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The 147th General Synod convened at 8:30 a.m. on May 20, 1969 in the Chapel at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, with Rev. Paul Gilchrist presiding. President of the College, Dr. Marion Barnes, welcomed the delegates and read from Revelation 3:7-22. Following this the retiring Moderator, Elder Wesley G. Vannoy, Ph.D., addressed Synod with a challenging message from Scripture. The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. William A. Mahlow and Rev. R. Daniel Cannon, assisted by Ruling Elders of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lookout Mountain.

Moderator Vannoy called the Synod to order for business at 9:45 a.m. and asked Rev. Kenneth Horner to offer the constituting prayer. The Stated Clerk called the roll.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Ministers Present:** Reverend Messrs. Richard A. Aeschliman, David Alexander, Paul H. Alexander, Charles W. Anderson, Lawrence G. Andres, Willard O. Armes, Allan Baldwin, William S. Barker, Max V. Belz, Bryant M. Black, Wilbur W. Blakely, Gustav L. Blomquist, George R. Bragdon, Richard L. Brinkley, Ernest Breen, Malcolm D. Brown, Robert B. Brown, Samuel R. Brown, John W. Buswell, R. Daniel Cannon, W. Ronald Case, Winslow A. Collins, James Cox, Robert H. Cox, Robert L. Craggs, Frank G. Crane, Raymond H. Dameron, W. Lyall Detlor, Robert J. Dodds, L. LaVerne Donaldson, F. Seth Dyrness, Jr., Franklin S. Dyrness, Sr., Earl R. Eckerson, Homer P. Emerson, Theodore H. Engstrom, Wyatt Folds, C. LaRue Fritz, James S. Gilchrist, Paul R. Gilchrist, Arthur F. Glasser, Eugene Gray, Richard W. Gray, Carl T. Grayson, Robert G. Hamilton, Darrell C. Harris, R. Laird Harris, Robert Hastings, Donald F. Hicks, Harold D. Hight, Charles B. Holliday, John P. Hoogstrate, Kenneth A. Horner, Jr., Robert I. Hoyle, Beryl T. Hubbard, Roger W. Hunt, Dale Jackson, Thomas F. Jones, Arthur L. Kay, John M. Kay, Jr., William B. Leonard, Jr., Clarence A. Lutz, W. Edward Lyons, William A. Mahlow, Nelson K. Malkus, W. Harold Mare, James S. Martin, Theodore W. Martin, James H. McClintock, William McColley, James McFarland, Harry H. Meiners, Jr., Alfred Mersman, George Miladin, Albert F. Moginot, Jr., Patrick Morison, Robert B. Needham, Edward T. Noe, Robert Palmer, James Perry, David Peterson, Leonard S. Pitcher, Eugene Potoka, James L. Ransom, Harold A. Rapp, Robert G. Rayburn, Robert Reymond, John Sanderson, Conrad Sauer, Roger G. Shafer, Lester O. Sharp, Jonas

Shepherd, Flournoy Shepperson, Wilbur Siddons, Thomas E. Sidebotham, Stephen Smallman, Frank Smick, Jr., George W. Smith, James A. Smith, George C. Soltau, T. Stanley Soltau, Lynden H. Stewart, Robert W. Stewart, Richard Strom, David F. Sutton, Richard D. Tevebaugh, E. Kyle Thurman, A. Dale Umbreit, Leonard T. Van Horn, Thomas Waldecker, Wilbur B. Wallis, Paul M. Ward, Samuel S. Ward, Robert Warren, DeWitt M. Watson, Jr., Kenneth Wolf, Robert C. Woodson, John M. L. Young, Karl Heller, Ransom Webster, George Hutchinson, James Rohrbaugh.

**Ruling Elders Present** (and the church they represent): Paul C. Anthony (Viewcrest, Eighty-four, Pa.), Theodore R. Barker (Covenant, Naples, Florida), L. V. Bradley (Faith, Charlotte, N.C.), Laverne Brown (Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland, Fla.), John Christie (Faith, Wilmington, Del.), Carl A. Darger (Westminster, Muncie, Ind.), E. Allen Duble (First, Lookout Mountain, Ga.), Charles L. Eckardt (Faith, Quarryville, Pa.), Lewis E. Emerick (University, Las Cruces, N.M.), George H. Fielding (McLean, Va.), Paul L. Finch (Walnut Grove, Roebuck, S.C.), R. L. Haggard (Covenant, Auburn, Ala.), Harold C. Harris (Calvin, Irwin, Pa.), William R. Hawley (First Bible, Indianapolis, Ind.), Dalton H. Hylton (Calvary, Hampton, Va.), Clifford Jacobson (Covenant, Cherry Hill, N.J.), Nelson M. Kennedy (Christ, Chippewa, Pa.), George Linder (Covenant, St. Louis, Mo.), Floyd S. McLane (Bible Pres., Enon Valley, Pa.), Richard F. Mercer (Glenmore, Calgary, Alberta, Canada), Phillip C. Olin (Bible Pres. of Cono Center, Walker, Iowa), O. Edwin Peterson (Evangelical, Colorado Springs, Colo.), Frank Rowley (Fairview, Industry, Pa.), C. Raymond Smith (Christ, Chippewa, Pa.), Richard J. Smith (Lafayette, Ellisville, Mo.), E. Wygant Smith (Westminster, Newburgh, N.Y.), James L. Stites (Calvary, Brick Town, N.J.), Fred Stroup (Olive Branch, St. Louis, Mo.), Scott T. Swank (Westminster, Lancaster, Pa.), Robert A. Titmus (First, Pittsburgh, Pa.), Earl J. Tyson (Calvary, Willow Grove, Pa.), Wesley G. Vannoy (Faith, Wilmington, Del.)

**Alternate Ruling Elder Delegates Present:** Ward S. Hildreth (Calvary, Hampton, Va.), Rudolph F. Schmidt (First, Lookout Mountain, Ga.), Peter Stam, Jr. (Covenant, St. Louis, Mo.), Marshall West (Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland, Fla.).

**The following ministers**, though not present for Roll Call at the first or eighth sederunt, were present for part of Synod: Reverend Messrs. George Ackley, Thomas G. Cross, Martin C. Freeland, Linwood G. Gebb, Archie Jones, John MacGregor, Warren Myers, Dan Orme, Elmer B. Smick

**The following Ruling Elders**, though not present for Roll Call at the first or eighth sederunt, were present for part of Synod: Chalmers Elder (Darlington, Pa.), James J. Kaufmann (Alternate, Huntsville, Ala.), Harvey S.

McIntyre (Bethel, Sparta, Ill.), W. A. Mitchell (Augusta Street, Greenville, S.C.), Vernon C. Pierce (Evangelical, Trenton, N.J.), James H. Service (Huntsville, Ala.), Gordon D. Shaw (Westminster, Elgin, Ill.), H. Gordon Shelley (Augusta Street, Greenville, S.C.), W. M. Smith (Meadowview, Lexington, N.C.).

**Docket:** It was moved, seconded, and carried to postpone adoption of the Docket until the beginning of the second sederunt.

**Election of Officers:** The floor was opened for nominations for Moderator. The following gentlemen were nominated: Reverend Messrs. Paul Alexander, LaVerne Donaldson (asked that his name be withdrawn), Arthur Glasser, Wilbur Wallis, John M. L. Young. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominee who receives the second highest vote on the final ballot become Vice Moderator. It was moved, seconded and carried to reconsider this motion. Upon reconsideration, the motion was lost. It was moved and seconded that if there is no election on the first ballot, the delegates vote on the two highest nominees. On the first ballot, Messrs. Wallis and Glasser received the highest number of votes. At the request of Dr. Glasser, it was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Wallis be elected by white ballot.

Arthur Glasser, John M. L. Young and A. Dale Umbreit were nominated for the office of Vice Moderator. It was moved, seconded, but lost that the vote be by show of hands. Secret ballot produced the election of Dr. Young.

New ministers attending their first Synod were introduced at this time.

**Election of Assistant Clerk:** Rev. Robert Hastings was nominated, but declined. Rev. David Alexander was nominated. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and Mr. Alexander was elected by white ballot.

Synod recessed at 11:00 a.m.

## **SECOND SEDERUNT, TUESDAY, 1:30 P.M.**

The Moderator called the Synod to order and called upon Rev. W. Ronald Case to offer the constituting prayer. The minutes of the first sederunt were read and approved as read.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

### **Standing Committees**

**Resolutions:** Rev. Dr. John M. L. Young (Chairman), Mr. E. Allen Duble,

Mr. Theodore Barker, Dr. Peter Stam, Jr., Rev. Malcolm Brown, Rev. John Hoogstrate.

**Auditing:** Mr. Robert Titmus (Chairman), Mr. John Christie, Rev. Bryant Black.

**Bills and Overtures:** Dr. W. G. Vannoy (Chairman), Mr. Theodore Barker, Rev. Nelson Malkus, Rev. Leonard Van Horn, Rev. William Barker, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. Earl Tyson, Rev. Robert Cox, Mr. William Hawley, Rev. Frank Crane.

**Presbytery Records:** Dr. Paul Gilchrist (Chairman), Mr. Phillip Olin, Rev. Eugene Potoka, Mr. Edwin Peterson, Rev. Winslow Collins, Rev. James Perry.

**Attendance and Expense:** Mr. George Linder (Chairman), Rev. Frank Smick, Rev. Albert Moginot, Jr., Rev. Richard Aeschliman, Rev. Charles Holliday, Mr. Frank Rowley, Mr. Clifford Jacobson.

**Parliamentarian:** Dr. R. Laird Harris.

**Adoption of the Docket:** Upon motion, two amendments to the Docket were adopted: reports of the Synod Treasurer and of the Conferences, Camps and Homes exchanged places; reports of the Women's Synodical and of the Committee to Write History of the Church exchanged places. Upon motion, the Docket was adopted as amended.

**Minutes of the 146th Synod:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the printed Minutes of the 146th General Synod be adopted as official, with the following corrections:

1. Page 58, first line of VI should read: "To promote home-centered and church-centered training of our".
2. Page 105, Lamb Fund Trustees, Class of 1969, add J. Scott.
3. Statistics for the Southern Presbytery were omitted.

# STATISTICS

Southern Presbytery  
 Moderator: Rev. Thomas F. Jones  
 Stated Clerk: Rev. Paul Alexander

	Communicants	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Attendances					Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Members Gained	Members Lost	Dismission	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
Reformed Presbyterian Houston, Kentucky	12	3	3	1	0	0	49	49	49	8	55	yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	0	0	5	21 \$	860
Westminster Presbyterian Bowling Green, Kentucky	76	23	8	6	3	6	73	70	44	23	85	yes	no	yes	0	2	1	2	2	69	7,174	1,056
Ryder Memorial Bible Pres. Bluff City, Tennessee	29	18	0	3	0	4	50	55	25	21	70	no	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,926	97
First Reformed Pres. Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Sept.-May June-August	90	29	25	4	3	7	106	325 100	325 100	30 30		no	yes	yes	7	0	19	2	0	3	17,256	7,772
Church of the Covenant Nashville, Tennessee	8	3	6	0	0	0	6	14	6	5	6	no	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,400	600
Reformed Presbyterian Huntsville, Alabama	154	80	99	6	6	6	138	195	85	25	200	yes	yes	yes	5	27		28	0	21	34,183	5,940
Reformed Presbyterian Muscle Shoals, Ala.	12	3	4	0	0	0	24	25	13	9	43	no	no	no	1	3	0	0	0	0	7,565	315
Covenant Presbyterian Auburn, Alabama	27	14	9	3	3	3	41	52			22	no			0	0	2	0	0	0	11,200	0
TOTALS	408	176	154	23	15	26	387	785 560	607 318	121	481				13	32	22	32	2	98	81,724	16,640



**Bills and Overtures**, as follows were presented to Synod and upon motion referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

1. from Great Plains Presbytery - regarding service of ministers in Agencies.
- 2a. from Philadelphia Presbytery - regarding Synod Vice Moderator.
- 2b. from Southeast Presbytery - regarding Synod Vice Moderator.
3. from Philadelphia Presbytery - concerning Elder commissioners.
4. from Southeast Presbytery - regarding divorced men's eligibility to office.
- 5a. from Southeast Presbytery - regarding dividing of presbytery.
- 5b. from Philadelphia Presbytery - regarding dividing of presbytery.
- 6a. from Midwestern Presbytery - regarding government aid to Covenant College.
- 6b. from Presbytery of California - regarding government aid to Covenant College.
- 7a. from Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest - regarding union with Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
- 7b. from Pittsburgh Presbytery - regarding union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
8. from Northeast Presbytery - regarding registration fee for Synod.
9. from Great Plains Presbytery - regarding time of Synod.
10. from Southern Presbytery - regarding licensure requirements.
11. from Southern Presbytery - regarding Dispensationalism.
12. from Southern Presbytery - regarding an Associate Stated Clerk of Synod.
13. from Southern Presbytery - regarding the Administrative Committee.
14. from Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Levittown, Pa., through Philadelphia Presbytery - regarding worldly practices.
15. from the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest - regarding Speaking in Tongues.
16. from Rocky Mountain Presbytery - regarding non-communicant members, Lord's Supper.
17. from Rocky Mountain Presbytery - regarding sex education in the schools.

**Seating of Corresponding Members and Visiting Brethren:** Upon motion, Elder McGregor Scott, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was welcomed and seated as a corresponding member of Synod. Upon motion, the following were welcomed and seated as visiting brethren: Messrs. Baker Taylor, III, William Swenson, Robert Edmiston, Thomas Holt, Dale Dykema, James Singleton, Charles Gwin, Paul Taylor, Jr., Joe Little, James Conrad, George Anderson, Paul Meiners, and Rev. John Richmond.

**The Nominating Committee** presented its initial report.

Fathers and Brethren: The Nominating Committee presents the following names for the Class of 1972.

**INITIAL BALLOT** (\*--recommended by agency) (2/3--needed to elect because already on another agency)

**HOME MISSIONS (4)**

Richard Brinkley\*  
Martin Freeland\*  
Carl Stewart\*  
David Sutton\*

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING (8)**

James Cox  
Robert Gray, Elder\*  
Darrell Harris\*  
Harold Hight\*  
James Kiefer\*  
James Ransom 2/3  
Stephen Smallman\*  
Howard Oakley\*  
George Smith\*  
Robert Warren

**COVENANT COLLEGE (8)**

James Alston, Elder\*  
Dean Couch, Elder\*  
Robert deMoss, OPElder  
Frank Dyrness\*  
Thomas Edwards, Elder\*  
Commander Gutsche, Elder\*  
W. Edward Lyons 2/3  
Matthew Prince, Elder\*  
Robert G. Rayburn\*  
Floyd Rundle, Elder\*  
Donald Semisch, Elder\*  
Hugh Smith, Elder\*  
William Shay, Elder\*

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN  
FOUNDATION (6)**

(Elected annually as group)

William Alling\*  
William Gerstung, Elder\*  
Robert Palmer\*  
Vernon Pierce, Elder\*  
Elmer Smick\*  
Hugh Smith, Elder\*  
Thomas Waldecker

**PENSIONS (2)**

David McIntyre, Elder\*  
Robert Stewart\*  
Harold Rapp

**WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS  
(8)**

Robert Brown\*  
J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.\*  
R. Daniel Cannon\*  
George Johnson, Elder\*  
Roger Hunt  
Nelson Malkus\*  
William McColley  
Homer Perkins, Elder  
Earl R. Eckerson  
Malcolm D. Brown  
Robert Stewart\*  
John Christie, Elder\*  
J.W. Stewart, Elder  
Robert Rayburn 2/3

**LAMB FUND (4)**

Frank Dyrness\*  
Ralph Ruth, Elder\*  
James Scott, Elder\*  
McGregor Scott, Elder\*

## **FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

Marion Barnes, Elder  
Thomas Cross  
Richard Gray  
George Miladin  
John Sanderson  
Richard Tevebaugh  
Wilbur Wallis  
Samuel Ward  
John Young

## **ARCHIVIST**

R. Laird Harris

## **NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS (7)**

Richard Aeschliman\*  
Charles Edgar, Elder\*  
Daniel Fannon\*  
Richard Gray\*  
Robert Hoyle\*  
Martin Freeland  
Kyle Thurman\*  
Nelson Malkus\*  
Wilbur Siddons\*

## **CHAPLAINS (4)**

George Bragdon\*  
LaVerne Donaldson\*  
Art Glasser\*  
William Leonard\*  
David Peterson  
Steve Smallman

## **COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (8)**

Paul Alexander\*  
Robert Cox 2/3  
Presley Edwards, Elder\*  
Charles Holliday\*  
Hugh Johnson, Elder\*  
George Linder, Elder\*  
Donald MacNair\*  
Theodore Martin  
Edward Noe\*  
Kyle Thurman 2/3  
Dale Umbreit

## **TRUSTEES OF SYNOD (4)**

Gustav Blomquist  
Frank Dyrness\*  
Charles Eckardt, Elder\*  
Donald MacNair\*  
Richard Gray\*  
Wesley Vannoy, Elder

## **MINISTERIAL WELFARE AND BENEFITS (3)**

Frank Dyrness\*  
Charles Eckardt, Elder\*  
Dan LeRoy, Elder  
George Linder, Elder\*  
Gordon Shelley, Elder

## **KNOLLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN LODGE (2)**

John Sanderson\*  
Earl Tyson, Elder\*

## **TREASURER**

George Linder, Elder

## **JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

W. Lyall Detlor  
Charles Holliday  
Kenneth Horner  
Rudolph Schmidt, Elder  
Elmer Smick  
Jonas Shepherd  
Dale Umbreit

## **MAGAZINE COMMITTEE**

Wilbur Blakely\*  
Dan Cannon  
Gene Fackler\*  
W. A. Mahlow\*  
Carroll Stegall\*

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Charles Anderson (SO)\*  
Alwin Van Wechel (PNW)\*  
Robert Hoyle (GP)\*  
John Kay (PHILA)\*  
Eugene Potoka (PHILA)\*  
Robert Warren (PHILA)\*

The following motion was made, seconded, and carried: That at the end of Section A of the By-Laws for election to Synod agencies (page 8, 145th Synod Minutes) that the following be added after a semicolon, "an alternate can be named to the Nominating Committee by the presbytery in case of inability of the Synod-elected member to attend Synod.

