smaller churches, congregations and missionary fields; 2. To keep those women from preaching would be to neglect the important role that they have in the development of the church; 3. That the Executive Commission 2012 did not legislate on the matter, but limited itself to clarify an issue that has contributed to the development of the church, answering a consultation that had been received; CE-SC/IPB - 2013 RESOLVES: Deny the request.

M. The African Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) [www.africaevangelicalpresbyterianchurch.org]

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 AEPC was received as a member of the ICRC in 2013.

4. The AEPC recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.

N. The Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC) [www.freekirkcontinuing.co.uk]

1. Relationship. The OPC is in a corresponding relationship with the FCC.

2. History. The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) was formed in 2000 when a number of ministers and elders signed a ‘Declaration of Reconstitution’ in which they pledged themselves to continue the Free Church in a constitutional manner. They identify themselves as the Free Church of Scotland, and use the word ‘Continuing’ only for administrative purposes.
3. **Statistics.** The FCSC consists of 32 congregations in Scotland, as well as six in North America, and one in Canada.

4. **Standards.** The FCSC subscribes to the Westminster Standards.

5. **Ecumenical Relations.** The FCSC is a member of the ICRC. They conduct foreign mission work in Zambia.

6. **Recent Actions.** In 2013, the FCSC General Assembly completed the revision of the “Right of Continued Protest.” This document sets out their understanding of the causes of the division in the Free Church of Scotland arising from the events leading up to and including the year 2000.

O. **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland** (EPCI) [www.epcni.org.uk]

1. **Relationship.** The OPC is in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the EPC (Ireland)

2. **History.** The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (formerly called the Irish Evangelical Church) was founded in 1927, in reaction to liberalism in the Irish Presbyterian Church. The EPC sent greetings to the second General Assembly of the OPC, (November 1936).

3. **Statistics.** The EPCI has nine congregations in Northern Ireland.

4. **Standards.** The EPCI subscribes to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

5. **Ecumenical Relations.** The EPCI is a member of the ICRC. They conduct foreign missions in conjunction with the Free Church of Scotland.

6. **Recent Actions.** Two OPC delegates to ICRC in 2013 (Jack Sawyer and Mark Bube) visited the EPCI and were encouraged by the fellowship. Like all European churches, they face an increasingly secular culture.

P. **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** (RPCIre) [www.rpc.org]

1. **Relationship.**
The OPC is in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the RPCI.

2. **History.** The ‘Revolution Settlement’ of 1690 was welcomed by most Ulster Presbyterians as a vindication of their struggle for religious freedom. A minority, however, objected to the disregarding of the Covenants (National Covenant and Solemn League and Covenant) and the absence of any specific recognition of the kingship of Jesus Christ. These ‘Covenanters,’ ancestors of modern Reformed Presbyterians, stood apart from the Presbyterian Church and began to hold separate meetings for fellowship. In 1763 a ‘Reformed Presbytery’ was formed and rapid growth led to the formation of a Synod in 1811.
3. **Statistics.** The RPCI has 37 congregations, 5 in counties Monaghan and Donegal and the remainder in Northern Ireland. There are approximately 2,500 communicant members, with up to 1,500 covenant children and adherents.

4. **Standards.** The RPCI subscribes to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. Further expansion of the church’s teaching on various subjects is found in ‘The Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.’

5. **Ecumenical Relations.** The RPCI is a member of the ICRC. They conduct foreign mission work in France.

Q. **Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession** (ERKWB) [www.reformiert.at/]

1. The OPC has been a Corresponding Relationship with the ERKWB since 2012.

2. The ERKWB upholds the Westminster Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism.

3. The ERKWB maintains a Reformed Church Order and practices Reformed worship.

4. The ERKWB is located in Austria and Switzerland.

V. INTERCHURCH BODIES

A. **International Conference of Reformed Churches** (ICRC) [www.icrconline.com]

1. The ICRC was begun in 1985 by the Free Church of Scotland (FCS), the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (RCN), the Free Reformed Churches of Australia (FRCA), and the Canadian Reformed Churches. The OPC sent observers to the 1989 ICRC meeting and were received into membership in 1993.

2. The 2013 meeting of the ICRC was held in Cardiff, Wales, on September. Messrs. Bube and Sawyer were the voting members for the OPC. Messrs. Curto and Knight were the advisory members.


4. A special committee to review the constitution, regulation, and structures of the ICRC presented its report at this meeting of the Conference. The Conference proposed several amendments to the Constitution. This will be passed along to the major assemblies of the member churches for approval. The Conference also approved substantial revisions to its regulations. It recommended several changes to the structure of the Conference in order to encourage more regional interaction between the member churches and to give a higher priority to their theological education and diaconal ministries. To facilitate this a Coordinating Committee, a Theological Education, a Diaconal Committee, and a Regional Conferences
Committee have been appointed in addition to the already existing Missions Committee. Finally, in order to give greater visibility to the ICRC and to improve communication among the member churches and make information about the various ministries of the member churches more easily accessible, a Website Committee was appointed.

5. The ICRC voted in 2013 to receive the following new member churches:

a. the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC)
b. the Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC)

6. The next meeting of the Conference is scheduled for 2017 in the Hamilton area of Ontario, with the Jordan United Reformed Church (URCNA) to be host church.

B. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) [www.naparc.org]

1. The Thirty-ninth meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) was held on November 19–20, 2013, at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina, and hosted by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The delegates appointed by the Committee were Messrs. Bube, Cottenden, Curto and Knight. The officers for this meeting were the Rev. Peter Holtvluwer (CanRC) Chairman, the Rev. Ben Westerveld (ERQ/RCQ) as vice-chairman, the Rev. Ron Potter (RCUS) as Secretary and the Rev. 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, the Presbyterian and Reformed Church, Reformed Church in the United States, Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America and the United Reformed Churches in North America. Also present were observers from the following invited churches: the Korean American Presbyterian Church (Kosin).

b. The body enjoyed a banquet in the Bonclarken dining hall and an encouraging lecture by Professor Mark Ross of Erskine Seminary, on the subject of the reality and pursuit of church unity.

c. Messrs. Bube and Curto, will be our delegates to the 2014 meeting of NAPARC. Messrs. Muether, and Sawyer will be alternates. The Canadian Reformed Churches were appointed to host the next meeting of the council which will be held in Hamilton, Ontario from November 11–13. The Assembly is encouraged to note the new three-day format for meetings.

d. Bylaw changes were approved and constitutional changes were affirmed for proposal to the member churches for vote at their major assemblies. http://www.naparc.org/amendments-to-naparc-constitution-proposed-new-bylaws-adopted/
f. The new NAPARC website is commended to the Assembly and to the churches, for its wealth of information and functionality.

C. Worldwide Ecumenical Organizations

1. **World Communion of Reformed Churches** (WCRC) [www.wcrc.ch]

   As reported in previous years CEIR has continued to monitor developments in what was 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 in 1988.

2. **World Reformed Fellowship** (WRF) [www.wrfnet.org]

   The WRF was formed in the year 2000 by the merger of the International Reformed Fellowship and the World Fellowship of Reformed Churches. The OPC CEIR continue to monitor this organization.

VI. **BUDGET**

**Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations**

**Budget proposal to the 81st (2014) General Assembly.**

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Notes: Paid both 2012 and 2013 ICRC dues in 2013. With a North American venue, our ICRC expenses in 2017 are estimated to be $3,000.

VII. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly invite the **Independent Reformed Church in Korea** (IRCK) into a relationship of full Ecclesiastical Fellowship.
Appendix

1. The confessional standards of the IRCK are the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort. Its church order is a combination of Presbyterian church government and the Church Order of Dort.

2. The IRCK strives to advance the confessional consciousness of its members and maintains a high view of worship according to the Regulative Principle.

3. The IRCK has been engaged in a productive working relationship with the OPC China Mission since 2009 (cf. Minutes of the 77th [2010] General Assembly, pages 222–223), including sending short-term lecturers to work with the Mission in China and providing training in its theological institute for candidates for the ministry with whom the Mission plans to work in China.

4. The IRCK has been a member of the ICRC since 2009.

5. The IRCK has been in corresponding relations with the OPC since 2010 (cf. Minutes of the 77th [2010] General Assembly, Article 70, pages 19 and 333).

6. IRCK has approximately 665 members (466 communicant and 199 non-communicant) in four congregations, who are served by five ministers (most of whom have completed some studies at Westminster Theological Seminary and worshipped with OPC congregations during their time at WTS), four ruling elders, and seventeen deacons. One congregation has unordained female “deacons” to help minister mercy to the women in the congregation, but they do not sit with the consistory when it meets.

7. The IRCK publishing house, Sungyak “Holy Covenant” Press (http://www.sybook.org), has published more than 130 titles (including works by Dr. Gaffin) and sold more than 500,000 copies in the past thirty years.

2) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly approve the application of the Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) for membership in NAPARC.

Grounds:

1. The OPC has Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin). The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) was formed in 1938 by Presbyterians who refused to participate in Shinto shrine worship during the Japanese occupation of Korea.

2. The Kosin family of churches has denominational branches is Korea, Australia, Japan, USA, and Europe. The Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) was formed in 1985.

3. The doctrinal standards of Kosin are the Westminster Standards including Chapters 34 and 35 on the Holy Spirit and Missions that were added by the American Church in the early 20th Century. (Note that the ARPC also adheres to the 1903 revision, while the PRC holds to the original version of the WCF)
4. The KPCA does not ordain women to any ecclesiastical office. They do have kwonsas (unordained deaconesses) [two NAPARC denominations, the RPCNA and the ARPC, ordain deaconesses since, in their view, the office of deacon is not regarded as an authoritative office of government of the church] and kwonchals (similar to enrolled widows, I Timothy 5:3–11) who visit members in their homes and report to the pastor. (Kwonchal is similar to the role of “pastor’s aide” in some older Southern Presbyterian churches, i.e. an older woman, who visits younger women with the pastor or visits women and children and reports to the pastor). Both men and women who have gifts and interests in personal evangelism may be appointed to the role of lay evangelists by the Session. Lay evangelist in Kosin polity is not an ordained office, nor is it equivalent to an OPC ordained evangelist.

3) That the General Assembly communicate the following to the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)—

The General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. Twice in the past seven years, our Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (CEIR) has written at length to your Foreign Church Liaison Committee (October 10, 2007 and September 28, 2009) regarding the matter of ordaining women to the special offices of minister and elder, to which our CEIR has yet to receive a substantive response. We understand that ministering to those who suffered in the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 has occupied much of your attention, and you have been much in our prayers through all of this.

Our Japan Mission has forwarded to our CEIR a copy of Report 67 to your 2012 General Assembly, “Proposal Concerning Church Officers and Their Work,” which we have had translated. Normally we would not correspond with you regarding a report of one of your study committees before that report is adopted by your general assembly, unless you specifically wrote us and sought our counsel. Perhaps Report 67 was also intended to be your reply to the earlier letters, we don’t know. So, if we are communicating prematurely, please forgive us.

Nevertheless, we would be remiss in our love for you and our duty to you if we did not humbly express our deep concern with regard to the proposals in Report 67. Our fraternal delegate to your 2013 General Assembly came away with the impression that matters are proceeding towards the adoption of these proposals soon. And should the proposals be adopted in some form that would open the special offices of minister and/ or elder to women, it would disrupt the basis of the fellowship we have enjoyed for more than sixty-five years.

We believe the reasoning in Report 67 is fundamentally flawed in that it fails to distinguish properly between the elemental and the circumstantial with respect to the biblical qualifications for special office in Christ’s church (cf. Westminster Confession of Faith [WCF] I.6). There are no common circumstances regarding the qualifications for office in any other human society that are parallel to the qualifications for office in the government which the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of His Church, has appointed, in the hand of Church officers (cf. WCF XXX.1), and to which the keys to the kingdom of
heaven are committed (cf. WCF XXX.2). The divine calling of biblically qualified men to the special offices of minister and elder occurs only within Christ’s church. Therefore, it is erroneous to seek to discern the qualifications for those who would hold special office in the Church beyond that which is expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture (cf. WCF I.6).

We also believe that the Scriptures are wholly sufficient, either in what is expressly set down in Scripture or in what by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture, concerning all things necessary for God’s own glory, man’s salvation, faith, and life (cf. WCF I.6), including the qualifications for special office in Christ’s church. Christ’s Apostle, Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, devotes much of the First Epistle to Timothy to instruction on “how one is to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God” (1 Timothy 3:15). Just before detailing the qualifications for each of the special offices, Christ’s Spirit, speaking in His Word, declares, “I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet” (1 Timothy 2:12). The good and necessary consequence of this Scripture is that, since teaching and exercising authority over men is a necessary biblical function of the special offices of minister and elder, women are barred from them. The reasons supplied by the Holy Spirit for this prohibition are given in the next two verses: “For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor” (1 Timothy 2:13–14). These are events that occurred in the account of creation and the fall. Accordingly, by thus grounding its disqualification of women for these special offices so early in the creation order of events, the Scripture further distinguishes this abiding command from things which may be thought of as merely temporal or culturally conditioned. Rather, this Scriptural prohibition remains as an abiding requirement in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ until He comes again.

