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FOREWORD

The three sections of this volume are the following:

MINUTES – the minutes 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 by other bodies, for the Assembly's consideration. With the exception of overtures, communications, and complaints, the several documents appear in the Appendix in the order in which they are normally presented to the Assembly. All references to documents in the Appendix are by page number, in both the 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 5, 2019

1. OPENING WORSHIP. The Eighty-sixth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order in the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center of the University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas, at 7:00 p.m. by the Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke, Moderator of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly. He conducted a worship service. He delivered a sermon entitled "What Are You Waiting For?" based on Isaiah 25:6–9. He administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Ruling Elders: John S. Emmett, Jesse A. Montgomery, and Michael Puyear, members of Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Garland, Texas, David T. Mahaffy (formerly of Faith OPC), and by the Rev. Messrs. Chad E. Bond and Joseph L. Troutman. The Moderator later announced that the offering for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries amounted to $1,512.00.

2. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

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

Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania (CPA)
Ministers (3/3) – Shane M. Bennett, Joshua L. McKamy, Z. Bulut Yasar
Ruling Elders (2/2) – David J. Gregg (Middletown, PA), Gary P. Steiner (Hollidaysburg, PA)

Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York (C&SNY)
Ministers (2/2) – Jonathan Holst, John W. Mallin III
Ruling Elders (1/1) – Alexander A. Zarek (Franklin Square, NY)

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
Ministers (4/4) – Archibald A. Allison, Leonard J. Coppes, Shawn C. Mathis, D. Jason Wallace
Ruling Elders (2/2) – Frank L. Meads (Salt Lake City, UT), Roger D. Schierkolk (Ft. Collins, CO)

Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario (M&O)
Ministers (7/7) – Daniel W. Adams, Ryan S. Cavanaugh, Jonathan L. Cruse, Everett A. Henes, Michael Knierim, W. Vernon Picknally, Jeffrey B. Wilson

Ruling Elders (4/6) – Darryl G. Hart (Hillsdale, MI), Stephen A. Post (Wyoming, MI), Wes Reynolds (Midland, MI), Kenneth Vander Molen (Wyoming, MI)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)

Ministers (6/6) – S. Edd Cathey, Daniel P. Clifford, Bryan D. Estelle, Philip T. Proctor, Andrew J. Miller, Francis E. VanDelden

Ruling Elders (2/5) – Kenneth F. Barnes (Charlottesville, VA), Jeffrey W. Dronenburg, Sr. (California, MD)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)

Ministers (11/11) – Douglas B. Clawson, David M. Cornette, Brian L. De Jong, Kenneth R. Golden, Michael J. Kearney, David W. King, Kim M. Kuhfuss, Patrick J. Morgan, Alan D. Strange, David L. Veldhorst, Brian T. Wingard

Ruling Elders (5/7) – Eric D. Johnson (Neenah, WI), Lars R. Johnson (Hanover Park, IL), Jack W. Pluister, Jr. (Orland Park, IL), Bruce A. Stahl (Wentzville, MO), Timothy J. Wieskamp (Oostburg, WI)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)

Ministers (5/5) – Christopher R. Bush, John J. Keegan, C. Steven McDaniel, Jr., Roberto Quiñones-Cardona, Todd E. Smith

Ruling Elders (2/4) – Robert A. Freeman (Harmony), David E. Haney (Bridgeton)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY&NE)

Ministers (5/6) – Gordon H. Cook, Richard M. Dickinson, David J. Koenig, Stephen A. Migotsky, Stephen L. Phillips

Ruling Elders (3/4) – Keith H. Dubuc (Farmington, ME), Hayo Jager (North Andover, MA), Stephen A. MacDonald (Portland, ME)

Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada (NC&NV)

Ministers (4/4) – Wayne K. Forkner, Jeffery A. Landis, Kevin W. Van Der Linden, Timothy G. Walker

Ruling Elders (3/3) – Dennis J. Fullalove (S. San Francisco, CA), William J. Gilbert (Marina, CA), Ralph B. Montgomery (San Francisco, CA)

Presbytery of the Northwest (NW)

Ministers (5/5) – David G. Graves, John W. Mahaffy, Donald M. Poundstone, Karl E. Thompson, Robert C. Van Kooten

Ruling elders (3/3) – William R. Elder (Newberg, OR), David T. Mahaffy (Oak Harbor, WA), Reginald L. Versteeg (Airdrie, AB)

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)

Ministers (5/5) – Alan J. Dueck, Jonathan E. Hutchison, Christopher A. Malamisuro, Danny E. Olinger, Bradley M. Peppo

Ruling Elders (4/4) – James H. Berry (Morgantown, WV), T. Andrew Demana (Beavercreek, OH), J. Thomas Dizer III (Beavercreek, OH), James S. Gidley (Sewickley, PA)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)

Ministers (5/5) – George R. Cottenden, J. Mark Sallade, John S. Shaw, Albert J. Tricarico,

Larry J. Westerveld
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Mark T. Bube (Glenside, PA), Cris A. Dickason (Hatboro, PA), David P. Nakhla (Glenside, PA)

Presbytery of the South (SO)
Ministers (5/5) – Warren R. Bennett III, Eric R. Hausler, Stephen J. Oharek, Darren S. Thole, Eric B. Watkins
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Joshua A. Downs (Gainesville, FL), Philip G. Montgomery (Saint Augustine, FL), William J. Montgomery (Gainesville, FL)

Presbytery of the Southeast (SE)
Ministers (8/8) – Hank L. Belfield, L. Anthony Curto, M. Daniel Fincham, Lowell A. Ivey, Ken B. Montgomery, Peter C. Van Doodewaard, Zecharias A. Weldeyesus, S. Scott Willet
Ruling Elders (4/4) – Michael C. Cloy (Gastonia, NC), David McCrina (La Grange, GA), Ashraf Guirgues (New Bern, NC), Michael K. Shields (Mt. Airy, NC)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ministers (7/8) – Joel M. Ellis, Zachary R. Keele, Peter J. Moelker, Alan R. Pontier, Joseph Puglia, Peter H. Sim, Douglas L. Watson
Ruling Elders (3/6) – Safa E. Kaddis (La Mirada, CA), Sanjay C. Patel* (Anaheim, CA), David Winslow, Jr. (Westminster, CA)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ministers (5/6) – Miller E. Ansell, Jason C. Kirklin, Nicholas G. Lammé, Jim G. Stevenson, Thomas A. Tkach
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Jerold W. Barnett (Bartlesville, OK), Francesco L. Spadini (Austin, TX), John H. Terpstra (Austin, TX)

Ex-Officio:
Ministers – Ross W. Graham (NJ), John D. Van Meerbeke (CPA)

* Enrolling later

Committee Representatives:
Commissioners: Mark T. Bube (Foreign Missions), Douglas B. Clawson (Foreign Missions), Michael C. Cloy (Chaplains), George R. Cottenden (Ecumenicity), L. Anthony Curto (Ecumenicity), Brian L. De Jong (Historian), Richard M. Dickinson (Chaplains), James S. Gidley (Christian Education), David E. Haney (Coordination, Ministerial Care, Trustees), Jeffery A. Landis (Home Missions), David T. Mahaffy (Arrangements), John W. Mahaffy (Assistant Clerk), John W. Mallin III (Appeals, Sessional Reconciliation), William J. Montgomery (Foreign Missions), David P. Nakhla (Diaconal Ministries), Stephen J. Oharek (Coordination), Danny E. Olinger (Christian Education, Historian), Alan R. Pontier (Appeals), John S. Shaw (Home Missions), Alan D. Strange (Appeals, Christian Education, Update Language), Albert J. Tricarico (Home Missions), T. Nathan Trice (Diaconal Ministries), John D. Van Meerbeke (Foreign Missions), S. Scott Willet (Appeals), Alexander Zarek (Diaconal Ministries)

Corresponding Members: Gregory S. De Jong (Ministerial Care), Richard N. Ellis

(Trustees), Alan W. Montgomery (Arrangements), Jesse A. Montgomery (Arrangements), John R. Muether (Historian, Update Language), Ronald E. Pearce (Diaconal Ministries), Robert E. Tarullo (Arrangements), Edward K. Tress (Arrangements)

Fraternal Delegates:

Kevin M. Backus (Bible Presbyterian Church), Edwin Blackwood (Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America), Christopher Campbell (Reformed Church of the United States), Douglas L. Field (United Reformed Churches in North America), Reinier Noppers (Christian Reformed Churches of Australia), E. Marvin Padgett (Presbyterian Church in America), Solano Portela (Presbyterian Church of Brazil), Adonias Silveira (Presbyterian Church of Brazil), Christopher D. Statter (Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales), Marty Taylor (Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church), Larry W. (Northeast Presbytery [provisional], Presbyterian Church in China [observer]), Enoch W. (West Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in China [observer]), Barry J. York (Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America)

4. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. Mr. Curto introduced the following fraternal delegates present as the Assembly opened: Kevin M. Backus (Bible Presbyterian Church), Edwin Blackwood (Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America), Douglas L. Field (United Reformed Churches in North America), Reinier Noppers (Christian Reformed Churches of Australia), E. Marvin Padgett (Presbyterian Church in America), Christopher D. Statter (Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales), and Marty Taylor (Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church). On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

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

6. APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The apportionment of commissioners to the 86th General Assembly, in accordance with Chapter I of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and enrollment are as follows:

Presbytery	Ministers		Ruling Elders	
	Apport'd	Enrolled	Apport'd	Enrolled
Central Pennsylvania	3	3	2	2
Connecticut and So. N.Y.	2	2	1	1
Dakotas	4	4	2	2
Michigan and Ontario	7	7	6	4
Mid-Atlantic	6	6	5	2
Midwest	11	11	7	5
New Jersey	5	5	4	2
New York and New England	6	5	4	3
Northern California & Nevada	4	4	3	3
Northwest	5	5	3	3
Ohio	5	5	4	4
Philadelphia	5	5	3	3
South	5	5	3	3
Southeast	8	8	4	4

Southern California	8	7	6	3
Southwest	6	5	3	3
Moderator, 85th GA	1	1	0	0
Stated Clerk, 85th GA	1	1	0	0
Totals	92	89	60	47

7. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS. Mr. D. Mahaffy reported for the Committee on Arrangements at this time and at other times during the Assembly (see § 161).

8. SURVEY OF COMMISSIONERS' LENGTH OF SERVICE. A survey of commissioners yielded the following information as to their dates of ordination:

Dates of Ordination	*No. of Presbyters Responding*
Since Jan. 1, 2010	*33*
Jan. 1, 2000 through Dec. 31, 2009	*39*
Jan. 1, 1990 through Dec. 31, 1999	*26*
Jan. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1989	*25*
Jan. 1, 1970 through Dec. 31, 1979	*9*
Jan. 1, 1960 through Dec. 31, 1969	*3*
Those attending the General Assembly for the first time:	*30*

9. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The Stated Clerk presented the Minutes of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly and Yearbook of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and stated that the Minutes in their printed form were distributed to all ministers and sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on September 4, 2018 (in time to be available to each of the 17 presbyteries at their convening), and noted that page 353 was inadvertently misprinted but has been corrected in the electronic version of those Minutes which may be found at *https://opcgaminutes.org*.

10. ELECTION OF MODERATOR. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Hart and Haney were nominated. Mr. Haney was elected. Mr. Olinger escorted Mr. Haney to the chair and led in prayer for him. Mr. Van Meerbeke welcomed Mr. Haney 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, pp. 46–50
COMMUNICATIONS, pp. 51–59

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

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Convene	8:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Recess	10:00–10:20 a.m.	3:15–3:35 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Recess (Meals)	12:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	

Exceptions:

a. Recess Wednesday, June 5, after item 12
b. Reconvene Thursday, June 6, at 3:35 p.m. or at the call of the Moderator. [Note: Advisory committees to meet during the day and to observe times for convening, recessing, reconvening, and daily devotional service.]
c. Following the afternoon break on Friday, June 7, to devote 15 minutes of the Assembly's time to reporting on and prayer for the aftermath of the Chabad of Poway Synagogue shooting.
d. Recess Friday evening, June 7, at 8:30 p.m. to allow the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch relations to meet in conference with attending Fraternal Delegates
e. No evening session Saturday evening, June 8

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., Friday through Monday, 11:30 a.m. on Thursday

LEADERS: Thursday, June 6 (SW) – Francesco L. Spandini
Friday, June 7 (CPA) – Shane M. Bennett
Saturday, June 8 (CTSNY) – Jonathan Holst
Monday, June 10 (DK) – Shawn C. Mathis

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

1. Assembly convenes 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2019
2. Worship and Communion Service conducted by the session of Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Garland, Texas, and led by the Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke, Moderator of the Eighty-fifth 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 Eighty-fifth (2018) 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

By general consent 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 the Stated Clerk
    a. Amendment to Standing Rules proposed by the Eighty-fifth General Assembly
    b. Appointment of Assistant Clerk
14. Report of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
15. Report of the Statistician, including Statistical Report for 2018
16. Election of Statistician

17. Greetings and addresses by Fraternal Delegates from other bodies at times agreeable to them and to the Moderator
18. Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
19. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
20. Report of the Committee on Christian Education
21. Report of the Committee on Coordination
22. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
23. Report of the Committee on Ministerial Care
24. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
25. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
26. Report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
27. Report of the Historian
28. Report of the Committee for the Historian
29. Report of the Special Committee on Sessional Reconciliation
30. Report of the Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards
31. Temporary Committees other than Presbyterial Records, Standing Committee Records, and those already completed in connection with earlier reports
33. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:30 a.m., Monday, June 10
34. Report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, following the dinner break on Monday, June 10 [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 10]
35. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records following item 34
36. Report of the Committee on Arrangements
37. Set Budgets for General Assembly purposes
38. Resolution of thanks
39. Unfinished Advisory Committee Business
40. Miscellaneous business
41. Reading and approval of Minutes (Note: Minutes are presented for approval following the lunch recess beginning on Friday, June 7.)
42. Dissolution of the Assembly not later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11

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—8

Members: Ansell, S. Bennett, Estelle, Henes, Ivey, Schierkolk, Walker, Winslow, Jr.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions

Advisory Committee 2 Total—11

Members: Bush, Cavanaugh, Clifford, Dubuc, Forkner, E. Johnson, King, Lammé, McKamy, Van Doodewaard, Westerveld

Report of the Committee on Christian Education

Communications 3, 5

Report of the Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards

Advisory Committee 3 Total—11

Members: Cook, Demana, L. Johnson, Kuhfuss, McCrina, Meads, K. Montgomery, Proctor, Reynolds, Tkach, Yasar

Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
Report of the Committee on Sessional Reconciliation
Overture 2

Advisory Committee 4 Total—10

Members: Barnes, Dizer III, Hart, Holst, Keegan, P. Montgomery, Pluister, Jr., Shields, Terpstra, Thompson

Report of the Committee on Coordination

Advisory Committee 5 Total—9

Members: J. Ellis, Gregg, Jager, Miller, Post, Poundstone, Quinones-Cardona, Weldeyesus, Wingard

Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Report of the Committee on Ministerial Care

Advisory Committee 6 Total—10

Members: Cornette, Elder, Gilbert, Guirgues, Hausler, Keele, Malamisuro, Sim, VanDelden, Wallace

Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Communications 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Advisory Committee 7 Total—9

Members: W. Bennett III, Dueck, Fincham, MacDonald, R. Montgomery, Patel, Picknally, Steiner, Wieskamp

Report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel

Advisory Committee 8 Total—7

Members: Cruse, Kirklin, Migotsky, Peppo, Smith, Veldhorst, Watson

Report of the Historian
Report of the Committee for the Historian
Report of the Statistician

Advisory Committee 9 Total—10

Members: Barnett, Belfield, Downs, Fullalove, Golden, Kearney, Sallade, Stevenson, Van Kooten, Wilson

Report of the Committee on Arrangements
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
General Assembly Operation Fund Budget
Overture 1

Advisory Committee 10 Total—10

Members: Allison, Dronenburg, Sr., Freeman, Hutchison, Knierim, Mallin III, Pontier, Puglia, Watkins, Willet

Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints

Appeal 1
Overture 3
Communication 2

Committee on Arrangements 11 Total—5
Members: D. Mahaffy, A. Montgomery, J. Montgomery, Tarullo, Tress

Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records 12 Total—12
Members: Berry, Cathey, Coppes, Dickason, Kaddis, McDaniel, Jr., Spadini, Thole, Van Der Linden, Vander Molen, Versteeg, Zarek

Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records 13 Total—8
Members: Adams, Graves, Koenig, Mathis, Moelker, Morgan, Phillips, Stahl

15. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:06 p.m. after Mr. Fullalove led in prayer

Thursday Morning, June 6, 2019

16. DEVOTIONS. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly reconvened at 11:32 a.m. and sang Psalm 16A. Mr. Spandini read Hebrews 12:1–3 and delivered a message entitled "Running the Race." He led in prayer.

17. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 11:56 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon, June 6, 2019

18. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 3:00 p.m. and sang "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder." Mr. Jager led in prayer. Mr. Patel began his attendance during the time for Advisory Committee meetings.

19. APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN. The moderator announced that he had appointed Mr. Westerveld as Parliamentarian.

20. STATED CLERK'S REPORT. The Stated Clerk presented his report (see pp. 63–68), including the recommendation that the Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to request each recipient of the hard copy of the Minutes/Yearbook to consider a voluntary contribution of $15 per copy to offset the cost of production and distribution.

21. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk). Mr. Van Kooten presented the report of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Stated Clerk as follows:

Advisory Committee 9 met with Ross Graham the Stated Clerk to hear his report and also with John Mahaffy regarding the Clerk's recommendation regarding a change to the Standing Rules. With respect to the report and recommendation of the Stated Clerk, Advisory Committee 9 is silent. With respect to the recommendation regarding the change of the Standing Rules, Advisory Committee 9 is silent.

Advisory Committee 9 wishes to thank the Stated Clerk for his faithful labors on behalf of Christ and his church and would like to include the following in the minutes which will be read by Mr. Phillips of the Board of Trustees (see § 115).

22. RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED. The recommendation of the Stated Clerk was adopted.

23. STANDING RULE AMENDMENT ADOPTED. Mr. J. Mahaffy presented the proposed amendment to Standing Rule VI.D.1 (*Minutes of the 85th General Assembly,* § 29, pp. 14–15): "The limitations of above A. and Standing Rule VII.1. do not apply when the Assembly is sitting in judicial capacity, reverting instead to *Robert's Rules of Order* (Standing Rule XIV.1)." On motion the amendment was adopted.

24. TRUSTEES. Mr. R. Ellis presented the report of the Trustees (see pp. 69–72), including the following recommendation:

That the 86th (2019) General Assembly elect the Rev. Hank L. Belfield as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to begin a three-year term of office on January 1, 2020, with remuneration specified by the Trustees and enumerated in the 2020 GAOF Budget.

(For action on the request for giving from the churches and adoption of the GAOF, see § 166–168.)

25. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees). Mr. Van Kooten reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the report of the Trustees.

26. ELECTION OF NEW STATED CLERK. The recommendation of the Trustees was adopted and Mr. Belfield was elected without dissent as the new Stated Clerk beginning January 1, 2020.

27, ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Trustees for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Minister:* R. Ellis and *Ruling elder:* John E. Hearn (Orlando, FL). In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Van Kooten led in prayer for the work of the Trustees.

28. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK AND CLERK OBSERVER. The Stated Clerk reported that he had appointed Mr. J. Mahaffy to serve as Assistant Clerk and that Mr. Mahaffy had agreed to serve. The Stated Clerk also reported that Mr. Belfield had agreed to serve as Clerk Observer.

29. STATISTICIAN. Mr. Migotsky (in the absence of the Statistician, Mr. Luke E. Brown) presented the report of the Statistician (see pp. 73–77).

30. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Statistician). Mr. Migotsky reported the silence of Advisory Committee 8 with respect to the work of the Statistician.

31. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Statistician. Mr. Brown was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. Mr. Migotsky led in prayer for the work of the Statistician.

32. HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION. Mr. Landis, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 78–99). He thanked those who are serving as church planters and introduced Mr. Shaw, the General Secretary of the Committee, who continued the report of the Committee. Mr. Hausler reported on his work as church planter in Naples, Florida, and in training church

planting interns. Mr. Ivey reported on his work as a church planter in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. Tricarico, the Associate General Secretary, reported on Regional Home Missionaries and on church planting training.

33. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3. Mr. Kuhfuss reported the silence of Advisory Committee 3 with respect to the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

34. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Ministers:* James J. Cassidy, Fincham, Landis, Jeffrey M. Scott, and Stevenson. Messrs. Cassidy, Landis, and Scott were elected. *Ruling elders:* Cloy and Steven S. Vanderwey (Harvest, Wyoming, MI) were nominated. In the absence of other nominations, they were elected. Mr. Kuhfuss led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, and prayed specifically for the Rev. Stephen D. Doe (Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic), who was struggling with health issues.

35. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Douglas L. Field, fraternal delegate from the United Reformed Churches of North America, addressed the Assembly. Mr. Curto led in prayer for the work of the United Reformed Churches of North America.

36. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:07 p.m.

Thursday Evening, June 6, 2018

37. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The Assembly sang "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Mr. Lammé led in prayer.

38. FOREIGN MISSIONS. Mr. Van Meerbeke, the Vice-president of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 100–187). He introduced Mr. Bube, the General Secretary of the Committee, who continued the report. Mr. Bube surveyed the missionaries and the fields on which they serve. He introduced Mr. M., who reported on the work in which he is involved. Mr. Bube introduced Mr. Larry W., a fraternal observer.

39. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1. Mr. Henes reported the silence of Advisory Committee 1 with respect to the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

40. QUESTIONS. Mr. Bube responded to questions regarding the report.

41. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Foreign Missions for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Ministers:* William B. Kessler, Proctor, and Van Meerbeke. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. *Ruling elders:* John S. Emmett (Garland, TX) and Jager. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Henes led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

42. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Mr. Gidley, President of the Committee on Christian Education, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 188–210). Mr. Gidley introduced Mr. Olinger, the General Secretary of the Committee, who continued the report. Mr. Olinger introduced Mr. Strange, the President of the Board of Trustees of Great Commission Publication, and the Rev. E. Marvin Padgett, the Executive Director of Great Commission Publications,

who addressed the Assembly on behalf of Great Commission Publications. The Rev. Mark L. Lowrey was given the privilege of the floor and also addressed the Assembly on behalf of Great Commission Publications. Mr. Olinger reported on sales of the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*. He thanked Mr. Estelle for his work as the Hebraist for the production of the Psalter Hymnal. Mr. Oharek reported on the Timothy Conference. Messrs. Shaw and Watkins reported on the evangelism training class of the Ministerial Training Institute.

43. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2. Mr. Clifford reported the silence of Advisory Committee 2 with respect to the report of the Committee on Christian Education.

44. QUESTIONS. Mr. Olinger responded to questions regarding the report.

45. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training of the Committee on Christian Education for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Ruling elders:* Gidley and Muether. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. The floor was opened for nominations for the remaining members of the Committee on Christian Education for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Ministers:* Glen J. Clary, Strange, and Stephen J. Tracey. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Clifford led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Christian Education.

46. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. Mr. Curto introduced Messrs. Solano Portela and Adonias Silveira, fraternal delegates from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

47. POUNDSTONE TRIBUTE. Mr. Olinger, for the Committee for the Historian, presented a video tribute to Mr. Poundstone, honoring him for his service to the church. The Assembly gave Mr. Poundstone a standing ovation.

48. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 8:42 p.m. after the Moderator led in prayer.

Friday Morning, June 7, 2018

49. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. and sang "Arise, My Soul, Arise." Mr. J. Ellis led in prayer.

50. DOCKET AMENDMENT. By general consent it was determined to take up consideration of committee reports in the following order: Coordination, Ministerial Care, and Diaconal Ministries.

51. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Barry J. York, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. On motion he was seated as a corresponding member.

52. COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION. At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Van Meerbeke assumed the chair. Mr. Oharek, President of the Committee on Coordination, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 211–220). Mr. Oharek introduced Mr. Haney, who continued the report of the Committee, including the following recommendations:

A. Approval of 2020 Worldwide Outreach Program

The Committee recommends that the 86th General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program budget for 2020 with the allocation of undesignated contributions as indicated:

Committee	Requested 2020 Budget	Proposed 2020 Budget
Christian Education	$480,000	$480,000
Foreign Missions	$2,003,200	$2,065,000
Home Missions	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Subtotal	$3,883,200	$3,945,000
Coordination	$275,000	$275,000
New Horizons	$280,000	$280,000
Subtotal	$555,000	$555,000
Grand Total	$4,438,200	$4,500,000
Increase over 2019 approved	-0.02%	1.4%

Allocation of undesignated contributions:
Christian Education: 13.00%
Foreign Missions: 47.25%
Home Missions: 39.75%

Ground: The difference between the total amounts requested ($4,438,200) and the recommended WWO 2020 proposed budget ($4,500,000)—$61,800—has been allocated to the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) to enable the CFM to replenish their reserves.

B. Canadian Matters

The Committee recommends that the 86th (2019) General Assembly encourage Canadian congregations, should they have funds for use in support of missions or Christian education, to consult with the Committee on Coordination in order to determine the best method of supporting the church's proclamation of the gospel beyond the Canadian border.
Ground: Particularly until there may be one or more OPC presbyteries in Canada, it seems that the mechanisms for such use will have to be developed on an ad hoc basis and the Committee on Coordination is best situated to offer that assistance.

53. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4. Mr. Keegan reported for Advisory Committee 4 as follows:

Advisory Committee 4 met with Mr. David Haney and Mr. Stephen Oharek regarding the

Committee on Coordination's report and recommendations. The Advisory Committee commends the Committee on Coordination (COC) for its diligent, wise, and faithful labors in working with Mr. Haney and the General Secretaries of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Committee on Christian Education. The Advisory Committee praises our sovereign God for his provision of Melisa McGinnis as a part-time Controller. Concerning recommendations A and B, the Advisory Committee is silent.

54. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED. The recommendations of the Committee on Coordination were adopted.

55. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Coordination for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Minister:* Donald J. Duff and *Ruling elder:* Guirgues. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Keegan led in prayer for the work of Worldwide Outreach and the Committee on Coordination.

56. MINISTERIAL CARE. Mr. G. De Jong, Vice-president of the Committee on Ministerial Care, presented the report of the Committee (pp. 270–279), including the following recommendations. He introduced Mr. Haney, who continued the report.

A. The Committee on Ministerial Care requests a budget from the General Assembly Operating Fund for 2020 in the amount of $25,000.

B. The Committee on Ministerial Care requests that the General Assembly authorize the Committee to request each congregation to support the ministry of the CMC at $10 per communicant member, or through designated gifts.

57. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Ministerial Care). Mr. Poundstone reported for Advisory Committee 5 as follows:

Advisory Committee 5 reviewed the report of the Committee on Ministerial Care. Mr. Haney and Mr. G. De Jong reported for the Committee. The Advisory Committee noted with encouragement the continued progress being made in the early stages of this new committee to care for the needs of the faithful ministers of the gospel who have served the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Regarding the recommendations, Advisory Committee 5 is silent.

58. QUESTIONS. Mr. G. De Jong responded to questions regarding the report.

59. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommendation A had been referred to the GAOF (see § 166). Recommendation B was adopted.

60. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Ministerial Care for the class of 2022. *Minister:* John M. Fikkert was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. *Ruling elders:* John E. Hearn (Orlando, FL), and David P. Vander Ploeg (Green Bay, WI) were nominated. In the absence of other nominations, they were elected. Mr. Poundstone led in prayer for the work of the Committee. The Moderator resumed the chair.

61. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. The Rev. Barry J. York, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, addressed the Assembly. Mr. Curto led in prayer for the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

62. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m. and sang Psalm 42A. Mr. Terpstra led in prayer.

63. APPEAL OF COMPLAINT. Mr. Mallin reported that the Committee on Appeals and Complaints had no counsel to offer as to whether the Assembly should suspend the Standing Rule V.13 in order to hear Appeal 1.

64. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10. Mr. Watkins presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 as follows:

Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the 86th General Assembly refer to the 87th General Assembly Complaint 1 on appeal together with the Supplemental Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

Grounds:

Advisory Committee 10 is sympathetic to the appellant, given the constraints of time to prepare and submit the appeal to the Stated Clerk in order to be considered at this Assembly. Advisory Committee 10 notes that the appellant entered the appeal of his complaint at "the earliest possible time" (BD IX.3), but could not possibly meet the requirement of General Assembly Standing Rule V.13.

The appellant did not make arrangements for his attendance at this Assembly nor for a representative to speak on his behalf. Referring the complaint on appeal to the 87th General Assembly affords the appellant opportunity to address the Assembly regarding his complaint, in person and/or by a representative.

65. ACTION ON APPEAL 1. On amended motion the General Assembly referred to the 87th General Assembly Complaint 1 on appeal, and advised the appellant that his appeal was received too late to be taken up by the 86th General Assembly, but that he is free to file an appeal to the 87th General Assembly, and further that if he so chooses to file an appeal with the 87th General Assembly, he is encouraged either to be physically present or endeavor to have a representative present to prosecute his appeal.

66. PRINTING OF APPEAL DOCUMENTS. The Stated Clerk indicated that no documents related to Appeal 1 would be printed in the minutes.

67. DEVOTIONS. The Assembly sang Psalm 100B. Mr. S. Bennett read Philippians 3:1–11 and delivered a message entitled "The Righteousness of Christ." He led in prayer. The Assembly sang "Not What My Hands Have Done."

68. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 11:59 a.m. after Mr. B. De Jong led in prayer.

Friday Afternoon, June 7, 2019

69. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:22 p.m. and sang "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Mr. Stahl led in prayer.

70. DIACONAL MINISTRIES. Mr. Zarek, a member of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 221–269), including the recommendation below. He introduced Mr. Nakhla, the Administrator of the Committee, who reported for the Committee and presented a video showing the ministry of disaster relief.

The Committee recommends that for the year 2020 the General Assembly request the

churches of the OPC to support the work of this Committee at the suggested rate of $25.00 per communicant member.

71. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal Ministries). Mr. Poundstone reported the silence of Advisory Committee 5 with respect to the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

72. QUESTIONS. Mr. Nakhla responded to questions regarding the report.

73. RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED. The recommendation of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries was adopted.

74. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: *Minister:* Dickinson; *Ruling elder:* Michael Di Peppino (Westminster, CA); *Deacon:* John J. Voss (Orland Park, IL). In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Poundstone led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

75. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Marty Taylor, fraternal delegate from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Curto led in prayer for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

76. ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS. Mr. Cottenden, Secretary of the Committee, introduced Mr. Curto, the President of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, who presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 280–320), including the following recommendations:

1. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (RPCCEE) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds:

1. The confessional standards of the RPCCEE are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Second Helvetic Confession (*https://www.reformatus.net/en/*).

2. In 1992 (not too long after the collapse of the former Soviet Union), Westminster Biblical Missions (WBM—started by a PCA minister, who had been an IPBFM missionary to Brazil, South Korea, and Pakistan) established the Károlyi Gáspár Institute of Theology and Missions in Budapest, Hungary, and began to recruit Hungarian-speaking students from Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine. Two years later, the Institute was relocated to its current location in Miskolc, Hungary, and the first seven students graduated in 1996. Although they initially tried to minister within the context of the historic Hungarian Reformed Church (HRC), they soon ran into opposition from liberal and progressive elements in that church. In 1997 the Institute was put under a ban and several of the students were expelled from the HRC. In 1998 the RPCCEE was formed and the first ministers were ordained in the new church, and soon thereafter sixteen men labored to plant biblical Reformed congregations in fifteen locations in the three countries. In 2001 the RPCCEE sent an observer to the ICRC (see Proceedings of the 5th [2001] Meeting of the ICRC, Article 75, page 44, for the text of his presentation). Beginning in 2013, the young church took its first steps towards self-governance and moved closer to being self-supporting, and WBM began the process of peacefully withdrawing from the field. In 2018 two presbyteries were organized and in mid-February 2019, the general as-

sembly was organized.

3. The RPCCEE is now planting churches in more than twenty-five locations in the three countries, served by sixteen pastors. Recognizing the need for solid Reformed literature, the RPCCEE early on published translations of J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism* and Arthur W. Pink's *The Sovereignty of God.* Since then, translations of works by John Calvin, Sinclair Ferguson, Jay Adams, D. M. Lloyd-Jones, and Spurgeon, among others, have also been published.

4. In 2017 the RPCCEE sent one of its ministers as an observer to the ICRC, where he met with the OPC's delegation and presented the work of the RPCCEE (see Proceedings of the 9th [2017] Meeting of the ICRC, Article 19.2, pages 13–14, for the text of his presentation). Profoundly thankful for the Lord's blessing upon the RPCCEE, representatives of the OPC's Committee on Foreign Missions and/or Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations have since visited the RPCCEE brothers in Hungary three times and are actively now working together to advance the cause of Christ in that region of the world. Last year the RPCCEE sent the Rev. Peter Szabo as a fraternal delegate to the 85th (2017) General Assembly to bring greetings to us, and this past February, our CEIR chairman, the Rev. Dr. L. Anthony Curto, was sent to the RPCCEE's 1st (2019) General Assembly to bring fraternal greetings. And in March 2019, the new RPCCEE general assembly formally requested a fraternal relationship between our churches, and the OPC to be one of the supporting churches in their application for membership in the ICRC (they're asking the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales [EPCEW] to serve as the other).

2. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church support the application of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (RPCCEE) for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) and agree to serve as one of the two required Member Churches in sponsoring that application (cf. ICRC Regulations X.3); further, that the General Assembly, on the basis of the first-hand knowledge of two of its own agencies regarding the ministry and life of the RPCCEE, conclude that the RPCCEE faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (cf. ICRC Constitution II).

Grounds:

In compliance with ICRC Regulations X.3, which provides—

> 3. Applications for membership in the Conference shall be sponsored by at least two Member Churches, which, in their own ministries, have ongoing first-hand knowledge of the ministry and life of the applicant Church. Any Member Church in the same country as the applicant shall also be consulted. In their letters of sponsorship, Member Churches shall include a statement of the reasons or grounds which lead them to conclude the applicant Church faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (Constitution, II). They should assist the applicant Church in preparing her application, as needed.

—please see Grounds 1–4, above.

3. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds:

1. The confessional standards of the PCU are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the World Reformed Fellowship (WRF) Statement of Faith, the First Catechism, and the Five Points of Calvinism.

2. The PCU was received as a Member Church by the ICRC in 2017 (Proceedings

of the 9th [2017] Meeting of the ICRC, Article 50, pages 39–40).

3. After escaping from Uganda during the Idi Amin years, F. Kefa Sempangi, a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, returned to Uganda in 1979 to establish the PCU, assisted by OPC ministers the Rev. Messrs. C. John "Jack" Miller and Harvie M. Conn.

4. As of July 2016, the PCU had approximately 3,500 communicant members and 3,000 baptized covenant children in thirty organized congregations and twenty-two mission works, in six presbyteries, with twenty-two ministers, 90 elders, and 56 deacons.

5. The Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) began working with the PCU in 1993 and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding missionary labors with the PCU in 1995 (cf. Minutes of the 63rd [1996] General Assembly, pages 170–172). The work experienced considerable blessing from the Lord in its early years, but subsequent difficulties led the CFM to adjust its working relationship with the PCU to a more project-oriented basis in 2003, and to re-focus its labors more with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Uganda (OPCU) (cf. Minutes of the 71st [2004] General Assembly, pages 145–154). In 2016 the CFM was pleased to report that the two Ugandan churches had been reconciled and the PCU had received the entire OPCU back into the PCU as its Mbale Presbytery, healing a thirteen-year rift between the two bodies (cf. Minutes of the 84th [2017] General Assembly, pages 166–167, 191). Since then, the OP Uganda Mission's relationship with the PCU has continued to deepen and the mutual fellowship has become ever more sweet.

4. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (EPCP) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds:

1. The confessional standards of the EPCP are the Westminster Confession of Faith (1646) and Catechisms.

2. The Free Church of Scotland (FCS) began missionary labors in Peru in 1916. In 1921 the first Presbyterian congregation was established in Cajamarca. Over the next four decades, the work grew, and in 1963 the FCS organized the EPCP as a national church in Peru. In the 1930s, churches that would later become part of the RPCES began work in the central part of Peru, which organized as the National Presbyterian Church of Peru in 1971. In the mid-1980s, the two Peruvian churches, the EPCP and the NPCP began discussions that would eventually lead to a brief union of the two churches in 1995 under the name of the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Peru (EPRCP). Theological and cultural differences led to a dissolution of the union a year later, with the more confessionally conscious presbyteries continuing as the EPCP. Sadly, defending against civil litigation brought by some of the withdrawing bodies has consumed significant time and resources, even as the EPCP brothers have sought to settle these matters peacefully and without magistrate involvement.

3. The EPCP has approximately fifteen congregations in three presbyteries (Cajamarca, Celedin, and Lima), Christian schools, and a seminary. The general assembly meets annually, and the OPC has had fraternal delegate/observers present at the last two. Adherence to the Regulative Principle is abundantly evident in the services of public worship, and (but for the language difficulties) members of the OPC would feel very much at home in them. The EPCP has requested and been given permission to translate and publish, with adaptations to the smaller size of the EPCP, the OPC's Book of Church Order.

4. Although in 1942–1944 the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) explored possibilities for involvement with the FCS work in Peru, that work was ultimately not taken up, as assurances that our missionaries would be able to enter the field and conduct their work without governmental interference could not be obtained (cf. Minutes of the 11th [1944]

General Assembly, page 50). Informal contact was renewed in the early 2000s when the Rev. Iain A. M. Wright began visiting the brothers every year or two, and short-term teams from Covenant OPC in Orland Park, Illinois, began offering biannual assistance to the saints in Peru. The EPCP has also been involved in Confraternidad Latinoamerica de Iglesias Reformadas (CLIR), which has URCNA connections. Representatives of the CFM and the EPCP crossed paths at the 2014 CLIR General Assembly and OP missionaries use some of CLIR's Spanish-language materials in their work. Official contact with the EPCP was renewed three years ago when one of the brothers began attending the Mobile Theological Mentoring Corps instruction being conducted by the CFM with the Presbyterian Church of the Reformation in Colombia (PCRC). Since then, representatives of the CFM have visited the EPCP three times, and the CEIR sent the Rev. Iain A. M. Wright as a fraternal delegate/observer to the EPCP general assembly this past January.

5. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church support the application of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (EPCP) for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) and agree to serve as one of the two required Member Churches in sponsoring that application (cf. ICRC Regulations X.3); further, that the General Assembly, on the basis of the first-hand knowledge of two of its own agencies regarding the ministry and life of the EPCP, conclude that the EPCP faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (cf. ICRC Constitution II).

Grounds:

In compliance with ICRC Regulations X.3, which provides—

> 3. Applications for membership in the Conference shall be sponsored by at least two Member Churches, which, in their own ministries, have ongoing first-hand knowledge of the ministry and life of the applicant Church. Any Member Church in the same country as the applicant shall also be consulted. In their letters of sponsorship, Member Churches shall include a statement of the reasons or grounds which lead them to conclude the applicant Church faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (Constitution, II). They should assist the applicant Church in preparing her application, as needed.

—please see Grounds 1–4, above.

6. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly send the following communication directly to Synod Goes 2020 of the Reformed Churches of Netherlands.

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. As the date for Synod Goes 2020 approaches, we write you one more time to plead with you, who were fathers in the faith to us for so many years, to turn back from the course upon which you embarked in Synod Meppel 2017 with a decision to open the special offices of minister and/or ruling elder to persons who are biblically disqualified from such offices—a course that can only lead to a breaking of close fellowship with churches that desire to remain faithful to the whole counsel of the Word of God as summarized in our Reformed confessional standards.

Our study of Synod Meppel 2017's document, *Decisions Male/Female and Office*

("Decisions MFAO"), seems to confirm the concerns our 77th (2010) General Assembly expressed to you[1] that were related to the ways in which you were applying your doctrine of Scripture to the weighty issues you were facing, particularly those aspects that touched upon the sufficiency (WCF[2] 1.6), interpretation (WCF 1.9), and authority (WCF 1.10) of Scripture. Please bear with us as we amplify each of these concerns.

1. Sufficiency of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.6; cf. BC 2 and BC 7):

> The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men. Nevertheless, … there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

The "all things necessary for God's own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life" includes 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). Immediately 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 in the church, women are barred from them.

And then, to emphasize the abiding nature of this command, Christ's Spirit supplies, not just one, but two grounds, both of which refer to events that occurred in creation and the fall, which He deems to be entirely sufficient to settle the matter and to distinguish His abiding command from things which may be thought of as merely temporal or culturally conditioned:

> *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, emphasis added).

To the unbelieving ears of the modern world (many of whom would also be inclined to deny the historicity of Adam and Eve), both reasons sound strange and maybe even patently "unfair":

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[1] Letter from the Stated Clerk of the 77th (2010) General Assembly to the *Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt)*, c/o Secretary General of the BBK, P. O. Box 499, 800 AL Zwolle, The Netherlands, dated September 2, 2010.

[2] Key to abbreviations for the confessional standards: "WCF"–Westminster Confession of Faith; "BC" Belgic Confession of Faith.

- Why should the simple matter of Eve's being formed second serve to disqualify all women from holding special office in Christ's church some two millennia later?
- And, even if Eve took the first bite, why should that, after all this time, continue to bar all women from special office?

And yet, those same modern ears forget that the Holy Spirit Himself, with the simple use of the word "For (γὰρ)," deems these two historical events as constituting, in and of themselves, sufficient grounds to be entirely dispositive of the matter, both then and now. So those same modern ears find themselves reduced to that all-too-familiar argument, "Did God really say?" (*cf.* Genesis 3:1). The believing response is "Yes, He did," even if we don't fully understand all that He might be teaching here. And this Scriptural prohibition regarding women in the special offices of minister and elder remains as an abiding requirement in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ until He comes again.

We believe the reasoning in Decisions MFAO is fundamentally flawed in that it also fails to distinguish properly between the necessary/elemental and the circumstantial with respect to the biblical qualifications for special office in Christ's Church. There are *no* common circumstances regarding the qualifications for office in any other human society that are truly parallel to the qualifications for office in the government therein, which the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of His Church, has appointed, in the hand of Church officers (*cf.* WCF XXX.1; BC 30), and to which the keys to the kingdom of heaven are committed (*cf.* WCF XXX.2; BC 32). 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.

Further, as with other actions that violate a clear command of Scripture, the action of Synod Meppel 2017 in Decisions MFAO to relegate a necessary/elemental matter (like qualification for special office in Christ's church) to a circumstantial detail is inherently destabilizing and unworkable, and ultimately proves divisive to the body of Christ. Please ask yourselves:

- When a biblically qualified, duly ordained minister of the Word enters the pulpit and administers the sacraments, is he there by divine appointment?
- Does God Himself call biblically disqualified persons to the special office of minister of the Word in His church?
- If one is biblically disqualified (or prohibited) from holding that office, is that one still to be properly considered as being divinely appointed to such?
- Should that one be received by those in the congregation as having been divinely appointed to such?
- Does the King and Head of the church entrust the exercise of the keys of the kingdom of heaven to persons whom He has previously barred from holding the office to which the exercise of such keys has been committed?

The action of Synod Meppel 2017 in Decisions MFAO, by corrupting the biblical qualifications for special office in the church, insinuates itself into the three areas of the church's life (preaching, sacraments, and discipline) that have been cataloged as the marks by which a true church is known (*cf.* BC 29):

> … The marks by which the true Church is known are these: If the pure doctrine of the gospel is preached therein; if she maintains the pure administration of the sacraments

> as instituted by Christ; if church discipline is exercised in punishing sin; in short, if all things are managed according to the pure Word of God, all things contrary thereto rejected, and Jesus Christ acknowledged as the only Head of the Church….

Brothers, Decisions MFAO places a stumbling block before your congregations and portends ill for the future of your church:

> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump (Galatians 5:7–9).

2. Interpretation of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.9):

> The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

It is startling to us to see that the place in Scripture which speaks most clearly to the matter at hand, 1 Timothy 2:11–14 (which is discussed at length above), is referred to only once[3] in the Decisions MFAO, and even there its direct application to the primary question of who may serve in the special offices is significantly obscured (i.e., Decision 8, Ground 2):

> The Bible repeatedly sounds warnings that man and women ought not to intrude into each others [sic] place, nor lord it over each other (1 Peter 3:7, 4:15, 5.3; 1 Timothy 2:8–15; 1 Corinthians 14:34–35; III John 9).

Instead, we read in Decision 3, Ground 5 (emphasis added)—

> In response to this calling, Synod has come to the conclusion that the witness of Scripture gives the congregation every reason to allow men and women to serve equally in all prophetic, priestly and royal tasks in the church, tasks which their shared name as Christians addresses equally (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's day 12). Synod has further come to the conclusion that those places in which Scripture speaks of an apostolic command to keep silent, or a prohibition against women teaching or exercising authority, do not, in themselves, supply indisputable grounds to categorically exclude*, in our time and circumstances,* women from teaching and ruling offices in the church*, since the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute.*

"[E]very reason," "indisputable," "categorically," and "too greatly" must be overstatement. As we read Decisions MFAO, and the string of reports of various sets of deputies over the past decade leading up to Decisions MFAO, it appears that, rather than beginning with what we believe (and with what you have confessed—cf. BC 30) is the clear command of Scripture, the logic of the Decision seems to begin with the desired conclusion (i.e., let's open the special offices) and then to work backwards, drawing heavily on culture and empirical data reflecting current practices, with a measure of perhaps tangentially related references to assorted Scriptural passages thrown in, to try to come up with various plausible rationales for

[3] 1 Timothy 2:11–14 is also referred to in the list of Materials included in the Supplement: Decisions MFAO in Document 9, being a reference to a letter from the Canadian Reformed Church [*sic*], dated October 24, 2017.

how to get there. And the portion of Scripture that does speak most clearly to the issue at hand seems summarily dismissed since, in the face of the onslaught of the so-called wisdom of the culture, "the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute."

We are also disappointed that Decisions MFAO contains almost no development of a biblical theology of gender, but rather seems simply to parrot the prevailing cultural ideas of "equality." The man that God created in His own image[4] reflected both the unity and the diversity that exists in the Trinity, where there is an ontological unity ("one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy" BC 8) and yet also an economic diversity ("three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct, according to their incommunicable properties" BC 8) among the persons in the Godhead. We note that it was to Adam, even before Eve was made[5], that God gave the charge not to eat of the forbidden tree[6], which command Eve, being deceived, subsequently disobeyed and then, usurping Adam's biblical role, led them into sin and the fall.[7] And it was to these events—the order of creation and the fact of Eve's deception—that the Holy Spirit would later ground His command that precludes women from serving in the special offices of minister and elder in Christ's Church.[8] At the same time, we want to clearly state that, under no circumstances, do we believe that a woman has less value than a man, for in Christ, "[t]here is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."[9]

3. Authority of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.10; *cf.* BC 7):

> The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

Brothers, as we read Decisions MFAO, we cannot but wonder whether you have succumbed to the temptations of the culture in which we live today, and have perhaps allowed that culture to influence your thinking about what the Scriptures plainly teach. We return to the second phrase in Decision 3, Ground 5, that we highlighted above:

> … Synod has further come to the conclusion that those places in which Scripture speaks of an apostolic command to keep silent, or a prohibition against women teaching or exercising authority, do not, in themselves, supply indisputable grounds to categorically exclude, *in our time and circumstances*, women from teaching and ruling offices in the church*, since the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute.*

Are you really intending to imply that there is something unique to "our time and

[4] Genesis 1:26–28.

[5] Genesis 2:22.

[6] Genesis 2:16–17.

[7] Genesis 3:1–6.

[8] 1 Timothy 2:14.

[9] Galatians 3:28–29.

circumstances" which should override a clear apostolic command of Scripture? Similarly, in Decision 8, Ground 1 (emphasis added):

> The Bible speaks about both the equal value and position of man and woman, and the distinctive place God has given them within it, in marriage and in the congregation. *In our present-day culture, which is strongly oriented towards equality*, this aspect deserves special attention.

We fear that the undiscerning imbibing of our modern culture's language of "equality" can easily lead to the forgetting of the critical differences between the ontological and the economic that are part of God's created order.

Brothers, if we faithfully cling to Christ and endeavor to keep His Word without compromise with the charms of this world, we will find ourselves, like the great church father, Athanasius, contra mundum:

> If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you (John 15:18)
>
> I have given them your Word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth (John 17:14–17).
>
> [A]nd you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved (Matthew 10:22).

Finally, we would like to thank you for sending fraternal delegates to our 2012, 2015, and 2018 General Assemblies. Although we are still in a relationship of Corresponding Relations, we were not invited to send fraternal delegates to either Synod Ede 2014 or Synod Meppel 2017, but we would be happy to send fraternal delegates to Synod Goes 2020 to discuss this letter and bring greetings, if you think such would be helpful. Thank you for bearing with us. May our gracious Lord use your labors for His own glory and the increase of His kingdom.

Your humble servant in Christ,

77. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6. Mr. Hausler reported the silence of Advisory Committee 6 with respect to the report of the Committee and its recommendations.

78. QUESTIONS. Questions were asked of Committee members regarding the report.

79. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. On separate motions the six recommendations of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted.

80. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: Messrs. Curto, Dickason, and Matthew Holst. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Hausler led in prayer for the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

81. HISTORICAL MOMENT. Mr. Olinger, for the Committee for the Historian, presented

a video reflecting on the life and ministry of the late Rev. Jack J. Peterson.

82. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Christopher Campbell, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the United States, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Bube prayed for the Reformed Church in the United States.

83. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:19 p.m. and reconvened at 3:48 p.m. It sang Psalm 47A and Mr. McDaniel led in prayer.

84. NO FRIDAY EVENING SESSION. The Moderator sought and received the consent of the body so as to have no Friday evening session of the Assembly.

85. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of Wednesday and Thursday, § 1–39, which were approved as corrected.

86. ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY. Mr. Bube introduced Mr. Enoch W., an observer from the West Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in China. On motion he was granted the privileges of the floor. Mr. W. addressed the Assembly, recounting the growth of the church, rising opposition, and the faithfulness of the Lord.

87. REFLECTION AND PRAYER. The order of the day having arrived, Messrs. Watkins and Keele reported on the situation relating to the Chabad of Poway Synagogue shooting by a member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Keele spoke of efforts to reach out to the victims and to the leaders of the synagogue and the mosque which had been targeted, as well as the impact on the OPC congregation and the family involved. Messrs. Hausler, Ivey, and Watkins led in prayer. The Assembly sang "Before the Throne of God Above."

88. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 4:57 p.m. after Mr. Watkins led in prayer.

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89. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. and sang "Lamb, Precious Lamb." Mr. Knierim led in prayer.

90. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS. Mr. Mallin, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, presented the report of the Committee (see p. 321).

91. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeals and Complaints). Mr. Watkins reported the silence of Advisory Committee 10 with respect to the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

92. QUESTIONS. Committee members responded to questions regarding the report.

93. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: Messrs. Mallin (PCT&SNY) and Hutchison (POH). In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. The floor was opened for the alternate to the Committee. Mr. Thomas C. Crumplar (Wilmington, DE) (PH) was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. Mr.

Watkins led in prayer for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

94. OVERTURE 3. The Assembly began its discussion of Overture 3 (see p. 50).

95. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Overture 3). Mr. Watkins presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 regarding Overture 3 as follows:

In its consideration of Communication 2 and Overture 3, your committee met with members of the Presbytery of the Dakotas, Shawn Mathis and Tripp Martin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly return Overture 3 to the Presbytery of the Dakotas.
2. That the summary which accompanies Overture 3 not be printed in the minutes.

96. QUESTION BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY. The Moderator announced that the question before the Assembly would be, "Shall the overture be granted?"

97. PRESENTATION BY THE PRESBYTERY. Mr. Mathis gave a presentation on behalf of the Presbytery of the Dakotas. Mr. Tripp Martin was granted the privileges of the floor for this issue. He addressed the Assembly.

98. DEBATE ON OVERTURE 3. The Moderator placed before the Assembly the motion: "Shall the overture be granted?"

99. SUBSTITUTE PROPOSED. It was moved as a substitute that the Assembly return the overture to the Presbytery of the Dakotas.

100. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. The Assembly reconvened at 10:26 a.m. and sang Psalm 67B. Mr. McKamy led in prayer.

101. DEBATE ON OVERTURE 3. Debate continued on Overture 3.

102. DEVOTIONS. Mr. Holst read Jeremiah 32:1–2, 6–15, and delivered a message entitled "New Covenant Faithfulness." Mr. Holst led in prayer. The Assembly sang "Hallelujah."

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

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104. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:19 p.m. and sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ." Mr. Puglia led in prayer.

105. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced Mr. Solano Portela, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Terpstra prayed for the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

106. ACTION ON OVERTURE 3. The Assembly adopted the response to Overture 3 in the following amended form:

That the Assembly return the overture to the Presbytery of the Dakotas and erect a committee of three ministers and/or ruling elders as well as one alternate presbyter to be appointed by the Moderator of the 86th General Assembly to be available to assist the presbytery in deal-

ing 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. (See § 170 for the appointment of members of the Committee.)

107. DOCUMENTS. Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted, that the summary which accompanies Overture 3 not be printed in the minutes.

108. COMMUNICATION 2. On motion Communication 2 was received for information.

109. PRAYER. Mr. Watkins led in prayer for the Presbytery of the Dakotas.

110. CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. Mr. Cloy, a member of the Committee, introduced Mr. Dickinson, Chairman of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel, who presented the report of the Committee (pp. 322–330).

111. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7. Mr. Fincham reported the silence of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to the report of the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

112. QUESTIONS. Mr. Dickinson responded to questions about the work of the Committee.

113. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel for the class of 2022. The following were nominated: Ministers: Dickinson and Patrick J. Morgan. In the absence of other nominations, they were declared elected. Mr. Fincham prayed for the work of the committee.

114. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Reinier Noppers, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Bube prayed for the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

115. APPRECIATION FOR THE STATED CLERK. Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the Trustees, read the following note of appreciation for the Stated Clerk:

In anticipation of his retirement effective December 31, 2019, the 86th General Assembly gives thanks to the Lord for the capable, faithful, and enthusiastic service of the Rev. Ross W. Graham as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church from 2014 to 2019. Rev. Graham's knowledge of and affection for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have been evident through his labors. With his administrative gifts, his keen attention to detail, and his carefully phrased writing, he has served the General Assembly with distinction. Rev. Graham has encouraged others with his excellent work as well as his Christ-glorifying demeanor. May the God of all grace bless him and his family abundantly in retirement.

The Assembly gave Mr. Graham a standing ovation.

116. UPDATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS OF THE CHURCH. By general consent the order of the day was adjusted, and Mr. Strange presented the report of the Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards (pp. 337–338), including the recommendation that the Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards be continued with the same mandate for another year, with a budget of $8,000.

117. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Updating Language). Mr. Clifford reported the silence of Advisory Committee 2 with respect to the work of the Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards of the Church. He presented the recommendation that the General Assembly refer Communication 3 to the Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards.

118. QUESTIONS. Committee members responded to questions concerning the work of the Committee.

119. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:36 p.m. It sang Psalm 98A and Mr. Kuhfuss led in prayer.

120. COMMITTEE CONTINUED. The recommendation of the Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards that it be continued was adopted.

121. COMMUNICATION 3. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 2 was adopted that Communication 3 be referred to the Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards.

122. HISTORIAN AND COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN. Messrs. Muether and Olinger presented the report of the Historian (p. 331) and the report of the Committee for the Historian (pp. 332–334). Mr. B. De Jong reported on the work of collecting oral history. He presented a video promoting the collection of oral history throughout the church.

123. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Historian and Committee for the Historian). Mr. Migotsky reported the silence of Advisory Committee 8 with respect to the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian.

124. QUESTIONS. Messrs. Muether and Olinger responded to questions regarding the work of the Historian and the Committee.

125. HISTORICAL MOMENT. Mr. Olinger, for the Committee for the Historian, presented a historical moment, a tribute to Mr. Gary Hoogerhyde, whom he described as perhaps the most distinguished ruling elder in the history of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

126. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee for the Historian for the class of 2022. Mr. B. De Jong was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. Mr. Migotsky led in prayer for the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian.

127. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. E. Marvin Padgett, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Cottenden prayed for the Presbyterian Church in America.

128. MINUTES APPROVAL. The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of Thursday through Friday, § 40–74. They were approved as corrected.

129. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:12 p.m. Mr. Belfield led in prayer.

Sunday Evening Worship Service

At 6:30 p.m. the commissioners of the General Assembly met for a worship service arranged by the session of Mid Cities Presbyterian Church, joined by members of area Orthodox Presbyterian Churches. The Rev. Joseph L. Troutman delivered a message on Job 36, entitled "Worship: The Path through Suffering." The service was concluded at 7:29 p.m. At a later time the Moderator announced that the offering, which was for Worldwide Outreach, amounted to $3,960.00.

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130. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. and sang "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Mr. Landis led in prayer.

131. OVERTURE 1. The Assembly began its consideration of Overture 1 (see pp. 46–49).

132. PRESENTATION BY THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST. Mr. Clawson gave the presentation for the Presbytery of the Midwest in support of Overture 1.

133. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Overture 1). Mr. Van Kooten reported for Advisory Committee 9 that the Advisory Committee was making no recommendation regarding the granting of Overture 1, and presented the following recommendations regarding Overture 1:

1. Regarding Overture 1 the Committee recommends the following: That the 86th General Assembly grant the petition of the Presbytery of the Midwest in the following way: that the 86th General Assembly, in accord with the Form of Government XXXII:3, request the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members (with a budget of $500) to consider whether the change to the Form of Government XXV proposed by the Presbytery of the Midwest or some other change related to their concern should be proposed by a future assembly to the presbyteries.

2. Regarding the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest regarding the delay of the 2020 printing of *The Book of Church Order*, the committee recommends the following: If the Assembly grants the petition of Overture 1 from the Presbytery of the Midwest, that the 86th General Assembly deem the petition of the overture from the Presbytery of the Midwest to be of insufficient weight to cause the church to delay the printing of the 2020 edition of *The Book of Church Order.*

134. QUESTIONS. Commissioners asked questions of representatives of the Presbytery of the Midwest and of Advisory Committee 9.

135. ACTION ON OVERTURE 1. The Moderator placed on the floor the recommendation that Overture 1 be granted.

136. ACTION ON OVERTURE 1 (continued). Recommendation 1 of Advisory Committee 9 was substituted for the main motion in the following amended form and was adopted:

That the 86th General Assembly grant the petition of the Presbytery of the Midwest in the following way: that the 86th General Assembly, in accord with the Form of Government XXXII:3, request the Committee on Christian Education to consider whether the change to the Form of Government XXV proposed by the Presbytery of the Midwest or some other change

related to their concern should be proposed by a future assembly to the presbyteries.

137. PRINTING OF *THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER.* Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 9 was adopted as follows: That the 86th General Assembly deem the petition of the overture from the Presbytery of the Midwest to be of insufficient weight to cause the church to delay the printing of the 2020 edition of *The Book of Church Order.*

138. OVERTURE 2. The Assembly began its consideration of Overture 2 (see p. 49).

139. PRESENTATION BY THE PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST. Messrs. Graves and Versteeg gave the presentation on behalf of the Presbytery.

140. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 (Overture 2). Mr. Kuhfuss reported the silence of Advisory Committee 3 with respect to Overture 2.

141. QUESTIONS. Representative of the Presbytery responded to questions.

142. ACTION ON OVERTURE 2. The Assembly granted the petition of Overture 2.

143. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Christopher D. Statter, fraternal delegate of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Cottenden prayed for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales.

144. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. It sang Psalm 103C. Mr. McDaniel led in prayer.

145. SESSIONAL RECONCILIATION. Mr. Mallin presented the report of the Committee on Sessional Reconciliation (see pp. 335–336), including the recommendation that the Committee be dissolved.

146. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 (Sessional Reconciliation). Mr. Kuhfuss reported the silence of Advisory Committee 3 with respect to the report of the Committee on Sessional Reconciliation.

147. QUESTIONS. The Committee responded to questions from commissioners.

148. COMMITTEE DISSOLVED. The recommendation of the Committee on Sessional Reconciliation was adopted and it was dissolved with thanks. Mr. Hutchinson led in prayer.

149. ADVICE TO THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY (Communication 5). Mr. McDaniel presented the request of the Presbytery of New Jersey regarding the reception of Mr. Lopez as a ministerial member (see pp. 154–156).

150. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Communication 5). Mr. Clifford presented the report of Advisory Committee 2 regarding Communication 5 as follows:

A. That the General Assembly advise the Presbytery of New Jersey that it has no objection to the reception of Rev. Lopez as a ministerial member of its presbytery in accordance with the Form of Government XXIII.3.

B. That the General Assembly advise the Presbytery of New Jersey to encourage Rev. Lopez in the completion of his theological training.

151. QUESTIONS. Representatives of the Presbytery and the Advisory Committee responded to questions from commissioners.

152. APPEAL OF RULING OF MODERATOR. Appeal was taken to a ruling of the Moderator regarding the orderliness of a proposed amendment. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

153. ADVICE REGARDING LOPEZ RECEPTION. The two recommendations of Advisory Committee 2 were adopted. Mr. Clifford led in prayer for Mr. Lopez.

154. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS. Mr. Van Der Linden presented the report of the Committee on Presbyterial Records, including the following recommendations:

A. That the responses to exceptions taken by the 85th General Assembly (2018) be deemed sufficient for the following presbyteries: Michigan and Ontario, Midwest, New Jersey, and Southwest.

B. That the response to exceptions taken by the 85th General Assembly (2018) for the Presbytery of the Dakotas be considered at a subsequent assembly when the Presbytery's records are available for review.

C. That the minutes of the following presbyteries be approved without exception or notation: Michigan and Ontario, Mid-Atlantic, Northern California and Nevada, and Northwest.

D. That the minutes of the following presbytery be approved with a single notation and no exceptions: Connecticut and Southern New York.

E. That the minutes of the following presbyteries be approved with notations and no exceptions: Central PA, Central US, New Jersey, Philadelphia, South, Southeast, Southern California, and Southwest

F. That the minutes of the following presbyteries be approved with notations and the following exceptions:

Midwest:

a.	45	D.3	No terms of the call including no mention of hospitalization
b.	54	1.	Moderator not named (A.5)
c.	55	1.	Moderator not named (A.5)
d.	58	7.	Reference to earlier meeting unclear (A.14)
e.	59	10.D	Reference to earlier meeting unclear (A.14)
f.	63	17.C	No mention of provision of hospitalization insurance (A.12.c)
g.	76, 77	1.	Moderator not named (A.5)
h.	n/a		Nothing in minutes in response to 85th GA exception

Ohio:

a.	10-12	The minutes do not indicate the selection of a Clerk pro tem.
b.	28	The meeting does not indicate adjournment with prayer.

G. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved without notation and one exception:

a. 2018-16 22 – Terms of the call to Mr. Korzep were not recorded.

155. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The question was divided to separate out the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest, and the remaining recommendations were adopted. On separate motion the recommendation regarding the Presbytery of the Midwest

was adopted.

156. DEVOTIONS. The Assembly sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Mr. Mathis read 1 Corinthians 16:13 and delivered a message entitled "Quit You Like Men." Mr. Mathis led in prayer.

157. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED. By general consent the order of the day was extended until the earlier of 1:00 p.m. or the completion of business.

158. STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. Mr. Moelker presented the report of Advisory Committee 13 regarding Standing Committee Records as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That with respect to the Minutes of the Standing Committee on Diaconal Ministries, its response to the exception to its Minutes taken by the 85th General Assembly be deemed sufficient.
2. That the following minutes be approved without exceptions and without notations:
   Committee on Appeals and Complaints
   Committee on Arrangements
   Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel
   Committee on Christian Education
   Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
   Committee on Foreign Missions
   Committee on Ministerial Care
   The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
3. That the following minutes be approved without exceptions and with notations:
   Committee on the Historian
   Committee on Diaconal Ministries
4. That the following minutes be approved with one exception and with notation(s):
   Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
      Page 61, lines 24 and 26, no identity given for individual who offered prayer contra rule C.10.
   Committee on Coordination
      Page 538, lines 9 and 12, Mr. M------ listed as both present and absent contra rules C.7 & C.8.
5. That the Instruments of the General Assembly, C.11, be amended by adding the following:

"The secretary shall certify that the last minutes to appear in the minute book have been approved at a subsequent meeting. Additional unapproved minutes may be provided separately for informational purposes and shall be so noted."

Ground:

It is common for the most recent minutes submitted for review to the General Assembly to be approved at a later meeting, the minutes of which are not themselves approved, and therefore not submitted. The Temporary Advisory Committee is left with no grounds upon which to verify that all the minutes submitted for review are approved. This addition to the Instruments of the General Assembly will assist the Temporary Advisory Committee in determining whether the most recent minutes submitted by the committee have been approved.

159. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The question was divided to consider

Recommendation 5 separately. Recommendations 1–4 were adopted. Recommendation 5 was not adopted.

160. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Curto introduced the Rev. Kevin M. Backus, fraternal delegate of the Bible Presbyterian Church, who addressed the Assembly. Mr. Curto presented Mr. Backus with a leather-bound copy of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal in recognition of his many years of representing his church at the Assembly. The Assembly gave him a standing ovation. Mr. Curto prayed for the Bible Presbyterian Church.

161. ARRANGEMENTS. Mr. D. Mahaffy presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements (pp. 60–62), including the following recommendations:

1. The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements recommends that the 86th (2019) General Assembly propose to the 87th General Assembly that Standing Rule X.2.h. be amended as follows:

X.2.h. The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of ~~four~~ six ~~elected~~ ordained members (minister, ruling elder, or deacon) arranged in three classes of two, ~~one, and one~~ members each, ~~one, and one, respectively. A fifth, alternate member shall be elected for a term of one year~~. In addition, the Stated Clerk shall be a ~~sixth~~ seventh member, ex officio. If ~~three~~ four elected members are not present during the Assembly, temporary members ~~will~~ may be assigned by the Assembly. The committee shall…

Grounds:

a. The work of the Committee, both technical and physical, has expanded to meet the needs of the nature and type of meetings the Assembly now has.
b. The Committee's work between Assemblies is done almost exclusively via conference call so that the expansion of the membership of the Committee will not significantly affect its budget.

2. The Committee on Arrangements recommends the following to the 86th General Assembly (2019):

a. That the 87th (2020) General Assembly be held on the campus of Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with a terminus no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.
b. That the General Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 2020 at the rate of $12.00 per communicant member.
c. That the Assembly approve the following rules for travel compensation:
    i. Those traveling by public conveyance be reimbursed the cost of their airfare as reported to the nearest dollar, with the exception that the cap is $400 unless travel arrangements were pre-approved by the Committee on Arrangements. Baggage fees, parking, and transportation to the airport are reimbursed separately.
    ii. 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 1,000 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.

iii. Those traveling by private conveyance as passengers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.10 per mile.

d. That Mr. David Cornette be excused from all sessions of the Assembly after 2:00 pm Friday without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) due a death and funeral of a church member.

e. That Mr. Eric Watkins be excused from all sessions of the Assembly session after 3:00 p.m. Saturday without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) due to a special request by his session and flight cancellations due to weather.

f. That Mr. Alan Strange be excused from the Saturday afternoon session after 3:00 p.m. without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) to attend the memorial service of his cousin.

g. That Mr. Mark Sumpter be excused from all sessions of the Assembly without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) due to illness.

h. That Mr. Jack Sawyer be excused from all sessions of the Assembly without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) due to illness.

i. That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Arrangements to make arrangements for the worship service(s) during the 87th General Assembly.

j. That the General Assembly remind presbyters and committees to notify the Stated Clerk of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of commissioners to the 87th General Assembly by March 1, 2020 (Standing Rule X.2.h.3), and that the COA will apply the Standing Rule in terms of travel compensation related to attendance at all General Assembly sessions. 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 timeframe or discuss your travel arrangements with the designated COA member before booking your travel. If you do not 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).

k. That Mr. Karl Thompson be excused from all sessions of the Assembly on Monday without loss of travel compensation (Standing Rule XII.5.a) due to injury.

162. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9. Mr. Van Kooten presented the report of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the Committee on Arrangements as follows:

Advisory Committee 9 met with Messrs. Ed Tress, David Mahaffy, Alan Montgomery, and Jesse Montgomery of the Committee on Arraignments to hear their report. Respecting the report and the recommendations of the Committee on Arrangements, Advisory Committee 9 is silent. Advisory Committee 9 wishes to thank the Committee on Arrangements for their faithful labors on behalf of Christ and his church.

163. AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES. The amendment was proposed to the next Assembly (§ 161 Recommendation 1).

164. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED. The recommendations of the Committee on Arrangements (§ 161 Recommendation 2) were adopted.

165. ELECTION. The floor was opened for nominations for the Committee on Arrangements

for the class of 2022. Mr. Tarullo was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. Nominations were opened for an alternate to the Committee. Mr. J. Montgomery was nominated. In the absence of other nominations, he was declared elected. Mr. Belfield led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

166. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND. Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the Trustees, presented the following recommendation:

The Trustees in accordance with Standing Rule 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 2020 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $22 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2020:

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Approved (Rev.)	2019 Approved	2020 Requested	2020 Proposed and Approved at GA
GAOF request per comm.	**$20**	**$20**	**$20**	**$22**	**$22**	**$22**
Beginning Balance	180,477.05	197,021.09	197,021.09	154,925.09	85,070.46	85,070.46
Receipts						
Contributions	242,292.36	239,981.65	245,000.00	265,000.00	265,000.00	265,000.00
Sale of Minutes	1,665.00	1,242.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sale of Ministerial Register	14.00	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	270.13	245.09	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Misc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	**244,241.49**	**241,468.74**	**246,800.00**	**266,800.00**	**266,800.00**	**266,800.00**
Expenses						
Honoraria						
Assistant Clerk	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Statistician	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
Historian	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Honoraria	**8,300.00**	**8,300.00**	**8,300.00**	**8,300.00**	**8,300.00**	**8,300.00**

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Approved (Rev.)	2019 Approved	2020 Requested	2020 Proposed and Approved at GA
Staff						
Stated Clerk Salary & Housing	45,797.04	45,638.64	47,086.00	48,498.62	31,584.00	31,584.00
SS Reimb./ Retirement Contrib./etc.	7,203.56	7,891.35	7,030.00	8,560.01	8,616.18	8,616.18
Secretary	13,108.10	22,181.76	18,000.00	19,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Total Staff	**66,108.70**	**75,711.75**	**72,116.00**	**76,058.63**	**64,200.18**	**64,200.18**
Office						
Rent	11,000.04	9,999.96	12,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Accounting Services	-	14,210.40	14,210.00	30,076.00	27,500.00	27,500.00
Directory	4,503.79	7,262.27	8,500.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Ministerial Register [2021]	321.48	-	-	-	-	-
Website/Equip./ Postage/Supplies	2,858.39	4,786.41	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	1.61	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total Office	**18,685.31**	**36,259.04**	**42,910.00**	**58,276.00**	**53,700.00**	**53,700.00**
Insurance	**7,961.01**	**13,268.52**	**12,500.00**	**10,000.00**	**15,000.00**	**15,000.00**
General Assembly						
Minutes print / Distrib.	9,824.24	11,180.59	15,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Agenda print/ Distrib.	553.47	1,366.93	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Committee on Arrangements	10,105.12	14,658.17	11,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total GA	**20,482.83**	**27,205.69**	**28,000.00**	**23,000.00**	**23,500.00**	**23,500.00**
Assessments						
NAPARC	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ICRC	3,305.67	2,914.58	3,306.00	3,306.00	2,915.00	2,915.00
PRCCMP	12,750.00	13,100.00	13,800.00	13,850.00	14,850.00	14,850.00

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Approved (Rev.)	2019 Approved	2020 Requested	2020 Proposed and Approved at GA
Total Assessments	**17,055.67**	**17,014.58**	**18,106.00**	**18,156.00**	**18,765.00**	**18,765.00**
Committee Expenses						
Appeals and Complaints	3,228.99	2,005.92	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Chaplains	2,684.70	681.60	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Committee for Historian	19,844.61	19,596.58	25,000.00	27,400.00	25,400.00	25,400.00
CEIR	34,012.25	35,843.28	35,964.00	35,964.00	37,085.00	37,085.00
Trustees of The OPC	100.10	1,813.22	1,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Committee on Ministerial Care	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
PNW Visitation Committee	314.57	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio Sessional Reconciliation	3,918.71	2,636.67	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	-
Committee to Study Republication	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committee on the OPC in Canada	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
Special Cmte.- Updating the Lang. of the Doctr. Standards of the OPC	-	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Committee Visit the Presbytery of the Dakotas						4,000.00
Total Committee	**89,103.93**	**87,577.27**	**106,964.00**	**142,864.00**	**109,985.00**	**113,985.00**
Total Expenses	**227,697.45**	**265,336.85**	**288,896.00**	**336,654.63**	**293,450.18**	**297,450.18**
Receipts minus Expenses	16,544.04	(23,868.11)	(42,096.00)	(69,854.63)	(26,650.18)	(30,650.18)
Ending Balance	**197,021.09**	**173,152.98**	**154,925.09**	**85,070.46**	**58,420.29**	**54,420.29**

167. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (GAOF Budget). Mr. Van Kooten reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with respect to the GAOF and the request from the churches.

168. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND BUDGET ADOPTED. The recommendations of the Trustees regarding the General Assembly Operating Fund and the request from the churches were adopted.

169. RESOLUTION OF THANKS. Mr. Terpstra presented the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

Psalm 127:1–2, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep" (ESV).

The 86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church expresses its deep gratitude to the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, TX, for the use of its fine facilities, with all of the staff's gracious hospitality manifested in ways too numerous to mention; we convey our appreciation for the abundant provisions of the dining facilities; and we indicate our special thanks for the ready services of the following individuals and groups for their service and care rendered during the General Assembly, and some even prior to our arrival.

We recognize with thanks the service of those who have assisted with arrangements and accommodation since without their labors the productivity of the work of this particular General Assembly would not be evident at the conclusion of this General Assembly:

Committee on Arrangements: Ross Graham, Jessica Hulsey, Linda Jones (Registrar), Wally and Beth King, David Mahaffy, Alan Montgomery, Jesse Montgomery, Robert Tarullo, and Edward Tress.

Presbytery of Southwest: Chad Bond, Naomi Emmett, Terry Reininger, and Joe Troutman.

Shuttle Drivers: Miller Ansell, Robin Bond, Jim Cassidy, John Chitty, Glen Clary, Jenn Costello, Aaron Cottrell, John Emmett, Marlana Jackson, Phil Hodson, Albert Perez, Michael Puyear, Tamara Puyear, Ivan Picknally, and Scottie Wright.

Airport Greeters and Runners: Doug Boswel, George Bracken, Jim Cassidy, Ian Cassidy, Sam Clary, Karen Eudy, Daniel Fredrickson, Suenan Gober, Day Gober, Ivan Picknally, Jesse Montgomery, Simeon Montgomery, and Ivan Picknally.

Pages and Floor Runners distributing papers to us throughout the duration of our Assembly: Elizabeth Bond, Niamh Montgomery, Simeon Montgomery, Jacob Stevenson, Joshua Stevenson, Elizabeth Wallace, Mary Lois Wallace, Nathaniel Tarullo, Cairistiona Tarullo, Elizabeth Wallace, and Mary Lois Wallace.

We are also grateful for the following members of the UTD community for the accommodations to meet our physical and other needs:

University of Texas at Dallas Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center: John Kyle, Carolyn Martin, and Courtney Sklenar.

Residential Camp and Conference Services: Lindsey Maeshima and Pam McElrath.

Student Greeters: Alejandro Garcia, Monica Lindsay, Angelle Nazareno, Tilda Nieminen, Jack Partain, JeMarra Rivers, Brittany Shrode, and Atul Varma.

Dining and Catering Services: Bethany Erwin and Carolyn Rutter.

For the photographer, Kerry Ann Cruse, we also appreciate your service and look forward to the publication of your fine work.

For not only feeding us on the Lord's Day, but more especially for nourishing us with the means of grace on the Lord's Day, we give thanks to the following congregations and their ministers: Christ Covenant OPC – Dallas; Christ Presbyterian OPC – Flower Mound; Christ

the King OPC – Longview; Covenant OPC – Fort Worth; Faith Presbyterian OPC – Garland; Mid Cities OPC – Bedford; Trinity Reformed Presbyterian – Waco; and Tyler OPC – Tyler.

Finally, we thank our humble Moderator, Mr. David Haney, for seasoning his comments with gentle and occasional notes of humor. He assisted us by keeping our work more enjoyable than it might have been otherwise. Most of all, we give thanks for our Moderator's courteous, orderly, and firm leadership throughout our proceedings.

170. SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS. The Moderator announced that he had appointed the following to the Special Committee to Visit the Presbytery of the Dakotas (§ 106): Messrs. Stephen A. Migotsky, Roger Wagner, David Winslow, Jr. (convener), and John H. Johnson, Jr. (alternate).

171. PRAYER FOR AIRDRIE. Mr. J. Mahaffy led in prayer for the congregation of Redeemer Church, Airdrie, Alberta, and for the spread of the gospel in the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

172. APPEAL OF RULING OF MODERATOR. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator that a motion was out of order. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

173. MINUTES APPROVAL. The Assistant Clerk read the remaining Minutes, which were approved as corrected.

174. MINUTES AS WHOLE APPROVED. By general consent the Minutes as a whole were approved.

175. DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY. On motion the Assembly was dissolved. The Moderator led in prayer. Mr. Haney 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 on the campus of Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m." The Assembly sang "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art." Mr. Haney led in prayer. The 86th General Assembly was dissolved at 1:23 p.m., June 10, 2019.

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OVERTURES

Overture 1

September 20, 2018

To the 86th General Assembly:

At its stated meeting of September 14–15, 2018, the Presbytery of the Midwest approved the following two actions:

1. To overture the GA to consider amending to FG XXV by adding paragraph 8 which would define the process of receiving elders and deacons from other denominations. The full text of the overture is on pages 2–3 of this letter and the grounds are listed on page 4.

2. To request that the GA consider postponing the next publication of a Book of Church Order until it is determined whether or not this change to the Form of Government will be adopted (FG XXXII.2).

If you have any questions about this communication, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christian M. McShaffrey

Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Midwest
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery of the Midwest humbly overtures the 86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to consider this suggested change worthy of consideration (FG XXXII.3), appoint a committee to consider the suggested change and propose to its presbyteries the following amendment to the Form of Government by the addition of a paragraph 8 to chapter XXV.

8. When a ruling elder or deacon of another denomination may be elected to service in a congregation he shall be publicly installed in the following manner:

a. The minister shall review before the congregation, in the following or similar language, the warrant and nature of the office of ruling elder or deacon, the character to be sustained by the officer, and the duties to be fulfilled:

i. In the case of a ruling elder:

The office of ruling elder is based upon the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ, who provided for his church officers who should rule in his name. Paul and Barnabas "appointed . . . elders in every church"; and Paul commanded that those who "rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching." In this passage the Scriptures distinguish between elders who labor particularly in the Word and in doctrine—usually called ministers or pastors—and elders who join with the minister in the government and discipline

of the church—generally called ruling elders. It is the duty and privilege of ruling elders, in the name and by the authority of our ascended king, to rule over particular churches, and, as servants of our great shepherd, to care for his flock. Holy Scripture enjoins them: "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood." As a consequence, ruling elders must be zealous in maintaining the purity of the ministration of the Word and sacraments. They must conscientiously exercise discipline and uphold the good order and peace of the church. With love and humility they should promote faithfulness on the part of both elders and deacons in the discharge of their duties. Moreover, they should have particular regard to the doctrine and conduct of the minister of the Word, in order that the church may be edified, and may manifest itself as the pillar and ground of the truth. If they are to fill worthily so sacred an office, ruling elders must adorn sound doctrine by holy living, setting an example of godliness in all their relations with men. Let them walk with exemplary piety and diligently discharge the obligations of their office; and "when the chief shepherd shall be manifested," they "shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away."

ii. In the case of a deacon:

The office of deacon is based upon the solicitude and love of Christ for his own people. So tender is our Lord's interest in their temporal needs that he considers what is done unto one of the least of his brethren as done unto him. For he will say to those who have ministered to his little ones: "I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." In the beginning the apostles themselves ministered to the poor, but subsequently, in order that they might be able to devote themselves wholly to prayer and the ministry of the Word, they committed that responsibility to others, having directed the people to choose men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom. Since the days of the apostles the church has recognized the care of the poor as a distinct ministry of the church committed to deacons. The duties of deacons consist of encouraging members of the church to provide for those who are in want, seeking to prevent poverty, making discreet and cheerful distribution to the needy, praying with the distressed and reminding them of the consolations of Holy Scripture. If they are to fill worthily so sacred an office, deacons must adorn sound doctrine by holy living, setting an example of godliness in all their relations with men. Let them walk with exemplary piety and diligently discharge the obligations of their office; and "when the chief shepherd shall be manifested," they "shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away."

b. He shall then propose to the officer the following questions:

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

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

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

(4) Do you promise to seek the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church?

(5) Do you agree to serve as a ruling elder (or deacon) in this congregation, and promise, in reliance on the grace of God, faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

c. When the questions have been answered in the affirmative the minister shall address to the members of the congregation the following question:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder (or deacon), and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord, to which his office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this Church, entitles him?

d. When a majority of the members of the church who are present have answered this question in the affirmative, by holding up their right hands, the minister shall then declare:

I now declare that _____ has been regularly elected and installed a ruling elder (or deacon) in this church, agreeably to the Word of God, and according to the constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and that he is entitled to all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which his office entitles him.

e. After this the minister shall give to him and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

GROUNDS:

1. In its chapter XXIII, the Form of Government recognizes a distinction between the ordination and installation of a licentiate (sections 7-10 and 13-15), the installation of a "minister of this church" (sections 11 and 16), and the installation of a minister of another denomination (sections 12 and 17). A parallel category of these describing the installation of a ruling elder or deacon of another denomination is absent from the Form of Government's chapter XXV on the Electing, Ordaining, and Installing Ruling Elder and Deacons.
2. In the questions addressed to a licentiate who is to be both ordained and installed as the pastor of a congregation, there are six (XXIII.8, questions 1-6) questions related to what may be described as ordination; and two (XXIII.8, question 7-8) questions related to what may be described as installation. In the questions addressed to a "minister of this church" to be installed as a pastor of a congregation there are three (XXIII.11) questions. These questions are related to his installation. In the questions addressed to a minister of another denomination who is to be installed as the pastor of a congregation there are eleven (XXIII.12) questions.
3. Of the questions addressed to a minister of another denomination, there are those which are related to a man's previous ordination (XXIII.12, questions 1-7) and those which are related to the man's installation in a particular congregation of the OPC (XXIII.12, questions 8-11).
4. Unlike the questions related to a man's previous ordination asked of a minister of another denomination coming into the OPC, the current section of the Form of Government (XXV.7), which relates to a man being installed as a ruling elder or deacon makes no provision to ensure that a man coming from another denomination has made the same vows required of those who are ordained to be ruling elders or deacons within the OPC. (For example, the man may have at one time made a vow regarding another confession and catechism but has not made a vow concerning our

version of the Westminster Standards. Likewise, the man may have made a vow regarding the Book of Church Order of another denomination, but he has not made a vow with regard to the Book of Church Order of the OPC.)

5. Requiring a man from another denomination who is being installed as a ruling elder or deacon in the OPC to make the same vows required of those who are ordained as ruling elders and deacons in the OPC assists in both the maintenance of the unity of the church and ensures that the man has affirmed the same system of doctrine that all other ordained officers have affirmed [BD III.8.b (3)].

Overture 2

December 20, 2018

To the 86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brothers,

The Presbytery of the Northwest, at its stated meeting in Portland, Oregon on September 28, 2018, voted to overture the 86th General Assembly as follows:

"To the 86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brothers,

We thank you for the assistance that you gave in studying whether or not the churches in Canada should be grouped into one presbytery or with whatever presbytery is geographically closest. We have prayerfully considered the matter and, at this time, would like to continue to give oversight to Redeemer OPC in Airdrie, Alberta, Canada and any other churches that are established in Western Canada. This is also the desire of the Redeemer OPC, which seeks to continue its relationship with the Presbytery of the Northwest.

We now request that the General Assembly expand the borders of our presbytery to include Alberta as well as British Columbia, Canada, so that our geographic region will include this work.

Grounds

1. There is a prima facie need for this church to be within the geographic boundaries of a regional church. In accord with Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the PNW has been overseeing this work since its inception. It is the geographically closest regional church to the church in Alberta.

2. Authority to organize regional churches is peculiar to the General Assembly (FG XV, 7)."

Respectfully submitted,

Donald M. Poundstone
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Northwest (OPC)

Overture 3

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Office of the Stated Clerk

Rev. Ross Graham, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Graham,

At its recent special meeting, held on April 26, 2019 in Denver, Colorado, the Presbytery of the Dakotas adopted this communication and the attached overture to the 86th General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The overture addresses a problem within the presbytery that is seriously disturbing the peace and unity of the Lord's Church in the region of the Dakotas and is hampering its effectiveness in the ministry of the gospel.

By motion the presbytery also approved up to $5,000 to fund the work of the requested GA committee.

By motion the presbytery appointed Mr. Shawn Mathis and Mr. William Martin III to speak at the General Assembly on behalf of the overture.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn C. Mathis, Stated Clerk

Overture
The Presbytery of the Dakotas overtures the 86th General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send a committee to help the Presbytery of the Dakotas work through a serious division that is affecting our functioning as a Church of Christ.

Ground:
Since 2016 the Presbytery of the Dakotas has been embroiled in receiving and adjudicating Charges and administrative Complaints related to those Charges. Several motions related to these actions have passed by one or two votes and, while the majority may change from meeting to meeting, the presbytery remains divided about 50% to 50%. Recent complaints are based not upon the Book of Church Order, but upon requirements of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition, cited in our presbytery Bylaws.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1

Presbyterian Church of Brazil
Commission on Inter-Ecclesiastical Relations

Rev. Ross Graham
Stated Clerk
Rev. Tony Curto
Chairman – Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations

Dear Brothers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

Grace and Peace!

This past July, between the 22nd and the 29th, we held our XXXIX General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB), in the city of Águas de Lindóia, state of São Paulo. We were privileged to have the Rev. Jack Sawyer as the Fraternal Delegate representing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Rev. Sawyer made a firm effort to overcome language barriers and had a thorough participation in our plenary sessions. He brought a pertinent and biblically founded address to the Assembly and made some acquaintances, exchanging ecclesiastical standpoints, with other foreign delegates from East Timor, Iraqi, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Nepal, Korea, and the USA, as well as with other Brazilian leaders, in our denomination. Certainly, many of our delegates, through his word and testimony, know the OPC better, now. We expect to be able to send you a summary of some pertinent decisions made by our General Assembly during the month of September, for your information and follow-up.

We would like to thank you for sending him and we stress the importance of such contacts between sister churches, especially when they are developed and maintained on a personal level, and with thorough engagement, as we testified in our brother. This is especially helpful to us as we strive to maintain a faithful reformed witness in Brazil and abroad. We also understand that having a pastor away for some length of time is not easy for the local Church, so we extend our gratitude to the Session of Pineville Presbyterian Church, for releasing him to such an important task.

We take this opportunity to inform you that the General Assembly re-elected for the next four years (2018–2022) the officers that have occupied the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency; as well as the Stated Clerk for the period 2018–2026. These are, respectively, the Rev. Roberto Brasileiro, the Rev. Augustus Nicodemus, and the Rev. Juarez Macedo. The officers of our Commission on Inter-Ecclesiastical Relations (CRIE) were also re-conducted, and it remains presided by the Rev. Davi Charles Gomes.

Yours, in the bonds of the victorious Lamb,

Presbyter Solano Portela
Executive Secretary, Commission on Inter-Ecclesiastical Relations – IPB.

Communication 2

October 26, 2018

To the 86th (2019) General Assembly of the OPC
Dear Fathers and Brothers in the Lord,

The Presbytery of the Dakotas wishes to inform the body that in order to keep peace and unity within our bounds, the Presbytery erected a committee to address the manner in which preliminary investigations of judicial charges ought to be conducted.

Please keep us in your prayers. And may the Lord guide us with the Spirit of truth.

Your servant,
Shawn C. Mathis
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Dakotas

Communication 3

Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
Ecumenical Relations Committee

22 March 2019

Rev Ross W. Graham
Stated Clerk
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Herewith is the response of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) to the request of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with regard to proposed linguistic updating of the Standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

The fraternal request regarding comments on proposed linguistic updating of the Standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was taken up by the Ecumenical Relations Committee of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). At their meeting on March 5, 2019 the Committee approved a response as follows:

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We thank you for your letter of 28th August 2018 regarding proposed specific linguistic changes to the doctrinal standards of the OPC.

While recognising the intention not to change the doctrine or the meaning of the Standards, and noting the specific changes being proposed, we would counsel against such action. We do so for the following reasons:

1. These Standards are historical documents drafted at the inception of your denomination and reflecting the minds of the men who drew them up. Just as one would not consider updating the

Constitution of the USA because of its archaic language and/or ambiguous statements, neither should your Standards be changed to suit the present generation's preferences.

2. History shows that denominations which have started to alter their constitutions in a modest and guarded way often end up far removed from their original position. This may be due to a setting of a precedent of change that undermined the authority of the original documents.

3. There are in fact other ways to achieve the same goal without tampering with the originals:

a. Following the publication of the Westminster Standards (and up to the present day) a number of commentaries or expositions of the Standards appeared. For example:

A Brief and Easy Explanation of the Shorter Catechism - The Westminster Divines

A Short Sum of the Whole Catechism - John Craig

A Body of Divinity - Thomas Ridgley (This is a commentary on the Larger Catechism)

An Exposition of the Westminster Confession of Faith - Robert Shaw

The Westminster Confession of Faith - G.I. Williamson

Publications such as this provided a method by which to expound and/or clarify anything that was archaic or unclear in the original without tampering with the original itself. This also meant that the unaltered original was still intact as the denomination's Standard allowing future generations to comment and if necessary improve upon or even correct the views of previous generations.

b. Where the Church deems that some point needs clarification the Church in Scotland has on occasion passed a Declaratory Act which as the name suggests is intended to declare the Church's understanding of the point at issue. It should be noted however that this course of action is open to abuse. The 'theological make-up' of the denomination at that particular moment in time can skew the outcome of any vote. A denomination which may be seeking to repulse an infiltration of liberalism into its ranks may have its testimony impaired because it finds itself out-manoeuvered by a slight majority present at the Assembly when the matter is being voted on.

Dear Brethren, we give this advice in a spirit of Christian charity and not in any sense of superiority. We ourselves have seen in our own land the consequences of denominations going down this road and offer our opinions in the hope that you will consider the possibility of serious consequences of such a course of action.

Kind regards,
John MacLeod

Communication 4

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe
Committee for Interchurch Relations

March 6, 2019

Rev. Dr. L. Anthony Curto
President, Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jack W. Sawyer
Administrator, Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Brothers,

Warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from your brothers in the RPCCEE!

First, we would like to thank you for sending Dr. Curto as a fraternal delegate to our first General Assembly. His presence was encouraging, helpful, and conveyed a warm message of your deep care for our small and young church. We hope that this bond between our churches will grow and strengthen over time.

For that end, we'd like to bring some important matters before you. At our GA, the Committee for Interchurch Relations (CIR) was set up, which was charged with two tasks with regard the OPC.

First, we would like to formally request a fraternal relationship between our churches. Please let us know the steps required for that end.

Second, we would like to ask the OPC to be one of our supporting churches in our application for the membership in the ICRC. (We asked the EPCEW to be the other supporting church.)

We would like to kindly ask for your support in these two matters.

Thank you, Brothers.

In Christ's service,

Peter A. Szabo
President, RPCCEE CIR

Attila Szasz
Secretary, RPCCEE CIR

Communication 5

Presbytery of New Jersey
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

At its April 23 stated meeting the Presbytery of New Jersey passed the following motion:

> *That the Presbytery of New Jersey seek the advice of the 86th General Assembly in accordance with FG XXIII.3 concerning the reception of the Rev. Bradney Lopez as a*

ministerial member of the PNJ given the fact that Mr. Lopez lacks a three-year theological degree.

Here is a summary of the circumstances of this matter. PNJ Candidates and Credentials committee members Steve McDaniel and Roberto Quiñones will be present at the assembly to address any additional questions.

The Unique Circumstances of Rev. Lopez
Bradney Lopez was ordained as a minister of the gospel in 2011 by the Baptist Missionary Association of America. He ministered in a church in Guayama, Puerto Rico, served at a Baptist medical clinic doing evangelism, and taught at a local bible institute.

After a brief time at Redeemer Seminary in Dallas, Rev. Lopez returned to Puerto Rico in 2013 and began to plant a church in Arroyo, on the island's southern coast. One year later, he got in contact with OP Pastor Carlos Cruz from San Juan. Discussions with the Presbytery of New Jersey soon followed, and work began to move the mission work and Mr. Lopez's ministerial credentials into the OPC. Members of the Arroyo mission work including Mr. Lopez were added to the rolls of the Regional Church in 2015. In 2016, the Presbytery of New Jersey began a special arrangement of financial support for the Arroyo work. The OPC's Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension followed suit in 2017.

Rev. Lopez continues his ministerial labors at the Arroyo mission work, preaching weekly, ministering to the congregation, and leading them in ministries of discipleship and evangelism. His work is supervised by an overseeing session and he makes regular reports to the PNJ Home Missions Committee and the OPC Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Unique Educational Background of Rev. Lopez
Mr. Lopez's educational background is unusual and falls short of the Form of Government's requirement for a three-year theological degree. He received an undergraduate degree in 2010 from Central Baptist College in Conway, AR with a major in Missions and a minor in Pastoral Studies.

Mr. Lopez began his Master's work in 2012 with studies at Redeemer Theological Seminary in Dallas. Since moving back to Puerto Rico, he has been taking classes part time through Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Distance Study Program. He has also participated in the MTIOPC Greek Refresher Course. By the time General Assembly meets in June, he will have completed 52 credits at Greenville and a total of 67 credits of Master's level work.

Mr. Lopez has successfully completed all of the examinations required by Form of Government XXIII.6 with the exception of Apologetics and OPC Standards, which are scheduled for the summer of 2019.

The Unique Circumstances of the OPC's Ministry in Puerto Rico
The Presbytery of New Jersey has been supervising work in Puerto Rico for over twelve years. Gospel ministry on the island combines characteristics of both home and foreign missions. As a territory of the United States, residents of Puerto Rico are American citizens. However, language differences and economic hardships often give the work the flavor of a foreign field.

Like many foreign mission fields, there are no institutions of Reformed theological education in Puerto Rico. Candidates for OPC ministry must look for creative alternatives to traditional seminary education while still supporting their families in an economically depressed environment.

The Arroyo church is following the same path into the OPC that our two existing Puerto Rico congregations have traveled. A group of reformed believers and their pastor wish to join the OPC for support, accountability, and biblical connectionalism. In each case the PNJ has endeavored to receive such groups and their pastors wisely – taking enough time to ensure good order and high standards but not so slowly that these groups become discouraged.

Each of these factors come into play as the Presbytery of New Jersey has considered the church planting labors of Mr. Lopez in Arroyo.

The Need for An Educational Exception
Mr. Lopez has expressed his sincere desire to continue his education and complete his MDiv at Greenville. Up till this point he has shown a remarkable commitment to his studies, taking 2 or 3 classes each semester while planting a church and caring for a family of 8. Even with that level of devotion, the degree is still years away. The Presbytery of New Jersey believes that the reception of Mr. Lopez as a ministerial member of the OPC sooner rather than later would aid the mission work in Arroyo as the presbytery moves toward regularizing the relationship between the mission work, Mr. Lopez, and the presbytery.

Thank you in advance for your wise counsel on this matter. We look forward to seeing how our Lord will advance his kingdom in Puerto Rico.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Presbytery of New Jersey
Rev. Todd E. Smith, Stated Clerk

Supplemental Information on the Rev. Bradney Lopez
Bachelor's Degree from Central Baptist College, Conway, AR – BS in Missions, minor in Pastoral Studies

- Liberal Arts – 101 credits
- Practical Theology – 57 credits
- New Testament – 12 credits
- Old Testament – 6 credits
- Systematic Theology – 9 credits

Master's Level Theological Education

- Redeemer Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX – 13 credits
- Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary – 52 credits
- Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC – 2 credits

Communication 6

Committee on the Relations with Churches Abroad of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands

To: Ross W. Graham
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Zwolle, April 24th 2019

Dear Brothers,

We received your invitation to send official representatives from our Churches to the 86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. We appreciate this invitation, but we choose to send this letter of greeting instead.

Last year, our delegates Rev. Kim Batteau and Rev. Rinze IJbema have been able to visit and address your General Assembly. They have also had the opportunity to meet with the OPC's Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. Given the recent developments within the federation of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, and the consequences they may have on the future of our relationship, it was important to be able to meet with you in person and to speak openly, from heart to heart.

Next year, we hope to welcome your delegates at our Synod Goes, 2020. Then again, we hope to be able to hear from you and to speak with you, through your delegates, in person. In the meantime, we hope and trust that you will understand our choice not to send delegates this year, but to greet you with a letter instead.

We wish you the Lord's blessing for the General Assembly, and for His church, the OPC. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you, may He be gracious to you and give you peace.

On behalf of Rev. Rinze IJbema,

Prof. Dr. Ir. Peter Bakker, delegates section 3

Communication 7

The Reformed Churches of New Zealand
Interchurch Relations Committee
26th April 2019

Dear brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your invitation to your 86th General Assembly, to be held from June 5–11, 2019.

At our last Synod our committee was instructed to send a delegate to one of your assemblies in the inter-synodical period. We took the opportunity last year to send Rev. Leo de Vos to attend the 85th General Assembly and he had the privilege of participating in its proceedings.

Since we usually attend not more than one of your General Assemblies in an inter-synodical period, we therefore respectfully decline your present invitation.

We are thankful for the ongoing and fruitful sister-church relationship with your denomination and pray that this may long endure for encouragement and edification of both our churches.

Brothers, we pray that your upcoming assembly will be a blessed and fruitful occasion, that you may be guided by the Holy Spirit, and all decisions made in accordance with the Word of God and conducive to your and our great task of being faithful to our Lord and vigorous in promoting his truth and saving grace.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

With sincere Christian greetings,
On behalf of the Interchurch Relations Committee
Reformed Churches of New Zealand

Pieter van der Wel, Convenor

Communication 8

The Canadian Reformed Churches
Committee for Contact with Churches in North America
Doug Vandeburgt, General Secretary

May 21, 2019

86th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Ross W. Graham
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear fathers and brothers,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who reigns as Head of his body, the church. On behalf of our inter-church relations committee I thank you for your invitation to attend your General Assembly this year. We had the pleasure of being present at Wheaton College last year as you met jointly with the United Reformed Churches of North America. However, this year we are not able to attend in person.

We remain thankful for the ongoing ecclesiastical fellowship we have with you. As I write this, our General Synod is meeting in Edmonton, AB and we were glad to receive your letter of fraternal greeting from Rev. Jack Sawyer. We also look forward to meeting with your CEIR face to face this coming fall at NAPARC. Itis a blessing to be able to share news together and pray for one another. May the Lord continue to add his blessing to our fellowship.

We can report that under the blessing of the Lord our churches had a net growth of 114 members at the end of 2018 so that our total membership at year end was 19,319. We seek your prayers for our churches that we might be faithful to all that Christ has taught us to do and thereby be a light in this dark world.

May the Head of the church bless all the decisions of the 86th General Assembly. It is our prayer that the faithful labors of your Assembly might serve the Orthodox Presbyterian Church well and that our covenant God might be glorified.

With Christian love,
Rev. Doug Vandeburgt, General Secretary

Communication 9

Christian Reformed Churches in The Netherlands
Foreign Relations Committee

To: Rev. Ross W. Graham
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear brother Graham,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Thank you very much for your invitation to attend your Assembly, June 5-11, 2019. At this time, however, we will not be able to send a delegate to your meetings.

Via this letter I bring you greetings from the Christian Reformed Churches in The Netherlands.

May the Lord bless your meetings, and may He be present in your midst with the power of His Holy Spirit. May all things be done to the honour of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

With brotherly greetings,

On behalf of the Foreign Relations Committee
Of the Christian Reformed Churches in The Netherlands

Rev. Wim Wullschleger, secretary

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, respectively. A fifth, alternate member shall be elected for a term of one year. In addition, the Stated Clerk shall be a sixth member, ex officio. If three elected members are not present during the Assembly, temporary members will be assigned by the Assembly. The Committee shall

(1) Report to the General Assembly the funds that are available for the travel expenses of the commissioners to that Assembly.
(2) Recommend to each General Assembly a date and place for the next General Assembly.
(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.
(4) It shall recommend to the Assembly the granting of excuses and the method of reimbursement of the commissioners' expenses.
(5) Members of this Committee will be exempt from serving on Temporary or Advisory Committees. [Standing Rule X.2.h]

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This year has been another good year for the committee. With the help of everyone on the Committee, including the Stated Clerk, we feel comfortable that we are on target with our plans to enable the work of the Assembly at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD).

Since the last Assembly, the Committee has worked to assure that the arrangements are in place for the 86th General Assembly at the University of Texas at Dallas. The Committee visited UTD in October 2018 and have established a good working relationship with their conference staff. We are thankful that the Presbytery of the Southwest has created a temporary Committee on Arrangements to work with us, especially in the areas of transportation and worship services. UTD offers a unique challenge for us in that the meeting space and housing/dining facilities are about ½ mile apart. This will require us to be able to transport commissioners, staff, fraternal delegates and visitors between these two locations throughout the day. We will accomplish this with vans and golf carts. Mrs. Linda Jones has again agreed to serve as the Registrar for this General Assembly. We are thankful for her excellent work on behalf of our committee and the General Assembly.

We have made some changes to our individual responsibilities this year to cross train each other on the various tasks that we have. We think that this will strengthen our team.

The committee continued our dialogue with Eastern University, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to get a commitment to a 2020 General Assembly at their university. They finally committed to us in January of this year for a June 3–9, 2020 General Assembly. We will begin the contracting process with them in June 2019.

David Mahaffy, from our committee, has started to look for a site on the west coast for 2021.

He will be looking in the Seattle area and also working with the committee established in the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada to see if we can find an affordable site. If no site can be found on the west coast for 2021, we will go back to Chicago, probably Trinity College.

The Committee will give a full financial report at the Assembly regarding funds that are available for the travel expenses of the commissioners to this year's Assembly. We expect that the funds necessary to cover this year's anticipated costs will be readily available.

The Committee has contacted the following sites for future General Assemblies.

2020 – June 3–9	Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia area)
2021 – no date established	West Coast or Chicago

III. 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Committee requests that the Assembly allocate $10,000 for the work of the Committee in 2020.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Proposed Change to the Standing Rules

   The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements recommends that the 86th (2019) General Assembly propose to the 87th General Assembly that Standing Rule X.2.h. be amended as follows:

   X.2.h. The Committee on General Assembly Arrangements shall consist of four six elected ordained members (minister, ruling elder, or deacon) arranged in three classes of two, one, and one members each., one, and one, respectively. A fifth, alternate member shall be elected for a term of one year. In addition, the Stated Clerk shall be a sixth seventh member, ex officio. If three four elected members are not present during the Assembly, temporary members will may be assigned by the Assembly. The committee shall…

   Grounds:
   a. The work of the Committee, both technical and physical, has expanded to meet the needs of the nature and type of meetings the Assembly now has.
   b. The Committee's work between Assemblies is done almost exclusively via conference call so that the expansion of the membership of the Committee will not significantly affect its budget.

2. The Committee on Arrangements recommends the following to the 86th General Assembly (2019):
   a. That the 87th (2020) General Assembly be held on the campus of the Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with a terminus no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.
   b. That the General Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 2020 at the rate of $12.00 per communicant member.

V. ELECTION

The members of the Committee are as follows:

Class of 2019	Robert E. Tarullo
Class of 2020	David T. Mahaffy – Vice-chairman
	Edward K. Tress – Chairman
Class of 2021	Alan W. Montgomery

Alternate Jesse Montgomery – Alternate

Ex officio Ross W. Graham – Secretary

The term of Mr. Tarullo expires at this Assembly. He is available for nomination. The Alternate is a one-year term and expires at this Assembly. Mr. Jesse Montgomery is available for nomination.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

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I. INTRODUCTION

With this Assembly the Stated Clerk will have completed five years in office. He has worked under the arrangements and oversight provided by the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church which call for him to work a twenty-four hour average work-week with a part-time staff of an administrative assistant, a print editor, and a web and document updater. The workload is manageable, the staff is invaluable, and the job seems to be getting done.

II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETAILS

A. The Agenda

The Agenda for the 86th General Assembly, containing some 292 pages of documentation, was printed and mailed to commissioners during the second full week of May. Commissioners were given the option of receiving the Agenda in digital form (with security measures in place) in addition to or instead of a hard copy when they registered. Among Agenda items of interest to note, it contains three overtures, a progress report of the newly established Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards, a final report of the Special Committee on Sessional Reconciliation, and no judicial appeals or complaints.

The Stated Clerk here reports that a communication was received by him on April 1, 2019, containing documents appearing to be a complaint on appeal against actions of a presbytery

of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. But after enquiring into the matter, it became apparent that this communication was neither a complaint on appeal nor an appeal of a judicial case but a communication from an individual (or individuals) expressing allegations of mishandling on the part of the presbytery. Such a communication is not only not in order and not properly before the General Assembly, it is not reportable to the General Assembly other than to note its existence as this statement does.

B. Docket and Time Schedule

The Docket for this year's Assembly calls for 33.5 hours of business spread over six days of meetings, which should be sufficient to cover all of the items before the Assembly. This Assembly will continue, at the request of the moderator, to follow an older practice of starting with a worship and communion service at the beginning of the Assembly on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the spacious Lobby of the Texas Instruments Inspiration Hall in the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Texas-Dallas under the auspices of the Session of Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Garland, Texas. Following the worship and communion service, commissioners will proceed from the Lobby to their seats in the Ann and Jack Graves Ballroom for the convening of the Assembly, with a plan to work through the docket up to item 12 on that opening evening.

The advisory committees will each be assigned separate meeting rooms either in the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center, the nearby Student Services Building, or the Residence Hall West/Southwest and will start work right away on Thursday morning. It is anticipated that the advisory committees will have sufficiently completed their work to allow the moderator to call the Assembly back into session by mid-afternoon on Thursday, and to proceed with business. There will be no session of the Assembly on Saturday evening to allow commissioners to prepare for the Lord's Day.

On the Lord's Day morning, commissioners are invited to sign up to attend worship in specific area churches within an hour's drive of the UTD campus and to enjoy a meal together with their selected host congregation before returning to the campus later in the afternoon (no noon meal will be available on campus). An evening meal will be served in the Dining Hall at 5:00 p.m. prior to a 6:00 p.m. evening worship service sponsored and attended by the Dallas-Fort Worth area churches under the auspices of the Session of Mid-Cities OPC of Bedford, Texas, along with commissioners, fraternal delegates, and attending family members in the 500-seat Student Services Building Auditorium on the UTD campus.

The Assembly will resume its work on Monday morning, and adjournment is to be not later than noon Tuesday, June 11.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

No amendments to any section of the Book of Church Order were proposed to the presbyteries for ratification by the 86th General Assembly.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES AND INSTRUMENTS

Upon recommendation of the Stated Clerk, the 85th General Assembly proposed to the 86th General Assembly amendments to Chapter VI, Section D,1 of the Standing Rules. Those amendments are found on page 251 of the Agenda for your action.

V. WORK OF THE STATED CLERK

A. Overview

The Stated Clerk feels comfortable in his role and is pleased with his work responsibilities and those of his staff. The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have built flexibility and mobility into his schedule and have provided both the tools and the encouragement for him to conduct his labors at home and while traveling as well as from an office in the Administration Office Building in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

The Clerk is responsible ultimately to the General Assembly for his work, but the Trustees are charged by the Standing Rules with the task of reviewing his performance. The Clerk has submitted written reports on his labors to the Trustees and has met with the Trustees and with the members of their administration subcommittee several times during the year.

B. Staff

The staff that has been provided to the Stated Clerk by arrangement with the Trustees has been of invaluable assistance to him in his work, and he cannot conceive of accomplishing the tasks assigned without the labors of the competent people who surround him.

Mrs. Charlene Tipton serves as administrative assistant to the Stated Clerk. To her are delegated the maintaining of all the lists and data that flow through the Stated Clerk's office. She maintains and updates the OPC Directory. She formats the Agenda documents for printing and the Minutes for publication. She also handles the physical distribution of these publications for the Clerk. In addition, she assists the Clerk with the management of the General Assembly Operation Fund.

Mrs. Linda Foh updates the online church directory on OPC.ORG and maintains and updates information for the "Ministerial Register of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church."

Dr. James W. Scott, now retired from his previous position as Managing Editor of *New Horizons*, continues to serve the Stated Clerk as print editor for the publication of the Minutes, the OPC Directory, and the Book of Church Order, and assists with other printing and editing projects.

C. Publications

Much of the work of the Stated Clerk between general assemblies involves the publication of materials for or about the Church. Here is a brief review of those publications.

1. The electronically published Journal of the 85th (2018) General Assembly

In 2018 the Clerk continued the practice he began in 2014 of electronically publishing the Journal of the General Assembly each year as a set of electronic minutes and distributing it as an email attachment to all sessions and ministers (as well as to all other GA commissioners), within two weeks of the close of the Assembly. Care was taken to ensure that the electronic distribution of these minutes did not compromise the safety of our foreign missionaries. The Clerk believes that getting the actions of the highest court of the church into the hands of the sessions and presbyteries quickly provides an extra safeguard for communicating the actions of the Assembly.

2. *The Minutes of the 85th General Assembly and the 2018 Yearbook of the OPC* came together nicely with the assistance of administrative assistant Charlene Tipton and print editor Jim Scott and with the gracious volunteer indexing of the volume provided by Historian John Muether. All goals and deadlines were met, and the volume was distributed as planned on the day after Labor Day.

The 62nd (1995) General Assembly set the policy that the Minutes are to be sent to all ministers and sessions of the denomination with a request to contribute $15 per copy

to cover the cost of printing, which has since become the practice for the distribution of each year's Minutes/Yearbook.

3. The *2019 OPC Directory* was again printed without the inclusion of advertising in order to qualify the booklet for its less expensive distribution by USPS media rate. This change has had two effects. First, it has dramatically reduced the cost of distributing the Directory. Second, it has made space in the present 6-inch by 9-inch booklet format to add information about seventy more churches.

D. The Dissolution of the Presbytery of the Central United States

In its action to dissolve the Regional Church of the Central United States and its Presbytery effective October 31, 2018, in response to the petition of that presbytery's overture, the 85th (2018) General Assembly gave instructions to its Stated Clerk "to ensure and report to the next Assembly (a) that all assets of the Presbytery of the Central United States have been properly distributed, and (b) that the records of the Presbytery of the Central United States are preserved in the Archives.

Beginning two weeks after the adjournment of the 2018 Assembly, the Stated Clerk began a practice of regularly and systematically reaching out to each of the ministers and sessions of that regional church and stayed in regular contact with the stated clerk of their presbytery. Efforts were undertaken to ensure that the presbyteries to which the General Assembly had assigned the care of congregations and ministers from the Presbytery of the Central United States were in contact with and were processing the receptions of these congregations and ministers. By October 31, 2018, all transfers had been effected, all assets had been disbursed, financial obligations had been cared for, and the books were closed. And in early 2019 the records of the Presbytery of the Central United States were transferred to the Archives in Willow Grove.

E. Finances

1. The Clerk sent out notices to all the sessions in August 2018 concerning the amount requested from each church for the General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) and summarizing what was being requested for all General Assembly causes for 2019. This information is also posted on OPC.ORG within thirty days of the close of each General Assembly. The GAOF received $239,981 in contributions in 2018, falling short of the budgeted amount of $245,000. (See the Report of the Trustees, page 304.)

2. The Clerk authorized vouchers in 2018 for expenses charged to the GAOF.

3. Under the provisions of Standing Rule III.3.j.(4), and XI.2.e., the Clerk has met with a representative of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and has prepared, together with them, a proposed budget for the GAOF for 2020. This proposed budget was approved by the Trustees and is found in their report on page 304.

4. 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.

F. Other Duties of the Stated Clerk

1. His work with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations

Under the provisions of Standing Rule X.2.g, the Stated Clerk is an ex officio member of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (CEIR) without vote. During the past year the Clerk attended two stated meetings of the CEIR. He also corresponded with each church with which the OPC is in an ecclesiastical relationship, informing them of actions and decisions of the past General Assembly, and later inviting each to send a fraternal

delegate to the next General Assembly. And he has maintained close contact with the CEIR administrator.

2. His work with the Committee on General Assembly Arrangements

Under the provisions of Standing Rule X.2.h, the Stated Clerk is an ex officio member of the Committee on General Assembly Arrangements (COA) with vote. During the past year the Clerk has served as the secretary of the COA, has participated on visiting teams to future or potential General Assembly locations, has attended seven COA meetings, and has maintained close contact with the chairman of the COA.

G. The Electronic Availability of the Minutes/Yearbook

1. The electronic publication of the Minutes/Yearbook

At the 85th General Assembly in 2018 the Stated Clerk introduced, as the culmination of several years of work, a stand-alone web linked to the General Assembly menu on OPC.ORG, to house the Minutes of the General Assembly from 1936 to the present for access by the church's ministers and elders, as well as the general public. The purposes of this web page are: to provide an electronic storage location where the officers of the church may find these historical records without the need to maintain them in hard copy form in their libraries or in soft copy form on their own electronic media; to make the Minutes of the General Assembly easier to search, quote, excerpt, and copy; and to make the Minutes of the General Assembly available in a form in which they may be searched across years for subjects, themes, trends, and other types of information that would be difficult to compile otherwise. The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have determined to include funding for its $600 annual cost for site registration and maintenance in the annual General Assembly Operation Fund budget. It is the intention of the Stated Clerk to update this page annually.

2. Policies regarding the electronic publication of the Minutes/Yearbook

With the availability of the Digital Edition of the Minutes/Yearbook, several new policies have been put in place:

(a) Minutes PDFs from 1990 to the present will be posted in redacted form as follows: the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions has been deleted, and the list of ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has been deleted.

(b) All ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will continue to receive a hard copy of the Minutes/Yearbook in addition to the Digital Edition. This will ensure that in the event of a global catastrophe, print editions of these records of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be more likely to survive.

(c) All sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be offered a free download of the Digital Edition instead of a hard copy but may request the print edition from the Stated Clerk. This has begun to reduce the cost of the printing of the Minutes/Yearbook, though with the reduction of the number of copies printed, the price per copy will likely rise.

H. Looking to the Future with a Clerk-Observer

Each year since the 66th (1999) General Assembly, the recording of the minutes has been done by the diligent and gifted Assistant Clerk, the Rev. John W. Mahaffy. While thankful for the invaluable service rendered by Mr. Mahaffy (who has agreed to serve the 86th General Assembly as Assistant Clerk), the Stated Clerk has been concerned that his Assistant Clerk has no back-up. He recalls earlier times in the 1980s and 1990s when Mr. Mahaffy, along with the Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell and the Rev. Stephen L. Phillips, all served ably in this position when they were young men in their thirties and forties. So, in consultation with the Trustees, it has been decided that beginning with the 82nd (2015) General Assembly, an additional chair would be in place at the Clerks' table for a Clerk-Observer who would be appointed by the

Stated Clerk to learn from Mr. Mahaffy the role and responsibilities of the Assistant Clerk.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

That the Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to request each recipient of the hard copy of the Minutes/Yearbook to consider a voluntary contribution of $15 per copy to offset the cost of production and distribution.

VII. CONCLUSION

It has been a privilege to serve this Church I love as the Stated Clerk of its General Assembly. It is my hope that the work I have done, however administrative, has reflected my love for the Lord Jesus Christ. I am humbled by the trust that has been placed in me by the General Assembly, and I am honored to have been able to take on this responsibility for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. But now it is time for me to step away from this work into a quieter and slower time of life and labor.

Accordingly, I have made the Trustees aware of my desire to conclude my service as Stated Clerk at the end of 2019 and to let another take my place. A diligent search has been conducted, a decision has been reached, and the Trustees have announced their recommendation concerning the next Stated Clerk, along with a plan and a timetable for that transition, all of which may be found in the Report of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. So may God bless and guide the work of the General Assembly as I complete my labors at the end of 2019 and turn things over to the man who will succeed me on January 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross W. Graham, Stated Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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I. MEETINGS

The Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church met for business discussion on January 16, 2019, and for their regular annual meeting on March 26, 2019. The elected officers of the Trustees are: Richard N. Ellis, President; Stephen C. L. Chong, Vice President; Stephen L. Phillips, Secretary; David E. Haney, Treasurer.

II. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

A. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church 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 an EIN 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 EIN of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church 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* and enter "EIN" in the search field at the top of the screen and it will take you to a page with instructions for applying for an EIN. The Trustees urge each congregation and mission work of the denomination to apply for an EIN.

IV. COMMITTEE EXPENSES THAT EXCEED BUDGET

Standing or special committees of the General Assembly that draw upon the General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) for their expenses 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 (10) percent they must seek prior authorization from both the Stated Clerk and the Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Trustees exceeded their budget for 2018 ($1,500) by $313 (21%), and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations exceeded its budget for 2018 ($35,964) by $8,475.25 (24%).

V. COMMITTEE ON ATTORNEYS AND ACCOUNTANTS

The Trustees report that due to insufficient response from attorneys and accountants, the formation of a Committee on Attorneys and Accountants (to assist the Church in such matters as the need for enhanced and uniform fiscal procedures and policies in the light of changing regulatory requirements, and the need for legal guidance on a denominational, regional, and local level, in the light of new and changing interpretations of law) has been cancelled.

VI. PROCEDURE FOR IDENTIFYING THE NEXT STATED CLERK

A. After the Rev. Ross W. Graham informed the Trustees in late 2017 that he desired his term as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to end as of December 31, 2019, the Trustees began a search for his successor. They appointed a Stated Clerk Search Committee composed of three of their members, analyzed the work as undertaken by the current Stated Clerk, widely advertised their search in print and online, and invited applicants to apply for the position by a deadline of November 1, 2018. Seven ministers and elders of the church applied

for the position. During the month of November 2018 application forms were reviewed, references were contacted, and telephone conference call interviews of all seven applicants were conducted by the Search Committee. Following those interviews the field was narrowed to three by mid-December, and those three were interviewed in person at the Administrative Offices by the entire Board of Trustees in mid-January 2019.

B. During the course of their interviews with the three Stated Clerk candidates this past January the Trustees gained a clear picture of the strengths and gifts of each, and of how each would serve the church, and an obvious and unanimous recommendation to the General Assembly emerged as to who should be nominated to be the next Stated Clerk. The Clerk Search Committee and the whole Board of Trustees were humbled by the search process and believe their nominee will serve the church well.

VII. NOMINATION FOR THE NEXT STATED CLERK

A. The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church bring to the 86th (2019) General Assembly their nomination for the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as follows:

The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommend that the 86th (2019) General Assembly elect the Rev. Hank L. Belfield as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to begin a three-year term of office on January 1, 2020, with remuneration specified by the Trustees and enumerated in the 2020 GAOF Budget.

B. By way of explanation of what happens next in the Stated Clerk selection and transition process, the Trustees offer the following:

1. Concerning the election of the next Stated Clerk, the nomination by the Trustees will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee assigned to review the work and recommendations of the Trustees, at which time they will have opportunity meet the nominee and ask him questions. Then, at the conclusion of the oral report of the Trustees to the General Assembly, the nomination of Mr. Belfield as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will be put forth by the Trustees, and the Advisory Committee will present their advice concerning it to the Assembly. Then the Moderator will put the question to the Assembly for voice vote as follows: "Shall the Rev. Hank L. Belfield be elected as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to begin a three-year term of office on January 1, 2020, with remuneration specified by the Trustees and enumerated in the 2020 GAOF Budget?"

2. Concerning the work and tenure of the current Stated Clerk, Mr. Graham will remain the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly through December 31, 2019. During that time he will complete the Minutes of the 86th General Assembly and the 2019 Yearbook of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and all communications relating to and resulting from the 86th GA, will maintain and update all records of the church and receive all correspondence, and ensure that all such records, codes, and passwords are transferred to the new Stated Clerk on or by January 1, 2020. As his final duty, he will fulfill the requirements of Form of Government XV:2 which states that "The general assembly, which is the governing body of the whole church, shall consist of not more than one hundred and fifty-five voting commissioners, including the moderator and stated clerk of the previous assembly, the stated clerk of the current assembly, and such ministers and ruling elders as are commissioned by the respective

presbyteries in accordance with proportions determined by a previous general assembly."

3. Concerning the work of the Stated Clerk elect, Mr. Belfield will assume the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on January 1, 2020, at which time all records, codes, and passwords will have been transferred to him, and will from that time receive and send all correspondence to and from the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and act in all matters relating to the 87th (2020) General Assembly as its Stated Clerk.

VIII. TRUSTEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 86th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Richard N. Ellis (President) was delegated to present the Report of the Trustees to the 86th General Assembly, with Mr. Stephen L. Phillips (Secretary) as the alternate.

IX. ELECTIONS

A. The present Trustees are:
   1. Class of 2021: Chad D. Mullinix and David E. Haney
   1. Class of 2020: Stephen L. Phillips and Stephen C. L. Chong
   2. Class of 2019: Richard N. Ellis and John E. Hearn

B. The term of the following trustees expires at this assembly:
   1. Class of 2019: Richard N. Ellis (minister) and John E. Hearn (ruling elder)
   2. The Trustees wish to inform the Assembly that Richard N. Ellis (minister) and John E. Hearn (ruling elder) are eligible to be re-elected and have indicated their willingness to serve on the Class of 2022.
   3. One minister and one ruling elder or deacon are to be elected to the Class of 2022.

X. PROPOSED BUDGET

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 2020 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $22 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2020:

XI. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

The Trustees estimate their costs for 2020 to be $20,000 (of which $15,000 is insurance).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard N. Ellis, President

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

This report provides a summary of statistics for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 2018. The Yearbook contains a tabulated summary of statistics for the whole church, the regional churches, and local congregations, the statistical reports of the presbyteries, and a recapitulation of membership totals since 1938.

I. SUMMARY

During 2018 the number of local churches (congregations) grew by one to 282, and unorganized mission works increased by two to 42. The total number of congregations and mission works was 324 at the end of the year. Total membership fell slightly to 31,043, representing a decrease of 240 members (0.77 percent) for the year. Morning worship attendance, however, increased by 176 persons (0.73 percent) to 24,161 as measured in November. Sunday school attendance increased by 152 persons (1.25 percent) to 12,302.

Total offerings of $63.5 million represented an increase of 4.40 percent from 2017, with a 5.13-percent increase in average giving per communicant member to $2,779. Of total giving, general offerings increased by 2.38 percent, benevolence giving increased by 4.75 percent, and offerings for capital improvements increased by 28.9 percent from 2017.

The church welcomed 24 new ministers last year: thirteen men newly ordained to the gospel ministry, ten men received from other churches, and one additional minister (previously ordained in the OPC) enrolled upon his installation. Meanwhile, four ministers were dismissed to other churches, six ministers entered their eternal rest, one man demitted the ministry, one was deposed from office, and one was erased. This brings the total number of ministers to 557.

This report is based on reports received from each presbytery and from local churches and mission works comprising 96 percent of the total church membership.

II. CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

The Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the OPC dissolved the Presbytery of the Central United States effective October 31, 2018. Its three remaining churches were transferred as follows: Faith OPC in Lincoln, NE, to the Presbytery of the Midwest; Westminster OPC in Bartlesville, OK, and Providence OPC in Tulsa, OK, to the Presbytery of the Southwest.

The total number of local churches at the end of 2018 grew to 282. Five mission works were organized as new and separate churches and two congregations were received, while five churches were dissolved and one church withdrew from the OPC. These changes are listed below with their respective regional churches.

Church Additions (7)	**Regional Church**
Organized as new and separate churches from mission works	
Omega, Williamsport, PA	Central PA
Living Hope, Beamsville, Ontario	MI & Ontario
Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, WA	Northwest
Christ the King, Naples, FL	South
Concho Valley, Concho, AZ	Southern CA
Received into the OPC	
Pilgrim, El Cajon, CA	Southern CA

Christ Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound, TX	Southwest

Church Reductions (6)

Dissolved	
Skowhegan OPC, Skowhegan, ME	NY & New England
Grace Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia
Grace, Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia
Beal Heights Presbyterian, Lawton, OK	Southwest
Grace, Norman, OK	Southwest
Withdrew from the OPC	
Columbia OPC, Columbia, MD	Mid-Atlantic

The number of unorganized mission works increased by two to 42, as nine new mission works were started or received, while five were organized as new and separate churches and two were terminated. These changes are listed below with their respective regional churches.

Mission Work Additions (9)	**Regional Church**
Started or received into the OPC as mission works	
Grace and Truth, Mifflintown, PA	Central PA
Harvest, East Haddam, CT	CT & Southern NY
Mission Church, Merrillville, IN	MI & Ontario
Reformation, Grand Rapids, MI	MI & Ontario
Wilmington Reformed, Wilmington, OH	Ohio
First Street Reformed Fellowship, Dayton, OH	Ohio
Providence, Cumming, GA	Southeast
New Braunfels OPC, New Braunfels, TX	Southwest
Good Shepherd, Richmond (Houston SW), TX	Southwest

Mission Work Reductions (7)

Organized as new and separate churches	
Omega, Williamsport, PA	Central PA
Living Hope, Beamsville, Ontario	MI & Ontario
Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, WA	Northwest
Christ the King, Naples, FL	South
Concho Valley, Concho, AZ	Southern CA
Terminated as a mission work	
Gospel Life Church, Chicago, IL	Midwest
Gateway, St. Louis, MO	Midwest

III. MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The total membership of 31,043 persons at year's end consisted of 557 ministers, 22,847 communicant members, and 7,639 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents a decrease of 240 persons (0.77 percent) from 2017's adjusted total of 31,283 members. Communicant membership change included 556 professions of faith and 824 reaffirmations of

faith; offset by losses from deaths (167), net transfers (689), and discipline & erasures (685). The net reduction of 90 non-communicant members (baptized children) came as the result of additions by 565 baptisms and 535 children received with parents, and of reductions by professions of faith (264), death (1), children dismissed with parents (665), and erasures (260). The large number of dismissals of both communicants and non-communicants was due in part to the withdrawal of one large congregation of nearly 600 members in 2018.

Attendance at morning worship in November averaged 24,161, which is 77.8 percent of total membership. This is an increase of 176 persons (0.73 percent) from a year earlier. Sunday school attendance averaged 12,302, which is 39.6 percent of total membership. This is 152 persons (1.25 percent) more than reported in 2017.

OP congregations, naturally, vary greatly in size, ranging from tens to hundreds of members. The "average" OP church (not including unorganized mission works) has 103 members (communicants and non-communicants) and a weekly attendance of 81 at morning worship. Approximately 62% of the churches are smaller than the average. The median size (half smaller, half larger) is 83 members with 68 attending worship, while ten percent of OP congregations exceed 192 members and 152 attendees.

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS

Total giving reported in 2018 grew by 4.40 percent over the previous year to $63,502,625, consistent with the small decrease in membership and a 5.13 percent increase in average giving per communicant member, which reached $2,779.

The $63.5 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC in 2018 is divided into three categories for the statistical report. General offerings for local church expenses grew by 2.38 percent to $49.7 million, or 78.4 percent of giving. Benevolence offerings (for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry) increased as well (4.75 percent) to $8.7 million, representing 13.7 percent of total contributions. Offerings designated or used for capital improvements totaled $5.0 million, or 7.9 percent of total giving.

Finally, bequests received by local churches in 2018 totaled an additional $551,300. This amount does not include bequests that may have been received by presbyteries and denominational agencies.

V. ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 557 ministers in the OPC at the end of 2018, representing a net increase of eleven in the number of ministers on the rolls of the presbyteries. Thirteen men were ordained as ministers, ten ministers were received into the OPC from other churches, and one additional minister (previously ordained in the OPC) was enrolled upon his installation. Thirteen ministers were removed from the rolls of presbyteries: four by dismissal to other churches, six by reason of death, one who demitted the ministry, one who was deposed from office, and one who was erased. Dates and details of ministerial changes are reported in the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries in the Yearbook.

Ministers Added to the Roll (24)	**Presbytery**
Ordained	
Daniel W. Adams	MI & Ontario
Miller E. Ansell	Southwest
Peter J. Bringe	Midwest

Ryan S. Cavanaugh	MI & Ontario
Aijalon B. Church	Philadelphia
James W. Clark	Southeast
J. Scott Creel	South
Anthony C. Domanik	Midwest
Andrew W. Fortenberry	Midwest
Roberto Quiñones-Cardona	New Jersey
Zachary M. Simmons	Central PA
Michael T. Spangler	Southeast
Thomas A. Tkach	Southwest

Received into the OPC

John Canales	Southwest
Keith E. Graham	New Jersey
Gregory W. O'Brien	Philadelphia
Charles M. Olivera	CT & Southern NY
Joe Puglia	Southern CA
Benjamin C. Rochester	Southern CA
Dylan J. Rowland	Ohio
Michael J. Schout	MI & Ontario
Jack Unangst	Southern CA
Jared H. Van Noord	Midwest

Enrolled upon his installation

C. Adam Ostella	MI & Ontario

Ministers Removed from the Roll (13)

Dismissed from the OPC

Louis J. Cloete	Dakotas
Daniel L. Korzep	NY & New England
Frank P. Liu	Midwest
Charles A. Muether	Midwest

Deceased

Josué I. Balderas	Southern CA
Larry D. Conard	Northwest
Stanton P. Durham	Northwest
Robert W. Eckardt	Philadelphia
Jack J. Peterson	Southwest
Jose Vera	South

Demitted

Brenton C. Ferry	Southeast

Deposed

Randall A. Bergquist	Northwest

Erased

Kevin P. Swanson	Dakotas

In addition to these changes, 22 ministers transferred between OPC presbyteries in 2018:

Minister	**From**	**To**
Joseph A. Auksela	Central U.S.	Southwest
Ronald L. Beabout	Mid-Atlantic	Central PA
Timothy L. Black	Central U.S.	Southwest
Brian D. Chang	Southern CA	Mid-Atlantic
Alan J. Dueck	Northern CA & NV	Ohio
Edward A. Eppinger	Central U.S.	Southwest
Arthur J. Fox	Central PA	Northern CA & NV
Mark T. Harrington	Central U.S.	Midwest
Gregory P. Hoadley	Midwest	Northwest
Rodney T. King	Southeast	South
Nicholas G. Lammé	Midwest	Southwest
Gerald P. Malkus	NY & New England	Mid-Atlantic
Timothy L. McClymonds	Central U.S.	Southwest
Kevin L. Medcalf	Northern CA & NV	Southeast
LeRoy E. Miller	Central U.S.	Midwest
Chad D. Mullinix	South	Central PA
Stephen L. Roberts	Midwest	Mid-Atlantic
Jim G. Stevenson	Central U.S.	Southwest
Terry F. Thole	Northern CA & NV	MI & Ontario
Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.	Mid-Atlantic	Philadelphia
Clarence E. Veld	Central U.S.	Southwest
Larry E. Wilson	Northwest	MI & Ontario

The number of ruling elders in the church decreased by 47 to 1026; of these, 842 (82 percent) are currently serving on sessions. The total number of deacons increased by 19 to 918, with 702 (76 percent) actively serving. In all, with 557 ministers included, there are 2,501 ordained officers in the church.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 2018 experienced a small gain in both the number of congregations and mission works. Membership declined a little, but worship attendance increased, as did Sunday school attendance. Sessions added 2,283 new communicant members to their rolls, but also removed 2,444 members. Similarly, non-communicant gains were 1,100, but removals totaled 1,190 (of whom 264 became communicant members by profession of faith). Once again in 2018 the church experienced God's loving care and blessings.

Respectfully submitted,
Luke E. Brown
Statistician

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 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. Church plants start in presbyteries and local congregations, and the Committee exists to serve and support the labors of these regional and local churches.

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 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 thankful for the privilege of working with the whole church in the building of the kingdom.

During 2018, we celebrated the fruit of those church planting labors in several places across the United States. Seven new church plants rejoiced in the arrival of organizing pastors and the start of denominational aid in 2018. We continued the church planting internship program that was started in 2017. Our first two church planting interns completed their work last summer, and three new interns begin their labors by the end of the summer. We are excited for this new partnership with the Committee on Christian Education. Also, in partnership with the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, we helped the Presbytery of the Southwest call an evangelist to serve in Houston.

The Committee spent significant time in the past year developing and improving how we serve the presbyteries and mission works of the OPC. We substantially redesigned the training conference for church planters over the past two years. In January of last year, we included both first- and third-year church planters with their wives in an expanded training conference – with an extra day of training, some new areas of emphasis, and added time for prayer, fellowship, and building of new relationships. The response was universally positive, and this January we continued that practice with at least thirty people in attendance. We believe this increased commitment will bear good fruit.

We also passed new policies regarding both our support for mission works and our role in the revitalization or strengthening of established churches. Regarding our support of mission works, the Committee approved a detailed policy of support that expresses our broad commitment to come alongside presbyteries and mission works to not only offer financial support, but also describes in detail our commitment for support that includes resources, training, prayer, mentoring, and visiting. (That policy is included as an appendix to this report.) We also passed a motion regarding the role of the Committee in the strengthening of existing congregations. That is described later in this report (Section IV: Working with the Presbyteries).

In the coming year, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has committed resources to support this church planting labor in several different ways. When the Committee met in December 2018, we approved funding for the following: twelve new mission works, a church planting intern, and new regional home missionaries in as many as three more presbyteries. Even in the few months since that meeting, we have received additional new requests for a church planting intern and a mission work. We continue to develop online tools to support our mission works and church planters. We have also committed additional resources to promotion, including a commitment of $40,000 per year for the next couple years as a gift to the Committee on Coordination to support an online promotion plan for the worldwide outreach program. We see this as an important expression of our support for the whole work of the whole church, as we serve together in the advance of the gospel.

Of course, even as we make plans, approve policies, and commit resources, we recognize that the work of the harvest depends on the blessing of the Lord of the harvest. We are laborers in his field, and that labor includes sowing in tears. We acknowledge the struggles that our church plants endure. The work of the church and the planting of new churches is spiritual warfare, and though we know that the gates of hell will not prevail against Christ's church (Matthew 16:18), we also anticipate a real battle. Church planting involves difficult labor, and that difficult labor exposes our weaknesses. Yet God promises to use our weaknesses as the stage for displaying the power of Christ. Therefore, for the sake of Christ, we are content "with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:9–10)."

How does the church respond to the promise and the demands of a plentiful harvest? First, we depend on the Lord with confidence that he will fulfill his promise of a great harvest through a faithful, joyful church (Matthew 9:35–38). Second, we labor in the work of the

gospel, preaching and evangelizing with the expectation of a harvest of men and women gathered into the church; and we labor even through pain and tears as we follow the cross-carrying steps of our Savior (Psalm 126). Third, we rejoice at the many opportunities to participate in the reaping of souls as the Lord works in and through his church (through us) to gather worshipers into his glorious kingdom. This means we send missionaries to fields both home and foreign, taking risks for the sake of the kingdom work given to the church. We sacrificially give of our time, money, resources, and people to see churches planted all over the globe so that God might be glorified.

Pray for the Lord to bless these labors with the planting of more churches and the gathering of new believers to the glory of God. Pray, as well, for the courage of our local presbyteries and congregations to willingly sacrifice resources of time, money, and people, and to endure the tears of faithful sowing, so that we might also celebrate with joy the blessing of reaping in the harvest fields of our God.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension submits to the 86th General Assembly the report that follows, in praise to God who has abundantly cared for us. We encourage you to pray 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 send laborers into the plentiful harvest for the work of enlarging His church and accomplishing what He has laid out for us to do.

II. FIELD SUPPORT IN 2018

A. Fields Supported

The following thirty-four mission fields were provided with financial assistance from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension during 2018 (listed by presbytery):

Central Pennsylvania:	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (Joshua L. McKamy)
	Mifflintown, Pennsylvania (Ronald L. Beabout)
Michigan & Ontario:	Grand Rapids, Michigan (Mika D. Edmondson)
	Merrillville, Indiana (Ryan S. Cavanaugh)
	Zeeland, Michigan (Michael J. Schout)
Midwest:	Andover, Minnesota (James T. Hoekstra)
	Andover, Minnesota (church planting intern Nathan Strom)
	Chicago, Illinois (John H. Ro)
	Oshkosh, Wisconsin (Robert T. Holda)
	St. Louis, Missouri (Paul A. Mourreale)
New Jersey:	Arroyo, Puerto Rico (Bradney E. Lopez)
Northwest:	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (David G. Graves)
Ohio:	Huron, Ohio (Lawrence B. Oldaker)
	Springfield, Ohio (Daniel J. Doleys)
Philadelphia:	Downingtown, Pennsylvania (Gregory W. O'Brien)
South:	Key West, Florida (William V. Welzien)
	Naples, Florida (Eric R. Hausler)
	Naples, Florida (church planting intern Ryan Heaton)
	Naples, Florida (church planting intern Ben Ward)
	St. Augustine, Florida (church planting intern Brock Pavier)
Southeast:	Clarkston, Georgia (Chris B. Cashen)
	Cumming, Georgia (Kevin L. Medcalf)
	Neon, Kentucky (M. Jay Bennett)

	Virginia Beach, Virginia (Lowell A. Ivey)
	Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Calvin D. Keller)
Southern Calif.:	Anaheim Hills, California (Christopher D. Hartshorn)
	Corona, California (Matthew S. Prather)
	Pasadena, California (Matthew E. Cotta)
	Yuma, Arizona (Jeremy R. Baker)
Southwest:	Austin, Texas (James J. Cassidy)
	Houston, Texas (church planting intern Miller Ansell)
	Houston, Texas (Houston evangelist Nicholas G. Lammé)
	San Antonio, Texas (Andrew T. Moody)
	Waco, Texas (Jason C. Kirklin)

B. New Fields

Seven new mission works began receiving financial assistance from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension during 2018 in the following locations: Downingtown, Pennsylvania; Mifflintown, Pennsylvania; Merrillville, Indiana; Zeeland, Michigan; Clarkston, Georgia; Cumming, Georgia; and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Three new church planting interns received support in Andover, Minnesota; Naples, Florida; and St. Augustine, Florida. Also, the Committee entered a partnership with the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and the Presbytery of the Southwest to support an evangelist to Houston.

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 complete and submit to the Committee the Church Planting Stewardship Plan, which will provide: an historical sketch of the mission work, 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 update of the original Church Planting Stewardship Plan for the mission work, including an indication that provision has been made in its budget for the continued labors of the evangelist on a full-time basis and for benevolent giving to presbytery and denominational causes.

d. The Committee approved the implementation of this ongoing assessment process – a process that was described in our Operating Manual but never fully implemented – because the Committee recognizes our responsibility to wisely steward the giving of our

congregations to Worldwide Outreach. We hope this process will help to stabilize new works as they grow by God's grace into healthy, established congregations. We eagerly desire to participate with the whole church in planting more congregations that bring ever-increasing glory to our Lord and Savior.

e. 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.

f. 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 work 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 2018, eight churches and two church planting interns concluded their support relationship with the Committee as follows:

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest to Immanuel OPC in Andover, Minnesota, for the support of James Hoekstra from April 2014 through March 2018.

Aid in the amount of $109,800 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest to Gospel Life OPC in Chicago, Illinois, for the support of John Ro from January 2009 through March 2018.

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario to New City Fellowship in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the support of Mika Edmondson from February 2014 through January 2018.

Aid in the amount of $30,000 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southwest for the support of church planting intern Miller Ansell from July 2017 through June 2018.

Aid in the amount of $150,000 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the South to Christ the King OPC in Naples, Florida for the support of Eric Hausler from July 2013 through June 2018.

Aid in the amount of $50,625 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the South for the support of church planting intern Ryan Heaton from July 2017 through June 2018.

Aid in the amount of $121,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southwest to San Antonio Reformed OPC for the support of Andrew Moody from July 2012 through June 2018.

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southwest to South Austin Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, for the support of James Cassidy from January 2015 through December 2018.

Aid in the amount of $73,080 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Ohio to Living Water OPC in Springfield, Ohio, for the support of Brad Peppo from January 2015 through May 2017 and Daniel Doleys from June 2017 through December 2018.

Aid in the amount of $52,200 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest to Gateway OPC in St. Louis, Missouri, for the support of Todd Wagenmaker from June 2012 through June 2015 and Paul Mourreale from July 2015 through June 2018.

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 Bible studies in efforts to form core groups that will comprise the worshiping 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 2018, the regional churches of the OPC were served by one part-time and seven full-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 2018. He provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Virginia Beach, Virginia and Neon, Kentucky. He also worked toward the establishment of two new mission works. The work in Cumming, Georgia began receiving support in 2018 with Rev. Kevin Medcalf serving as the church planter. The work in Winston-Salem, North Carolina also began receiving support in 2018 with Rev. Calvin Keller serving as church planter. Rev. Andrews is currently providing assistance in the development of works in Wilmington, North Carolina; Griffin, Georgia; and Yorktown, Virginia. A new work was established in Clarkston, Georgia as an

evangelistic ministry to refugees with a long-term view to plant a congregation there. CHMCE began a two-year program of support for Clarkston in January 2018 and with Rev. Christopher B. Cashen serving as evangelist.

The Rev. James L. Bosgraf continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Midwest during 2018. He provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Andover, Minnesota; and Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rev. Bosgraf is currently providing assistance in the development of mission works in the Racine/Kenosha area of Wisconsin and in West Plaines, Missouri. In 2018, the presbytery acted to close the works in Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. Jim's wife went home to be with the Lord in September. We all grieve with him with thanks for Judy's life and with the hope of the resurrection in our hearts.

The Rev. David A. Crum continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Southern California during 2018. He provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in Anaheim Hills, California; Corona, California; Pasadena, California; and Yuma, Arizona. He is also working toward the establishment of works in other locations in Southern California and Arizona.

The Rev. Stephen D. Doe continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic in 2018. He continued to provide guidance in the development of the mission work previously established in Virginia Beach, Virginia in conjunction with Presbytery of the Southeast RHM Lacy Andrews. He also assisted the presbytery in exploring a number of potential areas for mission works in the region including Charles Town, West Virginia; Catlett, Virginia; and Yorktown, Virginia in cooperation with the Presbytery of the Southeast and its RHM, Rev. Andrews. He also continued to encourage the churches of the presbytery through instruction on evangelism and welcoming visitors. Rev. Doe experienced serious health problems in November that required two heart surgeries and more than three months of hospital care. He is recovering well. We are all thankful for God's mercy to him.

The Rev. David R. Holmlund continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 2018. He worked toward the establishment of a new mission work in Downingtown, Pennsylvania with Rev. Gregory O'Brien serving as organizing pastor that began receiving support in 2018. He is also exploring the possibility of establishing a mission work in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William Shishko continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York in 2018. His work included the production of a weekly radio program called "A Visit to the Pastor's Study" which is designed to provide faithful content through interviews and to promote the ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with particular focus on the congregations of the presbytery. A new 26-minute radio program began called "Open Forum." Bill also assisted the presbytery in exploring church planting opportunities within the region, including emerging works in East Haddam, Connecticut and Deer Park, Long Island, New York.