The report of the Board of Home Missions was presented by Rev. Samuel Ward.

### **BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS**

Fathers and Brethren:

It is with a real sense of regret that we announce that the property of Houston Mission in Breathitt County, Kentucky has been sold, and that the work under our direction has ceased.

We recommend the following budget, and remind the churches of continuing obligations of the Board of Home Missions as follows: Miss Elva H. Foster, pension \$1,200.00, Mrs. Laura Turner, pension \$600.00 and \$200.00 for travel and miscellaneous, making a total of \$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Home Missions

Upon motion, the report was accepted. Upon motion, a white ballot was cast for the nominees for the Class of 1972 and the following were elected: David Brinkley, Martin Freeland, Carl Stewart, David Sutton.

Rev. Harry Meiners presented his report as Stated Clerk and Statistician.

### **REPORT OF STATED CLERK AND STATISTICIAN**

Shortly after the 1968 Synod a resume of the Synod's actions was prepared by the Stated Clerk and sent to all foreign missionaries and to ministers who were unable to attend. This year a resume of each day's actions will be prepared during Synod and presented to each delegate before he leaves.

Twelve churches did not submit statistical reports this year, although we tried hard to get them. The new form this year sets a deadline of June 1 and those not received will not be included in the Minutes of Synod -- we will not hold up the printing for late reports. Complete statistics may be found at the rear of the minutes.

I was able to attend the June meeting of the Administrative Committee, while on vacation in the east. To each of the other meetings I have sent a report of my work.

Correspondence has continued heavy and I wish to again thank Mrs. Richard Hamilton for her service to God as a volunteer secretary. She donates three or four hours each week. It has been virtually impossible to answer some of the questions put this year, so I have begun work on a Cumulative Index of all the Minutes of our church and its predecessors. Once completed, and added to each year, this index will make it relatively easy to answer questions and to trace developments in the church for the past hundred years or more. This is a slow and tedious task and will take many more months for completion.

It has been rewarding to see several of our vacant pulpits filled during the past year. I continue to send lists of vacant churches to ministers and to seminary seniors who request them. I have made a change with regard to ministers from outside our denomination who desire to candidate in our pulpits -- requiring that they first be examined by one of our presbyteries or a committee thereof and be recommended to our churches. Lists of available ministers and licentiates (confidential) are sent to churches requesting them.

May I again request that I be informed when pulpits become vacant, ministers move, presbyteries ordain men, and there are other significant changes in the complexion of our church. I would be happy to receive copies of the minutes of presbytery meetings in order to keep my files up to date.

In closing may I add that in addition to my desk duties, I am grateful that God has given me the strength and opportunities for a preaching, teaching, and counselling ministry during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry H. Meiners, Jr.

Recommendation: That Synod approve the sending of the following letter to the National Presbytery of Chile.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendation be adopted.

May 20, 1969

The President  
The Honorable National Presbytery of Chile

Dear Brethren in Christ:

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Church it is our privilege to send you greetings. This letter is sent by the unanimous vote of the delegates to the 147th General Synod, meeting at Covenant College. Their signatures appear below.

During the past twenty-five years you have faithfully preached the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. You have built a strong Presbytery. You have undoubtedly had to rebuild walls that had been torn down or weakened by a false "gospel".

In the United States we have done much of the same. As Nehemiah of old we are builders together with you of the world-wide church of Jesus Christ. In the fourth chapter of Nehemiah we read about the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem and the precautions taken against the enemies of God's people in His work. In verses 19 to 21 we read:

"And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall one far from another.

In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

"So we laboured in the work . . ."

Indeed you and we are separated, but we are working together. When our trumpet sounds, we request that you resort thither unto us, to uphold us in prayer. And when your trumpet sounds, we shall also pray for you. By this, and our missionaries among you, we shall keep strong the ties that bind us.

May God richly bless your anniversary year with the conversion of many souls, the nourishing and strengthening of the saints, and by the calling of many of your young people unto His service.

By order of the 147th General Synod,

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Wilber B. Wallis  
Moderator  
/s/ John M. L. Young  
Vice Moderator  
/s/ David Alexander  
Assistant Clerk

/s/ Harry H. Meiners Jr.  
Rev. Harry H. Meiners, Jr.  
Stated Clerk

(Three and one-half pages of signatures followed)

HHM/ksh

Synod recessed at 2:45 with prayer by Rev. Thomas Waldecker. Reconvened at 3:05 with prayer by Elder Edwin Peterson.

Dr. W. G. Vannoy presented the report of the Administrative Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Fathers and Brethren:

Action by the 146th General Synod to continue the Administrative Committee was greatly appreciated by the Moderator. The men who served on the Committee were: Franklin S. Dyrness, Harry H. Meiners, Jr., Frank Smick, Jr., William A. Mahlow, R. Daniel Cannon, Marion D. Barnes, R. Laird Harris, and Wesley G. Vannoy. Agency representatives who attended one or more of the committee meetings were: George R. Bragdon, L. LaVerne Donaldson, Richard W. Gray, Arthur L. Kay, and P. Robert Palmer.

Mr. Mahlow served as Secretary of the Administrative Committee. Subcommittees were established with Chairmen as follows to work with Agency representatives, and others if needed, in an endeavor to make helpful contributions in the fields indicated.

<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
1. Synod Reorganization-	Dr. Barnes
2. Fund Raising and Promotion	Dr. Dyrness
3. Self Study -	Mr. Smick
4. Church History and Synopsis of Parliamentary Law-	Dr. Harris
5. Goals and Methods-	Mr. Cannon
6. Display Table and Idea Exchange-	Mr. Meiners
7. Pre-Synod Meetings-	Mr. Mahlow

Five meetings of the Administrative Committee and Agency representatives were held with attendance ranging from 6 to 11 members and representatives.

Various communications were handled with the help of the Stated Clerk.

The matter of inner-city work was referred to National Presbyterian Missions with the suggestion that they consider cooperation with local churches, church extension committees of presbyteries, and that they endeavor to promote a burden for inner-city work throughout our denomination and that they give consideration to cooperation in the inner-city programs of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Christian Reformed Church.

With due regard to expressed Synod desires, the Administrative Committee endeavored to be administrative rather than executive in character. In this connection, and in so far as possible, recommendations which developed during the course of the Committee meetings were sent to Synod via overtures rather than holding such recommendations for this meeting of Synod. For example, overtures concerning elections and elder commissioners, as presented by the Philadelphia Presbytery, originated in the Administrative Committee.

Reports by Subcommittees 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 which follow deserve your careful consideration. Questions with regard to any of these reports should be directed to the chairman involved. A few pertinent points related to some of these reports are included here for emphasis.

The study of Synod Reorganization is not complete and should be continued to a definite and final conclusion.

With regard to Fund Raising and Promotion the total financial needs of our agencies expected from our denomination is close to \$796,429.00 which is more than twice the amount which our churches gave to missions last year, namely \$371,496.00. This means giving for missions at the rate of \$72.00 per person per year. This amount of mission giving is undoubtedly high for many of our churches and people. However, it does serve to set a worthy goal for mission giving. Based upon the budgets of the agencies, approximate giving percentages are needed as follows:

Agencies	Percent
Covenant Seminary	22
Christian Training	2
National Presbyterian Missions	12
Covenant College	22
World Presbyterian Missions	40
Synod Administration	2

Regardless of the amount of money given for missions by a church, these figures can be helpful in guiding budget allotments. It should be born in mind that every church may not yet support every agency and some agencies have fewer supporters than others, therefore this percentage basis should not be used to reduce giving without prior consultation with the agency affected.

We thank the Lord for the strong and effective agencies He has given us in Covenant Seminary and College, Christian Training, National and World Presbyterian Missions. Each one of these agencies is vitally important to the life and welfare of our denomination.



Goals and Methods are subjects of significant value to each one of us. It is our bounden duty to grow and to spread the gospel by a clear and faithful witness until our Lord returns. Means to this end which God by His sovereign grace has blessed through the years include:

1. Person to person witness
2. Establishing new fundamental churches
3. Joining with others of like precious faith.

May it please the Lord to help us to apply these procedures effectively in our endeavors to mold and use our church in His service during these apostate days. The wiles of Satan are all about us and we must earnestly beseech the Lord for the wisdom we need in order to guard against false fellows, false faith, and false foundation.

Self Study shows a pressing need in our denomination for aggressive evangelism. This is a work for both pastor and people. This is our chief business during these latter days both at home and abroad. Any efforts we can put forth which will aid in spreading the gospel should be considered carefully. Better witnessing aids from our own churches and/or denomination for use by our ministers and laymen could be very helpful. Such aids might include:

1. Daily devotions literature
2. A national broadcast
3. Pertinent Christian news via a weekly or monthly paper.

In order to be effective these aids must be done well so that our people will be encouraged to make use of them in their Christian witness.

In closing my sincere appreciation and thanks are extended to the members of the Administrative Committee, and the agency representatives who met with us, for their interest and cooperation in this part of the work of our church. May our efforts together be used for the glory of our Lord. "But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9:24.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Vannoy  
Moderator

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the present plan for the Administrative Committee to assist and supplement the Moderator be continued.
2. That the Subcommittee on Synod Reorganization be continued with present or revised personnel as needed.
3. That the Subcommittee on Goals and Methods be continued with the present or revised membership as needed.

## REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON SYNOD ANALYSIS

The 146th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, instructed the Administrative Committee to make a self-study report of all of our churches, agencies, presbyteries, and the General Synod. It is not difficult to imagine the enormity of this task, for there is probably no one among us who is sufficient for these things, having a first-hand knowledge of the workings of the entire Synod. Some feel that an outside, secular organization of specialists could better accomplish this task than the Administrative Committee, but the cost for such an undertaking is prohibitive and Synod's directions were that the Administrative Committee undertake this study. The method we have used is to send a questionnaire to twenty-four men who have had a leading part in the life of our church, both as laymen and ministers. At this time, we have received thirteen responses to our questionnaire. In considering what to emphasize in this report, we have included only those matters where there seems to be a consensus in the replies to our questionnaire. Obviously, many men have strong preferences and convictions about other matters, but we are attempting to stress those things which seem obvious to all. If this report seems somewhat negative in emphasis it is only because if the patient is somewhat ill, he would rather have the doctor concentrate on the particular organs of the body which are troubling him rather than commend him for his general over-all good health.

### 1-EVANGELISM

It is the overwhelming consensus of opinion that one of the chief reasons that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod has not experienced more numerical growth is the lack of aggressive evangelism. There seems to be a tendency to engage in criticism over various methods with the result that often no method is employed and a defeatist attitude is engendered. These are difficult days to preach the gospel, but the winning of souls is our business as a church. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." A greater emphasis upon our personal relationship to Jesus Christ in trusting and following Him would automatically result in great evangelistic effort. What is real to us, we will naturally communicate to others.

It is suggested that all of our churches engage in a definite evangelistic thrust during the coming year, employing methods best suited to each local situation. In addition to such an organized "campaign" there should be a regular emphasis on personal witnessing and on continued attempts to bring the unsaved under the hearing of the gospel. Pastors and sessions need to stimulate the people as to the wisdom of winning souls.

## **2- THE WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Reports come of the lack of effectiveness in many of the Sunday Schools throughout our church. Many of the churches seem too willing to settle for poor educational standards, with the Sunday School being poorly organized, poorly supervised and poorly taught. It is felt that some of our weaknesses relating to the lack of evangelism, the failure to teach doctrinal distinctives, and the challenging of our young people are directly related to the poor job being done in many of our Sunday Schools. Sunday Schools need to reevaluate their curriculum, to investigate better teaching materials, to be more selective in choosing teachers, to inaugurate teacher training programs, and generally, to do those things which will make this hour a profitable learning experience for the children and adults of the church. It is suggested that perhaps Christian Training, Inc. could form a team of capable, enthused people who could visit Sunday School board meetings and make known to our people those materials and methods which have been successfully used in other places.

## **3-ATTENDANCE**

There seems to be evidence that the Sunday evening services and especially the mid-week prayer meeting is not well attended in the average Reformed Presbyterian Church. Various reasons are given...the hectic pace of modern life, dull stereotyped services, spiritual problems, the failure of church officers to attend, etc. While our church is no worse than other denominations in this regard, it seems to be symptomatic of the general weakness of the church-at-large in spiritual power. Vital people attract others. We all like the company of those who are alive and enjoying life. Our prayer meetings should be characterized by a spiritual vitality affording to those who come love, fellowship, spiritual food and communion with God. A movement toward this goal might begin as pastors and officers search their own hearts in this matter.

## **4-FINANCES**

One of the chief problems causing difficulties between the agencies and the local churches is the matter of finances. The expansion of the agencies and their corresponding larger financial needs and programs has exceeded the growth of the churches. There is the feeling that the agencies embark on large ambitious programs and then pressure or even attempt to shame the churches into the support of "your" institution. Some feel that denomin-

ational executives have little appreciation of the problems in the local church. On the other hand, some churches and pastors show virtually no interest and concern for the work of the agencies. Lay people in some of the churches seem to be little informed or involved in the needs of our agencies. In some way mutual trust and loyalty has to bridge the gap between our churches and agencies who need each other.

### **5-WHAT COMMENDS US TO THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN PUBLIC?**

Many of those who responded to our questionnaire felt that the thing that would commend us most to the Christian public is the simple preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Most liberal churches have long since forsaken the scriptures in their pulpits, and even some churches who believe the scriptures do a shallow job in teaching their people the Word of God. It is in this area that our Reformed Presbyterian Church should commend itself in that the Scriptures are being related to the problems of modern living. In the confusion which abounds on every hand, we need preachers who understand the needs of the people and who are able to proclaim, "thus saith the Lord". Such authoritative preaching must be done "in the Spirit" by yielded men who have an experimental knowledge of the truths they proclaim.

## **REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FUND RAISING AND PROMOTION**

### **I. The Philosophy behind Promotion and Fund Raising:**

A. The mandate of the Great Commission is given to the Church. We need to emphasize that the Church as ordained of God, must face all that this implies.

B. Inter-dependency of local churches and responsibility to each other must be recognized. What cannot be done alone, can be done unitedly. We are all part of one another.

C. The Agencies of the denomination are inter-dependent, and should so function. Duplication of effort should be avoided.

D. There is a "feedback cycle" between the churches and agencies. Growth of each is inter-dependent. The agencies do help the churches grow. We must all grow together.

E. Scriptural teaching on Stewardship of time and substance needs ever to be given proper emphasis from the pulpit. "Teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20.

### **II. Practical Inter-Action and Relationship between the Churches.**

A. The family-similarity in the Church. As the family may have many members, but ideally has a united stand and purpose, so the denomination. Each organization in the denomination must act as part of a whole, and

not in an isolated manner.

B. Responsibility to one another. All need to be a part of something bigger than themselves. "No man lives to himself" We are exhorted to, "Consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Heb. 10:24.

C. Love for Christ and one another. It was said of the early Church, "Behold how they love one another". Christ confronts us with the practical aspect of our Faith, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you". John 15:13, 14.

D. Stewardship is a challenge of our love to Christ. Paul in dealing with this writes, "To prove the sincerity of your love". 2 Cor. 8:8. He indicates their concern for Christ's messengers is a "proof of your love". 2 Cor.8:24.

### III. Implementation: - This may be done by:

A. More prayerful teaching on the doctrine and nature of the Church.

B. Scriptural indoctrination on prayers, giving and generosity.

C. While leaving freedom for the individual, suggested programs for giving can be helpful.

D. Presentation of responsibility as a matter for the whole Church to consider in regard to its whole work.

E. A suggested percentage basis as a guide for giving could be helpful.

F. Agencies should be free to conduct their work, being responsible in their actions to relate them to the overall program of the Church.

G. A voluntary joint committee of Boards and Agencies meeting annually for consideration of programs and budgets.

H. Where pledges are desirable, consider asking for them on a shorter period, thus encouraging more to share in this manner.

I. Keep before our constituency various ways they may share in the work of the Church, including the idea of Wills, Trusts, etc.

J. Consideration of a Denominational wide "Forward" or "Advancement" Program to include needs for capital purposes of Boards, Agencies, and the local Church.

K. An Annual Guide for giving could be suggested such as:

	1969-70			
	Needed	From Denomination %	Amount	Percent in giving
Covenant College	\$235,000	75%	176,250	22%
Covenant Seminary	218,849	80%-85%	175,080	22%
World Pres. Missions	510,000	60%-65%	306,000	40%
Natl. Pres. Missions	100,000	95%	95,000	12%
Christian Training, Inc.	22,000	80%	17,600	2%
Synod Administration (Inc. travel where not covered)	<u>16,000</u>	100%	<u>16,000</u>	<u>2%</u>
	\$1,093,849		\$785,930	100%

#### IV. Suggested Ideas:

- A. Consider a joint committee of all Boards and Agencies, two members to be appointed by each, to consider problems of common concern. To gain an understanding of the needs, operation, etc. of each other.
- B. Consider a central mailing to be available for Boards and Agencies desiring to use it.
- C. Consider a joint monthly bulletin giving pertinent information about each Board and Agency. It could include financial reports of income, disbursements and needs.
- D. Seek to make promotional material more representative of denomination. See that it varies from time to time.
- E. Endeavor to encourage giving on a personalized basis as it relates to missionaries or projects.
- F. Consider joint meeting of the Boards and Agencies in the Fall to become better acquainted with each other as to the operation and personnel.
- G. Consider special appeals thru Sunday School and Church, to be arranged so as not to conflict with each other.
- H. Suggest to Presbyteries to impress on men accepting calls to recognize their responsibility to encourage the local church in relation to the total program of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

The Sub-Committee on  
Fund Raising and Promotion

## **REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

A brief outline of parliamentary procedure has been prepared and included in the papers supplied to commissioners to the Synod. The basis of this outline is the Parliamentary Procedures pamphlet prepared some time ago by the Rev. Robert H. Cox. Extra copies of this pamphlet are still available from Christian Training, Inc.