And so, brothers, we humbly plead with you not to start down the road proposed in Report 67, a road upon which we believe that Christ, speaking in the Scriptures, has barred His church from traveling, and a road which, we fear, will leave us behind. May the Holy Spirit, working by and with the Word, guide you in all your deliberations, to the end that Christ might be honored by your faithful testimony to His grace in your midst.

Your servants in Christ,

Grounds:

1. The OPC has a long standing relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Reformed Church in Japan.

2. OPC rules for Ecclesiastical fellowship require: both “consultation on issues of joint concern, particularly before instituting changes in polity, doctrine, or practice that might alter the basis of the fellowship; and the exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting Christian unity.” It is the conviction of the CEIR that the RCJ has regrettably, not followed this agreed procedure, though the CEIR has endeavored to do so.

3. Periodic communications from the OPCJM to the OPC CEIR have indicated a persistent trend in the RCJ toward opening all ecclesiastical offices to women. The OPCJM have requested the CEIR to address this on multiple occasions.
4. The CEIR have written of their concerns to the RCJ Foreign Church Liaison Committee in 2007, 2009, and again in 2012 in order to express concerns about this trend. No substantive reply has been forthcoming. Additionally, the CEIR sent two representatives to the RCJ General Assembly of 2008 to communicate face to face in a brotherly, concerned manner.

5. It is the intention of the CEIR to send another fraternal delegate to the 2014 RCJ General Assembly which will meet in October (14-16). Communication of this letter from our General Assembly could strengthen this mission, and even if it does not arrest the trend toward women in office in the RCJ, it may give the brethren pause to reflect on the consequences of adopting such a policy, and should at least give encouragement to other RCJ brethren who do not wish to change what they see as the historic, confessional, and biblical view of office in the church.

4) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly vote to approve the Constitutional Amendments as proposed by the 39th Meeting of NAPARC to the member churches for approval. (See Appendix 1)

1. While NAPARC and its original constitution have served the Council and its member churches well over the past forty years, the proposed amendments, not at all radical in nature, express a mature, better perfected basis for the function of the Council.

2. The amended constitution is the product of in depth research, deliberation, by a NAPARC Committee of Review. In addition it has received scrutiny and input by all the Ecumenicity committees of the member churches.

3. The Amended Constitution has been reflected upon by successive meetings of NAPARC, and unanimously approved at the 2013 meeting for distribution to the member churches for endorsement by their major assemblies.

5) That the 81st (2014) General Assembly vote to approve the Constitutional Amendments as proposed by the 8th Meeting (2013) of the ICRC to the member churches for their approval. (See Appendix 2)

Grounds:

1. To mark the occasion of 25 years since its inception, the ICRC appointed a committee of review to help the Conference reflect on its history and effectiveness as an instrument of Reformed Ecumenicity, and how any constitutional changes might be necessary or helpful. The proposed amended constitution is a fruit of that work.

2. The amended constitution was thoroughly discussed in advisory committee and plenary session at the 2013 meeting, having been sent prior to the meeting to all member church ecumenicity committees for comment.

3. The vote to approve for distribution to the member churches was unanimous.

VIII. ELECTIONS

The terms of the class of 2014 expiring at this GA are those of Messrs. Muether, Sawyer, and Tyson.
Appendix

Required for election to the class of 2017: Under standing rule X.2.g., this assembly should elect three ministers or ruling elders. In addition, George Knight, class of 2015, has resigned from the committee due to reasons of health. One minister or ruling elder should be elected to complete his term.

Appendix #1

CONSTITUTION
of the
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
As proposed to the 39th (2013) Meeting of the Council
for submission to Member Churches for approval

[As amended by the 3rd (1977) and 22nd (1996) Meetings of the Council]

I. NAME

The name of the Council (“the Council”) shall be The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (“NAPARC”).

II. BASIS

Confessing Jesus Christ as the only Savior and Sovereign Lord over all of life, we affirm the basis of the fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches to be full commitment to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God written, without error in all its parts, and to its teaching as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

III. PURPOSE

We regard this basis of fellowship as warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship of the nature of a council, that is, a fellowship that enables the Member Churches to advise, counsel, and cooperate in various matters with one another, and to hold out before each other the desirability and need for organic union of churches that are of like faith and practice.

IV. FUNCTION

1. Facilitate discussion, consultation, and the sharing of insights among Member Churches on those issues and problems which divide them as well as on those which they face in common.
2. Encourage the Member Churches to pursue closer ecclesiastical relations, as appropriate, among the regional and major assemblies.
3. Promote the appointment of committees to study matters of common interest and concern and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the Council with respect to them.
4. Exercise mutual concern in the perpetuation, retention, and propagation of the Reformed faith.
5. Promote local, regional, and general assembly/synodical-wide cooperation wherever possible and feasible in such areas as missions, relief efforts, training of men for the ministry,
Christian schools, activities for young people, and church education and publications.

6. Operate a website to facilitate the exchange of information and to foster increased cooperation and fellowship among the Member Churches.

V. NATURE AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

It is understood that the Council is not a synodical, classical, or presbyterial assembly, and therefore all actions and decisions of the Council, other than those with respect to a church’s membership in the Council (Constitution, VI.4), are advisory in character and may in no way curtail, restrict, or intrude into the exercise of the jurisdiction or authority given to the governing assemblies of the Member Churches by Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council was duly constituted on October 31, 1975, by the delegates from the five founding Member Churches, having been previously authorized to do so by their major assemblies. A list of past and present members of the Council shall be maintained among the Council’s documents.

2. Churches eligible for membership are those which profess and maintain the basis for fellowship (Constitution, II) and which maintain the marks of the true church (the pure preaching of the gospel, the Scriptural administration of the sacraments, and the faithful exercise of discipline).

3. A major assembly’s application for membership must be sponsored by the major assemblies of at least two Member Churches and shall include copies (either paper or digital) of the applicant’s confessional standards, declaratory acts (if applicable), form of government, and form(s) of subscription, together with a brief overview of their history, ecclesiastical relationships, memberships in ecumenical organizations, missions activities, and the theological education of their ministers.

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

VII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by recommendation of the Council by two-thirds of the ballots cast by unit vote of the Member Churches’ Delegates, and this recommendation must then be adopted within three years by two-thirds of the major assemblies of the Member Churches eligible to vote. The amendment as recommended to the Member Churches is not amendable.
CONSTITUTION of the NORTH AMERICAN
PRESTBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
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(Original with proposed amendments)

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2. Encourage the Member Churches to pursue closer ecclesiastical relations, as appropriate,
among the regional and major assemblies.
3-5. Promote the appointment of joint-committees to study matters of common interest and concern
and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the Council with respect to them.
3-4. Exercise mutual concern in the perpetuation, retention, and propagation of the Reformed faith.
5. Promote local, regional, and general assembly/synodical-wide cooperation wherever possible and feasible
on the local and denominational level in such areas as missions, relief efforts, training of men for the ministry, Christian schools, activities for young people, and church education and publications.
6. Operate a website to facilitate the exchange of information and to foster increased cooperation and fellowship among the Member Churches.

V. NATURE AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

It is understood that the Council is not a synodical, classical, or presbyterical assembly, and
therefore all actions and decisions of the Council, other than those with respect to a church’s membership in the Council (Constitution, VI.4), taken are advisory in character and may in no way curtail, or restrict, or intrude into the exercise of the jurisdiction or authority given to the governing assemblies of the Member Churches by Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, the autonomy of the member bodies.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council was duly constituted on October 31, 1975, by the delegates from the five founding Member Churches, having been previously authorized to do so by their major assemblies. A list of past and present members of the Council shall be maintained among the Council’s documents. For the purposes of the initiation of the Council those of the following churches which are officially represented in these organization meetings whose assemblies give their approval be the founding churches of the Council: namely, Christian Reformed Church; Orthodox Presbyterian Church; Presbyterian Church in America; Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod; Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

2. Those churches shall be eligible for membership are those which profess and maintain the basis for fellowship (Constitution, expressed in II) and which maintain the marks of the true church (the pure preaching of the gospel, the Scriptural administration of the sacraments, and the faithful exercise of discipline).

1. A major assembly’s application for membership must be sponsored by the major assemblies of at least two Member Churches and shall include copies (either paper or digital) of the applicant’s confessional standards, declaratory acts (if applicable), form of government, and form(s) of subscription, together with a brief overview of their history, ecclesiastical relationships, memberships in ecumenical organizations, missions activities, and the theological education of their ministers.

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

VII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by recommendation of the Council by two-thirds of the ballots cast by unit vote of the Member Churches’ Delegates, and this recommendation must then be adopted within three years by two-thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches eligible to vote. The amendment as recommended to the member churches is not unamendable.
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
of the
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES
As proposed to the 8th (2013) Meeting of the Council
for submission to Member Churches for approval

CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the Conference shall be The International Conference of Reformed Churches (“ICRC”).

II. BASIS

The basis of the Conference shall be the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as confessed in the Three Forms of Unity (the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort) and the Westminster Standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms).

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Conference shall be:

1. to express and promote the unity of faith that the Member Churches have in Christ;
2. to encourage the fullest ecclesiastical fellowship among the Member Churches;
3. to facilitate and promote cooperation among the Member Churches in such areas as missions, theological education, and ministries of mercy;
4. to study the common problems and issues that confront the Member Churches;
5. to present a Reformed testimony to the world.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Conference was duly constituted on October 26, 1982, by delegates from the eight founding churches, having been previously authorized to do so by their major assemblies. A list of past and present members of the Conference shall be maintained among the Conference’s documents.

2. Churches eligible for membership are those which:
   a. faithfully adhere to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis, and whose confessional standards agree with the said Reformed Faith;
   b. have complied with the applicable Regulations regarding applications for membership;
   c. are not members of any other organization whose aims and practices are
deemed to be in conflict with the Basis.

3. Admission to membership in the Conference shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches, each Member Church having one vote.

4. Suspension or termination of membership in the Conference shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches, each Member Church having one vote, whenever the Conference concludes that the Member Church, in its doctrine and/or practice (which includes the ordination of persons to the offices of minister or ruling elder contrary to the rule prescribed in Scripture, cf., Belgic Confession, Article 30), is no longer in agreement with the Basis; removal of suspension shall also be by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches, each Member Church having one vote. A proposal to suspend, terminate, or remove the suspension of the membership of a Member Church may be initiated only by the major assembly of a Member Church. A suspended Member Church may send Delegates to meetings of the Conference but shall not vote.

5. When a Member Church fails to send at least one Delegate to three consecutive meetings of the Conference, its membership shall be automatically terminated as of close of the third such meeting, unless during that meeting the Conference determines by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the member Churches, each Member Church having one vote, that there are good and sufficient grounds for such failure.

V. NATURE AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

It is understood that the Conference is not a synodical, classical, or presbyterial assembly, and therefore all actions and decisions of the Conference, other than those with respect to a church’s membership in the Conference (Constitution, IV), are advisory in character and may in no way curtail, restrict, or intrude into the exercise of the jurisdiction or authority given to the governing assemblies of the Member Churches by Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the major assemblies of the Member Churches eligible to vote, such amendment having been proposed to the Member Churches by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches present and eligible to vote, each Member Church having one vote. An amendment, as proposed to the Member Churches, is not amendable.

A proposal to amend the Constitution may be initiated only by the major assembly of a Member Church eligible to vote, or by a Committee of the Conference, and shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary not later than two years before the meeting of the Conference.
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION of the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
REFORMED CHURCHES (Showing Amendments)

CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the Conference shall be The International Conference of Reformed Churches ("ICRC").

II. BASIS

The basis of the Conference shall be the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as confessed in the Three Forms of Unity (the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort) and the Westminster Standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms).

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Conference shall be:

1. to express and promote the unity of faith that the Member Churches have in Christ;
2. to encourage the fullest ecclesiastical fellowship among the Member Churches;
3. to facilitate and promote cooperation among the Member Churches in such areas as missions, theological education, and ministries of mercy in the fulfillment of the missionary and other mandates;
4. to study the common problems and issues that confront the Member Churches and to aim for recommendations with respect to these matters;
5. to present a Reformed testimony to the world.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Conference was duly constituted on October 26, 1982, by delegates from the eight founding churches, having been previously authorized to do so by their major assemblies. A list of past and present members of the Conference shall be maintained among the Conference’s documents.

2. Those Churches eligible for membership are those which:

   a. faithfully adhere to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis, and whose confessional standards agree with the said Reformed Faith;
   b. have complied with the applicable Regulations regarding applications for membership been sponsored by at least two member Churches;
   c. furnish
      i. their confessional standards,
      ii. their declaratory acts (if applicable),
      iii. their form of subscription
      iv. their form of government
   d. are not members of the World Council of Churches or any other organization (such as the World Council of Churches or the World Communion of Reformed Churches) whose aims and practices are deemed to be in conflict with the Basis;
The Constitution of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches

VIII. MEMBERSHIP

3. Admission to membership in the Conference shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches, each Member Church having one vote.

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2:5. When a Member Church fails to send at least one Delegate to three consecutive meetings of the Conference, its membership shall be automatically terminated as of close of the third such meeting, unless during that meeting the Conference determines by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches, each Member Church having one vote, that there are good and sufficient grounds for such failure.