The Rev. G. Mark Sumpter continued his full-time ministry as a regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southwest in 2018. He provided guidance in the continued development of mission works previously established in San Antonio, Texas; Austin, Texas; and Waco, Texas. He also worked with groups in New Braunfels, Texas and Southwest Houston, Texas with the prayer that the works will have organizing pastors in 2019. He met with families in Wichita Falls, Texas with a view toward developing a mission work there in the future. A new evangelistic work was established in Houston in 2018 to minister to those who continue to suffer from the effects of Hurricane Harvey with Rev. Nicholas Lammé serving as evangelist.

Ruling Elder Christian H. Walmer II continued his service as a part-time area home

missions coordinator in the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania during 2018. He provided guidance in the continued development of the mission work previously established in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He also worked toward the establishment of a new work in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania with Rev. Ronald Beabout serving as organizing pastor.

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 four to six 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 to serve 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 regularly 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 with each other as well as with the denominational Committee in their efforts to start new churches. The 2018 gathering was held November 1–2 at Lake Sherwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida. The theme for the conference was hospitality and was led by Rev. Stephen Doe ("The Welcoming Church"); Rev. William Shishko ("Helping Our Churches Be Appealing, Not Appalling"); John Shaw ("Evangelism and Hospitality"); and Al Tricarico ("Hospitality and the Pastor").

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.

Another aspect of being intentional in our church planting has been encouraging established congregations to develop daughter church plants. This approach provides particularly robust strength and resources to carry on the work of home missions. As one significant step toward supporting this, the Committee committed the use of the Neilands Fund (a significant fund of designated gifts through a bequest) to provide a one-year matching grant of up to $40,000 to help a mother church with a new church plant. These funds provide one additional year of upfront financial support in addition to the typical four-year declining scale support package. We hope this initiative will encourage new works by addressing one of the primary obstacles to planting a daughter congregation – the availability of funds. Matching grants were used to support two new mission works in 2018 (Cumming, Georgia and Zeeland, Michigan).

Over the past five years, the Committee has received inquiries about the revitalization of struggling congregations from many sources, including several General Assembly advisory committees. There is an assumption that many of the challenges and opportunities in revitalization are similar to those of church planting. The Committee invested significant time studying the issue over several years with a desire to serve the whole church and has also supported several works as revitalization efforts with mixed results. It has become clear that the challenges and obstacles to revitalization are very different from those of church planting. Approaching revitalization like another form of church planting typically does not work. Based on the many hours of investigation and testing, the Committee approved an initial revitalization policy that would include the following: identify pastors and elders with proven ministry experience in serving healthy churches (including evident gifts in areas such as pastoral leadership, preaching, evangelism, and discipleship); provide for those pastors and elders opportunities for mutual discussion and training in the skill of observing, evaluating, and assisting sessions and congregations; provide a list of pastor and elder trainers to presbyteries or sessions when they seek support; allow the presbytery or session to identify and choose a trainer from that list; and provide some financial support for trainers to visit and work with the local session. The staff is now working with the Committee to begin to implement this policy.

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 2019, the annual Church Planter Training Conference was held in the facilities of Covenant OPC, St. Augustine, Florida, with thirty OP church planters, prospective church planters, and guests attending. Attendance continues to be strong with the participation of two classes of church planters (first- and third-year men) and the inclusion of their wives. The event delivers intensive training based partly on the Committee's manual *Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church*. This year instruction was given by the general secretaries on subjects such as "Building a Culture of Evangelism," "Pastoral Leadership," "Manners in the Ministry," and "Identifying and Developing Leaders." Two former church planters joined us and spoke on "The Church Planter's Family" (Eric Hausler with his wife, Donna) and "Evangelistic Preaching" (Eric Watkins). Worldwide Outreach ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church were also presented by the general secretaries of CCE and CFM, the short-term missions coordinator, and the director of finance and planned giving.

The Committee provided support for the promotion of the 2018 Thank Offering. It planned and produced videos made available to the whole church by the Committee on Coordination

for use in Sunday School, announcements, websites, Facebook pages, and other venues.

In its continuing effort to identify men who possess church planting skills, the Committee sponsored a "Readiness for Ministry in the OPC" seminar at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida with nine students participating in 2018. The seminar planned for Glenside, Pennsylvania was cancelled due to a significant winter storm and loss of power in the host building. The Committee also sponsored four lunch discussions on the campus of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, with between thirty and fifty students in attendance at each lunch. 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, and also to recommend resources for use in church plants and congregations. All are encouraged to follow or request an email subscription to the page.

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 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. The CHMCE website is currently under review with the goal of providing more effective online tools to support the work of presbyteries.

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.

The Committee continues to evaluate the use of a variety of technological resources to serve the whole church more effectively, but especially to serve and train church planters. In an endeavor to support the evangelistic work of OP churches, a new website was launched in 2017—*outwardopc.com*. This site is auxiliary to *chmce.org*. The concept emerged from an observed need for church planters to obtain help with the task of bringing the gospel to their neighborhoods. The site includes articles, audio and video content, in-depth presentations from pastors, and interviews with people who are successfully reaching out in unique ways. *Outwardopc.com* was featured in the March 2018 issue of *New Horizons*.

In 2018 CHMCE adopted a church planting support document that lists and describes provisions made by the committee under the headings "Financial Support," "Prayer Support," and "Education and Training Support." The document appears as an appendix to this report. A new list of recommended resources for church planters is also available.

In its effort to help presbyteries and their home missions committees with the process of searching for suitable candidates to labor in their mission works, CHMCE has developed a specialized Ministerial Information Form for church planters and a set of guidelines for

interviewing organizing pastor candidates.

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 2018. Receipts from Worldwide Outreach, the Thank Offering, and designated gifts met and slightly exceeded budget goals. We give thanks to the whole church for your support of our labors, which was exemplified in your generous financial gifts, but also in your continued prayer.

After three years of expenses finishing significantly below budget, in 2018, the Committee expenses matched our budgeted expectations. That news is encouraging especially because of the ways those dollars were spent. We enjoyed a busy year of new works (seven new church plants, three new church planting interns, and one new evangelist), the fruit of our largest number of regional home missionaries in many years, which meant spending even slightly beyond our budget for church planting. We also increased our commitment and our budget for church planter training, online communication, and promotion of the work of our Committee and the work of worldwide outreach. The Lord gave us opportunity to do that work even while reducing staffing costs, thus making more money available for mission work.

Matching church planting expenditures with income remains a challenge for the Committee. The initial activity to develop a new mission work typically begins several years prior to it receiving financial support. We also need to balance the support of regional home missionaries (support that does not decline, but rather increases over time) with the support of the works that are produced (which does decline and thus requires much greater support at the front end). This challenge is additionally complicated by our role as a primarily reactive body. We support and therefore respond to the church planting needs of presbyteries. And the presbyteries face a difficult job of projection, because every mission work develops at a different pace.

With increases in giving over the past four or five years, the Committee continues to actively 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 two added in 2015, one added in 2016, and possibly three more added in 2019), present new challenges. At the request of several presbyteries, the Committee drafted new and increased support packages for both church plants and regional home missionaries in 2017. Yet we still face questions about the sufficiency of the amount and length of financial support. We continue to evaluate the sufficiency of our support packages because we believe increased support will produce improved results, though it brings additional financial pressure.

As you can see, with the active response to the needs of our presbyteries, the expense for church planting and church planter training has increased significantly in the past couple years. The budgets for 2019 and 2020 include significant draws on our contingent funds (a total of $515,000). Those draws are feasible in the short term due to the generous giving of the church, but that strategy only works in the short-term. The Committee reserves provide an important financial buffer, especially during the difficult summer and fall months when expenses far outweigh income. We believe these reserves are a necessary part of our fiscal stewardship.

Pray for wisdom as the Committee seeks to balance the need and opportunity with the

resources available, that the use of these gifts would prove fruitful in the planting of new churches and the gathering of worshippers.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fields started:	7	4	5	7	8
Total fields:	40	38	34	33	34

VII. BUDGET

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed Budget
Receipts:					
Contributions	$1,342,589	$1,368,570	$1,350,000	$1,365,000	$1,400,000
Other	979	2,822	1,000	1,000	1,000
Transfer (Reserves)	0	74,495	135,540	260,000	255,000
Total	$1,343,568	$1,445,887	$1,486,540	$1,626,000	$1,656,000
Disbursements:					
Church Planting	$748,599	$903,887	$885,000	$975,000	$1,000,000
Ministry Expenses	91,327	106,514	121,500	153,500	153,000
Promotion	50,013	85,090	80,737	91,000	90,500
Administration	412,319	394,104	399,303	406,500	412,500
Total	$1,302,258	$1,489,596	$1,486,540	$1,626,000	$1,656,000

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 the CHMCE. The Board is comprised of the following:

Class of 2019: Messrs. Gregory S. De Jong, Keith A. LeMahieu
Class of 2020: Messrs. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Sidney O. Smith
Class of 2021: Messrs. John M. Mauldin, C. Steven McDaniel

The following serve as officers of the Board: president, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; vice president, John M. Mauldin; secretary, C. Steven McDaniel; treasurer, Sidney O. Smith; assistant secretary, John S. Shaw; assistant secretary, Mark A. Stumpff; 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. Mr. Mark A. Stumpff serves as Loan Fund Administrator.

During 2018, the OPCLF was open for new investment Notes. The following fixed rates for notes were in effect through October 31, 2018: 1-year, 0.50%; 2-year, 1.00%; 3-year, 1.50%; 4-year, 2.00%; 5-year, 2.50%; 10-year, 3.50%. At its September 12 meeting, the Board of Directors determined to increase rates to the following, effective November 1, 2018: 1-year, 1.00%; 2-year, 1.50%; 3-year, 2.00%; 4-year, 2.25%; 5-year, 2.75%; 10-year, 3.75%. During 2018 OPCLF was able to renew and roll-over or transfer Notes owned by investors residing in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Although a growing number of states are adopting the Uniform Securities Act (USA2002), factors including regulations and fees make it difficult to offer Notes in other states. At the close of the year the total of the Notes outstanding was $12,519,028. This is an increase of $712,069 from the prior year. Additional financial reports on the OPCLF are available upon request.

Notes Outstanding, December 31, 2018

One-year Notes	$ 708,055
Two-year Notes	623,865
Three-year Notes	2,110,118
Four-year Notes	607,585
Five-year Notes	4,513,645
Ten-year Notes	3,955,760
Total Notes	$12,519,028

During the year the Board approved and disbursed the following new loans:

(1) a loan of $400,000 to Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia, for the purpose of constructing a parking lot located at 2371 Cedar Ln., Vienna, Virginia, for use as additional parking;

(2) a loan of $160,000 to Living Water Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ohio, for the purpose of purchasing property located at 1910 Saint Paris Pike, Springfield, Ohio, for their worship facilities;

(3) a loan of $664,000 to Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Mesa, Arizona, for the purpose of re-financing their existing third-party loan and interior buildout to their property located at 11556 E. University, Mesa, Arizona, for their worship facilities;

(4) a loan of $280,000 to Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Olympia, Washington, for the purpose of purchasing property located at 2306 26th Ave. NW, Olympia, Washington, for their worship facilities.

The following loan was modified with required Board action:

(1) modification to the terms of the two existing loans to Mid Cities Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Texas, on their worship facilities located at 1810 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas.

The balances due on loans from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund as of

December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Austin, Texas – Providence Presbyterian Church	$ 85,818.42
Bedford, Texas – Mid Cities Presbyterian Church (1st and 2nd loans combined)	166,013.88
Bellmawr, New Jersey – Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church	81,294.50
Bradenton, Florida – Providence Presbyterian Church	202,270.16
Canton, New York – New Life Presbyterian Church	122,381.31
Chattanooga, Tennessee – Cornerstone Orthodox Presbyterian Church	228,995.89
Corvallis, Oregon – Westminster Presbyterian Church	441,564.13
Danville, Pennsylvania – Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church	551,761.32
Elburn, Illinois – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	513,132.77
Farmington Hills, Michigan – Oakland Hills Community Church	179,719.27
Fort Worth, Texas – Covenant Presbyterian Church	339,939.81
Fredericksburg, Virginia – Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church	707,120.44
Garland, Texas – Faith Presbyterian Church	242,370.35
Gastonia, North Carolina – Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church	202,846.63
Grand Rapids, Michigan – New City Fellowship	155,921.61
Greensboro, North Carolina – Providence Presbyterian Church	380,550.06
Hatboro, Pennsylvania – Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church	344,334.34
Hillsdale, Michigan – Hillsdale Orthodox Presbyterian Church	133,078.21
Houston, Texas – Cornerstone Orthodox Presbyterian Church	457,083.28
Idaho Falls, Idaho – New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church	16,698.43
Jenison, Michigan – Cedar Presbyterian Church (regular loan)	397,055.57
Jenison, Michigan – Cedar Presbyterian Church (SAFE loan)	90,000.00
Joliet, Illinois – New Covenant Community Church	134,093.01
Lansing, Michigan – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	62,787.59
Manchester, New Hampshire – Amoskeag Presbyterian Church	18,110.79
Medford, New Jersey – Immanuel Presbyterian Church (regular loan)	392,770.26
Medford, New Jersey – Immanuel Presbyterian Church (SAFE loan)	80,000.00
Medford, Oregon – Trinity Presbyterian Church	241,776.04
Mesa, Arizona – Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church	650,615.08
Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania – Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church	78,262.77
New Bern, North Carolina – Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church	248,605.38
Olympia, Washington – Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church	278,938.99
Pataskala, Ohio – Providence Presbyterian Church	229,120.73
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church	123,310.41
Pittsburg, California – Delta Oaks Presbyterian Church (1st loan)	278,809.16
Pittsburg, California – Delta Oaks Presbyterian Church (2nd loan)	107,322.86
Puerto Rico – Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en San Juan (regular loan)	292,084.91

Puerto Rico – Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en San Juan (SAFE loan)	50,000.00
Puerto Rico – Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa Jesus es le Verdad (1st loan)	198,728.23
Puerto Rico – Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa Jesus es le Verdad (2nd loan)	85,235.58
Reading, Pennsylvania – Covenant Presbyterian Church (1st loan)	901,082.15
Rockport, Maine – Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church	19,494.49
Salt Lake City, Utah – Christ Presbyterian Church	109,687.22
San Antonio, Texas – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	226,861.57
Springfield, Ohio – Living Water Orthodox Presbyterian Church	158,574.02
St. Augustine, Florida – Covenant Presbyterian Church	518,228.44
St. Paul, Minnesota – Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church	158,693.26
Taylors, South Carolina – Covenant Community Orthodox Presbyterian Church	124,512.88
Vienna, Virginia – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	422,226.27
Walkerton, Indiana – Grace Reformed Church	27,491.11
Wasilla, Alaska – Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church	118,780.84
West Lebanon, New Hampshire – Providence Presbyterian Church	47,105.47
Williamsport, Pennsylvania – New Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church	161,603.83
Wilmington, Delaware – Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church	310,260.96
TOTAL of all loans held by OPCLF as of December 31, 2017	$12,895,124.68

During 2018 the loans to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Cary (Raleigh), North Carolina; Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Grayslake, Illinois; Calvin Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona; Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Southfield, Michigan; and Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church (2nd loan), Vandalia, Ohio were repaid in full.

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.

The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Elkins Park, Pennsylvania – the Rev. John S. Shaw	$276,094.26
Neon, Kentucky – Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church	23,762.90
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania – the Rev. Albert J. Tricarico	294,468.17
TOTAL of all loans held by Contingent Fund as of December 31, 2018	$ 594,325.33

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. 2019 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 $36,970 for the first year of service following ordination. NOTE: This schedule reflects a 3% increase from last year.

Years of Service	Base Salary
1st	$36,970
2nd	$37,894
3rd	$38,841
4th	$39,812
5th	$40,808
6th	$41,828
7th	$42,874
8th	$43,945
9th	$45,044
10th	$46,170
11th	$47,324

12th	$48,508
13th	$49,720
14th	$50,963
15th	$52,237

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. Retirement Contribution. The church should pay 10% of the pastor's salary (base salary and housing allowance) as a retirement contribution, with the strong suggestion that he participate in the OPC 403(b) Retirement 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. Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., associate general secretary; the Rev. Jeffrey A. Landis, Committee President; and Mr. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Committee Treasurer, as their representatives to the 86th General Assembly.

XII. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members:

Class of 2019
Ministers: James J. Cassidy, Jeffery A. Landis, Donald M. Poundstone
Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Stephen S. Vanderwey

Class of 2020
Ministers: Christopher D. Hartshorn, C. Steven McDaniel, Jr., J. Mark Sallade
Ruling Elders: Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam

Class of 2021
Ministers: James R. Megchelsen, Dale A. Van Dyke, Eric B. Watkins
Ruling Elders: Jerold W. Barnett, John M. Mauldin

B. Committee Officers:

President, Jeffery A. Landis
Vice President, J. Mark Sallade
Secretary, James J. Cassidy
Treasurer, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Executive Committee:

Messrs. Landis (Chairman), Cassidy, Hoogerhyde, Mauldin, Sallade

D. Committee Representative to COC:

Mr. Hoogerhyde

E. Subcommittees:

Church Planting: Messrs. Barnett, Hartshorn, Landis, Poundstone, Van Dam, Watkins
Finance: Messrs. Hoogerhyde, Mauldin, Vanderwey
Ministry Operations: Messrs. Cassidy, LeMahieu, McDaniel, Megchelsen, Sallade, Van Dyke

F. Ministry Staff:

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 Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., who began his service to the Committee in February 2016.

The job descriptions call for a close working relationship between the general secretary and his associate and articulate a basic parity between them in their duties and responsibilities so as to allow for maximum care for the mission works and maximum presence in the presbyteries and the churches of the OPC.

G. Office Staff:

Mrs. Katie Stumpff has served well as the Administrative Assistant for the Committee since August 2017.

XIII. ELECTIONS

The terms of the above-named Class of 2019 expire at this assembly. Mr. Poundstone has asked that his name not be considered for nomination.

XIV. APPENDIX

Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
Church Plant Support Program
Approved in December 2018

Church Plant Support Philosophy:

When discussing the support provided to church plants by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension ("CHMCE"), we might be tempted to reduce that discussion to finances. Financial support is a significant component of the support provided by the CHMCE. But the resources of the denomination provide a more extensive program of support that includes the following categories: finances; prayer; and continuing education and training.

The CHMCE has carefully reviewed the recent history of church planting support with an eye toward strengthening our approach in each of the three areas mentioned above. We are committing significant additional resources of time and money to increase our support of church plants and church planters. Below is a summary of our commitment to support each of our church plants in the areas of finance, prayer, and continuing education and training.

When a new mission work receives a commitment of support from the CHMCE, we are also asking presbytery home missions committees and church planters to make a commitment to fully participate in the support listed below. Each church planter, along with a representative of the presbytery committee, will sign an agreement to fully participate in each of the support components described in this document.

1. Financial support

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is committed to a particular approach to funding the work of the Great Commission through the Worldwide Outreach ("WWO") program committees: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Christian Education.[1] The CHMCE utilizes a significant portion of those annual gifts to provide financial support typically through a four-year declining scale financial package. We significantly increased those support packages in 2017.

[1] There are many reasons for this approach and benefits of this approach. A significant practical benefit for church planters is that, unlike other denominations, OPC church planters do not have the task of fundraising.

When a new church plant receives approval for support, we are committed to financial support for the whole length of the approved package. As long as certain commitments are maintained – ongoing training, monthly reports, and annual refreshment of stewardship plans – support will continue as long as the presbytery renews the request for support each fall.

2. Prayer support

While the financial support is significant, we should recognize that even more significant is the prayer support of the whole church. Since all church planting is ultimately the work of God through human instruments, we depend on his work and blessing. In speaking about WWO, we often describe it as the whole work of the whole church. In other words, every mission work, every church planter, and every missionary belong to the whole church. We participate in their work. And that is clearly evident in the prayers of the whole church for every mission work, both home and foreign.

We continue to look for new ways to share the work of our mission works with the whole church, so that people can respond in a timely fashion with prayers of thanksgiving and supplication.

Here is a brief list of the various tools we use to encourage prayer for mission works and RHMs:

a. *Home Missions Today* – approximately once a quarter, the administrative assistant interviews church planters and writes a paragraph update including prayer items; this is distributed to the churches every other week
b. *New Horizons* prayer list – these sentence updates for the purpose of prayer are gathered from the monthly church planter reports
c. Prayer with church planters – during visits and quarterly phone calls
d. Social media updates – the administrative assistant regularly solicits updates for Facebook and *OutwardOPC.com*; but if you have items to share, don't wait for the staff to ask
e. Regular staff prayer meetings to pray through the list of supported works
f. Regular visits to congregations and presbyteries to share the ongoing work of home missions, including stories about various mission works to encourage prayer

3. Education and training support

The CHMCE and its staff have committed significant time in the past couple years to consider the work of continuing education and training for church planters. We reviewed the work of other church planting entities and quickly realized that we have provided, relatively speaking, much less in the area of training. We are committed to doing more.

Here is a brief summary of new commitments on the part of the CHMCE to train and support our church planters. All of these involve new or increased expectations for support receiving church planters, and we realize they demand time. But we chose areas where ongoing training and growth seems not only advisable, but necessary. These new expectations are intended to support and direct the continuing education that should necessarily be part of the church planting experience.

a. Church planter training conference

This past year, we made several changes to the annual church planter training conference:

- First, we increased the length of the conference from three to four days.
- Second, we expanded the conference to include not only first year church planters, but also third year church planters. This means every support receiving church planter attends the training two times, and it has the added benefit of church planters with a couple years of experience mingling with our newest church planters.
- Third, we added wives of church planters to the invite list and provide strong incentives to make their attendance possible. This comes at a significant cost increase, but we believe it is more than worth the expense – and the wives seem to agree.
- Fourth, we expanded the training to include: intensive training in evangelism and pastoral leadership; some separate training for the wives (with guest trainers – to include at least one pastor's wife); more time for prayer and recreation (to provide some rest, but also opportunities for church planter families to make new ministry friends); and additional time for discussion of issues that planters bring with them.

The response in the first year was overwhelmingly positive, and we also received some helpful feedback to add topics to the training schedule.

b. Quarterly conference calls with the associate general secretary and other church planters

Every month, the associate general secretary schedules a conference call that includes 7–8 church planters. Before the phone call, they are encouraged to read a chapter from a book. The associate general secretary provides a short, written summary of the chapter with a few thoughtful response questions. Each church planter is encouraged to interact on the call with one of the questions. They also spend approximately 30 minutes praying for each other.

c. Periodic field visits from one of the general secretaries

The general secretaries are committed to making, if possible, two visits to a church planting field during the four years of support. That has been manageable for the past couple years (with about 25 works receiving support at a time). It seems as if those numbers will increase over the next couple years, but we will do our best to maintain that pace. On these visits, we spend time with the church planter, with his family, and especially with the couple – in addition to participating in some of the regular activities of the mission work. And we devote time to prayer with the church planter and his spouse. These visits are invaluable. They inform our prayers and our ongoing contact with the church planter. The general secreataries love building relationships with these families, who are wonderful gifts from the Lord of the harvest to his church.

d. MTIOPC courses jointly offered with the Committee on Christian Education ("CCE")

This year, the CHMCE and the CCE have entered into a partnership to provide three MTIOPC classes specifically for church planters. These are currently existing classes, but we are providing them more often so that every church planter will be able to attend during their years

of support. The three classes are: Preaching (Doug Clawson, Dale Van Dyke); Evangelism (Eric Watkins, John Shaw); and Practical Ecclesiology (Craig Troxel). We chose these classes because of their obvious relationship to the work of church planters.

We realize this might sound like a big commitment, to require these classes for already busy church planters. We believe the benefit is well worth the labor, and we also chose classes in areas where church planters should already be studying in order to grow. The assignments in each class are also quite practical and the kinds of assignments that church planters should already be completing. In these classes, they will carry out those assignments with the support of experienced pastors with proven gifts in these particular areas of ministry.

e. Continuing education reading in particular target areas

At last year's Orlando conference, one of the regular participants asked if we require ongoing reading of church planters in areas like evangelism or leadership. He served as a church planter 25 years ago, and directed reading was part of the expectation for church planters then. We have built a recommended resource list and intend to require church planters to pick a book from that list each year to read – hopefully in groups with other church planters. The idea would be to read a book from the list and then gather virtually in groups of 3–4 for discussion with an eye toward implementation. Participants would pray for one another and follow up to discuss progress on implementation.

f. Ongoing mentoring or accountability relationship(s) with experienced minister(s)

We all recognize the importance of mentoring in ministry, and we as a denomination commit to mentoring through the internship program, which has essentially become a requirement for prospective ministers. But the biblical pattern points to ongoing mentoring even once a man begins vocational ministry (think Paul with Timothy and Titus, for example).

While we all recognize the importance of this ongoing mentoring, most of our church planters rarely benefit from such a relationship. The CHMCE believes that we (meaning at the denomination and presbytery level of home missions support) should help church planters formalize mentoring relationships with experienced ministers who give evidence of particular gifts. In fact, most other like-minded church planting bodies require ongoing mentoring relationships with regular accountability as part of their church planting program.

So what does this look like? Every church planter should have a relationship with an experienced minister that involves, at minimum, prayer and encouragement – but hopefully also involves serving alongside in areas like evangelism, discipleship, preaching, or officer training. They should be in communication weekly, and if possible, meet face-to-face monthly or at least quarterly. The weekly contact doesn't need to be long (30 minutes), but it should be regular and substantial. The church planter should know that he has someone in his corner who will pray with and for him, and someone he may contact when he needs wise counsel.

The presbytery and the denomination committees should encourage such relationships, and even be ready to help new church planters identify a potential mentor and establish the plan for mentoring and accountability.

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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 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—Rev. Dr. Alan D. Strange
Secretary—Rev. Archibald A. Allison

Treasurer—Mr. Wallace B. King

C. Staff

General Secretary—Rev. Danny E. Olinger
Managing Editor of *New Horizons*—Mrs. Judith Dinsmore
Office Secretary—Ms. C. Abigail Harting
Editor of *Ordained Servant Online* and *Ordained Servant*—Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Reynolds
Ordained Servant Online and *New Horizons* Editorial Assistant—Mrs. Diane Olinger
New Horizons proofreader—Mrs. Sarah Pederson
Website Senior Technical Associate—Rev. Stephen A. Pribble
Website Technical Assistant—Rev. Andrew T. Moody
Website Assistant—Mrs. Linda Foh
Technical Consultant—Mr. Andrew Duggan
Cover Designer *New Horizons*—Mr. Christopher Tobias
Coordinator MTIOPC—Mrs. Patricia Clawson
Coordinator Timothy Conference—Mrs. Judy Alexander

D. General Secretary

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 MTIOPC
5. Manager for *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* Joint Venture Board
6. *Ex-officio* member of the Board of Trustees of GCP
7. Sharing the work of the CCE with the congregations and presbyteries of the OPC
8. Supervising CCE special projects and publications
9. 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* provides articles that reflect upon the teachings of the Scripture and the Confession and Catechisms of the OPC, to the end that Christian faith and practice might be furthered. It also informs the church about OPC ministries at home and abroad. Mr. Olinger serves as editor and Mrs. Dinsmore serves as managing editor. Mrs. Olinger serves as editorial assistant, Mrs. Pederson as proofreader, and Mr. Tobias as cover designer. The Subcommittee on Serial Publications of the SRC serves as the editorial board.

1. 2018 Issues

January – John Calvin and the Directory for the Public Worship of God
February – Light in the Darkness of Puerto Rico

March – New Sprout in Waco
April – Why Be Good?
May – Telling of the Mighty Deeds of the Lord
June – Weeping Tarries for the Night
July – Higher Education and the Christian
Aug/Sept – Report on the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly
October – A Fiery Gospel: The Battle Hymn of the Republic
November – Thank Offering 2018: Our Generous God
December – Christmas Conversations

2. Circulation

The CCE publishes around thirteen thousand print copies of *New Horizons*. It is sent free of charge to OPC members and friends. Nonmembers and international subscribers are asked to make an annual donation for their subscription. Each issue of *New Horizons* is also available for download in PDF, ePub, and Mobi formats at OPC.org. Clerks of sessions are encouraged annually to send address changes to Ms. Harting (abby.harting@opc.org).

The CCE also praises the Lord for its long-term working relationship with Harmony Press, Easton, Pennsylvania, in the publication of *New Horizons* and other CCE materials.

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. Moody (Website Technical Assistant), Mrs. Foh (Website Assistant), and Mr. Duggan (Technical Consultant).

2. New Postings

New postings to the website in 2018 and early 2019 include:

a. Annual statistical report
b. 2018 Thank Offering report
c. Eighty-Fifth (2018) General Assembly report
d. 2019 MTIOPC courses
e. 2019 OPC Timothy Conference materials
f. "Today in OPC History" daily postings
g. *New Horizons* in PDF, ePub, and Mobi
h. *The Form of Government*, PDF, ePub, and Mobi
i. Electronic versions of booklets and tracts
   - *The ABC's of Presbyterianism* (Wilson) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Evangelism in the Local Church* (Shaw) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Christ Proclaims a Better Way* PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Why Christians Need Confessions* (Trueman) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Your Sabbath Destination* (Schmurr) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *What is the Reformed Faith?* (Williamson) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Helps for Worship* (Shishko) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
   - *Are You a Christian?* (Eyres) PDF, ePub, and Mobi

- *Why Join a Church?* (Wilson and Brown) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
- *Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants?* (Wilson) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
- *What is the OPC?* (Tyson) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
- *Welcome to the OPC* (Olinger) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
- *The Work of the Holy Spirit* (Gaffin) PDF, ePub, and Mobi
- *God or Mammon?* (Tomer) 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. Questions 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. Today in OPC History

4. 2018 Statistics

a. Monthly

Month	*Unique visitors*	*Number of visits*	*Pages*	*Hits*	*Bandwidth*
Jan 2018	62,032	93,588	215,658	932,766	492.89 GB
Feb 2018	50,808	78,538	185.538	818,832	685.23 GB
Mar 2018	55,417	86,087	198,043	876,247	571.60 GB
Apr 2018	46,785	73,801	207,293	828,713	840.39 GB
May 2018	49,811	86,050	204,444	808,671	694.54 GB
Jun 2018	49,146	100,111	219,314	955,012	1,083.22 GB
Jul 2018	46,300	94,728	218,880	880,742	626.56 GB

Month	*Unique visitors*	*Number of visits*	*Pages*	*Hits*	*Bandwidth*
Aug 2018	43,857	75,566	182,528	813,371	605.19 GB
Sep 2018	48,041	80,917	637,592	1,415,981	966.10 GB
Oct 2018	43,209	87,958	231,896	915,348	896.76 GB
Nov 2018	40,063	72,670	213,280	944,603	431.61 GB
Dec 2018	30,150	54,170	164,893	729,602	285.41 GB
Total	565,619	983,940	2,879,359	10,919,888	8,179.51 GB

b. Countries

	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
United States	1,623,796	8,365,710	4,623.74 GB
Russian Fed	292,247	403,802	328.97 GB
Unknown	192,389	273,554	294.47 GB
China	149,797	306,645	124.07 GB
Canada	78,054	410,893	211.43 GB
Germany	52,770	100,316	71.88 GB
France	40,871	64,335	54.83 GB
Great Britain	40,602	124,916	62.47 GB
India	35,814	46,564	5.19 GB
Philippines	20,621	46,641	31.16 GB
Australia	19,937	82,696	19.37 GB
South Korea	19,276	58,123	18.38 GB
Nigeria	18,886	26,919	1.38 GB
Brazil	5,146	35,950	68.59 GB

c. Top Pages

	Viewed
(1) Front Page	458,881
(2) Hymn	229,932
(3) Questions and Answers	164,854
(4) *New Horizons*	146,262
(5) Reviews	128,797
(6) “News”	106,271
(7) Church Locator	103,891
(8) Ordained Servant	93,725
(9) “Today in OPC History”	82,297
(10) Feature	74,852
(11) Devotional	41,027

C. *Ordained Servant*

Ordained Servant: A Journal for Church Officers is presently in its twenty-eighth year of publication. The General Assembly has entrusted the CCE with this ministry to 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, then 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, the thirteenth edition of which (2018) has just been published. 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.

Entering his thirteenth year as editor, and having retired from full time pastoral ministry in June of 2018, editor Reynolds writes: "I want to thank the church, the Committee on Christian Education, and general secretary Danny Olinger for your support and encouragement over these years. I look forward to continuing in this labor in the years to come, so long as I can benefit the church and its officers. My enthusiasm for this work is unabated."

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. The editor is always happy to receive comments, suggestions, and submissions.

1. Online Edition 2018
   a. January – Ecumenism 3
   b. February – Marriage to a Roman Catholic?
   c. March – Islam Revisited
   d. April – Faithful Preaching
   e. May – Church Growth
   f. June-July – Addiction
   g. August-September – Lessons in Leadership
   h. October – The Theology of the Cross
   i. November – Leisure as a Christian Calling
   j. December – A Place among the Stars

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 Subcommittee on Internet Ministries 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 (upper right hand corner). 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 an email 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 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 di-

rectly 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

Most 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. Author and subject indexes are now available online for 2006 through 2016. 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 United States 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 United States 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 US 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 gratis 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: Booklets

ABC's of Presbyterianism (Larry E. Wilson)
Evangelism (John S. Shaw)
Scripture (James W. Scott)
Why Christians Need Confessions (Carl R. Trueman)
Your Sabbath Destination (Roger W. Schmurr)
The Work of the Holy Spirit, English (Richard B. Gaffin Jr.)
The Work of the Holy Spirit, Spanish (Richard B. Gaffin Jr.)
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)

Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants? (Larry E. Wilson)
Helps for Worship (William Shishko)
Why Join a Church? (Mark R. Brown and Larry E. Wilson)
Reforming our Expectations: The Credentialing Process in the OPC

2. CCE publications: Books
The Book of Church Order (2015)
The Confession of Faith and Catechisms with proof-texts.
The Church of God (Stuart Robinson)

3. CCE publications: Pamphlets
CONOZCANOS MEJOR La Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa
Get to Know Us Better
Christ Proclaims a Better Way

4. Electronic Versions

Electronic versions of the booklets for download are available at no cost on OPC.org on the "Publications" page (https://store.opc.org/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1823).

5. Ordering

The CCE booklets, books, and pamphlets may be ordered on OPC.org (https://store.opc.org).

E. *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

1. Joint Venture Agreement

In August 2017 the CCE entered into a formal Joint Venture Agreement with the Board of Directors of the United Reformed Churches of North America USA regarding the printing and sales of the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (*TPH*). Current members of the *TPH* Joint Venture Board (TPHJV Board) are URCNA representatives Rev. Derrick Vander Meulen (president), Rev. Christopher Folkerts, and Mr. Gary Veldink, and OPC representatives Rev. Danny Olinger (manager), Rev. Alan Strange, and Mr. David Winslow. Mr. Joel Pearce, ruling elder at Church of the Covenant, Hackettstown, New Jersey, serves as an *ex-officio* member.

2. Printing and Sales

The first printing of 36,000 copies of the *TPH* arrived just days before the Eighty-Fifth (2018) General Assembly in Wheaton, Illinois. Many URC and OPC churches took personal delivery at the joint URCNA Synod and OPC Assembly meeting. Through the sterling efforts of the URC's Canadian Board over 8,500 copies were distributed in Canada. Great Commission Publication (GCP), the official distributor of the *TPH*, also shipped over 15,000 copies. This meant by early July over 30,000 copies of the *TPH* had been distributed throughout North America. In light of this success, at the end of August, the TPHJV Board approved that $170,000 be returned to each partner church, in effect recouping the years of investment made by each partner. The Board also reserved funds for paying royalties ($90,000), future printings ($125,000), and digital development ($40,000). The Board anticipates making another return on investment to each partner in 2019. By October the first printing was sold out, and a second printing of 10,000 copies for delivery in January 2019 was approved.

Sales, distribution, and accounting of sales revenue for the *TPH* have been handled very effectively by the staff of Great Commission Publications. GCP reports that sales

units for the combined *TPH* products in 2018 are as follows:

URCNA	19,197
OPC	12,644
PCA	2,249
ARP	575
Others	3,110

The OPC sales represent over one hundred congregations, which is in keeping with the CCE survey data reported to the Seventy-Fourth General Assembly (2007) when this project was approved by the assembly.

3. Digital

During 2018 the TPHJV Board appointed Mr. Joel Pearce as the Digital Executive Director of the *TPH*. On behalf of the board, Mr. Pearce has negotiated additional copyright permissions for digital editions. He has also helped to launch the *TPH*'s website (www.psalterhymnal.org) and is overseeing the development of several different electronic editions of the *TPH*. Digital PDF versions (both read-only and reproducible versions) were the first to be developed. Work has also commenced on development of projection and mobile app editions. In addition to working on these editions of the *TPH*, further content is planned for the website in the near future, including a text and tune database with playable audio files.

F. Great Commission Publications (GCP)

1. Shared Ministry

GCP is entering its forty-third 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

Rev. E. Marvin Padgett, a ministerial member of the PCA, serves 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. 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.

3. Administration

Six trustees are elected from the Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) of the PCA and six trustees are elected from the CCE of the OPC. The CCE General Secretary (Mr. Olinger) and the CDM 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. The 2018 roster of GCP trustees were the following:

OPC	PCA
Mr. John R. Muether	Rev. David Stewart
Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Reynolds	Mr. Scott Barber
Mr. Darryl G. Hart	Rev. Danny Kwon
Mr. Wallace B. King	Rev. Barksdale Pullen
Rev. Archibald A. Allison	Rev. Tom Harr

Rev. Dr. Alan D. Strange	Mr. Winston Maddox
Rev. Danny E. Olinger *(ex officio)*	Rev. Stephen T. Estock *(ex officio)*

Alternates are appointed to serve in case regular members cannot. Rev. Daniel Patterson and Rev. Glen Clary 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. Curriculum

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 labels *Show Me Jesus* and *Show Me Jesus Youth*, points children (from toddlers to high schoolers) 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:

- Revised *Trinity Hymnal*
- *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. *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

GCP serves as the exclusive distributor of the Trinity Psalter Hymnal. The TPH is available for order at https://www.gcp.org/TrinityPsalter.aspx.

G. Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (MTIOPC)

1. History

The Thirty-Fourth (1967) General Assembly established the Committee on Ministerial Training (CMT) as a standing committee of the General Assembly. The Forty-Seventh (1980) General Assembly made the CMT a Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

(SMT) of the CCE. The Sixty-Fifth (1998) General Assembly approved a plan for the SMT to establish a Ministerial Training Institute.

2. Purpose

The stated purpose of the MTIOPC is to assist in maintaining and enhancing the quality of ministerial service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, especially pastoral and missionary, by helping men to prepare for informed and effective ministry that conforms to the standard of Holy Scripture. To this end, the Institute seeks to advance a constructive view of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and its doctrine, government, discipline, and worship.

3. Oversight

The six-member SMT serves as the board of directors for the Institute. These men are elected directly by the General Assembly. The MTIOPC offers instruction primarily by readings, correspondence, and training seminars under the SMT's supervision.

4. Administration

Mr. Olinger serves as Director of MTIOPC and Mrs. Clawson serves as Coordinator in working with hosting churches for the intensive training sessions.

5. Program of Instruction

The available MTIOPC courses of instruction are as follows:

a. Defending the Faith (William D. Dennison)
b. Ecclesiology and Pastoral Theology (A. Craig Troxel)
c. Form of Government (Alan D. Strange)
d. Greek Refresher (David C. Noe)
e. Hebrew Refresher (Matthew H. Patton)
f. Homiletics (Douglas B. Clawson and Dale A. Van Dyke)
g. OPC History (John R. Muether)
h. Reformed Evangelism (John Shaw and Eric Watkins)
i. Reformed Worship (Glen J. Clary)
j. Westminster Standards (Chad B. Van Dixhoorn)

6. 2018 Intensive Training

The spring intensive training sessions for the *Ecclesiology, Form of Government*, and *Homiletics* courses were held at Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, Michigan. The fall intensive training sessions for *Ecclesiology: Pastoral Theology, A Hebrew Refresher* and *Reformed Worship* were held at Grace Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH. The Committee would like to extend its thankfulness to members of the Harvest Church and Grace Church for their gracious hospitality.

7. Participants in 2018 Courses

Course	Under Care	Licentiate	Ministers	Ruling Elders	Others	Total
Ecclesiology	1	1	5	1	0	7
Reformed Worship	0	1	0	0	0	1

Homiletics	1	1	8	0	0	10
Ecclesiology: Pastoral	1	0	7	0	0	8
A Hebrew Refresher	2	0	3	0	0	3
Form of Government	0	2	5	1	0	8

8. Numerical History

Year	*New Students*	*Returning Students*	*Total Students*
1999	12	12	
2000	27	12	39
2001	12	19	31
2002	13	15	28
2003	17	18	35
2004	22	13	35
2005	25	16	41
2006	19	18	37
2007	11	19	30
2008	09	13	22
2009	17	08	25
2010	13	14	27
2011	04	04	08
2012	18	17	35
2013	16	12	28
2014	14	26	40
2015	22	30	52
2017	24	31	55
2018	14	23	37
Totals	309	308	617

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 monetary gift 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 $200 one-time grant
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 danny.olinger@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 2018, the CCE provided matching funds of $1,250 monthly for approved summer internships and $1,415 monthly for approved yearlong internships.

2. Summer Internships 2018

The CCE assisted in funding twenty-two summer internships during 2018. The summer internships were the following:

Calvary OPC, Tallahassee, FL—Benjamin Petersen
Lakeview OPC, Rockport, ME—Brendan Westerfield
Grace OPC, Middletown, DE—Damon Young
Reformation OPC, Oviedo, FL—Travis Lewis
Grace Presbyterian, Vienna, VA—Seth Dorman
Ketoctin Presbyterian, Purcellville, VA—Benjamin Franks
Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod, West Barnstable, MA—Kirk Gibbons
New Covenant Community, Joliet, IL—Elijah De Jong
Emmanuel OPC, Wilmington, DE—Tyler Detrick
Faith OPC, Grants Pass, OR—Timothy Broussard
Harvest OPC, San Marcos, CA—Joseph Pollard
Immanuel OPC, West Collingswood, NJ—Joshua Valdix
Tyler Presbyterian, Tyler, TX—David Bonner
Grace and Peace Presbyterian, California, MD—Benjamin Woodring

Oakland Hills Community, Farmington Hills, MI—Kenneth Kruchkow
Bethel Presbyterian, Wheaton, IL—Isaac Baugh
Christ Covenant Presbyterian, Amarillo, TX—John Paul Holloway
Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI—Nicholas Thompson
Falls Presbyterian, Menomonee Falls, WI—Mason Depew
Trinity Presbyterian, Easton, PA—Aaron Mize
Escondido OPC, Escondido, CA—Bryce Souve
Mission OPC, St. Paul, MN—Peder Kling

3. Yearlong Internships 2018–2019

The CCE assisted in co-sponsoring ten yearlong internships which started in 2018. 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. The yearlong internships, some of which are still continuing, are:

Calvary OPC, Glenside, PA—Zachary Siggins
Christ the King Presbyterian, Naples, FL—Benjamin Ward
Covenant Community Church, Taylors, SC—Ethan Bolyard
Covenant OPC, Rochester, NY—Ryan Woods
Covenant OPC, St. Augustine, FL—Brock Pavier
Emmanuel OPC, Kent, WA—Yin-Ju Chen
Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI—Eric Cuer de Andrade
Hope OPC, Grayslake, IL—Dhananjay Khanda
Immanuel OPC, Andover, MN—Nathan Strom
Knox OPC, Silver Spring, MD—Christopher Byrd

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 can be found on OPC.org under Worldwide Outreach, then Christian Education, or by contacting Ms. Harting at abby.harting@opc.org or 215-935-1023.

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.

5. Guidelines for Seeking a Yearlong Intern

For churches interested in participating in the yearlong internship program, the following policies guide ministerial internship approval:

a. Applications can be found on OPC.org under Worldwide Outreach, then Christian Education or by contacting Ms. Harting at abby.harting@opc.org or 215-935-1023.

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.

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).

2. History

Since the first conference in 2008, some 171 young men from each presbytery in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have attended and been challenged to consider the call to gospel ministry. Of these men, at least 28 have gone on to seminary, and, through the end of 2018, six men have been called and ordained to pastorates in the OPC (Caleb Smith, Adrian Crum, Zachary Simmons, Michael Spangler, Aijalon Church, and Jonathan Cruse). Conference participants hear lectures on topics related to pastoral ministry from OPC ministers with experience as home and foreign missionaries, pastors, and seminary professors. They attend seminary class instruction at Reformed seminaries located near the host church and interact with OP seminary students. The conference organizers are very much indebted to the hospitality shown by Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster Seminary California, Mid-America Reformed Seminary, and Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The response from pastors and sessions, parents, and the young men themselves has been very positive as to the benefits of attending the conference.

3. 2018 Timothy Conference

In 2018 Bethel Presbyterian in Wheaton, Illinois served as the host church for the conference for twelve young men. Mid-America Reformed Seminary graciously allowed the participants to sit in on classes and meet students and professors. Reverends Danny E. Olinger and David M. VanDrunen lectured on the process toward ordination and the necessity and value of a seminary education. Reverends A. Craig Troxel, Benjamin Snodgrass, and James Megchelsen respectively spoke about the office of the minister, the call to the ministry, and preparing for ministry now.

The Committee on Christian Education would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Winslow in handling the logistics for the Timothy Conference, and even more so in showing forth the love of Christ in befriending the young men who have participated.

K. Shiloh Institute

1. Purpose

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. 2019 Institute

After a sabbatical year in 2018, the ninth Shiloh Institute is scheduled for June 18–21 at Camp Shiloh in Jefferson, New Hampshire, overlooking the White Mountains. Reverends Gregory Reynolds and Stephen Tracey, and ruling elders Dr. Darryl Hart and Mr. John Muether serve as instructors. Topics include the OPC's continuity with Reformed tradition and distinguishing characteristics; the centrality, nature, and benefits of being a confessional church; the importance of the means of grace in the church's mission; the meaning of a culturally-aware pilgrim church; and the work of a minister of the Word in an organized church and a mission work.

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: Rev. G.I. Williamson, Rev. Bruce Hollister, and Rev. William Bomer Report: Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth (2001) General Assembly, page 98.
March 1999	Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Visitation Members: Mr. James S. Gidley, Rev. Lawrence Semel, and Rev. Hailu Mekonnen Report: Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth (2001) General Assembly, pages 95–96.
April 1999	Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina Visitation Members: Rev. William Shishko, Rev. Thomas S. Champness, and Rev. T. Nathan Trice. Report: Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth (2001) General Assembly, pages 96–98.
February 2001	Westminster Theological Seminary, Escondido, California

Visitation Members: Mr. David Winslow, Jr., Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, and Rev. Larry E. Wilson
Report: Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth (2001) General Assembly, pages 98–100.

March 2002 — Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Visitation Members: Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, Rev. Mark R. Brown, and Rev. Danny E. Olinger
Report: Minutes of the Seventieth (2003) General Assembly, pages 165–166.

October 2003 — Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, Massachusetts
Visitation Members: Mr. David Winslow Jr., Rev. Gregory E. Reynolds, and Rev. John R. Hilbelink
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-First (2004) General Assembly, pages 102–104.

February 2005 — Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, California
Visitation Members: Rev. Danny E. Olinger, Rev. Alan R. Pontier, Rev. Rollin P. Keller, and Mr. David Winslow Jr.
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Third (2006) General Assembly, pages 185–188.

March 2005 — Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida
Visitation Members: Rev. Danny E. Olinger, Rev. William Hobbs, and Mr. David Winslow Jr.
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Third (2006) General Assembly, pages 188–191.

Sept. 2006 — Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana
Visitation Members: Rev. Danny E. Olinger, Rev. Larry Wilson, Rev. Glenn Jerrell, and Mr. David Winslow Jr.
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Fourth (2007) General Assembly, pages 189–192.

October 2008 — Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Visitation Members: Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, Rev. Donald J. Duff, Rev. Danny E. Olinger, and Rev. Larry J. Westerveld
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth (2009) General Assembly, pages 238–241.

March 2010 — Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, South Carolina
Visitation Members: Rev. Danny E. Olinger, Rev. A. Boyd Miller, Rev. Brenton C. Ferry, and Mr. David Winslow Jr.
Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Eighth (2011) General Assembly, pages 92–95.

November 2011	Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan Visitation Members: Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel, Rev. Dale A. Van Dyke, Rev. Dr. Douglas A. Felch, Rev. Stephen W. Igo, and Rev. Robert M. Van Manen Report: Minutes of the Seventy-Ninth (2012) General Assembly, pages 128–130.
October 2012	Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Visitation Members: Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel, Rev. Paul N. Browne, and Rev. John Van Meerbeke Report: Minutes of the Eightieth (2013) General Assembly, pages 203–205.
November 2014	Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, California Visitation Members: Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel, Rev. Chad Bond, Rev. Jesse A. Pirschel, Rev. Roger Wagner, and Mr. David Winslow Jr. Report: Minutes of the Eighty-second (2015) General Assembly, pages 242–244.
October 2017	Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Visitation Members: Rev. Danny E. Olinger, Rev. Everett Henes, and Rev. Robert Tarullo Report: Minutes of the Eighty-fifth (2018) General Assembly, pages 174–176.

3. Visit to Mid-America Reformed Seminary

The Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) of the CCE conducted a formal visit to Mid-America Reformed Seminary (MARS), Dyer, Indiana, on October 31, 2018. Visitation team members were Rev. Danny E. Olinger, General Secretary of the CCE, Rev. Everett A Henes, pastor of Hillsdale OPC, Hillsdale, Michigan, and Rev. Robert E. Tarullo, pastor of Westminster OPC, Indian Head Park, Illinois. The SMT last visited MARS in 2006. The minutes of the Seventy-Fourth (2007) General Assembly contain that report. This visit included attending courses and talking with Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) faculty, staff, and students. The visitation team also interviewed President Cornelis P. Venema, Faculty Secretary J. Mark Beach, Registrar Alan D. Strange, Vice-President of Operations Keith LeMahieu, and Board of Trustees member Camden Bucey. Twenty-one MARS graduates are currently serving as OPC ministers or teachers.

History and Purpose: The school was founded in 1981 with the goal of providing a seminary education based upon Scripture and the Three Forms of Unity for those seeking to enter Reformed pastoral ministry. In 1993 the Westminster Confession of Faith, in the form adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, was added to the form of subscription for members of the board of trustees and faculty.

Faculty and Administration: The current faculty comprises four United Reformed Churches of North America ministers: Cornelis Venema, Mark Beach, R. Andrew Compton, Mark D.

Vander Hart, and two OPC ministers, Alan Strange and Marcus Mininger. Orthodox Presbyterians who serve on the adjunct faculty include A. Craig Troxel, Daniel Patterson, Eric Watkins, Benjamin Hopp, Larry Wilson, and Camden Bucey. OPC ruling elder Keith LeMahieu serves as the Vice-President of Operations. Two of the eighteen board of trustees members, Camden Bucey and Bryan Holstrom, are Orthodox Presbyterians.

Student Body: There are twenty-one full-time students and four part-time students. Four of the full-time students are Orthodox Presbyterians.

Support for the Seminary: MARS has a very loyal support base, which comes primarily from individuals and churches of the URC, but also includes giving from the OPC. Eighty-five percent of the total budget comes from contributions, the rest from tuition.

Degree Programs: MARS offers a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree program that is ordinarily a three-year program for those seeking ordained pastoral ministry. Believing that Scripture limits the offices of teaching and ruling in the church to qualified men, MARS only admits men to the MDiv. program. It also offers a Master of Theological Studies that is ordinarily a two-year program for those who desire theological education but do not seek ordination. This program is open to women.

Accreditation: MARS is a member of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States.

Library: Alan Strange serves as Theological Librarian over a collection of 45,000 volumes. MARS is also a full database member of the American Theological Library Association. Area pastors are welcome to use the library.

Housing and Finances: MARS provides an affordable "housing list" in the Dyer community for students. The cost is $285 per credit hour, but a robust financial aid policy with scholarships is available for students. No recent student has graduated with debt incurred from attending MARS.

Class Schedule: Monday classes are held for juniors only. Upper classmen do not have Monday classes so that they can exhort on the Lord's Day without being concerned about work or exams the next day.

Visit with the President, Faculty Secretary, and Registrar: Issues of interest to the OPC are herein reported based primarily on the interview with Drs. Venema, Beach, and Strange.

Pastoral Theology: MARS is committed to preparing pastors for gospel ministry. To this end, each of the faculty teaches some aspect of practical theology. The seminary is seeking, though, to add a full-time professor whose primary function will be to cover areas related to ministerial instruction. They have currently relied on a number of men to serve as adjuncts. While the addition of a full-time professor will not alleviate this completely, the goal is to find a man whose strength is in the areas of homiletics and liturgics and who will be able to give the necessary continuity of instruction in these areas.

Counseling: In teaching counseling, the school uses a "Christian wisdom" approach. There are times when he is able to counsel, and times when it is best to let others with more expertise

in various fields (psychology, medicine, therapy) to counsel. There are two counseling courses offered – an introduction and then an application course taught respectively by Mr. Compton and OPC adjunct Daniel Patterson.

Preaching: The approach to preaching is "textual thematic" where a proper text is chosen, and the governing theme is identified with sub-points that follow the theme. The text is opened and applied, with importance placed on explanation and application. They teach students to avoid "fly over" sermons where the text is only skimmed in order to bring every sermon to Christ. Christ is to be proclaimed from the particular text and theme.

Christian Ethics: MARS teaches that it is the Creator who makes and defines humanity, not the creature, including in the areas of sexuality and gender.

Sabbath: MARS introduces the students to both the Continental and Westminster views of the sabbaths. Many of the professors point out that the teaching of Continental and Puritans sabbaths agree in the majors and disagree in the minors.

Creation: Most of the faculty at MARS holds to the six-ordinary-days view of creation. While there is some variety in the way each faculty member understands the creation narrative, there is harmony among the faculty in their discussions and teaching on this subject. There is a soberness on the topic given the diversity of opinions that have been expressed in the Reformed and Presbyterian tradition. The faculty have read the OPC Creation Report and make use of it when discussing creation in the classroom.

Apologetics: MARS teaches Van Til's presuppositional approach to apologetics. With courses like Introduction to Apologetics and Applied Apologetics, MARS demonstrates how this apologetical method is consonant with evangelism, and, more generally, the pastoral ministry.

Presbyterianism: Students from a Presbyterian background receive instruction in Presbyterian polity and history. There is also an emphasis on the spirituality of the church.

Cessation of Tongues and Prophecy: The faculty is cessationist.

Systematic Theology and Biblical Theology: The relationship between systematics and biblical theology is taught along the lines of Herman Bavinck and Richard Gaffin's approach.

Conclusion: Mid-America Reformed Seminary provides a faithful education for men preparing to enter the pastoral ministry. The seminary's commitment to the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Standards is evident in their curriculum. They seek to provide education that is both academically rigorous and confessionally faithful. There is room for growth, numbers-wise, but the student body is close and the size encourages interaction with the professors. The seminary library has continued to grow and provides students (and area pastors) with a wealth of material. MARS goes to great lengths to help students secure funding so that seminary debt is minimized or non-existent and students are free to pursue calls wherever the Lord leads. The proximity of a new OP church plant has provided continued encouragement between the seminary and the OPC.

IV. PROPOSED BUDGET

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Budget 2019	Proposed 2020
REVENUE					
Worldwide Outreach	480,766	497,734	480,000	480,000	480,000
New Horizons	254,273	253,477	300,000	280,000	280,000
From Reserves	56,924	0	10,000	39,095	60,000
Other	2,257	42,042	3,265	3,265	2,000
Total Revenue	794,220	793,253	793,265	802,360	822,000
EXPENSES					
New Horizons	254,620	253,477	273,043	280,000	280,000
Internet ministries	22,600	19,329	25,000	35,000	35,000
Ordained Servant	18,356	22,915	25,000	25,000	25,000
MTIOPC	13,941	18,018	15,000	15,000	20,000
Ministerial Internships	164,115	209,984	210,000	235,000	275,000
Conferences/Visitation	17,934	11,534	20,000	20,000	19,000
Trinity Psalter Hymnal	135	209	2,500	0	0
General Administration	187,965	208,354	194,744	192,360	168,000
Total Expenses	679,666	744,169	765,287	802,360	822,000
Excess/(Deficiency)	114,555	49,084	27,978	0	0

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 2019 Ministers: Glen J. Clary, Alan D. Strange
Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley, John R. Muether

Class of 2020 Ministers: Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel, David M. VanDrunen
Ruling Elders: Wallace B. King, David Winslow, Jr.

Class of 2021 Ministers: Joel D. Fick, Daniel F. Patterson, Archibald A. Allison
Ruling Elders: Darryl G. Hart, Michael K. Shields

Members whose terms expire at this Assembly are:

Ministers	
Glen J. Clary	(SRC, SSP)
Alan D. Strange	(CCE vice-president, GCP president, SRC chairman, *TPH* Board)
Ruling Elders	
James S. Gidley	(CCE president, SMT chairman)
John R. Muether	(SMT, GCP)

In 2018 the Committee accepted the resignation of Rev. David J. Harr, class of 2019.

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. Two ruling elders must be elected to the class of 2022.

2019	2020	2021
Dr. James S. Gidley	Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel	Rev. Daniel F. Patterson
Mr. John R. Muether	Rev. Dr. David M. VanDrunen	Rev. Joel D. Fick

C. Procedure to Elect the Class of 2022

The Assembly must first elect two ruling elders for the SMT class of 2022. The men elected to the SMT are automatically elected to the CCE class of 2022. The Assembly must then elect the remaining three ministerial members of the CCE class of 2022.

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I. PURPOSE

The purposes of the Committee are to recommend to the General Assembly a combined budget for the three Program Committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home

Missions and Church Extension) for the succeeding year so as to help the Church maximize the use of its resources for the fulfillment of its tasks, to support the ministry of the pastors and sessions in their responsibility to teach and encourage the practice of Biblical stewardship in the Church, 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. General Assembly Elections [year elected]
   a. Class of 2019
      i. Ruling Elder John D. Mazunik [2004]
      ii. The Rev. Donald J. Duff [2010]
   b. Class of 2020
      i. Ruling Elder David S. Veldkamp [2017]
      ii. The Rev. Stephen J. Oharek [2013]
   c. Class of 2021
      i. Ruling Elder William A. Muether [2010]
      ii. The Rev. Benjamin Snodgrass [2018]

2. Program Committee Elections
   a. Christian Education – Ruling Elder Wallace B. King [2018]
   b. Foreign Missions – The Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell [2009]
   c. Home Missions – Ruling Elder Garret A. Hoogerhyde [1993]

3. General Secretaries *[ex officio]*
   a. Christian Education – The Rev. Danny E. Olinger [2004]
   b. Foreign Missions – Ruling Elder Mark T. Bube [1991]
   c. Home Missions – The Rev. John S. Shaw [2013]

B. Officers
1. Chairman – Stephen J. Oharek
2. Vice-Chairman – Donald J. Duff
3. Secretary – David S. Veldkamp
4. Treasurer – Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Standing Subcommittees

1. Administration

The Administration Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Bube, Duff, Hoogerhyde, Muether, Olinger, and Shaw, is principally responsible for arranging the orderly receiving and accounting of funds for the Program Committees. It also serves to provide oversight for the work and budget of the Director of Finance and Planned Giving and his staff. It should be noted that Mr. Hoogerhyde is concluding his participation after twenty-six years. While he has served in many different areas of the OPC, the Committee on Coordination has been particularly thankful for his practical leadership and wisdom.

2. Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education

The Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. King, Mazunik, and Snodgrass, 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, time, and talents in the work of Christ's kingdom.

3. Program Review

The Program Review Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Jerrell, Oharek, and Veldkamp, 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: July 2, 2018 (via teleconference), January 14, 2019 (via teleconference), and April 5, 2019 at the Administrative Offices in Willow Grove, PA.

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program

1. 2018 Financial Results

The Worldwide Outreach (WWO) program of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church continues to stress the importance of viewing the work of the Church in its singular goal – advancing the Gospel of Christ through focused efforts in Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions. We are grateful that God's people responded to the 2018 Thank Offering request by providing $1,193,859. Overall, at the conclusion of 2018 gifts met 98.5% of the entire Worldwide Outreach budget, ending the year with total gifts of $4,340,401 against a budget of $4,405,396.

2. Financial Reserves

As we have reported in past years, the funding within Worldwide Outreach should be understood in light of how each Committee has chosen to handle their financial reserves. Each of the Committees (at various levels) must retain the ability to fund their individual budgets both during the year and from year to year using existing cash reserves as necessary. Each Committee manages the question of cash reserves differently. Both Home Missions and Christian Education retain adequate financial reserves. Foreign Missions has made progress during the past year in refilling their low reserve levels.

B. Coordinated Promotional Efforts

1. Combined Worldwide Outreach and Planned Giving

The Program Committees work together to determine how best to meet the need to deliver timely information to the Church at large. The Home Missions Committee both in 2018 and in 2019 has reserved budget funds to be used for promotional work. During the past twelve months the General Secretaries have worked together to determine the best direction to take to develop new avenues of promotion. During the Spring 2019 meeting the Committee on Coordination reviewed and approved a plan which will focus on the development of online communication. An experienced media communications specialist (an OPC member) has been identified and will work under the supervision of the General Secretaries to bring this plan to life. We are greatly encouraged that meaningful forward steps will happen during the upcoming year.

2. OPC Ambassador Program

The OPC Ambassadors did not meet in 2018 as a result of an evaluation of the program's overall effectiveness. At this point, the future of the Ambassadors Program is uncertain.

3. Stewardship Education

We have noted that the OPC has seen benefit in years past from the efforts of Mr. Haney to meet with churches and individuals regarding stewardship and estate planning in his role as the Director of Planned Giving. This has been a transitional year for him in many ways due to his new work within the OPC. His ability to focus additional time and effort in this area has been limited. With some of the developments which we will discuss later in this report, we are confident that Mr. Haney will be able to expand his efforts in the areas of stewardship and financial planning within the OPC. We also remind each church that Mr. Haney is a resource for your local church for financial presentations and estate planning from a solid Biblical perspective.

C. Administrative

1. Staff

The past twelve months has been a time of change in many staff areas. Our Director of Finance and Planned Giving (Mr. David E. Haney) was to have transitioned to part-time status while taking on the additional role of Director of the Committee on Ministerial Care. This required finding and approving a replacement for some of his financial work. While the Administrative Subcommittee worked diligently, the right individual did not immediately come to light. In January of 2019 an appointment of Mr. David Vander Ploeg (a Ruling Elder in our Green Bay, WI church) as interim Controller was approved. With Mr. Vander Ploeg's counsel on how this position could be structured, the Administration Subcommittee once again sought out candidates. We are pleased to report that Melisa McGinnis (member of Harvest OPC in Grand Rapids, MI) has accepted the position of Controller. She will remain in Michigan and serve remotely with regular visits to the offices in Willow Grove.

We are grateful for the growth and expansion of the work of Mrs. Charlene Tipton in her duties as bookkeeper. The Rev. Douglas A. Watson retired from his responsibilities

for payroll at the end of 2018 (Mr. Haney somehow found a way to cover this as well). We are grateful for Mr. Watson's years of service in various areas of financial service to the OPC.

After decades of dedicated service to the OPC, Ms. Janet L. Gregson retired on March 31, 2019 from her work as Assistant to the Director of Finance and Planned Giving and Office Manager for the three Program Committees. A celebration was held in April of 2019 recognizing her many contributions in the Willow Grove office. Mr. Haney is working with the General Secretaries (some of whom are also looking to replace long-time staff members) to establish the best way to refill this position while balancing the various administrative needs. Ms. Gregson will assist in a part-time basis in selected areas until this is completed.

2. Accounting and Database Management

The accounting and database management system continues to provide great benefit to the Church. Mrs. Charlene Tipton serves the Committee part-time as the Database Administrator in addition to her responsibilities as the Assistant to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. The Committee on Coordination continues to provide accounting services and support for the following:

- Committee on Diaconal Ministries
- Committee on Ministerial Care
- General Assembly
- OPC Loan Fund

3. Information Technologies (IT) and Building Management

Over the past few years, Mr. Mark Stumpff has assumed responsibilities for all IT functions for staff members in the administrative offices. He is a shared employee with the OPC Loan Fund and spends approximately 25% of his time in this capacity. Since many Committees are in the process of staff transitions, he has played a key role in providing updated and properly configured hardware and software for their use. He has also recently been given an increased responsibility in the care and management of the Administrative Office Building.

4. Planning

While Mr. Haney will now be able to effectively transition out of several responsibilities, we believe that his continued commitments here will prove to be beneficial to this Committee and the Church in general. It is our great joy that we continue to have his wisdom and guidance available to us.

IV. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Special Relationships Requests

There are no Special Relationship requests to report.

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 the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

	2018 Actual	*2018 Budget*	*2019 Budget Approved*	*2020 Budget Proposed*
Income				
Worldwide Outreach	304,532	350,000	350,000	275,000
Interest	58,548	32,000	32,000	32,000
Administrative Fees - OPCLF [10%]	30,000	30,000	30,000	27,500
Administrative Fee - GAOF/GATRVL [10%]	14,210	17,646	30,000	27,500
Administrative Fees - CDM [7.5%]	10,658	13,325	22,500	20,000
Administrative Fees - CMC [2.5%]	3,553	4,412	7,500	6,500
Other Income	7	0	0	0
Total Revenue	421,508	447,292	472,000	388,500
Expenses				
Staff Salaries & Benefits	270,632	279,171	282,750	199,195
Planned Giving Program	39,433	51,985	54,000	73,555
Staff Travel & Training	3,773	6,500	6,500	12,000
Office Rent	10,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Telephone	684	1,250	1,250	1,250
Postage	4,536	5,000	5,000	5,000
Office Equipment/Maintenance	6,588	5,000	5,000	5,000
Copier/Office Expenses	3,086	5,000	5,000	5,000
Committee Meetings	4,763	6,500	6,500	6,500
Printed Material	3,051	3,500	3,500	3,500
Audit	12,850	15,500	15,500	15,500
Promotion (Thank Offering + Ambassador)	15,728	50,000	50,000	25,000
Software (Database, Accounting) + hardware	31,753	20,000	25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,015	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Expenses	407,891	461,406	472,000	388,500
Excess/(Deficiency)	13,617	-14,114	0	0
Accounting Services Expenses	**347,966**	**352,921**	**361,5000**	**283,455**

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of 2020 Worldwide Outreach Program

The Committee recommends that the 86th General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program budget for 2020 with the allocation of undesignated contributions as indicated:

Committee	Requested 2020 Budget	Proposed 2020 Budget
Christian Education	$480,000	$480,000
Foreign Missions	$2,003,200	$2,065,000
Home Missions	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Subtotal	$3,883,200	$3,945,000
Coordination	$275,000	$275,000
New Horizons	$280,000	$280,000
Subtotal	$555,000	$555,000
Grand Total	$4,438,200	$4,500,000
Increase over 2019 approved	-0.02%	1.4%

Allocation of undesignated contributions:

Christian Education:	13.00%
Foreign Missions:	47.25%
Home Missions:	39.75%

Ground: The difference between the total amounts requested ($4,438,200) and the recommended WWO 2020 proposed budget ($4,500,000)—$61,800—has been allocated to the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) to enable the CFM to replenish their reserves.

B. Canadian Matters

That the 86th (2019) General Assembly encourage Canadian congregations, should they have funds for use in support of missions or Christian education, to consult with the Committee on Coordination in order to determine the best method of supporting the church's proclamation of the gospel beyond the Canadian border.

Ground: Particularly until there may be one or more OPC presbyteries in Canada, it seems that the mechanisms for such use will have to be developed on an ad hoc basis and the Committee on Coordination is best situated to offer that assistance.

VII. ELECTIONS

A. Term Expirations

The terms of Ruling Elder John D. Mazunik and the Rev. Donald J. Duff expire at this Assembly. Mr. Mazunik requested that his name not be placed into nomination for re-election. We are grateful for his fifteen years of service to this Committee.

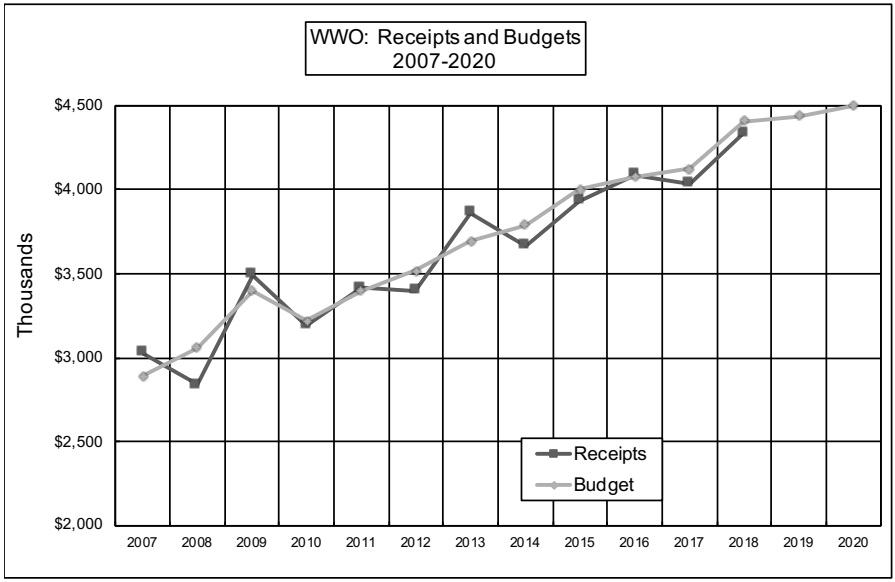
Under Standing Rule X.2.i., Rev. Duff is eligible to be re-elected. This Assembly should elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 2022.