R. L. Harris

## **REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH**

This committee has been in touch with some of our people who are interested in writing up the history of our Church. It has endeavoured to encourage these efforts and to an extent coordinated them. A pamphlet has been prepared and printed by Dr. Thomas G. Cross on our particular recent history. A history giving forth background back to the Reformation has been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt George. This history will be published by Christian Training, Inc. as one of the booklets in the Church Officer Training Series.

Further work is still contemplated by other authors who will present the history in fuller detail. We would encourage such research and presentation.

R. L. Harris

## **REPORT BY "THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND GOALS TO SYNOD"**

### **Introduction**

The 146th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, passed the following motion:

"That those responsible for the arrangements for next years' Synod consider including in the program some real goals for the growth and outreach of our churches and denomination, and also some definite methods to reach these goals," (Such as 2,000 new members or 15 to 20 new churches).

The Administrative Committee appointed the Rev. Daniel Cannon as chairman of "The Sub-Committee formed to recommend goals to Synod." The following were requested by Mr. Cannon to serve with him: Dr. Arthur Glasser, the Rev. Arthur Kay, Mr. Robert Edmiston, the Rev. Lynden Stewart, the Rev. Donald MacNair, the Rev. George Bragdon, the Rev. Howard Oakley. The Rev. William Mahlow and the Rev. Beryl Hubbard also sat in.

The Committee further redefined its purpose, stating that it:

1. Would avoid involvement in any of the organizational problems and any problems of inter-relationship of Presbytery, Synod, Agencies, etc.
2. Would concentrate on matters related to how to further the growth of life, size, witness, etc. of local churches. This in turn, of course, will have an important effect on our denomination and its agencies.

This preliminary report is organized under four headings:

- I Toward a philosophy of growth
- II Is our church growing?
- III Analysis of growth
- IV How to grow?

## I Toward a philosophy of growth

The Committee would encourage the denomination and each local church to study the Scripture with the view to developing a philosophy of growth.

A. Such a philosophy ought to be biblically based. What do the Scriptures teach about the growth of the Christian Church? of church bodies? of individuals?

The following are some of the texts that ought to be studied:

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| 1. Luke 19:22-27     | 6. Romans 9:1-3         |
| 2. Matthew 25:14-30  | 7. I Timothy 4:16       |
| 3. Luke 14:15-24     | 8. II Corinthians 10:33 |
| 4. Ephesians 4:16    | 9. Acts 6:7             |
| 5. II Timothy 2:8-10 |                         |

Also texts where hope and confidence in God's active building and transforming of people would be studied.

B. There should be an active commitment to a biblical philosophy of growth. It is important, not only that our denomination and each individual church develop a biblically based philosophy of growth, but also that we humble ourselves before God in heart searching, with a view to a renewed commitment to obedience to God's commission and confidence in God's promises.

## II Is our church growing?

Honesty before God and the people who dedicate their time, talent and money in Christian stewardship to our denomination demand that we ask ourselves as a denomination and as local churches, "Are we growing?"



A. On the one hand the answer is "Yes".

1. The following statistical report indicates an overall growth through the addition of new churches. Consistently through the years average church membership has remained constant at about 100.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Number of Churches</u>
1948	8,356 BPC-RPC	79
1954	9,661 BPC-RPC	98
1957	6,329 EPC-RPC	65
1962	9,036 EPC-RPC	89
1968	11,070 RPC	118

2. Other studies show that certain local churches are experiencing reasonably rapid growth in membership and giving.

B. On the other hand the church is not growing.

1. The statistical report is discouraging in the light of the challenge of the rapid growth of the population.

2. There are serious gaps in the evangelical witness in such areas as campus and inner city ministries. (See point IV).

3. Some churches are not growing in numbers, some for reasons apparently beyond our control and some for reasons that appear to be correctable. (See point III).

### III Analysis of growth

A. Why are some churches growing?

1. A study of churches that are growing indicates that certain factors were noted that accompany growth: building programs in strategic locations, relatively favorable economic conditions, ministers that have stayed for a period of time, and preaching and programming for effectiveness. Further statistical studies indicate that churches do not remain static; they either grow or decline.

2. There is valuable material to be had from Dr. Donald McGavran's recently published book "Understanding Church Growth."

B. Conditions which accompany lack of church growth:

1. A series of short term pastorates, and/or ineffective pastoring.
2. Internal friction between the pastors and people, officers and people, etc.
3. Part time pastorates, and inadequately paid pastors.
4. Poor localities of buildings.
5. Inadequacy of buildings and equipment, poor maintenance, etc.
6. Lack of adequate finances, either from lack of wage earners or tithers, or lack of outside support.
7. Lack of a definite philosophy of growth and specific programming for growth.
  - a. Lack of concern for the unsaved and the needy of the world.
  - b. Lack of positive teaching and preaching program.
  - c. Lack of training for new members, officers, teachers, etc.
  - d. Lack of involvement in total life and culture in our day.
  - e. Lack of flexibility and communicated concern in dealing with youth.

#### IV How to grow

##### A. Local churches

1. Since the growing church is made up of growing individuals, program the ministry of the local church to encourage the growth of the total person into the image of Christ.
2. Encourage men of ability to enter the pastorate - and urge greater care upon Presbyteries of the church in screening candidates for the ministry.
3. Encourage and plan for participation of individual church members and families in the various activities and witness of the church.
4. Train candidates for membership, nominees for church offices, teachers, etc.
5. Biblically based preaching that is applied to the need of the people.
6. A study by the local church of its ministry in the light of the above reasons for growth or decline, for the purpose of discovering areas which need improvement.

##### B. Denominational

1. Growth through union with other like minded denominations when the people are ready for such a union.
2. Training of students for the ministry in Seminary and ministers in seminars for ministries that are direct and relevant to the demands of our day in order that we might more effectively spread the gospel.

3. Growth by starting of new churches:
  - a. By local churches which are able.
  - b. By Presbyteries
  - c. By NPM (See NPM's report on "Jerusalem Project")
  - d. By cooperative efforts of local churches and Presbyteries with

NPM.

4. An active interest in conservative churches and laymen in liberal denominations.

5. Teams from agencies to help local churches study ways of growth.

6. Development of inner city works.

a. By continuation of local works presently in the inner city through the sponsorship of Presbyteries.

b. Sponsorship of new inner city work by Presbyteries.

## CONCLUSION

We believe that the above is a good beginning of a needed study. Specific areas would include development of a philosophy of church growth and a study of the value of preaching and teaching. Therefore, we recommend that this or a similar committee be authorized to continue its studies for the year 1969-1970.

### Action on Recommendations:

Recommendation 1: It was moved, seconded, and carried that this be adopted.

Recommendation 2: It was moved and seconded that this be adopted. A substitute motion was made and seconded: that the Subcommittee on Reorganization of Synod Committees be continued with present or revised personnel as needed. An amendment to the substitute motion was moved and seconded: that the Subcommittee on Reorganization study the recommendation of or cooperation among the committees and agencies of Synod. It was moved and seconded to extend the time to complete the matter before us. By show of hands, the motion was carried. The substitute was carried, and the recommendation as substituted for was adopted.

Recommendation 3: It was moved, seconded, and carried that this be adopted.

A season of prayer was held from 4:10 to 4:25 p.m.

**Seating of Delegates:** Upon motion, the following were welcomed and seated as delegates: Rev. Archie Jones and Elder W. M. Smith (Lexington, N. C.), Elder Chalmers Elder (Darlington, Pa.), Elder Harvey McIntyre (Sparta, Ill.).

**Offerings:** It was moved, seconded, and carried that offerings be received at the evening meetings to help defray travel costs of delegates.

The report of Christian Training, Inc. was presented by Rev. George Smith and Rev. Arthur Kay.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.  
The Educational Board of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,  
Evangelical Synod**

Fathers and Brethren:

Effective Christian education has goals, such as:

- (1) reaching individuals with the gospel.
- (2) guiding Christians into a godly way of life.
- (3) training Christians to spend their lives sharing Christ.

Effective Christian education considers that:

- (1) God is the source of all truth.
- (2) the Bible is the God-breathed textbook for living.
- (3) the Holy Spirit guides in appropriating knowledge.
- (4) life's purpose is to glorify and enjoy God.
- (5) man's moral nature and intellect are affected by sin so that he cannot fulfill himself by human effort alone.
- (6) those chosen by God, regenerated by the Spirit, having faith in the crucified and risen Christ are able to glorify and enjoy God.
- (7) each person has God-given capacities that provide the potential to discover God's truths, but that only the Christian can relate the world's cultural richness to God's redemptive work.

Effective Christian education in 1969 recognizes that:

- (1) society on all levels is increasingly becoming secularized.
- (2) the limited amount of time available for Christian education in the home, church, and day school must be carefully planned for and used effectively.
- (3) trained, dedicated, exemplary teachers and counsellors are essential on all levels.
- (4) classroom theology should agree with pulpit theology.
- (5) missionary zeal is meaningful when undergirded by solid Christian education.
- (6) God's authority in the universe and His love for mankind are best understood when creative teachers who respect ideas and personal feelings share their enthusiasm for God's Word with their students.

Christian Training, Inc. through its board and staff reaffirms its desire to assist individuals, families, and churches in strengthening the work of Christian education. The balance of this report will review and preview C.T.'s activities.

## **Youth Work**

**I. STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE** - In 1968, college and highschool students served at Newburgh, N.Y.; Eighty Four, Pa.; and Grand Cayman Islands. Nine Christian young people matured as they met the demands of rigorous service in God's kingdom. An expanded program is planned for 1969 with teams going to National Presbyterian Missions churches and again to Grand Cayman. Mr. Robert J. Heerdt, the coordinator of SSS has prepared a detailed manual outlining the purpose, activities, financing, and responsibilities undertaken by all who participate in the program. An expanded foreign mission program is planned for 1970. Sessions are requested to keep SSS before the families so that young people will see the eternal value of a summer in Christian service.

**II. NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONVENTION - July 5-11, 1969**  
"Alive in God's World" is the theme and Covenant College is the place. This triennial conference will also feature an Adult Youth Leader Seminar led by George Smith. Dr. Edmund Clowney will be the evening speaker and other ministers on the staff are Thomas Jones, Robert Nuernberger, Will Barker, Charles Anderson, John Kay, George Soltau, and Arthur Kay. Youth seminars will be held daily; these are designed to enable the delegates to share what they learn back at the local youth group. Each church is urged to send adult and youth delegates; many churches are providing financial assistance because they want to invest in future leadership for the RPC,ES.

**III. SMALL GROUP SUMMER CONFERENCES** - It's a thrilling sight to see an old barn, apparently destined for decay, suddenly become very useful. It's even more exciting to see human lives, headed for ruin or meaningless existence, suddenly become alive with purpose. That's what happened at Coventry House in 1968.

Christian Training, Inc. is ready to help others get similar ministries underway. It takes a minimal amount of money; considerable physical energy; a maximum amount of dedication to the concept that real life begins with a right relationship to God, through Christ; and a sincere willingness to trust God's Holy Spirit to deal with the voiced questions, doubts, and decisions that are sure to come out in a small group.

In addition to assisting others in organizing summer camps and conferences, C.T.I.'s Director will supervise the "Life in Perspective" conferences at Coventry House in 1969. Ministers and Elders who will participate are Dr. Richard Gray, Rev. Frank Sargent, Dr. Nelson Kennedy, Rev. Dave Doughty, Donald Semisch, Esq., Rev. Wayne Brauning, Dr. Robert Webber, Rev. George Smith and Rev. Arthur Kay.

## **Dept. of Publications**

An important part of the ministry of C.T.I. is the publishing of distinctive materials and distribution of other literature and church supplies.

**I. ROBERT YOUNG BEQUEST** - A record number of churches were supplied with Bibles, New Testaments, and catechisms so that the fund is depleted. New requests and those in hand will be honored according to the policy established to determine priorities.

**II. ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CURRICULUM COMMITTEE** - Representatives of C.T.I. sit in on meetings and advise on development of the Great Commission Sunday School literature. A Junior course will be added in the Fall of 1970.

**III. CHRISTIAN TRAINING ITEMS** - This Newsheet will be issued three times each year. It will include C.T.I. activities; news and ideas on synod-wide Christian education; and advertise books and supplies.

**IV. W.P.M. NEWSLETTER** - Thanks to World Presbyterian Missions for making several pages available each year for acquainting people with C.T.I.'s program through this widely-distributed newsletter.

**V. AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY** - An increasing number of churches are using this service that includes the vast stock of the Sacred Film Library. Catalogs are available on request.

**VI. EVANGELICAL BOOK STORE** - Books from every publisher can be purchased through C.T.I.'s mail-order supply house, usually at 20% discount. The entire ministry of C.T.I. benefits when individuals and churches purchase Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, church bulletins, books and other supplies through this outlet. Prompt and efficient service is provided.

**VII. BOOK TABLE IN YOUR CHURCH** - C.T.I. will supply a stock of books on consignment. A number of churches are now benefitting from this service. Write for information.

**VIII. CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING SERIES** - Spring, 1969 will see the fourth booklet added to this training series developed under the direction of Rev. Kenneth A. Horner and his C.T.I. sub-committee on publications. Christian Doctrine, The Elder, and The Deacon are now available. Church History (Reformation through RPC.E.S) will be published soon.

## **Other Activities**

**I. NPM/CTI COOPERATION** - Both boards met together and decided to join in a program of church development. The C.T.I. Director serves as consultant on Christian education matters by visiting the new work at a very early stage. Follow-up visits follow within a few months. Initial visits have been made to Maitland, Fla. and Vincennes, Ind.

**II. SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVANCE** - The winners in the 1968 Contest were:  
 Division I - Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Alderwood Manor, Washington  
 Division II - Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Phila., Pa.  
 Division III - Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill, N.J.  
 The 1969 Advance will be held from October 5 to November 9.

**III. 1969 SYNOD DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES** - Though not a part of our training program, C.T.I. continues to prepare and distribute this important denominational tool. A word of appreciation to the Quarryville Presbyterian Home for supplying financial assistance on this project. Better cooperation in supplying accurate information promptly, will be of great help. Time available and personnel for this job are limited.

### **Finances**

We respectfully request that every church in the denomination include Christian Training, Inc. in its benevolent budget. By giving to C.T.I. you are not only helping us to defray the expense of serving each local congregation but C.T.I. also performs a vital missionary program with young people. During the past year, needed extra-help could not be secured due to lack of funds; we need this extra help now and it's included in the following budget.

### **1969 Budget**

<b>Projected Income</b>	
Gifts from individuals, churches, and foundations	\$17,600
Gross profits from Dept. of Publications	<u>6,168</u>
	<b>\$23,768</b>
<b>Projected Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$11,208
Housing	2,400
Hospitalization	260
Pension	360
Travel Expense	2,750
Social Security	660
Board Expense	720
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation	240
Student Summer Service	600
Office Utilities	900
Office Equipment, postage, and supplies	1,500
Part-time office help and special projects	<u>2,170</u>
	<b>\$23,768</b>

## Conclusion

The field of Christian education is broad --- from the seminary classroom to a conversation between two little children there is the opportunity for God's light to manifest itself. The psalmist said of God, "For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light" (Psalm 36:9). The Apostle John added, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another---and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). May God be pleased to use our worship services, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, youth groups, Christian day schools, home Bible classes, camps, conferences, personal counselling, and other avenues of training to make Christ known.

Thanks to God and to you for permitting me to serve you in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Kay  
Director

**Election to C.T.I. Board:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. The following were elected by secret ballot to the Class of 1972: Robert Gray, Darrell Harris, Harold Hight, Beryl Hubbard, James Kiefer. Stephen Smallman, and George Smith; and to the Class of 1971: Howard Oakley.

Synod adjourned at 5:20 p.m. and was led in prayer by Rev. Karl K. Heller.

## THIRD SEDERUNT, WEDNESDAY, 8:30 a.m.

The Synod was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of the second sederunt were read and approved as read.

**Seating of Corresponding Members:** Upon motion, the following were seated as corresponding members of Synod: Rev. Dr. S. Bruce Willson, Rev. Arthur O. Olson, Rev. Jerome Brock, Rev. H. Dexter Clark.

Rev. H. Dexter Clark, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, addressed Synod.

Rev. Arthur O. Olson, fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, spoke to Synod. In addition to bringing fraternal greetings, he spoke



about the similarities between our two churches and the possibilities of a union.

The report of Covenant College was presented by Dr. Marion D. Barnes. Impressions of Covenant College were given by three persons: a member of the community, Mr. Thomas Duff; a student, Mr. Steve Sligh; a parent, Rev. Richard Strom.

## **REPORT OF COVENANT COLLEGE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD MAY, 1969**

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, has made two significant investments in Covenant College during the past year. This is a report on our stewardship of those investments.

### **An Investment of Students**

The enrollment at Covenant College for the school year 1968-69 was 307. Of those young men and women, 159 were from Reformed Presbyterian churches. That percentage compares as follows with other years:

	64-5	65-6	66-7	67 8	68-9
TOTAL	156	212	251	315	307
R. P.	91	137	145	175	159
%	58%	65%	58%	56%	52%

During the past year every one of the half-dozen highest student government offices was held by a Reformed Presbyterian student. While that has never been and is not now a goal of the administration, it is a fact that there has rarely existed at Covenant a more energetic student government or a warmer sense of cooperation between student leaders and the administration. Much of the credit goes to Mr. Steve Sligh, president of the student body and a product of Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Fla. Mr. Sligh has recently joined the development staff of the college, and will spend most of his time visiting prospective students and alumni throughout the country.

We have been similarly gratified by the enthusiastic response in many parts of the church to the Board of Trustees' offer last year to provide 10 \$500 scholarships to young Reformed Presbyterian men who demonstrated leadership potential. Ten scholarships were awarded, nine were accepted, and the presence of these able young men has been a significant contribution to campus life.