V. NATURE AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

It is understood that the Conference is not a synodical, classical, or presbyterial assembly, and therefore all actions and decisions of the Conference, other than those with respect to a church’s membership in the Conference (*Constitution, IV*), are advisory in character and may in no way curtail, restrict, or intrude into the exercise of the jurisdiction or authority given to the governing assemblies of the Member Churches by Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church. The conclusions of the Conference shall be advisory in character. Member Churches are to be informed of these conclusions and are recommended to work towards their implementation.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This *Constitution* may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the major assemblies of the Member Churches eligible to vote, such amendment having been proposed to the Member Churches by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegations of the Member Churches present and eligible to vote, each Member Church having one vote. An amendment, as proposed to the Member Churches, is not amendable. A proposal to amend the *Constitution* may be initiated only by the major assembly of a Member Church eligible to vote, or by a Committee of the Conference, and the proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary not later than two years before the meeting of the Conference. He shall send it to the member churches immediately.

*As Proposed to the Member Churches by ICRC 2013*
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

I. INTRODUCTION

The committee met once in the past year, on March 17, 2014, (utilizing internet video-phone for one member). The report contains general information regarding the committee’s budget proposal and elections. Additionally, the committee is reporting information relative to a judicial appeal and an appeal of a complaint, both of which come to the General Assembly out of the Presbytery of Ohio. The appeals are treated in the next two sections of the report.

II. APPEAL FROM JUDICIAL JUDGMENT IN THE CASE OF MR. DODDS

A. SUMMARY AND CONSIDERATIONS

An appeal from the proposed censure of rebuke against Gerald C. Dodds, former Pastor of the OPC in Grove City, Pennsylvania, has been presented to the General Assembly through Bradley M. Peppo, a minister of the POH, who had been appointed counsel in the case. A threshold question in the case, as it relates to standing, is who is appealing the judgment of the POH. Related to this is the occasion of the case, which was Mr. Dodds’ expressed renunciation of the jurisdiction of the OPC, July 21-22, 2013 (per appeal document).

Also at the center of the case before us are rival claims about OPC jurisdiction, which in turn create a paradox, particularly for Mr. Dodds, who views himself as not under the jurisdiction of the OPC. Coming as an appellant would seriously undermine this claim. It could be claimed that, at this point, he renounces his renunciation. On the other hand, the OPC cannot well deny him standing based simply on the same claim (that he is not under OPC jurisdiction). To do so undermines the legitimacy of a trial held without jurisdiction (which also is the gravamen of the appeal). Since the Committee is to recommend whether the appeal should be found in order and properly before the Assembly, the substance of the case cannot be avoided in any Committee recommendation on this question – at least to some extent.

In summary, if Mr. Peppo is construed as the appellant, the case falls for lack of standing. If Mr. Dodds is the appellant, the case may go forward but, as such, it may be questioned whether Mr. Dodds has then renounced his renunciation of OPC jurisdiction (rendering the appeal largely empty). It is hard to locate a significant injury in this case, given the facts as they are presented, since the action of Mr. Dodds, on its face, appears to be censurable. A serious principle and potential injury is at stake, however. When someone renounces the jurisdiction of a church, there ought to be some recognized limit as to how long jurisdiction can be maintained over that person against their will. No clear limiting principle seems to be in view in this regard. In theory, if jurisdiction remains, another trial could be held later (though the Committee has reason to believe that will not be the case).

A renouncing of jurisdiction may present somewhat different issues than contesting a particular claim to jurisdiction. For example, Dr J.G. Machen contested the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of New Brunswick in his case but submitted to the trial, because he had
not renounced, at that point, denominational jurisdiction. The latter would only take place after exhausting appeals and would be based on substantial grounds, as opposed to the less substantial grounds that we suppose control the current case. Once denominational jurisdiction was renounced by Machen, et al., further appearance for the defending of appeals would be superfluous and tend to unsettle the earlier renunciation. Those who joined to form a new church simply voided previous judicial censures in reference to the Independent Board cases.

One legacy of the Machen era cases was an OPC Book of Discipline that for years made no provision for holding trials of those who renounced OPC jurisdiction (though some provision then existed for efforts to dissuade). There was thus an implied limit placed on the continued jurisdiction of the Church in cases such as the one before us. The one option was to erase. This inflexible policy was altered in the wake of the 1983 revision in two stages. Initially some provision was made for continuing (or initiating) judicial process for regular members. Somewhat later the same was done in reference to ministers, though without spelling out any cases when erasure is the only option (the “unless” in current BD V.2.b.(1) appears to render the antecedent “shall” non-absolute in all the enumerated cases, whereas a singular “shall” remains in force for regular members in V.2.a.(1) and “unless’ only qualifies one situation for regular members, i.e. V.2.a.(2)).

It is not the case, then, that a member simply ends jurisdiction immediately (from the perspective of the judicatory) by their own act of renunciation. Even under the old BD, the implication in seeking to dissuade someone is that jurisdiction entails the will of two parties. A person cannot be properly made a member of a church against their will or against the church’s will. A person may also not dictate the precise day jurisdiction ends or the terms on which they are dismissed. That said, the church should not hold people hostage to its processes indefinitely. A reasonable limit should be observed in resolving such matters and “show trials” should not be held, as these are alien to the purposes of real trials. No implication should be drawn that the Committee believes that this is the case in POH. The point is that a reasonable issue might be made concerning unduly prolonged jurisdiction.

The argument can be made in the current case that an initial presumption of OPC jurisdiction over Mr. Dodds exists without making this initial presumption a settled matter incapable of reversal. As such, any jurisdictional paradox that might obscure the standing question may be laid to the side, pending the outcome of the appeal, if the appeal is otherwise found in order. The one remaining question, then, is—assuming that Mr. Dodds is presumptively (from a POH/OPC viewpoint) under the jurisdiction of POH—has he really appealed the case as the lone person having standing to do so? Mr. Dodds has authorized the appeal (whatever that may mean; see last chronology item). There may be wisdom in recognizing Mr. Dodds as a reluctant appellant in this case.

B. CHRONOLOGY

1. **July 21, 2013**: Mr. Dodds resigns (apparently without presbytery dissolving the pastoral tie or declaring the pulpit vacant) the pastorate at Grove City (per appeal document).

2. **July 22, 2013**: Mr. Dodds “accepts a call” to a newly formed independent church (per appeal document).

   The minutes of the October 18–19 Stated Meeting of POH list a communication 18 (i.e. 13–18) relative to the above two items.

3. **October 18, 2013**: Presbytery approves a motion to direct the Moderator of presbytery to appoint a committee of at least three ministers and at least two ruling elders for
the purpose of drafting charges against the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds, former pastor of Covenant OPC in Grove City, PA, and that said committee report its findings and any proposed charges and their specifications to the November 8, 2013 special meeting of presbytery in accordance with the provision of the BD III:8.

4. **November 8, 2013:** Presbytery holds a special meeting for several items of business, one of which is to act on the report of the committee to draft charges. The following actions were taken:

   **On motion** the Presbytery adopted the following:
   a. That the Presbytery of Ohio institute formal judicial process against the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds using the charges and specifications included in the report *(Appendix B).*
   b. That all pretrial and trial sessions be held in Grove City, PA.
   c. That the special committee to draft charges and specifications be dissolved.

   **On Motion** the Presbytery determined to hold the First Meeting of the Trial of the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds on Friday Nov 22nd 7:00 pm, at Covenant OPC Grove City.

5. **November 22, 2013:** The first meeting of the trial judicatory takes place. Mr. Dodds was absent and Mr. Peppo was appointed defense counsel. The two charges with related specifications were read. These being relatively brief, are listed here in the report of the Committee chronology. The GA may wish, at its discretion, to delete them from the Journal:

   **Charge 1 – Dereliction of duty as pastor, “to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).**

   Specifications:
   1. On July 21, 2013, without the approval or knowledge of the Presbytery of Ohio (OPC) and without consultation with the session of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pa., the Rev. Gerald C. Dodds, pastor of Covenant Church, unilaterally announced to the congregation near the conclusion of its worship service that he was resigning and would no longer serve as pastor of that church as of the next day (Monday). In doing so, he declared his refusal to perform his pastoral duties to the congregation he was bound before God to shepherd.
   2. As per his word, beginning with the evening service that Lord’s Day, Rev. Dodds, absented himself from the church’s worship services and thereafter failed to fulfill any and all of his duties as pastor of Covenant OPC, and that without having been relieved of those duties by action of the presbytery (as required by FOG XXIV.4).
   3. Mr. Dodds was complicit in the planning and formation of an independent church composed of members of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church and failed to seek to dissuade said action.

   **Charge 2 – Disrupting the peace and unity of the church (Psalm 133:1; Matthew 5:9; John 17:23; Romans 12:3-10; Romans 16:17-18; Ephesians 4:1-8; I Corinthians 1:10-13; I Corinthians 12: 12-13; Colossians 3:14; Hebrews 10:24-25; cf. F.G.: IV; F.G.XXIII.8 (see vow (6); F.G. XXIV.4;WCF:XXVI.1-2; see also NAPARC “Golden Rule” Comity Agreement).)**

   Specifications:
   1. On July 21, 2013, Mr. Dodds announced his resignation and abandoned his charge as pastor of Covenant OPC in Grove City, PA, without seeking the concurrence of the congregation and without the permission of the Presbytery of Ohio. On
July 22, 2013, Mr. Dodds informed the clerk of the Presbytery by email that he had declared himself an independent minister of the gospel, thereby renouncing the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He did not inform the Presbytery ahead of time of his desire to do so; nor did he grant the Presbytery the opportunity to seek to dissuade him; he acted unilaterally and independently, thus violating the peace and unity of the church.

2. Mr. Dodds, before informing the Presbytery of Ohio, willingly assumed the pastoral role over a group of members of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church who unilaterally separated themselves from Covenant in order to form a new congregation in the same vicinity.

3. Mr. Dodds was complicit in the planning and formation of an independent church composed of members of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church and failed to seek to dissuade said action.

6. December 14, 2013: the trial continued in the absence of Mr. Dodds. Objections were entered by counsel Peppo and were subsequently denied. Absence of jurisdiction was one of the two objections raised. The trial did not proceed further as counsel Peppo indicated that the charges as sent by the clerk via USPS certified mail had not been received by Mr. Dodds.

7. February 8, 2014: the trial continued and was concluded. All specifications were sustained and a guilty finding was determined regarding both charges (cf. above). The censure proposed was rebuke. Apparently, no specific text of the proposed rebuke was put before the judicatory.

8. February 12, 2014: Notice of intention to appeal is filed with the clerk of POH by Mr. Peppo.

9. March 12, 2014: an appeal document bearing this date is filed with the stated clerk of the GA, with copy to the clerk of POH. Mr. Peppo files the document. Mr. Dodds signs an authorization for the appeal.

C. RECOMMENDATION:

That without prejudice to future cases, Mr. Dodds be deemed the appellant in the case and, as such, the appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

III. COMPLAINT ON APPEAL IN CASE OF IMMANUEL OPC, MOON, PA AND GRACE OPC, SEWICKLEY, PA

A. SUMMARY AND OBSERVATIONS

The complaint for the General Assembly was brought in July 2013 by the session of Immanuel OPC, Moon Township (also referred to as “Moon” and as “Coraopolis”), PA (hereinafter, IOPC), against the session of Grace OPC, Sewickley, PA (hereinafter, GOPC). The complaint is against the action of the session of GOPC to receive the four non-communicant children with their father, who transferred his membership from IOPC. The session of IOPC had previously sent a letter of transfer for the father, but expressly did not consent to the transfer of the children, having learned that the mother of the children, who retained membership at IOPC, objected to the father’s request to transfer the children. The session of GOPC, in
February 2014, denied the complaint. The session of IOPC, also in February 2014, appealed to POH, which sustained the complaint on appeal at its March 2014 meeting. Following the action of POH to sustain the complaint, the session of GOPC, also in March 2014, notified the clerk of POH and the stated clerk of GA of its intention to appeal the decision of POH to sustain the complaint, and on April 9, 2014, filed its appeal, bringing the complaint to this GA.

The Committee notes that a considerable history of differences between the sessions of IOPC and GOPC, regarding several issues and involving much written interaction and a prior complaint and protest, lie behind the complaint before the GA. Those issues include different views of marriage and divorce, ecclesiastical discipline, membership, and jurisdiction. Those issues may be of interest to commissioners at this GA, but they are not all before this GA for adjudication. The Committee urges the commissioners to keep in view the narrow question brought by the complaint of July 31, 2013 (q.v.), viz., whether the session of GOPC did err in receiving the four M. children as non-communicant members of GOPC. Other questions are pertinent only as argumentation for or against sustaining the complaint (that is, denying the appeal).

The clerk of POH sent, in addition to the complaint and appeal document, a chronology, POH minutes, and a 109 page report of the presbytery’s judicial commission which includes chronologies prepared by the sessions of GOPC and IOPC and sets of documents provided by both sessions, nearly all of which documents were separately provided by the clerk of POH to the stated clerk of GA. The advisory committee will have received all of this material. The following chronology, utilizing all this material in its preparation, refers to some of these documents, which commissioners will not have. Therefore, the Committee has provided with the chronology, where appropriate, excerpts from, and/or summaries of those documents.