VIII. APPENDIX

WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Total Budgets and Receipts: 2007 - 2020

Year	*Total WWO Receipts*	*Increase*	*% Incr.*	*Total WWO Budget*	*Increase*	*% Incr.*	*Receipts as % of Budget*
2007	3,030,448			2,892,438			104.8%
2008	2,841,782	-188,666	-6.2%	3,060,906	168,468	5.8%	92.8%
2009	3,490,769	648,987	22.8%	3,400,000	339,094	11.1%	102.7%
2010	3,193,036	-297,733	-8.5%	3,220,000	-180,000	-5.3%	99.2%
2011	3,417,306	224,270	7.0%	3,400,000	180,000	5.6%	100.5%
2012	3,398,988	-18,318	-0.5%	3,520,000	120,000	3.5%	96.6%
2013	3,864,052	465,064	13.7%	3,695,000	175,000	5.0%	104.6%
2014	3,665,553	-198,499	-5.1%	3,790,000	95,000	2.6%	96.7%
2015	3,935,476	269,924	7.4%	4,000,000	210,000	5.5%	98.4%
2016	4,089,951	154,475	3.9%	4,080,000	80,000	2.0%	100.2%
2017	4,036,362	-53,589	-1.3%	4,124,000	44,000	1.1%	97.9%
2018	4,340,401	304,039	7.5%	4,405,396	281,396	6.8%	98.5%
2019	[adopted]			4,438,900	33,504	0.8%	
2020	[proposed]			4,500,000	61,100	1.4%	
Averages		100,591	3.7%		$123,156	3.5%	99.4%



WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Percent of Approved Budget Funded: By Committee 2009-2018

	..CHRISTIAN EDUCATION..			.....FOREIGN MISSIONS.....			.....HOME MISSIONS.....		
Year	**Funded**	**Budget**	**%**	**Funded**	**Budget**	**%**	**Funded**	**Budget**	**%**
2009	393,256	407,161	96.6	1,380,713	1,315,222	105.0	1,176,781	1,137,617	103.4
2010	324,737	350,000	92.8	1,323,168	1,250,000	105.9	986,191	1,050,000	93.9
2011	378,215	370,000	102.2	1,380,482	1,375,000	100.4	1,076,073	1,070,000	100.6
2012	386,314	400,000	96.6	1,328,819	1,375,000	96.6	1,092,733	1,150,000	95.0
2013	434,866	420,000	103.5	1,581,769	1,520,000	104.1	1,258,966	1,177,500	106.9
2014	405,722	430,000	94.4	1,498,735	1,550,000	96.7	1,169,366	1,200,000	97.4
2015	458,081	451,500	101.5	1,682,553	1,653,500	101.8	1,275,472	1,275,000	100.0
2016	490,845	465,000	105.6	1,646,553	1,685,000	97.7	1,385,774	1,300,000	106.6
2017	480,766	474,300	101.4	1,680,934	1,718,700	97.8	1,342,589	1,326,000	101.3
2018	497,734	480,000	103.7	1,907,264	1,925,396	99.1	1,377,394	1,350,000	102.0
2009-2018 Average:			99.8			100.5			100.7
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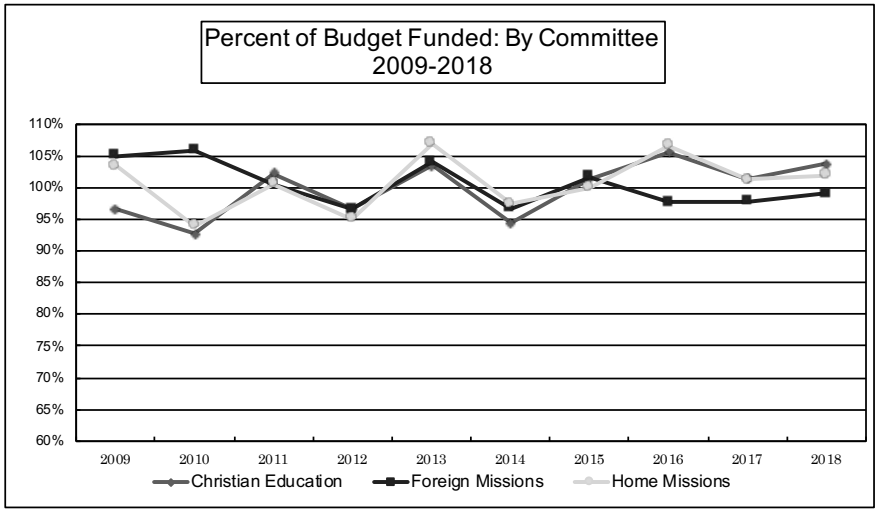

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[1] But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
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*"**Fear not**, for I have redeemed you;*
*I have called you by name, **you are mine**.*
[2] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
[3] For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior…
*[18] **Remember not the former things**,*
nor consider the things of old.
[19] Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
***and rivers in the desert**.*
Isaiah 43:1–3, 18–19

Out of the cold hard winter springs new life. Those early buds represent the first fruits of good things to come and serve as reminders of the hope of that redemption that can be found only in the Lord Jesus Christ, who will make all things new. After reporting on a very difficult 2017, a year marked indelibly in our minds by the triple whammy of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, the Lord blessed us with a year of new things. The year 2018 saw the Committee on Ministerial Care springing to full life, and taking over the ministry to retired ministers from the CDM. In 2018, the Lord opened the way for some unutilized disaster response funds to be put to good use in sending an evangelist to Houston, TX, to bring a ministry of mercy in Word and deed to those impacted externally and internally by the devastating Hurricane Harvey. In 2018, the CDM was invited to participate in funding the evangelist sent to Clarkston, GA, to minister

to the large settlement of refugees there. In 2018, after years of praying, a missionary doctor was called to serve in Karamoja, Uganda, funded by the CDM. Later in 2018, another diaconal laborer, who serves as a facilities engineer/missionary deacon, joined the mission in Karamoja. And, finally, after almost a decade of serving in this capacity, the CDM Administrator was able to take time to produce a series of talks on the Ministry of Mercy (the biblical and reformed foundations for the office of deacon in Reformed and Presbyterian churches), gleaned from many publications on the work of the diaconate collected over the years. May the Lord be praised for these glimmers of hope even arising out of days of affliction.

2018 SUMMARY OF THE WORK

The work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (CDM) in 2018 can be summarized by the following actions:

- Participating in funding a portion of the ministry of some Presbytery Diaconal Committees.
- Providing funds for the diaconal ministry of five OP foreign mission fields.
- Providing funds toward rebuilding the housing for the staff of the Akisyon A Yesu Presbyterian Clinic (AYPC) in Uganda.
- Providing a substantial portion of the funds required to operate AYPC.
- Connecting with the diaconal committees of sister churches worldwide via the Diaconal Committee of the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC).
- Supporting and promoting disaster response efforts to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Maria.
- Providing ministry funds for an evangelist/chaplain to minister in Word and deed to Hurricane Harvey victims in Houston, TX.
- Initiating and promoting disaster response efforts to those affected by Hurricane Florence.
- Communicating disaster response opportunities and reports via websites, Facebook, the S.T.O.R.M. Report, The Mercy Minute, and New Horizons.
- Providing ministry funds for an evangelist/deacon to minister in Word and deed to refugees in Clarkston, GA.
- Investigating the possibility of ministry to Eritrean refugees displaced in the country to the south of Egypt.
- Promoting interaction between deacons on a private Facebook group for OPC deacons.
- Communicating diaconal ministries and opportunities via The Mercy Minute quarterly newsletter.
- Producing five lectures on the Ministry of Mercy and presenting those in Colombia.
- Completing the transfer of oversight of the Obadiah Fund and its beneficiaries to the new Committee on Ministerial Care.
- Providing a full year of support for missionary doctor Flip Baardman in Uganda.
- Providing partial support for facilities engineer/missionary deacon Mark Van Essendelft in Uganda.
- Encouraging presbytery diaconal committees in the growth and development of their labors regionally.
- Supporting, promoting, and documenting short-term missions activities on five foreign and five domestic fields.

I. PROFILE

As an agency of the General Assembly, the CDM is entrusted with the responsibility of

promoting the diaconal ministries of the OPC in those areas that are beyond the province and/or capacity of the local or regional diaconates. Currently, the CDM consists of three ministers, two ruling elders, and four deacons.

The current members of the CDM are:

The Rev. T. Nathan Trice	(Minister, Matthews, NC, PrSE)	– President
Mr. Seth B. Long	(Ruling Elder, Neon, KY, PrSE)	– Vice-President
The Rev. Christopher B. Cashen	(Minister, Atlanta, GA, PrSE)	– Secretary
Mr. John J. Voss, Jr.	(Deacon, Orland Park, IL, PrMW)	– Treasurer
Mr. Ronald E. de Ru	(Deacon, Oak Harbor, WA, PrNW)	
Mr. Joel B. King	(Deacon, Orlando, FL, PrSO)	
The Rev. Ronald E. Pearce	(Minister, Hackettstown, NJ, PNJ)	
Mr. Christopher A. Sudlow	(Deacon, Wheaton, IL, PrMW)	
Mr. Alexander A. Zarek	(Ruling Elder, Franklin Square, NY, PrCTSNY)	

The CDM is blessed with experienced men. Its nine members represent over one hundred and ninety years of ordained service and come from five different presbyteries. Each member of the committee has exhibited a zeal and interest in the ministry of mercy toward saints and strangers that is carried out in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church through the care and gifts of deacons.

Mr. David P. Nakhla (Ruling Elder, Glenside, PA, PrPH) serves as Administrator of the CDM.

CDM MEETINGS

The CDM meets two times per year: once in the spring and once in the fall. The fall meeting is typically the first meeting after which new elections to the committee are made at General Assembly, so the election of officers and subcommittees and other annual resolutions take place at this meeting.

The CDM met at Bethel OPC in Wheaton, IL, on March 22–23, 2018. Bethel OPC has been a good central location for our members to meet, three of them being from Illinois, and the others from the northwest, the southeast, and the east coast. The CDM gives thanks for the continued hospitality provided by Bethel OPC in opening their doors to the work of the committee.

The CDM met at the OPC Administrative Offices in Willow Grove, PA, on November 1–2, 2018. The fall meeting takes place at the OPC Administrative Offices in an effort to keep the CDM connected with the other work of the OPC.

It has become the practice of the CDM to meet annually with representatives of the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) to discuss matters pertaining to areas of ministry that overlap between the two committees. In 2018, due to the response efforts underway following Hurricane Florence, this meeting did not occur in September, as it typically does, but was moved to January 9, 2019. The discussions centered around the work being performed by the CDM-supported missionary doctor Flip Baardman and facilities engineer/missionary deacon Mark Van Essendelft in Uganda; the use of diaconal funds on various mission fields, including the plan for improving the housing for the staff of the clinic in Karamoja; and what the CFM

anticipates requesting of the CDM in 2019. This meeting, like others in the past, proved fruitful toward aligning the work of these two committees. The executive committee of the CDM and its administrator served to represent the CDM.

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Subcommittee (AFS) serves the CDM by overseeing and evaluating the work of the CDM Administrator, considering changes to compensation, proposing budgets, reviewing financials, and other related tasks.

The administrative work of the CDM is centralized at the Administrative Offices of the OPC in Willow Grove, PA. Through the course of the year, the CDM Administrator receives and sends out all the correspondence for the committee, prepares the meeting agendas, and prepares the CDM's report to the General Assembly. Additionally, he collates the financial reports of the CDM, utilizing the financial structures put in place by the Committee on Coordination. Since 2006, the CDM's financials have been included in the annual independent accountant's review of the combined financial statements of the program committees of the OPC and are always available for review.

II. MINISTRIES

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:

- 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 (PDC).
- 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. It also makes them better prepared to provide local oversight of the situation if aid is granted by the CDM.

The procedure and form for requesting aid for an individual in need can be found under "Resources: Requesting Aid," on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

THE AID REQUEST SUBCOMMITTEE

The Aid Request Subcommittee (ARS) serves to receive and evaluate requests for financial help and prepare recommendations for the CDM to consider. This enables the CDM to be more timely and thorough in its response to such requests.

SERVING A FAMILY IN NEED

In 2018, the CDM continued to partner 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. This enables the CDM to participate with confidence that good accountability and care is in place locally. This relationship began in 2011. The CDM funded the requested amount of $21,000 for this family in 2018.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIPS

From 1970 through 2017, the CDM worked with OPC congregations in Philadelphia to provide an alternative to the dangerous local inner-city public school system by assisting church families with the payment of Christian school tuition. The decreasing number of participants in this program over the past several years reflects the decreasing size and number of OPC churches in the city of Philadelphia, such that in 2018 no funds were requested or disbursed for this purpose.

B. MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED INTERNATIONALLY

The unity and universality of the Church are compelling reasons for diaconal assistance to be extended to needy brothers and sisters around the world, primarily to those within the OPC, but also to those with whom the OPC has ecclesiastical fellowship, and to others, as the CDM has opportunity and resources to meet such needs.

A fine way for the CDM to do this is to partner with the CFM in supplying many of the OPC's foreign fields with funds so that they can 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 to the CDM opportunities to partner in ministries of mercy.

TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL REQUESTS

Whatever the source of the requests, the CDM classifies requests in one of three ways: "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 process by which international entities can bring one of these three types of requests to the CDM is contained in Section XI of the CDM Manual (rev14a). Through this process, the CDM was thankful to be able to grant the full amounts requested through the CFM by the following

OP foreign mission fields in 2018:

Field	*2018 Actual*	*2019 Budget*	*2020 Budget*	*Past 10 Yrs. Actual (Total)*
China	$0	$0	$0	$96,000
Eritrea	$3,500	$13,000	$13,000	$17,741
Ethiopia	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$103,587
Haiti	$3,500	$4,000	$4,000	$62,400
Uganda – 2 Mission Stations	$23,000	$23,000	$16,000	$189,000
Uganda – Clinic Operations	$55,570	$65,500	$65,500	$543,260
Uruguay	$250	$300	$300	$250

DIACONAL MINISTRY IN CHINA

Dating back to 1999, the OPC, through its China Mission, has had a special opportunity to participate in a ministry of the love and mercy of Christ to people coming across the nearby river boundary slightly to the south of the mission's location. Due to the deterioration of some important relationships in this ministry and the resulting loss of accountability, the CDM's participation in this ministry was intermitted in 2018 at the request of the China Mission, explaining why no diaconal funds were disbursed for use in China this past year.

DIACONAL MINISTRY IN ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is an active mission work of the OPC even though the Lord has not yet made a way for a full-time missionary to serve there. The indigenous church that has been planted there is the conduit through which the CDM is able to minister to some of the local diaconal needs. The 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. In 2017 (the report for 2018 has not yet been received), the field reported that it ministered to nineteen young children from very poor homes in the amount of $300 each, to five families affected by HIV in the amount of $250 each, and to six couples or singles affected by HIV in the amount of $170 each. It is reported that things are improving each year regarding the HIV crisis and thus a decreasing amount is required for this ministry. On the other hand, ethnic violence and political unrest is on the rise. As such, twenty-one families received a gift averaging $240 each for various related needs.

DIACONAL MINISTRY IN HAITI

The OP Haiti Mission reports that the CDM's gift of $3,500 in 2018 was used primarily to help with school fees and to cover medical expenses. After each expense was approved, a disbursement of only a percentage of the total request was made, mostly between sixty and seventy-five percent. This was in order to come alongside and do "with," not "for." By helping with school fees, the mission is supporting the type of education that will lead to a job and

enable the student to provide for himself and contribute to the local church, rather than post-high academic education that rarely leads to a profitable career.

HOUSING FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

In 2018, the OP Haiti Mission discovered that five families in the Port-au-Prince congregation continued to suffer from difficult housing situations in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010. Each family had property, but the shelter on the property was either unsafe, insecure, or unsuitable to their needs. The CDM provided $28,000 of the remaining Haiti earthquake relief funds for use in building a home for each of these families. Rev. Octavius Delfils engaged a local engineer and company to build the homes. The work was completed in two months. The names of the families blessed by these homes are Assenette Clergé, Loumie Micial, Marie Marcel, Maudline Phyllis, and Donia Delfils. The OPHM gives thanks for this opportunity to minister mercy to these saints in this way.

DIACONAL MINISTRY IN UGANDA

The OP Uganda Mission's stations in Mbale and Nakaale (Karamoja) each receive funds from the CDM for use in ministering to the needs of those in the local churches. In Nakaale, the diaconal mission funds are typically used for assisting the hungry, attending to those with emergency medical needs, and providing catastrophe relief. Many of these needs are coordinated through the Mercy Committee of Nakaale Presbyterian Church. This station also provides assistance in exchange for work, such as with the farm project. In Mbale, the diaconal mission funds are typically used to help pay for medical treatment and supplemental food for the widows in the village churches. The missionaries give thanks for this means to minister to the needs of the congregations, reducing the number of those who approach them directly for aid; those in need of assistance now know to present their needs to their local deacons.

AKISYON A YESU CLINIC IN UGANDA

The OP Uganda Mission has quite a vibrant diaconal component to its ministry in Nakaale, where the Akisyon A Yesu (Compassion of Jesus) Presbyterian Clinic is a significant operation. The clinic, with its staff of thirty indigenous workers (twenty of whom are Karamojong), served 13,838 patients in 2018. While patients are asked 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 it from far away villages will have exposure to the gospel that they might not otherwise receive, while also receiving quality medical care. In 2018, the clinic was once again staffed with a missionary doctor after a few year's vacancy. Dr. Flip Baardman stepped into this role shortly after the clinic began operating in its new facilities completed in 2017. Missionary associate Christopher Verdick has been faithfully serving as the medical administrator for the clinic for the past several years.

With the improved clinic facilities, the next step is to improve the dilapidated staff housing. The CDM contributed the $21,000 that was requested for this effort in 2018, although the project is still in the planning stages. The mission feels that improved staff housing will be essential toward recruiting quality staff.

WELLS IN UGANDA

In recent years, the Uganda mission has been making a concerted effort to make good on promises to help provide pure drinking water in the villages of church members around Mbale. This is one of the best ways to improve the health of a community. A sustainable drinking water source in Uganda typically comes in the form of a bore hole --- a well that is drilled one hundred or more feet down into the earth. The CDM has been blessed to provide the funds to enable the mission to pay the costs of drilling several wells each year.

KARAMOJA EDUCATION OUTREACH

Karamoja Education Outreach (KEO) is a ministry of the Nakaale station of the OP Uganda Mission. The goal is to reach out in ways that provide a good foundation to children entering school, encourage local teachers in their work, and stimulate family involvement in education. In 2018, the CFM requested the CDM to consider involvement in this effort. The CDM was pleased to provide some initial funding this year.

DIACONAL MINISTRY FOR MISSIONARIES

In addition to ministering diaconally through our missionaries, there are times when the CDM also ministers diaconally to our missionaries. Occasionally, circumstances on the field have enabled the CDM to be a blessing directly to those who labor for the gospel. The CDM looks forward to further opportunities to bring such relief to beloved OPC missionaries.

INTERNATIONAL DIACONAL NETWORK

Through the service of its Administrator on the seven-member Diaconal Committee of the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC, of which the OPC is a member), the CDM has been able to network with diaconal bodies of sister reformed and Presbyterian churches around the world. The objective of the committee is to learn from each other and foster fellowship and cooperation in their various diaconal ministries. This committee met quarterly in 2018, making plans for a weeklong face-to-face meeting in the summer of 2019. In November, the CDM was given the opportunity to present on the work the Lord is doing through it at the annual meeting of the National Association of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches (NAPARC). This report was well received and provided an occasion to thank sister churches that came alongside the OPC in various disaster response efforts in recent years. Only time will tell how the Lord might use these fraternal relations of fellowship and communion toward furthering the ministry of mercy worldwide.

C. MINISTRY TO THOSE AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

A major disaster to which the CDM might respond has been defined as “a calamity which arises suddenly and unexpectedly, resulting from an identifiable natural or man-made event like an earthquake, volcano, tsunami, flood, hurricane (or typhoon), famine caused by drought, large-scale civil unrest or rioting, or war, which directly injures the persons and property of tens of thousands of people in a defined geographical area.” Disasters produce excellent opportunities to demonstrate the concern and compassion of the church for those who are hurting, bearing a tremendous testimony to the mercy that has been shown to us; we love, because He first loved us.

DISASTER RESPONSE TO CHURCH MEMBERS

In addition to major disasters, the CDM stands ready to bring assistance to those affected by disasters of much smaller magnitude but where OPC members or property have been directly impacted. This ministry to the household of faith is a tangible outworking of the communion of saints, as the Westminster Confession states, "and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man." (WCF XVI:1)

DISASTER RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE

The CDM's Disaster Response Subcommittee (DRS) works closely with Mr. Nakhla in his role as the OPC Disaster Response Coordinator. It 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 in the OPC, the DRS continues to work toward enhancing and refining the disaster response policies and procedures of the CDM.

DISASTER RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

The CDM owns several trailers and other equipment such as chainsaws and generators, which have accumulated over the years in responding to disasters. This equipment is typically maintained and stored in New Jersey in a pole barn constructed for this purpose. This equipment is available to OP churches and could be deployed as needed during a disaster. That said, the CDM increasingly finds that the equipment needed differs from one disaster to the next. As such, the CDM is prepared to purchase the equipment that a pending disaster response effort might require. For instance, in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence, the main equipment required was commercial dehumidifiers, given the challenge of seeking to dry out homes in a humid environment.

The OPC Disaster Response logo is meant to communicate to those in the disaster zone a message of hope that is found in the cross, even amidst a disaster scene. The logo consists of a cross standing out against a gray and red swirling hurricane symbol. This logo, worn by volunteers or displayed on vehicles, may make it clear to the watching world that the work being carried out is done on behalf of the church and in the name of Christ. Vests, caps, truck decals, identification stickers, and lawn signs imprinted with the logo are part of the disaster response tools, equipment, and paraphernalia that are ready for use by teams during OPC disaster response efforts. In Houston, signs with this logo were posted in front of the homes of those to whom volunteers brought a ministry of mercy in the name of Christ.

HURRICANE HARVEY

Hurricane Harvey devastated the greater Houston area with unprecedented flooding August 26–30, 2017 (details on that can be found in the report to the 85th General Assembly). The disaster response efforts begun in 2017 continued in various forms throughout 2018.

The work continued to be overseen by the Houston Temporary Operating Committee, consisting of Regional Disaster Response Coordinator Steve Larson (Cornerstone OPC, Houston, TX),

Regional Home Missionary the Rev. Mark Sumpter (Presbytery of the Southwest), and OPC Disaster Response Coordinator David Nakhla. This committee was formed in October 2017 with the concurrence of the sessions and diaconates of the OPC churches in Houston: Providence and Cornerstone. As of the writing of this report, this committee continues to serve as the decision-making body to which the various coordinators report. This committee met ten times in 2018.

Deacon Jeff Davis (Cedar OPC, Jenison, MI) continued his service as site coordinator, with his wife Gloria serving as the hospitality coordinator. The Davises served through early April at which time deacon Fred de Ru (Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK), who had been serving as a long-term skilled worker since mid-December, agreed to carry on the role of site coordinator. He continued in that capacity until mid-October when he was released from his duties in Houston to take up similar labors in support of the Hurricane Florence disaster response efforts in North Carolina. Long-term volunteers like this are key to the vitality of this type of disaster response effort. The disaster response ministry in Houston owes Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mr. Fred de Ru a significant debt of gratitude for their contributions.

At about the same time that Fred took over the role of site coordinator, the number of volunteers was starting to wane. One team came in May, and two in June. Except for one team in July that had been scheduled since the early spring, a hiatus was called for the very hot and humid months of July, August, and September, with the goal of restarting the efforts in October. As it turned out, OPC Disaster Response did not receive a single volunteer application in the fall. This was providential in that Hurricane Florence struck the North Carolina coast in September, and Fred de Ru was able to be transferred to North Carolina to serve as site coordinator there.

The ministry efforts in Houston from January through July 2018 were blessed by receiving one hundred and fifty-eight volunteers from thirteen states. The names of the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents are listed in the addendum to this report. This does not include the countless volunteers from the two local OPC congregations who served in so many ways, such as providing hospitality, cooking meals, paying bills, and lending a hand. The CDM would like to thank not only those who responded to the call for help by coming to serve as volunteers, but also the many churches and individuals who participated in sending them. In 2018, volunteers came from eleven OPC churches, five United Reformed churches (through our partnership with Mr. Rob Brinks of Reformed Missions Services), other reformed churches and schools, and the Bible Presbyterian Church. This was a true picture of the unity of the brethren as described in Psalm 133!

Janet Morgan (Church of the Covenant OPC, Hackettstown, NJ) served as the coordinator of a campaign during which thank-you notes and four-by-six inch "Pray for OPC Disaster Response" magnets were sent to hurricane relief volunteers on record as of July 31, 2018.

HURRICANE HARVEY EVANGELIST

One final exciting development in Houston was the calling of what might just be the OPC's first full-time disaster response evangelist/chaplain. Realizing there were leftover disaster response funds, and seeing that the impact of a disaster may be as much emotional, psychological, and spiritual as it is physical, the Houston Temporary Operating Committee, with the encouragement of the CDM's Disaster Response Subcommittee, presented to the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery of the Southwest (PSW) the idea of using

disaster response funds to call a minister for a two-year assignment to knock on doors and present a gospel ministry to Houstonians whose hearts may have been softened by the Lord by means of the circumstances surrounding Hurricane Harvey.

The PSW adopted our proposal and a search committee identified the Rev. Nick Lamme for this very task. Mr. Lamme, being bilingual (Spanish and English) and accustomed to making cold contacts, seemed to be a perfect fit for this role in the greater Houston area. In November, Mr. Lamme was installed. The CDM is coming alongside the funding provided by both the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE) and the PSW, by making available $100,000 ($50,000 per year over two years) of unused disaster response funds toward Mr. Lamme's salary, and $20,000 for the purpose of getting him and his family to the field.

HURRICANE IRMA

Hurricane Irma struck Florida on Sunday, September 10, 2017 (details on that can be found in the report to the 85th General Assembly). In January 2018, OPC Disaster Response Coordinator David Nakhla traveled with Regional Disaster Response Coordinator Joel King (deacon, Lake Sherwood OPC, Orlando, FL) to Key West, FL, to assess any remaining needs. While they found some remaining needs, it became clear that the need for a continued denomination-wide disaster response effort in Florida had come to an end.

HURRICANE MARIA

Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (details on that can be found in the report to the 85th General Assembly). The impression gained from an initial assessment trip in October 2017 was that the need was not for work teams per se, but rather for the ministry of presence, mainly due to discouragement and isolation resulting from the loss of communications systems. As such, members of the Presbytery of New Jersey's Puerto Rico Disaster Response Committee (PRDRC), consisting of the Rev. Tom Church, the Rev. Richard Ellis, elder David Haney, and elder Ed Kauffman) began to make periodic visits to Puerto Rico to encourage the saints there.

Utilities were slowly restored to Puerto Rico. By early 2018, all OPC homes, to our knowledge, had power restored and were able to resume operating as modern homes with all the usual conveniences. About five months after Maria, the PRDRC became aware of a few OPC families that had sustained significant damage to their homes. In March 2018, Mr. Nakhla again visited the island, this time accompanied by Mr. Rob Brinks, director of Reformed Missions Services (RMS), a non-profit of mostly URCNA members that sends out short-term teams for various work projects. A house-to-house assessment of property damage suffered by members of the OPC church plant in Arroyo was made, and it soon became apparent that there were indeed needs that could be addressed by use of the funds donated toward Hurricane Maria relief, and the opportunity for teams to go help.

The ministry efforts in Puerto Rico in 2018 and early 2019 were blessed by receiving twenty-seven volunteers from four states. In May, Mr. Brinks led a joint RMS/OPC team of four men to serve in Arroyo, PR; they repaired the roofs on several homes. In November, a team of three from New Hope OPC (Frederick, MD), joined a team of four from Heritage OPC (Royston, GA), led by the Rev. Mike Myers. This team rebuilt a large deck, repainted a home, and prepared roofs for repair. In late December, an RMS team of nine from Michigan served at the

home of the Rev. Bradney Lopez in Arroyo, removing a blockwall in front of the house and painting the outside of the house. The team also painted the exterior of the home of an elderly person connected with the church, and cleaned up the property of an infirm church member whose home had been completely knocked down by the storm. Finally, a team of seven from Redeemer OPC (Ada, MI), travelled to Arroyo in January 2019 to form and pour columns for a new porch to be added to the home of Mr. Lopez, which should help increase the ministry usefulness of this small home. All the work of these teams more than completed the repair to damage caused to OPC homes by Hurricane Maria. The teams, their work, and their presence brought much encouragement to the saints there. The names of the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents are listed in the addendum to this report.

A unique component of the disaster response efforts in Puerto Rico was how the churches of the Presbytery of New Jersey took turns, monthly, in coming alongside the two established OPC churches affected in San Juan by assisting them in the payment of their mortgages. The assisting church not only sent the contribution directly to the affected church, but accompanied that financial contribution with a note of encouragement, in hopes that the Lord would use this tangible expression of love and concern to increase the fellowship amongst the churches of the presbytery. This ministry was carried out all through 2018 with much enthusiasm and is being considered for continuation in 2019. A significant result of this particular ministry was that each of the two OPC congregations in San Juan were able to report a significant degree of financial stability one year after Maria.

HURRICANE FLORENCE

The much-forecasted arrival of Hurricane Florence finally occurred on September 14, 2018, in Wrightsville Beach, NC, as a Category 1 hurricane. Florence caused a storm surge of as much as ten feet above sea level in New Bern, NC, causing the Neuse River to overflow its banks and sweep into this historic town. Wilmington, NC, experienced a record-breaking storm tide at 3.6 feet above high tide on that same day. Florence was a slow-moving storm and proceeded to dump up to thirty-five inches of rain on the entire state of North Carolina and most of South Carolina, much of that water then flowing back toward the ocean and causing the already burgeoning waterways to crest many days after Florence had moved on. Due to such flooding, the city of Wilmington was cut off from the rest of the state for almost a week.

As has been stated in recent reports, the CDM has been encouraging presbyteries to take on more ownership of disaster preparedness and response efforts. Thankfully, the Presbytery of the Southeast (PSE) has taken that encouragement and is now one of the best prepared presbyteries in the OPC. Their presbytery diaconal committee was able to build on the foundation of disaster preparedness previously laid in the presbytery. (Each church has a disaster response coordinator identified, and a system in place to keep track of its members before, during, and after a cataclysmic event). As such, under the able leadership of Mike Cloy (elder, Reformation OPC, Gastonia, NC) and Tim Hopper (deacon, Shiloh OPC, Raleigh, NC), contact was made with all the churches of the presbytery days before Florence even struck, an accounting of all members was completed (i.e., which families left and which were sheltering in place), and contingency plans were established.

A team of seven (five brothers and two other men) from four states arrived in North Carolina before the storm hit, equipped with emergency rations and equipment. They staged their gear in a warehouse in Wilmington, NC, and then assisted in checking on affected OPC families

before the storm. This disaster response team ("DRT," as they affectionately became known), was able to accomplish much work in the name of Christ. This was a new stage of disaster response work for the OPC for which we give thanks, and from which we can learn how we might mimic such proactiveness in future disasters.

Tim Hopper prepared an excellent overview of this process in an article entitled *Ready for the Storm*, published in the December 2018 issue of New Horizons. Tim concluded:

> *"The development of a response plan by the disaster response team and diaconal committee of the PSE, in conjunction with information from local church officers, allowed us to ensure that each of our church members was accounted for and property damages were assessed once the storm hit. We estimate that the work done by the disaster response team saved recipients over $100,000 in tree cutting, driveway and road clearing, tarping, pumping water, and demolition of flooded properties."*

Covenant OPC (New Bern, NC), and Trinity Reformed OPC and Heritage OPC (Wilmington, NC), all had families who suffered flooding and downed trees. For some, the flood waters entered their homes, requiring the costly process of opening walls and floors to kill the mold, clean, and dry out. Since the coastline of North Carolina has such a naturally humid environment, the process of drying out saturated homes was not an easy one. Thankfully, for many church members, the water level did not rise high enough to enter into their homes, but it did flow under their homes, getting trapped in the crawl space, depositing contaminants and creating a moist environment ripe for the spread of mold and other biological hazards. As such, much of the disaster response effort has been engaged in the effort to dry homes with the use of commercial dehumidifiers, purchased mostly with the use of a $10,000 gift donated to OPC Disaster Response for the express purpose of purchasing equipment. These efforts benefited very much from the expertise of Jim Flanagan (Covenant, New Bern), who providentially has decades of experience in disaster recovery work.

Feedback from homeowners that was posted on Tim Hopper's Facebook page included:

> *"Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. You were a great witness for Christ everywhere you went."*

> *"Thank you so much for helping C. get this work done on her house - you have indeed been the hands and feet of Jesus to her."*

> *"Thank you so much for checking on our home. We are resting easier now knowing what's going on and what to expect when we come back. Praying for your safety."*

> *"Love that the OPC is there caring for its people in time of need!"*

On September 22–28, 2018, the OPC Disaster Response Coordinator performed an initial assessment, visiting the affected churches, their officers, and as many affected families as possible. He quickly discovered how far apart the families of these churches live. In his six days on the ground, he was able to visit about fifteen homes, churches, or places of business of OPC members, but drove over 900 miles to do so. Distance has certainly proved to be just one of the complexities of the Florence disaster response efforts.

In preparation for welcoming volunteers, Maribeth Campbell (Matthews OPC, Matthews, NC), agreed to serve as the volunteer coordinator for Florence disaster response efforts. She is reached by emailing FlorenceVolunteers@opc.org. Each affected church in the area identified a hospitality coordinator to assist in providing food and lodging for volunteers: Sheila Theune (Covenant, New Bern), Alaine Hofland (Trinity, Wilmington), and Ellis Furst (Heritage, Wilmington). The ministry efforts in North Carolina have been blessed by receiving eighty-one volunteers from fourteen states. The names of the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents are listed in the addendum to this report.

From the time that it was clear that OPC congregations had been affected, the Florence Disaster Oversight Committee (FDOC) was established. On this committee is represented the presbytery diaconal committee (chairman, Mike Cloy), the CDM (Seth Long), and each of the three affected OPC churches (deacon Scott Cormier, Covenant, New Bern), Matt Mitchell (Heritage, Wilmington), and Alec Liederbach (deacon, Trinity, Wilmington). The FDOC met by conference call six times in 2018.

In October 2018, Fred de Ru (Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK) was graciously released from his duties as site coordinator in Houston, which enabled him to relocate to North Carolina to take up the work of Regional site coordinator there. Fred, with his wife Brenda at his side, faithfully served in this capacity through the end of 2018, and continues to do so at the time of the writing of this report. The CDM gives thanks to the Lord for men such as Mr. de Ru, without whom these efforts would not be possible.

As of the time of this writing, the Florence disaster response efforts continue.

DISASTER RESPONSE DEVELOPMENT

In recent years, the CDM has sought to transfer more ownership of disaster response to the regional church. Typically, disasters are regional events. Those best suited to respond, at least initially, are those who are situated locally and regionally. And yet, historically, there has been little involvement of the regional church in OPC disaster response efforts. God's timing is always perfect, as seen in the fact that the transition of oversight of disaster response to the presbyteries was a significant theme not only at the 2016 Presbytery Diaconal Summit held in Geneva, IL, but also at the 2017 National Diaconal Summit held in Wheaton, IL. This providentially served as great preparation for the unfolding of three disasters in three presbyteries within three weeks of each other in August and September 2017 and then another major hurricane in September 2018.

The OPC churches in Houston banded together in taking responsibility for oversight of the Hurricane Harvey disaster response efforts. The Hurricane Maria disaster response effort has been overseen by a special disaster response committee of the Presbytery of New Jersey. And the Presbytery of the Southeast's diaconal committee, the CDM, and each of the three affected OPC churches, are all represented on the committee that oversees the Hurricane Florence disaster response efforts.

DISASTER RESPONSE LEADERSHIP

The Lord continues to raise up individuals to serve in leadership roles: the site coordinators (a key role without which there could be no disaster response effort), volunteer coordinators,

hospitality coordinators, and regional disaster response coordinators. All have served faithfully with little fanfare or recognition, and most of them entirely without compensation. These unsung heroes are the backbone of disaster response efforts.

DISASTER RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS

There are also hundreds of volunteers, from far and wide, who have responded to the call to come and give of their time, talents, and energies. Some come for a few days. Others come for a few months. The typical length of service for volunteers is one week. Their contribution is indispensable. They bring a renewed sense of energy and vigor to those who have grown weary. They come ready to serve, and leave with some sense of accomplishment, but also with an even greater sense of being blessed by those they came to serve. As the Lord taught his people, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Individuals who served in 2018 are listed in the addendum to this report. The CDM rejoices in all those who have responded to the call to serve with their time, treasures, and talents, and encourages those who have not been involved to consider what they might be missing!

DISASTER RESPONSE COMMUNICATION PORTALS

Disaster response has shared space with short-term missions for many years:

- OPCSTM.org: This website has served to promote and document both short-term missions activities and disaster response efforts for many years.
  - NOTE: In March 2019, a separate website for disaster response was launched at OPCDisasterResponse.org.
- OPC.org:
  - The STM page at OPC.org included disaster response updates throughout 2018.
  - The homepage at OPC.org had six disaster response feature articles in 2018.
- *The S.T.O.R.M. Report*: In 2018, the monthly short-term missions and disaster response e-newsletter included six special editions to keep the church updated on the impact of Hurricane Florence and the OPC's response effort.

In addition:

- The *OPC Disaster Response* page at Facebook highlights and provides links to volunteer opportunities and reports from disaster sites.
- In 2018, seven issues of New Horizons included disaster response-related articles, news items, or advertisements.

REFUGEE MINISTRY – INTERNATIONAL – GREECE

In 2014, many in the OPC began to ask the CDM how they might participate in bringing relief to those suffering in the worldwide refugee crisis. Given the level of interest, and the severity of the situation, the CDM committed to search for good ministries to which gifts designated for refugee relief could be sent. In the course of its search, it discovered the work of the Greek Evangelical Church (GEC), which ministers to the needs of refugees fleeing from the Middle East as they pass through Greece on their way to Germany. Funds were sent to the GEC and a site visit was carried out in 2017 (details of that trip can be found in the report to the 85th General Assembly). This visit affirmed the CDM's belief that effective diaconal ministry to

refugees (and other vulnerable people groups) is best carried out by the local church, as the GEC is doing.

REFUGEE MINISTRY – INTERNATIONAL – "SOUTH OF EGYPT"

In April 2018, the CDM Administrator, accompanied by the General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, Mark Bube, and missionary evangelist to Uganda, Dr. Charles Jackson, to visit Eritrean brothers and sisters living in exile in the country "south of Egypt." There are over 400,000 Eritreans living as refugees there; many of them Christians. This visit was a follow-up to a visit made by Associate General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev Douglas Clawson, and former missionary to Eritrea, the Rev. Jonathan Falk. The purpose of these visits and future anticipated visits is to see how we can come alongside the saints suffering there. The plan is to move forward slowly and carefully, yet intentionally. May the Lord direct the plans that are underway.

REFUGEE MINISTRY – DOMESTIC

While funds could be sent to many far off places to minister to refugees, the Lord has brought to the attention of the CDM opportunities that exist right here in North America, where we are surrounded by immigrants and refugees who have become our neighbors. In 2018, representatives again attended the annual Refugee Highway Partnership Conference to learn more about ministry to refugees. Such ministry is not simply diaconal, but is a significant opportunity to share the gospel as well. As such, the CDM is thankful to partner with the CHMCE via the Rev. Al Tricarico in investigating how best to minister to this growing segment of our population. Throughout Scripture, the church is reminded of the special concern it ought to have for the sojourner and stranger, even as we ourselves are strangers on earth in a home that is not our final one.

EVANGELIST TO REFUGEES IN CLARKSTON

In April 2017, Redeemer OPC (Atlanta, GA), called the Rev. Christopher Cashen to serve as an evangelist to the refugees in nearby Clarkston, GA, a town with a population of thirteen thousand that has welcomed over forty thousand refugees in the past twenty-five years. In 2018, the CDM contributed $30,000 toward the Rev. Cashen's ministry expenses. The work of the Rev. Cashen is groundbreaking work for the OPC. We look forward to advancing in our understanding of how best to minister both in Word and deed to the strangers in our midst.

Rev. Cashen reports on his work as follows: "The ministry among refugees and immigrants in Clarkston was full of continued learning and growth in 2018. Redeemer OPC grew in their love for the stranger as eight members volunteered their time to serve elementary school children from Syria, Afghanistan, Tanzania, Mexico, and the Congo, in an after school program that ran two to three days per week for nearly the entire year, during which the love of Christ was displayed, and the truth of the gospel was shared. English lessons were presented throughout the year in a formal classroom setting as well as in individual homes. Through the teaching of English, ongoing relationships have been established with eleven different families. Diaconal work came in the form of providing transportation to medical, employment, and school appointments, as well as providing clothing, school supplies, and even a new transmission. The work grew in a profound way in November as we welcomed, housed, and provided refuge for a family of four seeking asylum from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This family

is teaching us what it means to 'love your neighbor as yourself.' We rejoice in the gospel opportunities that the Lord has provided, and are confident that we have only scatched the surface in Clarkston; the fields there are white for harvest."

DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDS

The summary of designated gifts the CDM has received for disasters in recent years includes:

DATE	EVENT	RECEIVED	EOY BALANCE
n/a	General Disaster Fund	$291,921	$239,025
January 2010	The Earthquake in Haiti	$376,326	$68,617
March 2011	The Tsunami in Japan	$628,016	$0
October 2012	Hurricane Sandy in NY and NJ	$180,907	$0
May 2013	The Tornado in Moore, OK	$5,336	$0
November 2013	Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines	$13,208	$0
April 2014	The Tornado in Pantego, NC	$9,450	$0
November 2015	The Refugee Crisis	$54,090	$4,415
August 2016	Flooding in Louisiana	$3,394	$0
August 2017	Hurricane Harvey	$450,777	$47,966
September 2017	Hurricane Irma	$112,947	$94,704
September 2017	Hurricane Maria	$111,299	$32,911
September 2018	Hurricane Florence	$117,882	*$113,189
TOTAL		**$2,355,553**	**$600,827**

* Includes $50,000, not received for Hurricane Florence, but transferred from the General Disaster Fund.

Detailed descriptions of the OPC's activities in response to each of these disasters can be found in previous reports of the CDM to the General Assembly. The total dollar figure above, representing funds received from OPC members, sister churches, and non-OPC individuals, demonstrates a profound compassion for those who suffer great loss, and aptly reflects the mercy and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDS DECOMMISSIONED

In recent years, the CDM adopted a few policies which it has communicated to the church, regarding what to do with funds designated for a specific disaster response effort after that disaster response effort comes to a close. The following is communicated on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org:

> *While the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is committed to utilizing donations designated for a specific disaster towards that disaster, on occasion a portion of the designated funds may remain long after the disaster response effort has concluded. In*

that case, the committee has the following policies in place:

- Any designated disaster response funds that remain two years after the date of the disaster may be transferred to the CDM General Disaster Response Fund.

- Amounts in the CDM General Disaster Response Fund over $50,000 may be transferred to the CDM General Fund.

In accordance with this policy, the CDM, at its meeting in March 2018, determined to transfer $200,000 in Haiti earthquake relief funds (dating back to 2010) to the General Disaster Response Fund. The Hurricane Harvey evangelist is being funded with $100,000 of these decommissioned funds..

D. MINISTRY TO AND THROUGH LOCAL DEACONS

One of the primary reasons for the existence of the CDM is to encourage local deacons in their labors and to identify, promote, develop, and distribute resources for deacons. Despite its name, the CDM carries out little diaconal ministry directly. The diaconal ministry of the OPC is predominantly carried out by deacons locally and, to a much lesser degree, regionally.

DIACONAL TRAINING SUBCOMMITTE

The Diaconal Training Subcommittee (DTS) is responsible for considering ways to assist and encourage deacons in their labors in the local church. The primary way in which the DTS trains and encourages deacons is through periodic diaconal conferences, both national (denomination-wide) and regional (presbytery-wide).

THE NATIONAL DIACONAL SUMMIT

The details of the third OPC National Diaconal Summit (NDS 2017) were reported extensively in the report to the 85th General Assembly, along with the fact that the CDM was persuaded to hold these summits more frequently than every five years. Plans are underway for the fourth summit (NDS 2021) which will most likely be held in the month of June on the campus of Wheaton College. Differing from the previous three summits, the CDM anticipates using speakers from within the OPC for most, if not all, of its speaking slots, rather than bringing in an keynote speaker from outside the OPC. The aim is to provide as practical an experience as possible for the deacons who attend.

Video footage from the plenary sessions of the 2010, 2012, and 2017 National Diaconal Summits is available for diaconal training purposes, particularly useful for training deacons who were ordained since the summits or for those who would simply like a refresher on what was learned. The videos can be found under “Resources: Teaching Materials from Diaconal Summits” on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

PRESBYTERY DIACONAL SUMMITS

A significant focus of the CDM in recent years has been to encourage Presbytery Diaconal Committees (PDC) in their labors. The vision of the CDM is to see a network of deacons (local, regional, and denominational) working together as a unit for the good of the church and

her witness. The CDM considers the PDC to be the lynch pin in this endeavor and thus began to host a Presbytery Diaconal Summit (PDS) every two years: 2012, 2014, and 2016. The CDM chose to postpone its next PDS until 2019 so as to align it with the new four-year cycle for the National Diaconal Summit (NDS), thus creating the opportunity of holding the PDS and the NDS in conjunction with one another every four years. The first of these dual summits is projected to occur in 2021, Lord willing.

PDS IV is scheduled for October 10–12, 2019 in the Chicago area at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Geneva, IL. Each presbytery is welcome and encouraged to send four members of its PDC to this event; the CDM plans to cover all the costs of travel, food and lodging for these men. This summit will be designed to offer a great time of fellowship and interaction for the members of each PDC, that they might grow in their capacity to serve their regional church well together.

PRESBYTERY DIACONAL COMMITTEE REVITALIZATION

The CDM has been encouraged to see many Presbytery Diaconal Committees (PDC) revitalized in their work in recent years. The CDM offers a *Proposed Mandate for the Work of the PDC*, a compilation of the mandates of various PDCs throughout the OPC's sixteen presbyteries. The mandate has been utilized by some presbyteries, sometimes in an edited form, to assist them in revising or improving the work of their PDC. The proposed mandate can be found under "Presbytery Diaconal Committees" on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

Presbyteries that have made significant changes to the work and structure of their PDC in recent years include the Presbyteries of Ohio, the South, the Southeast, the Northwest, and most recently, the Presbytery of New York and New England, and the Presbytery of Philadelphia. There are other presbyteries that have undergone healthy transition in their committee makeup as well. The CDM is willing to assist any presbytery desiring to revive or strengthen the work of their PDC.

PRESBYTERY DIACONAL CONFERENCES

One of the first actions a revitalized Presbytery Diaconal Committee (PDC) might take (after getting organized and gathering contact information for all the deacons in the presbytery) is to host a presbytery diaconal conference. These conferences are a great way for the PDC to get to know many of the deacons in their presbytery and for all deacons to meet one another, receive training in diaconal matters, and be encouraged and motivated in the ministry of mercy that is theirs on behalf of the church. On April 6–7, 2018, nearly forty deacons, ministers, elders, and officers-in-training gathered at Shiloh OPC in Raleigh, NC, for the second Presbytery of the Southeast (PSE) Diaconal Conference. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. C.N. Willborn, Pastor of Covenant PCA (Oak Ridge, TN). OPC deacon Tim Hopper and the Rev. Matt Holst, both members of the PSE PDC, also served as speakers. The CDM was delighted to participate by contributing $1,000 toward the costs of this event. Videos of the conference, useful as deacon training material, can be found under "Teaching Materials from Diaconal Summits" on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm. In an effort to encourage each PDC to consider sponsoring diaconal conferences on a periodic basis, the CDM offers itself as a resource to help the PDCs in their efforts to underwrite and organize such events.

OPC DEACONS FACEBOOK PAGE

In 2017, the CDM created an *OPC Deacons* Facebook page. This page is structured as a closed group so that it is closed to all but OPC officers in order to encourage candidness and ensure privacy among its members. This forum gives deacons the ability to share diaconal resources they find interesting and relevant, and to discuss topics or specific matters pertaining to their work as deacons. There are currently one hundred and eight-two OPC officers who have joined the page and are able to communicate with one another via this private form of social media.

THE MERCY MINUTE

Now in its seventh year, the quarterly e-newsletter of the CDM, *The Mercy Minute*, is intended to keep the deacons of the OPC informed and connected by sharing the work that local diaconates or presbytery diaconal committees are doing, bringing attention to specific needs within the OPC, or simply bringing a word of encouragement. Admittedly, thanks to our growing awareness of the range of diaconal labors going on within the OPC, this publication has come to represent much more than a "minute" of material…and in this we rejoice! The 2018 newsletters included full articles on such topics as *My First Year as a Deacon*, and *Deacons as Mobilizers of Volunteers*, and *A Christian Response to Disaster*; resolutions of thanks for Mr. Robert Wright, Jr., and the Rev. Lendall Smith, both of whom retired from many years of service on the CDM; recruiting of volunteers for various OPC disaster response efforts, and reports on those efforts; new diaconal resources posted on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org; highlights of the work of various presbytery diaconal committees, and reports on the refugee relief work in Clarkston. The Mercy Minute is currently emailed to over fifteen hundred church officers. Anyone who wishes to be added to the distribution list ought to notify the CDM Administrator (david.nakhla@opc.org). Back issues of the newsletter can be found under "Resources: Mercy Minute Archives" on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

MINISTRY OF MERCY LECTURES

In August 2018, at the invitation of the CFM, the CDM Administrator prepared a series of five lectures on The Ministry of Mercy to be used as part of the CFM's Mobile Theological Mentoring Corp (MTMC), which is for churches in foreign countries where the OPC does not have a full-time missionary, but desires to encourage the church there in its pursuit to become Presbyterian and Reformed). On August 27, he traveled to Colombia with the the Rev. Douglas Clawson to present this material to two congregations there.

The series sought to cover the following topics:

- What is Mercy Ministry
- The Special Office of Deacon
- Qualifications for Deacons
- Principles for Diaconal Ministry
- Diaconal Ministry in Our Churches

The CDM Administrator anticipates the opportunity to see this material presented in other countries and venues as well.

DIACONAL RESOURCES

The CDM continues to work with the Committee on Christian Education (CCE) to provide content for OPC publications that might help or encourage deacons in their labors or address topics that relate to the work of the deacons. This material appears in New Horizons, Ordained Servant, and on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org.

The diaconal ministries webpage (OPC.org/committee_dm), referred to throughout this report, includes the following resources:

- CDM contact information
- The CDM Administrator's reports on recent meetings
- Presbytery diaconal committee contact information
- Proposed mandate for the work of the presbytery diaconal committee
- Principles of diaconal ministry
- Instructions on how to request diaconal assistance from the CDM
- Teaching materials from diaconal summits
- Disaster response information
- Refugee relief information
- The Mercy Minute archives
- Links to diaconal articles in New Horizons
- Suggested reading for deacons
- A link to the OPC Deacons Facebook page
- Instructions on how to donate to the CDM

E. MINISTRY TO AND THROUGH MISSIONARY DEACONS

In reflecting upon the divinely ordained role of deacons to enable ministers of the Word to devote themselves to their calling, the CDM concluded that it is proper and appropriate to use CDM funds to participate in sending out missionary deacons to assist missionaries in their labors on the field. The CDM has a cooperative agreement with the CFM to promote the work of the church through the ministry of missionary deacons. It is clearly understood that the missionary deacon is sent by and is under the oversight of the CFM.

MISSIONARY DEACON SUBCOMMITEE

The Missionary Deacon Subcommittee (MDS) assists in recruiting, training, fielding, visiting, and encouraging missionary deacons. Missionary deacons are sent in response to the request of the field and with the concurrence of the CFM.

HAITI MINUTE MEN

At the request of the OP Haiti Mission (OPHM), the CDM serves to recruit and fund a fleet of skilled workers, now affectionately referred to as the "Haiti Minute Men," who might be called upon to serve on a short-term basis to care for OPHM vehicles and property, and to help with diaconal training as needs arise, in lieu of putting a full-time man on the field. The CDM makes use of some of the remaining Haiti earthquake relief funds to help cover the travel costs of those who go to serve the OPHM in this capacity. In February 2018, four men from Pennsylvania visited Haiti to plaster the walls at the La Gonave guest house. In April, two men

from Wisconsin traveled to Haiti to make vehicle and guest house repairs. The OPHM gives thanks for this helpful contribution to their labors.

MISSIONARY DOCTOR TO UGANDA

In 2018, the CDM came alongside the CFM in providing the full support for Dr. Flip Baardman to serve as a missionary doctor at the Akisyon A Yesu Presbyterian Clinic in Nakaale, South Karamoja, Uganda, since the clinic serves as a diaconal arm of the OP Uganda Mission. Dr. Baardman has agreed to serve a two-year term. He reports, "I can really say we are settled in and I am enjoying the work at the clinic very much. Patients have been many, so I have been busy with seeing patients and overseeing and teaching the staff. The Karamojong language is a hard nut to crack but we are learning every day. The amount of patients is a bit related to the season. In 2019, we are planning on doing blood transfusions at the clinic because very often blood is not available at surrounding hospitals…" Unless the CDM's financial outlook changes considerably in the coming years, the CDM anticipates having only enough funds to cover the salary of a missionary doctor for the duration of Dr. Baardman's two-year term.

MISSIONARY DEACON TO UGANDA

In 2018, the CDM came alongside the CFM in supporting facilities engineer/missionary deacon Mark Van Essendelft in Uganda. While Mr. Van Essendelft was not called primarily to oversee a ministry of mercy, but rather to oversee the care and maintenance of the properties in Karamoja, it is recognized that as a deacon, he will have ample opportunity to participate in an active ministry of mercy. As such, the CDM concurred with the invitation of the CFM to participate in funding his efforts at fifty percent of his costs. This support began in the fall and is anticipated to continue through his four-year term. Unless the CDM's financial outlook changes considerably in the coming years, the CDM anticipates having only enough funds to cover the salary of a missionary deacon for the duration of Mr. Van Essendeflt's four-year term.

F. MINISTRY TO MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS

A very important and beloved ministry of the CDM was spawned in 2006, when a gift of $150,000 was received from a generous member of the OPC who requested that the funds be applied specifically to the needs of retired OPC ministers and their widows. The Obadiah Fund, named in honor of the prophet Obadiah, who protected and cared for one hundred prophets of the Lord, was created to receive and administer this gift.

Who is worthier to receive the diaconal care of the church than those who have given their lives in service to Christ's church, and their wives who have faithfully served alongside them. Many OPC ministers have made great sacrifices, financial and otherwise, to accept the calls offered to them by congregations of the OPC.

MINISTERS AND WIDOWS SUBCOMMITTEE

The CDM established the Ministers and Widows Subcommittee (MWS) to oversee this ministry and the Obadiah Fund. With the establishment of the OPC's Committee on Ministerial Care (CMC), and the transfer of the Obadiah Fund and the diaconal care of ministers and their widows to the CMC on July 31, 2018, the CDM determined to dissolve the MWS on that same date.

THE OBADIAH FUND

The donor who made the gift of $150,000 with which the Obadiah Fund began, also committed to renewing that gift of $150,000 each year, and has faithfully done so since 2007. The CDM has been delighted to see a growing number of other individuals designating gifts to the Obadiah Fund, too.

Each year from 2007 through 2018, the CDM distributed a portion of the available funds by making a general disbursement to each of the households on its list of eligible retired ministers and widows. It has been the CDM's practice to ask each Presbytery Diaconal Committee (PDC) to provide a report on the welfare of the eligible individuals in their presbyteries. In the past several years, gifts were made based on age bracket, with younger retired ministers receiving gifts starting at $500, and older retired ministers and all widows receiving up to $1,250 each. In 2018, gifts were distributed to ninety-seven retired ministers and sixteen widows. If a PDC reported a particular need on the part of any individual, that need was addressed separately as a Special Disbursement.

With projections indicating that the number of eligible beneficiaries could double within the next ten years as baby boomers (those born between the year of 1946 and 1964) retire, the Obadiah List will continue to grow. At the end of 2017, the generous donor, whose initial gift led to the establishment of the Obadiah Fund, gifted to the OPC the principal from which those yearly contributions were being drawn. This gift was in the amount of $2,387,000, and it, along with other funds donated to the Obadiah Fund, will enable the CMC to continue the legacy of care for retired OPC ministers. We rejoice that the Lord has provided so richly and we trust that He will continue to do so!

As the CDM brings to a close its direct involvement with this cherished ministry to retired OPC ministers and their widows, it gives thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to interact in this unique way with this loved sector of the OPC and to all those who have contributed to the Obadiah Fund, making this work possible. A particular expression of thanks is due to the original donor to the Obadiah Fund (who has chosen to remain anonymous), without whose thoughtful care, the CDM would not have been able to report that, from 2007 through 2018, it has been able to distribute to OPC retirees a total of $1,322,000!

DIACONAL CARE FOR NON-RETIRED MINISTERS

In 2018, as the Committee on Ministerial Care began to take over the receipt of requests from Presbytery Diaconal Committees for assistance for non-retired ministers, the CDM provided $25,000 towards those needs, and anticipates participating in a similar fashion each year. This request will be handled by the Aid Request Subcommitte of the CDM going forward.

G. MINISTRY THROUGH THE SHORT-TERM MISSIONS COORDINATOR

Almost ten years ago, the CDM, in coordination with the CHMCE and the CFM, created a staff position with the title of Short-Term Missions Coordinator to assist them in supporting, developing, and promoting a short-term missions program at home and abroad. Mr. Nakhla continues to hold this position in addition to serving as CDM Administrator and Disaster Response Coordinator. He is very ably assisted in these labors by Janet Birkmann, who helps to manage so much of the promotion, coordination, and documentation associated with

short-term missions.

Following is the report of Mr. Nakhla and his assistant, Miss Birkmann, on OPC short-term missions in 2018.

Report of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator
For the Year 2018

"*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."*
Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS ON FOREIGN FIELDS

In 2018, fifty-nine members of the OPC served on five OP foreign mission fields in a short-term missions capacity. An additional forty-one non-OPC members served on those fields.

- Please see the Appendix of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions for a complete list of individuals who served on OP foreign mission fields in 2018.
- For a statistical summary of individuals, churches, and presbyteries represented on short-term missions teams in 2018, please see the addendum to this report.
- For an overview of all the STM opportunities offered through the OPC, please visit: OPCSTM.org/category/overview/

A wonderful side-benefit of short-term missions is the strengthening of the bond between our churches and our mission fields, characterized by increased concern, prayer, and financial support for our missionaries.

Short-term missions are not just for the summer anymore! Some STM opportunities are available off season or year-round.

Short-term missions can be a family affair! It is wonderful to see the numbers of siblings that serve together, parents and children that serve together, and couples that serve together.

"ASIA" 2018:

During the month of July in 2018, twin sisters from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic served with the OP mission in Asia. One served directly with the OP mission; the other was able to stay a little longer and participated as a teacher in the English House program at a local university. In addition to a full schedule of teaching English in the classroom, this program includes rooming with local students at the English House residence, which provides opportunities for friendship evangelism and practicing English, and complements the work of the OP missionaries in the vicinity.

These young ladies noted:

"English House is only part of what you get to do during the five weeks. You get to

experience local life and culture, interact with students from the class you teach, and get to know and participate in the OPC (mission) team there. English House is truly a unique privilege and opportunity..."

"I think of my time there as a drip in the seed-watering process. Long-term workers have been planting and watering seeds there for years through building relationships, translating literature, training leaders…"

THE CZECH REPUBLIC 2018:

Jerry and Marilyn Farnik, OPC-affiliated missionaries serving in the Czech Republic, were on furlough during the summer of 2018, so the customary OPC short-term missions activity in the Czech Republic did not take place. The Youth Committee of the Presbytery of Southern California plans to resume sending Team Praha and an English Camp team to the Czech Republic in the summer of 2019.

HAITI 2018:

Due to its proximity to the United States, Haiti is fairly easy for teams and individuals to travel to in order to participate in the labors there. This Caribbean island is only a two-hour flight from Miami, FL. Several inoculations and a specific kind of malaria prophylaxis are required for those who wish to visit, but the OPC Haiti Mission is very receptive to the periodic participation of OPC volunteers in their missionary labors in Haiti.

Team Haiti:

The Youth Committee of the Presbytery of Southern California (PSC) sent its twelth(!) Team Haiti to work with OP missionary Ben Hopp and his family in 2018. This team of young people (ages eighteen and up) helped the Hopps run VBS programs, based on Reformed catechetical instruction, on the island of La Gonav. They also helped with work projects at the missionary home. The Hopps have been very thankful for the PSC's consistent efforts in sending teams of pre-screened young people each year.

In 2018, Team Haiti served from June 23rd to July 5th. The team consisted of an ordained team leader and eight young people representing four presbyteries.

One team member noted:

"One thing that really stuck out to me about this trip was the way everyone served so willingly and joyfully. The team was comprised of many, very different, members and yet the Lord knit us together into a strong and unified group that was able to serve him effectively…"

Team Haiti 2018 experienced a little extra adventure when they had to be evacuated via helicopter due to political unrest that began towards the end of their trip. As a result, Ben Hopp added an important new resource to OPCSTM.org entitled, Facing the Unexpected on Short-Term Missions Trips, in which he addressed the hazards related to sickness, transportation, and security when serving in a foreign land.

Haiti Work Teams:

In February 2018, four men from Pennsylvania visited Haiti to plaster the walls at the La Gonave guest house. In April, two men from Wisconsin traveled to Haiti to make vehicle and guest house repairs. See "Haiti Minute Men," earlier in report.

QUEBEC 2018:

English for Kids Bible Camps:

Each summer, three week-long English for Kids Bible Camps are held at St-Marc's Reformed Church in Quebec City, where OP missionary Ben Westerveld serves as pastor. The Rev. Westerveld oversees the camp program, and his missionary associate directs the camps. The camps are designed to share the gospel with non-believing, French-speaking families who seek opportunities for their children to start learning English at a young age. In 2018, three teams consisting of a total of forty-six volunteers led the three camps. Each week of this popular camp had fifty-two to fifty-five children enrolled – the maximum their facilities can accommodate.

Missionary Associate/Camp Director Janine Eygenraam noted:

> *"I was blown away by what they learned during music class. The mother of two of the girls told me that she would catch the girls singing at home and ask them where they learned the songs. They replied, 'At English for Kids!'"*

A fourth week of English for Kids Bible Camp is held at a sister church, L'Eglise Chrétienne Réformée de Beauce, in St-Georges de Beauce, Quebec. This camp is directed by Mrs. Olivia Durham of Covenant OPC (Barre, VT). In 2018, her team of twenty-one volunteers from the Presbytery of New York and New England led the camp with sixty children enrolled.

One team member noted:

> *"Having done this for seven consecutive years, I have a different perspective from many of the team members. I have loved being able to see how the camp has grown and changed over the years. I have also been able to watch the kids grow and change…"*

English for Teens Bible Camping Trip:

The English for Teens Bible Camping Trip is directed by OP missionary to Quebec, the Rev. Ben Westerveld. The camp combines biblical themes, practicing English, and learning the fundamentals of camping. In 2018, a father and his two sons assisted Ben in leading five teens on the camping trip.

Mr. Westerveld reported:

> *"The camping experience was great, as the teens learned to set up tents, prepare meals and do the dishes. Discussions about faith and church gave me insight into the teen's spiritual reflections. The youths appreciate our camps as a venue to think and reflect on questions about God and the meaning of life..."*

All told, five OPC presbyteries, and four non-OPC reformed and Presbyterian denominations, were represented on the English for Kids and Teens teams in 2018.

UGANDA 2018:

The OP Uganda Mission (OPUM) is very creative in using the various gifts, talents, and abilities of those who have the time, resources, and good health required to work with this mission in its remote region of the world. 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 at the clinic in a medical or dental capacity; working with the missionary deacon in construction, drilling, or farming; or just being a blessing to the missionaries in whatever way is best. The Karamoja Education Outreach (KEO) program attracts short-term visitors who enjoy working with children in a teaching capacity. In all these realms, there is 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 gospel.

In 2018, the OPUM received three short-term missionaries, including two men, from the Presbyteries of Ohio and the South, who traveled to Uganda to make extensive repairs and improvements to one of the missionary homes, and one young lady from the URCNA who spent several months helping out in the home of the Van Essendelft family.

URUGUAY 2018:

June 30–July 7, 2018, a team traveled to Montevideo to help the OP Uruguay Mission conduct its annual English Club winter outreach program (it is winter there when it is summer here!). Two members of the team came from the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, and the other six members were from two PCA churches. Each of the four days, a total of twenty-six adults and nine children (not counting the missionary kids) attended the afternoon class for middle-school aged kids or the evening class for teens and adults. Each day, there was a gospel presentation from the Scriptures and a call to trust in Christ. Among those in attendance, several have since attended worship services and/or are regular attendees at the ongoing Wednesday night conversational English groups the mission offers.

One team member noted:

> *"It was a joy for us to develop friendships with the missionaries and their children, and 'live' the missionary life for a week. Serving in this way was a great blessing to us, as our hearts have expanded to love and pray for the people in another part of the world, where Christ is faithfully building His church."*

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS ON NON-FOREIGN FIELDS

One does not have to look outside the boundaries of our own country to find a meaningful short-term missions opportunity.

In 2018, one hundred and sixty-five members of the OPC served on five short-term missions fields here in the USA: Wildwood, NJ; Naples, FL; Zoar, WI; Neon, KY; and Kentwood, MI. An additional sixty-one non-OPC members served at those venues. (These numbers do not include four Boardwalk Chapel Ministry Teams for which we were unable to obtain a count.)

- For a statistical summary of individuals, churches, and presbyteries represented on short-term missions teams in 2018, please see the addendum to this report.
- For an overview of all the STM opportunities offered through the OPC, please visit: OPCSTM.org/category/overview/

THE BOARDWALK CHAPEL, WILDWOOD, NJ 2018:

The Boardwalk Chapel, a ministry of the Presbytery of New Jersey, has provided a consistent witness to the hope of the gospel on the boardwalk in Wildwood, NJ, every summer since 1945. The year 2018 marked the Boardwalk Chapel's seventy-fourth summer of ministry. This gem of the OPC continues to flourish as a wonderful training ground for beginner short-term missionaries.

- OPC and non-OPC volunteers serve in various capacities at the Boardwalk Chapel, including:
- Administrative Staff: Includes a director, administrative assistant, maintenance coordinator, house parents, and evangelism trainers.
- Work Teams: Serve on weekends in May, helping to clean, paint, make repairs, and otherwise prepare the Chapel buildings for the busy summer season.
    - In 2018, two work teams totaling twenty-three volunteers served on weekends in May.
- Volunteer Summer Staff: Consists of teams and leaders (Evangelism, Drama, Music, Domestic, A/V) that give of their time and talents to testify on the boardwalk, on the beaches, and during the nightly services held at the Chapel.
    - In 2018, twenty-four young people served as leaders and team members on the summer staff.
    - Additional volunteers and visitors served for shorter periods during the summer.
- Ministry Teams: Church groups that serve for a week at a time, participating in the nightly music and drama programs, learning and practicing evangelism with the summer staff, and having a great time together!
    - In 2018, twenty churches took advantage of this great opportunity and sent over one hundred and fifty volunteers to serve during one of nine ministry team weeks.

All, told, nine OPC presbyteries, and non-OPC churches from six states, were represented among those who served at the Boardwalk Chapel in 2018.

From ministers who served as Ministry Team Leaders:

> "*I arrived at the chapel with thirteen mice, and a week later I left with thirteen lions. The Boardwalk Chapel is at the same time a safe house for fellowship, and a bootcamp for zeal; a haven of prayer and a hive of song. It is all these things and more because the Lord has so obviously been pleased to use it.*"

> *"I see this as a great opportunity for church members of all ages to be trained in evangelism and grow in boldly speaking of Christ. Team members return home with a greater enthusiasm to practice evangelism in their community."*

From a few Ministry Team members:

"The fellowship with the Chapel staff in prayer is truly amazing, and I was motivated to seek out opportunities to have that kind of fellowship with the believers in my life."

"I loved fellowshipping with the teens and witnessing their many talents in the service of Christ."

"I particularly enjoyed observing the different approaches that other team members and the chapel staff took to engage in discussion—I marvel at the gifts and knowledge that God has given individuals to spread His gospel."

NAPLES, FL 2018:

March 30 – April 6, 2018, Pastor Eric Haulser (Christ the King OPC, Naples, FL) welcomed Robert Brinks and a team of twenty-one from Reformed Mission Services to Naples over spring break. They spent three days doing local outreach service projects and two days serving at a faith-based ministry to the homeless and addicted. They attended the church's mid-week Bible study and three worship services, during which they taught the church family at Christ OPC two new hymns.

Pastor Hausler reported:

"The reputation of our church, and the credibility of our cause for the Gospel, has been significantly enhanced among our neighbors based on these good works. And it was a great encouragement to our work in Naples!"

ZOAR, WI 2018:

July 10–16, 2018, Pastor Micah Shin and a team of nine young people from the Presbytery of the Midwest participated in an annual outreach program called Menominee Missions (formerly known as Venture Missions), sponsored by Menominee OPC in Zoar, WI. The team conducts a VBS on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Zoar. The history and language of the Menominee people is included in their training before the VBS.

Team members noted:

"One thing that stuck out to me was that the kids just loved listening to the songs we brought and would ask me when we could sing again."

"I am so glad that I can serve God by giving them a little bit of love, even if it is just for a week."

"It was a great blessing to learn about the Menominee culture, history, and language as well as the long history of Menominee OPC in Zoar, WI."

CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

OPC Short-Term Missions seeks to encourage churches to help and serve one another on short-term projects. When churches make their needs known, and individuals and groups from other churches respond to the call, the collaboration results in thanksgiving for an accomplishment

enjoyed by both the team participants and the recipients of the help. Visit OPCSTM.org/category/churches-helping-churches/ for many examples of this.

NEON, KY 2018:

In February 2018, Steve and Carrie Hill (Redeemer OPC, Ada, MI), traveled to Neon, KY, to rebuild the dilapidated master bathroom in the manse apartment at the Neon OPC church plant.

Shiloh OPC (Raleigh, NC) donated the funds to complete the project.

Steve and Carrie reported:

> *"We recently returned from a seventeen-day short-term missions trip to Neon, Kentucky, to build out the Master Bathroom that was listed in the S.T.O.R.M. Report last month. We are so thankful for the opportunity to go and serve on behalf of Redeemer, but most of all as servants of God. We know it is only because of Christ through us that we were equipped to serve."*

Jay Bennett, Pastor, Neon OPC responded:

> *"Your hard work, skill, and servant hearts are much appreciated. We enjoyed getting to know you over the last two weeks and miss you."*

John Shaw, General Secretary, Home Missions, noted:

> *"What a blessing to be part of one church (as we all share in the fellowship of one gospel) where people use their gifts and talents to serve."*

KENTWOOD, MI 2018

In July 2018, Pastor Jerry Neumair (Meadow Springs OPC, Kentwood, MI) welcomed volunteers from Cedar OPC (Jenison, MI) and New Life Fellowship (Grand Rapids, MI) to help with Meadow Spring's outreach during the local July Fourth parade and carnival. Pocket New Testaments, gospel tracts, and invitations to church and outreach events were distributed. The float they built was also used by Cedar OPC for their local Memorial Day parade outreach.

While plans were underway, Pastor Neumair reported:

> *"The float we're building (While We Were Rebels, Christ Died for Us!) for our Star-Wars themed parade, will also be used at Cedar OPC's Memorial Day parade in Jenison, and then the name changed to Meadow Springs for the July Fourth parade. This is Presbyterianism at some of its best!"*

NAPLES, FL, and SAN ANTONIO, TX

Christ the King OPC (Naples, FL) and San Antonio Reformed OPC (San Antonio, TX), maintain an open invitation for volunteers to bring a team in the summer to help them with a week of organized outreach and service projects in their communities.

REQUEST A TEAM

Pastors and sessions might prayerfully consider whether there might be a local outreach event (such as a VBS), community service project, church ministry program, or facility improvement scheme, that could be undertaken with the help of a team from another church or presbytery. By requesting a team through OPC Short-Term Missions, a church creates an opportunity for those who desire to give of their time and gifts in short-term service.

Request a team at OPCSTM.org/request-a-team-to-help-your-church/.

STM COMMUNICATION PORTALS

OPCSTM.ORG

The website at OPCSTM.org has served to promote and document both short-term missions activities and disaster response efforts for many years. (Note: In March 2019, a separate website for disaster response was launched at OPCDisasterResponse.org.)

Short-Term Missions at OPCSTM.org:

- New to Short-Term Missions? Start Here!
- Ready to Plan Your Trip? Here's Your Roadmap!
- Current Opportunities
- Overview of All Opportunities
- *S.T.O.R.M. Report* Archives
- STM Resources
- STM Articles from *New Horizons*
- Get Inspired: Photos and Testimonials from the Field
- Request a Team to Help Your Church

A statistical review of activity at OPCSTM.org in 2018 revealed a thirty-seven percent increase in website engagement over the previous year. The largest number of visitors to the website were from the USA and Canada, followed by countries in Europe and Asia. Forty-five percent of visitors accessed the website directly; others came via search engines, OPC.org, the *S.T.O.R.M. Report*, or social media.

OPC.org

- The STM page at OPC.org was updated with news and links throughout 2018.
- The homepage at OPC.org had five short-term missions feature articles in 2018.

Facebook

The *OPC Short-Term Missions* page at Facebook highlights and provides links to opportunities for service and reports from the field.

New Horizons

In 2018, eight issues of *New Horizons* included short-term missions articles, news items, or

advertisements.

The *S.T.O.R.M. Report* = Short-**T**erm **O**utreach, **R**elief, and **M**issions

The *S.T.O.R.M. Report*, a monthly e-newsletter, completed its seventh year in circulation in 2018.

The report highlights and provides links to short-term missions and disaster response opportunities, news, reports, and resources. In 2018, thirteen regular editions and two short-term missions special editions were produced. An additional six disaster response special editions kept the church updated on the impact of Hurricane Florence and the OPC's response effort. The list of addresses to which the *S.T.O.R.M. Report* is sent is now close to four thousand, including church officers, STM and disaster response participants, and anyone who has signed up to receive the report.