Although such qualities are difficult to measure, it is probably accurate to report that there is a higher level of awareness of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and its total ministry than has existed for several years. For instance:

#### GRADUATES PURSUING SEMINARY STUDY

##### Total Graduates

	65-6	66-7	67-8	68-9
Total Graduates	21	23	46	45
Enrolled in seminary	3	4	10	9
Enrolled at Covenant Seminary	2	3	6	6

Nonetheless, it can only be disappointing to notice the definite trend downward in enrollment among Reformed Presbyterian students. There were actually fewer Reformed Presbyterians at the college in the year just past than in the previous year (not merely on a percentage basis). In addition to that, however, applications from Reformed Presbyterians for this fall are about 35% behind last year, although applications overall are slightly ahead of last year.

Those Reformed Presbyterian students who come to Covenant have largely found a fruitful context for study and service, and have strengthened the the church's ministry when they leave here. The college seeks many more such students.

#### An Investment of Financial Resources

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has increased its investment financially during the past year. Whereas there had been a decline in Reformed Presbyterian giving to the college for some months, the past 10 months have indicated a significant increase:

	65-66	66-67	67-68	First 3 Quarters 68-69
Reformed Pres. sources	\$75,812	\$63,205	\$63,127	\$55,326
Chattanooga area sources	29,905	69,626	44,781	94,314
Other	<u>7,466</u>	<u>31,136</u>	<u>38,167</u>	<u>32,207</u>
Total Giving	\$112,183	\$163,967	\$146,075	\$181,847

There is a substantial price tag attached to the quality of Christian education which Reformed Presbyterian students are asking for and which is necessary if Covenant College is to receive regional accreditation. The response to that challenge on many fronts is heartening, although it is significant that while gifts are larger in total, they are actually coming from fewer people.

Your typical gift dollar to Covenant College, if you do not designate it for a specific purpose, is expended as follows:

**Instructional Costs—43¢.** Included here are the regular salaries for a growing faculty, and the provision of the classroom tools necessary for them to do an effective job.

**Library—5¢.** This small amount from your gift dollar does nothing to provide new facilities. It serves instead to maintain what is already here.

**Student Services—8¢.** Counselling, health care, discipline, coordination of student activities.

**Administrative—12¢.** The costs of organization, accounting, the board of trustees, etc.

**Recruiting and Development—10¢.** Carrying word of Covenant to prospective students and to those who may wish to share financially in the ministry of Christian education.

**Operation and Maintenance—17¢.** Caring for the facilities which have already been provided and planning carefully for those which will soon be constructed

**Interest—5¢.** To provide capital for maintaining a "bills-paid" policy at all times.

On those various fronts, these items of progress and news should be noted:

**Instructional—**For the first time in several years, the college faculty was not expanded. The leveling of enrollment required a reduced investment in instruction (29 faculty compared to 31 last year), and projected additions could not be carried out. It should be noted, however, that the present faculty with only minor additions, could care for the instructional needs of many more students than are now enrolled.

The instructional program, of course, is the core of the learning experience for Covenant's students. On the basis of its improvement in recent years, the college has proceeded to complete a self-study and status report on the entire educational program in order to qualify for regional accreditation. In late April of this year, the college received its first official team visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The advisory team which visited the college will report later this year whether the college is ready for an official visit by an evaluating team.

**Library**—The library continued to grow, and now has about 24,000 volumes. It should be twice that size to be in line with the quality of education which Covenant seeks to provide. The library quarters are inadequate, even with additional space provided in the last year, and plans are going ahead for a new 22,000 sq. ft. library-classroom building.

**Student Services**—Substantial advances were made in the organization of more comprehensive programs in this department. Counselling services were expanded. Student health was established on a more formal basis. The beginnings of a placement service were established. Student government assumed an important new role, and student discipline was greatly strengthened. The athletic program also became better organized (including several winning records!), and plans went forward for a new physical education building.

**Administrative**—Deep appreciation should be expressed to the college's two administrative vice-presidents who have found it necessary to terminate those relationships with the college. Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty John W. Sanderson will now teach on a full-time basis as Professor of Philosophy and Scholar in Residence. John W. Shoop, Vice-President for Business Affairs, has resigned effective August 15 to take up similar duties elsewhere. The contribution of these two men in their respective areas of the college's recent development has been far beyond measure.

Prof. William S. Barker has been appointed new Dean of the Faculty, after serving as Assistant Dean for the past year. No successor for the business office has yet been named.

**Recruiting and Development**—The particular challenges of enrolling new students have already been discussed in this report. For the first time in the school's history, goals for monthly gifts and grants for operational and capital purposes have been met.

**Operation and Maintenance**—Several significant improvements were noted during the year. Major repair work was accomplished on the main building, including the hot water system, general plumbing, and the exterior waterproofing. Plans for a new sewage treatment plant were completed, and work is underway. A new athletic field and practice gymnasium are nearly completed. Many sizeable projects remain.

### **Other Investments from Outside the Church**

Of real interest to the Reformed Presbyterian Church are several very substantial investments which have come from outside the church.

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of the U.S. Government has approved grants and loans totaling \$1,174,600 for construction of a new library-classroom building and a new physical education building. A loan of \$510,000 has also been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Covenant's board of trustees has voted to approve these grants and loans and to proceed with construction within the next few months. The board is convinced, as is the administration, that there is no improper form of control involved in that acceptance.

One condition of the HEW grants and loans was that over \$500,000 in private funds be secured for the two buildings. A single grant of \$215,000 has already been pledged from a local source, with \$50,000 of that pledge having been received several weeks ago. Efforts are presently being made to secure the approximately \$300,000 still needed.

Late last fall, a local businessman and real estate developer, Mr. Paul Carter, gave to the college 228 acres of mountain land about two miles south of the campus. The land was appraised for about \$168,000, and will be used for several different purposes. In recognition of Mr. Carter's investment in Christian education, the board of trustees voted in the spring to name the main building—which he had originally constructed—Carter Hall.

Such substantial gifts, along with the increased giving from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, have been a great encouragement to the administration and board in their efforts to upgrade the quality of a Covenant education. Any inference, however, that the college's financial needs have been significantly resolved would be badly in error. The very existence of private education everywhere is threatened, and Covenant College is no exception. The sustained gifts and prayers of God's people everywhere—and particularly of those who have a special responsibility for Covenant College—will be needed as never before if a distinctly Christian testimony in higher education is to be maintained.

**Election of College Board Members:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the time until the business before us is completed. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. Voting by secret ballot elected the following to the Class of 1970: Robert DeMoss, William Shay; Class of 1972: James Alston, Franklin Dyrness, Commander Gutsche, W. Edward Lyons, Robert Rayburn, Donald Semisch, William Mahlow, Walter Walstrom.

Synod recessed at 10:15 with prayer by Dr. John M. L. Young and reconvened at 10:30, being led in prayer by Chaplain Patrick Morison. News

was received of a strained political situation in Peru. The Moderator called upon Rev. Homer Emerson to lead Synod in prayer for the political situation, of safety of our missionaries, and the freedom of the Gospel.

Dr. Robert Rayburn presented the report of the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation.

## **REPORT OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION**

Fathers and Brethren:

From May 1, 1968 through March 31, 1969 the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation has haddled the following agreements: nine annuities totalling \$29,512.50, a deposit agreement of \$5,000.00, a revocable Trust of \$2,500.00, additions to a trust of \$6,627.97, a promissory note of \$600.00 and current gifts of \$1,899.17, making a total of \$45,539.64. The Foundation also helped an agency with the issuing of an annuity in the amount of \$7,000.00.

An overall promotion program has been in operation this year. One phase of the program was the supplying of bulletin covers to our churches designed especially for the Foundation with a stewardship message on the back cover. The fourth bulletin is scheduled to be used in the month of May. About sixty-five churches requested the bulletins, a little over half of the denomination.

Annuity ads have been run in the WPM, NPM and CC Newsletters and NPM sent an annuity mailing to its constituency. At the present time copy for brochures entitled "Covenant College and the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation," "World Presbyterian Missions and the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation," etc. are being prepared for future distribution.

Mailings during this year on such subjects as "Better Estate Planning," "Revocable Trusts," and "Wills" have gone to an expanded and specialized list of prospects, the effects of which should be felt in the coming year. In an effort to become more efficient in this area the Foundation has invested time and money in expanding its lists of names. In response to a request from the Foundation about twenty churches sent directories indicating elders, deacons and those over fifty years of age. This is greatly appreciated and we urge the remainder of the churches to send their directories.

A filmstrip on Estate Planning was purchased by the Foundation and a pilot showing indicates it will be a helpful tool for use with church groups. Calls were made on four donors during the year, all of whom have more than one agreement with the Foundation. Three more donors will be visited before Synod meets in May.

As you compare this year's report with the reports of previous years you will note a steady though undramatic increase in the activity of the Foundation and the benefits the agencies and churches are receiving from it. Because education is a slow process and confidence in an organization is built on performance, we did not expect greater results than we have seen in the time the Foundation has been in existence. In fact, we are encouraged by the record.

After six years of operation the Foundation has handled annuities of \$98,008.71, trusts of \$64,815.61, deposit agreements of \$17,800.00, a life income agreement of \$5,147.71, a promissory note of \$600.00, current gifts (from sale of property) of \$5,771.77, for a total of \$192,143.80. We thank the Lord for the accomplishments of the past and look forward with expectancy to the future of the Foundation. Again we seek your prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Rayburn, President  
Board of Trustees

### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ending September 30, 1968

<u>Balance on hand September 30, 1967</u>		\$ 422.67
<u>Total Receipts:</u>		
Contributions from Agencies	\$ 8,750.00	
Income from Annuities	10,356.66	
Income from Trusts & Deposit Agreements	1,881.71	
Designated Current Gifts	2,482.60	
Handling Expense	1,721.12	
Pastor's Seminar (gifts and fees)	2,057.10	
Miscellaneous Gifts	<u>272.65</u>	<u>27,521.84</u>
		\$27,944.51

Total Disbursements

Paid to Agencies	\$12,750.92	
Paid to Other than Agencies	1,482.60	
Pastor's Seminar	1,985.05	
Promotion, Advertising, etc.	845.95	
Salaries, Fees, Taxes	6,343.75	
Travel	667.60	
Office Expense	980.77	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>127.50</u>	<u>\$25,184.14</u>

Balance on hand September 30, 1968                      \$ 2,760.37

**Election of Foundation Board Members:** Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972: William Alling, W. Gerstung, Robert Palmer, Vernon Pierce, Elmer Smick, Hugh Smith.

Rev. Charles Holliday presented the report of the Board of Pensions.



## REPORT OF BOARD OF PENSIONS

Fathers and Brethren:

The Pension Plan of our denomination continues to increase in size. Nineteen new participants were added this past year, bringing the total number enrolled to 264. Six of these are drawing pension benefits from the Fund.

At present \$581,000.00 in Life Insurance is carried on the younger members enrolled in the plan with the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund. Last year's premium for this totaled \$11,142.60.

Cash receipts for the year totaled \$33,241.84 - of this \$27,812.00 comprised payments for participants and \$5,429.84 was income from investments.

Addition investments have been made in high quality stocks and church bonds. As of 3/31/69 -

Total Stocks - Cost	\$149,668.57
Market Value-3/31/69-168,458.41	
Bonds	24,350.00
Savings account	3,997.68
Checking account	<u>2,314.44</u>
Total Assets - Book value	\$180,330.69
Appreciation on Stock-3/31	<u>18,798.40</u>
Total Adj. Assets -3/31	\$199,129.09

An audited Treasurer's report will be included in the Minutes of this Synod.

We would encourage all of our churches and agencies to see that all their paid personnel are covered by the Pension Plan. With the rising costs of living it is hoped the higher payment permitted for the Plan will be used by the churches and agencies.

The bookkeeping continues to be done through W.P.M. without charge. Miss Katherine Richards handles most of the actual work, for which we should all be most grateful.

Through the efforts of attorney Donald Semisch, legal counsel for Synod, the Internal Revenue has approved our application for tax exemption for the Pension Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
F. S. Dyrness, Secretary

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Rev. Robert Stewart be granted a Supplementary Pension payment of \$60.90 per year to make a total pension of \$250.53 per year - (see Art. XI page 10 and 11)

2. That the following changes be made in the Pension Plan:

A. Article II - Section 9

Replaced by - "Direct Dependent" - shall mean a widow or widower of the participant. Also, in the sole discretion of the Committee, any legal unmarried, unemployed child of the participant under 21 years of age, who normally would have been dependent upon the participant for education or the major cost of his living expenses; also, any legal child of participant over 21 years of age, who due to permanent illness or physical limitations is unable to be normally employed so as to support himself. Relations outside of the immediate family, such as parents, brothers, sisters, in-laws, etc., shall under no condition be considered as dependents.

B. Article V

Error of omission of first line - "For each month beginning on or after the". After "sum of Ten (\$10.00) dollars", ADD "or whatever other amount Synod may approve from time to time,".

C. Article XIII

Add to last paragraph: "This shall not apply to an ordained minister or licentiate as long as he is in good and regular standing in one of our Presbyteries, even though he is not serving a church or agency. Any unordained missionary not in active service, but on leave of absence, shall be considered an employee until removed from the rolls of the agency under which he served."

3. That the Pension payment limit be increased to \$20.00 per month, leaving the option for payments of \$10, \$15 or \$20 per month for each participant.

**Action on Recommendations:** Upon proper motion, all three recommendations were adopted as presented.

**Election to Board of Pensions:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Voting by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972: David McIntyre, Robert Stewart, John Christie.

A season of prayer was held from 11:15 to 11:30, opened by Elder Theodore Barker and closed by Rev. Leonard Van Horn. The situation in Peru and the health of Mrs. William Brooks were prayed for in particular.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the docket to 12:15 p.m. Dr. Dyrness explained an insurance plan (See Minutes of 146th Synod, par. 2, p. 87) to be administered by the Board of Pensions.

Rev. Nelson K. Malkus presented the report of the Committee on Freemasonry.

### **REPORT OF THE "SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY OVERTURE 1d ON FREEMASONRY"**

Overture 1d may be found in the printed minutes of the 146th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, pages 66-68.

The committee would also refer commissioners to a report of a "Committee to Study Secret Orders" received by and the recommendations adopted by the 18th General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church, pages 80-82.

The present committee finds a very glaring difference between, on the one hand, certain elementary documents of the secret orders and statements of "authoritative" writers which are available to the uninitiated, and, on the other hand, the personal opinions of Christian men who are members of a secret society, some of them in the ministry or eldership, as well as in the laity, of our church, as to whether or not the secret societies constitute or espouse and teach a non-Christian religion. These men, some of whom have been highly honored by us, contend that these authors do not speak for them and that, as far as they are concerned, there is nothing of religion in the secret orders that conflicts with their own personal faith in Jesus Christ nor militates against their adherence to the Christian faith. The committee has no reason to doubt the sincerity of these men nor their desire to do the will of God in all things.

It is the opinion of the committee that to take such action as requested by Overture 1d is tantamount to imposing a mass disciplinary action against those who are now members of a secret society, as well as of our church, or requiring more for membership in the Reformed Presbyterian Church than has been the case for approximately two hundred years. The Book of Discipline sets forth procedures for moving against those who are believed to be living in sinful relationships. These may be used in cases relating to individuals, but there is no provision for bringing groups of individuals to trial. There is serious doubt as to whether mere membership in secret orders constitutes sin, but it may be discovered if this is so, in the case of the individual, by due process, wherein one may have access to a fair and impartial trial when confronted by specific charges.

Therefore, the committee recommends to the General Synod that no action be taken on Overture 1d or on the matter with which it deals, until such time as it comes, first, to the lower judicatories of the church, according to the procedures of the Book of Discipline, and is appealed to this court.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson K. Malkus, Chairman

Robert B. Brown

Max V. Belz

It was moved and seconded to adopt the committee's recommendation. A substitute motion was made and seconded as follows:

1. That Freemasonry be recognized by Synod as incorporating tenets and practices contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ;

2. That this Synod express its strongest recommendation therefore

a. Against the election of any further elders into this denomination who elect to enter or continue in Freemasonry;

b. for the resignation of such elders as elect to become Freemasons subsequent to their election as elders; and

c. for Pastors to warn and instruct all intending church members concerning the deviationist doctrines of Freemasonry. It was moved and seconded that Synod consider the four points of the substitute motion seriatim. It was moved, seconded, and carried to recess and continue the present business at a later time in the Docket. Synod recessed at 12:15 p.m. and was led in prayer by McGregor Scott.

#### **FOURTH SEDERUNT, WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P.M.**

Synod was called to order by the Moderator; the delegates sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and were led in the constituting prayer by Elder Rudolph Schmidt. The Minutes of the third sederunt were read and approved as read.

Rev. William A. Mahlow presented the report of World Presbyterian Missions.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF  
WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS, INC.,  
MAY, 1969**

Fathers and Brethren:

**Part I**

More than ever before, the Christian Church should be aware that our parish is the world. World-consciousness is an ever-growing reality. From the telephone to Telstar, from telegraph to television, world-wide communication has expanded beyond our forefathers' wildest imaginations.

As America was once the melting pot of the world, the world in fact is becoming the pot into which America and all other nations are being melted down toward a common denominator - sinful society, undistinguished by either national, cultural, political, moral or religious distinctions - one world and one church. The process requires considerable boiling and bubbling, burning and burying, but the antichrists and false prophets are making progress.

The checks and balances restraining sinful man and nations are fast disappearing. To be strong is now thought to be weak; and integrity, righteousness, honor, justice, morality in distinguishing between classes, nations and men, is heresy or, at least, hypocritical idealism.

But what of the Church in this one world? are we aware that the world is our parish? Are we not called to "give out" rather than "give in"? We are not called to reorganize the world - God will do that in His good time - nor are we called to revamp sinful society into a Christian society. What natural man cannot understand he cannot be. But we are called to a ministry to the world. The field is the world in which we are called to work; our parish is the world. God loved the world; Christ died for the sins of the world; and some from every tribe and nation of the world are to be counted in the number of God's elect. "This Gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached in all the world for a witness; and then shall the end come."