B. CHRONOLOGY

1. **October 22, 2011**: At a regular meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio (POH), held at Westminster OPC in Windber, Pennsylvania, a complaint by Mr. M. against the Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church (IOPC), in Moon, PA was sustained, and the following amends were prescribed:
   a. The Session of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall vacate its decision that Mrs. M. has valid Biblical grounds for divorce.
   b. The Session shall strongly encourage Mrs. M. that she pursue Biblical reconciliation with her husband and attend counseling with a third party in consultation with the Session of Immanuel OPC.
   c. The Session shall send a letter to the congregation of Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church notifying them of its error and communicating Mr. M.’s desire to pursue reconciliation.

2. **November 1, 2011**: Rev. Mark A. Garcia, Minister of IOPC, submitted a protest against the POH, regarding their ruling to sustain Mr. M.’s complaint and their prescribed amends for IOPC Session (see Attachment A). In the protest, Mr. Garcia argues that the POH considered the decision of the session that Mrs. M. had valid Biblical grounds for divorce to be a judicial decision, requiring trial, whereas Mr. Garcia does not so deem it.

3. **December 26, 2012**: Mr. Jonathan Stark, clerk of IOPC Session, sent a communication via email to Mr. and Mrs. M. to the effect that IOPC Session had determined not to proceed further with the trial of Mr. M.. IOPC Session had judged that it was not
possible to conduct the trial because of Mrs. M.’s indicating that, due to recent developments within the Session, she was transferring her membership and was no longer able to participate in the trial (see Attachment B).

4. **June 5, 2013**: Letter of transfer to GOPC for Mr. M., from IOPC Session, explicitly stating that his children would, nonetheless, remain members of IOPC with their mother, who retains her membership at IOPC and objects to Mr. M.’s request to transfer the children (see Attachment C). The letter communicates the session’s charges against Mr. M. (no longer in process) and its having sought to dissuade Mr. M. from transferring his membership.

5. **June 8, 2013**: Letter to the POH from IOPC Session, stating their intention to call a meeting of the IOPC congregation to recommend withdrawal from the OPC, and requesting that this matter be taken up at a special meeting of the POH. In subsequent correspondence, the IOPC session indicated their intent to recommend joining the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (for all, see Attachment D).

6. **June 29, 2013**: At a special meeting of the POH, held at the Holiday Inn Express in Zanesville, Ohio, IOPC formally requested permission to withdraw from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

7. **July 12, 2013**: At a regular meeting, on motion, the GOPC Session determined to receive Mr. M. by letter of transfer, along with his covenant children. The Session set July 28, 2013, as the date for their public reception.

8. **July 21, 2013**: The following announcement appeared in the Grace OPC bulletin: “Mr. M. will be publicly received as a communicant member of Grace Church by letter of transfer from Immanuel OPC in Coraopolis, PA along with his children.”

9. **July 23, 2013**: Letter from IOPC Session to GOPC Session, sent via email, citing announcement in GOPC bulletin, asking them not to proceed with receiving the M. children and to send IOPC Session a communication of their intentions (see Attachment E). The announcement in the bulletin is the first notice of the action by the GOPC session received by the IOPC session. The letter also notes the anxiety of Mrs. M. and the two older children regarding the announcement.

10. **July 24, 2013**: Mr. Gidley sent letter, as email attachment, to IOPC Session, that the GOPC Session had begun preparing on July 15, 2013 (see Attachment F). The letter states reasons for the GOPC session’s decision to receive the M. children, as covenant children with their covenant head, and expresses concern regarding the communication of charges in the June 5, 2013, letter of transfer.

11. **July 25, 2013**: Mr. Stark sent letter to GOPC Session, urging them not to publicly receive the M. children as members, and informing them that another communication was forthcoming (see Attachment G).

12. **July 28, 2013**: Grace OPC received Mr. M. as a communicant member by letter of transfer from IOPC, along with his four children as non-communicant members.

13. **July 29, 2013**: Email exchange in which Mr. Stark inquired as to whether the
M. children had been received by GOPC and Mr. Gidley affirmed that they had been publicly received.

14. **July 31, 2013**: The session of Immanuel OPC submitted its complaint against the session of Grace OPC regarding its actions to receive the four children as non-communicant members. This is the complaint (q.v.) before the 81st General Assembly.

15. **August 12, 2013 – February 7, 2014**: Various email exchanges between the sessions regarding delays in GOPC session’s deliberation on the complaint, invitations to IOPC session to meet with GOPC session, inability of IOPC session to meet with the GOPC session, conveyance of questions from GOPC session to IOPC session, IOPC session responses to questions (see *Attachments H – S*). Reference to “bifurcated membership” first appears in the documents in the August 16, 2013, letter of the session of GOPC to the session of IOPC (*Attachment I*).

16. **February 21, 2014**: The session of Grace OPC denied the complaint of the session of Immanuel OPC and informed the session of IOPC of this action (see *attachment T*). The grounds for denial are briefly set forth as follows:
   a. The complaint is based on divergent views, not a serious error with respect to the Book of Church Order.
   b. The complaint alleges serious sin, for which a complaint is not the proper vehicle (BD IX.1.)
   c. The complaint has arisen due to an anomaly wherein a husband and wife are members in good and regular standing of different OP congregations. GOPC is committed to finding the most biblical and confessional way to deal with this anomaly, which, in our view, is not by way of a complaint, a vehicle not meant to resolve anomalies.

17. **February 22, 2014**: The clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio received from session of IOPC appeal of the denial of complaint of Immanuel OPC (complainant) against Grace OPC.

18. **February 26, 2014**: The session of IOPC replied to the February 21, 2014, notification of denial of complaint by session of GOPC, noting their determination to appeal and attaching February 24, 2014, letter of advice by Rev. William D. Dennison to session of IOPC, which advice is supportive of positions taken by the session of IOPC in the matter of the complaint (see *Attachments U-V*).  

19. **March 6, 2014**: The session of GOPC adopted a full (six pages) response to the complaint and sent it to the session of IOPC (see *Attachment W*).

20. **March 12, 2014**: Letter of the session of GOPC to the clerk of POH, expressing objection to the manner in which documentation related to the complaint of the session of IOPC was handled, including distribution of unauthorized chronology and documents obtained from the session of IOPC to the presbytery prior to the completion of the authorized chronology and documents by the session of GOPC (See *Attachment X*).

21. **March 14, 2014**: The Presbytery of Ohio found the complaint in order and sustained the complaint of Immanuel OPC against Grace OPC. The POH replaced the original grounds with its own and approved two amends. According to the unapproved minutes of
POH, the grounds on which the complaint was sustained by POH are as follows:

a. On June 5, 2013, Immanuel OPC sent a letter of transfer for Mr. M. to Grace OPC, stating explicitly that the non-communicant children will not be transferred but rather retain their membership with their mother at IOPC (BOD II:B.2(a)).

b. On July 12, 2013, GOPC received into membership both Mr. M. and his non-communicant children, contrary to the decision of IOPC. (BOD II:B.2(a)).

c. The action of GOPC is in violation of the jurisdiction of the local session as stated in the BCO. (FOG XIII:1, FOG XIII:7, FOG XII:2, BOD II:A.1, BOD II:A.2).

According to the unapproved minutes of POH, the amends approved by the POH were as follows:

a. That the Grace session acknowledge its error with respect to the membership of the M. children, and as soon as possible to rescind its action in receiving the children as members of Grace.

b. That the Grace session make public the fact that the [sic] rescission immediately to the congregations of Grace and Immanuel OPC.

22. **March 15, 2014:** The session of IOPC informed the POH of session’s intention to hold a congregational meeting on March 24, 2014, for the purpose of voting on a proposal to withdraw from the OPC.

23. **March 22, 2014:** The clerk of Presbytery of Ohio and the stated clerk of the General Assembly received notice from Grace OPC of intention to appeal to GA the decision of the POH to sustain the complaint.

24. **March 24, 2014:** The congregation of IOPC voted to withdraw from the OPC.

25. **March 26, 2014:** The session of IOPC informed the POH of the congregation’s March 24, 2014, vote to withdraw from the OPC and of their intention to postpon the second congregational meeting to vote on withdrawal until after this meeting of the General Assembly, to assist the POH in its defense of its action to sustain the complaint on appeal (see Attachment Y).

26. **April 9, 2014:** The session of Grace OPC, Sewickley, PA, submitted their appeal (q.v.) to the stated clerk of the General Assembly, copied to the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio, and submitted a chronology and documents related to the case.

C. RECOMMENDATION

That the complaint on appeal be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

IV. BUDGET

The Committee has proposed that a budget of $2000 be considered for its work in the forthcoming year.

V. ELECTIONS

The term of Mr. Jones (PMA) expires at this Assembly, as does that of Mr. Willet (PSE, Alternate, elected yearly). Other members of the Committee are Messrs Mallin (PCT&SNY,
class of 2016) and Strange (PMW, class of 2015).

John W. Mallin, Chairman
Committee on Appeals and Complaints
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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      The Committee met three times during the past year, once in conjunction with the meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC) in Atlanta, Georgia, and twice by conference call. The regular annual meeting of the Committee was held 19 February 2014 in Atlanta. Robert M. Coie (class of 2014), Mr. Gordon E. Kauffman (alternate), and Mr. Robert M. Needham (class of 2014) were present in Atlanta. Messrs Coie, Kauffman, Needham, and Johnson participated in the telephone conference meeting on 18 January, and Messrs Coie, Kauffman, and Needham participated in the telephone conference meeting 22 March 2014. Mr. Johnson was unable to attend the annual meeting or the 22 March meeting due to command restraints and Mr. Weaver attended neither due to being on indefinite medical leave. Both participated in interaction by email.

   B. Officers
      At the 19 January 2014 meeting, Mr. Needham was elected Chairman; Mr. Johnson, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Coie, Secretary.
II. ROLL OF CHAPLAINS

As of 01 January 2014, the PRCC endorses twelve Orthodox Presbyterian chaplains serving on active duty (Nine regulars plus three activated reservists), six serving in the Reserves or National Guard, three serving as full time paid civilian chaplains, and seven unendorsed civilian chaplains along with two military chaplain candidates.

A. Endorsed Chaplains Serving on Active Duty and their Presbyteries:
   - CH (MAJ) Paul T. Berghaus, USA Midwest
   - LCDR John A. Carter, CHC, USN Southern California
   - CH (COL) Jonathan C. Gibbs III, USA Philadelphia
   - Ch (Capt.) C. Phillip Hollstein III, USAF Southern California
   - Ch (Capt.) Cornelius Johnson, USAF New Jersey
   - CDR Timothy J. Power, CHC, USN Southern California
   - CH (MAJ) Earl W. Vanderhoff, USA Northwest
   - CAPT Bryan J. Weaver, CHC, USN Central Pennsylvania
   - CH (COL) Christopher H. Wisdom, USA Ret. Southwest
     (retires again 1 July)

B. Endorsed Chaplains Serving with Reserve Status on Active Duty and their Presbyteries:
   - CH (CPT) David M. DeRienzo, MEARNG New York and New England
   - CH (LTC) Graham C. Harbman USAR Northern California
   - CH (CPT.) Stephen L. Roberts, USAR Mid-Atlantic

C. Endorsed Chaplains Serving in Active Reserves or National Guard and their Presbyteries:
   - The Rev. Kyle N. Brown USA, CPT, USAR Central Pennsylvania
   - The Rev. Nathan Holloway, LT, USNR Dakotas
   - The Rev. Kenny R. Honken, CPT, SDARNG Midwest
   - The Rev. Benjamin W. Johnson, Capt., USAFR Michigan and Ontario

D. Endorsed Full-time Paid Civilian Chaplains:
   - The Rev. Kenny R. Honken, Dept. of Corrections, MI (primary PRCC endorsement is civilian)
   - The Rev. Charles A. McIlhenny, various Los Angeles County CA hospitals
   - The Rev. Jack K. Unangst, Chaplain Coordinator, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Prescott AZ (retires 09 July 2014)

E. Other Civilian Chaplains:
   - The Rev. David P. Bush, Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Department; Sonora Police Department, CA (part time, not paid, not endorsed and not required)
   - The Rev. Gordon H. Cook, Jr., Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ME (part time, paid, endorsed, requires endorsement)
   - The Rev. Robert B. Needham, Kings County Sheriff’s Department, CA (part time, not paid, endorsed but not required)
   - The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips, Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, Quarryville PA (full time, paid, endorsement not required)
   - The Rev. Ralph A. Rebandt II, Farmington Hills Police Dept., Farmington MI (part...
time, not paid, endorsed, endorsement required)
The Rev. Richard A. Shaw, Spring House Estates Retirement Community, Lower Gwynedd PA (full time, paid, endorsement not required)
The Rev. Douglas W. Snyder, Indiana University of PA, Indiana PA (part time, not paid, endorsed but not required)

F. Retired Chaplains:
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:
Andrew R. Barshinger, 1stLt USAR Philadelphia
The Rev. Michael Myers, 1LT, SCARNG Southwest

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. PRCC Contributions and Budgets

Contributions to the PRCC from designated gifts, denominational dues, and other sources increased from $388,249 in 2012 to $405,753 in 2013. Contributions from OPC churches and individuals to support chaplain ministries decreased from $6,338 in 2012 to $5,259 in 2013. Total receipts including chaplain dues increased from $388,249 in 2012 to $405,753 in 2013. In 2013 the Commission Approved Budget was $424,010 and the Working Budget was $390,710. Actual 2013 expenses were $394,484.