- Pastors or sessions who are interested in the *S.T.O.R.M. Report* but are not finding it in their inbox are encouraged to contact OPCShortTermMissions@opc.org with a personal email address, since many opc.org addresses appear to interpret the email as spam due to its large distribution list.
- Pastors and sessions who receive the newsletter may forward it to their church email list, or download a printable bulletin insert or poster of the *S.T.O.R.M. Report*, found at OPCSTM.org/storm-reports/.
- The emailed newsletter has an unsubscribe feature that allows any recipient to opt out of receiving future issues.

STM SURVEY

Again in 2018, an online survey was sent to individuals who participated in summer short-term missions (STM). There was a thirty-eight percent response rate. Each STM field received a copy of the results of the survey taken by those who had served on that field.

The statistical breakdown of answers given to several of the survey questions was as follows:

"As a result of this short-term missions experience, I…"

83%.....want to go on an STM trip again
79%.....will recommend this STM trip to others
69%.....will encourage others to go on an STM trip
69%.....will try to evangelize more in my day to day life
64%.....will pray more for missions
51%.....will talk more about missions and outreach with my church friends
36%.....am more likely to consider serving as a missionary someday
36%.....am more interested in staying up to date on OPC missions
33%.....understand better what a missionary's day to day life is like
19%.....would consider serving as a missionary associate for one to two years
17%.....would like to be a leader on an STM trip

"Would any of the following have helped improve your preparation for your STM trip?"

50%.....More prayer
40%.....More Bible Study
24%.....More knowledge about the work we were going to be doing
22%.....More communication with other members of my team
21%.....More time practicing the songs or skits I'd be performing
16%.....More communication from the field
12%.....More time planning the lessons I'd be teaching
10%.....More information from those who went on this trip previously
10%.....Being in better physical shape
9%.....More knowledge about the people we were going to serve
9%.....Packing more appropriately
7%.....Reading "how to" articles or books on short-term missions
5%.....Short-term missions training

"How would assess the cost of this trip?"

77%.....Just right
17%.....Seemed inexpensive for what we got
5%.....Too expensive

"How were funds raised for your trip?"

39%.....It was paid for out of the church, missions, or youth group budget
36%.....I used my own funds/savings
27%.....My church took up a special offering, held a fundraising event, etc.
25%.....I raised funds by asking/writing to family, friends, church members
15%.....My family paid for me
15%.....Other

Following is a sample of answers given to the question, "What would you say to recommend short-term missions to someone?"

- It's amazing how the church is a global entity and how great a unifier Christ is!
- It increases one's desire to serve Christ at home; renews the joy of the gospel.
- They give you a taste of how God's kingdom is advancing on the front lines.
- Grow in your ability to respect authority and take responsibility for yourself.
- You serve in many ways you would not normally have the opportunity to.
- It helps you appreciate things about another culture as well as your own.
- Wonderful opportunity to serve, encourage and support missionaries.
- It's a good kind of uncomfortable that you can't get anywhere else.
- It's a great way to water seeds planted by long-term missionaries.
- It's sharing Christ in a way that strengthens your own convictions.
- It's one of the best ways to challenge and test your faith.
- Go ahead - do it! See how God works in your life!
- Witnessing to the lost is amazing and addictive.
- You will grow in ways you do not realize.
- It is a piece of Heaven from God.
- Don't think about doing it, do it.
- You won't regret it.
- It's life-changing.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is a privilege to report to the General Assembly on the work of the short-term missionaries who gave of their time, energies, gifts, and resources in and through the OPC in 2018. May each one of them, and those who sent them, be encouraged by this taste of the blessing that is received in giving. And may our Savior be pleased to use their work towards the purpose of calling His children unto Himself.

III. CDM ADMINISTRATION

A. Membership:

Class	*Ministers*	*Ruling Elders*	*Deacons*
2019	Ronald E. Pearce	Alexander A. Zarek	John J. Voss, Jr.
2020	T. Nathan Trice	Seth B. Long	Christopher A. Sudlow
2021	Christopher B. Cashen		Ronald C. de Ru Joel B. King

B. Officers:

President:	T. Nathan Trice
Vice-President:	Seth B. Long
Secretary:	Christopher B. Cashen
Treasurer:	John J. Voss, Jr.

C. Subcommittees (as of Dec 31, 2018):

1. *Executive Committee*: Trice, Long, Cashen, Voss

2. Standing Subcommittees: (chairman in **bold**)

   a. *Administration and Finance Subcommittee (AFS):* Long, **Sudlow**, Voss

   b. *Aid Request Subcommittee (ARS):* Long, Trice, **Voss**

   c. Disaster Response Subcommittee (DRS): de Ru, King, Long, Voss, **Zarek**

   d. Diaconal Training Subcommittee (DTS): Cashen, King, Pearce, Sudlow, **Trice**

   e. Missionary Deacon Subcommittee (MDS): Cashen, de Ru, **Trice**

3. CDM Representative on *Missionary Widow Fund* (trustees of the Fund appointed by the CFM): Pearce

D. Staff:

Administrator:	David P. Nakhla
Administrative Assistant/Communications Coordinator:	Janet L. Birkmann
Disaster Response Coordinator (DRC):	David P. Nakhla
Short-Term Missions Coordinator (STMC):	David P. Nakhla

E. Donations:

Tax-deductible donations to the CDM should be made payable to:

- *Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

These donations can be further noted as follows:

- *CDM* – For funds intended for general benevolent use
- *Disaster Relief* – For funds intended for general disaster relief
- *Refugee Relief* – For funds intended for the relief of refugees
- Additional instructions can be found under "Donations" on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

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 pertaining to the work of the CDM may be sent to the CDM Administrator, Mr. David P. Nakhla, at david.nakhla@opc.org.

Disaster response matters may be sent to OPCDisasterResponse@opc.org. Short-term missions matters may be sent to OPCShortTermMissions@opc.org.

G. Policies:

CDM policies and procedures that are relevant to those outside the CDM can be found on the diaconal ministries webpage at OPC.org/committee_dm.

H. 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

A. That for the year 2020 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

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (AFS)					
Staff Salaries & Benefits	$178,223	$197,174	$194,097	$194,825	$198,000
Staff Travel	$13,942	$13,000	$17,340	$16,000	$16,000
Office & Vehicle Expenses	$12,498	$23,100	$12,944	$15,000	$15,000
Committee Mtg (including travel)	$9,634	$11,000	$10,059	$11,000	$11,000
Promotional Material	$3,623	$15,000	$12,824	$13,000	$10,000
Stipends	$400	$2,000	$0	$2,000	$2,000
Ministry Support / Development	$3,526	$10,000	$999	$5,000	$5,000
COC Financial Services Fee	$0	$0	$10,658	$22,500	$22,500
Miscellaneous	$0	$1,000	$0	$1,000	$1,000
AFS Total	$221,847	$272,274	$258,921	$280,325	$280,500
AID REQUEST (ARS)					
China	$9,600	$10,400	$0	$0	$0
Eritrea	$0	$3,500	$3,500	$13,000	$13,000
Ethiopia	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Haiti	$3,000	$3,500	$3,500	$4,000	$4,000
Uganda - Mission Stations	$29,000	$47,000	$33,000	$41,500	$46,500
Uganda - Clinic	$56,130	$86,570	$76,570	$55,570	$55,570
Uruguay	$0	$250	$250	$300	$300
Fgn - Special Relief	$1,500	$15,000	$11,064	$15,000	$15,000
Scholarships - Philadelphia	$9,300	$5,000	$0	$0	$0
Dom - Special Relief	$31,920	$60,000	$29,400	$65,000	$65,000
ARS Total	$150,450	$241,220	$167,284	$204,370	$209,370

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
DISASTER RESPONSE (DRS)					
Refugee Relief	$0	$50,000	$31,200	$31,200	$31,200
Disaster Response - Fgn	$0	$25,000	$3,836	$25,000	$25,000
Disaster Response - USA	$1,862	$20,000	$0	$20,000	$20,000
DRS Total	$1,862	$95,000	$35,036	$76,200	$76,200
DIACONAL TRAINING (DTS)					
National Diaconal Summit	$63,108	$5,000	$0	$0	$5,000
Presbytery Diaconal Summit	$300	$10,000	$0	$20,000	$0
Other Diaconal Conferences	$0	$5,000	$1,000	$2,000	$2,000
Local Diaconal Visitation			$0	$30,000	$0
DTS Total	$63,408	$20,000	$1,000	$52,000	$7,000
MISSIONARY DEACON (MDS)					
MssryDeacon - Haiti	$0	$5,000	$0	$5,000	$5,000
MssryDeacon - Uganda	-$7,584	$175,000	$184,029	$150,000	$80,000
MssryDcn - Equipment		$50,000	$47,000	$2,500	$2,500
MDS Total	-$7,584	$230,000	$231,029	$157,500	$87,500
MINISTERS & WIDOWS (MWS)					
Obadiah General Gifts	$89,500	$100,000	$98,000	$0	$0
Obadiah Specific Diaconal Gifts	$11,800	$30,000	$32,450	$0	$0
Health Insurance Premiums	$0	$10,000	$0	$0	$0
MWS Total	$101,300	$140,000	$130,450	$0	$0
Ministry Expenses Total	$309,437	$726,220	$564,799	$490,070	$380,070
General Fund Expenses Total	$531,283	$998,494	$823,720	$770,395	$660,570

VI. FINANCIALS

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Balance Sheet
Period Ending December 31, 2018

	74 Diaconal General	76 Diaconal Disaster Relief	Diaconal TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and Money Market Accounts	$109,391.81	$600,827.55	$710,219.36
Investments	$572,139.99	$0.00	$572,139.99
Advances	$2,623.18	$0.00	$2,623.18
Equipment and Furniture, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	$25,314.63	$0.00	$25,314.63
Real Estate, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total Assets	$709,469.61	$600,827.55	$1,310,297.16
LIABILITIES			
Other	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total Liabilities	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fund Balances	$709,469.61	$600,827.55	$1,310,297.16
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$709,469.61	$600,827.55	$1,310,297.16

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Statement of Activities Sheet
Period Ending December 31, 2018

	74 Diaconal General	76 Diaconal Disaster Relief	Diaconal TOTAL
REVENUES COLLECTED			
Contributions			
Designated	393,067.98	403,088.94	$796,156.92

Bequest	0.00	0.00	$0.00
Interest & Dividends	14,532.37	851.88	$15,384.25
Gain /(Loss) on Investments	0.00	0.00	$0.00
Other Revenue	4,485.57	0.00	$4,485.57
Total Revenue Collected	412,085.92	403,940.82	816,026.74
EXPENSES PAID			
Total Expenses Paid	682,733.14	523,500.59	1,206,233.73
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Collected Over Expenses Paid	-270,647.22	-119,559.77	-390,206.99
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	950,116.83	720,387.32	1,670,504.15
Transfers (to/from other OPC Funds)	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Fund Balance End of Year	709,469.61	600,827.55	1,310,297.16

VII. ELECTIONS

The terms expiring at this Assembly are:

Class	*Ministers*	*Ruling Elders*	*Deacons*
2019	Ronald E. Pearce	Alexander A. Zarek	John J. Voss, Jr.

Messrs. Pearce and Zarek have asked that their names not be placed into nomination. Mr. Voss has indicated that he is willing to have his name placed into nomination for continued service on the CDM. The bylaws stipulate the construction of the committee such that this class ought to be populated by one minister, one elder, and one deacon.

VIII. ADDENDUM

Disclaimer: All individuals and/or churches are acknowledged to the best of our ability.

ADDENDUM A: OPC DISASTER RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS IN 2018

HURRICANE HARVEY: Houston

Disaster Response Leadership in Houston in 2018:

Houston Temporary Operating Committee:
Steve Larson, Cornerstone OPC, Houston, TX
Rev. Mark Sumpter, Regional Home Missionary of the Presbytery of the Southwest
David Nakhla, OPC Disaster Response Coordinator

Regional Disaster Response Coordinator:
Steve Larson, Cornerstone OPC, Houston, TX

Site Coordinators:
Jeff Davis, Cedar OPC, Jenison, MI
Fred de Ru, Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK

Volunteer Coordinators:
Peggy Sumpter, Cornerstone OPC, Houston, TX
Brenda de Ru, Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK

Hospitality Coordinators:
Mark and Peggy Sumpter, Cornerstone OPC, Houston, TX
Gloria Davis, Cedar OPC, Jenison, MI

Thank You Note Coordinator for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma:
Janet Morgan, Church of the Covenant, Hackettstown, NJ

OPC Volunteers:

Mark Palmer	Providence OPC	Madison, AL
Kristina Mellon	Trinity OPC	Capistrano Beach, CA
Austin Gorrell	Westminster OPC	Westminster, CA
Ken Montgomery	Geneva OPC	Marietta, GA
Diane Boss	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Robert Boss	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Joshua Dunham	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Peter Onnink	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Frank Voss Sr.	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Jason Voss	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Stephen Voss	Covenant OPC	Orland Park, IL
Daniel Brink	Little Farms Chapel OPC	Coopersville, MI
Vincint Kok	Little Farms Chapel OPC	Coopersville, MI

Richard Klaas	Chain O'Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Cary Hirdes	New Life OPC	Holland, MI
Judy Hirdes	New Life OPC	Holland, MI
Jim Kozlowski	Covenant Family OPC	Troy, MO
Rebekah Kozlowski	Covenant Family OPC	Troy, MO
Ravshan Davidov	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Custis Equi	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Matthew Equi	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Carlos Medina	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
David Nakhla	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Mark Sirinides	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Caleb Smith	Calvary OPC	Glenside, PA
Michele Brown	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Nathaniel Brown	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Wesley Brown	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Zachariah Brown	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Ethan Engelman	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Juliana Galanti	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Gabriella Gushue	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Anna Hamilton	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Caroline Master	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Caitlin Orr	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Ceri Silva	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Eleanor Simpson	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Josiah Weber	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Biniam Woldegebriel	Trinity OPC	Hatboro, PA
Katie Schmidt	Apple Valley OPC	Green Bay, WI
Matthew Schmidt	Apple Valley OPC	Green Bay, WI
Maura Schmidt	Apple Valley OPC	Green Bay, WI
Steve Schmidt	Apple Valley OPC	Green Bay, WI
Greg Harness	Resurrection OPC	Oshkosh, WI
Wendy Harness	Resurrection OPC	Oshkosh, WI

Non-OPC Volunteers:

Arlan Memmelaar	Escondido URC	Escondido, CA
Elaine Memmelaar	Escondido URC	Escondido, CA
Sarah Boer	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Tim Boer	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Sydney DeVries	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Lauren DeYoung	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Tyler DeYoung	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Madison Hoogstra	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Tim Ipema	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Trent Kamp	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Matteo Rossi	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Jordan Scott	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Hayley Smit	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Jaxson Smit	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL

Payton Smit	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Penny Smit	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Jacob Vander Zee	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Richelle Vander Zee	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Andrew Vermeer	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Emma West	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Katie Yonkmn	Oak Glen URC	Lansing, IL
Dale Klarenbeek	First CRC	Rock Rapids, IA
Paul Steven Van Wyhe	First CRC	Rock Rapids, IA
Donald Uittenbogaard	Sanborn CRC	Sanborn, IA
Dan Beute	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Noah Beute	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Jasmine Boorsma	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Jessica Boorsma	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Rebecca Brandt	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Sherry Buys	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Elkan Flood	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Caleb Haaland	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Jonathan Haaland	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Isaac Hazenberg	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Kylie Keller	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Ryan Kloosterman	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Ashley Lobbezoo	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Caitlyn Lobbezoo	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Travis Nordyke	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Jennfer Offringa	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Mindy Offringa	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Rachel Offringa	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Kevin Offringa	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Alexandra Poll	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Jeremiah Rideerbox	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Joel TenHaaf	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Brad TenHaaf	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Philip Van Laan	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Anika Vander Boon	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Olivia VanKampen	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Becky VanLaan	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Julia Verduin	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Megan Vos	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Aubrie Vredevoogd	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Katelyn Warners	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Arthur Ybema	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Casey Ybema	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Sydney Ybema	Dutton URC	Caldonia, MI
Breanna Boeve	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Esaias Bosman	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Katie Copple	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Jenna DeBoer	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Helaine Kamps	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI

Henry Kamps	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Abby Kapstein	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Ross Kuiper	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Mikaia Looyenga	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Travis Lubbers	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Aliesa Moelker	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Daren Moelker	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Lauren Smeda	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Megan Stoel	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Alison Van Baren	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Daniel Van Dyke	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Shelley Van Dyke	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Arianne Van Uffelen	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Tyler VanDenTop	Covenant Christian High School	Grand Rapids, MI
Zachery Komparens	Covenant URC	Kalamazoo, MI
Lauren Komparens	Covenant URC	Kalamazoo, MI
Kyle Grassmid	Faith URC	West Olive, MI
Sean Marsan	Emmaus Road RCUS	Eden Prairie, MN
Leah Berlin	Covenant URCNA	Newton, NJ
Ried Gelderman	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Christoper Rouse	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Susan Slager	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Troy Slager	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Kimberly Van Essendelft	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Theodore Van Essendelft	Covenant URC	Pantego, NC
Devon Rhodes	Terra Ceia CRC	Terra Ceia, NC
Linda Chaffee	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Greg Estep	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Jacob Estep	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Nadia Estep	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Ruth Estep	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Jason Hutchinson	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Landon Hutchinson	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Krista Neu	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Joshua Posthuma	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Michaela Beth Sharpshair	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Mikayla Sharpshair	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Jim Silvashy	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Sandy Silvashy	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Casey Southerland	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Janice Southerland	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Deborah Thomas	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Rachel Eckenrod	Grace Bible Presbyterian	Cincinnati, OH
Luke Grooters		
Lyle Kahl		
Richard Roskam		
Loren Vanden Bosch		
Terri Vanden Bosch		

HURRICANE MARIA: Puerto Rico
Disaster Response Leadership in Puerto Rico:

Puerto Rico Disaster Response Committee of the Presbytery of New Jersey:
Rev. Dick Ellis, Pastor, Faith OPC, Elmer, NJ
Rev. Tom Church, Pastor, Immanuel OPC, Bellmawr, NJ
David Haney, Elder, New Hope OPC, Bridgeton, NJ

Regional Disaster Response Coordinator:
Ed Kauffman, Elder, Calvary OPC, Harmony, NJ

OPC Volunteers:

Parrish Davis	Heritage OPC	Royston, GA
Mike Myers	Heritage OPC	Royston, GA
Owen Roper	Heritage OPC	Royston, GA
Dewayne Smith	Heritage OPC	Royston, GA
David Chism	New Hope OPC	Frederick, MD
Luke Hake	New Hope OPC	Frederick, MD
Marc Ohlwiler	New Hope OPC	Frederick, MD
Jared Bredeweg	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Steven Hill	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Joel Miedema	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Jeff Rosendall	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Jenna Rosendall	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Christian Timmis	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Nathan Wright	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI
Tim Wright	Redeemer OPC	Ada, MI

Non-OPC Volunteers:

Doug Field	Zion URC	Ripon, CA
Emily Huisjen	Reformed Mission Services	Byron Center, MI
Katie Offringa	Reformed Mission Services	Caledonia, MI
Isabella Scott	Reformed Mission Services	Caledonia, MI
Caleb TenHaaf	Reformed Mission Services	Caledonia, MI
Bradley TenHaaf	Reformed Mission Services	Caledonia, MI
Megan Winters	Reformed Mission Services	Comstock Park, MI
David Kerkstra	Reformed Mission Services	Dorr, MI
Sherry Buys	Reformed Mission Services	Grand Rapids, MI
Kyle Grassmid	Faith URC	Holland, MI
Robert Brinks	Cornerstone URC	Hudsonville, MI
Nikolas Holstege	Reformed Mission Services	Hudsonville, MI

HURRICANE Florence: New Bern and Wilmington, NC

Disaster Response Leadership in North Carolina:

Regional Disaster Response Coordinator at beginning of hurricane:
Tim Hopper, Deacon, Shiloh OPC, Raleigh, NC

Assistant Disaster Response Coordinator at beginning of hurricane:
Mike Cloy, Elder, Reformation OPC, Gastonia, NC

Florence Disaster Operating Committee (FDOC):
Chair: Mike Cloy, Elder, Reformation OPC, Gastonia, NC
Scott Cormier, Deacon, Covenant OPC, New Bern
Alec Liederbach, Deacon Trinity OPC, Wilmington, NC
Seth Long, Elder, Neon OPC, Neon, KY
Matthew Mitchell, Heritage OPC, Wilmington, NC

Site Coordinator:
Fred de Ru, Deacon, Grace OPC, Wasilla, AK

Volunteer Coordinator:
Maribeth Campbell, Matthew OPC, Matthews, NC

Hospitality Coordinators:
Ellis Furst, Heritage OPC, Wilmington, NC
Alaine Hofland, Trinity OPC, Wilmington, NC
Sheila Theune, Covenant OPC, New Bern, NC

OPC Volunteers:

Brenda de Ru	Grace OPC	Wasilla, AK
Stacy Nelson	Bayview OPC	Chula Vista, CA
Les Miller	Covenant OPC	St. Augustine. FL
Jake Bailey	Covenant OPC	Buford, GA
Albert Davis	Covenant OPC	Buford, GA
Alex Dorr	Covenant OPC	Buford, GA
Ben Kitchen	Covenant OPC	Buford, GA
Christopher Lillie	Geneva OPC	Marietta, GA
Gregg Ratledge	Geneva OPC	Marietta, GA
Aaron Dorr	Grace Reformed OPC	Des Moines, IA
Tom Sills	Grace and Peace OPC	California, MD
Curt Sproul	Grace and Peace OPC	California, MD
Klaas Boerman	Chain O'Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Rick Boerman	Chain O'Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Justin Ennett	Chain O'Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Robert Harmon	Chain O Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Troy Harmon	Chain O Lakes OPC	Central Lake, MI
Tanner Beebe	New City Fellowship OPC	Grand Rapids, MI
Tom Boorsma	New City Fellowship OPC	Grand Rapids, MI

Trenton Eller	New City Fellowship	Grand Rapids, MI
Jason Schuringa	New City Fellowship OPC	Grand Rapids, MI
Alan Chupp	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
Jeff Davis	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
Brett De Boef	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
Micah Faber	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
Daniela Ruiz	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
Kibsy Ruiz	Cedar OPC	Jenison, MI
David Hitchner	Faith OPC	Pole Tavern, NJ
Mitch Carriker	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Jeremy Carriker	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Luke Fawcett	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Benjamin Laurie	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Mark Selles	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Wesley Selles	Matthews OPC	Matthews, NC
Vickie Baybutt	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Constance Baybutt	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Elisha Cormier	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Jim Flanagan	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Ash Guirgues	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Adler Guirgues	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Devin Phandara	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Mark Theune	Covenant OPC	New Bern, NC
Galen Boerema	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Juli Boerema	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Kate Boerema	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Patrick Juras	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Elanor Mericle	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Amy Sloan	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Emma Sloan	Pilgrim OPC	Raleigh, NC
Joel Clendineng	Grace OPC	Columbus, OH
Joe Fraunght	Covenant OPC	Mansfield, OH
William Mumea	Covenant OPC	Mansfield, OH
Adam Mumea	Covenant OPC	Mansfield, OH
Trent Davis	Knox OPC	Mt. Vernon, OH
Matthew Gertler	Knox OPC	Mt. Vernon, OH
Walter Robinson	Providence OPC	Chilhowie, VA
Jane Robinson	Providence OPC	Chilhowie, VA
Jason Hochstetler	Staunton OPC	Staunton, VA

Non-OPC Volunteers:

Aaron Crawford	Christ Church	Odenville, AL
Ben Greer	12Stone Church	Lawrenceville, GA
Ethan Dorr	Ocheyedan CRC	Ocheyedan, IA
Paul Childress	Columbia PCA	Columbia, MD
Mike Espey	Columbia PCA	Columbia, MD
Jeremy Weber	Columbia PCA	Columbia, MD
Ben Dorr		Minnesota

Chris Dorr	Dayton RPCNA	Dayton, OH
Bill Booth	Unity Community Church	Pittsburgh, PA
Steve Meyer	Unity Community Church	Pittsburgh, PA
Andrew Strano	Unity Community Church	Pittsburgh, PA
Steve Haney	Calvary Church	Souderton, PA

ADDENDUM B: SHORT-TERM MISSIONS STATISTICS IN 2018

TOTALS:

319 Individuals served in short-term missions
Several served on more than one team or field

221 Team Members from the OPC
98 Team Members from outside the OPC

99 Served on foreign mission fields
220 Served on domestic mission fields

13 Total OPC presbyteries represented
52 Total OPC churches represented

Field	Individuals	OPC	Non-OPC	OP Presby	OP Churches	Total States
Asia	2	2	0	1	1	1
Team Haiti	9	9	0	4	8	6
Haiti Work Teams	6	6	0	2	3	2
Quebec	71	38	33	5	12	8 + Ontario
Uganda	3	2	1	2	1	3
Uruguay	8	2	6	1	1	3
Boardwalk	186	149	37	8	26	14
Naples	22	0	22	0	0	4
Neon	2	2	0	1	1	1
Zoar	10	10	0	1	4	2

OPC Churches Represented on STM Teams in 2018:

Calvin OPC	Phoenix	Arizona	PSC
Prescott OPC	Prescott	Arizona	PSC
Bonita OPC	Bonita	California	PSC
Grace OPC	Costa Mesa	California	PSC
Grace OPC	Placentia	California	PSC
Bethel OPC	Broomfield	Colorado	PDK

Emmanuel OPC	Wilmington	Delaware	PPH
Lake Sherwood OPC	Orlando	Florida	PSO
Grace OPC	Hanover Park	Illinois	PMW
New Covenant OPC	Joliet	Illinois	PMW
Covenant OPC	Orland Park	Illinois	PMW
Bethel OPC	Wheaton	Illinois	PMW
North West Indiana OPC	Merrillville	Indiana	PMO
Pilgrim OPC	Bangor	Maine	PNYNE
Living Hope OPC	Clarksville	Maryland	PMA
New Hope OPC	Frederick	Maryland	PMA
Immanuel Chapel OPC	Upton	Massachusetts	PNYNE
Cape Cod OPC	West Barnstable	Massachusetts	PNYNE
Redeemer OPC	Ada	Michigan	PMO
Little Farms Chapel OPC	Coopersville	Michigan	PMO
Community OPC	Kalamazoo	Michigan	PMO
Pilgrim OPC	Dover	New Hampshire	PNYNE
Jaffrey OPC	Jaffrey	New Hampshire	PNYNE
First Church of Merrimack OPC	Merrimack	New Hampshire	PNYNE
Immanuel OPC	Bellmawr	New Jersey	PNJ
Faith Bible OPC	Brick	New Jersey	PNJ
Calvary OPC	Cape May Court House	New Jersey	PNJ
Church of the Covenant OPC	Hackettstown	New Jersey	PNJ
Immanuel OPC	Medford	New Jersey	PNJ
Faith OPC	Pole Tavern	New Jersey	PNJ
Grace OPC	Westfield	New Jersey	PNJ
Franklin Square OPC	Franklin Square	New York	PNYNE
Calvary OPC	Schenectady	New York	PNYNE
Matthews OPC	Matthews	North Carolina	PSE
Redeemer OPC	Dayton	Ohio	POH
Living Hope OPC	Allentown	Pennsylvania	PPH
Trinity OPC	Hatboro	Pennsylvania	PPH
Emmanuel Chapel OPC	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	PPH
Covenant OPC	Sinking Spring	Pennsylvania	PPH
New Life OPC	Williamsport	Pennsylvania	PCP
Tyler OPC	Tyler	Texas	PSO
Covenant OPC	Barre	Vermont	PNYNE
Ketoctin OPC	Purcellville	Virginia	PMA
Staunton OPC	Staunton	Virginia	PMA
Grace OPC	Vienna	Virginia	PMA
Apple Valley OPC	Appleton	Wisconsin	PMW
Calvary OPC	Cedar Grove	Wisconsin	PMW
New Hope OPC	Green Bay	Wisconsin	PMW
Bethel OPC	Oostburg	Wisconsin	PMW
Grace OPC	Sheboygan	Wisconsin	PMW
Menominee OPC	Zoar	Wisconsin	PMW
Grace Reformed OPC	Lander	Wyoming	PDK

Non-OPC Churches Represented on STM Teams in 2018:

Holy Trinity PCA	Tampa	Florida
New Life CRC	New Lenox	Illinois
Grace Church	Normal	Illinois
Doon URC	Doon	Iowa
Ironworks Pike Community	Georgetown	Kentucky
Chinese Bible Church of MD	Rockville	Maryland
Caledonia CRC	Caledonia	Michigan
Trinity URC	Caledonia	Michigan
Dutton URC	Dutton	Michigan
Cornerstone URC	Hudsonville	Michigan
East Martin CRC	Martin	Michigan
Bethany URC	Wyoming	Michigan
Spring Hills PCA	Byrnes Mill	Missouri
Mercy Hill PCA	Sewell	New Jersey
Independent Non-Denom.	Matthews	North Carolina
Trinity ARP	Chatham	Ontario
Blessings Christian Church	Hamilton	Ontario
Zion URC	Sheffield	Ontario
Living Water Reformed Church	Brantford	Ontario, Canada
Faith ARP	Dickson City	Pennsylvania
Jubilee KAPC	Norristown	Pennsylvania
West-Mont Christian Academy	Pottstown	Pennsylvania
Zion RCUS	Menno	South Dakota
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CARE

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I. INTRODUCTION

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings the good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God Reigns" (Isaiah 52:7).

A pastor's ministry is a calling without equal. He is called to serve the Lord in a glorious ministry of proclaiming the sovereign, redemptive work in which the Lord is engaged. There are many aspects to that calling. The variety of his duties is designated in Scripture by various names. "As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop. As he feeds them with spiritual food, he is termed pastor and teacher. As he serves Christ in his church, he is termed minister. As it is his duty to be gracious and prudent, and an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house of God, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed ambassador. As he is commanded to warn the house of Israel against the enemies of God and his Word, he is termed watchman. And, as he dispenses the manifold grace of God and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed steward of the mysteries of God." (BCO, p.47) As a minister contemplates his work, he understands the exclamation of the Apostle Paul, "Who is competent for these things?"

The calling of a minister is a challenging and emotionally taxing ministry. The task of bringing the good news of happiness to a desperate world also involves shepherding wandering, wounded, or struggling sheep. Consider a pastor who received news of a dear colleague's suicide in the morning and that evening has to conduct the wedding rehearsal of beloved members of his congregation. Numerous illustrations could be given to demonstrate how the rigors of the gospel ministry indeed require a deep relationship with the Great Shepherd of the Sheep who gives grace and strength to his weak and needy servants in carrying out a faithful ministry.

The Lord also provides the assistance of others in carrying out the arduous labors of the ministry. Even for Moses, the mediator of the old covenant, he provided Aaron and Hur to help hold up the staff of God when his arms grew weary. The Apostle Paul often testified how he was refreshed in the conduct of his ministry by members of his team. In the spirit of providing encouragement and help to ministers in the denomination, the 2017 General Assembly established the Committee on Ministerial Care (CMC). As you read the report of the Committee and our part-time director, the CMC hopes you will see the progress we are making in this important task given to us. Members of the CMC fully realize that we have only begun

to scratch the surface of what needs to be done, yet we are thankful for the ways we have been able to minister to the needs of several pastors and their families. As always, we solicit your prayers, ideas, and help as we seek to assist our ministers, sessions, and presbyteries in the work of the gospel ministry.

II. MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION

During the year the Committee met on four occasions. The following officers were elected by the CMC: President, Lendall Smith; Vice-President, Greg De Jong; Secretary, Darren Thole; Treasurer, David Vander Ploeg. The officers were established as its Executive Committee. The Subcommittee structure of the CMC was altered by folding the work of the Investment and Finance Subcommittee into the work of the Executive Committee (temporarily serving as the Administration Subcommittee) in order to provide additional members to strengthen the work of the other two subcommittees.

A revised chart of our mandate is provided as follows:

Executive Committee *Smith,* De Jong, Thole, Vander Ploeg	Pastoral Care *Watson*, De Jong, Miner, Nakhla, Smith	Resource Development *Vander Molen*, Brooking, Thole, Vander Ploeg
1. Maintain, manage, and provide oversight of the OPC Retirement Fund 2. Maintain, manage, and provide oversight of the OPC Obadiah Fund 3. Serve as Fiduciary 4. Other administrative duties 5. Perform investment review	1. Provide or recommend counsel and assistance in financial planning, including retirement planning and investment portfolio management 2. Provide or recommend counsel and assistance in financial risk management (Health, Life, Disability, Counseling, and such other types of insurance as may be advisable) 3. Provide for the diaconal needs of all OPC ministers and their widows 4. Assist presbyteries and sessions in considering other means of strengthening the care of ministers; e.g., ministerial mentoring, counseling, retreats, and sabbaticals 5. Insurance	1. Inform presbyteries and local sessions of tools available for the care of their ministers 2. Consult with North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council churches and other churches of like faith and practice regarding their experience and best practices in their care of ministers 3. Provide resources to congregations and presbyteries to improve the terms of calls 4. Maintain denominational salary scale guidelines 5. Maintain a voluntary and confidential database of OPC ministerial compensation 6. Provide advice to the General Assembly regarding the Book of Church Order on retirement related matters 7. Provide financial instruction and counsel in educational venues; e.g., the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC 8. Interact with presbyteries

Current membership of the CMC is as follows:

Class of 2019:
Clark H. Brooking, Min.; David P. Nakhla, RE; David P. Vander Ploeg RE
Class of 2020:
Douglas L. Watson, Min.; Gregory S. De Jong, RE; Matthew R. Miner RE
Class of 2021:
Lendall H. Smith, Min.; Darren S. Thole, Min.; Kenneth J. Vander Molen, RE

Staff members: David E. Haney, Director and Mark A. Stumpff, Administrator

III. PASTORAL CARE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Pastoral Care Subcommittee (PCS) is responsible for providing counsel and assistance to ministers, sessions, and presbyteries particularly in matters of financial and retirement planning, various types of insurance and risk management, non-financial matters such as counseling for ministers and sabbaticals, and the diaconal care of ministers. The PCS has continued to define and clarify its role by developing operating policies and procedures but has made significant progress beyond these foundational steps in various areas of its mandated responsibility. While the members of the PCS recognize that we still have plenty of distance to cover, we thank our Lord for enabling the progress that we have made in the past year.

The PCS has formed and continues to develop the Volunteer Financial Planning Team. This team of professional financial advisors is available to help ministers with competent professional advice regarding their financial status and concerns. To be clear, the VFPT is intended to focus efforts on ministers in financial crisis who cannot afford to hire a financial advisor, and those who are planning to retire within three to four years. The team, so far, consists of Greg De Jong, Bryan Holstrom, and Ken Vander Molen. They may be contacted through the CMC's Director, David Haney. The PCS also continues to develop resources to assist ministers, sessions, and presbyteries in finding qualified financial advisors and with general financial planning information. In keeping with the latter goal, the PCS has begun to post sources on the CMC website and direct participants in the OPC retirement plan to the wealth of information available on the Wipfli Hewins website.

Along these lines, the PCS has also taken up the production of webinars, presented quarterly, to funnel information directly to ministers and their wives regarding various topics of concern from across the spectrum of the PCS mandate. The webinars are presented live and are also recorded and posted on the CMC website (https://opc.org/committee_cm.html) for later reference. The PCS is transitioning to a video format for these presentations. Three webinars have been presented so far: "Year End Tax Preparation for Ministers," presented by Doug Hoogerhyde, CPA; "Will I Ever Be Able to Retire," presented by Greg De Jong, CFP and Ken Vander Molen; and "Personal Stewardship Strategies for Ministers and Their Wives," presented by the Rev. John Fikkert and his wife Dr. Lindsay Fikkert. It is the hope of the PCS that all OPC ministers will avail themselves of the wisdom of experts presenting useful information on topics that are not only financial, but also focused on non-financial ministerial needs.

The PCS successfully assumed the provision of diaconal care for all OPC ministers from the Committee on Diaconal Ministers (CDM) as of July 1, 2018. Included in this responsibility are both the care of retired OPC ministers and their widows using the Obadiah Fund and non-retired ministers using other budgeted funds. The PCS operates according to its established policies and procedures while continuing to refine them as we encounter various diaconal

needs and circumstances. The PCS maintains a Presbyterian approach to this ministry by working through the involvement and oversight by the local diaconate and the presbytery diaconal committee. Since assuming this diaconal responsibility, the PCS has been able to use the Obadiah Fund to meet specific diaconal needs for some retired ministers and their wives, and to send out an annual general gift to all OPC retired ministers.

The PCS, with the help of the Resource Development Subcommittee, plans to develop information and resources to assist sessions and presbyteries with providing sabbaticals for ministers. We also plan to begin developing resources to assist with matters of insurance and risk management. We covet your prayers for the advancement of this important work of caring for ministers of the OPC.

IV. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE [RDS]

The RDS has been working on revising and updating the Denominational Salary Scale Guidelines previously provided by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. In reviewing these guidelines, the RDS has been working on providing a tool that will enable ministers, sessions, and presbyteries to have a more objective method of determining the terms of a call which allow a minister to be "free from worldly care." The CMC recently approved the first version of a Pastoral Compensation Tool which is scheduled to be introduced at this General Assembly. In concert with a Revised Salary Scale Guidelines, the RDS hopes to provide guidance to ministers and sessions on what are the parts of a minister's compensation package that are applicable in each church's unique situation.

The RDS recognizes the important place of sabbaticals in the care of ministers. We are aware of 3 main issues in connection with sabbaticals: 1) Who is going to pay for it? 2) What about pulpit supply? 3) What will the minister do on his sabbatical? Through the combined experience of the Committee and study of the sabbatical policies and guidelines of other denominations (#2 below), resources are coming together that will help guide ministers and sessions in planning a sabbatical that will be of value for both a minister and the congregation he is serving.

The RDS is very conscious of the desire that we not reinvent the wheel but rather, make use of the work of other churches. We are consulting other churches regarding terms of calls, sabbatical policies and guidelines, and other issues related to our mandate. There is a lot of good, helpful information that is available from other churches that is being incorporated into our work.

The RDS can report that we have a database that continues to be improved and expanded. This tool will be invaluable to the Committee in assessing its practices broadly and in potentially heading off future diaconal needs by identifying possible problems in compensation or other care. The RDS is making plans for future information gathering, including the use of surveys.

Preliminary exploration suggests that there are a number of places where the BOCO may need revision. For example, there is no provision in the BOCO for a minister to be identified as "retired" – a status that often has monetary implications. There is also investigative work being conducted on providing an enhanced call template that includes all of the needed elements in an adequate call. We believe that there may also be the need for a call template that allows for a tent-making model of ministry when a minister's pastoral compensation is not enough for him to be free of worldly care.

V. DIRECTOR REPORT

This Assembly marks the first anniversary of the part-time endeavors of our Director.

Although the goal of allocating 50% of his time to these responsibilities was not realized due to the Committee on Coordination's difficulty in securing replacement staffing, by God's grace he was able to incrementally begin his service.

In order to better understand the needs of ministers, his labors began by scheduling visits with all sixteen presbyteries. The purpose of these visits was two-fold; to present the developing ministry and role of the CMC as well as assess the needs within each regional body. By this Assembly he will have completed visits with 12 of our 16 presbyteries. He anticipates scheduling visits with the remaining 4 presbyteries this fall.

Perhaps the task of knowing how best to care for ministers is as perplexing as the work they are called to do. Each regional body and its ministers have their own distinct characteristics, structure, strengths, and weaknesses. Despite these differences, there are common challenges that seem to be emerging. They include financial, relational, emotional, and physical needs. They manifest themselves in issues as diverse as retirement planning and readiness, loneliness or isolation, health or health insurance needs, or the management of stress and anxiety. Occasionally, needs will even present themselves in seemingly unrelated areas of church ministry.

As the CMC strives to assess these emerging needs in order to provide support and encouragement, it is becoming apparent that many of these cares are no different than those that we all face. The added complexity for ministers is that they are called to help meet deep needs in others while managing the concerns and cares within their own life and family.

As our Director now enters his next year of service, please pray that God would use him effectively in leading our efforts in the ministry of support, encouragement, and resource development for those who have been called to the gospel ministry in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 403(b) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is a participant directed plan that came into existence on January 1, 2017, with the transfer of all fund proceeds from the previous OPC Pension Plan. The firm of Wipfli Financial Advisors ("Wipfli") serves as our investment advisor and is responsible for the administration of the Plan. Below is a summary of the Plan activity for the year ended December 31, 2018:

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2018	**$34,537,791**
Employee Contributions	190,601
Employer Contributions	1,424,768
Transfers & Rollovers	561,048
Withdrawals	(1,431,755)
Forfeitures	0
Earnings	875,114
Unrealized Gain/Loss	(3,887,942)
Expenses	(176,873)
Ending Balance	**$32,092,755**
Average Participant Balance	105,222

The Plan had 305 participants as of December 31, 2018. During the year there were 28 new participants added, 7 participants who terminated from the Plan, and 202 participants who made contributions. The current level of participants in the Plan represents approximately 55% of the total eligible pastors. The long-term goal of the Committee is to insure 100% of our pastors are adequately prepared for retirement.

The Plan incurred direct expenses of $176,873, which include an advisory fee paid to Wipfli, an administrative fee paid to the Committee on Ministerial Care, recordkeeping, and custodial fees. Total annual participant fees were .79% of total market value of the portfolio for 2018. We believe this fee structure is very competitive and represents a 15% – 20% favorable variance to fees charged to comparable denomination plans that were benchmarked against.

The financial markets experienced a very volatile year in 2018. Average plan assets incurred losses of approximately 11% for 2018. A participant's individual returns are determined by the investment elections made throughout the year. Below is a summary of the various fund choices, the percentage of dollars invested in each, and the average returns for 2018:

Investment Elections	% Dollars Invested	Returns
Conservative Portfolio	11.4%	-5.3%
Moderate Portfolio	59.1%	-7.7%
Moderate-Aggressive Portfolio	11.4%	-10.1%
Aggressive Portfolio	9.1%	-12.6%
Other	9.0%	-11.0%

The Committee has been reviewing the role of socially screened investment restrictions in the OPC 403(b) Plan. With the Plan investing solely in mutual funds, as opposed to individual company stocks, such screening is less effective. In some instances, managers of socially screened mutual funds may even exclude entire classes of stocks with which our participants have no quarrel.

Recognizing that there are reasonable points of view on both sides of this issue, and being sensitive to the binding of participants' consciences, the Committee is considering providing both socially screened and non-screened investment options within the Plan in the future.

Other highlights and statistics relating to the 403(b) Plan include:

- Approximately 47% of Plan participants are under age 52
- Approximately 36% of Plan participants are over age 62
- The majority of funds invested in more aggressive options belong to participants under age 52

All ministers and permanent full-time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church or its congregations are eligible for participation in this Plan. All participants have immediate 100% vesting in their entire account balance. For 2019, the CMC recommends a contribution rate of 10% of base salary and housing allowance.

On July 1, 2018, oversight of the Obadiah Fund was transferred from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to the CMC. A new investment account was opened with Charles Schwab and Wipfli Financial Advisors was asked to provide investment advice concerning the portfolio. The activity from July 1 – December 31, 2018 is summarized below

Activity from July 1 – December 31, 2018	
Obadiah Fund	**Actual**
Cash on hand	203,546
Certificate of Deposits[OPC Loan Fund]	251,462
Wipfli-Hewens Investment Account	2,169,294
Total Obadiah Fund Balance	2,624,302
Beginning Balance	2,811,514
Income - Contributions	41,772
Income - Gain/Loss on Investments	(199,857)
Expenses - "Pension Supplements"	(10,200)
Expenses - Specific Diaconal Supplements	(18,928)
Expenses - Other	-
Net Income	(187,212)
Ending Obadiah Fund Balance	2,624,302

Finally, as reported at last year's General Assembly, the CMC communicated with all participants and eliminated the life insurance programs during 2018.

VII. BUDGET

	Note	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Sources of Income:						
General Assembly Operating Fund		25,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	25,000
Obadiah Foundation Gift	(a.)	-	17,978	175,000	200,000	200,000
403(b) Retirement Plan Administration Fee	(b.)	-	34,555	35,000	36,000	36,000
Designated Giving (including special offerings)	(c.)	10,220	67,734	50,000	100,000	125,000
Committee on Diaconal Ministries		-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Other [4/18=balance of Pension Committee Funds]		-	24,670	-	-	-
Total Income		**35,220**	**194,938**	**310,000**	**411,000**	**411,000**

	Note	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Program Expenses:						
Pastoral Retirement Assistance	(d.)	-	17,978	125,000	125,000	125,000
Retirement Planning & Related Programs	(e.)	-	1,125	10,000	50,000	50,000
Diaconal Needs - Non-retired Pastors		-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
Other Pastoral Care Programs	(f.)	-	-	10,000	30,000	30,000
Subtotal		-	19,103	170,000	230,000	230,000
Administration Costs:						
CMC Director and Staff Support Allocation	(g.)	-	35,765	58,000	95,000	95,000
OPC Overhead Allocation	(h.)	-	3,553	15,000	16,000	16,000
Travel Expenses - Director		-	4,254	15,000	20,000	20,000
Promotional Materials/Website Development		2,000	28,912	17,500	25,000	25,000
Resource Development/Database Project		-	7,545	2,500	5,000	5,000
Committee Meeting Expenses	(i.)	8,481	17,171	14,000	14,000	14,000
Other Administrative Costs (including legal)		1,220	876	5,000	6,000	6,000
Subtotal		11,701	98,076	127,000	181,000	181,000
Total Expenses		**11,701**	**117,179**	**297,000**	**411,000**	**411,000**
Net Surplus/(Shortfall)		**23,519**	**77,758**	**13,000**	**-**	**-**
Balance on Hand		**23,519**	**101,278**	**-**		

Note	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget

Footnotes & Comments:

a. The Obadiah Fund inflow will come from the existing investment account managed by this committee.Funds will be used in accordance with the desires of the donor (i.e. pastoral retirement).

b. This represents a 10 basis point fee from the 403(b) Retirement Plan for recovery of costs associated with the plan.

c. This represents private donations received and other offerings/fundraising from OPC congregations.

d. Diaconal support to pastors/widows who have financial needs in retirement. This support transferred from CDM.

e. New programs and expenses to assist pastors in their retirement planning.

f. Other ministerial care programs that are still in development phases.

g. This line represents a charge from the Committee on Coordination for compensation allocations relating to the Director position (at ~34% growing to 50%) and up to 50% of an Administrative Support person.

h. This fee covers office space, phones, computers, supplies, etc., that are part of the OPC home office.

i. Assume the committee will continue to meet 4 times per year (x $3500 per meeting).

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. The Committee on Ministerial Care requests a budget from the General Assembly Operating Fund for 2020 in the amount of $25,000.

B. The Committee on Ministerial Care requests that the General Assembly authorize the Committee to request each congregation to support the ministry of the CMC at $10 per communicant member, or through designated gifts.

IX. ELECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTED

The terms of the following members of the Committee (Class of 2019) expire at this Assembly:

Minister: Clark H. Brooking
Ruling elder: David P. Vander Ploeg
Ruling Elder: David P. Nakhla

Mr. Nakhla has requested that his name not be placed in nomination.

Standing Rule X.2.f. states: The Committee on Ministerial Care shall consist of nine ordained members (minister, ruling elder, or deacon), each class consisting of at least one minister and one ruling elder.

The Committee on Ministerial Care appointed Messrs. De Jong and Haney to represent the CMC at the 86th General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

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  5. Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)
  6. United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA)
  7. l'Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ/RCQ)
  8. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)
- B. Other Churches in North America
  1. Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA)
  2. Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
  3. Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC)

IV. FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD
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I. THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings

The Committee held a meeting on November 16, 2018, at the OPC Administrative Building at 607 N. Easton Road, Bldg. E. in Willow Grove, PA. A second meeting was held on March 29, 2019, also at the OPC Administrative Building.

B. Officers

The officers of the Committee are L. Anthony Curto, Chairman; Mark T. Bube, Vice-Chairman; George R. Cottenden, Secretary.

C. Liaisons/Subcommittees

The Committee has assigned individual members as "liaisons" whose duty it is to represent the Committee as contact persons with specific churches or organizations to keep the Committee informed about the life of that church or churches and, in turn, to inform the whole Church when it believes that significant information is available or appropriate action needed. In addition to the liaisons there are continuing subcommittees and subcommittees for specific tasks. The liaisons and subcommittees at present are:

1. Liaisons
   a. ARPC - Jack W. Sawyer
   b. BPC - L. Anthony Curto/Jack W. Sawyer
   c. Can RC - Mark T. Bube
   d. ERQ - Mark T. Bube
   e. FRCNA - L. Anthony Curto
   f. HRC - Iain A.M. Wright
   g. PCA - Chad B. Van Dixhoorn
   h. PRC - Stephen J. Tracey
   i. RPCNA - Iain A.M. Wright
   j. RCUS - Stephen J. Tracey
   k. URCNA - Stephen J. Tracey, Mark J. Williams
   l. ICRC - Jack W. Sawyer
2. Subcommittees
   a. Archives/technical - Bube, Cottenden, Sawyer, Terpstra
   b. Fraternal delegates - Bube, Sawyer
   c. Asia/Pacific - Bube, Cottenden, Sawyer,
   d. Africa [except South Africa] - Bube, Cottenden

e. Europe - Curto, Tracey, Van Dixhoorn, Wright
f. South Africa - Bube, Curto, Tracey
g. International Ecumenical Organizations - Sawyer
h. South and Central America/Mexico - Bube, Curto, Wright
i. Budget - Bube, Cottenden, Sawyer

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 April 2018 meeting.

II. FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

A. Fraternal Delegates/Observers

1. In 2018 fraternal delegates were sent to the major assemblies of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Peter J. Van Doodewaard), the Bible Presbyterian Church (Stephen J. Tracey), the Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (Mark T. Bube, L. Anthony Curto), the Presbyterian Church in America (Chad B. Van Dixhoorn), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Iain A. M. Wright), the Reformed Church in the United States (Iain A.M. Wright), the Free Reformed Churches of Australia, (Jack W. Sawyer), the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Australia (Jack W. Sawyer), the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (Jack W. Sawyer), the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (Jack W. Sawyer), the Reformed Church of Quebec (Carl A.P. Durham), and the United Reformed Churches in North America (Stephen J. Tracey).

2. This year (2019) the Committee plans to send fraternal delegates or observers to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Jack W. Sawyer), the Bible Presbyterian Church (Jack W. Sawyer), the Canadian Reformed Churches (Jack W. Sawyer), the Presbyterian Church in America (Mark T. Bube), the Reformed Church of Quebec (Carl A.P. Durham), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Iain A.M. Wright), the Reformed Church of the United States (TBD), the Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (L. Anthony Curto), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (L. Anthony Curto), the Free Church of Scotland (Iain A.M. Wright), the Free Church of Scotland-Continuing (Iain A.M. Wright).

3. Our 85th (2018) General Assembly received fraternal delegates from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (Timothy Phillips), the Bible Presbyterian Church (Kevin M. Backus), the United Reformed Churches in North America (Andrew Compton), the Canadian Reformed Churches (Douglas Vandeburgt), the Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (Kurt Vetterli), Presbyterian Church in America (E. Marvin Padgett), the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (F. Solano Portela, Davi C. Gomes), the Reformed Church of Quebec (Bernard J. Westerveld), the Reformed Church of the United States (Christopher Campbell), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Bruce J. Backensto), the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (Leo De Vos), the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands (Rienze P. Ijpema, J. Kim Batteau), the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Daniel Kithongo), the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Central and Eastern Europe (Peter A. Szabo).

4. The Committee, the Lord willing, will host its annual colloquium with

fraternal delegates attending the 86th General Assembly. 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. This event went very well at the 84th 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*. The Committee is reviewing this document with a view to suggesting to the General Assembly possible modifications and additions.

2. The policy for Ecclesiastical Fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in its relationship with other Reformed churches was adopted by the General assembly in 1978 [*Minutes of the 45th (1978) General Assembly*, pages 116–117], amended by the General Assembly in 2000 [*Minutes of the 67th (2000) General Assembly*, Articles 149 and 151, pages 36–38], amended by the General Assembly in 2006 [*Minutes of the 73rd(2007) General Assembly*, Articles 159–161, pages 41–43]; amended by the 79th General Assembly (2012), Articles 64–65, pages 15–18; and amended by the 84th General Assembly in 2017 [*Minutes of the 84th (2017) General Assembly*, Articles 88 and 97, pages 31–34]. **(https://opc.org/relations/rules.pdf)**

C. At present we are in "Ecclesiastical Fellowship" with twenty churches, which are:

1. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) [www.arpchurch.org]
2. The Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) [www.bpc.org]
3. The Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC) [www.canrc.org]
4. The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CRCN) [www.cgk.nl]
5. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW) [www.epcew.org.uk]
6. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland (EPCI) [www.epcni.org.uk]
7. Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (ERKWB) [www.reformiert.at/]
8. The Free Church of Scotland (FCS) [www.freechurch.org]
9. The Free Church of Scotland-Continuing (FCC) [http://www.freechurchcontinuing.org/]
10. The Independent Reformed Church in Korea (ICRK) [www.sybook.org]
11. The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) [www.pcanet.org]
12. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) [www.ipb.org.br]
13. The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia (PCEA) [www.pcea.org.au]
14. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) (PCKK) [www.new.kosin.org]
15. The Reformed Church of Quebec (l'Église Réformée du Québec (RCQ) [www.erq.qc.ca]
16. The Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) [www.rcus.org]
17. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ) [www.reformed-churches.org.nz]
18. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCIre) [www.rpc.org]
19. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) [www.

reformedpresbyterian.org]
20. The United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) [www.urcna.org]

D. At present we are in "Corresponding Relationship" with nine churches, which are:

1. The Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) [www.africaevangelicalpresbyterianchurch.org]
2. The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) [www.crca.org.au]
3. The Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) [www.frcna.org]
4. The Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC) [www.heritagereformed.com]
5. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) (de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, Vrijgemaakt / RCN) [www.gkv.nl]
6. The Presbyterian Church of the Reformation of Colombia (IPRC) [www.opccolombia.org]
7. The Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ) [www.chorokyokai.jp/]
8. Reformed Churches in South Africa (RCSA) [www.gksa.org.za]
9. The Reformed Presbyterian Church, North East India (RPCNEI) [www.rpcnei.org/]

E. At present we are in "Ecumenical Contact" with fourteen 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. Calvinist Reformed Churches in Indonesia (CRCI)
6. Reformed Churches in Indonesia (RCI)
7. Reformed Churches of Brazil (RCB)
8. Reformed Churches of Spain (RCS)
9. Reformed Presbyterian Church of India (RPCInd)
10. Korean Presbyterian Church in America (KPCA) [www.kpca.org]
11. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
12. Presbyterian and Reformed Church (PRC)
13. Presbyterian Church of Uganda (PCU)
14. 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 whom 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 2018, members of CEIR met with representatives of the ecumenicity committees of the ARPC, BPC, CanRC, ERQ/RCQ, HRC, PCA, RCUS, and URCNA, before, during and after the meeting of NAPARC. At the 2017 meeting of ICRC members of the OPC delegation met with representatives of the AEPC, CRCA, CRCN, EPCEW, EPCI, FCS, FRCSA, IRCK, PCK-Kosin, PCU, RPCNEI, and RCNZ.

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. **The 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 who brought its distinctives to America. The denomination is centered in the American Southeast but has begun to spread to other parts of the continent. The ARPC is a remarkable case in North American Reformed history where a denomination has been reclaimed from deformation. Over the past forty plus years there has been, by the grace of God, a steady reformation that is a genuine encouragement to us in the OPC. While the OPC and the ARPC each have their own ecclesiastical cultures and traditions, each developed in the crucible of history, and thus are not identical twins, nevertheless there is a growing recognition of the things we hold in common as churches in true Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

c. The 216th General Synod of the ARPC will meet from June 11–13, 2019.

d. The membership of the ARPC is approximately 33,000 Communicant Members, 26,000 Active Communicant Members, and 4,500 Non-Communicant Members in approximately 300 congregations.

e. The ARPC is a member of the ICRC, NAPARC and the WRF.

f. The ARPC is exploring the possibility of institutionally separating Erskine Theological Seminary from Erskine College.

g. This year 2019, the ARPC and the RPCNA will hold concurrent General Synods at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

h. The ARPC maintains Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales(EPCEW), the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA), the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), the Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC), the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), and the Free Church of Scotland (FCS).

2. **The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) [www.pcanet.org]**

a. Our CEIR liaison, Chad B. Van Dixhoorn, represented the OPC at the PCA's 46th GA.

b. He reports the following:

> The 46th GA met briefly in Atlanta, GA, June 13–15, 2018, preceded by two days of committee meetings and conferences. 1,537 commissioners were present at the assembly. In a development greeted without enthusiasm among fraternal delegates, ecumenical guests present at and introduced to the assembly, were nonetheless asked "to provide a video presentation as their greeting" on account of the assembly's "shortened schedule."
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> The GA elected minister Dr. Irwin Ince, Director of the Grace DC Network Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission, as its first African-American moderator. The unofficial sub-theme of the GA was, as with the previous two assemblies, racial reconciliation and ethnic diversity. The business of the assembly was dominated by the work of a study committee, reported in a Thursday morning seminar to the whole assembly, prior to the resumption of the assembly's regular business.
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> The committee's lengthy report was informed by research conducted by LifeWay, a research department of the Southern Baptist Convention. The committee presented four recommendations and many suggestions, along with the concluding remark that "central to them all is intentionality. Unless and until church leadership becomes intentional in developing cross-cultural relationships and partnerships, fostering diverse leadership, and elevating such leadership to platform positions, very little will change in the life of our church. Once we recognize that our structures and natural networks work against diversity in leadership, then we must become intentional in forging new networks and producing new structures that will involve all of our brothers in the connected leadership of our churches. The larger goal in this intentional care of God's people is that we might show the world that this

diverse body is united in Christ: 'There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all' (Eph. 4:4–6). May God make it so!"

Covenant Seminary is increasing the number of necessary credits for an MDiv from 93 to 99. In light of their assessment that an "increasing number of gifted potential students and future church leaders are unable or unwilling to pursue ministry training through traditional seminary pathways" the Seminary reports that it is offering a hybrid-format M.Div. that combines online education with six on-campus visits.

The Inter Church Relations committee continues to support membership in NAPARC, the World Reformed Fellowship, and the National Association of Evangelicals (the PCA Stated Clerk has been chairman of the NAE Board for over a decade). It also sends the Stated Clerk as an observer to the Common Ground Christian Network. The committee's report holds out that "As our culture continues to secularize and religious liberty is increasingly threatened, there will be a need to build alliances with other evangelicals beyond our Presbyterian-Reformed circles so that we have a Nicene Creed circle of friends, allies, and fellow laborers not limited to Presbyterian-Reformed Christians or, as Frances Schaeffer advocated, joining with other co-belligerents to resist the secularized culture and to stand together for righteous causes."

The Standing Judicial Commission contains a lengthy report, found in the assembly's minutes, concerning a complaint about Rev. Scott Sauls of Nashville, TN. A series of judicial opinions registers considerable concern with the way in which a presbytery handled the matter and with teaching and interpretation regarding sexuality at events hosted or advertised by local PCA churches.

The 47th GA will meet in Dallas, TX, June 25–28, 2019.

3. **The 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. Iain A.M Wright, OPC Fraternal Delegate to the 2018 RCUS Synod, 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 2018.

Statistics. The RCUS consists of 4 classes (Covenant-East Classis, Northern Plains Classis, South Central Classis, and Western Classis), 49 organized congregations, 5 mission works, and 61 ministers. Membership in the RCUS is 3,636 members, and 2,815 communicant members.

Synod. The 273rd Synod of the RCUS will meet on May 21-24–19, Kansas City, Missouri.

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. The RCUS recognizes the need to stand firm on biblical doctrines even when they are not popular in present-day culture. The RCUS had previously worked through the biblical doctrine of marriage in a position paper and reported from a committee constitutional changes in language in order to make clearer the RCUS' affirmation of the historic Christian doctrine that a marriage is a God-ordained institution between a man and a woman.

Interchurch Relations Committee. The RCUS Interchurch Relations Committee met with the OPC fraternal delegate, Rev. Iain Wright, at the 272nd Synod.

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.

Synodical Studies. Synod had appointed a committee to study the theological and pastoral implications of cremation. Questions that have been raised include: Is cremation consistent with a biblical practice and view of those who die in the Lord? How should the church advise its members about such a practice? Does the Bible speak to this issue clearly, or is it a matter of indifference? The issue of Two Kingdom theology had been brought before the 2016 Synod by Western Classis, which had studied the matter and submitted a report to Synod. A synodical committee had been appointed to read the material and bring recommendations or comments to the following Synod. At the 2016 Synod, the Interchurch Relations Committee was directed to warn the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (GKN) regarding matters such as homosexuality, women in office, and concerns with the Theological University of Kampen (TUK).

4. **The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) [www.reformedpresbyterian.org]**

a. The RPCNA was founded in 1798.

b. The RPCNA has the following Ecclesiastical connections:
The RPCNA is in full inter-communion with the following:
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland

The RPCNA has fraternal relations with the following:
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Aweil Community Church in South Sudan
Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus
Korean American Presbyterian Church
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia
Reformed Church in the U.S.
United Reformed Churches in North America

The RPCNA has observer status with:
Canadian Reformed Churches (RPCNA and Can. Ref. Chs have been in discussions with a view to establishing fraternal relations. The ordination of women to the diaconate in the RPCNA is a concern to the Can Ref. Chs. The latter requested an exegetical statement on women in the diaconate and decided to vote down the motion as a result.)
Heritage Reformed Churches (RPCNA has also been in discussions with HRC with a view to establishing fraternal relations. The RPCNA has voted to have fraternal relations but the HRC has not met in order to receive the invitation and respond to it.)

c. The188th Synod of the RPCNA will be held at Geneva College, Beaver Falls on June 11–14, 2019. This Synod is to be held concurrent with the General Synod of the ARPC.

(1) The lawsuit involving Geneva College and the US government's Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) and its requirement that religious institutions provide health insurance which pays for services intended to result in abortions remains unsettled. Geneva College has continued to work with Alliance Defending Freedom. The following is an excerpt from the report of the Trustees: "To bring closure to our joint lawsuit, argued before the Supreme Court, attorneys from ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM have asked the U.S. Third Circuit Court in Pittsburgh for an injunction in our case against the U.S. Federal Department of Health and Human Services. The lawsuit challenged the regulation which required that we provide abortifacient drugs through our institutional health care benefits. Attorney Greg Baylor states: "The permanent injunction and declaratory relief would protect Geneva from any effort by the federal government to force you (Geneva) to comply with religiously objectionable manifestations of the women's preventive services mandate. It would protect the College from efforts by future administrations to enforce the statutory requirements either directly, through the Obama Administration's 'accommodation,' or some new and

different mechanism that no one has yet thought of." We anticipate a favorable outcome, since the Justice Department has indicated that it will not oppose the motion.

(2) The Committee working on a paper regarding the Mediatorial Kingship of Christ will provide a partial report to the Synod in 2019.

(3) The 2016 Synod established a committee to report on Transgenderism to the 2017 Synod. The report is available on the NAPARC website and hard copies can be obtained from Crown and Covenant.

(4) The 2017 Synod established a committee to report on desertion as it relates to divorce looking in particular at whether its definition is only geographical or includes financial or pornography addiction. The Committee was augmented at the 2018 Synod and is scheduled to report again at the 2019 Synod.

d. The RPCNA experienced an increase in membership in 2017 (the last year for which statistics are available) with a slight increase in congregations which currently consists of 90 particularized congregations, an increase of one over the previous year. There are nine mission works. This includes four congregations in Japan and one mission church. The membership statistics for 2017 including communicant and baptized members totals 7,190 souls (an increase of 114). This figure does not include churches in countries where the Gospel is hindered by the State.

In various stages of exploration, Bible study and preaching services the RPCNA is active in Casper, WY; Terra Haute, IN; Pageland SC; all with church planters supervising the various works. Additionally, the RPCNA has works in Las Vegas, NV; Harrisonburg, VA; Calgary, AB without church planters. Previously the work in Harrisonburg listed as a church plant has been particularized. A pastor is also ministering among Chinese in Irvine, CA and a another pastor is ministering among Koreans in Los Angeles. The congregation in North Hills, Pittsburg, PA hosts Mandarin Chinese services.

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. The RPCNA continues to support overseas mission work in Cyprus, and South Sudan. Three new mission fields have been opened in recent years including in India and in South Asia. There are two additional presbyteries in East Asia in addition to the Presbytery in Japan.

g. The RPCNA and ARP Presbyteries in Ontario, Canada have been involved in a joint venture called Gillespie Academy. This is for high school graduates to strengthen them in their Christian world and life view.

h. In recent years two ministers of the RPCNA jointly brought a paper each to his own presbytery arguing in favor of women being eligible for the offices of elder and

minister. Synod did not struggle over this issue but only whether these men were treated fairly by their presbyteries. Subsequently both men have transferred their credentials to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

i. A minister has written a paper to Synod arguing that only fermented wine should be used in the communion cup.

5. **The 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.

c. *Statistics.* The CanRC has 69 congregations and over 18,000 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. has sought 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 of 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 Dunnville (2016)*. Synod confirmed "grave concerns" regarding the direction of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, Liberated (RCN), with respect to biblical hermeneutics and women in the church. As a result, *"Synod decided to restrict EF with our Dutch sister churches such that attestations will no longer automatically be accepted and the calling of ministers from them will need*
Classis approval." Synod also declined to enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the RPCNA at this time. Mark T. Bube was the OPC fraternal delegate at this Synod.

6. **The United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA)**

a. *Relationship*. The OPC has been 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 2017 meeting of NAPARC.

b. *Statistics***.** The URCNA report to NAPARC 2017 noted that the federation consists of about 23,742 members, 123 congregations (including mission works), and 178 ordained ministers. The URCNA consists of 8 classes (5 in the United States and 3 in Canada).

c. *Synod***.** The 2018 Synod met June 11–15, 2018, concurrently with the OPC GA, in Wheaton, IL. The Rev. Stephen J. Tracey served as fraternal delegate.

d. *Website. www.urcna.org*

e. *History*. The URCNA as a federation of churches was organized in 1995 in reaction to doctrinal and church order changes in the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

f. *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.

g. *Significant Actions of the 2018 Synod.*

Ecumenical Issues: Synod voted to enter into Ecumenical Contact (Phase 1) with the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church as well as to enter into Ecumenical Fellowship (Phase 2) with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW). Entering into Phase 2 with the EPCEW will require ratification by a majority of the Consistories by December 31, 2018.

Church Discipline: A "Synodical Appeals Committee" (SAC) was established as a standing committee in order to receive and review appeals submitted to synods in order to organize, summarize, and index relevant documents and data, to assist the convening Consistory of Synod concerning the admissibility of appeal submissions, and to make recommendations concerning the handling of appeals, without making recommendations concerning the disposition of appeals. The SAC will consist of one appointee from each Classis. Synod discussed pastoral advice concerning how to deal with members who depart from a congregation.

Missions: Synod approved adding four members-at-large to the federation Missions Committee and mandated the Missions Committee to investigate the current OPC model and the older CRC model (including financing) for their missionary endeavors, to see if they are feasible for the URC to use for their missionary endeavors, and if so to make specific recommendations for how they can do this. The Synod gave over one hour of synod time on Friday afternoon to permit a full discussion on approaches to foreign missions and voted not to create two Missions Coordinator positions – foreign and domestic – choosing to retain one position of Missions Coordinator.

Marriage: Synod adopted without dissent the "Affirmations Regarding Marriage" as a Doctrinal Affirmation. Lord willing, these affirmations will be published on the federation website as well as made available to those who request it from the Stated Clerk.

h. *World Missions Activity:*
Current fields of labor:
Costa Rica: Guadalupe and Cartago
Ecuador: Quito
Honduras: Comayagua and Tegucigalpa
India: Dehra Dun
Italy: Novate, Milan
Mexico: Tepic, Nayarit
Philippines: Imus, Cavite and Pasig City, Metro Manila
Romania: Bucharest

i. *Ecumenicity.* The URCNA report to the NAPARC 2018 lists the denominations with whom the URCNA is working "with a view toward complete church unity as God gives us wisdom, strength and opportunity."

Churches in Phase One – *Corresponding Relations*

1. Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church
2. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
3. Free Reformed Churches (FRC)
4. Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
5. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
6. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
7. Presbyterian Reformed Church

(overseas):

8. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (GKNv)
9. The United Reformed Churches in Congo (URCC)
10. The Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia (ERCLAT)
11. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW)

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'Église Réformée du Québec (ERQ)

5. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) (overseas):
6. The Calvinist Reformed Church in Indonesia (GGRC-NTT)
7. The Free Church of Scotland Continuing (FCC)
8. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)
9. The Reformed Churches of the Congo
10. The Reformed Churches in South Africa (GKSA)

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 364 souls.

c. The RCQ also maintains Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the PCA, the CanRC, and the URCNA. Membership in the World Reformed Fellowship (WRF) and the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council provide international ecumenical relationships for the ERQ. The 2015 meeting of NAPRC was hosted in Quebec City by the ERQ.

d. The RCQ subscribe to the Three Forms of Unity and maintain a Reformed polity and worship.

e. The RCQ Interchurch committee has a co-operative agreement with the CFM of the OPC. There is also a co-operative agreement with the John Calvin Seminary in Provence, France to work toward the publication of Reformed literature in the French language, particularly in the areas of Covenant Theology and apologetics.

f. The OPC delegates to NAPARC in 2018 met with delegates of the RCQ. The Rev. Carl A.P. Durham was the OPC Fraternal Delegate to the 2017 and 2018 RCQ Synods held in May of those years.

8. **The Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)[www.bpc.org]**

a. The BPC and the OPC have been in full Ecclesiastical Fellowship since 2017. The relationship between our churches has been cordial and fraternal delegates continue to find warm welcomes from the major Assemblies of both denominations. The BPC sent its first fraternal delegate to an OPC Presbytery in October of 2017 when the Rev. Morris McDonald represented the BPC Presbytery of Florida at a meeting of the OPC Presbytery of the South in Orlando, Florida. Mr. McDonald was born in North Dakota in 1936.

b. A very positive step has been the establishment of a co-operative agreement between the BPC and our Committee on Diaconal Ministries (CDM). The BPC was extremely generous in its financial support to OPC relief work during the hurricane disasters of 2005 in Mississippi and Louisiana. Teams of Bible Presbyterian volunteers have helped with hurricane disaster relief in the Houston area since 2017 Hurricane Harvey.

c. The BPC was founded in 1938. It is currently made up of 21 particular congregations in four Presbyteries.

d. The BPC subscribes to the Westminster Standards and maintains a Presbyterian Form of Government, Book of Discipline, and Directory for Worship.

e. 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.

f. The BPC held its 81st General Synod in Edmonton, Alberta, where full Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC was ratified. Its 82nd General Synod will be held August 2–6 in Lakeland, Florida. The 83rd Synod will be held in Tacoma, Washington, August 1–6, 2019.

g. The BPC continues to send official observers to meetings of NAPARC.

B. Other Churches in North America

1. **The Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) [www.frcna.org]**

a. The FPCNA is a member of NAPARC and ICRC. The 75th General Assembly of the OPC invited the FRCNA to enter into a relationship of Corresponding Relations. The 2013 Synod responded by entering into a relationship of "*Limited Contact*" (their terminology) with the OPC. Members of CEIR met with representatives of the FRCNA at the 2015 meeting of NAPARC. Iain A.M. Wright attended their 2017 Synod. We have been unable to send delegates to recent Synods due to the close dates with our own General Assembly. The FRCNA has been slow to respond to the offer of the 75th General Assembly to enter into Correspondence with us, preferring their own category of limited contact, i.e. strictly exploratory. To be fair, there may be some overlap of meaning in these ecumenical categories.

b. *Statistics.* The FRCNA has 22 congregations with a total membership of 5,139 scattered across North America but mainly in Canada.

c. *Synods.* Synod 2019 will meet, God willing in Dundas, Ontario and is scheduled again to be concurrent with the Heritage Reformed Churches. Synod 2018 met from June 5–8, in Jordan, Ontario.

d. *History.* The FRCNA describes herself at 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, and 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. *Missions.* The FRCNA have been engaged in mission work in Cubulco, Guatemala for about 25 years. They also work with the HRC in Malawi and South Africa.

g. *Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.* The FRCNA works closely with the HRC in oversight of the Seminary with significant representation of the FRCNA on the governing board.

h. *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), the Heritage Reformed Congregations.