Satanic forces are hard at work to conquer and control the world for the Evil One. The Church must have greater zeal than ever to send her emissaries into every corner of the globe with the Gospel of Christ, that her task might be completed, her warfare accomplished to the Glory of God.

This is not the hour to withdraw the troops from the forefront of the battle. Reinforcements and fresh personnel, the strengthening of the lines of

supply, prayer and gift, and the building of a reservoir of strength in churches and institutions at home dedicated to the Glory of God and the Great Commission are the need of the hour. We have one task - to plant the Church in every tribe and nation. Let us work while it is day - for the night cometh.

## **Part II**

### **WPM'S WORLD AT A GLANCE - High Points and High Hopes**

#### **Home Office:**

An effort is being made at the Home Office to administer the work through an administrative group rather than one or two people. Three full-time and two part-time employees share the administrative responsibility, and while general oversight and guidance are in the hands of the General Secretary, much is now done on the initiative of others gifted in various areas without primary reference to the General Secretary. This we feel makes for efficiency, and also builds for the future.

Several programs are being proposed to increase the foreign missionary interest in our denomination. A Women's Auxiliary was successfully launched by representatives from 13 churches to assist the Home Staff in promotion and work best done by women. Also, plans are being discussed with Christian Training, Inc. for an expanded Student Summer Service program,, that the youth of our Church may have a wider vision of the world in which they live and its needs. Efforts have been and will be made to integrate the work of the foreign board with the other agencies of the Church, and the pages of our Newsletter, which has an ever-expanding ministry are open to all aspects of the work of the Church. New projects in the field of literature and audio-visual material are being prepared.

#### **Japan:**

##### **High Points:**

The Seminary, soon to be 20 years old, entered new facilities at Kurume in the Spring of 1968. The physical relocation was accompanied by progressive administration measures characterized by the projection of a new board and such ambitious promotion as bringing Dr. John Sanderson to Japan for special meetings. The Seminary while continuing to use three members of the Japan Mission, is becoming less dependent on missionary help.

Another significant item in the past year has been the reinforcement of the Nagoya area, aiming at establishing churches and training laymen, by the return of the Fretts and the acquisition of permanent Nagoya housing.

Also, we wish to note and commend with appreciation three years of service in the Christian Academy by Henry and Dorothy Welbon. They are completing their ministry soon and will be returning to the States this summer.

**High Hopes:**

Most needed is a couple to reinforce the work, especially in the area of church extension. Also, it will relieve a great burden when the capital debt owed for the Nagoya housing can be substantially reduced, and our Mission earnestly requests prayer support and funds for a 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Seminary to include a new chapel and a publishing project.

**Grand Cayman Island:**

**High Points:**

The Church on Grand Cayman has had a good financial year. A new electric organ has been acquired and two Bible correspondence courses have been completed by a good many. A weekly Bible class has been conducted in a neighboring community. Attendance at the services has been good and the visits of the students on the Student Summer Service teams have been profitable.

**High Hopes:**

Interesting more people in establishing family devotions and getting the young people involved in a study and reading project; also, for the Church to become self-supporting and call its own pastor..these represent our high hopes.

**India:**

**High Points:**

Most significant has been the action of the India Mission to help in the establishing of a Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Such a seminary has been organized. The Rev. Richard Strom has been elected president. Already a number of students have indicated readiness to attend and a property has been acquired. There have been real encouragements in a few who have truly yielded themselves to Christ and are showing real spiritual growth and actively witnessing for Christ.

Evangelistic work has been fruitful in Roorkee. The Children's Home and radio work continue to make significant contributions.

Political relations have not made the prospects for missionary work very bright; several states have passed laws against conversions which are forced or which have come about by allurements. Some places have a law that if any conversion is made, it must be reported to the district magistrate, who will investigate whether force or allurement have been used. If so, the penalty is a

fine and jail for the convert. Fewer missionaries are being admitted to the country and so this means that the Indian Church will have to stand on its own feet more and carry on the Gospel work. However, we are very pleased that God in His wisdom has seen fit to give the Stroms a visa to return to the country.

Margaret Cameron (now Mrs. Rob. E. Donaldson) was still being refused a visa of any kind after 3½ years of effort.

### **High Hopes:**

The success of the Seminary is much on the minds and hearts of our India missionaries and is the vital next step in our program in India. Training Indian nationals in this country (America) is, by and large, unsuccessful. Eighty-five per cent of the people in India live in villages, and those who minister to them must be trained in a way that will not alienate them from the people.

The variety of the work in India - Bhogpur Children's Home, the radio programs, work with lepers, church building work, the Seminary, the need for a Christian School system, all sorts of evangelistic work - all constitute a call for heavy reinforcements. personnel-wise. It is certainly recommended that we try to bombard the wall of darkness Satan has tried to erect around India by offering to send every candidate at all qualified who would with us attempt to get into the country.

### **Chile:**

#### **High Points:**

Chile is a land of tremendous responsibilities as far as evangelical work is concerned. There is complete freedom. The Roman Church is suffering tremendous losses because of growing disinterest in a dead religion. This does not mean that people are swarming to the Gospel, but it does mean that the people are there and they do not have their inner hunger satisfied even in a false way by a dead religion. This would seem the hour for advance.

On the other hand, Chile is most apt to go Communist of all the South American countries. Leftist political organizations polled 50% of the votes in the March 2, 1969 election. Chile is now 12% protestant. However, the great majority of these protestants are pentecostal, divided into countless small denominations. They teach tongues and healing and are, for the most part, anti-intellectual. They make the propagation of the Gospel among middle class people very difficult. Without these middle class people it is hard to build a solid, sound, indigenous church.

This is the year of the 25th Anniversary of the National Presbyterian Church with whom we work. It is being celebrated with a year of evangelism



in which our missionaries are active as evangelists. Our missionaries have a voice but no vote in presbytery meetings, and there is good confidence and rapport between Mission and Church. This past year has been marked by a notable growth in the number of local churches where our missionaries have been laboring.

#### **High Hopes:**

Our Chile Mission has asked for approximately ten more couples. These would largely be involved in evangelistic and church-building work and teaching in the Seminary, though help is also needed in the area of translation, book store and Bible study work.

#### **Arabia:**

##### **High Points:**

There has been an increase in the number of patients in the Clinic and in the number of mothers taken care of in the Mothers' Hospital. A total of 7,604 patient visits to the Clinic and 121 deliveries during the past year ending March 1, 1969. A short Gospel message is given at the beginning of the daily clinics, and Bible lessons are given to the in-patients in the Mothers' Hospital. Our missionaries feel more people are listening to the Gospel with comprehension than ever before.

The Ras al Khaima Mission has been plagued by major losses of personnel. The Kimballs had to return to the States, and also Miss Amal Boody, a nurse mid-wife who had served with the Mission for two years, opened an independent work about an hour's drive from Ras al Khaima. Three Indian nurse-midwives and a Jordanian girl who acts as registrar for the Clinic have been hired by the Mission. Plans have been made and a contract let to build a proper home for the Fearnows, with plans being considered for a staff building as the next project in the hospital complex.

##### **High Hopes:**

(1) Enlargement of the evangelistic ministry by means of increased missionary personnel to allow for more meetings and also more follow up of contacts.

(2) The hiring of more reliable short-term midwives to replace the Indian staff; a doctor to take responsibility for treatment in the Clinic, and the raising of some additional funds for the construction of a midwifery unit.

## **Kenya:**

### **High Points:**

The arrival of Miss Lois Ooms on the field has established a connection with the students at Kyuso Harambee Secondary School and also the opportunity for the male missionaries and pastors to preach in a newly established Sunday morning protestant service at the school. The mushrooming of an indigenous church sect known as the Avanokyo has been taking members from one of the strongest African Evangelical Presbyterian churches and there has been a deteriorating Church-Mission relationship. The Church has further been plagued by a polarization between a very godly pastor and a very ambitious politically-minded member of presbytery who has very materialistic goals.

### **High Hopes:**

It is hoped at least two additional teachers will volunteer for the Kyuso Harambee Secondary School as openings are available. This is proving to be a good contact with the young people of the area. It is also hoped to establish a number of short-term bush Bible schools in the AEP congregations with the purpose of strengthening the present testimonies. Further closer contact with people is being sought through the organization of children's clubs in homes and communities, adult English Bible classes in the evenings, and the establishing of a Reformed Bible Correspondence Course. However, the outreach of the Mission is greatly limited by a lack of personnel.

Most needed in the ministries does seem to be that of outreach: bush evangelism and training, church planting, temporarily pastoring newly formed churches, Bible classes, and children's work off the station. If this is to be done effectively, the following list of needed personnel is a minimum:

- 2 couples for Bible school and related evangelistic ministries
- 2 teachers for the Kyuso High School
- 1 doctor
- 2 nurses
- 2 couples to open a new station
- a builder
- and additional medical personnel.

## **Korea:**

### **High Points:**

The attempted assassination of President Pak Chun Hae, seizure of the Pueblo, and significant increase in the amount of subversive activity from North Korea highlight the importance of evangelistic works and strengthening

the Church in Korea while it is day. On the church scene, the union plan between the Hap Dong and Tong Hop Presbyterian Churches failed, and there has been trouble in the Korya Pa Seminary reaching crisis proportions.

Each of our ordained men has had opportunity to teach between eight and ten hours in four institutions regularly with special lectures in two others. Each preaches every week and is very active in literature work, ordering books, proofreading copy, etc.

#### **High Hopes:**

Among the important goals for the coming year is getting several books published and out on the market and getting the literature program adequately sponsored, as it is felt the contribution in the field of literature is one of the most vital that our Mission can offer to Korea. It is hoped for at least four or five more families for the work in Korea. One man in Seoul could work primarily with the largest seminary and would need advance training before coming. The others would be engaged primarily in preaching, evangelistic work, teaching, and church planting. Hundreds of students are eager to study the Bible, and there are more invitations to teach and preach than our missionaries can handle, from hundreds of churches with congregations of 2,000 down to a handful, and there is a great need for our missionaries and others to work with the sound church leaders who are writing and endeavoring to get out evangelical books to combat liberal literature. Also, men are needed who can work with and influence the keen leadership of the two large denominations.

#### **Peru:**

##### **High Points:**

The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company has offered to publish free the Shorter Catechism in Quecha. It has been translated and is now being revised.

Steps forward in the indigenization of the Church have taken place. All the officers of presbytery are now nationals. There are many professions of faith in some areas. Work in Lima has spread to eight different areas. The George Omerlys have moved out into the province of Huancavelica and the province of Acobamba where all sorts of evangelistic work is being conducted.

The radio work, short-term Bible institutes, and all sorts of general missionary work keep our missionaries busy. Recent political developments caused some concern but apparently there have not been any immediate serious repercussions.

## **High Hopes:**

As one missionary pointed out, it was the Wesleyan Revival that saved England from a revolution as bloody as France's; yet South America is headed for a blood bath between the extremely poor and the extremely rich. It is only the Gospel of Christ that makes the healthy middle class which keeps things in better balance. This adds one more reason for the urgency of missions in South America.

There is a great need for developing the national Presbyterian Church. The doors are open to do this. Second, there are many pioneer areas and the need for those called to this type of work. The work of radio, literature, and Bible institute must all be enlarged. A minimum of at least five ordained men are needed in the Peru Mission. Mostly, they should be general missionaries, willing to do any kind of church or evangelistic work.

## **Jordan:**

The Middle East crisis has made communication with Jordan difficult. We do know that the Sanatorium at Mafrag continues its full ministry; but the building of our own sanatorium is temporarily stopped as our missionary builder is now in the capital, by not-to-be-refused invitation, where he awaits God's Will.

## **Part III**

### **SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS BEING FACED BY MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES TODAY**

On every side, it seems, we read about missions and revolution, missions and crisis, the changing foreign mission scene. Your general secretary has been in contact with our missionaries and staff over some of the significant changes in foreign missionary work and approach to determine their significance as far as our own work is concerned. I'll try to give the consensus of answers to a number of important questions.

1. Have any significant changes in methods of missionary work been indicated as necessary as far as you are concerned? (By this, I mean, do the Nevius, indigenous methods which we have tried to follow in WPM still hold?)

The consensus of opinion seems to be that we should not change our basic approach to foreign missions. In most cases national pastors have adapted well to self-government, but in some cases have been very weak on building up self-supporting and self-propagating churches. It has been suggested by

some that in cases where the high cost of land and the high cost of living have made it very difficult for nationals, a matching gift system could be used for non-recurring expenses--i.e., the Mission could match the amount of money a church raised toward its building program. Except for such minor modifications there were no suggestions from our missionaries that we should change our basic indigenous principles. Also, there was a general recognition that in different countries the application of indigenous methods may differ slightly. Also, with the nationalization of so many countries, positions of authority and prestige in the Church are now more naturally filled by nationals than ever. On the other hand, the many financial aid programs being sent to these countries from the States, make it all the more difficult to refuse to give financial aid and such assistance to the nationals. Many of the larger missions have succumbed and are now offering some kind of aid. Thus some of the missionaries have suggested aid programs such as matching gifts or scholarships in Bible-training institutions and aid to missionary pastors, nationals engaged in establishing new churches. However, there is by no means a full consensus on this approach. But the "rice Christian" syndrome is still found to be true for those who fall into the trap of giving liberally to the nationals. This boils down to a "play it by ear" situation within the broad guidelines of the Nevius method.

2. Would it be better for our missionaries to be under the direction of local churches on the mission field rather than a mission organization?

The general feeling is that for missionaries to be under the local churches, presbyteries and denominations, for the most part is not the best arrangement. Various reasons are given for this. For example, the immaturity of the national church, the temptation the missionaries' possessions and money from America might be to the national church, the need for missionaries to be free to follow the dictates of the Holy Spirit as a mission organization in the development of new projects and new areas of service, and the advisability for the missionary to be in the place of leadership. This problem of whether the missionary should be related to the church at home or the national church is being faced in different ways on different fields. In Chile, for instance, the missionaries have a voice in presbytery but are not allowed a vote. In practically all our fields the missionaries cooperate with the programs of the local church as requested. In Japan, the missionaries are allowed to take part freely in the discussions of the presbytery but are not allowed to vote. On the other hand, in Peru and other places they are members of prebytery, on an equal footing as presbytery members with the nationals. However, no missionaries seem to favor being under the administrative discipline and guidance of the local church, though some would be willing to give this a try to see what the results might be.

In general, it would seem our system of dual presbytery membership for the

ordained men, where they would be under the moral and doctrinal discipline of the presbytery on the field, is good where the nationals want it. Any further control over the missionary and over his funds would seem to be too much of a temptation for young and immature churches, and hinder the missionary in accomplishing the very purpose of his office.

3. Is there a greater place for non-professional missionaries than for regular missionaries?

In the opinion of our missionaries there seems to be little place for the non-professional missionary...i.e., little place of real value. In Japan, for instance, a non-professional missionary would be pointless because of the high training and intelligence of the Japanese people and their ability by and large to put out more work than an American would be able to do. The greatest need by far is for the professional, theologically trained missionary. Church building, seminary teaching, Bible institute training, translation and the kinds of job only a full-time theologically trained person can handle seem to be the need of the hour in most fields. It is generally recognized, of course, that there is always a place for a Christian to bear witness in whatever line of work he may be engaged. However, the non-professional cannot fill the place of the professional who is so desperately needed. Christian professors in secular universities, for instance, in some places could be of real help.

4. What about training nationals in the U.S.A. and sending them back?

In practically every field, with the exception of Japan and Korea, the missionaries felt this was unwise and unproductive. Temptation to stay in America, to rise above the people with whom they are called to work, and things of this nature have usually interfered with the effectiveness of those who study in this country. However, in countries that approach the level of America culturally and educationally and economically, training nationals in America has been done with more success. Japan is a notable exception, and to some extent in Korea this has been a good and necessary thing. Both Japan and Korea have produced a few gems along this line. However, many who come to study in the States to get a Ph.D. must get it in a liberal institution - or do - and change their theological position. One significant point made by some of our missionaries is that the need of the Church on some of the fields is for more modestly trained pastors and Christian workers.

To take too big a jump ahead polarizes the church rather than drawing it up gradually to a higher level of education and dedication, and in most countries, the nationals can be trained adequately for the kinds of pastorates they will be called upon to fill. With the exception of Korea and Japan, most all of our missions cite as usual instances where nationals being sent to America to

study were failures as far as work in their own country again was concerned. And in those--Japan and Korea--it is generally recognized that this should only be offered to a mature national who is exceptionally qualified.

We also inquired about the value of short-term missionaries on each of our fields and to what extent technology can add to missionary endeavor and how much WPM should help along this line. It seemed to be the consensus that short-term missionaries should be carefully screened and that it should be certain that they can fill a real need. In such cases they can be of very great use, such as the Welbons in teaching in the Christian Academy in Japan; Mr. Gates in the building program in Jordan; Dr. John Sanderson, Dr. Laird Harris, and others who go out to teach in some of the institutions of higher learning. In countries where English is spoken there would be a more widely spread usefulness. In all cases they should work carefully under the direction of the missionaries who know the people.

In South America, short-term missionaries to be useful really should know Spanish. Short-termers who go just to see if they like missionary work or not could be much more of a hindrance than a help. In no case can they successfully replace the regular missionary. There is too much to be learned in the way of culture and language before one can become an effective witness.

In the field of medicine short-term missionaries can be of greater assistance perhaps even than in other areas in helping out with the medical skills to temporarily relieve the regular staff.

In some countries technology seems to be the only entrance we have to the country and people...at the present, namely, the medical work in Ras al Khaima and in Jordan. Technology can be a great aid especially in underprivileged countries in missionary work, where it is not a duplication of what is already being done. Each Mission must play this by ear, depending on government controls, what is already available and what can be done. But wherever technology can assist the spread of the Gospel, it is the general feeling of our missionaries it should be used and, of course, is being used on many of our fields whether it be radio, adult literacy campaigns, translation, medical work, etc.