The Commission approved the following budgets:
2014 Revised Budget $447,622
2014 Proposed Working Budget $419,322
2015 Proposed Budget $460,616

B. PRCC Chaplain Dues Assessed

As of 01 January 2014, the PRCC continues to assess endorsed and paid chaplains at the following rates (the same as they were for last year):

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.
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. From those civilian chaplains whose employers or certifying bodies do not require an endorsement, dues are not assessed. An annual voluntary gift to the
PRCC is requested and would be greatly appreciated.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS AND ISSUES

A. PRCC Elections
   The following members were elected to one-year terms on the PRCC:
   1. Mr. Bentley B. Rayburn (PCA), Chairman
   2. Mr. Robert B. Needham (OPC), Vice-Chairman
   3. Mr. Erich Baum (RPCNA), Secretary

B. PRCC Executive Director
   Chaplain (BG) USA, Ret., Douglas Lee continues as Executive Director
   of PRCC and Chaplain Endorser.

C. PRCC Associate Directors
   The PRCC re-elected Mr. Ron Swafford (PCA) to serve until his retirement 31
   Oct 2014 as Associate Director. The balance of this one-year term will be filled by election
   of Mr. David Tubley, with Mack Griffith, (for military chaplaincy), and Del Harris (Civilian
   chaplaincy) elected as Associate Directors along with Mr. Gary L. Hitzfeld elected to a one-
   year term as Associate Director serving as an assistant to the Executive Director.

D. PRCC Commissioners in 2014
   OPC Commissioners to the 37th Annual Meeting of the PRCC were
   Messrs Coie, Kauffman, and Needham.

E. Next PRCC Annual Meeting
   The 38th annual meeting of the PRCCMP is scheduled to meet in Atlanta, GA on
   24 and 25 February 2015.

F. Other PRCC Actions:
   1. The Commission adopted its budgets: a 2014 Revised Budget in the amount
      of $447,622; the 2014 Proposed Working Budget in the amount of $419,322; and the 2015
      Proposed Budget in the amount of $460,616.
   2. The Commission adopted the report of the Committee on the Impact of the
      Repeal of DOMA for distributed to all PRCC chaplains.
   3. At the direction of the Commission, the Committee on Women in Service
      will continue developing a proposed letter to the President and other senior military leaders.
      This committee also provided a “Draft Letter to Churches” adopted by the Commission for
      distribution to stated clerks of member general assemblies and synods and presbyteries with a
      request it be distributed to all member congregations.
   4. The Commission adopted linguistic changes to the Chaplain’s Manual Policy
      and Guidance Handbook, Section III.B, and changed the word “assuming” to “verifying” in
      Section I.3.
   5. The Commission requested the Chairman to appoint a committee to provide
      written resources for all PRCC endorsed chaplains, to include: 1) a Biblically supported
      philosophy of counseling, 2) a policy for marriages which PRCC chaplains are able to
      perform, and 3) a policy of leadership of worship services involving PRCC chaplains; with the
      understanding that if during the process of the completing of this task, other pertinent subjects
      surface requiring recommended written philosophy and/or instruction for PRCC chaplains,
the chairman of the committee will seek the advice of the executive committee, requesting permission to proceed.

6. The Commission determined to increase member denomination dues $200 a year for the next five years effective in 2015, and add full-time endorsed civilian chaplains to the list of chaplains requiring denominational dues payments.

G. Sponsoring Congregations

The Committee is thankful for the churches that support chaplains. We urge other congregations to join in this ministry. We expect that sponsored chaplains will provide at least quarterly communication with sponsoring congregations. The following chaplains have reported their sponsoring congregations to the Executive Director of the PRCCMP:

**Active Duty and Mobilized Reserves and Guard**
- CH (MAJ) Paul T. Berghaus, USA
- LCDR John A. Carter, CHC, USN
- CH (MAJ) David M. DeRienzo
- CH (MAJ) Thomas J. Faichney, USA (PCA)
- CH (COL) Jonathan C. Gibbs III USA
- CH (LTC) Graham C. Harbman, USAR
- Ch (Capt.) C. Phillip Hollstein III USAF
- Ch (Capt.) Cornelius Johnson, USAF
- CDR Timothy J. Power, CHC, USN
- CH (MAJ) Earl W. Vanderhoff, USA
- CAPT Bryan J. Weaver, CHC, USN
- CH (COL) Christopher H. Wisdom, USA, Ret.

**V. BUDGET**

A. Standing Committee Budget

The Committee requests a 2015 budget of $5,000.00 for travel and lodging to enable the members of the Committee to attend the annual meeting of the PRCC in Atlanta in February 2015 and the meeting of the Committee to be held following that meeting.

B. Chaplain Support

The Committee requests that OPC financial support for the PRCC in 2015 be provided at the annual rate of $700.00 per active duty, reserve component, and full time
endorsed civilian chaplains, a total of $13,300.00 for 19 total (12 active duty including activated reserves and 4 reserve [5 less one counted as a civilian chaplain]) military and 3 endorsed full time paid civilian chaplains (including 1 VA chaplain) we had as of 1 January 2014.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

That the 81st GA implements the proposal of the 80th GA, a change to Standing Rule: X.2.j to state: “The Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel shall consist of six members arranged in three classes of two members each.”

VII. ELECTIONS

The terms of Messrs. Coie and Needham expire at this Assembly. If the recommendation of the 80th General Assembly is passed, the Assembly needs to add two members to the Committee. Two members need to be elected to the class of 2017, one to the class of 2016, and one to the class of 2015. If it is not passed, the Assembly needs to elect two members to the class of 2017.

The current classes are:

Class of 2014 – Robert M. Coie; Robert B. Needham
Class of 2015 – Cornelius Johnson
Class of 2016 – Bryan J. Weaver
REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

The fall/winter 2013 issue of the *Journal of Presbyterian History* (19:2) was dedicated to the topic of congregational history, encouraging “local church historians to think broadly and creatively about their task.” As the authors explained, everyday events at the local level tell much about American religious history, and their stories challenge the myths and stereotypes that “top-down” histories tend to perpetuate, by adding depth and color to depictions of denominational life. Denominational history, tending toward abstractions, often fails to capture the religion of the pew, which can speak more about the “micro-trends” at work in American religion. (For example, it was a surprise, wrote one contributor, for him to discover that for as much as liberals talk about service, it is conservative Protestants who are most active in serving others.) So insistent was this symposium on the value of local perspectives for denominational history that one author concluded with this audacious recommendation: “perhaps more historians of American religion should go to church … so that their history might be as fresh as the movements that they aspire to explain.”

As the *Journal of Presbyterian History* is addressed to a mainline Presbyterian audience, these pieces suggest the challenge of congregations finding their story in a denomination that has lost its story. Thankfully, this is not a problem for congregations in the OPC. Still, there are lessons here for Orthodox Presbyterians, because we are not beyond the temptation of overlooking the value of local church history.

And this provides the opportunity to encourage the development of local OPC history. Up to this point, we have not developed extensive holdings on the congregational or presbytery level in the OPC archives, rich though its collections are on the General Assembly committee level. Now that we have established the archives in a permanent home, we are positioned to be more ambitious in collecting materials from congregations. Our goal is to establish files for each Orthodox Presbyterian congregation, and we encourage congregations to send materials for deposit in the archives. These materials include church brochures and published histories, sample church bulletins, evangelistic tracts, anniversary commemorative programs, oral history interviews (recorded or transcribed), and especially photographs. (Special note on photographs: we are eager to receive them in print or digital form, but please identify the individuals and events that are captured in your pictures.) In addition, the Committee for the Historian hopes to provide resources and sponsor seminars to encourage the writing of local church history. (It is fitting to add here that the PCA Historical Center in St. Louis has a wealth of advice on its website for the work of the local historian.)

Denominations do not tell one story; they tell many stories. Faithful stewardship of our heritage obliges us to preserve the stories of Orthodox Presbyterian congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Muether
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

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      Class of 2014: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger and Dr. David C. Noe
      Class of 2015: The Rev. Chad E. Bond
      Class of 2016: The Rev. Brenton C. Ferry
      
   B. Officers
      President—Mr. Olinger
      Vice-President—Dr. Noe
      Secretary—Mr. Ferry
      Treasurer—Mr. Bond
      
   C. 2013 Meeting
      
      The Committee met on August 23, 2013 (in Willow Grove, Penna.).

II. 2013 ACTIVITIES

   A. Today in OPC History
      The Committee has begun preparing new daily entries on opc.org, “Today in OPC History,” replacing the weekly feature that has been on the website since 2005. The new en-
tries feature detailed write-ups with a photograph related to OPC history.

B. Churchill Reprint
The Committee prepared a reprint of Robert Churchill’s *Lest We Forget*, which continues to be the best-selling title among the Committee’s book inventory.

C. Ebooks
Several titles are now available for free in ebook format at opc.org, including *J. Gresham Machen: A Biographical Memoir, Lest We Forget, The Presbyterian Conflict* and *Pressing Toward the Mark*. The Committee plans to have more titles from its inventory available soon.

III. OPC ARCHIVES

The Committee conducted a work day in the Grace Mullen Archives Room on August 24, 2013. It has been pleased to accommodate increasing numbers of researchers in 2013.

A significant addition to the collection was a bound set of journals from the Presbyterian Historical Society, including *American Presbyterians* and the *Journal of Presbyterian History*, a gift from the library of Covenant College.

IV. PLANS FOR 2014

A. Congregational Histories
The Committee is eager to expand its archival collection of congregational histories, creating and maintaining files for each congregation in the OPC. Congregations are encouraged to send materials to the archives, including written histories, representative church bulletins, pictures (please identity subjects of photographs!), anniversary celebrations, etc.

B. Archivist Consultation
A gathering of NAPARC-related archivists in Willow Grove planned for last year was postponed due to scheduling conflicts of several participants. The Committee hopes to reschedule this meeting in August, 2014.

V. 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 2013 and lifetime sales.

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VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (2013)

A. Income and Expenses

Income:
Sales $3,488.09
Interest 13.17
Total Income $3,501.26

Expenses:
Printing/Reproduction $8,948.44
Postage/Delivery 261.10
Archival 1,331.85
Miscellaneous 62.63
Total Expenses $10,604.02

B. Account Summaries as of 12/31/2013

Savings $10,423.54
Checking 5,559.81
Total $15,983.35

C. General Assembly Operating Fund

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VIII. ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

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 2017 is to be elected by this Assembly. The present composition of the Committee is as follows:

Class of 2014  Minister: Danny E. Olinger  
               Ruling Elder: David C. Noe

Class of 2015  Minister: Chad E. Bond

Class of 2016  Minister: Brenton C. Ferry

The terms of Messrs. Noe and Olinger expire at this Assembly.
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Abbreviations:
- **Jan**: January 1, 2013
- **Dec**: December 31, 2013
- **Prof**: Received on Profession of Faith
- **Reaff**: Received on Reaffirmation of Faith
- **Par**: Received with Parents
- **Xfer**: Received on Letter of Transfer
- **Dcd**: Deceased (see BD II: B.3.d)
- **Dism**: Dismissed (per BD II: B.3.a, B.3.b, B.3.c, or B.3.e)
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1 Members on the roll of the regional church

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**Legend:**
- **ST:** State
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1 Wife of minister with no local OPC to join
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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

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

General Information

Membership: 17 Ministers, 44 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of February and May; 3rd Saturday of September and November
Stated Clerk: Alan W. Montgomery, term expires Feb 2017
Moderator: John D. Van Meerbeke, term expires Feb 2015

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 8 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Grace Fellowship, Mansfield, Pa., dissolved as of 31 Dec 2013
Mission works:
Parent church:

Ministers

Ministers received:
Kyle N. Brown, from Presbytery of Ohio, 13 Dec 2013
Ministers removed:
Wendell L. Rockey, Jr. dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 4 May 2013
Ministers installed:
Kyle N. Brown, as associate pastor of military ministries at Living Hope, Gettysburg, Pa., 13 Dec 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Joel C. Kershner, from serving as pastor of Grace Fellowship, Mansfield, Pa., 31 Dec 2013
Roll of ministers:
Andrew T. Adcock Kyle N. Brown Mark R. Brown
Paul N. Browne Arthur J. Fox Theodore J. Georgian
Joel C. Kershner Jeremiah W. Montgomery Jody O. Morris
Stephen S. Payson Roth M. Reason Lawrence Semel
Albert W. Steever, Jr. Thomas E. Tyson John D. Van Meerbeke
Bryan J. Weaver Douglas C. Winward, Jr.

Licentiates

Licensures:
Jeffrey J. Downs, 4 May 2013
Joshua L. McKamy, 16 Nov 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
Jeffrey J. Downs
Joshua L. McKamy
Matthew H. Patton

PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL U. S.

General Information

Membership: 8 Ministers, 9 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: April and September
Stated Clerk: Mark T. Harrington, term expires Sep 2015
Moderator: Jerold Barnett, term expires Sep 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 4 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
  Parent church:
  Providence, Tulsa, Okla. Westminster, Bartlesville, Okla.