Limited Correspondence (Sending of fraternal delegates, mutual encouragement and admonition, etc.) Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), the *Herzfeld Hervormde Kerk* in the Netherlands.

Limited Contact (Strictly exploratory): The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Reformed Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and United Reformed Churches in North America.

2. **Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC) [www.heritagereformed.com]**

a. "The Heritage Reformed denomination was established in 1993 after the Netherlands Reformed Congregations (NRC) underwent a split related to church-orderly [sic] 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." (from HRC website)

b. Office-bearers and members affirm the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian), the three Reformed Forms of Unity (Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, and Canons of Dort), and the original Westminster Standards of the 1640s, as Biblically sound and doctrinal standards.

c. In 2018 the Synod of the HRC was held concurrently for the third time with FRCNA in Jordan, Ontario from June 4–7. The two denominations shared mealtimes and opening devotions while conducting the business sessions separately. The Synod approved the continuation of the committee to revise the Psalter in conjunction with FRCNA and PRC. The Church Unity Committee has met together and discussed the responses of the Synods and resolved some of the final wording issues concerning differences and will be reporting to the Synod of 2019.

God willing, the HRC and FRCNA will hold concurrent Synods in 2019 at Dundas, Ontario from June 3–6, 2019.

New Hope Reformed Fellowship Church of Dorr, MI, has come under a two-year provisional relationship seeking to join the HRC denomination.

d. The HRC have been at the level of corresponding relationship 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 2018 meeting of NAPARC.

e. According to the latest year for which statistics are available, 2018/19, the HRC has seen a very slight decline and consists of 1,301 professing members, 862 baptized members, for a combined total of 2,163. The HRC has sixteen ministers in nine organized congregations: five in the United States and four in Canada. At the last Synod, five men were accepted for training for pastoral ministry within the HRC. This is very much a cause of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the Lord's gracious provision.

f. The seminary of the denomination is Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS) in Grand Rapids. Within the academic year 2016/17 there were 171 enrolled students of whom 108 were degree seeking. The seminary is served by six full-time professors: Drs. Joel Beeke (President), Michael Barrett (Academic Dean), Gerald Bilkes, David Murray, Stephen Myers, Adriaan Neele, Greg Salazar, Daniel Timmer, William Van Doodeward, and Rev. Mark Kelderman (Dean of Students). There are also 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 has received accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

PRTS has completed a program for significant student housing which is now occupied. ATS has also approved the doctoral program headed up by Dr. Neele. It is also offering PhDs in Historical Theology and Biblical Studies. PRTS is examining the possibility of providing a PhD in Homiletics, and Masters level degree in Biblical Counselling.

g. The HRC supports two full time missionaries in Africa. Dr. Brian DeVries serves as principal of Mukhanyo College in the Pretoria area of South Africa. Dr. DeVries and Dr. Miskin (ret'd) are involved in church planting works in various areas in South Africa.

h. The HRC also continues actively to pursue and expand fraternal relationships with the following denominations:

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Bible Presbyterian Church
The Canadian Reformed Churches
Christelijk Gereformeerde Kerken
The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
Hersteld Hervormde Kerk (the Restored Reformed Church)
Korean Presbyterian Churches in America
Korean American Presbyterian Churches
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
The Presbyterian Reformed Church
The Reformed Church in the United States

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
The Southern Presbyterian Church of Tasmania
The United Reformed Churches of North America

3. **The Presbyterian Reformed Church [www.presbyterianreformed.org]**

a. The PRC was founded in 1965. The OPC is in ecumenical contact with the PRC.

b. The PRC subscribes to the Westminster Standards (original), Directory for Worship, Book of Discipline, and Form of Government.

c. The PRC consists of six congregations in the USA and Canada. The PRC is reaching out to the Free Church of Scotland Continuing's (FCC) U.S. Presbytery in order to seek to unite with that body.

d. The PRC is a member of NAPARC and has ecumenical contacts with the FRCNA and the HRC. OPC delegates to NAPARC in 2017 met with representatives of the PRC.

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. **The 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. The OPC delegation to the 2017 ICRC met with the PCK-K delegation.

B. **The Independent Reformed Church in Korea (IRCK)[www.sybook.org]**

1. The IRCK and the OPC have been in full Ecclesiastical Fellowship since 2014. The CEIR was able to send Rev. Samuel N. Folta as fraternal delegate to the most recent meeting of the IRCK Assembly in 2015.

2. The IRCK is a member of the ICRC. OPC delegates to the 2017 ICRC had a fruitful visit with the delegate from the IRCK, during the course of the week in Jordan,

Ontario.

3. The IRCK has a memorandum of understanding with the OPC China Mission.

4. The IRCK subscribes to the Westminster Standards, the Canons of Dort, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the ecumenical creeds. The IRCK maintains Reformed polity and worship.

C. **The Presbyterian Church in Japan. (PCJ)[http://cms.chorokyokai.jp/]**

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).

D. **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, regularized in 1993. The FCS has adopted a three-year rotation for receiving fraternal delegates at their General Assembly. The OPC was represented at the 2016 Assembly by Iain A. M. Wright.

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 the 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 comprises 12,000 members and adherents and 10 ministers with 102 churches. The 2017 Statistical Survey of the Free Church showed a total of 12,082 people worshipping in the Free Church, made up of 6,007 communicant members and 6,075 other people (adherents). The total of 6,075 other people also includes children. Of the 102 congregations 5 are in North America. These five churches formerly composed the Free Synod of North America and are now the Free Presbytery of North America. Principal James MacIver retired as Principal Clerk to the General Assembly and was replaced by Rev. Malcolm Macleod.

4. Standards. The FCS subscribes to the Westminster Standards.

5. Ecumenical Relations. The FCS is a member of the ICRC.

6. Foreign Missions. Historically, the FCS has been involved in mission overseas in India, South Africa, and Peru.

a. Domestically, church planting (currently seven in number) is focused mainly on the central belt (60% of the population of Scotland live between Edinburgh and Glasgow and their immediate areas). A significant mission strategy document was approved by the 2017 GA.

b. The Mission Board financially supports works in Cambodia, Nepal, Europe, South Africa, Columbia, Peru, India as well as new works in Central Asia and Italy.

c. The FCS supports the missionaries and projects in *Latin America*: Lima Evangelical Seminary, and Rev. Dr. Manuel Reano, Columbia and links are maintained with Collegio San Andres in Lima.

d. The Board supports the following institutions, individuals, and churches in *South Africa*: Dumisani Theological Institute (DTI), and the Free Church of Southern Africa and is working with the indigenous church in South Africa to transfer organizational and financial control.

e. The Board supports the following denominational and educational institutes in India: Presbyterian Free Church of India and the Christian schools at Lakhnadon and Chapara.

f. The Mission Board financially supports the ministry of Rev. Gavino Fioretti in *Italy*. Since June 2016, Rev. Gavino Fioretti and his family have been living in the north of Italy helping a little church plant in the town of Sesto Calende started by a team of American missionaries.

g. The Board has also begun talks with local European churches and mission agencies with a view to church planting in central Europe.

h. Additionally, the Board strategy has identified Central Asia, South Asia and Israel to be included in their International Mission Priority Areas (IMPAs) according to their Mission Board Strategy Document (2017).

7. Recent Actions. In November 2010 a plenary Assembly of the FCS voted to permit the use of hymns and instruments in worship. The 2015 GA combined the Home Missions and Foreign Missions Board into one joint Mission Board. The Rev. David Meredith was appointed to serve as Missions Director.

E. **The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 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 relationship with the OPC and looks to strengthen it as providence allows. The total (communicant and baptized) membership of the EPCEW is 825 (2018 figure), a growth of about 3% from the previous year, and the denomination, though still very small, has been growing at about 10% a year over its history.

2. EPCEW is a member of the ICRC. They also maintain Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the EPCI, the FCS, the FCC, RPCNI, URCNA, CRC (Netherlands), and APC (Scotland).

The EPCEW is exploring connections with the International Presbyterian Church and the ARP. Close support is rendered by the PCA MTW.

3. The EPCEW is a denomination that was established in 1996 with 5 churches. Currently (2018) there are seventeen churches; twelve churches in England, three in Wales, one in Sweden (Tranås) and one in Germany (Berlin). There are mission churches in Salford, as well as plans to develop church plants in Sunderland and in Oxford. In the church at Hexham, a Mission to the World missionary has been appointed, and in the church at Barry (South Wales) a World Witness (ARP) missionary has been appointed as the minister in the church. A missionary from the PCA is assisting the church in Tranås, Sweden.

4. The EPCEW subscribes to the Westminster Standards. In 2015 they approved a Book of Discipline which has now been incorporated into their Book of Church Order. The EPCEW approved at its March 2019 Presbytery the revision of its BCO. Currently the Presbytery is discussing division into either two or three presbyteries and the erection of a Synod or General Assembly.

F. **The Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ) [www.rcnz.org.nz]**

1. The OPC has had a very close relationship with the RCNZ since 1957, regularized as EF in 1993. 2017 Marked the 60th anniversary of Ecclesiastical Fellowship between our churches.

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 were begun in 1953 by post World War II Dutch migrants in reaction to liberalism in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. Today the RCNZ consist of 21 congregations, and several mission works gathered with over 3000 members.

3. The RCNZ is a member of the ICRC 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. Since 2015 they are in full Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the Free Reformed Churches of Australia.

4. The RCNZ actively support mission work in Papua New Guinea, co-operating with the Canadian Reformed Churches and the Free Reformed Churches of Australia. They also have faithfully and generously participated with the OPC in our Uganda mission. The RCNZ have instituted a new congregation in Wanganui and have new preaching posts in various other communities. While the churches have been blessed with a number of promising young candidates for the ministry, there are still five vacant pulpits in their federation.

5. The RCNZ have enjoyed the publication of a new Psalter Hymnal. The OPC delegates to the Synod of 2014 and 2017 very much appreciated this songbook. The RCNZ currently are 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 significant debate regarding this matter.

6. The RCNZ sister church relationship with the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) has been down-graded and is now defined by what the RCNZ have chosen

to call "*Ecumenical Fellowship*."

7. The 30th Synod of the RCNZ was held from September 7–13, 2017 in Palmerston North. Rev. Jack W. Sawyer attended in behalf of the OPC. In addition to his speech at the Synod, Mr. Sawyer was welcomed to preach in five different RCNZ pulpits and was warmly included in the deliberations of Synod. He was encouraged by representatives from vacant churches to continue to promote OPC pastors to consider service in New Zealand. The RCNZ have made known their need for a missionary to Papua New Guinea, and several local pulpits are vacant. There is a long history of their calling ministers from the OPC and other North American sister churches.

8. While at the 2017 Synod, Mr. Sawyer met with the fraternal delegates of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, the Free Reformed Churches of Australia, the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Australia, and the Grace Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand.

G. **The 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 not renewed 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. It would be fair to say that our efforts, in light of the mandate of the 77th General Assembly to reach out to the RCN to attempt to work through impediments to entering full ecclesiastical fellowship, have enjoyed little success thus far. This is in part due to providential hindrance, lack of personnel and finances, and a venue in which to consult. It would also be accurate to say that our sister churches, i.e. the RCUS, and CanRC, have spoken in love what we might have said, given the opportunity.

4. The Committee some years ago sent a two-man subcommittee 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 subcommittee 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. The response when we were able to meet with a member of the BBK at the 79th GA was that if we wished to discuss these concerns that we could do so *after* we had entered into Ecclesiastical Fellowship and not before.

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. No reconsideration of this action was made at the 2014 Synod.

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. 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 representatives of the RCN, during the 85th 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. The consultation was cordial, but it remains to be seen what fruit will ensue.

8. The 2017 Synod of the RCN met and for the fifth Synod in a row the matter of the service of women in the church was before the delegates. In particular, a study committee recommended that the offices of the church be opened to women. Some of our sister churches, such as the Canadian Reformed Churches, sent strong appeals to the brethren in Holland asking them not to proceed down this path. The CEIR have consulted with the CanRC special committee appointed in 2010 which has been dealing with their concern for their mother church in Holland. *No invitation was issued for the OPC to send fraternal delegates to the 2017 Synod*. Against much advice from multiple sister churches, the Synod determined to open all the special offices of the church to biblically unqualified persons. The 2017 Meeting of the ICRC voted overwhelmingly to suspend the membership of the RCN due to these decisions. The CEIR reported on this to the 85th General Assembly. Please see a relevant appendix at the end of this report. It recommends that the 86th General Assembly of the OPC correspond directly to the forthcoming 2020 Synod of the RCN, in order to remonstrate with our brethren concerning the decisions of Synod Meppel 2017. The CEIR proposes a draft letter that we believe is in accord with our Rules for Ecclesiastical Relationships 2.c. "***Consultation on issues of joint concern, particularly before instituting changes in polity, doctrine, or practice that might alter the basis of the relation." https://opc.org/relations/rules.pdf***

H. **The 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 attended the 2015 Synod of the GKSA.

4. The 2011 General Synod, in a procedural order motion, postponed eight protests against women holding offices in the church which were taken up by Synod 2015. It was determined that a special delegated Synod would be called in the near future to deal with the issues causing division in the bond of churches. In addition, the Synod 2015 also discussed the "Turnaround Strategy" adopted in 2011 in order to retain the young people and reinvigorate the churches of the federation.

5. Dr. Brian T. Wingard was the OPC delegate to this special synod which met in January of 2016 to deal with the matter of women holding office in the church.

I. **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 presently has a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the CRCN.

3. The CRCN is a member of the ICRC.

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 to the 2017 ICRC while in Jordan, Ontario and were aided in understanding developments in Holland in the CRCN.

6. The Rev. Willem Wullschleger was welcomed as a fraternal delegate from the CRCN at the 82nd General Assembly. Mark Bube and Tony Curto of the CEIR were sent as OPC representatives to the CRCN Synod in October 2016. Hopefully the CEIR will send delegates to the Synod of 2019.

J. **The 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) had been in a corresponding relationship with the OPC since 2007. In 2016 the relationship was regularized as one of Ecclesiastical Fellowship and was mutually recognized as such by both churches. Mr. Sawyer attended their 2018 Synod.

3. The PCEA is a member of the ICRC.

K. **The 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 and in 2015 entered into Ecclesiastical Fellowship. The IPB's highest assembly meets every four years. Each year the Executive Committee of about 65 officers meets to take actions that must be ratified by the highest assembly. The Executive Committee recognizes that the OPC and the IPB have an official relationship. Messrs. Bube and Curto represented the OPC at the 2014 meeting of the IPB General Assembly. Mr. Sawyer did attend the July 22–29, 2018 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. Mr. Sawyer attended the 2018 General Assembly. This Assembly, decided to reaffirm all previous GA decisions upholding biblical qualifications for Church Office; and to forbid women ordained in other denominations from preaching in the IPB; but also deciding that in exceptional circumstances *(absence of pastors or elders, such as in a mission field situation) women may be allowed to preach**. This final aspect is of concern to the CEIR, represents at the very least an unfortunate choice of words, and has occasioned a sharp disagreement between the IPB and the BPC. The IPB CRIE has currently suspended all contact with the BPC. The CEIR have drafted a letter offering mediation between the parties. **** Que, existe concordância com a decisão da CE/SC-IPB, especialmente em seus itens:"3Assegurar que oficiais e seminaristas estão incluídos na resposta à pergunta***
158/C.M, sob a supervisão do pastor (art.31, alínea "d" da CI/IPB);" do item "4) Declararque, em casos excepcionais, ou seja, na ausência de oficiais, e sob a autorização dopastor (art.31, alínea "d" da CI/IPB), é permitido às mulheres pregar."

4. The OPC CFM continues to explore avenues for co-operative mission work in South America with the IPB.

L. **The Presbyterian Church of the Reformation of Colombia (IPRC) [www.opccolombia.org]**

1. The OPC and the IPRC have been in a Corresponding Relationship since 2015.

2. The IPRC maintains the Westminster Confession and Catechism as its doctrinal basis and is consciously presbyterian in its form of government.

3. The Committee on Foreign Missions regularly sends personnel, through the Mobile Theological Mentoring Corps (MTMC), to teach and preach in the IPRC. The IPRC is eager to partner with the OPC.

4. The IPRC is made up presently of one Presbytery, four congregations and five mission works, and over 250 members. Congregations are centered around the cities of Barranquilla, Bogota, and Tuquerres.

M. **The African Evangelical Presbyterian Church (AEPC) [www.africaevangelicalpresbyterianchurch.org]**

1. The OPC is in a corresponding relationship with the AEPC.

2. The AEPC was received as a member of the ICRC in 2013, the OPC being one of the required sponsor churches. The OPC delegation met with their representative to the 2017 ICRC.

3. 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 has been in a Corresponding Relationship with the

FCC. On decision of the 2017 OPC GA, the FCC was invited to enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship, which invitation came before the 2018 FCC GA.

2. *History.* The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) came into being 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 FCC consists of thirty-two congregations in Scotland, as well as six in the United States, and one in Canada. There are around 2,000 in the FCC constituency. Precise statistics for membership are misleading as a congregation is composed of those who are communicant members and of adherents who are often just as faithful in their attendance upon the means of grace but have not become members.

4. *Standards***.** The FCC subscribes to the Westminster Standards.

5. *Missions***.** The FCC no longer has an active work in Zambia but has opened works in Sri Lanka and China. There are also mission works in Pau, France, and in Barcelona, Bilbao and Miranda de Ebro in Spain.

O. **The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 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). In 2016 the Evangelical Presbyterian Church published a detailed account of its history, *Ernest C. Brown, By Honour and Dishonour: The Story of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, (Belfast: The Evangelical Presbyterian Church and The Evangelical Bookshop, 2016).*

3. *Statistics.* The EPCI has eight 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. Miss Rebekah L. Moore, a member of the RPCI, is currently serving as a Missionary Associate with the OPC in Karamoja, Uganda.

Q. **The Evangelical Reformed Church Westminster Confession (ERKWB) [www.reformiert.at]**

1. The OPC has been in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the ERKWB since 2017. At the invitation of the ERKWB the OPC CFM will once again be sending Dr. Curto to preach and lecture in the summer of 2019.

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. The Church is facing another lawsuit over the use of its name.

R. **The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA) [www.crca.org.au/]**

1. The 84th (2017) General Assembly apologized to the Christian Reformed Churches in Australia (CRCA) for neglecting to clarify and pursue more diligently its Ecclesiastical Relationship with the CRCA and moved to regularize that Relationship by inviting the CRCA into Corresponding Relations. (*See CEIR Report Recommendation #5 to the 84th General Assembly for a complete summary*)

2. The CRCA are now members of the ICRC and have a longstanding relationship with the RCNZ of "ecumenical fellowship." They maintain subscription to the Three Forms of Unity and to a more limited degree to the Westminster Confession of Faith. They also maintain

a church order modified from the that of the Synod of Dordt.

3. Mr. Jack W. Sawyer was the OPC Fraternal Representative to their 2018 Synod held in Langwarrin, Victoria, outside Melbourne. He was invited to preach, and address Synod where he delivered the apology tendered by the 84th GA, which was well received.

V. INTERCHURCH BODIES

A. **The 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 (CanRC). The OPC sent observers to the 1989 ICRC meeting and were received into membership in 1993.

2. The 2017 meeting of the ICRC was held in Jordan Station, Ontario. Messrs. Bube, Curto, Nahkla, and Sawyer represented the OPC.

3. The press release website address is: **https://www.icrconline.com/news**

4. A special committee to review the constitution, regulation, and structures of the ICRC presented its report at the 2013 meeting of the Conference. The Conference proposed several amendments to the Constitution. These have been approved by the major assemblies of the member churches and were declared to be in effect at the 2017 meeting. The Conference has 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 these goals, a Coordinating Committee, Theological Education Committee, 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 now functions. The magazine *Lux Mundi*, formerly published by the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands, has been gifted to the ICRC and can be accessed online at the ICRC website.

5. The most painful part of the Conference concerned matters dealing with the deformational step taken by Synod Meppel 2017 of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands to open all the special offices of the Church to biblically unqualified persons. The ICRC Press release puts it this way:

> *It was with much sadness, however, that the Conference suspended the membership of the Reformed Churches in The Netherlands (RCN), as it was deemed that they have broken with Article IV:4 of the Constitution in their recent synodical decision to permit the ordination of persons to the offices of minister and ruling elder contrary to the rule prescribed in Scripture. This took up much time in the meeting as there was much discussion and various options considered. A number spoke of the blessed help the RCN have been in the past to their federations and so this involved an extra heaviness of heart.*

Yet it was quite clear that the view of the RCN is not the view of any of the other churches in the ICRC, and certainly was not the view of any of those, apart from the RCN, who spoke at our meeting. Please pray for our brethren there, that the Lord in his grace would turn them in repentance to his Word and so be able to join fully with us once more.

For background and more information, see the report of the Special Commission on RCN-ICRC matters appointed by the 84th General Assembly.

6. The ICRC voted in 2017 to receive the following new member churches:

a. The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA)
b. The Presbyterian Church of Uganda (PCU)

7. The next meeting of the Conference is scheduled for 2021 in India, or Australia. Regional Conferences was hosted in Europe in May 2018 (Mark T. Bube and L. Anthony Curto attending), and the Asia-Pacific region in 2019 in Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Bube is one of the invited speakers.

B. **The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)[www.naparc.org]**

1. The Forty-fourth meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) was held on November 13–15, 2018, in Norristown, PA, and was hosted by Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC). The delegates appointed by the Committee were Messrs. Bube, Curto, Sawyer, and Wright. The officers for this meeting were the Rev. Dr. S. Steve Park(KAPC) Chairman, the Rev. David Kim (KPCA) as vice-chairman, the Rev. Ralph Pontier (URCNA) 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: the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church of Quebec, the Free Reformed Churches of North America, the Heritage Reformed Congregations, the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin), the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, the Presbyterian and Reformed Church, Reformed Church in the United States, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and the United Reformed Churches in North America. Also present were observers from the following invited churches: The Protestant Reformed Churches and the Bible Presbyterian Church.

b. The press release of the meeting can be found here: **http://www.naparc.org/documents/press-release-most-recent/**

c. The following previously proposed questions were offered from the PCA for discussion by NAPARC and discussed at the 2018 meeting in plenary session:

- How important is organic union among dissimilar NAPARC denominations? For example, do churches which focus on a specific ethnic/linguistic group in North America really need to merge with other NAPARC denominations?

- What denominational distinctives presently exist as obstacles to organic union? (Examples: exclusive psalmody, delegated or non-delegated assemblies of synods, strict subscription or good faith subscription, unique denominational histories, etc.)?
- What denominational distinctives should be considered as valid obstacles to organic union under biblical scrutiny?
- What is the possibility of a structure that allows for both distinctives and organic union?

d. Messrs. Bube, Curto, and Sawyer will be our delegates to the 2019 meeting of NAPARC. The Korean Presbyterian Church of America was appointed to host the next meeting of the council which will be held in Anaheim, California area from November 12–14. The Assembly is encouraged to note the three-day format for meetings. This allows for ample time for bi-lateral meetings between representatives of the delegations from member interchurch relations committees. In 2018, CEIR delegates once again participated in multiple bilateral meetings between plenary sessions of the Council.

e. The meeting was once again conducted according to bylaw changes which had been approved, and constitutional changes previously declared in effect as affirmed by the member churches by vote at their major assemblies: **www.naparc.org/amendments-to-naparc-constitution-proposed-new-bylaws-adopted/.**

f. The NAPARC website is commended to the Assembly and to the churches, for its wealth of information and functionality.

C. **Worldwide Ecumenical Organizations**

1. **The 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. **The World Reformed Fellowship (WRF) [www.wrfnet.org]**

a. 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, which held its 2015 General Assembly in Sao Paulo, Brazil from March 23-27, hosted by the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. OPC members have attended previous WRF General Assembly meetings in Scotland and Brazil and have reported to the CEIR. The CEIR is entertaining the prospect of sending an observer to the next plenary meeting, when in North America. The 2019 General Assembly will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

b. Information about the 2015 General Assembly can be found here: **http://wrfnet.org/events/2015/03/4th-general-assembly-wrf**. The WRF Statement of Faith can be found here: **http://wrfnet.org/about/statement-of-faith**

VI. BUDGET

Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Budget proposal to the 86th (2019) General Assembly.

	2017 Approved	2017 Actual	2018 Approved	2018 Actual	2019 Approved	2020 Proposed
Committee Expenses						
Committee Meetings						
Postage, phone, copies, etc.	12,000	12,969	10,000	3,609	10,000	10,000
Sub-com./NAPARC travel	494	231	494	591	494	400
Staff	n/a	n/a.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Committee Travel	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200
ICRC Travel	12,000	7,247	12,000	18,443	12,000	13,485
	3,000	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Committee Expenses	40694	34,012	35,694	34,012	35,694	37,085
Dues						
NAPARC	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
ICRC	3,306	3,306	3,306	2,915	3,306	2,915
Total Dues	4,306	4306	4,306	3,915	4,306	3,915
TOTAL GAOF BUDGET ITEMS	45,000	38,318	40,000	39,758	40,000	41,000

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1) Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (RPCCEE)

1. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (RPCCEE) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds

1. The confessional standards of the RPCCEE are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Second Helvetic Confession **(https://www.reformatus.net/en/).**

2. In 1992 (not too long after the collapse of the former Soviet Union), Westminster Biblical Missions (WBM—started by a PCA minister, who had been an IPBFM missionary to Brazil, South Korea, and Pakistan) established the Károlyi Gáspár Institute of Theology and Missions in Budapest, Hungary, and began to recruit Hungarian-speaking students from Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine. Two years later, the Institute was relocated to its current location in Miskolc, Hungary, and the first seven students graduated in 1996. Although they initially tried to minister within the context of the historic Hungarian Reformed Church (HRC), they soon ran into opposition from liberal and progressive elements in that church. In 1997 the Institute was put under a ban

and several of the students were expelled from the HRC. In 1998 the RPCCEE was formed and the first ministers were ordained in the new church, and soon thereafter sixteen men labored to plant biblical Reformed congregations in fifteen locations in the three countries. In 2001 the RPCCEE sent an observer to the ICRC (see *Proceedings of the 5th [2001] Meeting of the ICRC*, Article 75, page 44, for the text of his presentation). Beginning in 2013, the young church took its first steps towards self-governance and moved closer to being self-supporting, and WBM began the process of peacefully withdrawing from the field. In 2018 two presbyteries were organized and in mid-February 2019, the general assembly was organized.

3. The RPCCEE is now planting churches in more than twenty-five locations in the three countries, served by sixteen pastors. Recognizing the need for solid Reformed literature, the RPCCEE early on published translations of J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism* and Arthur W. Pink's *The Sovereignty of God*. Since then, translations of works by John Calvin, Sinclair Ferguson, Jay Adams, D. M. Lloyd-Jones, and Spurgeon, among others, have also been published.

4. In 2017 the RPCCEE sent one of its ministers as an observer to the ICRC, where he met with the OPC's delegation and presented the work of the RPCCEE (see *Proceedings of the 9th [2017] Meeting of the ICRC*, Article 19.2, pages 13–14, for the text of his presentation). Profoundly thankful for the Lord's blessing upon the RPCCEE, representatives of the OPC's Committee on Foreign Missions and/or Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations have since visited the RPCCEE brothers in Hungary three times and are actively now working together to advance the cause of Christ in that region of the world. Last year the RPCCEE sent the Rev. Peter Szabo as a fraternal delegate to the 85th (2017) General Assembly to bring greetings to us, and this past February, our CEIR chairman, the Rev. Dr. L. Anthony Curto, was sent to the RPCCEE's 1st (2019) General Assembly to bring fraternal greetings. And in March 2019, the new RPCCEE general assembly formally requested a fraternal relationship between our churches, and the OPC to be one of the supporting churches in their application for membership in the ICRC (they're asking the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales [EPCEW] to serve as the other) (*cf*. Communication 4 to this year's Assembly).

2. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church support the application of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe (RPCCEE) for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) and agree to serve as one of the two required Member Churches in sponsoring that application (*cf. ICRC Regulations* X.3); further, that the General Assembly, on the basis of the first-hand knowledge of two of its own agencies regarding the ministry and life of the RPCCEE, conclude that the RPCCEE faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (*cf. ICRC Constitution* II).

Grounds

In compliance with *ICRC Regulations* X.3, which provides—

3. Applications for membership in the Conference shall be sponsored by

at least two Member Churches, which, in their own ministries, have ongoing first-hand knowledge of the ministry and life of the applicant Church. Any Member Church in the same country as the applicant shall also be consulted. In their letters of sponsorship, Member Churches shall include a statement of the reasons or grounds which lead them to conclude the applicant Church faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (*Constitution*, II). They should assist the applicant Church in preparing her application, as needed.

—please see Grounds 1–4, above.

2) <u>Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU)</u>

That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Presbyterian Church in Uganda (PCU) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds

1. The confessional standards of the PCU are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the World Reformed Fellowship (WRF) Statement of Faith, the First Catechism, and the Five Points of Calvinism.

2. The PCU was received as a Member Church by the ICRC in 2017 (*Proceedings of the 9th [2017] Meeting of the ICRC*, Article 50, pages 39–40).

3. After escaping from Uganda during the Idi Amin years, F. Kefa Sempangi, a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, returned to Uganda in 1979 to establish the PCU, assisted by OPC ministers the Rev. Messrs. C. John "Jack" Miller and Harvie M. Conn.

4. As of July 2016, the PCU had approximately 3,500 communicant members and 3,000 baptized covenant children in thirty organized congregations and twenty-two mission works, in six presbyteries, with twenty-two ministers, 90 elders, and 56 deacons.

5. The Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) began working with the PCU in 1993 and entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding* regarding missionary labors with the PCU in 1995 (*cf. Minutes of the 63rd [1996] General Assembly*, pages 170–172). The work experienced considerable blessing from the Lord in its early years, but subsequent difficulties led the CFM to adjust its working relationship with the PCU to a more project-oriented basis in 2003, and to re-focus its labors more with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Uganda (OPCU) (*cf. Minutes of the 71st [2004] General Assembly*, pages 145–154). In 2016 the CFM was pleased to report that the two Ugandan churches had been reconciled and the PCU had received the entire OPCU back into the PCU as its Mbale Presbytery, healing a thirteen-year rift between the two bodies (*cf. Minutes of the 84th [2017] General Assembly*, pages 166–167, 191). Since then, the OP Uganda Mission's relationship with the PCU has continued to deepen and the mutual fellowship has become ever more sweet.

3) Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (EPCP)

1. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly invite the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (EPCP) into a relationship of Corresponding Relations.

Grounds

1. The confessional standards of the EPCP are the Westminster Confession of Faith (1646) and Catechisms.

2. The Free Church of Scotland (FCS) began missionary labors in Peru in 1916. In 1921 the first Presbyterian congregation was established in Cajamarca. Over the next four decades, the work grew, and in 1963 the FCS organized the EPCP as a national church in Peru. In the 1930s, churches that would later become part of the RPCES began work in the central part of Peru, which organized as the National Presbyterian Church of Peru in 1971. In the mid-1980s, the two Peruvian churches, the EPCP and the NPCP began discussions that would eventually lead to a brief union of the two churches in 1995 under the name of the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Peru (EPRCP). Theological and cultural differences led to a dissolution of the union a year later, with the more confessionally conscious presbyteries continuing as the EPCP. Sadly, defending against civil litigation brought by some of the withdrawing bodies has consumed significant time and resources, even as the EPCP brothers have sought to settle these matters peacefully and without magistrate involvement.

3. The EPCP has approximately fifteen congregations in three presbyteries (Cajamarca, Celedin, and Lima), Christian schools, and a seminary. The general assembly meets annually, and the OPC has had fraternal delegate/observers present at the last two. Adherence to the Regulative Principle is abundantly evident in the services of public worship, and (but for the language difficulties) members of the OPC would feel very much at home in them. The EPCP has requested and been given permission to translate and publish, with adaptations to the smaller size of the EPCP, the OPC's *Book of Church Order*.

4. Although in 1942–1944 the Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM) explored possibilities for involvement with the FCS work in Peru, that work was ultimately not taken up, as assurances that our missionaries would be able to enter the field and conduct their work without governmental interference could not be obtained (*cf. Minutes of the 11th [1944] General Assembly*, page 50). Informal contact was renewed in the early 2000s when the Rev. Iain A. M. Wright began visiting the brothers every year or two, and short-term teams from Covenant OPC in Orland Park, Illinois, began offering biannual assistance to the saints in Peru. The EPCP has also been involved in *Confraternidad Latinoamerica de Iglesias Reformadas* (CLIR), which has URCNA connections. Representatives of the CFM and the EPCP crossed paths at the 2014 CLIR General Assembly and OP missionaries use some of CLIR's Spanish-language materials in their work. Official contact with the EPCP was renewed three years ago when one of the brothers began attending the Mobile Theological Mentoring Corps instruction being conducted by the CFM with the Presbyterian Church of the Reformation in Colombia (PCRC). Since then, representatives of the CFM have visited the EPCP three times, and the CEIR sent the Rev. Iain A. M. Wright as a fraternal delegate/observer to the EPCP general assembly this past January.

2. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church support the application of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru (EPCP) for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) and agree to serve as one of the two required Member Churches in sponsoring that application (*cf. ICRC Regulations* X.3); further, that the General Assembly, on the basis of the first-hand knowledge of two of its own agencies regarding the ministry and life of the EPCP, conclude that the EPCP faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (*cf. ICRC Constitution* II).

Grounds
In compliance with *ICRC Regulations* X.3, which provides—

3. Applications for membership in the Conference shall be sponsored by at least two Member Churches, which, in their own ministries, have ongoing first-hand knowledge of the ministry and life of the applicant Church. Any Member Church in the same country as the applicant shall also be consulted. In their letters of sponsorship, Member Churches shall include a statement of the reasons or grounds which lead them to conclude the applicant Church faithfully adheres to the Reformed Faith stated in the confessional documents listed in the Basis (*Constitution*, II). They should assist the applicant Church in preparing her application, as needed.
—please see Grounds 1–4, above.

3. That the 86th (2019) General Assembly send the following communication directly to Synod Goes 2020 of the Reformed Churches of Netherlands. See Appendix below for text and grounds.

VIII. ELECTIONS

The terms of the class of 2019 expiring at this GA are those of Messrs. Cottenden, Curto, and Tracey.

Required for election to the class of 2021: Pursuant to Standing Rule X.2.g., this assembly should elect three ministers or ruling elders.

Mr. Cottenden has expressed his desire not to seek re-election. The Committee wishes to record its deep appreciation for his stellar work as our secretary.

IX. APPENDIX

Letter to the RCN

The CEIR requests that the 86th (2019) General Assembly send the following communication directly to Synod Goes 2020 of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands:

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. As the date for Synod Goes 2020 approaches, we write you one more time to plead with you, who were fathers in the faith to us for so many years, to turn back from the course upon which you embarked in Synod Meppel 2017 with a decision to open the special offices of minister and/or ruling elder to persons who

are biblically disqualified from such offices—a course that can only lead to a breaking of close fellowship with churches that desire to remain faithful to the whole counsel of the Word of God as summarized in our Reformed confessional standards.

Our study of Synod Meppel 2017's document, *Decisions Male/Female and office* ("Decisions MFAO"), seems to confirm the concerns our 77th (2010) General Assembly expressed to you[1] that were related to the ways in which you were applying your doctrine of Scripture to the weighty issues you were facing, particularly those aspects that touched upon the sufficiency (WCF[2] 1.6), interpretation (WCF 1.9), and authority (WCF 1.10) of Scripture. Please bear with us as we amplify each of these concerns.

1. Sufficiency of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.6; *cf*. BC 2 and BC 7):

> The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men. Nevertheless, … there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

The "all things necessary for God's own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life" includes 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). Immediately 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 in the church, women are barred from them.

And then, to emphasize the abiding nature of this command, Christ's Spirit supplies, not just one, but two grounds, both of which refer to events that occurred in creation and the fall, which He deems to be entirely sufficient to settle the matter and to distinguish His abiding command from things which may be thought of as merely temporal or culturally conditioned:

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[1] Letter from the Stated Clerk of the 77th (2010) General Assembly to the *Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt)*, c/o Secretary General of the BBK, P. O. Box 499, 800 AL Zwolle, The Netherlands, dated September 2, 2010.

[2] Key to abbreviations for the confessional standards: "WCF"–Westminster Confession of Faith; "BC" Belgic Confession of Faith.

> *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, emphasis added).

To the unbelieving ears of the modern world (many of whom would also be inclined to deny the historicity of Adam and Eve), both reasons sound strange and maybe even patently "unfair":

- Why should the simple matter of Eve's being formed second serve to disqualify all women from holding special office in Christ's church some two millennia later?
- And, even if Eve took the first bite, why should that, after all this time, continue to bar all women from special office?

And yet, those same modern ears forget that the Holy Spirit Himself, with the simple use of the word "For (γὰρ)," deems these two historical events as constituting, in and of themselves, sufficient grounds to be entirely dispositive of the matter, both then and now. So those same modern ears find themselves reduced to that all-too-familiar argument, "Did God really say?" (*cf.* Genesis 3:1). The believing response is "Yes, He did," even if we don't fully understand all that He might be teaching here. And this Scriptural prohibition regarding women in the special offices of minister and elder remains as an abiding requirement in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ until He comes again.

We believe the reasoning in Decisions MFAO is fundamentally flawed in that it also fails to distinguish properly between the necessary/elemental and the circumstantial with respect to the biblical qualifications for special office in Christ's Church. There are *no* common circumstances regarding the qualifications for office in any other human society that are truly parallel to the qualifications for office in the government therein, which the Lord Jesus, as King and Head of His Church, has appointed, in the hand of Church officers (*cf.* WCF XXX.1; BC 30), and to which the keys to the kingdom of heaven are committed (*cf.* WCF XXX.2; BC 32). 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.

Further, as with other actions that violate a clear command of Scripture, the action of Synod Meppel 2017 in Decisions MFAO to relegate a necessary/elemental matter (like qualification for special office in Christ's church) to a circumstantial detail is inherently destabilizing and unworkable, and ultimately proves divisive to the body of Christ. Please ask yourselves:

- When a biblically qualified, duly ordained minister of the Word enters the pulpit and administers the sacraments, is he there by divine appointment?
- Does God Himself call biblically disqualified persons to the special office of minister of the Word in His church?
- If one is biblically disqualified (or prohibited) from holding that office, is that one still to be properly considered as being divinely appointed to such?
- Should that one be received by those in the congregation as having been divinely appointed to such?
- Does the King and Head of the church entrust the exercise of the keys of the kingdom

> of heaven to persons whom He has previously barred from holding the office to which the exercise of such keys has been committed?

The action of Synod Meppel 2017 in Decisions MFAO, by corrupting the biblical qualifications for special office in the church, insinuates itself into the three areas of the church's life (preaching, sacraments, and discipline) that have been cataloged as the marks by which a true church is known (*cf.* BC 29):

> …The marks by which the true Church is known are these: If the pure doctrine of the gospel is preached therein; if she maintains the pure administration of the sacraments as instituted by Christ; if church discipline is exercised in punishing sin; in short, if all things are managed according to the pure Word of God, all things contrary thereto rejected, and Jesus Christ acknowledged as the only Head of the Church….

Brothers, Decisions MFAO places a stumbling block before your congregations and portends ill for the future of your church:

> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump (Galatians 5:7–9).

2. Interpretation of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.9):

> The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

It is startling to us to see that the place in Scripture which speaks most clearly to the matter at hand, 1 Timothy 2:11–14 (which is discussed at length above), is referred to only once[3] in the Decisions MFAO, and even there its direct application to the primary question of who may serve in the special offices is significantly obscured (i.e., Decision 8, Ground 2):

> The Bible repeatedly sounds warnings that man and women ought not to intrude into each others [*sic*] place, nor lord it over each other (1 Peter 3:7, 4:15, 5.3; 1 Timothy 2:8–15; 1 Corinthians 14:34–35; III John 9).

Instead, we read in Decision 3, Ground 5 (emphasis added)—

> In response to this calling, Synod has come to the conclusion that the witness of Scripture gives the congregation every reason to allow men and women to serve equally in all prophetic, priestly and royal tasks in the church, tasks which their shared name as Christians addresses equally (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's day

[3] 1 Timothy 2:11–14 is also referred to in the list of Materials included in the Supplement: Decisions MFAO in Document 9, being a reference to a letter from the Canadian Reformed Church [*sic*], dated October 24, 2017.

> 12). Synod has further come to the conclusion that those places in which Scripture speaks of an apostolic command to keep silent, or a prohibition against women teaching or exercising authority, do not, in themselves, supply indisputable grounds to categorically exclude, *in our time and circumstances*, women from teaching and ruling offices in the church, *since the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute*.

"[E]very reason," "indisputable," "categorically," and "too greatly" must be overstatement. As we read Decisions MFAO, and the string of reports of various sets of deputies over the past decade leading up to Decisions MFAO, it appears that, rather than beginning with what we believe (and with what you have confessed—*cf*. BC 30) is the clear command of Scripture, the logic of the Decision seems to begin with the desired conclusion (i.e., let's open the special offices) and then to work backwards, drawing heavily on culture and empirical data reflecting current practices, with a measure of perhaps tangentially related references to assorted Scriptural passages thrown in, to try to come up with various plausible rationales for how to get there. And the portion of Scripture that does speak most clearly to the issue at hand seems summarily dismissed since, in the face of the onslaught of the so-called wisdom of the culture, "the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute."

We are also disappointed that Decisions MFAO contains almost no development of a biblical theology of gender, but rather seems simply to parrot the prevailing cultural ideas of "equality." The man that God created in His own image[4] reflected both the unity and the diversity that exists in the Trinity, where there is an ontological unity ("one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy" BC 8) and yet also an economic diversity ("three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct, according to their incommunicable properties" BC 8) among the persons in the Godhead. We note that it was to Adam, even before Eve was made[5], that God gave the charge not to eat of the forbidden tree[6], which command Eve, being deceived, subsequently disobeyed and then, usurping Adam's biblical role, led them into sin and the fall.[7] And it was to these events—the order of creation and the fact of Eve's deception—that the Holy Spirit would later ground His command that precludes women from serving in the special offices of minister and elder in Christ's Church.[8] At the same time, we want to clearly state that, under no circumstances, do we believe that a woman has less value than a man, for in Christ, "[t]here is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."[9]

3. Authority of Scripture. We believe that the Scriptures teach that (WCF 1.10; *cf*. BC 7):

> The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private

[4] Genesis 1:26–28.

[5] Genesis 2:22.

[6] Genesis 2:16–17.

[7] Genesis 3:1–6.

[8] 1 Timothy 2:14.

[9] Galatians 3:28–29.

> spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

Brothers, as we read Decisions MFAO, we cannot but wonder whether you have succumbed to the temptations of the culture in which we live today and have perhaps allowed that culture to influence your thinking about what the Scriptures plainly teach. We return to the second phrase in Decision 3, Ground 5, that we highlighted above:

> … Synod has further come to the conclusion that those places in which Scripture speaks of an apostolic command to keep silent, or a prohibition against women teaching or exercising authority, do not, in themselves, supply indisputable grounds to categorically exclude, *in our time and circumstances*, women from teaching and ruling offices in the church, *since the exegesis of these texts is too greatly in dispute*.

Are you really intending to imply that there is something unique to "our time and circumstances" which should override a clear apostolic command of Scripture? Similarly, in Decision 8, Ground 1 (emphasis added):

> The Bible speaks about both the equal value and position of man and woman, and the distinctive place God has given them within it, in marriage and in the congregation. *In our present-day culture, which is strongly oriented towards equality*, this aspect deserves special attention.

We fear that the undiscerning imbibing of our modern culture's language of "equality" can easily lead to the forgetting of the critical differences between the ontological and the economic that are part of God's created order.

Brothers, if we faithfully cling to Christ and endeavor to keep His Word without compromise with the charms of this world, we will find ourselves, like the great church father, Athanasius, *contra mundum*:

> If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you (John 15:18)
>
> I have given them your Word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth (John 17:14–17).
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> [A]nd you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved (Matthew 10:22).

Finally, we would like to thank you for sending fraternal delegates to our 2012, 2015, and 2018 General Assemblies. Although we are still in a relationship of Corresponding Relations, we were not invited to send fraternal delegates to either Synod Ede 2014 or Synod Meppel 2017, but we would be happy to send fraternal delegates to Synod Goes 2020 to discuss this letter and bring greetings, if you think such would be helpful. Thank you for bearing with us. May our gracious Lord use your labors for His own glory and the increase of His kingdom.

Your humble servant in Christ,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

I. INTRODUCTION

The committee met once in the past year, on March 18, 2019. The report contains general information regarding the committee's budget proposal and elections. At the time of this report, no appeals or complaints have been received by the stated clerk of the Assembly.

II. BUDGET

The Committee has proposed that a budget of $4500 be considered for its work in the forthcoming year.

III. ELECTIONS

The term of Messrs. Mallin (PCT&SNY) and Hutchison (POH), expires at this Assembly, as does that of Mr. Crumplar (PoPh, Alternate, elected yearly). Other members of the Committee are Messrs. Pontier (PSC, class of 2020), and Willet (PSE, class of 2020), and Strange (PMW, class of 2021).

Note: All those serving must be members of different (i.e., six) presbyteries.

John W. Mallin, Chairman
Committee on Appeals and Complaints

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I. THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings

The Committee met five times during the past year by conference call. All members, Messrs. Michael C. Cloy, Richard M. Dickinson, Michael W. Jennings, Mr. Cornelius Johnson, Mark W. Rogers, and Christopher H. Wisdom, participated in the telephone conference meetings on 21 July 2018, 15 September 2018, 08 December 2018, and 06 April 2019. Messrs. Cloy, Dickinson, Jennings, and Rogers participated in the telephone conference meeting on 03 November 2018. Messrs. Johnson and Wisdom were absent from the meeting and excused. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCCMP) was held on 19–20 February 2019 in Atlanta, GA. Messrs. Cloy, Dickinson, and Rogers were present as OPC CCMP commissioners.

B. Officers

At the 21 July 2018 meeting, Mr. Dickinson was elected Chairman; Mr. Johnson, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Jennings, Secretary.

II. ROLL OF CHAPLAINS

As of 31 December 2018, the PRCC endorses six Orthodox Presbyterian Church chaplains serving on active duty, eight serving in the Reserves or National Guard, and seven serving as civilian chaplains. This includes two chaplains who are both civilian and Reserve or National Guard and two chaplains who are chaplain candidates. The PRCC also endorses three OPC civilian chaplains at their own request. In addition, the OPC has three unendorsed civilian chaplains, nine retired military chaplains, and one retired civilian chaplain.

A. Endorsed Chaplains Serving on Active Duty and their Presbyteries:

CDR John A. Carter, CHC, USN	Southern California
CH (CPT) David M. DeRienzo, USA	New York and New England
LT Cornelius Johnson, CHC, USN	New Jersey
CH (CPT) Stephen L. Roberts, USA	Mid-Atlantic
CH (CPT) Jeffrey P. Shamess, USA	Michigan and Ontario
Ch (Capt) Daniel J. Halley, USAF	Mid-Atlantic

B. Endorsed Chaplains Serving in Active Reserves or National Guard and their Presbyteries:

Rev. Andrew R. Barshinger, CPT, USAR	New Jersey
Rev. Paul T. Berghaus, LTC, USAR	Midwest
Mr. Richard B. Brasher, 2LT, USAR (Ch Candidate)	Southern California
Rev. Kyle N. Brown, MAJ, PAARNG	Central Pennsylvania
Rev. C. Phillip Hollstein III, USAFIRR (also Civilian)	Southern California
Rev. Kenny R. Honken, LTC, SDARNG (also Civilian)	Midwest
Rev. Benjamin W. Johnson, Maj, USAFIRR	Michigan and Ontario
Mr. Kenneth A. Kruchcow, 2LT, PAARNG (Ch Candidate)	Michigan and Ontario

C. Endorsed Civilian Chaplains and their Presbyteries (Endorsement Required):

Rev. Gordon H. Cook Jr., Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick, ME (part-time, unpaid volunteer, endorsed, endorsement required)	New York and New England
Rev. C. Phillip Hollstein III, Providence Hospital, Mobile, AL (also Reserves) (full-time, paid, endorsed, endorsement required)	Southern California
Rev. Kenny R. Honken, Dept of Corrections, MI (also National Guard) (full-time, paid, endorsed, endorsement required)	Midwest
Rev. Charles A. McIlhenny, various Los Angeles County CA hospitals (full-time, paid, endorsed, endorsement required)	Southern California
Rev. Ralph A. Rebandt II, Farmington Hills Police Dept, Farmington MI (part-time, not paid, endorsed, endorsement required)	Michigan and Ontario

D. Endorsed Civilian Chaplain and their Presbyteries (Endorsement Requested by Chaplain)

Rev. David P. Bush, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department; Sonora Police Department CA (part-time, not paid,	

endorsed, endorsement not required) Northern California
Rev. Robert B. Needham, Kings County Sheriff's Department, CA (part-time, not paid, endorsed, endorsement not required) Northern California

E. Retired Chaplains:
Rev. Richard M. Dickinson, LtCol, Ch, Maine Air NG Ret.
Rev. Jonathan C. Gibbs III, COL, USA Ret.
Rev. Patrick J. Morgan, COL, USAR Ret.
Rev. Robert B. Needham, CDR, CHC, USN Ret.
Rev. Stephen L. Parker, LCDR, CHC, USNR Ret.
Rev. Stephen L. Phillips, Civilian
Rev. Timothy J. Power, CHC, CDR, USN Ret.
Rev. Earl W. Vanderhoff, MAJ, CH, USA Ret
Rev. Douglas M. Withington, CDR, CHC, USNR Ret.
Rev. Christopher H. Wisdom, COL, USA Ret.

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

1. Contributions to the PRCC from designated gifts, denominational dues, and other sources increased from $437,845 to $598,690 in 2018. Denomination contribution from OPC dues increased from $12,750 to $13,100 in 2018. Contributions from OPC churches and individuals to support chaplain ministries decreased from $4,700 to $4,400 in 2018. In 2018 the Commission Approved Budget was $510,988 and the Working Budget was $500,068. Actual 2018 expenses were $454,219.

The Commission approved the following budgets:

2019 Revised Budget	$559,059
2019 Proposed Working Budget	$560,059
2020 Proposed Budget	$535,309

2. The Commission continues to follow the financial schedule presented below for denominational assessment for all chaplains requiring an endorsement (approved in 2015 and previously presented to the 82nd GA):

Denominational Contribution Plan for Chaplains Requiring an Endorsement						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Military	$500	$600	$700	$800	$900	$1000
Federal Gov't (V.A. / BOP)	$500	$600	$700	$800	$900	$1000
Civ. Endorsement Required / Board Certified (BCC)	$500	$600	$700	$800	$900	$1000

3. The Commission continues to follow the financial schedule presented below for denominational assessment for civilian chaplains requesting an endorsement (approved in 2015 and previously presented to the 82nd GA):

Denominational Contribution Plan for Civilian Chaplains Requesting an Endorsement		
	2015	2016+
Full Time	$300	$350
Part Time	$150	$200
Volunteer	$75	$100

B. PRCC Chaplain Dues Assessed

The PRCC assesses endorsed and paid chaplains at the following rates. These amounts are paid annually by the chaplain to the PRCC:

1. Military active duty 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. Federal Government Chaplains (VA/Bureau of Prisons): GS-11 at $516/year; GS-12 at $612/year; GS-13 at $732/year; GS-14 at $864/year; GS-15 at $1,020/year.
4. Other Civilian chaplains requiring endorsement are charged as follows: $360 per year if full time; $180 per year if part time, and $0 for volunteers.
5. From those civilian chaplains whose employers or certifying bodies do not require an endorsement, dues are assessed if they request endorsement as follows: Full time $300, Part time $180, volunteer $0. An annual voluntary gift to the PRCCMP is requested and would be greatly appreciated.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS AND ISSUES

A. PRCCMP Elections

The following members were elected to one-year terms on the PRCCMP:

1. Mr. Bentley B. Rayburn (PCA), Chairman
2. Mr. Michael Yarman (ARP), Vice-Chairman
3. Mr. Bill Wagner (RPCNA), Secretary

B. PRCC Executive Committee and Director

The Chairman appointed Bentley Rayburn, Mike Yarman, Ken Bush, and Bill Wagner to the Executive Committee for 2019.

Chaplain (LTC) USA, Ret., Dr. James Carter continues as Executive Director of PRCC and Chaplain Endorser.

C. PRCC Associate Endorsers and Directors

The Commission approved the following PRCC staff format – 3 associate endorsers, part-time at 25 hours per week and $35,000 per year with no health insurance benefits, retroactive to 1 January 2019.

The Commission elected Associate Directors Mack Griffith and Del Farris to one-year terms. Mr. Gary L. Hitzfeld continues to serve as Associate Director, assistant to the Executive Director.

D. PRCC Commissioners in 2019

OPC Commissioners to the 42nd Annual Meeting of the PRCC were Messrs. Cloy, Jennings, and Rogers. Alternate commissioner, Mr. Dickinson, replaced Mr. Jennings at this meeting due to Mr. Jennings' poor health at the time.

E. Next PRCC Annual Meeting

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the PRCCMP is scheduled to meet in Atlanta, GA on 18-19 February 2020.

F. Other PRCC Actions:

1. The Commission approved the following changes to "Section IV – Fees, Dues, Contributions and Gifts" in the Chaplains' Manual's Policy and Guidance Handbook:

SECTION IV — FEES, DUES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS

A. Fees

1. Applicants for Endorsement (Military or Paid Civilian Chaplains)...

3. The Endorsed Chaplain will receive an Endorsement Certificate and ID card. Volunteer (unpaid) Chaplains pay a one-time $25.00 Application Fee (This covers the cost of their background check.).

B. Dues

3. Other Endorsed Civilian Chaplains will pay dues as follows:

Full-time	$360 per year / $30 per mo.
Part-time	$180 per year / $15 per mo.
Volunteer	$60 per year / $5 per mo. No Annual Dues Required

4. Previously endorsed PRCC chaplains, still in good standing with their denomination, serving as a PRCC volunteer chaplain, are not required to submit a new application or application fee or pay annual dues.

2. The Commission approved the replacement of "Section VII – Religious Ministry and Homosexuality" in the Chaplains' Manual's Policy and Guidance Handbook with "Section VII. Religious Ministry in a Culture of Gender Confusion", as amended, prepared by the Review of PRCC Homosexuality Policies Committee (Appendix A).

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:

CDR John A. Carter, CHC, USN	Harvest OPC, Vista, CA; Providence OPC, Temecula, CA;
CH (CPT) David M. DeRienzo, USA	Second Parish OPC, Portland, ME
Ch (Capt) Daniel J. Halley, USAF	Living Hope OPC, Clarksville, MD; Ketoctin Covenant OPC, Purcellville, VA; Grace OPC, Pennsville, NJ; and Faith OPC, Elmer, NJ
LT Cornelius Johnson, CHC, USN	Big Ridge Presbyterian, Wise, VA; Dickerson First Presbyterian, Haysi, VA
CH (CPT) Stephen L. Roberts, USA	Reformation OPC, Olympia, WA; Sterling OPC, Sterling, VA
CH (CPT) Jeffrey P. Shamess, USA	Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI

V. BUDGET

A. Standing Committee Budget

The Committee requests a Fiscal Year 2020 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 2020 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 for Fiscal Year 2020 be provided at the annual rates shown in section III.A.2 and III.A.3 above for a total of $14,850.00. This covers the 19 chaplains endorsed by the PRCC on the OPC rolls as of 31 December 2018, including 16 chaplains who require endorsement (6 active duty military, 8 reserve military, and 4 civilian chaplains who require endorsement) and 3 part-time civilian chaplains who request endorsement. This reflects two chaplains who are both civilians and Reserves or Guard.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

There are no recommendations at this time.

VII. ELECTIONS

The terms of Messrs. Dickinson and Wisdom expire at this Assembly. Two members need to be elected to the class of 2022.

The current classes are:
Class of 2019 – Richard M. Dickinson; Christopher H. Wisdom
Class of 2020 – Michael W. Jennings; Mark W. Rogers
Class of 2021 – Michael C. Cloy; Cornelius Johnson

Appendix A

The Text below replaces the former Section VII. RELIGIOUS MINISTRY AND HOMOSEXUALITY of the PRCC Chaplains' Manual's Policy and Guidance Handbook Section as of 2/20/2019:

VII. RELIGIOUS MINISTRY IN A CULTURE OF GENDER CONFUSION

Background: As a result of shifts in public opinion and consequent policy changes, Chaplains working in pluralistic ministry environments now face a wide range of issues surrounding human sexuality such as gender identity, transgenderism, and same-sex attraction and marriage. While these issues may appear new and unrelated, they are rooted in a broader misunderstanding of God's design of men and women in His image and the biblical understanding of the functions of human sexuality, singleness, and marriage. In order to engage the culture on these issues, Chaplains should preach, teach, and counsel about these issues within a holistic, biblical view of human sexuality as designed by God. This should be proactive, demonstrating our commitment to human flourishing as designed by God rather than reactive opposition to cultural change.

Doctrine: The PRCC does not permit its endorsed Chaplains to condone beliefs or behavior that the Bible, as the Word of God condemns, or beliefs and behavior that the confessions, canons, and catechisms of their respective PRCC member denominations also forbid. With reference to the military's stance on human sexuality to include gender identity, transgenderism, homosexuality, and same-sex attraction and marriage, all PRCC Chaplains are expected to remain faithful to the Word of God, doctrinal practices, pastoral ministry, and ordination vows of his endorsing denomination. The following broad biblical, theological commitments form the foundation of our understanding of these issues:

- All men and women are created in the image of God and are therefore to be treated with dignity and respect at all times.

- God created humanity with engendered souls (male and female) and complementary counterparts. While our gender is part of our identity, it is not our complete identity, especially for believers whose primary identity is in Christ.

- Marriage is an institution created by God for the benefit of men and women and the good order of society and is recognized as a covenantal union between one man and one woman. The State may regulate marriage or unions for its own purposes, but this does not change the Christian's understanding of God's basic intent for this institution.

- The Fall has twisted God's good gift of sexuality, resulting in distortions that often create tragic consequences and struggles for individuals and the culture. Any intimate, physical relationship outside the covenant of marriage, whether with the same or opposite gender, is a violation of God's will.

- The Gospel redeems fallen humanity in Christ restoring God's original intent for creation.

We affirm the power of God through the redemptive work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive, renew, and transform men and women engaged in sinful sexual behavior around their sexuality.

Pastoral Guidance: It is a PRCC chaplain's duty to identify as sin any sexual relationship that violates the Word of God. However, Chaplains are encouraged to provide spiritual counsel and guidance to the servicemember struggling with homosexuality, same-sex attraction, transgenderism, or gender identity and to urge them to repent of this sin and follow Christ, as they would for any sin of a sexual nature. PRCC Chaplains are expected to minister in accordance with the whole counsel of God and therefore should preach, teach, and counsel the whole counsel of God on matters of human sexuality. They should endeavor to teach what is biblically affirmed about human sexuality from a biblical, theological framework.

Expectations and Restrictions: Therefore, The PRCC expects their Chaplains to make it clear at the outset in his initial interviews with his commander and subordinate supervisors where he stands in his ability and willingness to conduct events where same sex couples are authorized to attend as a matter of religious accommodation. PRCC Chaplains should resist any requirement to violate their faith or conscience if they are requested or directed to perform services including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- Performing marriage or union ceremonies for same-sex attracted or transgendered service members or provide counseling in supporting such ceremonies;
- Ceasing and desisting from addressing the errors of homosexual thinking or behavior as that subject comes up in the conduct of their preaching, teaching, and counseling ministry;
- Concealing his belief that transgenderism, homosexuality, and same-sex attraction and marriage are biblically wrong;
- Participating in any joint divine worship service with any chaplain who is a non-Trinitarian or does not accept the authority of God's Word in what they teach and believe, or conducting or sharing in the conduct of divine worship services with openly professed homosexual or transgendered chaplains;
- Planning, organizing, leading, assisting, directing, supervising, or otherwise supporting same-sex specific marriage retreats or events if such involvement violates any of the other expectations and restrictions aforementioned in this paragraph. This does not preclude normal supervisory staff officer functions that facilitate the free exercise of religion for same-sex attracted or transgendered service members conducted by chaplains whose denominations support same-sex specific marriage retreats or events. Nor does this policy preclude Chaplains from ministering in worship, teaching, and counseling contexts where servicemembers engaged in sexual sin are found to be present as long as the Chaplain is not thereby required to affirm that behavior as biblically normal or acceptable.

The PRCC expects our Chaplains, while refusing to comply or compromise, to continue to accord full professional courtesy and respect to any superior in their chain of command or supervisor who orders or seeks to persuade them to perform any biblically impermissible services. Conflicts will be resolved at the lowest level possible.

The PRCC also expects our endorsed chaplains to seek God's strength and not to waver, even if unjustly accused of failing to support the command, or some aspect of the command's policies, such as equal opportunity programs if these policies violate conscience or denominational policies.

The PRCC expects our Chaplains to identify to their denomination and PRCCMP Director any personal matters of conscience surrounding ministry to homosexual, same-sex attracted or married, and transgendered servicemembers that goes beyond the guidance provided in this policy.

Finally, the PRCC encourages its Chaplains to promptly contact the PRCCMP Director or an Associate Director for such assistance and protection as we are able to provide if the Chaplain is challenged by a commander or senior member of his chain of command, his staff Chaplain supervisor(s), or any senior military leader to cease and desist from the Chaplain's refusal to perform the above prohibited services.

Approved by the PRCC Commission on 2/20/2019

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, 'Till now the LORD has helped us.'" (1 Sam. 7:12).

In a brief article, David Malone, a member of the library staff at Wheaton College, likened the work of religious archives to Samuel's rock. He writes, "an 'Ebenezer' is a memorial, facing backwards. And yet it encompasses an inherent future promise. I believe that Wheaton College's Archives & Special Collections serve a similar purpose."[1] Malone goes on to describe the role that archival collections play in remembering, especially through the telling of stories. And there are a lot of them: beyond the records of the college itself, the Wheaton collection includes the evangelism and mission research collection formerly housed in the Billy Graham Center Museum and the Wade Center collection of papers of C. S. Lewis and other "Inklings."

As the report of the Committee for the Historian describes, last fall the Committee enjoyed the opportunity to visit the PCA Historical Center in St. Louis, the denominational archives of the PCA. The director, Wayne Sparkman, is a certified archivist who hold degrees from Westminster (PA) and Covenant Seminaries, and he produces the daily blog, "Today in Presbyterian History." Under the curatorship of his 21-year tenure, the growth of the collection is most impressive. The Historical Center maintains papers of 100 individuals and records of 700 churches, a research library of 5,000 titles, and a website with digital resources and finding aids. The tour of the facility and the discussion time was a valuable opportunity to consider the future growth of OPC archives in Willow Grove.

The OPC will never aspire to the 2.5 miles of shelving that contain the holdings of the Wheaton archives nor the extensive records of the one mile of shelving in the PCA Historical Center. Our holdings are quite modest. But our denomination has important stories to tell, and our hope is that the archives will help in telling them well. Preservation of archival records is essential to retaining our history and identity, but equally important is the accessibility of those records, if our past is to be a usable history. Our visit raised our ambition to see that the papers and records of our denomination can survive and flourish as the "Ebenezer" of the OPC.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Muether

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[1] David B. Malone, "'Raising an Ebenezer': Archives as a Means of Religious Remembering at Wheaton College," *Theological Libarianship* 8, no. 1 (March 2015): 16.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

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I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Membership

Class of 2019: The Rev. Brian L. DeJong
Class of 2020: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger and Dr. David C. Noe
Class of 2021: The Rev. Chad E. Bond

B. Officers

President—Mr. Olinger
Vice-President—Mr. Noe
Secretary—Mr. DeJong
Treasurer—Mr. Bond

C. 2018 Meetings

The Committee met on February 28, 2018 (via teleconference) and on August 15, 2018 in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

II. 2018 ACTIVITIES

A. Visit to the PCA Historical Center

On Friday, November 16, 2018 the committee traveled to St. Louis to visit the PCA Historical Center, located in the lower level of the Buswell Library at Covenant Theological Seminary. The committee was greeted by Wayne Sparkman, who has directed the Center since 1998. After a tour of the impressive collection, Mr. Sparkman gave a presentation on archival theory and practice, after which he fielded questions from the committee, in a discussion that ranged from archival management to collaborative efforts to preserve Presbyterian history. It was a productive visit that helped the committee imagine ways to improve its collection and preservation of the records of the OPC.

B. Today in OPC History

The Committee continued to add entries to this daily feature on opc.org which it began in 2014. It is eager to learn about any additional milestones and events in the denomination's history to commemorate in this way.

III. PLANS FOR 2019

A. Archives

The committee plans to hire a part-time archivist in 2019.

B. Publications

Darryl Hart and John Muether are at work on a revised edition of *Fighting the Good Fight*, with the expectation of a 2020 publication.

C. Audio Book

The committee plans to release an audio version of Ned B. Stonehouse's biography of J. Gresham Machen, read by Brian DeJong, in 2020.

IV. BOOKS

A. Available Titles

Lest We Forget (1986)
The Presbyterian Conflict (reprinted 1992)
OPC Video History (1995)
Fighting the Good Fight (1995)
For a Testimony (reprinted 2000)
J. Gresham Machen (reprinted 2004)
OPC Video History DVD (2005)
God-Breathed Scripture (reprinted 2007)
Cornelius Van Til (2008)
Between the Times (2011)
Confident of Better Things (2011)
Choosing the Good Portion (2016)
For Me to Live is Christ: The Life of Edward J. Young (2017)

B. Out of Print

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1936-1986 (1986)
Pressing Towards the Mark (1986)
History for a Pilgrim People (2002)
J. Gresham Machen: A Silhouette (reprinted 2002)

V. FINANCES

At the end of the 2018 calendar year, the Committee had $25,950 in its "Book Fund" and $154,846 in reserves.

A. General Assembly Operating Fund

	2018 Budget	**2018 Actual**	**2019 Budget**
Historian	$2,400	$2,400	$2,400

Book Sales/Service	1,000	1,000	1,000
Travel	4,000	4,990	4,000
Administrative	1,500	227	1,500
Archival	18,500	13,379	18,500
Total	$27,400	$21,996	$27,400

B. Proposed Budget 2020

	2020 Proposed
Historian	$2,400
Books Sales/Service	1,000
Travel	4,000
Administrative	1,000
Archival	$17,000
Total	$25,400

VI. ELECTION 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 2022 is to be elected by this Assembly. The present composition of the Committee is as follows:

Class of 2019	Minister: Brian L. DeJong
Class of 2020	Minister: Danny E. Olinger
	Ruling Elder: David C. Noe
Class of 2021	Minister: Chad E. Bond

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECONCILIATION

I. INTRODUCTION

The committee was erected by the 84th General Assembly (2017), as reflected in the following minute of that assembly:

> That with respect to the matters of Appeals 2–4 the Eighty-fourth General Assembly erect a special committee appointed by the Moderator consisting of three ministers or ruling elders; that the committee, in order to pursue biblical reconciliation, shall work with the Presbytery of Ohio, the session members of Grace OPC, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and Immanuel OPC, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; that the special com-mittee report on its work and any appropriate recommendations to the Eighty-fifth (2018) General Assembly; and that the special committee have a budget of $3,000.

The moderator later appointed the undersigned to serve on the committee.

The appeals cited in the quoted minute were three of a series of judicial appeals and appeals of complaints that appeared at three General Assemblies, arising out of matters involving the two sessions mentioned in the minute, all related to handling of a single family.

The committee understood from the minute that our task was "to pursue biblical reconciliation, [working] with the Presbytery of Ohio, the session members of Grace OPC, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and Immanuel OPC, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania." The current members of the sessions were, Grace OPC: Rev. Daniel Knox, Pastor, James Gidley, Steven Jantsch, and Charles Taylor; Immanuel OPC: Rev. Mark Garcia, Pastor, and Jonathan Stark. Rev. Knox has since retired.

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Since the report of the committee to the 85th (2018) General Assembly (q.v.) the committee met twice with members of both sessions together, on July 17, 2018, and on December 5, 2018. Mr. Reason was unable to attend the July meeting, but all members of both sessions, including Mr. Knox were in attendance. All members of the committee attended the December meeting, as did all members of both sessions, except Mr. Knox, who was by then retired.

The committee is gratified by the openness with which the members of both sessions engaged with the committee and with each other in the committee's meetings with the sessions. The committee and members of the sessions continued the discussions begun in March of 2018, including discussion of pastoral issues that remain common to both sessions. The committee believes that the members of the sessions have demonstrated in these discussions the fruit of reconciliation in an ability to work together with adequate understanding of differing points of view, both past and present, of the issues involved. Consequently, the committee and the sessions are agreed that the work of the committee is accomplished. The committee is grateful for the opportunity to see the Spirit of the Lord work.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS
That the committee be dissolved.

John W. Mallin, chairman
Roth M. Reason, secretary
Paul N. Browne
Committee on Sessional Reconciliation

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UPDATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

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II. MEMBERS
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V. BUDGET
VI. RECOMMENDATION

I. MANDATE

The 85th General Assembly of the OPC elected a Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards and gave it the following mandate:

> to propose specific linguistic changes to the doctrinal standards of the OPC (The Confession of Faith and Catechisms), with a budget of $8,000.00. The committee is authorized to propose only such changes as do not change the doctrine or meaning of the standards. The kinds of changes that the Assembly authorizes the special committee to consider are limited to the following:
>
> a. Morphological changes, such as "executeth" to "executes" and "hath" to "has."
> b. Replacing archaic pronouns, e.g., "thou" to "you."
> c. Replacing obsolete and/or archaic words, e.g., "stews" in LC 139. This includes, as in the example just given, replacing words that are still current in the language but are used in obsolete or archaic senses in the standards.
> d. Substituting a modern translation of the Scriptures for the text of the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. In all cases, the committee is to strive to propose changes that preserve the cadence, memorability, and dignified style of the standards.

II. MEMBERS

The special committee of seven consists of David C. Noe (chairman), Mark T. Bube (vice-chair), Glen J. Clary, John V. Fesko, James S. Gidley, John R. Muether (secretary), and Alan D. Strange; with Ryan M. McGraw (first alternate), and L. Anthony Curto (second alternate).

III. MEETINGS

Two meetings were held via video conference, July 20 and August 29, 2019.

Three subcommittees were established to draft recommendations for linguistic revisions to the three confessional standards and are continuing in their labors.

IV. FINAL REPORT

The Committee is requesting that it be continued with the same mandate for another year, so it may bring its final report to the 87th General Assembly.

V. BUDGET

No portion of the originally budgeted $8,000 has yet been spent. Anticipating face-to-face meetings in 2020, the committee is requesting that the same amount be budgeted for 2020.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

That the Special Committee on Updating the Language of the Doctrinal Standards be continued with the same mandate for another year, with a budget of $8,000.