Finally, we asked our missionaries what they consider to be two or three of the most significant things they would point out to a young person they were hoping to interest in coming to their country as a foreign missionary.

**From Japan:** "That he can find few countries where the people are as well educated, can think as well, and have the potential which the Japanese do. Rather than the old-fashioned idea which many have of missionary work, i.e. living in primitive conditions and working with illiterates, anyone coming to

this nation will find that many of those to whom he wishes to witness are better educated and more cultured than he is himself. The Church in Japan has undoubtedly the potential of becoming the sending church for Asia and other parts of the world, if it can overcome many of the problems with which it is faced now. The Japanese have the financial resources, the ability to teach and administer which few other people have. Thus anyone who comes to Japan can feel that he is working in a place that can, in God's time, become one of the key nations of the world in the spread of His Word, and that in contrast to the above, or because of it, he will find few places which will test his spiritual stamina and patience as this place does. Whoever comes to Japan should rid himself as quickly as possible of the image of the 'white father' who is bringing western culture and technology. The missionary to Japan has nothing to bring but the Word, and more often than not, his Japanese brethren don't feel that he can even adequately do that! To the Japanese, the westerner lacks refinement in many areas, and even the best are very poor in the language. Without wanting to be too harsh, the missionary is often only tolerated by the pastors with whom he works. One missionary remarked that the missionary status was similar to the colored person in the South: as a race, he is hated; as a person, within certain limitations, he can be well liked and regarded. Thus in the midst of wide open opportunity, the missionary is beset with very fundamental problems which he will have to learn to live with in the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the learning process is often hard but painful.

"Also, it should be noted that the proportion of Christian workers or Christians at all, to the total population is still less than 1% so that there is a great need still from the outside, even though the missionary cannot expect that many Japanese Christians will acknowledge this need or show gratitude for help."

"Indeed, Japan offers a challenge to a young person's spiritual life. I. Kuhn has said that the scum of your life will be seen on the mission field. Your spiritual life will be tested; you will need to know that God is faithful and that He is the One who can do the impossible...changing hearts, removing mountains. You will need to know that God answers prayer. Japan will test your faith, but also demand your best physically and mentally. It also is a challenge to evangelize. Millions are without Christ; they are not coming to your door asking to be saved, but are somewhat satisfied with their own religions and with the present advances of materialism. Is it not because they are spiritually blinded? 'When Jesus saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion.'"

"And also, Japan presents a challenge to young people to help the national church. With a history of over 100 years, the national church has had little impact upon her people for Christ. There is a status quo attitude which prevails. However, God is working and there is potential for this national church to become a sending church. Few have not heard the world over of Japan's



electronic products, but how many know of her faith in the Living God? We need you to join with us in helping the national church. Will you consider this matter in prayer? 'Lord, what would you have me to do?' "

**From India:** "Anyone coming in should be first of all spiritually qualified to carry on the work of the Lord in places where there is little or nothing of a Christian character on which to build. You must start from scratch in many places, while in others the problem would be to overcome the false type of church built up by the old colonial system of missionary work. A young person coming to India must be prepared to sacrifice. The person coming must be sure of his call and ready to labor on in spite of difficulties and little visible fruit. A good knowledge of the language and an understanding of the religious and cultural background of the people must be acquired."

**From Arabia:** "A young person must have absolute assurance of personal salvation, firm conviction of the sovereignty of God, with a strong conviction that this is His place for you, the urgency of entering into a needy area which has for centuries been neglected by the Christian Church while the door remains open. It is suggested that you read avidly works on Islam and mission work among the Muslims."

**From Kenya:** "Candidates should realize that the door is now open for missionaries here, but the opportunity in some countries may not last. Here teachers can now get in, also medical workers as well as regular missionaries. Those coming to Africa must be prepared for a cultural shock. It is not savages they will come to, but it is to a society and culture with vastly different standards than those they as Americans know. And they will be coming to a culture somewhat hostile to theirs. New missionaries should be young enough to adjust, with true spiritual sympathy. Although Kenya has officially adopted English as its language, language is still a very great barrier. To 'think black' is still all but impossible for the average white person, and many missionaries - perhaps most - never really learn the art."

**From Korea:** "For young people coming to Korea, there will be contact with hundreds of students eager to study the Bible, invitations to teach and preach in hundreds of churches, and opportunities to get out evangelical books to combat erroneous literature, and to work with and influence the keen leadership of two large denominations."

**In Chile** there is a tremendous open door...a door which could close at any time with the increasing political trend toward Marxism. Although there is a large protestant sect in Chile, it is 85% fanatical pentecostalism which is a religious sham. And there is a tremendous need for sound Biblical teaching. Historical churches have been taken over by modernism. With a growing

generation that is better prepared educationally in high schools and universities there is a tremendous challenge to give them the Truth and the spiritual basis of life. Also, Chile presents one of those areas of tremendous population growth and 99% of the people have no real religious attention given to them. There is a real dearth of sound Gospel witness. Young people coming to Chile should be willing to be used in any type of work--church planting or teaching or both. In the case of married couples, it is recommended that the wife also be well trained since women teachers in seminary as well as in other schools are acceptable to the Chileans.

The call from Peru points out that there is nothing in the way of a Christian witness among university students in the mountains at present, and that Peru is a field of hard work, problems and uphill struggle with illiterate people, by and large, under the heel of Romanism and growing communism... people who are superstitious and know nothing of the U. S. ways of hygiene and cleanliness, but a people desperately in need of the Gospel. Further, there is a need for developing the national Presbyterian Church which is already in existence and which shows great promise for the future. There is a great need for evangelistic work in the villages, for visits to groups of believers, regional Bible institutes, radio work, correspondence for radio, literature work--the opportunities are legion.

**Conclusion:**

The half has not been told. What of Macedonian calls from Formosa, Australia, Mexico, Jamaica? What can we say to all of this? "Behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." Let us be about our Father's business.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. Mahlow, General Secretary

**STATISTICAL ADDENDUM**

Number of Missionaries and Accepted Candidates with WPM: 80

Married Men		Wives	Single Men	Single Women	Technical
<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Unordained</u>				<u>Missionaries</u>
33	2	35	1 ordained 1 widower- not ordained	8	1 man 1 woman

Three of these are on extended leave  
 Two are on special assignment  
 Two are on leave for study!  
 Two are in States for health purposes

Note: The accounts of the Board are not yet audited, but the Auditors' Report with all the details of WPM finances will be available for examination by responsible persons about one month to six weeks after Synod.

### CASH STATEMENT 4/1/68 - 3/31/69

Balance - 3/31/68 \$ 21,562.11

#### Receipts:

General Purposes	\$ 52,924.53	
Support - Missionaries	299,686.85	
Support - WAM	4,530.00	
Support - GRB	1,846.02	
Special Funds - Designated	92,870.70	
Income - Endowment	6,805.65	
Income - Estates	100.00	
Personal Gifts	7,121.91	
Books and Tracts	113.06	
Sinking Fund	2,821.50	
Newsletter	102.90	
Missionary Accounts Receivable	17,010.18	
Rental Income	2,821.50	
Notes Receivable - WJC	1,662.70	
Various Miscellaneous Receipts	28,179.69	
Notes Payable	<u>9,031.80</u>	
		<u>526,976.49</u> \$548,538.60

#### Disbursements:

Personal Gifts	\$ 7,042.69
Missionary Salaries	114,178.72
Children's Allowance	36,020.00
Direct Expense of Missionaries	17,755.59
Field Expense of Missionaries	42,967.00
Special Purposes - Designated	104,389.33
Missionary Accounts Receivable	17,937.44
Salaries:	

Executive	\$13,240.00	
Clerical	27,310.33	
Miscellaneous	<u>591.25</u>	41,141.58
Executive Expenses		3,993.40
Executive Housing		3,600.00
Sinking Fund		5,720.00
General Office Expense	123,732.56	
Loans to Missions (Japan)	<u>9,690.00</u>	528,168.31

Taxes, FICA withheld ( 6,682.23 ) 521,486.08

Balance - 3/31/69 \$ 27,052.52

Distribution:

Checking Account	\$ 23,510.59	
Savings Account	3,491.93	
On Hand	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 27,052.52

VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:

120	Headquarters Equipment	\$ 55.00
161	Printing	331.88
172	Mortgage Payable - Cooper	1,804.93
172A	Mortgage Receivable - Cooper	201.37
173	Loan to Kenya Mission	300.00
174	Loan to Chile Mission	396.79
175	Loan to Korea Mission	1,950.23
176	Loan to Japan Mission	277.36
310	Transfer Account	12,559.08
312	Transfer Account - Mietling	2,000.00
313	Transfer Account - Ramsour	1,789.87
451	Missionaries Salaries	13.72
456	Direct Expense - Missionaries	174.00
457	Expense in Missionary Fields	285.47
520	Clerical Salaries	24.50
526	Insurance on Wages	82.24
531	Maintenance of Office	109.22
532	Postage	24.90
534	Stationery, Supplies and Expense	68.47
535	Telephone and Telegraph	383.19
538	Electricity and Other Utilities	614.55
539	Insurance	331.92
541	Automobile Expense	19.34
550	Interest Expense - Borrowed Funds	2,727.19

560	Other Expense	1,595.47	
572	Audio-Visual	<u>59.00</u>	\$ 28,179.69

#### GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSE:

103	Equity in R.P. Foundation Investments	657.27	
120	Headquarters Equipment	719.95	
201	Notes Payable	11,216.88	
205	Accounts Payable	807.50	
206	Loan Payable - Grace Lawn Cemetery	70.00	
230	Federal & State Taxes, Withholding Tax	6,379.68	
250	Mortgage Payable	2,133.15	
251	Mortgage Payable - Lehigh Road	202.25	
313	Transfer Account - Ramsour	1,289.87	
410	Contributions-Support of Missionaries	2,054.39	
440	Books and Tracts	197.52	
504	Children's Education Allowance - Headquarters	180.00	
510	Directors' Meeting Expense	352.27	
525	Taxes on Wages	2,227.06	
526	Insurance on Wages - Hospitalization	11,117.66	
527	Pension Fund Payments	10,725.00	
530	Dues & Subscriptions	3,727.75	
531	Maintenance of Office	12,216.51	
532	Postage	4,875.23	
533	Publicity and Printing Same	14,505.75	
533A	Display Advertising	216.23	
534	Stationery, Supplies & Expense	4,357.30	
535	Telephone and Telegraph	1,800.03	
536	Professional Fees - Auditors	1,075.00	
537	Rent	225.00	
538	Electricity and Other Utilities	2,129.78	
539	Insurance	787.20	
540	Missionary Expense Charged to General Fund	1,206.42	
540B	Missionary Expense Charged to General Fund-Social Security	17,320.42	
541	Automobile Expense	123.11	
550	Interest Expense - Borrowed Funds	3,899.85	
551	Promotional Consultant	1,945.00	
554	Expense - Missionary Candidates	256.70	
560	Other Expense	2,480.36	
572	Audio-Visual	<u>254.47</u>	\$123,732.56

Several missionaries spoke to Synod concerning their work: Rev. Richard Strom from India, Rev. James Gilchrist from Chile, Mrs. Helen Fearnow from Arabia, Rev. Homer Emerson from Peru. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the time for World Presbyterian Missions ten minutes. Dr. Dale Jackson and Rev. Samuel Brown spoke about the work soon to begin in Jamaica. It was moved and seconded that Synod adopt the following recommendation: The Board of World Presbyterian Missions recommends that Synod approve the underwriting by W.P.M. and the other agencies of the church of the salary of a man to tour the country and teach the churches corporate stewardship. It was moved and seconded to refer this to the Administrative Committee, with consideration of working with the Foundation, and to report back to this Synod. It was moved and seconded to refer to the Bills and Overtures Committee for study and report to this Synod. A substitute was made and seconded to refer to the new Administrative Committee to study and report to the 148th Synod. This motion was carried. The substitute as the main motion carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board of World Presbyterian Missions urges the Synod of the Church to point out to its presbyteries, churches and agencies, that the Mandate of Christ binding upon us all calls for the evangelization of the world, making disciples in every nation, and building the Church throughout the world. Therefore, we urge that missions education and understanding be promoted in all of our churches from their inception and that prayer and financial support of missions be part of the program of every church from its beginning, along with the support of those agencies which are preparing young people for Christian service; and further, that the great need for young people to pioneer areas of the world yet unreached with the Gospel or very inadequately reached be presented through every possible means to the youth of our churches.

It was moved and seconded to amend the Docket in order to hear the report of the Magazine Committee at 9:45 a.m. Thursday. A substitute was moved and seconded the hear the Magazine Committee as the first business on Thursday morning. The motion was carried. The substitute as the main motion carried.

Synod engaged in a season of prayer at 2:45 to 3:00, concentrating on missions. Dr. T. Stanley Soltau opened, and the season of prayer was closed by Rev. Leonard Pitcher.

Synod recessed at 3:00, reconvening at 3:15 with the singing of "O Worship the King" and prayer by Rev. Thomas Waldecker

Elder George Linder presented the report of the Synod Treasurer.

Fathers and Brethren:

I am pleased to give you the Treasurer's Report for the year ending May 12, 1969, because it shows a vast improvement over last year, an improvement in both amount given and in participation by our churches.

This year over eighty of our one hundred twenty-one listed churches contributed to the expenses of Synod. Forty-seven contributed 75¢ per communicant member or more; thirty-three contributed less than this amount; and forty-one did not participate at all. Many of these are small churches, but there are still a large number of churches with a membership of over one hundred who do not contribute! Four of our agencies are participating in this support of Synod to the extent of one-half of one percent of denominational receipts.

We have been able to meet almost \$2,800 of Synod's debts carried over from last year plus most of this year's expenses. This has been accomplished though less than seventy per cent of our churches participated. With all churches participating, we could pay off all of our debts and continue on a firm basis.

I have no recommendations to make other than a continuation of what transpired last year, namely:

1. That each pastor and session prayerfully consider the support of Synod at least on the basis of 75¢ per year per communicant member, keeping in mind that this is meeting only the minimal requirements of administrative expenses. To meet full expenses would, I agree, take at least \$1.25 to \$1.50 per communicant member as indicated by the Administrative Committee in its report.

2. That each agency board consider a contribution to Synod of one-half of one per cent of denominational receipts toward Synod expense if not already doing so.

3. That the treasurer be permitted, at his discretion, to appeal to the denomination for funds, especially to non-participating churches and agencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Linder, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 12, 1969

### Income

Balance, May 6, 1968		\$ 1,138.20
Receipts		11,958.06
Ministerial Welfare	\$ 543.75	
Income 146th General Synod	711.18	
Individual Gifts	877.96	
Agency Support	1449.25	
Church Support	8193.42	
Bonding Repayment	112.50	
Fraternal Relations Income	70.00	
Total Fund Available for Report Period		<u>\$13,096.26</u>

### Expenditures

146th Synod Expenses	\$ 431.40	
146th Synod Commissioners' Expenses	302.00	
Ministerial Welfare	420.00	
Postage and Stationery, Treasurer	60.78	
Printing Synod Sunday Appeal	46.25	
Stated Clerk's Salary	4200.00	
Toward Social Security, Stated Clerk	269.35	
Stated Clerk's Office Rental, 1967	400.00	
Toward Stated Clerk's Administrative Expense, 1968	200.00	
Toward Debt Owed Stated Clerk	600.00	
Toward 147th General Synod Expense, Stated Clerk	200.00	
Printing and Mailing 145th Synod Minutes	2087.00	
Printing of 146th Synod Minutes	1504.00	
Fraternal Relations Committee Travel	70.00	
To Pension Fund, Stated Clerk	210.00	
To Pension Fund, Mr. Baldwin	30.00	
Total Expenditures, May 6, 1968, to May 12, 1969		<u>\$11,030.78</u>
		<u>\$ 2,065.48</u>



**Action on Recommendations:** Upon proper motion, all three recommendations were adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a day be designated as Synod Sunday, a day on which Synod, its position, its meaning, and its needs be placed before the congregations of each of our churches, with emphasis for meeting these obligations. (See p. 38, Minutes of 146th Synod, 1968.)

Dr. F. S. Dyrness presented the report of the Ministerial Welfare and Benefits Committee.

### **MINISTERIAL WELFARE & BENEFITS COMMITTEE HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE**

Fathers and Brethren:

Synod's Hospitalization Plan continues to be well received, as evidenced by its continued growth. At present there are 207 contracts, (143 a year ago), covering 612 persons. The total premiums paid to Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc. this past year totalled \$30,362.81.

The present rates are:

	<u>Int-Cty</u>	<u>Diag.</u>	<u>B-S</u>	<u>Total</u>
Single Subscriber	\$ 4.85	\$ .43	\$1.88	\$ 7.16
Husband & Wife (no maternity	13.20	.94	4.37	18.51
Husband & Wife (with maternity & children under 19	14.54	.94	6.07	21.55
Parent & Child(ren) under 19	13.20	.94	6.07	20.21
Related dependent under 65	6.33	.43	1.88	8.64
65 Special	2.25		2.25	4.50

Due to the extreme rise in hospital and other medical costs, it is expected we may experience another rate increase. It should be remembered that there is no charge made for handling the fund through the office of The Quarryville Presbyterian Home. The detail bookkeeping has been done most efficiently by Mrs. Eckardt. The office also handles a large amount of correspondence and resolving of problems which arise.

The cooperation of subscribers in sending in their premiums regularly is appreciated. Please remember the committee is not obligated to send out notices.

The full coverage of semi-private rates for any hospital in the world and payment for the extra hospital charges is not found in other hospitalization contracts. Inter-County has informed us they are no longer permitted to write new policies of this type, however they must honor our contract.