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:
  Joseph A. Auksela  Timothy L. Black  Patrick D. Durkee
  Edward A. Eppinger  Mark T. Harrington  LeRoy E. Miller
  Geoffrey C. Smith  Jim G. Stevenson

Licentiates
Licenses:
  Colby T. Painter, 6 Apr 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
  Colby T. Painter

PRESBYTERY OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK

General Information
Membership: 14 Ministers, 16 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Saturday of January, April, September, and November
Stated Clerk: John W. Mallin III, term expires Jan 2016
Moderator: Fouad Sayegh, term from Jan 2013–Sep 2013
  Daniel G. Osborne, term from Sep 2013–Jan 2014
  Benjamin W. Miller, term from Jan 2014–Jan 2015

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 6 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
  Parent church:
  Reformation, Floral Park, N.Y. The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Brad S. Hertzog, from serving as evangelist at Reformation, Floral Park, N.Y., 31 Aug 2013
Roll of ministers:
  James W. Campbell  Samuel S. Chung  Richard R. Gerber
  Brad S. Hertzog  Jonathan Holst  David C. Innes
John W. Mallin III  Benjamin W. Miller  Daniel G. Osborne
Meindert Ploegman  Jonathan W. Shishko  William Shishko
Carl N. Smith  Sabry Tanios

Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

General Information
Membership: 20 Ministers, 45 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Tuesday of April, 4th Tuesday of September
Stated Clerk: Archibald A. Allison, term expires Apr 2014
Moderator: D. Jason Wallace, term expires Apr 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 15 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
  Grace Reformed Fellowship, Lander, Wyo., organized as a new and separate church, 9 Oct 2013
Mission works:  
  Parent church:  
  Grace, Fargo, N.D.  The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
  Philip B. Strong, from Rocky Mountain Presbytery of the PCA, 22 May 2013
  Bruce L. Prentice, from independent Baptist, 29 May 2013
  D. Nathan Holloway, from Presbytery of the Southeast, 7 Nov 2013
Ministers removed:
  Kenny R. Honken, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 15 Mar 2013
Ministers installed:
  Philip B. Strong, as pastor of Christ Presbyterian, Salt Lake City, Utah, serving Lander, Wyo., 22 May 2013
  Bruce L. Prentice, as pastor of Bethel, Carson, N.D., 29 May 2013
  Philip B. Strong, as pastor of Grace Reformed Fellowship, Lander, Wyo., 9 Oct 2013
  D. Nathan Holloway, as pastor of Bethlehem Reformed, Freeman, S.D., 7 Nov 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Philip B. Strong, from serving pastor of Christ Presbyterian, Salt Lake City, Utah, serving Lander, Wyo., 9 Oct 2013
Roll of ministers:
  Archibald A. Allison  David A. Bosch  Leonard J. Coppes
  Richard G. Hodgson  D. Nathan Holloway  Brad J. Irick
  Matthew W. Kingsbury  Shawn C. Mathis  Curtis A. Moleterno
  Bruce L. Prentice  Steven A. Richert  Young J. Son
  Philip B. Strong  Kevin P. Swanson  Terry F. Thole
  Gregory L. Thurston  Murray I. Uomoto  D. Jason Wallace
  Gerald I. Williamson  Richard Wynja
Licentiates

Licenures:
- Michael J. Chapa, 24 Sep 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
- Michael R. Elliott, license recalled, 2 Apr 2013
Roll of licentiates:
- Michael J. Chapa

**PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO**

**General Information**

Membership: 38 Ministers, 105 Ruling Elders  
Stated meetings: January, April, and September  
Stated Clerk: Kenneth A. Smith, term expires Jan 2016  
Moderator: John R. Ferguson, term expires Sep 2014

**Churches and Mission Works**

Number of congregations: 19 churches and 5 unorganized mission works  
Changes in congregations: None  
Mission works:  
- Fremont OPC, Fremont, Mich.  
- Providence, Manistee, Mich.  
- Living Hope, Jordan, Ont.  
- Emmanuel, Meaford, Ont.  
- Parent church:  
-- Little Farms Chapel, Coopersville, Mich.  
-- Grace Reformed, Walkerton, Ind.  
-- Little Farms Chapel, Coopersville, Mich.  
-- Grace Covenant, Sheffield, Ont.  
-- Covenant, Komoka, Ont.

**Ministers**

Ordinations: None  
Ministers received:  
- Neil P. Stewart, from Latimar Congregational Church, UK, 15 Feb 2013  
- John Currie, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, 21 Sep 2013  
Ministers removed:  
- Eric R. Hausler, dismissed to Presbytery of the South, 5 Oct 2013  
Ministers installed:  
- Neil P. Stewart, as pastor of Grace Covenant, Sheffield, Ont., 15 Feb 2013  
- Jorge Luiz Barros, ministerial member without call, installed as an evangelist receiving a call from the presbytery, 27 Apr 2013  
- John Currie, as pastor of Redeemer, Ada, Mich., 21 Sep 2013  
Ministerial relationships dissolved:  
- Timothy L. Bero, from serving as pastor of Community, Kalamazoo, Mich., 21 Sep 2013

Roll of ministers:
- Matthew W. C. Barker  
- Bruce G. Buchanan  
- John Currie  
- Lap Q. Duong  
- Alan M. Flowers  
- Stephen W. Igo  
- Benjamin W. Johnson  
- Gerry J. Mynders  
- W. Vern Picknally  
- Jorge Luiz Barros  
- Douglas L. Bylsma  
- Norman DeJong  
- Douglas A Felch  
- Everett A. Henes  
- Markus G. Jeromin  
- Michael D. Knierim  
- Gerald J. Neumair  
- Stephen A. Pribble  
- Timothy L. Bero  
- K. Dale Collison  
- Douglas B. Doll  
- John R. Ferguson  
- Kenneth J. Hovingh  
- Glenn D. Jerrell  
- James F. Mong  
- Martin A. Novak  
- Ralph A. Rebandt II
Licentiates
Licensures:
Michael Borg, 21 Sep 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
Michael Borg

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

General Information
Membership: 34 Ministers, 69 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of May; 3rd Saturday of September; 1st Saturday of December
Stated Clerk: Stuart R. Jones, term expires Sep 2014
Moderator: Daniel P. Clifford, term expires Sep 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 13 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
  Christ Presbyterian, Elkton, Md.  The regional church
  Trinity, Gaithersburg, Md.  The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
  Mark A. Green, 8 Feb 2013
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
  Mark A. Green, as evangelist (media), Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 8 Feb 2013
  Daniel J. Halley, as associate pastor of Ketocin Covenant, Purcellville, Va., 19 July 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  David T. King, from serving as PMA evangelist/mission pastor of Christ, Elkton, Md., 30 June 2013
  Daniel J. Halley, from serving as associate pastor of Columbia Presbyterian, Columbia, Md., 30 June 2013
Roll of ministers: (*emeritus)
  Ethan W. Allison  Charles R. Biggs  Clark H. Brooking
  Stephen M. Brown  S. Edd Cathey  Daniel P. Clifford
  Craig C. Coulbourne  Stephen D. Doe  Bryan D. Estelle
  Timothy W. Flora  Mark A. Green  Stephen B. Green
  Stephen R. Hake  George W. Hall, Jr.  Daniel J. Halley
  George C. Hammond  Allen H. Harris  Stuart R. Jones
  David T. King  Peter Y. Lee  Randall M. Lovelace
  Thomas A. Martin  Michael A. McCabe  Anthony A. Monaghan
  Philip T. Proctor  Stephen L. Roberts  James J. Stastny
Gerald S. Taylor       Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.       Edwin C. Urban
Laurence N. Vail*     Francis E. VanDelden       Chad B. Van Dixhoorn
Bennett B. Wethered

Licentiates
Licentures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Mark A. Green, ordained, 8 Feb 2013
Joshua D. Curl, dismissed to the PCA
Roll of licentiates:
Andrew J. Miller

**PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST**

**General Information**
Membership: 58 Ministers, 195 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Friday and Saturday of March, 2nd Friday and Saturday after Labor Day (September)
Stated Clerk: Christian M. McShaffrey, term expires Mar 2014
Moderator: Iain M. Wright, term expires Mar 2015

**Churches and Mission Works**
Number of congregations: 26 churches and 10 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
- Gospel Life Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Christ Covenant, Crystal Lake, Ill.
- Providence, Rockford, Ill.
- Sovereign Grace, Davenport, Iowa
- Hope Reformed, Pella, Iowa
- Immanuel Church, Andover, Minn.
- Church of the Lakes, Brainerd, Minn.
- Sovereign Grace Reformed, Doniphan, Mo.
- Gateway, Town and Country, Mo.
- Providence Reformed, Eau Claire, Wis.

Parent church:
- The regional church
- Hope, Grayslake, Ill.
- Christ, Janesville, Wis.
- Covenant of Grace, Batavia, Ill.
- Grace Reformed, Des Moines, Iowa
- Mission OPC, St. Paul, Minn.
- Covenant OPC, Hammond, Wis.
- Christ Pres., Hazelwood, Mo.
- The regional church
- Covenant OPC, Hammond, Wis.

**Ministers**

Ordinations:
- Camden M. Bucey, 26 Apr 2013
- Edward E. Jensen, 27 Sep 2013
- Frank P. Liu, 8 Nov 2013

Ministers received:
- Kenny R. Honken, from Presbytery of the Dakotas, 15 Mar 2013
- David L. Veldhorst, from Missouri Presbytery, PCA, 2 Aug 2013
- Shane P. Lems, from Classis Pacific Northwest of the URCNA, 18 Oct 2013

Ministers removed:
None

Ministers installed:
- Kenny R. Honken, as evangelist, 15 Mar 2013
- John S. Shaw, as general secretary of the OPC Committee on Home Missions, 19 Apr 2013
Camden M. Bucey, as pastor of Hope, Grayslake, Ill., 26 Apr 2013
David L. Veldhorst, as associate pastor of Bethel OPC, Oostburg, Wis., 2 Aug 2013
Edward E. Jensen, as pastor of Grace Reformed, Des Moines, Iowa, 27 Sep 2013
Kim M. Kuhfuss, as evangelist at Providence Reformed Church, Eau Claire, Wis., 1 Nov 2013
Frank P. Liu, as pastor of Mission, St. Paul, Minn., 8 Nov 2013
Shane P. Lems, as pastor of Covenant, Hammond, Wis., 18 Nov 2013

Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:

Ronald L. Beabout  Paul T. Berghaus  James L. Bosgraf
Camden M. Bucey  Andrew Cheatham  Scott E. Churnock
Douglas B. Clawson  Matthew E. Cotta  Brian L. DeJong
Ivan J. DeMaster  Dennis L. Disselkoen  Terry E. Dowds
Richard M. Edwards  Brent C. Evans  Jonathan B. Falk
James E. Ferguson  John M. Fikkert  Roger L. Gibbons
Kenneth R. Golden  Heero E. C. Hacquebord  Joseph H. Hall
Kent W. Harding  John A. Hartley  John R. Hilbelink
James T. Hoekstra  Bruce H. Hollister  Kenny R. Honken
C. Mark Jenkins  Edward E. Jensen  David W. King
Kim M. Kuhfuss  Shane P. Lems  Frank P. Liu
Frank J. Marsh  Christian McShaffrey  James R. Megchelsen
Marcus A. Mininger  Paul A. Mourreale  Charles A. Muether
Gordon L. Oliver  Donald F. Ritsman  John H. Ro
Christopher A. Sandoval  John S. Shaw  Lendall H. Smith
Benjamin J. Snodgrass  Alan D. Strange  Robert E. Tarullo
Karl E. Thompson  John R. Tinsley  Cornelius Tolsma
A. Craig Troxel  David M. VanDrunen  David L. Veldhorst
Todd V. Wagenmaker  John R. Wiers  Brandon T. Wilkins
Iain A. M. Wright

Licentiates

Licensures:
Casey Bessette, 13 Sep 2013
Jeff Scott, 13 Sep 2013
Caleb Smith, 13 Sep 2013
David Koenig, 12 Oct 2013
Yevgeni Kogay, 12 Oct 2013

Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None

Roll of licentiates:
Casey Bessette
Richard Cunningham
Sherif Gendy
David Koenig
Yevgeni Kogay
Jeff Scott
Caleb Smith
Ryan Stoddard
Nathan Tomlinson
PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

General Information
Membership: 33 Ministers, 67 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 2014
Moderator: Gordon E. Kauffman, term expires Sep 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 23 churches
Changes in congregations:
Redeemer, Sea Side Heights/Brick, N.J., is now Faith Bible, Brick, N.J.