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SUMMARY OF OPC STATISTICS FOR 2018

REGIONAL CHURCHES			COMMUNICANT MEMBERS								NONCOMMUNICANT MEMBERS							
				Added			Removed					Added		Removed				
Local Churches & Mission Works:	C	MW	Jan	Prof	Reaff	Xfer	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec	Jan	Bapt	Par	Prof	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	10	2	716	12	20	54	6	64	17	715	237	13	22	5	0	27	14	226
CONNECTICUT & So. NEW YORK	6	1	431	9	7	7	3	13	19	419	92	12	8	3	0	0	8	101
DAKOTAS	15	2	788	8	11	23	7	52	37	734	256	12	11	6	0	14	19	240
MICHIGAN & ONTARIO	23	4	2398	109	98	77	14	109	40	2519	1112	87	59	53	0	31	17	1157
MID-ATLANTIC	12	1	1755	26	53	44	4	480	53	1341	668	28	31	10	0	228	15	474
MIDWEST	30	7	2799	66	124	75	27	201	58	2778	1002	92	56	41	0	86	36	987
NEW JERSEY	21	1	1326	21	25	20	14	14	49	1315	308	30	19	4	0	11	19	323
NEW YORK & NEW ENGLAND	21	3	1549	51	50	33	17	50	19	1597	496	23	17	11	0	27	9	489
No. CALIFORNIA & NEVADA	16	0	1247	26	31	39	6	72	57	1208	360	21	13	15	1	21	26	331
NORTHWEST	18	2	1286	37	49	35	7	50	32	1318	487	27	38	16	0	21	12	503
OHIO	17	3	1356	31	29	75	9	40	32	1410	447	26	29	15	0	13	15	459
PHILADELPHIA	11	1	1075	18	34	36	12	66	94	991	277	20	17	11	0	19	16	268
SOUTH	17	1	973	30	44	49	7	60	19	1010	290	30	22	8	0	20	3	311
SOUTHEAST	22	5	1738	39	71	103	8	131	35	1777	645	63	59	29	0	53	9	676
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	24	6	2388	41	97	120	20	118	72	2436	617	45	69	24	0	67	25	615
SOUTHWEST	19	3	1183	32	81	113	6	72	52	1279	435	36	65	13	0	27	17	479
THE WHOLE CHURCH	282	42	23008	556	824	903	167	1592	685	22847	7729	565	535	264	1	665	260	7639

Abbreviations:

C = Local Churches
MW = Mission Works
Jan = January 1, 2018
Dec = December 31, 2018

Prof = Received on Profession of Faith
Reaff = Received on Reaffirmation of Faith
Xfer = Received on Letter of Transfer
Dcd = Deceased (see BD II: B.3.f)
Dism = Dismissed (per BD II: B.3.a, B.3.b, B.3.c, or B.3.e)
D&E = Disciplined or Erased (per BD II: B.3.d, B.3.e, or B.3.g)

Bapt = Baptized
Par = Received with Parents
Prof = Removed on Profession of Faith

SUMMARY OF OPC STATISTICS FOR 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS						OFFICERS				ATTENDANCE				OFFERINGS & BEQUESTS ($1,000)					
Members		Ministers		Grand Total		R Elders		Deacons		AM Worship		Sun. School		Offerings by Type or Use			Total	Per	Via
Jan	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan	Dec	Act.	N/A	Act.	N/A	May	Nov	May	Nov	General	Benev.	Capital	Offerings	CM	Wills
953	941	20	22	973	963	30	8	23	4	745	772	400	411	1727.3	442.9	180.3	2350.5	3.3	1.0
523	520	12	13	535	533	13	3	16	1	398	406	230	259	1037.8	137.0	0.0	1174.7	2.8	0.0
1044	974	21	19	1065	993	39	10	26	7	747	674	436	451	1264.0	119.9	30.1	1414.0	1.9	12.7
3510	3676	43	49	3553	3725	89	40	90	48	3089	3145	1405	1522	5419.4	778.1	370.9	6568.4	2.6	117.0
2423	1815	37	38	2460	1853	38	8	35	4	1377	1366	644	644	2912.4	619.6	394.5	3926.6	2.9	0.0
3801	3765	66	65	3867	3830	109	77	108	80	2727	2734	1432	1485	5077.2	1292.0	377.1	6746.3	2.4	0.0
1634	1638	32	34	1666	1672	46	19	47	7	1228	1336	610	649	2694.9	471.7	165.5	3332.2	2.5	50.0
2045	2086	35	33	2080	2119	63	20	49	12	1606	1624	791	796	3352.1	656.0	143.7	4151.8	2.6	15.0
1607	1539	27	25	1634	1564	41	1	28	3	1162	1186	658	674	3011.1	454.1	132.8	3598.0	3.0	0.0
1773	1821	29	26	1802	1847	49	7	40	13	1467	1484	602	604	2754.5	464.6	69.3	3288.4	2.5	105.7
1803	1869	32	34	1835	1903	55	10	45	10	1400	1398	687	710	2562.4	563.6	245.1	3371.1	2.4	0.0
1352	1259	31	33	1383	1292	38	9	28	7	1017	1024	554	578	2218.2	489.7	114.3	2822.2	2.8	11.5
1263	1321	28	28	1291	1349	44	8	29	4	1157	1079	432	435	2830.5	334.5	1624.3	4789.3	4.7	0.0
2383	2453	50	51	2433	2504	61	6	49	11	2075	2118	1112	1157	4030.8	713.5	577.2	5321.6	3.0	0.0
3005	3051	49	50	3054	3101	83	17	57	5	2396	2479	1117	1197	5905.1	802.3	320.5	7027.9	2.9	222.7
1618	1758	34	37	1652	1795	44	8	32	0	1345	1336	694	730	2979.3	381.6	258.9	3619.7	2.8	15.7
30737	30486	546	557	31283	31043	842	251	702	216	23936	24161	11804	12302	49777.0	8721.0	5004.6	63502.6	2.8	551.3

A = Associate or Assistant Pastor
E = Evangelist or Organizing Pastor
T = Teacher
S = Stated Supply

Act. = Active
N/A = Not Active

May, Nov = Average weekly attendance in May and November

General = For church operations: salaries, mortgage, rent, utilities, supplies
Benev. = For missions, outreach, evangelism, and diaconal ministry
Capital = For property and building purchase and improvements

Per CM = Average total giving per communicant member
Via Wills = Funds given as bequests

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS

CHURCH OR MISSION WORK			COMMUNICANT MEMBERS								NONCOMMUNICANT MEMBERS							
				Added			Removed					Added		Removed				
Name	Town or City	ST	Jan	Prof	Reaff	Xfer	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec	Jan	Bapt	Par	Prof	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec
REGIONAL CHURCH OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA																		
Redeemer	Carlisle	PA	63	1	0	3	0	5	0	62	11	1	1	0	0	3	0	10
Covenant [M1]	Chambersburg	PA																
Redeemer	Danville	PA	39	2	7	0	0	4	0	44	32	2	4	1	0	2	0	35
Faith	Fawn Grove	PA	50	0	0	2	2	0	3	47	11	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Living Hope	Gettysburg	PA	82	4	4	6	0	0	2	94	39	2	2	2	0	0	3	38
Westminster	Hollidaysburg	PA	166	3	2	0	1	0	4	166	44	0	1	1	0	0	4	40
Calvary	Middletown	PA	60	0	0	0	2	0	2	56	23	0	0	0	0	0	2	21
Providence	Mifflinburg	PA	38	0	2	0	0	4	1	35	14	4	0	0	0	2	0	16
Grace and Truth [M]	Mifflintown	PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resurrection	State College	PA	49	0	0	4	0	4	2	47	25	1	3	0	0	5	2	22
New Life	Williamsport	PA	168	2	5	0	1	46	3	125	38	3	0	1	0	15	0	25
Omega	Williamsport	PA	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	39	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11
Other members [1]			1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS - CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA			716	12	20	54	6	64	17	715	237	13	22	5	0	27	14	226

[1] Members on the roll of the regional church

[M] Members are on the roll of the regional church

[M1] Members are on the roll of Living Hope, Gettysburg, PA

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE CENTRAL U. S.

The Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the OPC dissolved the Presbytery of the Central United States effective October 31, 2018.
Faith OPC in Lincoln, NE, was transferred to the Presbytery of the Midwest.
Westminster OPC in Bartlesville, OK, and Providence OPC in Tulsa, OK, were transferred to the Presbytery of the Southwest.

REGIONAL CHURCH OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK																		
Harvest [M1]	East Haddam	CT	0							0	0							0
Westminster	Hamden	CT	65	3	1	2	2	2	4	63	10	0	3	1	0	0	2	10
Bohemia OPC	Bohemia	NY	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	57	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	25
Franklin Square OPC	Franklin Square	NY	130	0	0	1	1	4	15	111	21	1	0	0	0	0	6	16
Reformation	Floral Park	NY	41	3	3	0	0	2	0	45	22	4	1	0	0	0	0	27
Trinity	Huntington	NY	118	2	0	1	0	5	0	116	17	4	0	2	0	0	0	19
Westchester	Mount Vernon	NY	20	0	3	3	0	0	0	26	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Other members [1]			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0							0
TOTALS - CONNECTICUT & So. NEW YORK			431	9	7	7	3	13	19	419	92	12	8	3	0	0	8	101

[1] Members of former congregations et al. remaining on the roll of the regional church

[M1] Members are on the roll of Westminster, Hamden, CT

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE DAKOTAS																		
Bethel	Broomfield	CO	102	0	0	0	0	13	0	89	33	0	0	0	0	2	0	31
High Plains [(2017)]	Calhan	CO	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Emmanuel	Castle Rock	CO	103	0	0	2	0	20	7	78	38	1	3	0	0	2	4	36
Park Hill	Denver	CO	63	0	0	7	1	3	12	54	16	2	0	0	0	3	3	12
Providence	Denver	CO	49	0	1	3	0	2	4	47	25	0	0	0	0	3	2	20
Emmaus	Fort Collins	CO	57	0	0	3	1	3	6	50	39	2	0	0	0	0	8	33
Bethel [M1]	Bismarck	ND	0							0	0							0
Faith [M2]	Grand Forks	ND	12	1	2	2	0	1	0	16	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	9
Bethel	Mandan	ND	40	0	7	0	1	2	0	44	13	1	6	0	0	2	0	18
Murdock Memorial	Bancroft	SD	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bethlehem Reformed	Freeman	SD	99	1	1	0	2	1	0	98	25	1	0	1	0	0	0	25
Westminster [(2017)]	Hamill	SD	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Calvary	Volga	SD	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Winner OPC	Winner	SD	49	5	0	1	0	0	0	55	14	0	0	5	0	0	0	9
Berean	Ogden	UT	16	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Christ	Salt Lake City	UT	25	1	0	4	0	1	0	29	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Grace Ref. Fellowship	Lander	WY	50	0	0	1	0	0	3	48	11	1	0	0	0	0	2	10
Other members [1]			6	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS - DAKOTAS			788	8	11	23	7	52	37	734	256	12	11	6	0	14	19	240

[1] Members of former congregations et al. remaining on the roll of the regional church

[M1] Members are on the roll of Bethel, Carson, ND.

[M2] Under the oversight of session, Bethel, Carson, ND, but not included in their statistics.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS

TOTAL MEMBERS		CHURCH OFFICERS						ATTENDANCE				OFFERINGS & BEQUESTS ($1,000)					
			R Elders		Deacons			AM Worship		Sun. School		Offerings by Type or Use			Total	Per	Via
Jan	Dec	Pastor(s)	Act.	N/A	Act.	N/A		May	Nov	May	Nov	General	Benev.	Capital	Offerings	CM	Wills
REGIONAL CHURCH OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, Continued																	
74	72	Jody O. Morris	3	0	3	0		72	75	41	48	184.3	26.5	6.7	217.5	3.5	0.0
		Joshua L. McKamy [E]															
71	79	Roth M. Reason	2	0	0	0		71	80	40	40	192.0	87.5	49.5	329.0	7.5	0.0
61	55	Shane M. Bennett	2	1	2	0		32	37	17	17	83.8	7.0	0.0	90.8	1.9	0.0
121	132	John D. Van Meerbeke	2	2	1	0		69	89	47	60	306.2	18.7	30.7	355.7	3.8	0.0
		Kyle N. Brown															
		Joshua L. McKamy [E]															
210	206	Chad D. Mullinix	7	1	9	2		171	183	75	72	270.0	66.2	0.0	336.2	2.0	0.0
83	77	David A. Smiley	4	3	2	2		69	56	47	39	103.4	23.9	32.3	159.6	2.9	0.0
52	51	Christopher L. Post	1	1	1	0		39	36	18	19	96.4	2.1	0.0	98.4	2.8	0.0
0	0	Ronald L. Beabout [E]	0	0	0	0		20	13	0	0	73.1	0.0	0.0	73.1		1.0
74	69	Zachary M. Simmons	4	0	0	0		42	39	25	22	117.8	18.3	0.0	136.2	2.9	0.0
206	150	Paul N. Browne	4	0	5	0		107	119	65	71	214.2	101.2	37.9	353.3	2.8	0.0
		Z. Bulut Yasar															
0	50	Andrew T. Adcock	1	0	0	0		53	45	25	23	86.0	91.4	23.2	200.6	5.1	0.0
1	0																
953	941		30	8	23	4		745	772	400	411	1727.3	442.9	180.3	2350.5	3.3	1.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE CENTRAL U. S., Continued

REGIONAL CHURCH OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK, Continued

0	0	Richard R. Gerber [E]	0	0	0	0											
75	73	Jonathan Holst	4	0	4	0		71	86	37	60	195.8	67.1	0.0	262.8	4.2	0.0
		James W. Campbell [T]															
78	82	Meindert Ploegman	1	0	4	0		45	48	14	14	87.0	16.2	0.0	103.2	1.8	0.0
151	127	Lloyd J. Sterrett	4	1	4	1		92	89	83	80	309.0	37.6	0.0	346.6	3.1	0.0
63	72	Jonathan Shishko	1	2	0	0		50	55	30	30	120.0	2.1	0.0	122.1	2.7	0.0
135	135	Benjamin W. Miller	2	0	3	0		112	101	50	59	244.8	12.5	0.0	257.4	2.2	0.0
		David C. Innes [T]															
20	30	Charles M. Oliveria	1	0	1	0		28	27	16	16	81.1	1.5	0.0	82.7	3.2	0.0
1	1																
523	520		13	3	16	1		398	406	230	259	1037.8	137.0	0	1174.7	2.8	0.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE DAKOTAS, Continued

135	120	Gregory L. Thurston	5	0	3	0		111	98	104	98	174.1	0.0	0.0	174.1	2.0	0.0
38	38	David A. Bosch	2	0	2	0		21	19	4	5	29.4	0.0	0.0	29.4	1.0	0.0
141	114	Michael J. Chapa	3	0	2	0		70	50	0	42	119.0	22.0	0.0	141.0	1.8	0.0
79	66	Matthew W. Kingsbury	1	1	3	1		58	51	42	31	131.0	11.9	0.0	142.9	2.6	0.0
74	67	Shawn C. Mathis	2	0	1	0		58	37	44	34	124.8	39.9	0.0	164.7	3.5	0.0
96	83	Archibald A. Allison	2	0	0	0		53	50	53	50	91.0	15.4	6.0	112.5	2.2	0.0
0	0	Bruce L. Prentice	0	0	0	0		25	28	0	0						
16	25	Christopher D. Drew	0	0	0	0		32	35	10	15	39.3	1.4	0.0	40.7	2.5	0.0
53	62	Bruce L. Prentice	2	1	1	0		44	36	28	22	60.5	2.8	0.0	63.3	1.4	12.7
		Christopher D. Drew															
33	31	Vacant	3	1	3	1		18	18	5	5	27.5	0.9	0.0	28.4	1.1	0.0
124	123	Vacant	3	6	1	3		56	50	20	20	64.0	1.5	0.0	65.5	0.7	0.0
42	42	Curtis A. Moleterno	3	0	2	0		30	26	17	15	81.0	15.1	0.0	96.0	2.8	0.0
28	28	Steven A. Richert	3	0	2	1		26	27	20	19	48.2	5.1	0.7	54.0	2.2	0.0
63	64	Bradley J. Irick	3	1	4	1		46	47	34	37	59.3	2.8	0.0	62.1	1.1	0.0
24	17	Vacant	2	0	0	0		17	18	17	18	40.7	1.1	0.0	41.8	3.8	0.0
31	36	D. Jason Wallace	2	0	0	0		32	34	8	10	60.4	0.0	0.0	60.4	2.1	0.0
61	58	Philip B. Strong	3	0	2	0		50	50	30	30	113.8	0.0	23.4	137.2	2.9	0.0
6	0																
1044	974		39	10	26	7		747	674	436	451	1264.0	119.9	30.1	1414.0	1.9	12.7

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO																		
Mission Church [M]	Merrillvillle	IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace Reformed	Walkerton	IN	72	1	2	2	0	9	5	63	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	20
Redeemer	Ada	MI	321	7	10	5	0	15	0	328	142	4	2	5	0	2	0	141
Covenant	Brighton	MI	39	2	1	2	0	3	0	41	10	1	3	2	0	0	0	12
Chain-O-Lakes	Central Lake	MI	20	2	0	1	0	1	0	22	19	1	0	2	0	0	0	18
Little Farms Chapel	Coopersville	MI	191	5	5	2	1	0	4	198	79	5	3	5	0	0	4	78
Oakland Hills Community	Farmington Hills	MI	207	13	2	0	4	23	3	192	47	4	0	4	0	4	1	42
Bethel Reformed	Fremont	MI	46	3	0	3	0	2	0	50	20	3	0	0	0	0	1	22
Spencer Mills	Gowen	MI	119	3	0	0	2	8	4	108	20	0	0	3	0	5	0	12
New City Fellowship	Grand Rapids	MI	122	1	7	5	1	0	0	134	81	9	3	1	0	0	0	92
Reformation [M]	Grand Rapids	MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hillsdale	Hillsdale	MI	72	6	3	4	0	9	0	76	20	3	0	1	0	0	4	18
New Life Fellowship	Holland	MI	78	7	5	2	0	0	8	84	36	1	5	3	0	0	1	38
Cedar	Hudsonville	MI	108	3	18	11	1	4	3	132	64	4	0	2	0	9	0	57
Community	Kalamazoo	MI	35	8	8	11	0	0	0	62	13	4	7	2	0	0	0	22
Meadow Springs Community	Kentwood	MI	19	0	0	0	1	1	1	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Grace	Lansing	MI	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Providence [M1]	Manistee	MI	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Pilgrim	Metamora	MI	63	2	11	2	0	2	0	76	14	1	6	0	0	0	0	21
Christ Covenant	Midland	MI	92	10	0	0	0	5	2	95	13	0	0	3	0	0	0	10
Rockford Springs Community	Rockford	MI	114	14	8	2	1	0	2	135	45	15	0	1	0	0	2	57
Providence	Southfield	MI	74	1	2	2	0	3	2	74	26	1	2	1	0	0	2	26
Harvest	Wyoming	MI	394	12	9	17	1	12	6	413	282	21	13	10	0	5	2	299
Living Hope	Beamsville	ON	42	5	0	1	1	5	0	42	41	0	0	5	0	0	0	36
Covenant	Komoka	ON	62	3	2	0	0	5	0	62	33	1	6	3	0	5	0	32
Emmanuel [M2]	Meaford	ON	16	0	4	0	0	1	0	19	8	2	8	0	0	0	0	18
Grace Covenant	Sheffield	ON	61	1	0	5	1	1	0	65	57	3	0	0	0	1	0	59
TOTALS - MICHIGAN & ONTARIO			2398	109	98	77	14	109	40	2519	1112	87	59	53	0	31	17	1157

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[M2] Under the oversight of session, Covenant, Komoka, ON, but not included in their statistics

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MID-ATLANTIC																		
Grace and Peace	California	MD	101	1	9	2	0	2	10	101	21	2	0	0	0	0	6	17
Living Hope [(2014)]	Clarksville	MD	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Columbia OPC (withdrew)	Columbia	MD	410	0	0	0	0	410	0	0	188	0	0	0	0	188	0	0
New Hope	Frederick	MD	177	3	10	4	1	10	16	167	78	0	2	3	0	10	0	67
Trinity Reformed [(2016)]	Lanham (Bowie)	MD	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Knox	Silver Spring	MD	91	1	2	4	0	10	1	87	20	4	4	1	0	5	0	22
Jehoash [M]	Catlett	VA	0	1	18	0	0	0	0	19	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Providence	Charlottesville	VA	54	0	0	1	0	5	1	49	16	2	0	0	0	3	0	15
Bethel Reformed	Fredericksburg	VA	58	4	0	2	0	5	7	52	17	0	1	0	0	2	3	13
Bethel	Leesburg	VA	95	0	0	0	0	5	0	90	44	0	0	0	0	5	0	39
Ketoctin Covenant	Purcellville	VA	168	2	3	7	0	3	2	175	44	3	5	0	0	3	5	44
Staunton	Staunton	VA	58	1	4	1	1	0	1	62	35	3	4	1	0	0	0	41
Sterling OPC	Sterling	VA	72	6	0	11	1	0	5	83	15	1	10	0	0	0	0	26
Grace	Vienna	VA	324	7	7	12	1	29	2	318	110	9	2	5	0	12	0	104
Other members [1]			19	0	0	0	0	1	8	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS - MID-ATLANTIC			1755	26	53	44	4	480	53	1341	668	28	31	10	0	228	15	474

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO, Continued																
0	0	Ryan S. Cavanaugh [E]	0	0	0	0										
87	83	Matthew W. C. Barker	3	0	2	0	75	75	20	20	117.6	22.4	0.0	140.0	2.2	0.0
463	469	Jonathan M. Loerop [A]	8	10	15	11	349	322	68	68	1039.3	59.1	16.6	1115.0	3.4	0.0
		Daniel W. Adams [A]														
49	53	Douglas B. Doll	2	0	0	0	51	55	39	42	135.4	6.0	0.0	141.4	3.4	0.0
39	40	Bruce G. Buchanan	2	1	2	1	43	47	39	44	71.8	21.7	0.0	93.5	4.2	0.0
270	276	Robert M. Van Manen	8	8	7	8	260	265	130	130	371.5	95.0	27.2	493.7	2.5	37.0
		Michael A. Kooy [A]														
254	234	Ralph A. Rebandt II	6	1	6	0	225	225	90	90	452.1	64.5	69.5	586.0	3.1	0.0
66	72	W. Vernon Picknally, Jr.	2	0	2	0	68	60	48	48	89.9	14.8	0.2	104.8	2.1	0.0
139	120	Alan M. Flowers	3	2	4	5	106	100	32	25	145.5	20.9	0.0	166.4	1.5	0.0
203	226	Mika D. Edmondson	5	1	5	0	220	220	110	110	274.0	24.9	2.3	301.3	2.2	0.0
0	0		0	0	0	0								0.0		0.0
92	94	Everett A. Henes	4	0	4	0	86	100	35	45	113.5	23.2	0.0	136.7	1.8	0.0
114	122	Martin A. Novak	3	0	1	0	70	83	30	35	164.6	2.2	2.8	169.6	2.0	0.0
172	189	Stephen W. Igo	3	2	5	5	138	153	63	101	244.0	81.6	31.4	357.0	2.7	0.0
		Michael D. Knierim [A]														
		Larry Johnson [T]														
48	84	Jonathan L. Cruse	3	0	3	0	73	82	45	45	146.6	6.9	0.0	153.5	2.5	0.0
27	24	Gerald J. Neumair	2	0	0	0	27	26	21	19	36.9	2.0	0.0	38.9	2.4	0.0
29	29	Stephen A. Pribble	3	0	0	0	22	20	16	14	36.7	1.8	4.0	42.5	2.2	0.0
21	22	Michael A. Kooy [E]	0	0	0	0	30	27	17	17	89.2	2.2	0.0	91.5	7.0	0.0
77	97	John W. Belden	2	0	3	0	80	85	15	15	160.0	10.0	20.0	190.0	2.5	0.0
105	105	David M. Sarafolean	2	0	4	2	75	75	40	40	186.9	19.5	0.0	206.4	2.2	0.0
159	192	David A. Vander Meer	6	3	7	4	141	164	0	49	177.1	15.3	3.2	195.6	1.4	0.0
100	100	Jeffrey B. Wilson	3	2	3	2	65	70	20	25	120.8	6.3	24.6	151.6	2.0	80.0
		C. Adam Ostella [A]														
676	712	Dale A. Van Dyke	12	9	11	8	579	579	390	390	718.4	250.1	164.0	1132.5	2.7	0.0
		Jeffrey Shamess [A]														
		Wayne M. Veenstra [A]														
83	78	Douglas L. Bylsma	2	0	1	0	78	73	28	30	117.7	14.6	0.0	132.2	3.1	0.0
95	94	John R. Ferguson	2	0	2	0	84	84	45	45	166.4	5.0	0.0	171.4	2.8	0.0
		Bryan D. Dage [A]														
24	37	Bryan D. Dage [E]	0	0	0	0	24	35	24	35	31.2	1.0	0.0	32.2	1.7	0.0
118	124	Neil P. Stewart	3	1	3	2	120	120	40	40	212.2	7.2	5.1	224.6	3.5	0.0
3510	3676		89	40	90	48	3089	3145	1405	1522	5419.4	778.1	370.9	6568.4	2.6	117.0

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122	118	S. Edd Cathey	3	1	0	0	64	70	20	20	194.8	28.9	4.2	227.9	2.3	0.0
118	118	Clark H. Brooking	2	0	4	0	125	135	50	61	227.8	22.2	0.0	250.0	3.8	0.0
		Timothy W. Flora														
598	0															
255	234	Francis E. VanDelden	4	0	1	0	220	220	130	130	363.0	86.2	164.0	613.1	3.7	0.0
		Stephen R. Hake [T]														
89	89	Brian D. Chang	1	1	2	0	58	55	18	18	108.1	28.2	1.2	137.6	2.2	0.0
111	109	Thomas A. Martin	6	4	4	2	84	79	55	60	245.7	100.4	0.0	346.1	4.0	0.0
0	26		0	0	0	0	25	25	20	17	27.0	0.0	0.0	27.0	0.0	0.0
70	64	Anthony A. Monaghan	1	1	2	2	54	43	36	26	89.6	13.8	0.0	103.4	2.1	0.0
75	65	Andrew J. Miller	2	0	1	0	47	47	30	30	179.2	9.0	1.0	189.2	3.6	0.0
139	129	George C. Hammond	2	1	5	0	85	81	25	17	273.5	20.7	0.0	294.2	3.3	0.0
212	219	Charles R. Biggs	4	0	2	0	116	114	75	70	379.6	28.0	2.3	410.0	2.3	0.0
93	103	Ethan W. Allison	1	0	5	0	60	65	30	30	136.2	17.0	0.0	153.2	2.5	0.0
87	109	Philip T. Proctor	4	0	3	0	110	115	35	40	219.4	37.1	0.0	256.4	3.1	0.0
434	422	Daniel P. Clifford	8	0	6	0	329	317	120	125	468.5	228.1	221.8	918.4	2.9	0.0
		Stephen M. Brown [A]														
		Chad B. Van Dixhoorn [T]														
20	10															
2423	1815		38	8	35	4	1377	1366	644	644	2912.4	619.6	394.5	3926.6	2.9	0.0

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MIDWEST																		
Gospel Life [M1] (terminated)	Chicago	IL	24	0	1	0	0	22	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Christ Covenant [M2]	Crystal Lake	IL	28	0	2	0	0	0	0	30	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Grace	Elburn	IL	98	0	9	3	1	7	5	97	41	6	1	0	0	7	1	40
Hope	Grayslake	IL	52	0	5	2	0	2	0	57	13	1	4	0	0	0	0	18
Grace	Hanover Park	IL	59	2	0	2	0	8	0	55	12	0	0	2	0	3	0	7
Westminster	Indian Head Park	IL	49	3	2	16	1	2	0	67	29	5	0	3	0	2	0	29
Momence (2017)	Momence	IL	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
New Covenant Community	Joliet	IL	141	3	9	4	0	2	6	149	49	12	0	3	0	0	1	57
Covenant	Orland Park	IL	152	3	3	1	1	4	0	154	39	5	0	0	0	3	0	41
Providence	Rockford	IL	53	1	4	0	0	0	0	58	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Grace	Springfield	IL	12	4	0	0	0	2	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel	Wheaton	IL	205	4	11	9	2	13	4	210	62	5	3	3	0	3	0	64
Covenant	Cedar Falls	IA	26	3	2	1	0	3	1	28	8	4	0	0	0	0	1	11
Sovereign Grace [M3]	Davenport	IA																
Grace Reformed	Des Moines	IA	59	1	6	9	0	5	0	70	39	0	21	1	0	4	1	54
Hope Reformed [M4]	Pella	IA	0							0	0							0
Immanuel [M5]	Andover	MN	24	0	5	0	0	1	0	28	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Mission	St. Paul	MN	66	4	2	9	0	26	5	50	28	1	7	4	0	14	2	16
Sovereign Grace Reformed	Doniphan	MO	33	1	2	1	0	5	3	29	16	3	4	1	0	3	2	17
Gateway [M] (terminated)	Fenton	MO	37	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Christ (2017)	St. Charles	MO	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Covenant Family	Wentzville	MO	38	0	3	1	0	5	0	37	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Faith	Lincoln	NE	53	1	1	0	1	6	1	47	10	3	0	0	0	1	0	12
Calvary	Cedar Grove	WI	236	7	0	0	5	4	0	234	61	7	0	5	0	4	0	59
Providence Reformed [M6]	Eau Claire	WI	29	0	0	0	0	0	5	24	13	4	0	0	0	0	2	15
New Hope	Green Bay	WI	184	1	4	2	2	7	1	181	104	4	9	0	0	3	0	114
Covenant	Hammond	WI	47	5	9	2	0	1	3	59	25	2	2	1	0	0	0	28
Christ	Janesville	WI	89	1	6	0	0	6	1	89	26	1	0	1	0	6	0	20
Providence	Madison	WI	58	0	0	5	0	6	2	55	36	4	1	0	0	6	2	33
Falls	Menomonee Falls	WI	124	0	5	1	0	4	7	119	32	4	0	0	0	5	1	30
Covenant	Milwaukee (New Berli	WI	29	4	16	0	0	0	0	49	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	10
Old Stockbridge	Morgan Siding	WI	31	0	4	0	4	2	2	27	20	0	0	0	0	0	16	4
Apple Valley	Neenah	WI	122	5	7	5	1	10	1	127	45	5	3	3	0	4	0	46
Bethel	Oostburg	WI	354	8	2	2	5	7	0	354	141	8	1	7	0	4	0	139
Resurrection [M7]	Oshkosh	WI	0							0	0							0
Grace Reformed	Reedsburg	WI	41	5	4	0	1	2	3	44	11	1	0	5	0	0	0	7
Covenant Life [M8]	Shawano	WI	0							0	0							0
Grace	Sheboygan	WI	84	0	0	0	2	2	0	80	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	16
Menominee	Zoar	WI	17	0	0	0	1	0	4	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Other members [1]			6							6								
TOTALS - MIDWEST			2799	66	124	75	27	201	58	2778	1002	92	56	41	0	86	36	987

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[M2] Under the oversight of Session, Hope, Grayslake, IL, but not included in their statistics

[M3] Members are on the roll of Grace, Elburn, IL

[M4] Members are on the roll of Grace Reformed, Des Moines, IA

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29	0										10.2	0.0	0.0	10.2		0.0
39	41	Brandon T. Wilkins [E]	0	0	0	0	36	30	27	23	89.8	0.0	0.0	89.8	3.0	0.0
139	137	James R. Megchelsen	3	2	2	0	94	89	62	59	172.6	35.3	70.6	278.6	2.9	0.0
		Kenneth R. Golden [A]														
65	75	Camden M. Bucey	2	0	3	0	75	67	45	45	188.7	19.3	0.0	208.1	3.7	0.0
		Brandon T. Wilkins [A]														
71	62	Andrew W. Fortenberry	4	2	3	1	53	53	36	35	125.3	20.5	10.3	156.2	2.8	0.0
78	96	Robert E. Tarullo	3	0	3	0	76	73	55	50	128.6	23.8	0.0	152.4	2.3	0.0
45	45	Lane B. Keister	2	1	3	2	40	40	20	20	76.0	19.0	9.3	104.2	3.4	0.0
190	206	Bruce H. Hollister	4	3	7	0	178	181	122	140	232.9	86.8	59.0	378.7	2.5	0.0
		Marcus A. Mininger [A]														
		Alan D. Strange [T, A]														
191	195	Iain A. M. Wright	5	2	5	10	137	135	51	53	261.7	137.7	0.0	399.4	2.6	0.0
		Brett E. Mahlen [A]														
79	84	Vacant	2	0	2	0	51	52	34	33	99.4	5.6	0.0	104.9	1.8	0.0
12	13	Terrance E. Dowds	1	0	0	0	16	15	0	0	24.1	0.0	0.0	24.1	1.9	0.0
267	274	A. Craig Troxel	7	5	11	2	206	214	122	121	424.0	182.5	55.3	661.8	3.2	0.0
		Charles B. Williams [A]														
34	39	Michael J. Kearney	1	0	0	0	28	34	23	23	91.9	3.0	6.6	101.5	3.6	0.0
0		Kenneth R. Golden [E]														
98	124	Edward E. Jensen	1	0	4	1	95	95	70	70	225.9	24.4	0.0	250.3	3.6	0.0
		John M. Fikkert [T]														
		Zech Schiebout [E]														
0	0	Zech Schiebout [E]	0	0	0	0										
32	38	James T. Hoekstra [E]	0	0	0	0	29	31	21	23	69.5	1.7	0.0	71.2	2.5	0.0
94	66	Vacant	3	0	2	0	44	54	31	34	135.1	15.1	7.0	157.2	3.1	0.0
49	46	Kent W. Harding	2	0	0	0	46	39	32	33	68.4	6.2	0.5	75.0	2.6	0.0
		Paul A. Mourreale [A]														
46	0															
135	135	Vacant	3	0	3	0	78	72	0	0	177.4	1.8	0.9	180.1	1.7	0.0
48	49	Peter J. Bringe	1	0	1	0	46	47	32	32	85.2	4.6	0.0	89.8	2.4	0.0
63	59	LeRoy E. Miller	4	0	1	0	33	23	21	21	70.7	31.7	0.3	102.6	2.2	0.0
297	293	David M. Cornette	8	20	8	19	191	173	68	68	147.2	101.0	16.4	264.6	1.1	0.0
42	39	Kim M. Kuhfuss [E]	0	0	2	0	31	28	21	22	97.0	8.4	0.0	105.4	4.4	0.0
288	295	James E. Ferguson	8	6	10	0	162	176	54	70	320.0	139.5	88.3	547.8	3.0	0.0
		Jared H. Van Noord [A]														
72	87	Shane P. Lems	4	1	2	0	62	70	34	43	126.1	7.5	2.5	136.1	2.3	0.0
		James T. Hoekstra [A]														
		Kim M. Kuhfuss [E]														
115	109	Patrick J. Morgan	6	2	4	1	90	100	61	71	99.7	28.4	20.8	149.0	1.7	0.0
		Casey M. Bessette [T]														
94	88	C. Mark Jenkins	2	0	1	0	88	85	63	58	112.4	35.3	0.0	147.6	2.7	0.0
		Kenny R. Honken [E]														
156	149	Benjamin J. Snodgrass	5	2	7	8	117	117	47	47	322.9	67.2	0.0	390.1	3.3	0.0
41	59	Frank J. Marsh	2	0	4	0	50	63	22	23	158.6	23.0	12.6	194.2	4.0	0.0
51	31	Micah I. Shin	1	0	1	0	33	29	0	0	44.8	2.3	1.2	48.3	1.8	0.0
167	173	John A. Hartley	8	0	4	2	149	152	55	49	332.1	38.8	2.3	373.3	2.9	0.0
		Robert T. Holda [A]														
495	493	David L. Veldhorst	9	28	9	31	258	286	140	157	289.5	181.4	6.4	477.3	1.3	0.0
0	0	Robert T. Holda [E]	0	0	0	0										
52	51	Christian M. McShaffrey	3	0	1	0	33	38	30	24	84.7	2.8	2.5	90.0	2.0	0.0
0	0	James E. Ferguson	0	0	0	0										
97	96	Brian L. De Jong	4	3	4	3	85	61	21	31	161.5	36.2	4.5	202.2	2.5	0.0
24	12	Micah Shin	1	0	1	0	17	12	12	7	23.0	1.0	0.0	24.1	2.0	0.0
6	6															
3801	3765		109	77	108	80	2727	2734	1432	1485	5077.2	1292.0	377.1	6746.3	2.4	0.0

[M5] Under the oversight of session, Mission, St. Paul, MN but not included in their statistics

[M6] Under the oversight of session, Covenant, Hammond, WI but not included in their statistics

[M7] Members are on the roll of Apple Valley, Appleton (Neenah), WI

[M8] Members are on the roll of New Hope, Green Bay, WI

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CHURCH OR MISSION WORK			COMMUNICANT MEMBERS								NONCOMMUNICANT MEMBERS							
				Added			Removed					Added		Removed				
Name	Town or City	ST	Jan	Prof	Reaff	Xfer	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec	Jan	Bapt	Par	Prof	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW JERSEY																		
Immanuel	Bellmawr	NJ	119	0	0	0	1	3	7	108	39	4	0	0	0	8	0	35
Faith Bible	Brick	NJ	38	0	0	0	2	0	0	36	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
New Hope	Bridgeton	NJ	97	0	3	0	1	0	3	96	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	23
Calvary	Cape May Ct Hse	NJ	56	6	1	3	1	0	9	56	17	7	0	0	0	0	7	17
Grace	Fair Lawn	NJ	51	1	6	0	1	0	5	52	19	1	0	0	0	0	5	15
Church of the Covenant	Hackettstown	NJ	142	0	3	0	1	2	6	136	28	6	0	0	0	0	3	31
Grace	Hamilton (Trenton)	NJ	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	39	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Providence	Mantua	NJ	62	1	4	1	0	0	2	66	17	0	6	0	0	0	0	23
Immanuel	Medford	NJ	53	0	1	2	0	1	1	54	26	2	3	0	0	0	0	31
Central Bible	North Wildwood	NJ	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grace	Pennsville	NJ	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Calvary Community	Phillipsburg	NJ	53	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	15	2	0	0	0	0	1	16
River of Life	Phillipsburg	NJ	86	1	3	0	1	0	0	89	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Faith	Pittsgrove	NJ	146	4	0	1	2	8	4	137	45	5	2	2	0	3	0	47
Calvary	Ringoes	NJ	26	1	1	2	0	0	2	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mt. Carmel	Somerset	NJ	45	0	2	2	0	0	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Covenant	Vineland	NJ	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Immanuel	West Collingswood	NJ	33	0	0	0	0	0	4	29	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Grace	Westfield	NJ	42	4	0	3	2	0	0	47	10	1	5	0	0	0	0	16
Iglesia Pres. Sola Escritura [M1]	Arroyo	PR	20	0	0	5	0	0	2	23	12	0	3	0	0	0	2	13
Reformada (2016)	San Juan	PR	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Primera Iglesia Pres Ortodoxa	San Juan	PR	59	1	1	0	0	0	0	61	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Other members [1]			12	0	0	0	1	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS - NEW JERSEY			1326	21	25	20	14	14	49	1315	308	30	19	4	0	11	19	323

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND																		
Pilgrim	Bangor	ME	147	1	1	10	1	8	0	150	35	0	1	1	0	0	2	33
Pleasant Mountain [M1]	Bridgton	ME	0							0	0							0
Living Hope	Brunswick	ME	61	1	0	0	1	2	0	59	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Grace Reformed [M]	Farmington	ME	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Limington	Limington	ME	69	4	6	0	0	0	0	79	21	2	4	0	0	0	0	27
Second Parish	Portland	ME	136	1	6	3	2	2	4	138	59	0	0	1	0	2	5	51
Lakeview	Rockport	ME	121	16	0	0	2	0	2	133	23	0	3	2	0	0	0	24
Skowhegan OPC (dissolved)	Skowhegan	ME	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Grace (2012)	Fall River	MA	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Igreja Pr. Bras. Melrose (2017)	Melrose	MA	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Merrimack Valley	North Andover	MA	79	1	8	7	0	0	2	93	20	1	4	1	0	0	0	24
Immanuel Chapel	Upton	MA	46	0	4	0	1	0	0	49	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Pres. Church of Cape Cod	West Barnstable	MA	77	11	0	0	1	2	0	85	19	5	0	2	0	0	0	22
Pilgrim	Dover	NH	54	0	4	5	1	1	2	59	16	3	2	0	0	0	0	21
Jaffrey OPC	Jaffrey	NH	30	6	0	2	0	0	1	37	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
Amoskeag	Manchester	NH	69	2	1	0	2	5	0	65	22	0	0	1	0	4	0	17
First Church of Merrimack	Merrimack	NH	157	4	0	0	1	1	0	159	39	2	1	0	0	0	0	42
Providence [M2]	West Lebanon	NH	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	22
Covenant	Amsterdam	NY	84	0	1	0	3	2	0	80	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Grace	Lisbon	NY	44	0	0	2	0	1	2	43	22	2	0	0	0	0	2	22
Covenant	Rochester	NY	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	58	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Memorial	Rochester	NY	35	0	0	0	1	6	4	24	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	1
Calvary	Schenectady	NY	83	3	0	2	0	1	0	87	16	2	2	2	0	0	0	18
Hope	Syracuse	NY	28	1	2	0	0	1	0	30	15	0	0	1	0	1	0	13
Covenant	Barre	VT	66	0	17	0	0	4	2	77	35	0	0	0	0	4	0	31
Other members [1]			13	0	0	1	0	1	0	13	9	0	0	0	0	6	0	3
Member without rights of presbytery [2]			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1								
TOTALS - NEW YORK & NEW ENGLAND			1549	51	50	33	17	50	19	1597	496	23	17	11	0	27	9	489

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[M1] Members are on the roll of Second Parish, Portland, ME

[M2] Under the oversight of session, Covenant, Barre, VT, but not included in their statistics

TOTAL MEMBERS Jan	Dec	CHURCH OFFICERS Pastor(s)	R Elders Act.	N/A	Deacons Act.	N/A	ATTENDANCE AM Worship May	Nov	Sun. School May	Nov	OFFERINGS & BEQUESTS ($1,000) Offerings by Type or Use General	Benev.	Capital	Total Offerings	Per CM	Via Wills
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW JERSEY, Continued																
158	143	Thomas D. Church	2	2	4	0	102	113	39	44	268.9	71.8	13.0	353.7	3.3	0.0
		Matthew D. Cole [A]														
44	42	Todd E. Smith	2	0	1	0	37	42	14	12	70.4	0.8	0.0	71.2	2.0	0.0
119	119	Claude A. Taylor III	3	2	2	0	82	85	39	42	162.6	9.3	0.0	171.9	1.8	50.0
73	73	James A. Zozzaro	2	0	1	0	66	55	0	0	99.4	7.4	3.0	109.8	2.0	0.0
70	67	John J. Keegan	2	0	4	1	55	62	34	35	109.9	18.9	4.3	133.0	2.6	0.0
170	167	Ronald E. Pearce	2	7	5	0	121	144	62	61	338.5	64.1	13.5	416.1	3.1	0.0
		James J. Jordan [A]														
42	43	Travis A. Yonkman	3	0	2	0	29	32	19	22	90.5	23.7	0.0	114.2	2.9	0.0
79	89	Carl S. McDaniel, Jr.	3	0	3	0	75	95	30	30	155.7	2.0	0.0	157.7	2.4	0.0
79	85	David J. Harr	1	1	3	0	62	64	38	29	144.1	26.3	43.0	213.4	4.0	0.0
18	18	James Allay	2	0	0	0	19	21	9	9	50.9	3.1	0.0	54.0	3.2	0.0
28	28	Vacant	1	0	2	0	30	24	18	17	60.0	5.1	8.7	73.9	3.4	0.0
68	70	Michael W. Bobick	3	1	3	1	79	77	39	40	230.0	29.2	0.0	259.2	4.8	0.0
97	99	William O. Slack II	2	1	2	1	92	87	23	33	191.4	55.0	3.7	250.1	2.8	0.0
191	184	Richard N. Ellis	3	1	5	0	102	112	50	50	270.2	105.8	10.0	386.0	2.8	0.0
		Andrew R. Barshinger [A]														
27	29	Christopher Bush	2	0	2	0	24	35	16	21	59.9	11.4	23.5	94.8	3.4	0.0
46	50	Gregory A. Pilato	2	0	1	0	33	37	10	10	56.3	14.5	9.3	80.0	1.6	0.0
49	49	Vacant	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
38	33	Neil J. Lodge	2	1	1	1	23	28	15	17	73.2	4.7	0.0	77.9	2.7	0.0
52	63	Timothy Ferguson	1	0	2	0	44	57	31	37	99.6	7.4	0.0	107.0	2.3	0.0
32	36		0	0	0	0										
75	75	Carlos M. Cruz	3	2	3	2	85	95	60	70	62.2	10.5	33.5	106.2	1.6	0.0
67	69	Roberto Quiñones [S]	4	0	1	0	68	71	64	70	101.1	1.0	0.0	102.1	1.7	0.0
12	7															
1634	1638		46	19	47	7	1228	1336	610	649	2694.9	471.7	165.5	3332.2	2.5	50.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND, Continued																
182	183	Russell J. Hamilton	5	4	4	0	160	165	66	68	213.1	84.1	38.7	335.9	2.2	0.0
0	0		0	0	0	0	86	75	72	55	118.9	14.8	13.1	146.9		0.0
76	74	Gordon H. Cook, Jr.	5	0	2	0	35	35	20	20	68.2	9.4	11.2	88.8	1.5	0.0
		John F. A. Kramer [T]														
16	17	None	0	0	0	0	24	17	18	9	21.4	0.0	0.0	21.4	2.7	0.0
90	106	D. Leonard Gulstrom	3	2	2	5	80	85	45	50	136.4	25.0	0.0	161.4	2.0	0.0
195	189	Daniel F. Patterson	6	1	3	0	90	100	66	68	172.5	67.0	12.9	252.4	1.8	0.0
144	157	Stephen J. Tracey	4	0	5	0	155	130	75	75	289.9	36.4	0.0	326.3	2.5	0.0
17	0															
12	12	Vacant	2	1	1	0	19	19	0	0	28.2	0.4	0.0	28.6	2.6	0.0
54	54	Roberto Laranjo	2	0	2	0	37	38	0	0	138.1	8.6	0.0	146.6	4.0	0.0
99	117	David A. Booth	3	0	1	0	72	80	35	35	280.2	36.2	0.0	316.3	3.4	0.0
58	61	Mark A. Marquis	2	0	2	0	58	37	21	21	184.0	137.1	0.0	321.0	6.6	0.0
96	107	James A. La Belle	2	3	2	0	95	115	50	50	199.6	36.2	41.7	277.5	3.3	5.0
70	80	David J. Koenig	2	1	2	0	50	55	15	20	138.3	3.0	0.1	141.5	2.4	0.0
42	50	Stephen A. Migotsky	1	0	0	0	33	31	5	7	80.6	1.8	0.0	82.4	2.2	0.0
91	82	Vacant	4	0	2	0	85	80	30	25	160.0	20.4	0.0	180.4	2.8	0.0
196	201	Allen C. Tomlinson	3	4	4	0	124	126	37	50	291.6	25.3	1.2	318.1	2.0	0.0
41	44	Timothy G. Herndon [E]	0	0	0	0	42	44	24	27	71.6	1.1	1.1	73.8	3.4	0.0
100	97	Timothy H. Gregson	2	1	4	1	66	69	41	33	177.6	31.9	3.0	212.4	2.7	0.0
66	65	Patrick R. Severson	3	0	4	0	42	40	25	20	58.6	25.8	6.1	90.5	2.1	10.0
93	92	Kevin M. Kisler	4	1	3	1	69	77	45	45	131.1	18.4	0.0	149.4	2.6	0.0
42	25	Vacant	2	0	0	2	11	10	4	4	25.6	4.9	0.0	30.4	1.3	0.0
99	105	Thomas Trouwborst	3	0	2	0	75	71	46	40	137.8	12.0	2.7	152.4	1.8	0.0
43	43	Michael L. Shingler	2	1	1	0	28	33	19	21	72.8	15.0	6.6	94.5	3.1	0.0
101	108	Carl A. P. Durham	3	1	3	3	70	92	32	53	156.0	41.4	5.3	202.7	2.6	0.0
		Andrew H. Selle [T]														
22	16															
0	1															
2045	2086		63	20	49	12	1606	1624	791	796	3352.1	656.0	143.7	4151.8	2.6	15.0

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				Added			Removed					Added		Removed				
Name	Town or City	ST	Jan	Prof	Reaff	Xfer	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec	Jan	Bapt	Par	Prof	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA																		
Covenant	Berkeley	CA	37	0	0	1	1	1	0	36	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
New Hope	Hanford	CA	66	1	0	12	1	3	1	74	36	0	2	0	1	0	0	37
Sovereign Grace Community	Hughson	CA	79	0	0	0	1	0	7	71	40	0	0	0	0	0	6	34
Grace	Modesto	CA	52	0	3	0	0	4	0	51	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Covenant	Monterey Bay	CA	97	1	10	1	0	18	20	71	37	4	4	1	0	10	7	27
Trinity	Novato	CA	51	2	0	5	1	5	2	50	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Delta Oaks	Pittsburg	CA	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	65	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Redding Reformed Fellowship	Redding	CA	34	0	1	0	0	5	6	24	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Reformation Fellowship	Roseville	CA	189	11	6	6	0	6	2	204	68	4	1	7	0	4	0	62
First	San Francisco	CA	72	0	3	0	0	2	2	71	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	14
Covenant	San Jose	CA	170	1	4	4	1	5	15	158	27	1	3	0	0	2	9	20
Oak Hill	Sonora	CA	90	10	0	3	1	8	0	94	22	2	0	7	0	0	0	17
New Covenant (2011)	South San Francisco	CA	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
First	Sunnyvale	CA	88	0	3	7	0	2	2	94	30	4	3	0	0	1	2	34
Grace	Battle Mountain	NV	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mt. Rose Reformed (2017)	Reno	NV	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Other members [1]			15	0	0	0	0	13	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTALS - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			1247	26	31	39	6	72	57	1208	360	21	13	15	1	21	26	331

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE NORTHWEST																		
Grace	Wasilla	AK	54	2	6	0	0	0	0	62	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	23
Arco OPC	Arco	ID	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Coeur d'Alene Reformed [M]	Coeur d'Alene	ID	40	4	8	6	0	5	0	53	39	2	9	2	0	1	0	47
New Geneva	Idaho Falls	ID	36	1	0	2	0	0	0	39	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
Grace Reformed	Bend	OR	82	3	4	0	0	2	2	85	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	15
Westminster	Corvallis	OR	69	3	3	3	0	0	4	74	32	1	2	0	0	0	4	31
Faith	Grants Pass	OR	80	0	4	0	0	4	2	78	16	0	0	0	0	3	0	13
Trinity	Medford	OR	61	1	6	2	2	0	2	66	26	0	5	0	0	0	0	31
Trinity	Newberg	OR	21	0	0	4	0	0	1	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
First	Portland	OR	130	0	0	2	1	8	4	119	22	3	0	0	0	2	2	21
Covenant Grace	Roseburg	OR	46	4	6	0	0	0	5	51	13	0	5	0	0	0	3	15
Trinity	Bothell	WA	48	0	0	2	0	5	0	45	20	0	3	0	0	3	0	20
Emmanuel [M1]	Colville	WA	31	0	0	2	0	0	0	33	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Covenant	Kennewick	WA	48	7	0	0	0	1	0	54	24	1	0	6	0	0	0	19
Emmanuel	Kent	WA	145	2	1	0	0	4	3	141	45	0	5	0	0	1	0	49
Lynnwood OPC	Lynnwood	WA	100	2	5	3	1	5	1	103	48	4	1	2	0	1	0	50
Sovereign Grace	Oak Harbor	WA	47	0	0	2	1	1	2	45	21	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
Reformation	Olympia	WA	77	1	4	4	1	2	1	82	39	6	2	0	0	2	0	45
Redeeming Grace	Port Angeles	WA	39	0	0	0	1	5	0	33	11	0	0	0	0	4	0	7
Redeemer	Airdrie	AB	83	7	2	2	0	7	5	82	65	4	3	3	0	4	1	64
Other members [1]			31	0	0	1	0	1	0	31	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
TOTALS - NORTHWEST			1286	37	49	35	7	50	32	1318	487	27	38	16	0	21	12	503

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Jan	Dec	Pastor(s)	Act.	N/A	Act.	N/A	May	Nov	May	Nov	General	Benev.	Capital	Offerings	CM	Wills
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA, Continued																
40	41	Wayne K. Forkner	2	0	1	0	34	30	9	12	108.3	10.3	0.0	118.6	3.3	0.0
102	111	Arthur J. Fox	2	0	1	0	55	59	33	36	112.8	13.7	13.3	139.8	1.9	0.0
119	105	Mark R. Wheat	5	0	0	1	62	78	59	61	135.4	31.0	29.4	195.8	2.8	0.0
57	56	P. Shaun Bryant	1	0	0	1	40	30	15	15	88.3	0.0	0.0	88.3	1.7	0.0
134	98	Joel C. Robbins	3	0	2	0	84	81	54	55	281.5	39.4	1.6	322.5	4.5	0.0
		Timothy G. Walker [A]														
62	59	W. Reid Hankins	2	0	1	0	46	46	24	26	155.7	20.8	4.1	180.5	3.6	0.0
79	80	Michael D. Dengerink	3	0	6	0	61	60	28	39	195.3	11.2	16.5	223.0	3.4	0.0
43	32	Gene L. Crow	1	0	0	0	31	33	20	24	105.7	1.2	0.0	106.9	4.5	0.0
257	266	Kevin W. Van Der Linden	4	0	5	0	212	199	176	132	359.2	76.9	0.0	436.1	2.1	0.0
		Adrian R. Crum [A]														
82	85	J. Glenn Ferrell	4	0	1	0	50	60	25	25	113.5	76.2	22.0	211.8	3.0	0.0
197	178	Jeffery A. Landis	5	0	5	1	148	152	63	65	547.8	81.7	0.0	629.4	4.0	0.0
		Mark D. Soud [A]														
		Robert A. Starke [T]														
112	111	David P. Bush	2	0	3	0	105	110	65	70	241.0	7.6	25.8	274.4	2.9	0.0
60	60	Vacant	1	0	1	0	58	47	23	24	92.2	11.4	0.0	103.6	2.0	0.0
118	128	Calvin R. Goligher	3	1	2	0	86	112	32	53	297.4	60.4	20.0	377.8	4.0	0.0
22	22	Vacant	1	0	0	0	13	12	9	9	59.8	3.9	0.0	63.8	3.2	0.0
102	102	Vacant	2	0	0	0	77	77	23	28	117.3	8.5	0.0	125.8	1.8	0.0
21	5															
1607	1539		41	1	28	3	1162	1186	658	674	3011.1	454.1	132.8	3598.0	3.0	0.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE NORTHWEST, Continued																
76	85	M. Scott Johnson	1	1	0	2	60	60	25	25	101.3	35.9	17.9	155.1	2.5	0.0
23	23	Richard A. Miller	2	0	0	2	12	12	0	0	23.3	0.9	0.0	24.1	1.3	0.0
79	100	David G. Graves [E]	0	0	0	0	78	72	0	0	76.2	1.2	0.0	77.4	1.5	0.0
37	44	David A. Bass	1	0	2	0	31	35	19	23	78.0	4.7	0.0	82.7	2.1	0.0
97	100	Daniel J. Dillard	3	0	0	0	65	75	20	20	117.3	23.7	0.0	141.0	1.7	0.0
101	105	Martin Emmrich	2	0	4	0	95	90	30	36	182.0	4.0	0.0	185.9	2.5	0.0
96	91	Karl E. Thompson	2	2	3	2	90	90	53	60	108.5	33.2	7.4	149.1	1.9	31.4
87	97	Brian H. Nicholson	4	0	4	0	90	95	50	50	196.5	10.8	0.0	207.3	3.1	0.0
23	26	John W. Mahaffy	2	0	1	0	22	25	6	3	95.0	3.2	0.0	98.2	4.1	0.0
152	140	Jack L. Smith	4	1	3	4	120	120	60	60	242.4	134.6	4.1	381.1	3.2	0.0
59	66	Jeffrey M. Scott	2	0	0	0	70	75	15	15	108.4	3.7	0.0	112.1	2.2	0.0
68	65	Marcus J. Renkema	3	1	2	0	55	55	15	15	141.0	7.0	0.0	148.0	3.3	0.0
39	42	Mark A. Collingridge	0	0	0	0	21	23	14	15	46.1	0.0	6.5	52.5	1.6	0.0
72	73	Mark A. Collingridge	3	0	2	0	64	62	44	48	162.5	26.2	0.0	188.7	3.5	0.0
190	190	Vacant	6	0	4	0	156	149	52	50	274.2	108.4	0.0	382.6	2.7	0.0
148	153	Benjamin A. Swinburnson	3	2	3	2	120	120	50	50	247.1	15.5	24.8	287.4	2.8	0.0
68	64	Robert C. Van Kooten	2	0	5	0	55	63	0	0	133.1	17.4	1.0	151.5	3.4	74.4
116	127	Brett A. McNeill	4	0	3	0	115	116	74	70	185.5	11.5	0.0	197.0	2.4	0.0
50	40	Andrew M. Elam	3	0	2	0	38	37	25	14	84.6	6.4	0.0	91.1	2.8	0.0
148	146	Gregory P. Hoadley	2	0	2	1	110	110	50	50	151.6	16.3	7.6	175.5	2.1	0.0
44	44															
1773	1821		49	7	40	13	1467	1484	602	604	2754.5	464.6	69.3	3288.4	2.5	105.7

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF OHIO																		
Christ Covenant	Sheridan	IN	109	7	1	0	0	7	4	106	34	0	0	7	0	0	3	24
Good Shepherd (2016)	Cincinnati	OH	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Grace	Columbus	OH	290	4	0	8	1	4	1	296	117	7	5	3	0	2	0	124
Covenant	Dayton (Vandalia)	OH	115	7	9	1	0	4	5	123	20	3	2	1	0	4	3	17
First Street Reformed Fel. M1	Dayton	OH																
Redeemer	Dayton (Beavercreek)	OH	137	2	0	9	0	6	7	135	58	5	3	0	0	2	5	59
Grace Fellowship M2	Huron	OH	24	1	0	0	0	1	4	20	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	3
Covenant	Mansfield	OH	65	5	3	1	0	3	0	71	20	3	2	1	0	0	0	24
Lake	Mentor (frm Mayfield \	OH	19	0	0	0	0	4	0	15	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Knox	Mt. Vernon	OH	41	0	2	0	0	0	0	43	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
Providence	Pataskala	OH	63	0	6	0	0	2	0	67	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	18
Living Water	Springfield	OH	38	1	6	1	1	3	0	42	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Wilmington Reformed M	Wilmington	OH	0	0	2	41	0	0	0	43	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	11
Immanuel (2017)	Coraopolis	PA	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Covenant	Grove City	PA	117	0	0	12	0	4	5	120	19	0	7	0	0	0	0	26
Calvary	Harrisville	PA	97	4	0	0	3	1	0	97	30	1	0	1	0	2	1	27
Faith	Indiana	PA	41	0	0	0	3	0	6	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Nashua (2017)	Pulaski	PA	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Grace (2012)	Sewickley	PA	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Reformation	Morgantown	WV	52	0	0	2	1	1	0	52	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
TOTALS - OHIO			1356	31	29	75	9	40	32	1410	447	26	29	15	0	13	15	459

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA																		
Grace	Middletown	DE	38	0	0	0	2	4	0	32	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Emmanuel	Wilmington	DE	132	2	1	6	2	4	2	133	23	4	2	1	0	1	0	27
Living Hope	Allentown	PA	67	1	3	1	0	3	1	68	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	25
Cornerstone	Ambler	PA	99	0	4	0	0	6	1	96	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	31
Downingtown OPC M1	Downingtown	PA	8	0	7	2	0	5	0	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Trinity	Easton	PA	66	1	0	1	2	3	0	63	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Calvary	Glenside	PA	188	1	10	24	2	6	4	211	64	7	14	1	0	2	0	82
Trinity	Hatboro	PA	153	12	8	2	3	4	6	162	35	2	1	7	0	0	0	31
Knox	Lansdowne	PA	29	1	0	0	1	0	0	29	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
First	Perkasie	PA	21	0	1	0	0	4	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grace (2016) (dissolved)	Philadelphia	PA	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
Grace Fellowship (dissolved)	Philadelphia	PA	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
Pocono	Reeders	PA	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Covenant	Sinking Spring	PA	142	0	0	0	0	0	2	140	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Other members [1]			9							9								
TOTALS - PHILADELPHIA			1075	18	34	36	12	66	94	991	277	20	17	11	0	19	16	268

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF OHIO, Continued																
143	130	Mark S. Melton	5	0	3	0	79	70	0	0	147.3	15.0	0.0	162.3	1.5	0.0
38	38	Christopher A. Malamisuro	3	1	2	0	37	28	23	17	97.6	3.0	0.0	100.7	4.0	0.0
407	420	William B. Kessler	4	1	5	1	200	220	62	70	426.9	68.3	5.6	500.8	1.7	0.0
		Alan J. Dueck [A]														
135	140	Matthew H. Patton	3	0	5	0	118	123	80	85	198.0	158.7	128.2	484.9	3.9	0.0
		Bradley M. Peppo [E]														
195	194	Robert Y. Eckardt	5	3	5	2	144	143	88	110	300.4	80.5	27.0	408.0	3.0	0.0
31	23	Lawrence B. Oldaker [E]	0	0	0	0	26	14	15	8	54.4	4.1	0.0	58.5	2.9	0.0
85	95	Dylan J. Rowland	3	0	2	0	74	72	43	37	107.0	11.7	9.0	127.7	1.8	0.0
24	18	Geoffrey L. Willour	1	1	1	0	16	15	15	12	84.1	6.9	0.0	91.0	6.1	0.0
53	56	Jeremy J. Logan	2	0	2	0	42	52	31	27	80.2	0.6	3.6	84.4	2.0	0.0
77	85	Stephen J. Dufresne	3	1	3	4	63	70	23	20	147.9	21.4	0.6	169.8	2.5	0.0
46	49	Daniel J. Doleys	2	0	1	0	54	41	24	24	116.3	8.6	43.8	168.6	4.0	0.0
0	54	Bradley M. Peppo [E]	0	0	0	0	55	60	40	45	47.8	0.8	0.0	48.5	1.1	0.0
45	45	Mark A. Garcia	1	0	1	0	45	45	40	30	64.8	2.2	0.0	67.0	2.8	0.0
136	146	Jeremy C. Jones	3	0	4	1	134	144	76	97	133.2	63.4	2.5	199.1	1.7	0.0
127	124	Peter J. Puliatti	8	3	6	0	104	97	24	28	119.8	31.9	8.9	160.6	1.7	0.0
47	38	Douglas W. Snyder, Sr.	2	0	0	0	32	30	12	12	72.3	6.5	13.4	92.2	2.9	0.0
66	66	D. Patrick Ramsey	2	0	2	0	44	44	17	17	77.8	2.2	2.6	82.6	2.1	0.0
70	70	Vacant	5	0	3	0	60	60	30	30	146.0	15.8	0.0	161.8	2.7	0.0
78	78	Jonathan E. Hutchison	3	0	0	2	73	70	44	41	140.7	62.1	0.0	202.8	3.9	0.0
1803	1869		55	10	45	10	1400	1398	687	710	2562.4	563.6	245.1	3371.1	2.4	0.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA, Continued																
46	36	Robert P. Harting, Jr.	1	0	1	0	25	20	8	8	67.5	3.8	1.3	72.7	2.3	2.0
155	160	Michael J. Matossian	6	5	2	4	96	95	59	63	311.8	89.1	3.0	403.9	3.0	1.1
		David W. Landow [A]														
93	93	Tim W. Young	2	0	4	0	80	91	48	58	291.1	26.0	0.0	317.1	4.7	0.0
129	127	Vacant	3	0	4	0	107	95	60	54	165.0	6.8	0.5	172.3	1.8	0.0
8	15	Gregory W. O'Brien [E]	0	0	0	0	37	37	17	21	64.2	5.6	0.0	69.8	5.8	0.0
81	81	Lane G. Tipton	3	0	4	0	66	58	40	34	87.1	16.8	0.0	103.9	1.6	0.0
252	293	J. Mark Sallade	7	1	4	0	271	288	150	160	340.9	113.0	0.0	453.9	2.2	0.0
		Caleb M. Smith [A]														
188	193	Larry J. Westerveld	6	2	5	1	137	139	76	90	344.7	157.6	109.5	611.8	3.8	8.4
39	38	Vacant	2	0	0	0	31	30	19	12	67.0	0.0	0.0	67.0	2.3	0.0
23	20	Richard S. MacLaren	0	0	0	0	17	19	12	15	68.8	1.2	0.0	70.0	3.9	0.0
94	0															
39	0															
21	21	Thomas A. Foh	2	0	0	0	15	15	8	8	55.0	2.2	0.0	57.1	3.2	0.0
175	173	Jonathan F. Peters	6	1	4	2	135	137	57	55	355.1	67.6	0.0	422.7	3.0	0.0
		Aijalon B. Church														
9	9															
1352	1259		38	9	28	7	1017	1024	554	578	2218.2	489.7	114.3	2822.2	2.8	11.5

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTH																		
Providence	Huntsville (Madison)	AL	27	3	3	5	0	0	1	37	28	2	5	3	0	0	0	32
Providence	Bradenton	FL	83	1	3	5	1	2	2	87	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	21
Holy Trinity	Fort Lauderdale	FL	28	0	0	6	0	6	0	28	15	3	5	0	0	3	0	20
Covenant Reformed	Fort Pierce	FL	64	1	0	0	0	2	0	63	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Redemption	Gainesville	FL	69	5	5	2	0	7	2	72	28	6	2	3	0	2	2	29
Sharon	Hialeah	FL	14	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Keys	Key West	FL	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Fellowship	Lake Worth	FL	20	1	2	0	0	0	0	23	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
Christ the King	Naples	FL	35	0	0	2	0	2	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grace (2016)	Niceville	FL	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Lake Sherwood	Orlando	FL	129	2	0	8	4	0	4	131	26	1	0	1	0	0	1	25
Reformation	Oviedo	FL	83	4	5	12	0	5	0	99	29	6	5	1	0	3	0	36
Covenant	Pensacola	FL	50	0	4	0	0	8	0	46	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Covenant	St. Augustine	FL	130	12	9	7	0	12	0	146	37	2	3	0	0	5	0	37
Calvary	Tallahassee	FL	74	0	2	2	1	0	8	69	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	33
Covenant	Natchitoches	LA	20	0	1	0	0	1	0	20	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Pineville	Pineville	LA	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wolf River [M]	Collierville	TN	41	1	8	0	0	1	1	48	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	19
Other members [1]			46	0	0	0	0	14	0	32	12	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
TOTALS - SOUTH			973	30	44	49	7	60	19	1010	290	30	22	8	0	20	3	311

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHEAST																		
Covenant	Buford	GA	126	3	7	8	0	1	2	141	71	8	8	3	0	2	2	80
Providence [M1]	Cumming	GA	15	1	7	4	0	0	0	27	8	1	7	1	0	0	0	15
Redeemer	Doraville	GA	48	1	4	7	0	3	0	57	16	1	2	0	0	1	0	18
Covenant	LaGrange	GA	77	2	3	2	1	4	1	78	38	3	0	2	0	0	1	38
Geneva	Marietta	GA	39	4	2	0	0	3	0	42	25	2	0	4	0	6	0	17
Heritage	Royston	GA	68	1	4	5	0	7	2	69	33	5	1	1	0	1	0	37
Neon Reformed [M]	Neon	KY	25	1	2	4	0	1	0	31	13	0	3	1	0	0	0	15
Redeemer	Charlotte	NC	72	2	0	9	1	7	0	75	28	3	9	2	0	7	0	31
Reformation	Gastonia	NC	57	2	1	2	0	10	1	51	16	0	0	2	0	1	0	13
Providence	Greensboro	NC	77	0	1	0	1	12	3	62	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Sovereign Grace Reformed	Hickory	NC	25	0	0	1	0	4	0	22	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
Matthews OPC	Matthews	NC	237	4	4	8	1	22	8	222	54	3	3	4	0	3	2	51
Covenant Reformed	Mount Airy	NC	52	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Covenant	New Bern	NC	38	1	5	7	1	2	1	47	22	0	3	0	0	1	0	24
Pilgrim	Raleigh	NC	84	1	2	5	0	8	5	79	51	1	2	1	0	6	3	44
Shiloh	Raleigh	NC	153	2	0	5	0	16	2	142	53	5	3	0	0	6	0	55
Heritage [M]	Wilmington	NC	10	3	3	15	0	0	0	31	12	3	6	2	0	0	0	19
Trinity Reformed (2017)	Wilmington	NC	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Harvest [M2]	Winston-Salem	NC	28	0	1	6	0	0	0	35	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	15
Covenant Community (2014)	Greenville	SC	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Cornerstone	Chattanooga	TN	46	0	1	4	0	3	2	46	15	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
Faith	Cookeville	TN	79	4	0	1	2	10	0	72	25	12	0	0	0	2	0	35
Sandy Springs	Maryville	TN	39	3	0	2	1	0	3	40	12	0	0	2	0	0	1	9
Providence	Chilhowie	VA	54	0	1	2	0	2	2	53	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	10
Grace	Lynchburg	VA	76	0	6	2	0	10	1	73	31	2	0	0	0	11	0	22
Garst Mill	Roanoke	VA	28	0	8	3	0	3	0	36	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Reformation [M]	Virginia Beach	VA	41	4	9	1	0	2	0	53	21	2	4	4	0	2	0	21
Other members [1]			8	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS - SOUTHEAST			1738	39	71	103	8	131	35	1777	645	63	59	29	0	53	9	676

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TOTAL MEMBERS		CHURCH OFFICERS					ATTENDANCE				OFFERINGS & BEQUESTS ($1,000)					
			R Elders		Deacons		AM Worship		Sun. School		Offerings by Type or Use			Total	Per	Via
Jan	Dec	Pastor(s)	Act.	N/A	Act.	N/A	May	Nov	May	Nov	General	Benev.	Capital	Offerings	CM	Wills
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTH, Continued																
55	69	Darren S. Thole	3	0	3	0	53	68	41	56	115.4	13.7	1.6	130.7	3.5	0.0
103	108	Michael S. Borg	3	2	1	0	140	85	40	30	168.0	12.0	0.0	180.0	2.1	0.0
43	48	Vacant	2	0	1	0	42	39	21	16	95.0	4.8	0.0	99.8	3.6	0.0
70	68	Dominic Aquila [S]	2	2	3	0	41	50	17	13	137.4	7.8	0.0	145.2	2.3	0.0
97	101	Joel D. Fick	4	0	1	0	89	90	44	45	189.7	42.2	124.5	356.4	4.9	0.0
		J. Scott Creel [A]														
20	20	Jeffrey K. Boer	2	0	0	0	17	14	0	0	50.7	6.1	0.0	56.9	4.1	0.0
24	26	William V. Welzien	1	0	0	0	26	21	8	8	69.6	2.0	0.0	71.6	3.4	0.0
32	37	Henry Stanke	2	0	2	0	38	29	0	0	66.8	0.3	0.0	67.1	2.9	0.0
36	36	Eric R. Hausler	2	0	1	0	55	66	0	0	304.5	45.4	1252.7	1602.5	45.8	0.0
20	20	Vacant	1	0	1	0	16	16	9	9	41.7	5.8	0.0	47.5	3.2	0.0
155	156	Geoffrey M. Downey	4	0	4	1	112	98	37	40	295.9	86.8	210.4	593.1	4.5	0.0
		Larry G. Mininger														
112	135	Stephen J. Oharek	3	0	2	0	110	118	40	40	153.0	15.2	7.1	175.2	1.8	0.0
		David E. Chilton [A]														
57	54	John J. Schortmann	2	0	2	0	55	55	20	20	160.6	21.0	0.0	181.6	3.9	0.0
167	183	Eric B. Watkins	6	2	3	1	174	140	40	40	374.6	47.6	20.5	442.7	3.0	0.0
		William M. Hobbs [A]														
106	102	John A. Sharpe	3	2	3	2	91	88	48	46	224.7	5.8	0.0	230.5	3.3	0.0
24	25	Warren R. Bennett III	2	0	0	0	21	17	14	11	81.9	0.5	0.0	82.4	4.1	0.0
29	28	Jack W. Sawyer	2	0	2	0	25	25	12	14	159.3	17.5	7.6	184.4	7.7	0.0
55	67	Mark A. Winder [E]	0	0	0	0	52	60	41	47	141.8	0.0	0.0	141.8	3.0	0.0
58	38															
1263	1321		44	8	29	4	1157	1079	432	435	2830.5	334.5	1624.3	4789.3	4.7	0.0