The dollar service charge with each payment is used for printing, postage, telephone etc. Any balance will eventually revert to the Synod or policy holders. An unaudited financial report is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. S. Dyrness, Treasurer  
Charles L. Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

### Statement of Condition March 31, 1969

#### ASSETS

##### CASH

Farmers National Bank of Quarryville, Pa.	\$ 1,302.70	
Roosevelt Savings Bank, New York	<u>1,939.69</u>	<u>\$ 3,242.39</u>

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

##### LIABILITIES

Hospitalization payments received in advance	\$ 1,927.07
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##### EQUITY

Service Charges and interest remaining after expenses	<u>1,315.32</u>
	<u>\$ 3,242.39</u>

### STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

##### RECEIPTS:

Balance, March 31, 1968	\$ 2,388.37	
Hospitalization payments	30,689.50	
Service Charges	571.27	
Interest on Savings account	<u>112.92</u>	
		\$33,762.06

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Inter-County Hospitalization Plan Inc.	\$30,374.22
Refund of overpayment	46.37
Refund of Hospitalization payment at death	20.40
Postage, stationery and telephone	<u>78.68</u>
	<u>\$30,519.67</u>

CASH BALANCE, March 31, 1969 \$ 3,242.39

Number of subscribers, not including dependents - 207

F. S. Dyrness, Treasurer  
Charles L. Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

Dr. F. S. Dyrness presented the report of the Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund.

#### REPORT OF THE LAMB AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND

Fathers and Brethren:

Student aid-loan was distributed this past year in the amount of \$300.00 each to the following: Richard Billstein, Robert C. Weeber, Jr., Jack R. Buckley, Edward J. Evans, Edward A. Eppinger, Walter G. Cross III, Claude DePrine III, Ronald J. McKenzie, William J. Swenson and Gerald P. Malkus. Also an amount of \$250.00 was sent to Ernest Charan Singh of India. The total was \$3,250.00

Five persons applied last year which did not accept the gift-loan. May we suggest greater care be taken by Sessions and Presbyteries to make sure the applicants really plan to carry through, as the amount each applicant receives is based on a pro-rata basis of the total amount available. Official application blanks can be secured from the clerks of Presbytery or from Mr. Ralph L. Ruth, Box 508, Ridge Valley Road, Sellersville, Pa. 18960.

The aid-loan has proven a great help and blessing to ministerial students looking forward to serving in our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph L. Ruth, Secretary

## Financial Report of the Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund

### Receipts

Balance in Bank 3/31/68	\$3,063.95
Received from Trustees of Synod	4,348.13
Received from Real Estate Taxes	1,351.14
Bank Interest	129.62
	<u>\$8,892.84</u>

### Expenditures

Student Aid Loan	\$3,250.00
Real Estate Taxes	1,431.00
Real Estate Taxes - Wm. Green	142.60
Printing	97.00
Postage, etc.	11.71
	<u>\$4,932.31</u>
Balance in Checking account 3/31/69	1,146.94
Balance in Savings Account 3/31/69	<u>2,813.59</u>
	<u>\$8,892.84</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
David C. McIntyre, Treasurer

The Board of the Lamb and Theological Fund recommends that Lamb Fund Aid Loan be granted the following for the seminary year 1969-70, subject to satisfactory completion of their applications, including the signing of the required note.

Full \$500: William Swenson, Gerald P. Malkus, Richard S. Billstein, Jack R. Buckley, Edward J. Evans, William A. Mahlow, Jr., Ronald J. McKenzie, Jayme S. Sickert, Thomas E. Troxell.

\$250, Students in India: Emmanuel J. Johnson, Isaac Kumar.

\$250, One-half Grant for Late Application: Claude D. DePrine III, Robert C. Weeber, Jr., James Tanner, Edward Eppinger, Louie M. Barnes, Jr.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that these be approved.

Dr. S. Bruce Willson brought fraternal greetings to Synod from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

Dr. Robert Rayburn presented the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Your committee on Fraternal Relations has had a busy year. Most of the meetings have been taken up in discussions with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations concerning the bases for possible eventual union of the two denominations. This has not been the sole activity of the committee, however. We have received and acknowledged (answering, if possible) a large number of communications both from within our church and from without. We have appointed delegates to carry our fraternal greetings to those churches with which we are in fraternal relationship--the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanters), the Christian Reformed Church. We have also made arrangements for the welcoming of delegates from each of these churches to this present meeting of our Synod. The following have been appointed by their respective denominations to be present with us at this meeting and by the time this report is given will already perhaps have spoken. Dr. S. Bruce Willson, President of Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, for the RP Church (Covenanters); the Rev. H. Dexter Clark, pastor of the Parkview Heights Christian Reformed Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, for the Christian Reformed; and the Rev. Arthur O. Olson, pastor, for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

At the 144th General Synod of the RPC,ES the Fraternal Relations Committee was instructed to "join with the corresponding OP Committee in exploring possible bases of union" with that church. At the 146th General Synod in Wilmington last year it seemed evident to the committee that no change in the purposes of the Synod was indicated and the Synod went on record as favoring another joint conference with the Orthodox Presbyterians. We were also instructed to invite the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to hold its 1969 General Assembly here at Covenant College so that they might participate in a joint conference with us. When this invitation was extended to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, their plans were already made for their General Assembly meeting this year and they were not able to come to Covenant College. However, a second joint conference with the Orthodox Presbyterians was planned and carried out at Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, March 19 and 20. A gratifying attendance of ministers and elders from both churches indicated considerable interest in the matter of possible union.

Three two-day joint meetings of your committee and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the OPC have been held during this year. The first, November 18 and 19 at First RP Church, Pittsburgh; the second, January 9 and 10 at Covenant Seminary; and the third, March 20 and 21 at Willow Grove. In spite of considerable financial expense for the members of your committee in the travel which has been involved in these meetings, we have had good attendance at each one of them. One report of our progress has gone to all pastors and sessions of our church.

Through correspondence and personal discussion with ministers and session members of both the OP denomination and our own, a serious effort has been made to determine whether there are serious theological problems between the two denominations. Whenever a problem was indicated it has been considered in the joint meetings, and many hours have been spent in full and frank discussion. In most cases the committee has been able to resolve questions concerning the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. There has been and continues to be some suspicion of our church because of the alleged doctrinal weakness of one or two of our ministers, but the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee has come to the conclusion that it is unable to define any theological problem that would be an obstacle to union.

As to the opposition to union on the part of some Reformed Presbyterian ministers and elders, it seems to largely focus upon a concern that any union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would involve a forsaking of our denominational stand on the separated life. It has not been the effort of our committee in any way to "water down" our stand nor bring about any compromise which would change the witness of our church on these matters. We expect that a full and frank discussion of this problem can be heard on the floor of Synod this year and can be carried to the individual churches which make up our denomination so that all may understand what the true situation is.

We would appeal to every minister and elder, however, to make his decision on this matter according to factual information and not according to subjective impressions. In accordance with the instruction of our Synod, the joint committee has worked out a Basis for Union in four parts as follows:

## **I. Preamble**

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church are churches in the United States of America having one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. In determining to unite in one Scriptural order and to remove every barrier to full fellowship in the service of Christ, these churches come acknowledging both God's grace and their sins in days

past and trusting in the renewal of the Holy Ghost for days to come.

They would first make mention of what Christ has wrought in their confession and service.

Both churches come rejoicing in one Sovereign Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Both churches believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Both churches therefore have sought to be obedient to Scripture in teaching and life, in order and worship. Because the inspiration and divine authority of Scripture have been questioned and denied within the professing church, the acknowledgement of the Bible to be the Word of God written is the more necessary for those who would stand today in the apostolic gospel: "That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was buried and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

These two churches have a common background in our struggle to maintain the clear teachings of the Word of God that our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, worked mighty miracles, offered up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, that on the third day he rose again from the dead with the same body with which he suffered with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession.

Modernism, old and new, in denying these doctrines and the infallibility of the Word that teaches them, denies the Lord of the Word and casts aside the scepter of his rule in his church. Since the fellowship of the church of Jesus Christ must be grounded in the truth, the spread of apostasy brings division. Our churches exist because we have chosen to obey God rather than man in conflict with false teaching in the church.

Yet in opposing such denials of doctrines essential to the Word of God and our secondary standards, these churches have not reduced the whole counsel of God to a few fundamentals of Christian faith.

Rather with the renewal of obedience to the Word of God there has come a renewal of rejoicing in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as containing the system of doctrine taught in the holy Scriptures. Both churches have adopted the Confession of Faith in virtually identical form, a form that precedes the modifying amendments made to the Confession by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1903. The two churches have one Confession, a Confession that expresses the glorious

fullness of the Reformed Faith, declaring without equivocation that salvation is of the Lord. Solio deo gloria!

New obedience to the revelation of the grace of God in Jesus Christ has kindled new desire for holy living. Both churches have manifested deep concern that Christians be not conformed to this world in an age of license, but rather be transformed into the image of Christ. These churches have turned again to the law of God, believing that contemporary immorality springs not only from the lusts of the flesh but also from hatred of the truth. The apostasy that casts off the authority of God's Word of commandment revealed in Scripture is at the last more destructive than guilty sensuality.

Because both churches teach obedience to the revealed commandments of Christ they have also sought to apply these specific commandments to modern life.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has called attention to the specific instruction of our subordinate standards, particularly the Larger Catechism, on the requirements of the Word of God for holy living. The Westminster Larger Catechism so applies the Ten Commandments, warning that each commandment implies the specific forbidding of all sins of that kind, "together with all the causes, means, occasions and appearances thereof and provocations thereunto" (Q. 99).

The plan for the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod contained a declaration on the Christian life in which the united church emphasized the applicability of God's commandments to questions of conduct and practice that arise in the modern world.

The acknowledgement of Scripture as the infallible rule of faith and life has therefore borne fruit in both these churches in specific exposition and application of the Bible to learn what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. In life as in faith the rule of the Word of God is both specific and inclusive. As the church is led into all truth by the Word, so is it led into all righteousness: whatever we do, individually in our hearts, together in our homes and communities, or corporately in the church of Christ we are to do to the glory of God.

In uniting their witness, these churches would seek to grow in love and new obedience to Christ, finding in that obedience the remedy for both legalism and antinomianism. We dare not build a hedge around God's law, adding to it the burdensome traditions of men. Neither may we ever cease to hear in the law the voice of the living God, whose will and nature are revealed in his commandments. Yet respect for the liberty of the sons of God must not



dampen our pastoral zeal to warn those in our charge against particular sins and against those practices in contemporary life that become frequent occasions of sin. When the mass media pander to unlawful sexual appetites, the Saviour's warning about the lustful look must be part of the church's instruction. When respect for human life is cheapened by glorified violence or when the proper function of the body is impaired through narcotics, stimulants, and hallucinogenic drugs, the church must teach that our bodies are for the Lord and oppose those who exploit for gain those desires that rebel against God's ordinances for human life. Apart from the courageous application of Scripture to individual and social sins in the context of modern life the church cannot fulfill the whole ministry of the Word of God. The forming of Christian consciences to prove the things that differ is most necessary so that the church shall not be conformed to the lawlessness of an unbelieving world.

Nowhere does the direction of the Word of the Lord appear more clearly in the witness of these churches than in the work of missions and evangelism. Not only do the doctrines of grace require the seeking of the lost by those who are drawn by the Son of God to know the Father's heart of mercy; the express command of the risen Saviour sends his disciples to the ends of the world and the end of the age. In obedience to Christ's Great Commission the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church have carried forward constantly expanding missionary programs at home and abroad. Concern for the soundness of the missionary message in the former Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. led to the establishment of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, and to the division that was forced upon those who refused to surrender that testimony. In the work of World Presbyterian Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the cause of truly Presbyterian missions has prospered. More than 110 missionaries now serve in 13 countries with the support of these agencies. In addition, the gospel is preached by more than 36 men supported at least in part by corresponding home mission agencies. Evangelism is also served by the printed word through the labors of our committees on Christian education.

In contrast to the secularized evangelism that would substitute political action for the proclamation of Christ's kingdom, the Biblical evangelism to which these churches are committed recognizes that Christ must be obeyed in his program; that the gospel must be preached to all nations, and that until he comes only the sword of the Spirit may be wielded in his name. These churches have sought to manifest the compassion of Christ by deeds of mercy and to proclaim the gospel of Christ by words of power, but the power they claim is spiritual. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of . . . imaginations and every high

thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God. . .") (II Cor. 10:3-5).

In so speaking of the witness of our churches we know that we have nothing that we have not received and that we have this treasure in earthen vessels. We would therefore with lowliness, meekness, forbearance, and long-suffering give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To this end we of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would remove every wall of partition that divides us, manifesting in one fellowship of order and service that unity under the Word of Christ that we profess as members of his body.

We do confess that all saints that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, have communion in each other's gifts and graces. As God now offers to us opportunity we would assume the obligation of our profession to extend and maintain toward one another a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, in performing such other spiritual services as tend to our mutual edification, and in relieving one another according to our several abilities and necessities.

May the ascended Lord fill us with his Spirit and bless this work of ministering till we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## **II. The Doctrinal Standards**

The text of the Confession of Faith of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster in 1646, except for those slight revisions adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (the text is available in the Trinity Hymnal and also as a separate pamphlet from the committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.)

The text of the Westminster Larger Catechism in its original form, with the amendments adopted by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod in reference to answer 86-89 which seek to ensure neutrality in regard to the eschatological sequence (these amendments are found in the Minutes of the 141st General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod, 1964, page 20).

The text of the Westminster Shorter Catechism in its original form.

### **III. Standards of Government, Discipline and Worship**

A. The Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod as amended by the joint meeting of the two committees on January 9, 1969, to change Chapter I, Section 5, from "All rules, constitutional, permanent or temporary, adopted by any court of the church are of force only as based upon, or in accord with the Scriptures." to read "All rules, constitutional, permanent or temporary, adopted by any court of the church are of force only as based upon, and in accord with the Scriptures." (Committee's italics) It is proposed that this Form as amended, the present Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and also the Second Revised Version of the Proposed Revision of the Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be referred to a Committee on Form of Government in the united Church for further study and recommendation.

B. The Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. It is proposed that this Book, the present Book of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and also the Proposed Book of Discipline of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod be referred to a Committee on the Book of Discipline in the united Church for further study and recommendations.

C. The Directory for Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. It is proposed that this Directory and the Proposed Directory of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod be referred to a Committee on the the Directory for Worship in the united Church for further study and recommendations.

### **IV. The Adopting Act**

It is proposed that the question to be voted on by the highest judicatories and presbyteries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be as follows:

Shall the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be united to form the (Name) on the following bases:

- I. The supreme doctrinal standard shall be the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, the Word of God written, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- II. The subordinate doctrinal standards shall be; the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms in the forms proposed under Section II, "Doctrinal Standards" of the Basis for Union.
- III. The governmental standards shall be: the Form of Government, Book of Discipline and Directory for Worship in the forms proposed under

On motion it was determined that the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Committee on Ecumenicity of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church join in calling on both churches to appreciate that discussion concerning merger does in fact constitute a spiritual challenge to more diligent study of the Scriptures and more earnest contending in prayer in order that each communion may be responsive to the will of God.

Accepting this challenge does not prejudice anyone for or against any development, minor or major, that will occur. Rather, it admits that there will be a period of examination of self and each other and that, regardless of the outcome, the proper spiritual preparation for these examinations will bring great blessing and renewal, whereas insufficient or improper spiritual preparation may well cause great harm and regression.

To implement this spiritual challenge both committees urge the pastors of both communions particularly to emphasize the doctrine of the church as visible and invisible during the period of discussion and to urge presbyteries, sessions and pastors to call for heart-searching and humble prayer, both by individuals and by special prayer meetings during the period of discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert G. Rayburn, Chairman  
Fraternal Relations Committee

#### **Action on Recommendations:**

Recommendation 1: It was moved and seconded that this be adopted. There was considerable discussion. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the time fifteen minutes. At the end of fifteen minutes, it was moved, seconded, and carried to extend discussion until 5:45 p.m. The previous question was moved and seconded. The motion carried by a two-thirds majority. R.L. Harris, Richard Gray, Charles Anderson, Edward T. Noe, Nelson Malkus, Charles Holliday, Jonas Shepherd, Theodore Engstrom, Floyd McLane, Thomas Cross, Samuel Ward, and William Barker requested that their negative votes be recorded. The motion to adopt Recommendation 1 was carried.

Synod adjourned at 5:50 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Robert Edmiston.

#### **FIFTH SEDERUNT, THURSDAY, 8:30 a.m.**

The Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Chaplain David Peterson to offer the constituting prayer. After the singing of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," Synod engaged in prayer from 8:35 to 8:50. The Minutes of the fourth sederunt were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to proceed to the order of the day.

Dr. Richard Gray and Rev. Max Belz presented the report of the Magazine Committee. They proposed the publication of a new type of denominational magazine under the editorship of Mr. Joel Belz and moved and seconded the following motion: That Synod request its agencies to supply \$10,000 and the churches \$10,000 for the first year of publishing a magazine. It was moved and seconded to amend the motion to read that the magazine not be published until it has the promise of \$20,000 in hand. An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded, changing the amount to \$2,000. This was lost. Previous question was moved, seconded, and carried. The amendment was lost by voice vote. A show of hands was called for, and the amendment was lost. The main motion carried.

### YEARLY REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN REPORTER April 1, 1968 - April 1, 1969

Total Receipts	\$2267.58
Itemized	
Balance on hand April 1, 1968	5.63
Gifts	1226.52
Subscriptions	1031.18
Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. check	1.00
MacGregor Agency check missent	3.25
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Disbursements	
Cono Christian School for printing	1691.63
Cono B.P. Bulletin from Ed. Elliott, Jr. check	1.00
Faith Presbyterian Church, Delaware - Magazine Committee	3.00
James L. Birdwell - Refund on subscription	3.75
MacGregor Agency error	3.25
Presbyterian Guardian Sub.	5.00
Calvin Rhoad - Refund on subscription	3.75
Reformed Presby. Church Evangel. Synod--½% of gifts received	6.13
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Total	1717.51
Balance on hand April 1, 1969	550.07
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	2267.58

Respectfully submitted,  
Max Belz

It was moved, seconded, and carried to amend the Docket at this point to proceed to the elections for World Presbyterian Missions, Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund, Synod Treasurer, and Magazine Committee at this time.