Mission Works: None

Ministers
Ordinations:
John J. Keegan, 19 Oct 2013
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed:
Martin L. Dawson, erased (renounced the jurisdiction of the OPC), 23 Feb 2013
Richard S. Anderson, erased (renounced the jurisdiction of the OPC), 23 Feb 2013
Ministers installed:
John J. Keegan, as pastor of Grace, Fair Lawn, N.J., 19 Oct 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Jeffrey C. Waddington, from serving as teacher at Calvary, Ringoes, N.J., 1 May 2013
Stanford M. Sutton Jr., from serving as pastor of Grace, Westfield, N.J., 30 June 2013 (Retired)
Samuel Rodriguez, from serving as pastor of Mt. Carmel, Somerset, N.J., 31 Dec 2013
Roll of ministers:
James Allay  Benjamin Alvira  Samuel H. Bacon
Michael W. Bobick  Kenneth J. Campbell  James J. Cassidy
Thomas D. Church  David M. Cornette  Carlos M. Cruz
Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.  Howard Currie  Claude D. DePrine III
Richard N. Ellis  Ross W. Graham  David J. Harr
Mitchell R. Herring  Cornelius Johnson  John J. Keegan
George S. Kostas  Mark J. Larson  Neil J. Lodge
Carl S. McDaniel  Richard A. Nelson  Ronald E. Pearce
Claude A. Taylor III  Milton Villanueva  John Vroegindewey
Jeffrey C. Waddington  Travis Yonkman  James A. Zozzaro

Licentiates
Licensures: None
Licentiates received:
Andrew Barshinger, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, 3 Dec 2013
Licentiates removed:
Alan Dueck, ordained by Presbytery of No. California and Nevada, 14 July 2013
Roll of licentiates:
Andrew Barshinger
Roberto Quiñones
PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

General Information
Membership: 40 Ministers, 95 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: April and October
Stated Clerk: Stephen J. Tracey, term expires Oct 2015
Moderator: Timothy H. Gregson, term expires Oct 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 21 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Addition of Providence, West Lebanon, N.H. as a mission work, 6 Dec 2013
Mission works:
Penobscot Bay, Bucksport, Me. Parent church:
Merrymeeting Bay, Brunswick, Me.
Pleasant Mountain, Denmark, Me. Second Parish, Portland, Me.
Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira, The regional church
Lowell, Mass.
Pilgrim, Dover, N.H. Amoskeag, Manchester, N.H.
Providence Presbyterian Church, Covenant, Barre, Vt.
West Lebanon, NH

Ministers
Ordinations:
David M. DeRienzo, 8 Mar 2013
Ministers received:
Timothy G. Herndon, from independency, 6 Dec 2013
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
David M. DeRienzo, as associate pastor of Second Parish, Portland, Me., 8 Mar 2013
Timothy G. Herndon, as evangelist laboring at Providence, West Lebanon, N.H., 6 Dec 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
David J. O’Leary, from serving as pastor of North Shore, Ipswich, Mass., 31 Jan 2013
Steven P. Marusich, from serving as pastor of New Covenant, Newton, Mass., 21 Oct 2013
Roll of ministers:
Paul H. Anderson  Derek W. Baker  Tim R. Beauchamp
David A. Booth  Gordon H. Cook, Jr.  David M. DeRienzo
Richard M. Dickinson  Harold L. Dorman  Carl A. P. Durham
Michael G. Fettes  Samuel N. Folta  Timothy H. Gregson
D. Leonard Gulstrom  Russell J. Hamilton  Timothy G. Herndon
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  David J. O’Leary  Daniel F. Patterson
David S. Phillips  Stephen L. Phillips  Gregory E. Reynolds
Andrew H. Selle  Patrick R. Severson  Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.
Allen C. Tomlinson  Stephen J. Tracey  Thomas Trouwborst
Jack K. Unangst, Jr.
Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Ian Van Leeuwen, removed, 18 Feb 2013
David M. DeRienzo, ordained, 8 Mar 2013
Roll of licentiates:
John F. A. Kramer
Nathan Lambert

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

General Information
Membership: 26 Ministers, 41 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Friday and Saturday of March and September
Stated Clerk: Donald G. Jamieson, term expires Mar 2016
Moderator: Dennis Fullalove, term expires Mar 2015

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 15 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
Covenant (Monterey Bay) Castroville, Calif., moved to Marina, Calif.
Mission works: Parent church:
Redding Reformed Fellowship, The regional church

Redding, Calif.

Ministers
Ordinations:
Alan J. Dueck, 6 June 2013
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Alan J. Dueck, as pastor of Grace, Battle Mountain, Nev., 6 June 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:
John W. Belden  P. Shaun Bryant  David P. Bush
Gene L. Crow   Michael D. Dengerink  Alan J. Dueck
Carl E. Erickson  J. Glenn Ferrell  Wayne K. Forkner
W. Reid Hankins  Graham C. Harbman  Jeffery A. Landis
Richard C. Miller  Robert B. Needham  Christopher L. Post
Andrew J. Preston  Mark E. Richline  Joel C. Robbins
Salvador M. Solis  Robert A. Starke  Kevin W. Van Der Linden
Timothy G. Walker  Mark R. Wheat

Licentiates
Licenses: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
Eric Gelston
PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

General Information
Membership: 32 Ministers, 58 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April and September
Stated Clerk: Donald M. Poundstone, term expires Sep 2014
Moderator: Paul Hamstra, term expires Sep 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 18 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
  Sovereign Redeemer, Boise, Id., dissolved, 27 Sep 2013
Mission works:
  Emmanuel, Colville, Wash.  Parent church:
  Hope, Mercer Island, Wash.
  Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, Wash.
  Redeemer, Airdrie, Alta.
  Covenant, Kennewick, Wash.
  Westminster, Monroe, Wash.
  Sovereign Grace, Oak Harbor, Wash.
  The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
  Daniel W. McManigal, from the United Reformed Churches in North America, 15 Nov 2013
Ministers removed:
  Samuel van Houte, deceased, 28 Apr 2013
Ministers installed:
  Daniel W. McManigal, as associate pastor of Westminster, Monroe, Wash., 15 Nov 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:
  David A. Bass  Randall A. Bergquist  Glenn T. Black
  Mark A Collingridge  Larry D. Conard  James T. Dennison, Jr.
  Daniel Dillard  Stanton P. Durham  Andrew M. Elam
  Martin Emmrich  David W. Inks  M. Scott Johnson
  Paul O. Johnson  David J. Klein  John W. Mahaffy
  Calvin R. Malcor  Ronald J. McKenzie  Daniel W. McManigal
  Brett A. McNeill  Richard A. Miller  Jay M. Milojevich
  Brian H. Nicholson  Donald M. Poundstone  Marcus J. Renkema
  Jack L. Smith  G. Mark Sumpter  Benjamin W. Swinburnson
  Eric W. Tuininga  Earl W. Vanderhoff  Robert C. Van Kooten
  J. Peter Vosteen  Larry E. Wilson

Licentiates
Licensures:
  Tony Garbarino, 27 Sep 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates:
  Tony Garbarino

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

General Information
Membership: 37 Ministers, 72 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday of March, 3rd Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Ken B. Montgomery, term expires Oct 2015
Moderator: L. Charles Jackson, term expires Oct 2014

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 17 churches and 4 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations:
Good Shepherd, Cincinnati, Ohio, received from the PCA, 23 Aug 2013

Mission works: Parent church:
Grace, Huron, Ohio  Covenant, Mansfield, Ohio
Knox, Mt. Vernon, Ohio  Providence, Pataskala, Ohio
Trinity, Huntington, W.Va.  Grace, Columbus, Ohio

Ministers

Ordinations:
Jeremy C. Jones, 5 Apr 2013
Bradley M. Peppo, 8 Nov 2013

Ministers received:
Christopher A. Malamisuro, from Pittsburgh Presbytery (PCA), 23 Aug 2013

Ministers removed:
Joseph Puglia, dismissed to Rocky Mountain Presbytery (PCA), 5 Jan 2013
Kyle N. Brown, dismissed to Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, 17 Oct 2013

Ministers installed:
Jeremy C. Jones, as associate pastor of Covenant, Grove City, Pa., 5 Apr 2013
Christopher A. Malamisuro, as pastor of Good Shepherd, Cincinnati, Ohio, 23 Aug 2013
Bradley M. Peppo, as evangelist at Covenant, Dayton, Ohio, 8 Nov 2013

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Joseph Puglia, from serving as pastor of Covenant, Mansfield, Ohio, 5 Jan 2013

Roll of ministers:
Sam M. Allison  Timothy W. Baker  Marvin O. Bowman
Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.  Gerald C. Dodds  Stephen J. Dufresne
Robert Y. Eckardt  Leo A. Frailey  Michael F. Frangipane
Mark A. Garcia  David G. Graves  Karl A. Hubenthal
Jonathan E. Hutchison  L. Charles Jackson  Jeremy C. Jones
William B. Kessler  Jason C. Kirklin  R. Daniel Knox
Stewart E. Lauer  J. Boone Leigh  Brett E. Mahlen
Christopher A. Malamisuro  Robert J. McKelvey  Mark S. Melton
Steven F. Miller  Ken B. Montgomery  Allen P.,Moran, Jr.
Lawrence B. Oldaker  Danny E. Olinger  Bradley M. Peppo
Peter J. Puliatti  David J. Robbins  George C. Scipione
Douglas W. Snyder  Sacha Walicord  Russell L. Westbrook
Geoffrey L. Willour

Licentiates

Licenses:
Bradley M. Peppo, 8 Mar 2013

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
Bradley M. Peppo, ordained, 8 Nov 2013

Roll of licentiates: None
PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

General Information
Membership: 34 Ministers, 69 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of February and May, 3rd Saturday of September and November
Stated Clerk: Thomas A. Foh, term expires Sep 2014
Moderator: Donald J. Duff, term expires Sep 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 15 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
Yardley OPC, Yardley, Pa., dissolved, 1 Jan 2013
Mission works:

Ministers
Ordinations:
Lloyd J. Sterrett, 15 Feb 2013
Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III, 30 Sep 2013
Ministers received:
Wendell L. Rockey, Jr. from Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, 4 May 2013
Ministers removed:
Charles D. Abbate, erased (demitted), 4 May 2013
Ross H. Ritter, erased (installed as pastor of a PCA church), 4 May 2013
John Currie, dismissed to Presbytery of Michigan & Ontario, 8 Sep 2013
Ministers installed:
Lloyd J. Sterrett, as pastor of Grace, Philadelphia, Pa., 15 Feb 2013
Jonathan F. Peters, as associate pastor of Covenant, Reading, Pa., 21 June 2013
Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III, as teacher, Cornerstone, Ambler, Pa., 30 Sep 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
George F. Morton, from serving as pastor of Grace, Philadelphia, Pa., 16 Sep 2012

Roll of ministers:
Gregory K. Beale George R. Cottenden Wilson L. Cummings
Donald J. Duff Robert W. Eckardt Thomas A. Foh
A. LeRoy Greer Robert P. Harting Richard S. MacLaren
Mark D. Mathews Michael J. Matossian Harold A. McKenzie
Harry R. McLeod, Jr. Robert A. Minnig George F. Morton
Jonathan F. Peters Wendell L. Rockey, Jr. J. Mark Sallade
Richard A. Shaw Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III William F. Snodgrass
Matthew D. Stephan Lloyd J. Sterrett Wendell S. Stoltzfus
Lane G. Tipton Barry A. Traver Carl R. Trueman
Douglas A. Watson Larry J. Westerveld Brian T. Wingard
Tim W. Young

Licentiates
Licensures:
Geoffrey M. Downey, 2 Feb 2013
John J. Keegan, 4 May 2013
Thomas A. Tkach, 21 Sep 2013
David W. Landow, 16 Nov 2013
Licentiates received:
Steven M. Moulson, from Presbytery of So. California, 21 Sep 2013
Licentiates removed:
Camden M. Bucey, ordained by Presbytery of the Midwest, 26 Apr 2013
Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III, ordained, 30 Sep 2013
Geoffrey M. Downey, dismissed to Presbytery of the South, 18 Oct 2013
John J. Keegan, ordained by Presbytery of New Jersey, 19 Oct 2013
Andrew R. Barshinger, dismissed to Presbytery of New Jersey, 3 Dec 2013
Roll of licentiates:
David W. Landow
Steven M. Moulson
Thomas A. Tkach

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH

General Information
Membership: 29 Ministers, 44 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday after Easter, 4th Friday and Saturday in October
Stated Clerk: Jeffrey K. Boer, term expires Oct 2015
Moderator: Kenneth L. Wendland, term expires Oct 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 18 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Faith, Ocala, Fla., dissolved, effective 31 Dec 2013
Mission works:
OPC, Naples, Fla. The regional church
Wolf River, Collierville, Tenn. The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
Geoffrey M. Downey, 15 Nov 2013
Ministers received:
Eric R. Hausler, from Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, 5 Oct 2013
Ministers removed:
Robert L. Reymond, deceased, 2 Oct 2013
Luis A. Orteza, dismissed to the Evangel Presbytery of the PCA, 12 Nov 2013
Ministers installed:
Eric R. Hausler, as an evangelist of presbytery serving in Naples, Fla., 5 Oct 2013
Geoffrey M. Downey, as associate pastor of Lake Sherwood, Orlando, Fla., 15 Nov 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
David A. Smiley, from serving as pastor of Providence, Bradenton, Fla., 31 Dec 2013
Gregory P. Hoadley, from serving as pastor of Faith, Ocala, Fla., 31 Dec 2013
Roll of ministers:
Warren R. Bennett III Robert A. Berry, Jr. Jeffrey K. Boer
David E. Chilton Allen D. Curry Geoffrey M. Downey
Joel D. Fick Eric R. Hausler Gregory P. Hoadley
William M. Hobbs Benjamin K. Hopp Hendrick Krabbendam
Larry G. Mininger Chad D. Mullinix Stephen J. Oharek
Licentiates
Licensor:
Matthew D. Cole, 12 Apr 2013
David S. Veldkamp, 12 Apr 2013
Ben C. Dunson, 18 Oct 2013
Licentiates received:
Geoffrey M. Downey, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, 18 Oct 2013
Licentiates removed:
Geoffrey M. Downey, ordained, 15 Nov 2013
Roll of licentiates:
Matthew D. Cole
Ben C. Dunson
Laurence R. O’Donnell III
Mark D. Soud
David S. Veldkamp