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHEAST, Continued																
197	221	Christopher B. Strevel, Sr.	5	0	5	0	215	235	55	62	255.6	102.8	104.6	462.9	3.3	0.0
		Kevin L. Medcalf [A]														
23	42	Kevin L. Medcalf [E]	0	0	0	0	48	44	0	0	135.7	0.0	0.0	135.7	5.0	0.0
64	75	Zecharius A. Weldeyesus	4	1	1	0	68	71	35	37	139.3	5.9	4.9	150.2	2.6	0.0
		Christopher B. Cashen [E]														
115	116	A. Boyd Miller IV	5	0	5	1	79	72	51	46	154.0	61.5	86.0	301.5	3.9	0.0
64	59	Ken B. Montgomery	2	1	2	2	55	60	41	49	98.6	12.0	0.0	110.5	2.6	0.0
101	106	Michael L. Myers	2	0	3	0	100	101	0	0	132.2	4.8	0.0	137.0	2.0	0.0
38	46	M. Jay Bennett [E]	0	0	0	0	30	32	20	20	41.8	4.5	0.0	46.3	1.5	0.0
100	106	Clifford L. Blair	2	1	2	0	93	97	73	78	164.6	31.5	1.0	197.1	2.6	0.0
73	64	Joseph H. Fowler, Jr.	2	0	2	0	39	37	35	33	107.8	12.1	0.5	120.3	2.4	0.0
85	71	Arie van Eyk V	1	0	2	0	58	53	52	48	182.2	6.7	0.1	189.0	3.0	0.0
		Michael T. Spangler [T]														
27	26	Jeffrey S. Carter	3	0	0	0	20	27	18	23	50.3	7.0	0.0	57.3	2.6	0.0
291	273	T. Nathan Trice	4	0	7	0	220	220	150	150	433.5	135.2	0.0	568.7	2.6	0.0
		M. Justin Rosser [A]														
62	60	S. Scott Willet	2	0	0	0	30	34	22	25	107.1	38.0	10.4	155.5	3.1	0.0
		Calvin D. Keller [E]														
60	71	M. Daniel Fincham	2	0	0	2	55	65	55	57	176.2	47.8	58.3	282.3	6.0	0.0
135	123	Douglas M. Withington	4	0	4	0	108	96	78	68	140.9	40.4	283.1	464.4	5.9	0.0
206	197	Matthew Holst	3	0	2	1	155	160	100	100	450.3	33.3	0.0	483.5	3.4	0.0
		David A. Okken														
22	50	None	0	0	0	2	53	65	0	0	95.5	4.5	0.0	100.0	3.2	0.0
52	52	Frederick F. Hofland	1	0	3	1	75	35	30	15	109.4	13.8	0.0	123.1	2.9	0.0
40	50	Calvin D. Keller [E]	0	0	0	0	45	55	0	0	52.7	0.5	0.0	53.2	1.5	0.0
140	140	Peter C. Van Doodewaard	2	0	2	0	97	110	76	75	206.6	10.8	0.0	217.4	2.3	0.0
		L. Anthony Curto [T]														
61	64	Calvin D. Keller	2	0	2	0	65	70	32	40	110.2	25.0	0.0	135.3	2.9	0.0
		W. Ralph English [T]														
104	107	Matthew A. Figura	3	0	1	0	89	80	40	34	126.5	9.0	20.0	155.4	2.2	0.0
51	49	James H. Ganzevoort	2	0	3	0	48	42	31	30	112.4	30.6	0.0	143.0	3.6	0.0
67	63	Hank L.Belfield	5	0	1	0	47	41	30	30	74.1	6.4	0.0	80.5	1.5	0.0
107	95	Peter Stazen II	2	0	2	0	88	87	67	70	131.0	36.5	5.2	172.7	2.4	0.0
28	46	James W. Clark	3	1	0	0	34	38	21	28	105.2	1.6	0.0	106.9	3.0	0.0
62	74	Lowell A. Ivey [E]	0	2	0	2	61	91	0	39	137.4	31.3	3.0	171.7	3.2	0.0
8	7															
2383	2453		61	6	49	11	2075	2118	1112	1157	4030.8	713.5	577.2	5321.6	3.0	0.0

CHURCH OR MISSION WORK			COMMUNICANT MEMBERS								NONCOMMUNICANT MEMBERS							
				Added			Removed					Added		Removed				
Name	Town or City	ST	Jan	Prof	Reaff	Xfer	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec	Jan	Bapt	Par	Prof	Dcd	Dism	D&E	Dec
REGIONAL CHURCH OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA																		
Reformation	Apache Junction	AZ	120	0	13	6	4	0	6	129	23	2	8	0	0	0	3	30
Concho Valley	Concho	AZ	24	0	4	2	2	0	1	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Calvin	Phoenix	AZ	188	5	4	2	0	19	7	173	66	5	3	3	0	16	5	50
Prescott	Prescott	AZ	63	1	7	8	0	1	2	76	9	1	8	0	0	0	0	18
Covenant	Tucson	AZ	64	1	6	2	0	5	9	59	19	1	3	0	0	2	8	13
Yuma OPC [M]	Yuma	AZ	27	1	3	9	0	0	1	39	6	5	10	0	0	0	0	21
Theophilus	Anaheim	CA	94	2	7	0	0	2	0	101	21	0	3	0	0	1	0	23
Anaheim Hills [M]	Anaheim Hills	CA	31	1	0	10	0	1	0	41	21	0	0	0	0	4	0	17
Bonita OPC	Bonita	CA	88	1	0	2	2	4	0	85	20	0	3	1	0	1	0	21
Trinity	Capistrano Beach	CA	58	0	11	2	0	6	0	65	16	4	0	1	0	5	0	14
Grace	Carson	CA	40	0	0	0	0	4	0	36	18	0	0	0	0	4	0	14
Bayview	Chula Vista	CA	148	2	1	0	1	10	8	132	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	13
Corona Pres. [M (2017)]	Corona	CA	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Grace	Costa Mesa	CA	45	0	0	2	1	5	2	39	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Pilgrim	El Cajon	CA	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	28	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	10
Escondido OPC	Escondido	CA	101	5	2	7	1	3	0	111	23	2	7	5	0	3	0	24
El Camino	Goleta	CA	28	0	0	1	0	4	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Calvary	La Mirada	CA	77	0	6	1	1	14	3	66	23	0	3	0	0	5	0	21
Faith	Long Beach	CA	188	4	0	1	2	3	1	187	59	2	0	4	0	0	0	57
Covenant of Grace [(2015)]	Oxnard	CA	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Pasadena OPC [M]	Pasadena	CA	0	3	4	6	0	0	0	13	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
Sovereign Grace	Redlands	CA	60	0	7	2	1	3	3	62	24	1	0	0	0	4	1	20
Harvest	San Marcos	CA	91	1	3	12	1	8	10	88	48	2	7	1	0	9	4	43
Redeemer	Santa Maria	CA	58	0	0	6	0	1	9	54	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	19
Providence	Temecula	CA	179	6	6	2	0	9	1	183	33	9	0	5	0	0	0	37
Branch of Hope	Torrance	CA	325	1	8	3	0	8	2	327	61	0	0	0	0	3	0	58
Resurrection [M1]	Westminster	CA	48	2	0	0	0	0	1	49	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Westminster	Westminster	CA	101	0	3	2	4	3	2	97	16	1	0	0	0	4	0	13
Christ and Heaven	Whittier	CA	28	1	1	0	0	1	4	25	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Redeemer [M]	Pearl City	HI	38	4	1	4	0	4	0	43	14	4	0	3	0	5	0	10
Other members [1]			3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			2388	41	97	120	20	118	72	2436	617	45	69	24	0	67	25	615

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST																		
Albuquerque Reformed Church	Albuquerque	NM	37	0	1	0	1	2	6	29	10	0	0	0	0	4	5	1
OPC of Rio Rancho	Rio Rancho	NM	59	0	2	1	0	4	8	50	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Westminster	Bartlesville	OK	43	0	0	2	0	0	0	45	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Beal Heights (dissolved)	Lawton	OK	0							0	0							0
Grace [(2014)] (dissolved)	Norman	OK	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Providence	Tulsa	OK	38	3	7	1	0	1	0	48	27	5	0	3	0	0	0	29
Covenant	Abilene	TX	35	0	8	2	0	0	3	42	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	15
Christ Covenant	Amarillo	TX	67	1	1	0	0	7	0	62	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	27
Providence	Austin (Pflugerville)	TX	103	2	9	9	2	5	3	113	60	1	3	2	0	6	2	54
South Austin	Austin	TX	43	0	4	7	0	2	0	52	12	3	5	0	0	0	0	20
Mid Cities	Bedford	TX	86	1	4	4	1	5	2	87	24	2	1	1	0	2	0	24
Christ Covenant	Dallas-SW	TX	36	0	1	7	0	5	0	39	9	0	1	0	0	3	0	7
Christ Presbyterian	Flower Mound	TX	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	39	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Covenant	Fort Worth	TX	45	4	10	10	0	3	0	66	12	1	12	5	0	0	0	20
Faith	Garland	TX	89	2	3	1	0	3	3	89	43	2	2	1	0	1	0	45
Cornerstone	Jersey Village (Houst	TX	73	2	22	4	0	0	12	89	42	8	11	0	0	0	7	54
Providence	Kingwood (Houston)	TX	51	10	0	5	0	3	5	58	30	1	2	0	0	2	1	30
Christ The King	Longview	TX	23	2	2	0	0	3	0	24	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	9
New Braunfels OPC [M1]	New Braunfels	TX	0							0	0							0
Good Shepherd [M2]	Richmond	TX	0							0	0							0
Grace	San Antonio	TX	122	0	0	3	1	5	1	118	47	0	4	0	0	0	0	51
San Antonio Reformed	San Antonio	TX	48	2	0	4	0	0	5	49	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	29
Tyler OPC	Tyler (Flint)	TX	129	2	5	6	1	2	4	135	22	3	6	1	0	0	2	28
Trinity [M3]	Waco	TX	20	1	2	8	0	2	0	29	11	1	1	0	0	1	0	12
Other members [1]			16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTALS - SOUTHWEST			1183	32	81	113	6	72	52	1279	435	36	65	13	0	27	17	479

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Continued																
143	159	Joel M. Ellis, Jr.	4	0	2	0	131	243	75	159	298.8	58.0	50.0	406.8	3.2	0.0
27	30	Stephen A. Larson	4	0	0	0	40	37	33	27	61.0	12.3	21.0	94.3	3.5	59.7
254	223	Michael L. Babcock	4	2	5	0	171	180	60	51	475.0	140.0	160.0	775.0	4.5	0.0
		Paul O. Johnson [T]														
72	94	Charles K. Perkins	4	2	1	0	69	60	37	35	154.9	36.6	0.0	191.5	2.5	0.0
		Stephen A. Larson [A]														
83	72	Christopher J. Chelpka	2	0	0	0	73	69	29	33	161.3	11.6	13.2	186.1	3.2	0.0
33	60	Jeremy R. Baker [E]	0	0	0	0	50	52	20	25	50.4	1.2	0.0	51.6	1.3	0.0
115	124	Yousik Hong	1	0	2	0	120	125	80	90	319.0	33.0	23.0	375.0	3.7	0.0
		Peter H. Sim [A]														
52	58	Christopher D. Hartshorn [E]	0	0	0	0	56	53	29	45	140.5	1.5	0.0	142.0	3.5	0.0
108	106	Joseph Puglia	4	0	1	0	92	86	56	50	240.7	16.9	0.0	257.6	3.0	0.0
74	79	Jonathan B. Moersch	2	0	2	0	65	59	35	33	164.6	6.3	0.0	170.9	2.6	0.0
58	50	Joshua P. Lyon	0	2	0	0	35	35	0	0	128.6	0.0	0.0	128.6	3.6	0.0
162	145	Roger Wagner	5	3	3	0	85	71	28	23	230.9	22.6	0.0	253.5	1.9	0.0
		Jerome A. Farnik [E]														
53	53	Matthew S. Prather [E]	0	0	0	0	40	41	25	25	57.2	0.0	0.0	57.2	1.5	0.0
48	44	David L. Thibault	1	0	3	0	38	43	30	35	82.3	9.8	0.0	92.1	2.4	0.0
0	38	Benjamin C. Rochester	1	0	1	0	32	28	15	12	88.0	1.2	0.0	89.2	3.2	0.0
124	135	Zachary R. Keele	4	0	1	0	97	101	45	46	171.9	17.3	0.0	189.2	1.7	0.0
29	26	Vacant	2	0	1	0	21	21	12	10	109.6	19.6	0.0	129.1	5.2	0.0
100	87	Vacant	3	1	3	1	70	59	47	38	215.0	17.0	0.0	232.1	3.5	0.0
247	244	James T. Lim	6	3	4	2	162	165	68	80	354.8	68.6	0.0	423.4	2.3	0.0
60	60	Mark C. Mueller	2	0	2	0	38	40	16	19	100.5	0.0	0.0	100.5	2.8	0.0
0	20	Matthew E. Cotta [E]	0	0	0	0	45	50	20	15	100.2	2.0	0.0	102.2	7.9	0.0
84	82	Peter J. A. Moelker	2	0	0	0	69	69	42	36	167.3	14.5	0.0	181.8	2.9	0.0
139	131	Mark A. Schroeder	2	1	4	0	115	122	68	72	455.4	40.8	6.0	502.2	5.7	163.0
81	73	Joshua E. Martin	1	2	0	0	46	50	26	25	137.1	10.6	1.3	149.0	2.8	0.0
212	220	Jesse A. J. Pirschel	8	0	8	0	162	154	55	48	233.4	44.3	10.0	287.7	1.6	0.0
386	385	Paul Viggiano	9	0	11	2	275	275	80	80	758.9	115.7	0.0	874.7	2.7	0.0
		Dale T. Hanaoka [T]														
55	55	William J. Gorrell	2	0	0	0	48	41	35	35	56.1	5.7	0.0	61.8	1.3	0.0
117	110	William J. Gorrell	8	1	3	0	81	72	30	30	253.4	92.7	36.0	382.1	3.9	0.0
34	32	Yong H. Kim	2	0	0	0	31	27	0	0	73.9	0.0	0.0	73.9	3.0	0.0
52	53	Douglas L. Watson [E]	0	0	0	0	39	51	21	20	64.4	2.5	0.0	66.9	1.6	0.0
3	3															
3005	3051		83	17	57	5	2396	2479	1117	1197	5905.1	802.3	320.481	7027.9	2.9	222.7

[M1] Under the oversight of session, Westminster OPC, Westminster, CA, but not included in their statistics

REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST, Continued																
47	30	John R. Hunt, Jr.	2	0	0	0	25	25	6	6	72.8	2.7	0.0	75.5	2.6	0.0
65	58	Thomas A. Tkach	3	0	2	0	45	53	12	20	106.5	8.9	0.0	115.3	2.3	0.0
45	48	Clarence E. Veld	2	0	0	0	42	36	40	33	112.6	14.8	3.0	130.5	2.9	0.0
		Edward A. Eppinger [A]														
0	0															
28	0															
65	77	Jim G. Stevenson	2	0	0	0	60	60	42	41	164.4	18.4	15.0	197.8	4.1	0.0
44	57	Todd P. Dole	3	2	3	0	50	55	25	27	156.2	10.8	0.0	167.0	4.0	0.0
92	89	Jeremy Boothby	3	0	2	0	70	65	40	40	188.2	62.7	0.0	250.9	4.0	0.0
163	167	Glen J. Clary	1	1	3	0	116	112	61	59	280.0	38.0	2.9	320.9	2.8	0.0
		Robert N. Canode III														
55	72	James J. Cassidy	2	0	2	0	54	57	32	31	170.5	10.3	20.7	201.5	3.9	0.0
110	111	Joseph L. Troutman	3	0	1	0	91	60	42	34	141.1	43.8	3.5	188.4	2.2	0.0
45	46	Joseph A. Keller	1	1	1	0	27	36	16	18	89.3	6.8	0.0	96.1	2.5	0.0
0	48	John Canales	2	0	2	0	39	54	30	47	82.4	0.7	0.0	83.1	2.1	0.0
		Miller E. Ansell [A]														
57	86	Todd V. Wagenmaker	3	0	3	0	60	60	20	20	124.0	2.7	0.0	126.7	1.9	0.0
132	134	Chad E. Bond	4	2	2	0	106	101	53	47	143.3	24.3	1.1	168.7	1.9	0.0
115	143	Todd S. Bordow	2	0	3	0	125	94	58	52	244.0	24.3	150.4	418.7	4.7	0.0
81	88	Adam A. York	2	0	2	0	52	53	40	44	109.7	9.7	6.5	126.0	2.2	0.0
29	33	Phillip D. Hodson	2	0	0	0	35	35	15	15	88.8	12.4	0.0	101.2	4.2	0.0
0	0															
0	0															
169	169	Nathan J. Hornfeld	1	0	4	0	106	97	51	50	177.1	46.7	37.6	261.4	2.2	0.0
74	78	Andrew T. Moody	2	0	0	0	64	73	32	41	105.1	9.1	0.0	114.3	2.3	0.0
151	163	John H. Johnson, Jr.	4	2	2	0	130	160	59	79	326.4	33.8	18.1	378.3	2.8	15.7
31	41	Jason C. Kirklin [E]	0	0	0	0	48	50	20	26	96.8	0.8	0.0	97.5	3.4	0.0
20	20															
1618	1758		44	8	32	0	1345	1336	694	730	2979.3	381.6	258.9	3619.7	2.8	15.7

[M3] Under the oversight of session, Mid Cities Presbyterian, Bedford, TX, but not included in their statistics

[1] Members of former congregations et al. remaining on the roll of the regional church

RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
1938–2018 (as of end of year)

Year	Ministers*	Communicant Members	Baptized Children	Total Membership**
2018	557	22,847	7,639	31,043
2017	546	23,008	7,729	31,283
2016	540	22,872	7,683	31,095
2015	535	22,919	7,681	31,135
2014	534	22,798	7,792	31,124
2013	534	22,411	7,682	30,627
2012	517	22,321	7,793	30,631
2011	509	22,001	7,696	30,206
2010	494	21,421	7,723	29,638
2009	485	21,161	7,753	29,399
2008	477	20,765	7,772	29,014
2007	464	20,545	7,734	28,743
2006	462	20,444	7,673	28,579
2005	449	20,010	7,498	27,957
2004	440	19,998	7,706	28,144
2003	437	19,725	7,857	27,769
2002	425	18,804	7,721	26,950
2001	416	18,293	7,601	26,310
1998	383	16,620	7,339	24,342
1988	335	13,108	5,933	19,376
1978	248	10,939	4,867	16,171
1968	170	9,197	4,841	14,142
1958	133	6,734	3,528	10,395
1948	98	5,543	2,061	7,702
1938	99	4,225	-	4,324

* Ministers were included in Total Membership beginning December 31, 1972. Total membership figures given above for all years have been adjusted to include ministers; they will differ, therefore, from the figures that appear in the Minutes of the General Assembly for years prior to 1973.

**Total membership in each year was revised in the following year's Statistician's report, and the revised figures are shown above. Figures for communicant members and baptized children prior to 1984 were not revised, so their totals differ slightly from revised total memberships.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR 2018

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

PA [between and including Potter, Clinton, Centre, Blair and Bedford Counties, the west; and Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Northumberland, Lebanon, York and (part of) Lancaster Counties, the east]

Membership: 22 Ministers, 42 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of February and May; 3rd Saturday of September and November

Stated Clerk: Alan W. Montgomery, term expires February 2020

Moderator: Joshua L. McKamy, term expires February 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 10 churches and 2 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works:

Added new mission work, Grace and Truth, Mifflintown, PA, May 5, 2018

Omega, Williamsport, PA, organized as a new and separate congregation, October 19, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Covenant, Chambersburg, PA	Living Hope, Gettysburg, PA
Grace and Truth, Mifflintown, PA	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations:

Zachary M. Simmons, March 23, 2018

Ministers received:

Ronald L. Beabout, from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, October 12, 2018

Chad D. Mullinix, from the Presbytery of the South, November 9, 2018

Ministers removed:

Arthur J. Fox, dismissed to the Presbytery of Northern CA and NV, October 5, 2018

Ministers installed:

Zachary M. Simmons, as pastor of Resurrection, State College, PA, March 23, 2018

Ronald L. Beabout, as evangelist to serve as organizing pastor of Grace and Truth, Mifflintown, PA, October 12, 2018

Andrew T. Adcock, as pastor of Omega, Williamsport, PA, October 19, 2018

Chad D. Mullinix, as pastor of Westminster, Hollidaysburg, PA, November 9, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Mark R. Brown, from serving as pastor of Westminster, Hollidaysburg, PA, effective July 1, 2018 due to retirement

Andrew T. Adcock, from serving as associate pastor of New Life, Williamsport, PA, October 19, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Andrew T. Adcock	Ronald L. Beabout	Shane M. Bennett
Kyle N. Brown	Mark R. Brown	Paul N. Browne
Joel C. Kershner	Joshua L. McKamy	Jeremiah W. Montgomery
Jody O. Morris	Chad D. Mullinix	Stephen S. Payson
Christopher L. Post	Roth M. Reason	Lawrence Semel

Zachary M. Simmons	David A. Smiley	Albert W. Steever, Jr.
Angelo O. Valle	John D. Van Meerbeke	Douglas C. Winward, Jr.
Z. Bulut Yasar		

Licentiates

Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL U. S.

General Information

The Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the OPC dissolved the Presbytery of the Central United States effective October 31, 2018. Its three remaining churches were transferred as follows: Faith OPC in Lincoln, NE, to the Presbytery of the Midwest; Westminster OPC in Bartlesville, OK, and Providence OPC in Tulsa, OK, to the Presbytery of the Southwest.

Ministers Mark T. Harrington and LeRoy E. Miller were dismissed to the Presbytery of the Midwest, October 31, 2018.

Ministers Joseph A. Auksela, Timothy L. Black, Edward A. Eppinger, Timothy L. McClymonds, Jim G. Stevenson, and Clarence E. Veld were dismissed to the Presbytery of the Southwest, October 31, 2018

PRESBYTERY OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
CT, NY [south of the northern boundaries of Sullivan, Ulster and Dutchess Counties]
Membership: 13 Ministers, 15 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 3rd Saturday of January, April, September, and November
Stated Clerk: John W. Mallin III, term expires January 2019 (re-elected to serve through January 2022)
Moderator: William Shishko, term expires January 2019 (Jonathan Holst elected to serve through January 2020)

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 6 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations and mission works:
Added new mission work, Harvest, East Haddam, CT

Mission work:	Parent church:
Harvest, East Haddam, CT	Westminster, Hamden, CT

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
Charles M. Olivera, from New England Presbytery of the PCA, September 8, 2018
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Charles M. Olivera, as pastor of Westchester, Mount Vernon, NY, September 8, 2018
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:

James W. Campbell	Samuel S. Chung	Richard R. Gerber
Jonathan Holst	David C. Innes	John W. Mallin III
Benjamin W. Miller	Charles M. Olivera	Meindert Ploegman
Jonathan W. Shishko	William Shishko	Carl N. Smith
Lloyd J. Sterrett		

Licentiates

Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
CO, KS [western counties], NE [western counties], ND, SD, UT, WY
Membership: 19 Ministers, 56 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Tuesday of April; 4th Tuesday of September
Stated Clerk: Shawn C. Mathis, term expires April 2020
Moderator: Michael J. Chapa, term expires April 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 15 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations and mission works: None

Mission work:	Parent church:
Bethel, Bismarck, ND	Bethel, Carson, ND
Faith, Grand Forks, ND	Bethel, Carson, ND

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed:

Kevin P. Swanson, per BD II.B.3.b and C.2., a certificate of standing was granted by the Presbytery; he was erased retroactively September 25, 2018 for his reception into a denomination that is not of like faith and practice, the Covenant Presbyterian Church, on May 24, 2018

Louis J. Cloete, dismissed to Great Lake Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church, September 26, 2018

Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Louis J. Cloete, from serving as pastor of Bethlehem Reformed, Freeman, SD, February 1, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Archibald A. Allison	David A. Bosch	Michael J. Chapa
Leonard J. Coppes	Christopher D. Drew	Richard G. Hodgson
Bradley J. Irick	Matthew W. Kingsbury	Shawn C. Mathis
Curtis A. Moleterno	Bruce L. Prentice	Steven A. Richert
Young J. Son	Philip B. Strong	Gregory L. Thurston

Murray I. Uomoto D. Jason Wallace Gerald I. Williamson
Richard Wynja

Licentiates

Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Joshua C. Schwisow
Roll of licentiates:
Bryan G. Prouty

PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
IN [northern counties], lower MI, western Ontario
Membership: 49 Ministers, 129 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Third Friday in January, Last Saturday in April, and Third Saturday in September
Stated Clerk: Kenneth A. Smith, term expires January 2020
Moderator: John Ferguson, term expires September 2020

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 23 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations and mission works:
Reformation, Grand Rapids, MI, recognized as new mission work, April 28, 2018
Mission Church, Merrillville, IN, recognized as a new mission work, June 1, 2018
Living Hope, Beamsville, Ontario, received as a new and separate church, October 26, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Mission Church, Merrillville, IN	The regional church
Reformation OPC, Grand Rapids MI	The regional church
Providence, Manistee, MI	Little Farms Chapel, Coopersville, MI
Emmanuel, Meaford, Ontario	Covenant, Komoka, Ontario

Ministers

Ordinations:
Daniel W. Adams, February 23, 2018
Ryan S. Cavanaugh, June 1, 2018
Ministers received:
Terry F. Thole, from the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada, April 28, 2018
C. Adam Ostella, enrolled upon his installation (see below), June 15, 2018
Larry E. Wilson, from the Presbytery of the Northwest, September 15, 2018
Michael J. Schout, from the United Reformed Church, October 4, 2018
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Daniel W. Adams, as associate pastor of Redeemer, Ada, MI, February 23, 2018
John Currie, as teacher of the Word, serving as a professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, May 18, 2018
Ryan S. Cavanaugh, as evangelist, serving as organizing pastor of Northwest Indiana

Church (now Mission Church), a mission work in Merrillville, IN, June 1, 2018
C. Adam Ostella, as associate pastor of Providence, Southfield, MI, June 15, 2018
Michael J. Schout, as associate pastor of Harvest, Grand Rapids, MI, to be a church planter in Zeeland, MI, October 4, 2018
Douglas L. Bylsma, as pastor of Living Hope, Beamsville, ON, October 26, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
John Currie, from serving as pastor of Redeemer, Ada, MI, May 18, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Daniel W. Adams	Matthew W. C. Barker	Jorge Luiz Barros de Souza
John W. Belden	Timothy L. Bero	Bruce G. Buchanan
Douglas L. Bylsma	Ryan S. Cavanaugh	Jonathan L. Cruse
John Currie	Brian D. Dage	Norman DeJong
Douglas B. Doll	Lap O. Duong	Mika D. Edmondson
Douglas A Felch	John R. Ferguson	Alan M. Flowers
Everett A. Henes	Kenneth J. Hovingh	Stephen W. Igo
Markus G. Jeromin	Glenn D. Jerrell	Benjamin W. Johnson
Larry Johnson	Michael D. Knierim	Michael A. Kooy
Jonathan M. Loerop	Gerry J. Mynders	Gerald J. Neumair
Martin A. Novak	C. Adam Ostella	W. Vernon Picknally, Jr.
Stephen A. Pribble	Ralph A. Rebandt II	David M. Sarafolean
Roger W. Schmurr	Michael J. Schout	Jeff Shamess
Kenneth A. Smith	Neil P. Stewart	Rodney S. Thole
Terry F. Thole	David A. Vander Meer	Dale A. Van Dyke
Robert M. Van Manen	Wayne M. Veenstra	Jeffrey B. Wilson
Larry E. Wilson		

Licentiates

Licensures: None

Licentiates received:
Andrew Farr, April 28, 2018
Noel Adam Harris, April 28, 2018

Licentiates removed:
C. Adam Ostella, installed on June 15, 2018. (NOTE: Mr. Ostella was previously ordained in the OPC, we did not re-ordain him.)

Roll of licentiates:
Andrew Farr
Noel Adam Harris
David C. Noe

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
DC, MD, northern VA

Membership: 38 Ministers, 44 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of May; 3rd Saturday of September; 1st Saturday of December
Stated Clerk: Stephen M. Brown, term expires May 2019
Moderator: Thomas A. Martin, term expires September 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 12 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations and mission works:
Columbia OPC, Columbia, MD, withdrew from the OPC, November 4, 2018

Mission work:	Parent church:
Jehoash, Catlett, VA	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
Brian D. Chang, from the Presbytery of Southern California, April 15, 2018
Gerald P. Malkus, from the Presbytery of New York and New England, May 5, 2018
Stephen L. Roberts, from the Presbytery of the Midwest, September 14, 2018
Ministers removed:
Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, May 5, 2018
Ronald L. Beabout, dismissed to the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, October 12, 2018
Ministers installed:
Brian D. Chang, as pastor of Trinity Reformed, Lanham, MD, April 15, 2018
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Gerald S. Taylor, from serving as pastor of Trinity Reformed, Lanham, MD, upon his retirement, September 25, 2017 (omitted in prior year)
Roll of ministers: (*emeritus)

Ethan W. Allison	Charles R. Biggs	Clark H. Brooking
Stephen M. Brown	S. Edd Cathey	Brian D. Chang
Daniel P. Clifford	Craig C. Coulbourne	Stephen D. Doe
Bryan D. Estelle	Timothy W. Flora	John W. Garrisi
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	Gerald P. Malkus
Thomas A. Martin	Phillip D. Mayfield	Michael A. McCabe
Andrew J. Miller	Anthony A. Monaghan	Philip T. Proctor
Stephen L. Roberts	Jonathan G. Song	James J. Stastny
Gerald S. Taylor	Thomas E. Tyson	Francis E. VanDelden
Chad B. Van Dixhoorn	Bennett B. Wethered	

Licentiates

Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Zachary Simmons, ordained by the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, March 23, 2018
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
IL, IA, KS [eastern counties], upper MI, MN, MO, NE [eastern counties], WI

Membership: 65 Ministers, 130 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 March 2020

Moderator: Benjamin J. Snodgrass, term expires March 2019
Vice-moderator: Camden M. Bucey

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 30 churches and 7 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works:
Gateway, St. Louis, MO, mission work terminated, March 16, 2018
Gospel Life Church, Chicago, IL, mission work terminated, March 25, 2018
Faith, Lincoln, NE, received from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its dissolution, October 31, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Christ Covenant, Crystal Lake, IL	Hope, Grayslake, IL
Sovereign Grace, Davenport, IA	Grace, Elburn, IL
Hope Reformed, Pella, IA	Grace Reformed, Des Moines, IA
Immanuel Church, Andover, MN	Mission, St. Paul, MN
Providence Reformed, Eau Claire, WI	Covenant, Hammond, WI
Resurrection, Oshkosh, WI	Apple Valley, Neenah, WI
Covenant Life, Shawano, WI	New Hope, Green Bay, WI

Ministers

Ordinations:
Andrew W. Fortenberry, April 20, 2018
Peter J. Bringe, October 9, 2018
Anthony C. Domanik, October 12, 2018

Ministers received:
Jared H. Van Noord, from the RCA, April 9, 2018
Mark T. Harrington and LeRoy E. Miller, from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its dissolution, October 31, 2018

Ministers removed:
Charles A. Muether, dismissed to Covenant East Classis (RCUS), March 16, 2018
Frank P. Liu, dismissed to Great Lakes Presbytery (BPC), March 17, 2018
Gregory P. Hoadley, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Northwest, April 20, 2018
Stephen L. Roberts, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, September 14, 2018
Nicholas G. Lammé, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Southwest, September 21, 2018

Ministers installed:
David L. Veldhorst, formerly the associate pastor, as pastor of Bethel, Oostburg, WI, March 21, 2018
Jared H. Van Noord, as associate pastor of New Hope, Green Bay, WI, April 9, 2018
Andrew W. Fortenberry, as pastor of Grace, Hanover Park, IL, April 20, 2018
Peter J. Bringe, as pastor of Covenant Family, Wentzville, MO, October 9, 2018
Anthony C. Domanik, as teacher of the Word, laboring at Chicago Christian High

School, October 12, 2018
Paul A. Mourealle, as associate pastor of Sovereign Grace Reformed Church, Doniphan, MO, October 19, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Paul A. Mourealle, from serving as church planter of Gateway, St. Louis, March 16, 1018
Frank P. Liu, from serving as pastor of Mission Pres., St. Paul, MN, March 17, 2018
Scott E. Churnock, from serving as pastor of Christ Pres., St. Charles, MO, May 31, 2018
John R. Hilbelink, from serving as pastor of Providence, Rockford, IL, December 31, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Paul T. Berghaus	Casey M. Bessette	James L. Bosgraf
Peter J. Bringe	Camden M. Bucey	Scott E. Churnock
Douglas B. Clawson	David M. Cornette	Brian L. DeJong
Ivan J. DeMaster	Dennis L. Disselkoen	Anthony C. Domanik
Terry E. Dowds	Richard M. Edwards	Jonathan B. Falk
James E. Ferguson	John M. Fikkert	Andrew W. Fortenberry
Kenneth R. Golden	Heero E. C. Hacquebord	Joseph H. Hall
Kent W. Harding	Mark T. Harrington	John A. Hartley
John R. Hilbelink	James T. Hoekstra	Robert T. Holda
Bruce H. Hollister	Kenny R. Honken	C. Mark Jenkins
Edward E. Jensen	Michael J. Kearney	Lane B. Keister
David W. King	Kim M. Kuhfuss	Shane P. Lems
Brett E. Mahlen	Frank J. Marsh	Christian M. McShaffrey
James R. Megchelsen	LeRoy E. Miller	Marcus A. Mininger
Patrick J. Morgan	Paul A. Mourreale	Gordon L. Oliver
Donald F. Ritsman	John H. Ro	Zechariah N. Schiebout
Marcus J. Serven	Micah I. Shin	Lendall H. Smith
Benjamin J. Snodgrass	Alan D. Strange	Robert E. Tarullo
John R. Tinsley	Cornelius Tolsma	A. Craig Troxel
David M. VanDrunen	Jared H. Van Noord	David L. Veldhorst
John R. Wiers	Brandon T. Wilkins	Charles B. Williams
Brian T. Wingard	Iain A. M. Wright	

Licentiates

Licensures:
Peter J. Bringe, licensed, March 16, 2018
Nathan Strom, licensed, March 16, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
Peter J. Bringe, ordained, October 9, 2018
Anthony C. Domanik, ordained, October 12, 2018

Roll of licentiates:
Richard Cunningham
Dhananjay Khanda
Yevgeni Kogay
Ryan Stoddard
Nathan Strom

PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

General Information

Regional Church boundaries: NJ, PR
Membership: 34 Ministers, 51 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 4th Saturday of February; 4th Tuesday of April; 4th Saturday of September; 1st Tuesday of December
Stated Clerk: Todd E. Smith, term expires September 2019
Moderator: Ross W. Graham, term expires September 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 21 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations and mission works: None

Mission work:	Parent church:
Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura, Arroyo, PR	Reformada, San Juan, PR

Ministers

Ordinations:
Roberto Quiñones-Cardona, March 3, 2018
Ministers received:
Keith E. Graham, from the New Jersey Presbytery of the PCA, September 22, 2018
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Roberto Quiñones-Cardona, as pastor of Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Ortodoxa Jesús es la Verdad, San Juan, PR, March 3, 2018
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:

James Allay	Benjamin Alvira	Samuel H. Bacon
Andrew R. Barshinger	Michael W. Bobick	Christopher R. Bush
Kenneth J. Campbell	Thomas D. Church	Matthew D. Cole
Carlos M. Cruz	Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.	Richard N. Ellis
Timothy Ferguson	Keith E. Graham	Ross W. Graham
David J. Harr	Mitchell R. Herring	Cornelius Johnson
James J. Jordan	John J. Keegan	George S. Kostas
Neil J. Lodge	Carl S. McDaniel, Jr.	Ronald E. Pearce
Gregory A. Pilato	Roberto Quiñones-Cardona	William O. Slack II
Todd E. Smith	Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.	Claude A. Taylor III
Milton Villenueva	John Vroegindewey	Travis Yonkman
James A. Zozzaro		

Licentiates

Licensures: None

Licentiates received:

Aijalon B. Church, February 18, 2018

Dan Bobick, April 18, 2018

Chris Byrd, December 18, 2018

Licentiates removed:

Roberto Quiñones-Cardona, ordained, March 3, 2018

Aijalon B. Church, dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and ordained, October 19, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Dan Bobick

Chris Byrd

Frederic Lo

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

MA, ME, NH, NY [north of Sullivan, Ulster and Dutchess Counties], RI, VT

Membership: 33 Ministers, 83 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: April and October

Stated Clerk: Stephen J. Tracey, term expires October 2019

Moderator: David A. Booth, term expires October 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 21 churches and 3 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works:

Skowhegan OPC, Skowhegan, ME, dissolved, July 1, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton, ME	Second Parish, Portland, ME
Grace Reformed, Farmington, ME	The regional church
Providence, West Lebanon, NH	Covenant, Barre, VT

Ministers

Ordinations: None

Ministers received:

Note: Stephen M. Michaud was received on transfer from the RPCNA on October 16, 2018, and placed on the roll of the regional church, his credentials to be held in suspense until a call is received.

Ministers removed:

Gerald P. Malkus, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, May 5, 2018

Daniel L. Korzep, dismissed to the Catawba Presbytery of the PCA, November 29, 2018

Ministers installed: None

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Gregory E. Reynolds, from serving as pastor of Amoskeag, Manchester, NH, June 17, 2018

Roll of ministers:

David A. Booth	Gordon H. Cook, Jr.	David M. DeRienzo
Richard M. Dickinson	Carl A. P. Durham	Michael G. Fettes

Samuel N. Folta	Timothy H. Gregson	D. Leonard Gulstrom
Russell J. Hamilton	Timothy G. Herndon	Kevin M. Kisler
David J. Koenig	John F. A. Kramer	Darryl C. Kretschmer
James A. La Belle	Roberto Laranjo	Samuel T. Logan, Jr.
Gary B. Magur	Mark A. Marquis	Stephen A. Migotsky
David J. O'Leary	Daniel F. Patterson	Stephen L. Phillips
Gregory E. Reynolds	Andrew H. Selle	Patrick R. Severson
Michael L. Shingler	Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.	Allen C. Tomlinson
Nathan A. Tomlinson	Stephen J. Tracey	Thomas Trouwborst

Licentiates

Licensures:

Ryan Woods, May 1, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed: None

Roll of licentiates:

Daniel Borvan
Nathan Lambert
Ryan Woods

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

CA [north of northern borders of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties], NV

Membership: 25 Ministers, 47 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 3rd Friday and Saturday of March and September

Stated Clerk: Donald G. Jamieson, term expires March 2019

Moderator: J. Glenn Ferrell, term expires March 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 16 churches

Changes in congregations and mission works: None

Ministers

Ordinations: None

Ministers received:

Arthur J. Fox, from the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, October 5, 2018

Ministers removed:

Terry F. Thole, dismissed to the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, April 28, 2018
Kevin L. Medcalf, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Southeast, June 1, 2018
Alan J. Dueck, dismissed to the Presbytery of Ohio, September 21, 2018

Ministers installed:

Arthur J. Fox, as pastor of New Hope, Hanford, CA, October 5, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Alan J. Dueck, from serving as pastor of Grace, Battle Mountain, NV, July 31, 2018
Andrew J. Preston, from serving as pastor of Mt. Rose Reformed, Reno, NV, December 31, 2018

Roll of ministers:

P. Shaun Bryant	David P. Bush	Gene L. Crow
Adrian R. Crum	Michael D. Dengerink	Carl E. Erickson
J. Glenn Ferrell	Wayne K. Forkner	Arthur J. Fox
Calvin R. Goligher	W. Reid Hankins	Robert G. Herrmann
Jeffery A. Landis	Luke P-y. Lu	Richard C. Miller
Robert B. Needham	Andrew J. Preston	Mark E. Richline
Joel C. Robbins	Salvador M. Solis	Mark D. Soud
Robert A. Starke	Kevin W. Van Der Linden	Timothy G. Walker
Mark R. Wheat		

Licentiates

Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
AK, ID, MT, OR, WA
Membership: 26 Ministers, 56 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April and September
Stated Clerk: Donald M. Poundstone, term expires September 2020
Moderator: Calvin R. Malcor, term expires September 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 18 churches and 2 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations and mission works:
Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, WA, organized as a new and separate congregation, June 8, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Coeur d'Alene Reformed, Coeur d'Alene, ID	The regional church
Emmanuel, Colville, WA	Covenant, Kennewick, WA

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Minister received:
Gregory P. Hoadley, from the Presbytery of the Midwest, April 20, 2018
Ministers removed:
Stanton P. Durham, deceased, March 21, 2018
Larry D. Conard, deceased, September 8, 2018
Larry E. Wilson, dismissed to the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, September 15, 2018
Randall A. Bergquist, deposed from the ministry, October 16, 2018
Ministers installed:
Gregory P. Hoadley, as pastor of Redeemer, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada, April 20, 2018
Andrew M. Elam, formerly organizing pastor, as pastor of Redeeming Grace, Port Angeles, WA, June 8, 2018

Ministerial relationship dissolved:

Larry E. Wilson, from serving as pastor of Redeemer, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada, April 30, 2018

Randall A. Bergquist, from serving as pastor of Emmanuel, Kent, WA, September 28, 2018

Roll of ministers:

David A. Bass	Glenn T. Black	Mark A Collingridge
Daniel Dillard	Andrew M. Elam	Martin Emmrich
David G. Graves	Gregory P. Hoadley	M. Scott Johnson
John W. Mahaffy	Calvin R. Malcor	Ronald J. McKenzie
Brett A. McNeill	Richard A. Miller	Jay M. Milojevich
Brian H. Nicholson	Donald M. Poundstone	Jude J. Reardon
Marcus J. Renkema	Jeffrey M. Scott	Jack L. Smith
Benjamin W. Swinburnson	Karl E. Thompson	Eric W. Tuininga
Earl W. Vanderhoff	Robert C. Van Kooten	

Licentiates

Licensure:

David R. Wright, April 27, 2018

Licentiate received:

Brian M. Guinto, from the Presbytery of Ohio, September 28, 2018

Licentiates removed: None

Roll of licentiates:

Brian M. Guinto

David R. Wright

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

IN [except northern counties], KY [except southeastern counties], OH, western PA, WV

Membership: 34 Ministers, 62 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday of March; 3rd Friday and Saturday of October

Stated Clerk: Donald J. Duff, term expires October 2019

Moderator: Danny E. Olinger, term expires October 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 17 churches and 3 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works: None

Mission work:	Parent church:
First Street Reformed Fel., Dayton, OH	Covenant, Vandalia, OH
Grace Fellowship, Huron, OH	Covenant, Mansfield, OH
Wilmington Reformed, Wilmington, OH	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations: None

Ministers received:

Alan J. Dueck, from the Presbytery of Northern CA and NV, September 21, 2018

Dylan J. Rowland, from Grace Community Church (independent) in Waverly, OH, November 9, 2018

Ministers removed: None

Ministers installed:

Alan J. Dueck, as associate pastor of Grace, Columbus, OH, September 21, 2018

Dylan J. Rowland, as pastor of Covenant, Mansfield, OH, November 9, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

R. Daniel Knox, from serving as pastor of Grace, Sewickley, PA, upon his retirement, October 31, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Sam M. Allison	Marvin O. Bowman	Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
Daniel J. Doleys	Alan J. Dueck	Donald J. Duff
Stephen J. Dufresne	Robert Y. Eckardt	Leo A. Frailey
Michael F. Frangipane	Mark A. Garcia	Karl A. Hubenthal
Jonathan E. Hutchison	L. Charles Jackson	Jeremy C. Jones
Matthew A. Judd	William B. Kessler	R. Daniel Knox
Stewart E. Lauer	Jeremy J. Logan	Christopher A. Malamisuro
Robert J. McKelvey	Mark S. Melton	Lawrence B. Oldaker
Danny E. Olinger	Matthew H. Patton	Bradley M. Peppo
Peter J. Puliatti	D. Patrick Ramsey	David J. Robbins
Dylan J. Rowland	George C. Scipione	Douglas W. Snyder
Geoffrey L. Willour		

Licentiates

Licensure:

Stephen S. Lauer, March 9, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiate removed:

Brian M. Guinto, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Northwest, September 28, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Stephen S. Lauer

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

General Information

Regional Church boundaries: DE, eastern PA

Membership: 33 Ministers, 51 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 1st Saturday of February and May; 3rd Saturday of September

Stated Clerk: Jeffrey C. Waddington, term expires September 2020

Moderator: Larry J. Westerveld, term expires September 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 11 churches and 1 unorganized mission work

Changes in congregations and mission works:

Grace Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA dissolved, February 25, 2018

Grace, Philadelphia, PA dissolved, May 5, 2018

Mission work:	Parent church:
Downingtown OPC, Downingtown, PA	Emmanuel, Wilmington, DE

Ministers

Ordinations:

Aijalon B. Church, October 19, 2018

Ministers received:

Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, May 5, 2018

Gregory W. O'Brien, from Providence Presbytery of the PCA, October 26, 2018

Ministers removed:

Robert W. Eckardt, deceased, December 30, 2018

Ministers installed:

Aijalon B. Church, as pastor of Covenant, Sinking Spring, PA, October 19, 2018

Gregory W. O'Brien, as evangelist, serving as organizing pastor of Downingtown OPC, October 26, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

William F. Snodgrass, from serving as pastor of Grace Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA, February 25, 2018

Carl R. Trueman resigned as pastor of Cornerstone, Ambler, PA, July 1, 2018

Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III resigned as associate pastor of Cornerstone, Ambler, PA, September 15, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Gregory K. Beale	Aijalon B. Church	George R. Cottenden
Wilson L. Cummings	Thomas A. Foh	Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
Jonathan C. Gibbs III	A. LeRoy Greer	Robert P. Harting
David R. Holmlund	David W. Landow	Richard S. MacLaren
Jonathan L. Master	Michael J. Matossian	Harold A. McKenzie
Robert A. Minnig	Gregory W. O'Brien	Jonathan F. Peters
Wendell L. Rockey	J. Mark Sallade	John S. Shaw
Richard A. Shaw	Cecil R. (Cris) Simpson III	Caleb M. Smith
William F. Snodgrass	Matthew D. Stephan	Wendell S. Stoltzfus
Lane G. Tipton	Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.	Carl R. Trueman
Jeffrey C. Waddington	Larry J. Westerveld	Tim W. Young

Licentiates

Licensures: None

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:

Daniel W. Adams, ordained by the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, February 23, 2018

Andrew W. Fortenberry, ordained by the Presbytery of the Midwest, April 20, 2018

Joseph W. Johnson

Thomas A. Tkach, ordained by the Presbytery of the Southwest, June 29, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Joel B. Carini

Andrew J. D. Myers

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:
AL, FL, southern GA, LA, MS, western TN

Membership: 28 Ministers, 45 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 2nd Friday and Saturday after Easter; 4th Friday and Saturday in October

Stated Clerk: Jeffrey K. Boer, term expires October 2019

Moderator: Warren R. Bennett III, term expires October 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 17 churches and 1 unorganized mission work

Changes in congregations and mission works:
Christ the King, Naples, FL organized as a new and separate congregation, April 27, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Wolf River, Collierville, TN	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations:
J. Scott Creel, November 25, 2018

Ministers received:
Rodney T. King, from the Presbytery of the Southeast as a retired minister, October 27, 2018

Ministers removed:
Jose Vera, deceased, September 19, 2018
Chad D. Mullinix, dismissed to the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, November 9, 2018

Ministers installed:
Eric R. Hausler, as pastor of Christ the King, Naples, FL, April 27, 2018
J. Scott Creel, as associate pastor of Redemption, Gainesville, FL, November 25, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Chad D. Mullinix, from serving as pastor of Holy Trinity, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, September 30, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Warren R. Bennett III	Robert A. Berry, Jr.	Jeffrey K. Boer
Michael S. Borg	David E. Chilton	J. Scott Creel
Allen D. Curry	Geoffrey M. Downey	Joel D. Fick
Eric R. Hausler	William M. Hobbs	Benjamin K. Hopp
Rodney T. King	Hendrick Krabbendam	Larry G. Mininger
Stephen J. Oharek	Donald M. Parker	Carl G. Russell
Jack W. Sawyer	John J. Schortmann	John A. Sharpe
Henry Stanke	Darren S. Thole	Harold E. Thomas
Eric B. Watkins	William V. Welzien	Mark A. Winder
Christopher H. Wisdom		

Licentiates

Licensures:

David B. Carnes, April 14, 2018

David E. Briones, October 27, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:

J. Scott Creel, ordained, November 25, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

David E. Briones

David B. Carnes

Kevin J. Olivier

Benjamin A. Ward

William M. Watson III

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

Northern GA, southeastern KY, NC, SC, eastern TN, southern VA, Bermuda

Membership: 51 Ministers, 69 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 4th Friday and Saturday of April; 3rd Friday and Saturday of October

Stated Clerk: Hank L. Belfield, term expires October 2019

Moderator: M. Jay Bennett, term expires October 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 22 churches and 5 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works:

Providence, Cumming, GA, a new mission work

Mission works:	Parent church:
Providence, Cumming, GA	Covenant Presbyterian, Buford, GA
Neon Reformed, Neon, KY	The regional church
Heritage, Wilmington, NC	The regional church
Harvest, Winston-Salem, NC	Covenant Reformed, Mount Airy, NC
Reformation, Virginia Beach, VA	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations:

Michael T. Spangler, June 22, 2018

James W. Clark, December 1, 2018

Ministers received:

Kevin L. Medcalf, from the Presbytery of Northern CA and NV, June 1, 2018

Ministers removed:

Brenton C. Ferry, demitted the ministry, April 27, 2018

Rodney T. King, dismissed to the Presbytery of the South, October 27, 2018

Ministers installed:

Michael T. Spangler, as teacher of the Word at Providence, Greensboro, NC, June 22, 2018

Jeffrey S. Carter, as pastor of Sovereign Grace Reformed, Hickory, NC, July 6, 2018

Kevin L. Medcalf, as associate pastor of Covenant, Buford, GA, to serve as evangelist in Cumming, GA, June 1, 2018

James W. Clark, as pastor of Garst Mill, Roanoke, VA, December 1, 2018

Calvin D. Keller, as evangelist of Covenant Reformed to serve as organizing pastor

of Harvest, Winston-Salem, NC, December 13, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Rodney T. King, from serving as pastor of Garst Mill, Roanoke, VA, July 1, 2018

Jeffrey S. Carter, from serving as associate pastor of Trinity Reformed, Wilmington, NC, July 6, 2018

Calvin D. Keller, from serving as pastor of Cornerstone, Chattanooga, TN, November 12, 2018

Roll of ministers:

DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr.	Hank L. Belfield	M. Jay Bennett
Clifford L. Blair	H. Carl Bone	Wayne A. Buchtel
John Carrick	Jeffrey S. Carter	Christopher B. Cashen
Thomas S. Champness, Jr.	James W. Clark	L. Anthony Curto
Scott G. Davenport	William D. Dennison	Sidney D. Dyer
W. Ralph English	Matthew A. Figura	M. Daniel Fincham
Joseph H. Fowler, Jr.	James H. Ganzevoort	Frederick F. Hofland
Matthew Holst	Richard L. Horner	Irfon P. Hughes
Lowell A. Ivey	John W. Jamison	Calvin D. Keller
George W. Knight III	J. Boone Leigh	John D. McGowan
Ryan M. McGraw	Kevin L. Medcalf	A. Boyd Miller IV
Ken B. Montgomery	Allen P. Moran	Michael L. Myers
Daniel G. Osborne	E. Cody Ray	Jason M. Roddy
M. Justin Rosser	Michael T. Spangler	Peter Stazen II
Christopher B. Strevel, Sr.	Donald H. Taws	T. Nathan Trice
Peter C. Van Doodewaard	Arie van Eyk	Douglas A. Watson
Zecharias A. Weldeyesus	S. Scott Willet	Douglas M. Withington

Licentiates

Licensures:

Ben Castle, April 27, 2018

James W. Clark, June 22, 2018

Ethan Bolyard, October 19, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:

Michael T. Spangler, ordained, June 22, 2018

James W. Clark, ordained, December 1, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Ethan Bolyard

Ben Castle

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

AZ, CA [south of northern borders of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties], HI

Membership: 50 Ministers, 93 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: 1st Friday and Saturday of February and May; 3rd Thursday, Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Peter J. A. Moelker, term expires December 2020
Moderator: Roger Wagner, term expires December 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 24 churches and 6 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations and mission works:
Pilgrim, El Cajon, CA, received from the South Coast Presbytery (PCA), June 1, 2018
Concho Valley, Concho, AZ, organized as a new and separate congregation on December 8, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
Yuma OPC, Yuma, AZ	The regional church
Anaheim Hills Presbyterian, Anaheim Hills, CA	The regional church
Corona Pres., Corona, CA	The regional church
Pasadena OPC, Pasadena, CA	The regional church
Resurrection, Westminster, CA	Westminster OPC, Westminster, CA
Redeemer, Pearl City, HI	The regional church

Ministers

Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
Benjamin C. Rochester, from the South Coast Presbytery, PCA, May 4, 2018
Jack Unangst, from the Presbytery of the Southwest, PCA, as a retired minister without call, May 4, 2018
Joe Puglia, from Rocky Mountain Presbytery, PCA, July 14, 2018
Ministers removed:
Brian D. Chang, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, April 15, 2018
Josué I. Balderas, deceased, June 25, 2018
Ministers installed:
Benjamin C. Rochester, as pastor of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, El Cajon, CA, June 1, 2018
Joe Puglia, as pastor of OPC, Bonita, CA, September 28, 2018
Stephen A. Larson, as pastor of Concho Valley, Concho, AZ, December 8, 2018
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Douglas P. Harley, from serving as pastor of El Camino, Goleta, CA, February 28, 2018
M. Austin Britton, from serving as pastor of Calvary, La Mirada, CA, July 14, 2018
Roll of ministers: (*emeritus)

Michael L. Babcock	Jeremy R. Baker	Steven M. Baugh
Bruce M. Brawdy*	M. Austin Britton	Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
John A. Carter	Christopher J. Chelpka	Matthew E. Cotta
David A. Crum	Joel M. Ellis, Jr.	Jerome A. Farnik
John V. Fesko	William J. Gorrell	Dale T. Hanaoka
Douglas P. Harley	Christopher D. Hartshorn	C. Phillip Hollstein
Yousik Hong	Paul O. Johnson	Zachary R. Keele

Rollin P. Keller	Yong H. Kim	Stephen A. Larson
James T. Lim	Joshua P. Lyon	Joshua E. Martin
Charles A. McIlhenny	Peter J. A. Moelker	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	Matthew S. Prather
Joe Puglia	Benjamin C. Rochester	Mark A. Schroeder
Peter H. Sim	Robert B. Strimple*	David L. Thibault
Jack Unangst	Paul Viggiano	Roger Wagner
William E. Warren	Douglas L. Watson	

Licentiates

Licensures:

Daniel Garcia, May 4, 2018

Andrew Canavan, October 19, 2018

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:

Daniel Chew, February 2, 2018

Andy Smith, February 2, 2018

Ryan S. Cavanaugh, ordained by the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario, June 1, 2018

Michael Mock, ordained by Central Carolina Presbytery of the PCA, June 10, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Andrew Canavan

Daniel Garcia

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

General Information

Regional Church boundaries:

AR, NM, OK, TX

Membership: 37 Ministers, 53 Ruling Elders

Stated meetings: 3rd Friday in January; 1st Friday in May; 3rd Friday in September

Stated Clerk: John H. Terpstra, term expires January 2020

Moderator: Jim J. Cassidy, term expires January 2019

Churches and Mission Works

Number of congregations: 19 churches and 3 unorganized mission works

Changes in congregations and mission works:

Beal Heights Pres., Lawton, OK, dissolved, March 1, 2018

New Braunfels OPC, New Braunfels, TX, mission work under the oversight of South Austin Presbyterian Church, April 2018

Christ Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound, TX, received as an organized church, May 4, 2018

Grace, Norman, OK, dissolved, August 31, 2018

Westminster, Bartlesville, OK, received from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its dissolution, October 31, 2018

Providence, Tulsa, OK, received from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its

dissolution, October 31, 2018

Mission works:	Parent church:
New Braunfels OPC, TX	South Austin, Austin, TX
Good Shepherd, Richmond (Houston SW), TX	Cornerstone, Jersey Village (Houston NW), TX
Trinity, Waco TX	Mid-Cities, Bedford, TX

Ministers

Ordinations:

Thomas A. Tkach, June 29, 2018

Miller E. Ansell, September 21, 2018

Ministers received:

John Canales, from the Presbytery of Northern Texas of the PCA, September 21, 2018

Nicholas G. Lammé, from the Presbytery of the Midwest, September 21, 2018

Joseph A. Auksela, Timothy L. Black, Edward A. Eppinger, Timothy L. McClymonds, Jim G. Stevenson and Clarence E. Veld, from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its dissolution, October 31, 2018

Ministers removed:

Jack J. Peterson, deceased, November 24, 2018

Ministers installed:

Thomas A. Tkach, as pastor of OPC, Rio Rancho, NM, June 29, 2018

John Canales, as pastor of Christ PC, Flower Mound, TX, September 21, 2018

Miller E. Ansell, as associate pastor of Christ PC, Flower Mound, TX, September 21, 2018

Todd P. Dole, as pastor of Covenant, Abilene, TX, October 5, 2018

Todd S. Bordow, as pastor of Cornerstone, Jersey Village, TX, October 28, 2018

Ministerial relationships dissolved:

Brian E. Belh, from serving as pastor of Beal Heights, Lawton, OK, March 1, 2018

Robert A. Lotzer, from serving as pastor of Covenant, Abilene, TX, May 7, 2018

Robert S. Arendale, from serving as pastor of Cornerstone, Jersey Village, TX, May 31, 2018

Todd P. Dole, from serving as pastor of Grace, Norman, OK, August 31, 2018

Roll of ministers:

Miller E. Ansell	Robert S. Arendale	Joseph A. Auksela
Brian E. Belh	Timothy L. Black	William J. Bomer
Chad E. Bond	Jeremy Boothby	Todd S. Bordow
David T. Brack	John Canales	Robert N. Canode III
James J. Cassidy	Glen J. Clary	Kim N. Dang
William H. Doerfel	Todd P. Dole	Edward A. Eppinger
Phillip D. Hodson	Nathan J. Hornfeld	John R. Hunt, Jr.
John H. Johnson, Jr.	Joseph A. Keller	Jason C. Kirklin
Nicholas G. Lammé	Robert A. Lotzer	Timothy L. McClymonds
Andrew T. Moody	K. Scott Oliphint	Jim G. Stevenson
F. Allan Story, Jr.	G. Mark Sumpter	Thomas A. Tkach

Joseph L. Troutman Clarence E. Veld Todd V. Wagenmaker

Adam A. York

Licentiates

Licensures: None

Licentiates received:

Colby T. Painter, from the Presbytery of the Central U.S. upon its dissolution, October 31, 2018

Licentiates removed: None

Miller E. Ansell, ordained, September 21, 2018

Roll of licentiates:

Ryan S. Heaton

Robert W. Mossotti

Colby T. Painter

APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE 87th (2020) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with the *Standing Rules of the General Assembly*, Chapter I, commissioners to the Eighty-seventh (2020) General Assembly are apportioned as follows:

Presbytery	Ministers		Ruling Elders	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Central Pennsylvania	3	4	2	2
Connecticut and S. New York	2	2	1	1
Dakotas	4	3	2	2
Michigan and Ontario	7	8	6	7
Mid-Atlantic	6	6	5	4
Midwest	11	11	7	7
New Jersey	5	6	4	3
New York and New England	6	5	4	4
Northern California and Nevada	4	4	3	3
Northwest	5	4	3	3
Ohio	5	6	4	4
Philadelphia	5	5	3	3
South	5	5	3	3
Southeast	8	8	4	5
Southern California	8	8	6	6
Southwest	6	6	3	3
Moderator, 86th GA	1	0	0	1
Stated Clerk, 86th GA	1	1	0	0
Stated Clerk, 87th GA		1		
Totals	92	93	60	61

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

Class of 2022 Jonathan E. Hutchison, John W. Mallin III
Class of 2021 Alan D. Strange
Class of 2020 Alan R. Pontier, S. Scott Willet
Alternate: Thomas C. Crumplar

CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

Class of 2022 Richard M. Dickinson, Patrick J. Morgan
Class of 2021 Michael C. Cloy, Cornelius Johnson
Class of 2020 Michael W. Jennings, Mark W. Rogers

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 2022 *Ministers:* Glen J. Clary, Alan D. Strange, Stephen J. Tracey
Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley,* John R. Muether*
Class of 2021 *Ministers:* Archibald A. Allison, Joel D. Fick,* Daniel F. Patterson*
Ruling Elders: Darryl G. Hart, Michael K. Shields
Class of 2020 *Ministers:* Gregory E. Reynolds, A. Craig Troxel,* David M. VanDrunen*
Ruling Elders: Wallace King, David Winslow, Jr.
General Secretary: The Rev. Danny E. Olinger
*Member of Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

COORDINATION

Class of 2022 *Minister:* Donald J. Duff
Ruling Elder: Ashraf Guirgues
Class of 2021 *Minister:* Benjamin J. Snodgrass
Ruling Elder: William A. Muether
Class of 2020 *Minister:* Stephen J. Oharek
Ruling Elder: David S. Veldkamp
Representative, Christian Education: Wallace King
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: Keith A. LeMahieu
John S. Shaw, Gen. Sec., *ex officio*
Director of Finance and Planned Giving: David E. Haney

DIACONAL MINISTRIES

Class of 2022 *Minister:* Richard M. Dickinson
Ruling Elder: Michael Di Peppino
Deacon: John J. Voss, Jr.
Class of 2021 *Minister:* Christopher B. Cashen
Deacons: Ronald De Ru, Joel King
Class of 2020 *Minister:* T. Nathan Trice
Ruling Elder: Seth B. Long
Deacon: Christopher A. Sudlow
Administrator: David P. Nakhla

ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Class of 2022 L. Anthony Curto, Matthew Holst, Cris A. Dickason
Class of 2021 Mark T. Bube, Mark J. Williams, Iain A. M. Wright
Class of 2020 Jack W. Sawyer, John H. Terpstra, Chad B. Van Dixhoorn
Administrator: The Rev. Jack W. Sawyer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Class of 2022 *Ministers:* William B. Kessler, Philip T. Proctor, John D. Van Meerbeke
Ruling Elders: John S. Emmet, Hayo Jager
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GA	YEAR	MODERATOR	PLACE OF ASSEMBLY
1st	1936	J. Gresham Machen, D.D., Litt.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.
2nd	1936	J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., D.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.
3rd	1937	John J. De Waard	Philadelphia, Pa.
4th	1938	R. B. Kuiper	Quarryville, Pa.
5th	1939	Alexander K. Davison, S.T.D.	Glenside, Pa.
6th	1939	Everett C. DeVelde	Glenside, Pa.
7th	1940	Paul Woolley	Cincinnati, Ohio
8th	1941	Robert Strong, S.T.D.	Glenside, Pa.
9th	1942	John P. Clelland	Rochester, N.Y.
10th	1943	Oscar Holkeboer	Willow Grove, Pa.
11th	1944	Edwin H. Rian	Glenside, Pa.
12th	1945	Robert S. Marsden	Glenside, Pa.
13th	1946	Ned B. Stonehouse, Th.D.	Glenside, Pa.
14th	1947	John P. Galbraith	Cedar Grove, Wis.
15th	1948	Edward L. Kellogg	Wildwood, N.J.
16th	1949	Dwight H. Poundstone	Los Angeles, Calif.
17th	1950	Leslie W. Sloat	Glenside, Pa.
18th	1951	Lawrence R. Eyres	Glenside, Pa.
19th	1952	Calvin K. Cummings	Denver, Colo.
20th	1953	John H. Skilton, Ph.D.	Glenside, Pa.
21st	1954	Robert K. Churchill	Rochester, N.Y.
22nd	1955	Robert L. Vining	Glenside, Pa.
23rd	1956	Edward J. Young, Ph.D.	Denver, Colo.
24th	1957	Bruce F. Hunt	W. Collingswood, N.J.
25th	1958	Edmund P. Clowney	Oostburg, Wis.
26th	1959	Leslie A. Dunn	Glenside, Pa.
27th	1960	David L. Neilands, Esq.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
28th	1961	John Murray	Glenside, Pa.
29th	1962	Robert L. Atwell	Cedar Grove, Wis.
30th	1963	LeRoy B. Oliver	Vineland, N.J.
31st	1964	Glenn R. Coie	Silver Spring, Md.
32nd	1965	Robert W. Eckardt	Portland, Ore.
33rd	1966	Richard A. Barker	Oostburg, Wis.
34th	1967	Henry W. Coray	Long Beach, Calif.
35th	1968	Arthur O. Olson	Westfield, N.J.
36th	1969	Ralph E. Clough	Silver Spring, Md.
37th	1970	John J. Mitchell	Portland, Ore.
38th	1971	George W. Knight III, Th.D.	Wilmington, Del.
39th	1972	Jack J. Peterson	Oostburg, Wis.
40th	1973	Charles H. Ellis	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
41st	1974	Laurence N. Vail	Palos Heights, Ill.
42nd	1975	George R. Cottenden	Beaver Falls, Pa.
43rd	1976	Garret A. Hoogerhyde	Beaver Falls, Pa.
44th	1977	Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.	Oostburg, Wis.
45th	1978	Larry D. Conard	Grand Rapids, Mich.

46th	1979	George E. Haney, Jr.	Beaver Falls, Pa.
47th	1980	Thomas E. Tyson	Beaver Falls, Pa.
48th	1981	Glenn T. Black	Beaver Falls, Pa.
49th	1982	Dennis E. Johnson	Grand Rapids, Mich.
50th	1983	Bernard J. Stonehouse	Laverock, Pa.
51st	1984	Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D.	Beaver Falls, Pa.
52nd	1985	John R. Hilbelink	St. Davids, Pa.
53rd	1986	Robert B. Strimple, Th.D.	St. Davids, Pa.
54th	1987	John O. Kinnaird	Grand Rapids, Mich.
55th	1988	Mark T. Bube	Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
56th	1989	Donald J. Duff	Beaver Falls, Pa.
57th	1990	Theodore J. Georgian	San Diego, Calif.
58th	1991	William E. Warren	Beaver Falls, Pa.
59th	1992	Stephen L. Phillips	Beaver Falls, Pa.
60th	1993	Donald M. Poundstone	Beaver Falls, Pa.
61st	1994	Steven F. Miller	Harvey Cedars, N.J.
62nd	1995	Douglas A. Watson	Beaver Falls, Pa.
63rd	1996	David Winslow	Beaver Falls, Pa.
64th	1997	John W. Mahaffy	Beaver Falls, Pa.
65th	1998	Ross W. Graham	Grand Rapids, Mich.
66th	1999	Larry G. Mininger	Grand Rapids, Mich.
67th	2000	James S. Gidley, Ph.D.	Tacoma, Wash.
68th	2001	David J. O'Leary	Grand Rapids, Mich.
69th	2002	Douglas B. Clawson	Wenham, Mass.
70th	2003	Robert M. Coie	Sioux Center, Iowa
71st	2004	Larry E. Wilson	Beaver Falls, Pa.
72nd	2005	James L. Bosgraf	Grand Rapids. Mich.
73rd	2006	Richard R. Gerber	Palos Heights, Ill.
74th	2007	Robert Y. Eckardt	Sioux Center, Iowa
75th	2008	Alan D. Strange	Tacoma, Wash.
76th	2009	William Shishko	Grand Rapids, Mich.
77th	2010	Alan R. Pontier	Palos Heights, Ill.
78th	2011	Danny E. Olinger	North East, Md.
79th	2012	L. Anthony Curto	Wheaton, Ill.
80th	2013	Jeffery A. Landis	Moraga, Calif.
81st	2014	A. Craig Troxel, Ph.D.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
82nd	2015	Archibald A. Allison	Sioux Center, Iowa
83rd	2016	Paul H. Tavares	North East, Md.
84th	2017	Larry L. Westerveld	Palos Heights, Ill.
85th	2018	John D. Van Meerbeke	Wheaton, Ill.
86th	2019	David E. Haney	Dallas, Tx.

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lst	1936	Paul Woolley	
2nd	1936	Leslie W. Sloat	
3rd	1937	Leslie W. Sloat	
4th	1938	John H. Skilton	
5th	1939	Leslie W. Sloat	
6th	1939	Leslie W. Sloat	
7th	1940	John P. Galbraith	
8th	1941	Paul Woolley	
9th	1942	Robert E. Nicholas	
10th	1943	Leslie W. Sloat	Edward L. Kellogg
11th	1944	Edward Heerema	LeRoy B. Oliver
12th	1945	Eugene Bradford	Charles H. Ellis
13th	1946	Eugene Bradford	Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
14th	1947	H. Wilson Albright	Robert L. Vining
15th	1948	Robert W. Eckardt	Raymond M. Meiners
16th	1949	Robert W. Eckardt	Edwards E. Elliott
17th	1950	Robert L. Vining	LeRoy B. Oliver
18th	1951	Robert L. Vining	Ralph W. Clough
19th	1952	Henry D. Phillips	Theodore J Georgian
20th	1953	Raymond M. Meiners	F. Kingsley Elder, Jr.
21st	1954	Raymond M. Meiners	Elmer M. Dortzbach
22nd	1955	Robert S. Marsden	LeRoy B. Oliver
23rd	1956	Robert S. Marsden	LeRoy B. Oliver
24th	1957	Robert S. Marsden	Raymond O. Zorn
25th	1958	LeRoy B. Oliver	Henry D. Phillips
26th	1959	LeRoy B. Oliver	C. Herbert Oliver
27th	1960	LeRoy B. Oliver	Richard A. Barker
28th	1961	LeRoy B. Oliver	Richard A. Barker
29th	1962	LeRoy B. Oliver	Richard A. Barker
30th	1963	Robert W. Eckardt	Richard A. Barker
31st	1964	Robert W. Eckardt	Laurence N. Vail
32nd	1965	Robley J. Johnston	Edwards E. Elliott
33rd	1966	Robley J. Johnston	Edwards E. Elliott
34th	1967	Robley J. Johnston	Edwards E. Elliott
35th	1968	John J. Mitchell	F. Kingsley Elder, Jr.
36th	1969	John J. Mitchell	Ronald E. Jenkins
37th	1970	Robert E. Nicholas	Ronald E. Jenkins
38th	1971	Richard A. Barker	Robert E. Nicholas
39th	1972	Richard A. Barker	Stephen L. Phillips
40th	1973	Richard A. Barker	Stephen L. Phillips
41st	1974	Richard A. Barker	Stephen L. Phillips
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66th	1999	Donald J. Duff	John W. Mahaffy
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68th	2001	Donald J. Duff	John W. Mahaffy
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75th	2008	Donald J. Duff	John W. Mahaffy
76th	2009	Donald J. Duff	John W. Mahaffy
77th	2010	George R. Cottenden	John W. Mahaffy
78th	2011	George R. Cottenden	John W. Mahaffy
79th	2012	George R. Cottenden	John W. Mahaffy
80th	2013	George R. Cottenden	John W. Mahaffy
81st	2014	Ross W. Graham	John W. Mahaffy
82nd	2015	Ross W. Graham	John W. Mahaffy
83rd	2016	Ross W. Graham	John W. Mahaffy
84th	2017	Ross W. Graham	John W. Mahaffy
85th	2018	Ross W. Graham	John W. Mahaffy
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