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

General Information
Membership: 44 Ministers, 56 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April, 3rd Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Hank L. Belfield, term expires Oct 2015
Moderator: S. Scott Willet, term expires Oct 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 18 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Shiloh, Cary, N.C., organized as a new and separate congregation, 8 Feb 2013
Christ, Etowah, N.C., dissolved, effective 31 Dec 2013
Mission works:
Heritage Reformed Pres., Hartwell, Ga. The regional church
Neon Reformed, Neon, Ky. The regional church
Reformation, Gastonia, N.C. Redeemer, Charlotte, N.C.
Faith, Cookeville, Tenn. The regional church
Reformation, Virginia Beach, Va. The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
Christopher B. Cashen, 1 Nov 2013
Michael L. Myers, 6 Dec 2013
Ministers received:
Bryan P. Crotts, from the ARPC, 8 Nov 2013
D. Nathan Holloway, Chaplain US Navy Reserve, from a Baptist denomination, 26 Apr 2013
Ministers removed:
D. Nathan Holloway, dismissed to Presbytery of the Dakotas, 7 Nov 2013
Ministers installed:
- Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer, as pastor of Shiloh, Cary, N.C., 8 Feb 2013
- D. Nathan Holloway, Chaplain US Navy Reserve, evangelist of Presbytery of the Southeast, 26 Apr 2013
- Christopher B. Cashen, as pastor of Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian, Hickory, N.C., 1 Nov 2013
- Bryan P. Crotts, as teacher at Providence Presbyterian, Greensboro, N.C., 8 Nov 2013
- Michael L. Myers, as evangelist of Heritage Reformed Presbyterian, Hartwell, Ga., 6 Dec 2013

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer, from serving as evangelist of the Presbytery to Shiloh OPC, Cary, N.C., 8 Feb 2013
- Roy Davenport, from serving as pastor of Christ, Etowah, N.C., effective 31 Dec 2013

Roll of ministers:

- DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr.
- Hank L. Belfield
- M. Jay Bennett
- Clifford L. Blair
- H. Carl Bone
- Wayne A. Buchtel
- John Carrick
- Christopher B. Cashen
- Thomas S. Champness, Jr.
- Bryan P. Crotts
- L. Anthony Curto
- Roy Davenport
- Scott G. Davenport
- P. Michael DeLozier
- William D. Dennison
- Sidney D. Dyer
- W. Ralph English
- Brenton C. Ferry
- Matthew A. Figura
- M. Daniel Fincham
- Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
- Joseph H. Fowler, Jr.
- James H. Ganzweoort
- Frederick F. Hofland
- Matthew Holst
- Richard L. Horner
- John W. Jamison, Jr.
- Calvin D. Keller
- Rodney T. King
- George W. Knight III
- Timothy L. McClymonds
- John D. McGowan
- A. Boyd Miller IV
- Michael L. Myers
- D. Patrick Ramsey
- E. Cody Ray
- Thomas K. Sheppard
- Peter Stazen II
- Donald H. Taws
- T. Nathan Trice
- Peter C. Van Doedewaard
- Arie van Eyk
- S. Scott Willet
- Douglas M. Withington

Licentiates

Licenses:
- Christopher B. Cashen, 26 Apr 2013
- Lowell Ivey, 18 Oct 2013

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
- Todd Seay, removed, 18 Oct 2013
- Christopher B. Cashen, ordained, 1 Nov 2013

Roll of licentiates:
- Jeffrey S. Carter
- Louis Cloete
- Lowell Ivey
- Justin M. Rosser
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Information
Membership: 47 Ministers, 78 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Friday and Saturday of February and May, 3rd Thursday, Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: William J. Gorrell, term expires Dec 2014
Moderator: John V. Fesko, term expires Dec 2014

Churches and Mission Works
Number of congregations: 19 churches and 7 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Covenant, Tucson, Ariz., organized as a new and separate congregation, 15 Dec 2013
Mission works:
Concho Valley, Concho, Ariz. Parent church:
Verde Valley Reformed Chapel, Prescott OPC, Prescott, Ariz.
Cottonwood, Ariz.

Big Bear Valley, Big Bear Lake, Calif.
Trinity, Capistrano Beach, Calif.
Christ and Heaven, Long Beach, Calif.
Resurrection, Westminster, Calif.
Redeemer, Pearl City, Hawaii

Ministers
Ordinations:
Joshua P. Lyon, 16 Nov 2013
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed:
Michael D. Stingley, deceased, 2 Apr 2013
Ministers installed:
Joshua P. Lyon, as evangelist serving at Grace, Carson, Calif., 16 Nov 2013
Christopher J. Chelpka, as pastor of Covenant, Tucson, Ariz., 15 Dec 2013
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Christopher J. Chelpka, from serving as evangelist at Covenant, Tucson, Ariz., 15 Dec 2013
Roll of ministers: (*emeritus)
Michael L. Babcock Josué I. Balderas* Steven M. Baugh
Bruce M. Brawdy* M. Austin Britton Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
John A. Carter Brian D. Chang Christopher J. Chelpka
David A. Crum Kim Ngoc Dang Jerome A. Farnik
John V. Fesko John W. Garrisi William J. Gorrell
Dale T. Hanaoka Douglas P. Harley Robert G. Herrmann
C. Phillip Hollstein III Yousik Hong Zachary R. Keele
Rollin P. Keller Yong H. Kim Stephen A. Larson
James T. Lim Joshua P. Lyon Joshua E. Martin
Charles A. McIlhenny Jonathan B. Moersch Mark C. Mueller
David A. Okken Daniel H. Overduin Stephen L. Parker
Charles K. Perkins Jesse A. J. Pirschel Alan R. Pontier
Timothy J. Power Gonzalo Salinas Mark A. Schroeder
Peter H. Sim Robert B. Strimple* Charles K. Telfer
Paul Viggiano Roger Wagner William E. Warren
Douglas L. Watson  Andrew E. Wikholm*

Licentiates

Licenses:
- Steven M. Moulson, 3 May 2013
- Joshua P. Lyon, 3 May 2013
- Broc Seaman, 3 May 2013

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
- Steven M. Moulson, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 21 Sep 2013
- Frank P. Liu, ordained by Presbytery of the Midwest, 8 Nov 2013
- Joshua P. Lyon, ordained, 16 Nov 2013

Roll of licentiates:
- Nicholas Lazzareschi
- Broc Seaman

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

General Information

Membership: 23 Ministers, 43 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Friday in January, 1st Friday in May, 3rd Friday in September
Stated Clerk: Joseph A. Keller, term expires Jan 2014
Moderator: Joseph L. Troutman, term expires Jan 2014

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 14 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
- Cornerstone, Jersey Village
  (Houston NW), Tex.
- San Antonio Reformed, San Antonio,
  The regional church
  Tex.

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
- Scott R. Huber, from the Central Indiana Presbytery of the PCA, 28 June 2013

Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
- Scott R. Huber, as pastor of Covenant, Fort Worth, Tex., 28 June 2013

Ministerial relationships dissolved: None

Roll of ministers:
- Robert S. Arendale
- Todd S. Bordow
- William H. Doerfel
- Nathan J. Hornfeld
- John H. Johnson, Jr.
- Edward W. Ludt
- Jack J. Peterson
- Christopher H. Wisdom
- William J. Bomer
- David T. Brack
- Todd P. Dole
- Scott R. Huber
- Joseph A. Keller
- Andrew T. Moody
- F. Allan Story, Jr.
- Chad E. Bond
- Glen J. Clary
- Phillip D. Hodson
- John R. Hunt, Jr.
- Robert A. Lotzer
- K. Scott Oliphint
- Joseph L. Troutman

Licentiates

Licenses:
- Robert Mossotti, 3 May 2013
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
    Edward E. Jensen, ordained by Presbytery of the Midwest, 27 Sep 2013
Roll of licentiates:
    Robert Mossotti
### APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE 82nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with the *Standing Rules of the General Assembly*, Chapter I, commissioners to the Eighty-second (2015) General Assembly are apportioned as follows:

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APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

Class of 2017    S. Scott Willet
Class of 2016    John W. Mallin III (Chairman)
Class of 2015    Alan D. Strange
Alternate:       Stuart R. Jones

CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

Class of 2017    Michael W. Jennings, Mark W. Rogers
Class of 2016    Robert M. Coie (Vice Chairman), Bryan J. Weaver
Class of 2015    Cornelius Johnson, Robert B. Needham (Chairman)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 2017    Ministers: Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel,* David M. VanDrunen*
                 Ruling Elders: Timothy M. Jackson, MD, Wallace King
Class of 2016    Ministers: Rodney T. King, Stephen A. Pribble, Alan D. Strange
                 Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley* (President), John R. Muether*
Class of 2015    Ministers: Archibald A. Allison, Sidney D. Dyer, Thomas E. Tyson*
                 Ruling Elders: Darryl G. Hart, Ph.D., David Winslow, Jr.*
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

Class of 2017    Minister: Stephen J. Oharek
                 Ruling Elder: Paul H. Tavares (Chairman)
Class of 2016    Minister: Donald J. Duff
                 Ruling Elder: John D. Mazunik
Class of 2015    Minister: Anthony A. Monaghan
                 Ruling Elder: William A. Muether
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. John S. Shaw, Gen. Sec., ex officio
Director of Finance and Planned Giving: David E. Haney
**DIACONAL MINISTRIES**

*Class of 2017*  
**Minister:** T. Nathan Trice  
**Ruling Elder:** Seth B. Long  
**Deacon:** Christopher A. Sudlow

*Class of 2016*  
**Minister:** Ronald E. Pearce  
**Ruling Elder:** Alexander A. Zarek  
**Deacon:** John J. Voss, Jr.

*Class of 2015*  
**Minister:** Lendall H. Smith (President)  
**Deacons:** Robert O. Keys, Robert J. Wright, Jr.

**ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS**

*Class of 2017*  
Charles A. Muether, Jack W. Sawyer, Chad B. Van Dixhoorn

*Class of 2016*  
George R. Cottenden, L. Anthony Curto, Stephen J. Tracey

*Class of 2015*  
Mark T. Bube, John R. Hilbelink, Iain A. M. Wright

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

*Class of 2017*  
**Ministers:** Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. (President), Mark A. Green, Frank J. Marsh  
**Ruling Elders:** David J. Gregg, Jon W. Stevenson

*Class of 2016*  
**Ministers:** William B. Kessler, John W. Mahaffy, John D. Van Meerbeke  
**Ruling Elders:** John S. Emmett, Robert H. Joss

*Class of 2015*  
**Ministers:** Paul N. Browne, Glenn D. Jerrell, M. Scott Johnson  
**Ruling Elders:** D. Miguel Flower, Billie J. Papke

**General Secretary:** Mark T. Bube  
**Associate General Secretary:** The Rev. Douglas B. Clawson

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS**

*Class of 2017*  
David T. Mahaffy, Edward K. Tress

*Class of 2016*  
Robert E. Tarullo

*Class of 2015*  
Robert M. Meeker

**Alternate:** Alan W. Montgomery  
**Ex officio:** Ross W. Graham, Stated Clerk

**COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN**

*Class of 2017*  
Danny E. Olinger, David C. Noe

*Class of 2016*  
Brenton C. Ferry

*Class of 2015*  
Chad E. Bond

**HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

*Class of 2017*  
**Ministers:** Jeffrey A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger, J. Mark Sallade  
**Ruling Elders:** Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam

*Class of 2016*  
**Ministers:** John Currie, Donald M. Poundstone, Gerald S. Taylor  
**Ruling Elders:** Gregory S. DeJong, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

*Class of 2015*  
**Ministers:** Mark R. Brown, John R. Hilbelink (President), Dale A. Van Dyke
Eighty-first General Assembly

Ruling Elders: Jerold W. Barnett, John M. Mauldin
General Secretary: The Rev. John S. Shaw
Associate General Secretary: The Rev. Richard Gerber

PENSIONS

Class of 2017  Minister: Douglas L. Watson
  Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Steven G Veldhorst
Class of 2016  Minister: Darren S. Thole
  Ruling Elders: Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington
Class of 2015  Minister: John D. McGowan
  Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse (President), David Vander Ploeg

TRUSTEES OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2017  Minister: Stephen L. Phillips
  Ruling Elder: William C. Redington
Class of 2016  Minister: Mark D. Mathews
  Ruling Elder: Edward K. Tress
Class of 2015  Minister: Samuel H. Bacon
  Ruling Elder: David E. Haney

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE 81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CARE FOR MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

David E. Haney (convener), Lendall H. Smith, David Vander Ploeg, Douglas L. Watson, and David Winslow, Jr.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REPUBLICATION

Bryan D. Estelle, Benjamin W. Swinburnson, Lane G. Tipton, A. Craig Troxel (chairman), and Chad B. Van Dixhoorn

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

Bruce H. Hollister, Stephen J. Oharek, Dale A. Van Dyke (convener), and Jonathan B. Falk (alternate)
### MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

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