**Election of Magazine Committee:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. Jonas Shepherd was nominated from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot resulted in the election to the Class of 1972 of Wilbur Blakely, R. Daniel Cannon, W.A. Mahlow.

**Synod Treasurer:** The Nominating Committee presented Mr. George Linder as its nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations closed and a white ballot cast for Mr. Linder.

**Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund:** The Nominating Committee presented the members of the Class of 1969 as nominees for the Class of 1972. There were no nominees from the floor and upon motion, the nominations closed and a white ballot cast for the Class of 1969 to be the Class of 1972.

**World Presbyterian Missions:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. L. LaVerne Donaldson was nominated from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., R. Daniel Cannon, George Johnson, Roger Hunt, Nelson Malkus, Robert Stewart, John Christie, L. LaVerne Donaldson.

It was moved and seconded to eliminate the recess, the motion was lost. Synod recessed at 10:15 with prayer by George Fielding, reconvened at 10:30 with the singing of "Rock of Ages" and prayer by McGregor Scott. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to formulate plans for a year of intensive evangelism and report back to this Synod if possible. The Vice Moderator took the chair. It was moved, seconded, and carried to amend the Docket in order to care for unfinished business before proceeding to today's Docket.

Dr. R. L. Harris presented the report of the Archivist.

### **REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST**

The Archives as turned over to me by Dr. Stam continue to be housed in the Administration Building of Covenant Theological Seminary..

The Archives consist largely of back issues of the Independent Board Bulletin and the minutes of the Bible Presbyterian Church. Also, there are old minutes of some merged Presbyteries and some miscellaneous matters.

Other archival material is found in Mr. Meiners' office, in the Seminary library, and in the private files of Dr. Buswell, Dr. Stam, and myself. This private material will probably eventually find its way into the Archives.

At present, the Archives are not housed in a fireproof building and during the year there was some water damage to the materials, but nothing of consequence.

I would urge all the brethren to remember the need of treasuring items of importance and historical interest. Any such items sent to the Archivist will be kept and preserved for the future.

**Election of Archivist:** The Nominating Committee nominated Dr. Harris. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and a white ballot cast for Dr. Harris.

**Freemasonry:** The subject of Freemasonry was again brought to the floor. (See Third Sederunt.) It was moved and seconded to consider the substitute motion seriatim, this was lost. A substitute was moved and seconded, that we re-pass the 1955 statement of the Bible Presbyterian Synod, with necessary changes to bring it up to date. It was moved and seconded to refer the matter back to the committee for further study and report to the 148th Synod, motion lost. It was moved and seconded to postpone action on the substitute to the substitute until 9 a.m. Friday and that the 1955 statement be duplicated and distributed, motion lost. It was moved and seconded that the matter be tabled, motion lost. Dr. Peter Stam read the 1955 action. The substitute to the substitute motion was carried. The vote on whether the substitute became the main motion was carried. The previous question was moved and seconded, but lost. Additional discussion was held. An amendment was moved and seconded to add to the 1955 statement a Recommendation No. 4 that Synod construes that the matter of Freemasonry properly comes before Synod by way of appeal from the lower judicatories. By show of hands, this motion was carried. The main motion, as amended, carried. George Miladin and Max Belz requested that their negative votes be recorded.

(Recapitulation: Synod adopted the 1955 statement, with necessary changes to bring it up to date and the addition of Recommendation No. 4, as follows:)

This study of Oath-bound Secret Societies includes such popular Orders as

the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Woodmen of the World, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Their rituals, secrets, objects and purposes are all patterned after the Order of Free Masonry. If objections to Masonry are taken, then the same objections apply also in the main to the other Orders mentioned.

This committee would like to point out that these Secret Societies are unmistakably religious in their nature propagating teachings that man can approach God by good works, as in any religion of man where the Bible is not the center. We would further point out, that these Societies being religious are not Christian in their concept, and that no Christian has the Scriptural right to bind himself to the penalties assumed by the oaths taken in these Societies.

Oath bound secret societies are religious because they talk about God, and their rituals are professedly rituals of worship. They have public prayer. Their meeting places are called temples. They have chaplains, priests, and worshipful masters. They talk about immortality, the resurrection and Heaven. Sacred books, including the Bible are part of their furniture, and frequently Scriptures are quoted. In the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREE MASONRY* (Page 152 of the edition published by Mose and Company of Philadelphia in 1879): we read, "If Masonry were simply a Christian Institution the Brahmin, the Moslem and the Buddhist could not conscientiously partake of its illumination, but its universality is its boast; in its language citizens of every nation may converse; at its altars all religious may kneel, and to its creed every faith may subscribe." According to this, the god worshipped by any savage can be worshipped by the Masons.

The Odd Fellows' Manual, written by A.B. Grosh, says on page 297, "Judaism, Christianity, Mohammedanism recognize the only true and living God who is Father of all; followers of different teachers ye are worshippers of one God who is Father of all, and therefore ye are brethren." The Word of God says, "He (Christ) came unto His own and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:11,12).

Clymer, a Masonic authority, in his *ANCIENT MYSTIC ORIENTAL MASONRY* declares on pages 10, 11, "Masonry does not teach salvation by faith, nor by the vicarious atonement. Go through its degrees, study its history as taught by its great masters; you cannot find that it teaches this doctrine (vicarious atonement.)" The Bible teaches, "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) and that we "were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Peter 1:18, 19).



Masons regard the Bible as one of many sacred books. "The Bible is properly called a greater light of masonry, for from the center of the lodge it pours forth upon the East, the West, and the South its refulgent rays of Divine truth. The Bible is used among Masons as a symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed, and therefore, whatever to any people expresses that will, may be used as substitute for the Bible in the Masonic lodge. Thus in a lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament alone may be placed upon the altar, and Turkish Masons make use of the Koran. Whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Koran to the Mussulman, the Vedas to the Brahmin, it everywhere masonically conveys the same idea-that of symbolism of the Divine will revealed to man." **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MASONRY.**

The Bible teaches that every believer's body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and their body is not their own. We are to glorify God in our bodies presenting them as living sacrifices (I Corinthians 6:19, 20; Romans 12:1). Every man who takes the Entered Apprentice oath binds himself for the following body penalties.

"Binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by its roots, and buried in the rough sands of the sea at low-water mark, where the tide ebbs and flows twice in twenty-four hours, should I ever knowingly or willingly violate this my solemn oath and obligation as an Entered Apprentice Mason. So help me God, and keep steadfast in due performance of the same.

The second degree obligation has the following penalty: "Binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my left breast torn open, my heart plucked out, and given as a prey to the wild beasts of the field and the fowls of the air. . ."

The third Master Mason obligation has this penalty: "Binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken from thence and burned to ashes, the ashes scattered to the four winds of Heaven, so that no more trace or remembrance may be had of so vile and perjured a wretch as I, should I ever knowingly or willingly violate this my solemn obligation as a Master Mason. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in due performance of the same." We do not believe any Christian should offer himself and bind himself for any such penalties on the body which is indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God. Further still, has any Christian the Scriptural right to take any lodge oath whatsoever? The answer comes from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: "Again ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shall perform unto the Lord thine oaths; But I say unto you, SWEAR NOT AT ALL; neither by

Heaven, for it is God's throne; Nor by earth; for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by the head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matthew 5:33-37).

The Reformed Presbyterian position as set forth in II Corinthians 6:14-18 and other Scriptures on separation of believers with unbelievers serve as a basis to advise all Reformed Presbyterians to separate themselves from any unholy alliance with oath-bound societies.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Publications Committee make available to Ministers and laymen materials on this subject.
2. That Ministers and Elders give study to the whole matter, so they may speak intelligently to those who come before them.
3. That Ministers with discretion see that the congregations are informed concerning oath-bound secret societies; and that they do it firmly and kindly, maintaining the Scriptural position on separation.
4. That Synod construes that this matter comes before Synod as an appeal from the lower judicatories.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod recess to reconvene at 1:15 p.m. Synod was led in prayer by Dr. T. Stanley Soltau and recessed at 12:15 p.m.

#### **SIXTH SEDERUNT, THURSDAY, 1: 15 P.M.**

The Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Elder Don Shaw to offer the constituting prayer. The Minutes of the fifth sederunt were read and approved with addition of the statement that the 1955 Synod statement was read to this Synod.

Consideration of the Fraternal Relations Committee report continued (See fourth sederunt). It was moved and seconded to reconsider the motion adopting Recommendation 1 of the committee. The voice vote was inconclusive, a division of the house was called for, and the motion was lost.

Recommendation 2: It was moved, seconded, and carried that this be adopted.

Recommendation 3: It was moved, seconded, and carried that this be adopted.

**Election of Fraternal Relations Committee:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 Thomas G. Cross, Richard Gray, John Sanderson, Samuel Ward.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to continue with the business of the fifth sederunt.

Dr. Harold Mare and Rev. Donald MacNair presented the report of National Presbyterian Missions.

### **THE ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS, INC.**

Fathers and Brethren:

During the course of the year, three major areas have been the primary work of National Presbyterian Missions: the basic program of presenting the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to the public, processing each contact made and developing those that show promise, and continuing responsibility for those already started.

During 1968-69, meetings to present the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to the public have been conducted in Santa Barbara, Calif., Carbondale, Ill., St. Petersburg, Fla., Vincennes, Ind., and Creve Coeur (St. Louis), Mo. In addition, the opportunity to present the church to interested groups of believers was used in cities all over the U.S.A.

Support via the Reducing-Assistance Program (R-AP) in the past year has been extended to fifteen churches. The Building Club was used for the work in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Although only one church was presented this year, the need is such that at least three more are anticipated for the year to come. The Revolving Building Fund has been instituted for one additional church and continues to service twelve other churches.

In the past year, initial work was begun by NPM in Vincennes, Ind., Lancaster, Pa., and Orlando, Fla. NPM also was of assistance in guiding groups of believers such as Randallstown, Md., Nashville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn.

Coupled with this is the regular publication of the NPM newsletter, with the monthly prayer calendar feature servicing mission-type works throughout

the RPCES regardless of the lack of any formal relationship to the Board.

In the area of church buildings, NPM has been called on to underwrite two Guaranteed Bonding Programs: Annapolis, Md. (\$150,000.00) and Myrtle Beach, S.C. (\$40,000.00).

Several established churches of the denomination have called on NPM for advice and counsel in the various aspects of their building programs. Among them are the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pa. and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Duaneburg, N.Y.

The second major area of activity for the year has been called "The Jerusalem Project." It is premised on the outline for church development that is basic enough to meet the actual conditions that must be met, versatile enough to be adaptable for all circumstances, and tried enough to be found practicable. This outline has been formally adopted by the NPM Board as our normal program for establishing a church. The outline will be distributed at Synod.

Based on using this plan, a committee of ruling and teaching elders of the Midwestern Presbytery (of the St. Louis area) was set up by Presbytery to attempt to establish three new churches in the greater St. Louis area within the next three years. The high point in the program is that NPM is the teacher and consultant, may be used for helping in meeting financial needs later but **IS NOT DOING THE WORK NOR MAKING THE DECISIONS.** It is a pilot program which, we trust, will be duplicated throughout the country. Already plans are partially complete to do this in four different areas this fall.

In the course of this program, a new brochure has been produced for presenting the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to the public. A sample will be distributed to all at Synod. They will be handled on consignment by Christian Training, Inc. and may be purchased through the Rev. Art Kay.

The third major area of activity of NPM during the year has been the development of a proposal relative to the Inner City. The program of development was carefully designed to permit a proposal to the General Synod in May 1969. Many trips, long discussions and much "homework" were done in order to have the report ready for presentation. The report is to be distributed and will be orally presented. Also, recommendations relative to it follow.

Supplemental to the work of NPM is the employment of an Assistant to the Executive Director, Mr. William Swenson. It is anticipated that Mr. Swenson, in addition to other duties, will be visiting many of the churches of our denomination to bring the local church up to date on the most recent developments in NPM.

Each year NPM makes one major appeal for a special offering, the Thanksgiving Thankoffering. This year the results were:

\$10,912.82	Receipts
73	RPCEs Churches Participated
248	Individuals Participated

The Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation for this support.

The annual financial report cannot be presented herewith due to errors and other difficulties. This has been remedied and our financial records are now being computerized. Please accept our apology for this omission.

The Board of National Presbyterian Missions respectfully presents to the General Synod the following recommendations:

### **Safeguard Program**

(Note: because of the extensive debate last year at General Synod, NPM has delayed implementing the former program and has considered amending it. Guests were invited to the Board in order to express various points of view.)

BECAUSE all monies granted by NPM have been intrinsically given toward the establishment of churches of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and

BECAUSE the historic premises (a) each congregation owning its own property, and (b) each congregation remaining in subjection to its Presbytery and to Synod because of its love and mutual confidence in the Church, are cardinal building blocks of all NPM work, and

BECAUSE the proper stewardship of its funds is the moral responsibility of NPM to the Reformed Presbyterian Church before God.

THEREFORE, NPM believes that a consequent moral obligation is accepted by all churches and/or Missions who are receiving or will receive monies through the Reducing Assistance Program, Grants, Gifts, or Building Club, (Revolving Building Loans are covered by NPM's financial policy, Article IV); this moral obligation is detailed below:

- (1) This obligation shall cover all monies given through the above programs and shall exist for five years from the receipt of final monies, the obligation being reduced at a rate of 20% per year;
- (2) If the church, for reasons sufficient unto itself, should officially remove itself from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod its obligation still remaining shall be satisfied within ninety (90) days by repayment or by an arrangement with NPM to execute a Note.

## **Inner-City Missions**

The proposal will be presented as a supplemental report.

The Board of NPM made the following motion:

" . . . report to Synod that it is beyond NPM's ability to implement the Inner-City Mission program at this time."

It was further moved:

" . . . recommend to Synod to appoint a Committee to work with the Presbyteries and Covenant Theological Seminary to further develop this initial study and to implement it."

## **Thanksgiving Thankoffering**

WHEREAS, the practice of relating the work of National Presbyterian Missions to the national holiday of Thanksgiving has been well received in the past by our church; and

WHEREAS, NPM has diligently attempted to limit its appeals for special gifts to this one annual appeal:

THEREFORE, NPM recommends to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod that the General Synod go on record as approving this program for 1969, and further, that it recommend to all the churches of the denomination to consider taking an active part in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. MacNair, Executive Director

The following specialized data will bring this report up to date:

1. Enrollment in Building Club, approximately 600 members.
  2. Churches, mission churches, and/or active groups not yet organized assisted in one way or another by N.P.M. —7.
  3. Mission churches probably ready to start by June, 1969 —4.
  4. Groups in early stages of development —5.
  5. R-AP programs actively serviced at this moment — 14.
- (RPCES presented in key churches in Savannah and Seattle. New works in Maitland, Florida; Creve Ceour, Missouri; Richmond, Virginia; Suffolk, Virginia New Castle, Pennsylvania; Yucaipa, California.)

## **Why Inner-City Missions**

- I. Such massive concentrations of human beings must be recognized as a definite part of the mission field.

- II. No one denies that sociological changes are taking place in the basic core of Americanism. It is also abundantly clear that the consequences of these changes are directly affecting every area of American life - inner city, the urban, the suburban and the rural. It is NOT any longer contained by geographical barriers and/or distance. Therefore, these changes must be allowed to bear their weighted impact on our entire church life and program in order that the RPCES be relevant to contemporary life.
- III. Only by direct involvement will this become more than an academic reality. By direct involvement (support, funds [which would normally be going elsewhere] prayers, a stream of faithful volunteers, participation of our own young people, and supply of full and part time workers) blessings would be flowing out from the RPCES. The consequence of the direct involvement (detailed knowledge of specific circumstances, victories of God's grace, personal confrontations with people and conditions that make us look long and hard at any uses of traditional forms as the substitute for vital Christianity) would be blessings flowing *into* the RPCES.
- IV. Our youth are demanding a message which relates Biblical Christianity to contemporary life and culture, or they are "turning us off." An increasing number are saying that we really have nothing to say if we are not tangibly involved in the problems wrecking the world around us.
- V. The primary motive for Inner-City Missions is, of course, that the basic problem of the inner-city man is spiritual. When, by grace through faith, any man sees Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, the life, then in Christ that man begins simultaneously to relate to a Sovereign God at work in the history of our lives and a demanding admission of personal responsibility. Meaningful sociological change will result through this new life in Christ. This man then begins to live rather than merely to exist.

### EXPLANATIONS

- (1) The work may be small, for a long time, but it must never be allowed to be simply "tokenism."
- (2) By the grace of God, our influence will far exceed our physical size, as He sees fit to bless.
- (3) Present RPCES Churches already in the inner city should be encouraged to consider becoming churches communicating to their present neighborhoods.

- (4) A program to start a new work, aside from assisting present churches in the inner city to communicate effectively to their local situation, should not be undertaken until these churches have been challenged and assisted to determine what God would have them to do. (See Development Program, Sections I & II)

#### NPM'S DEFINITION OF THE INNER CITY UPON WHICH THIS REPORT IS BASED

- I. A specific (almost always very limited in size, clearly outlined by sociological and/or geographical boundaries) neighborhood, which is becoming or has become:
- Locked-in to itself because of some combination of-
    - poverty
    - racial conditions
    - educational limitations
    - unemployment (unemployability)
    - vice
      - housing inadequacy (condition of houses and intense overcrowding)
  - Harboring inherent hostilities
  - Most probably unable to finance an indigenous church

Note: This must not be confused with an urban ministry, which could easily include the high-rise apartments, a specialized ministry to the entire metropolitan area, etc.

#### GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR RPCES CHURCHES IN INNER-CITY AREAS

- I. Background: In our cases, quite parallel to the Christian Reformed Church experience.
- A. Extreme downtown was developed 100-150 years ago. Very few of our churches are there. These areas are already heavily commercial and also are often urban areas.
- B. First suburbs (75-100 years ago) are now inner city or soon-to-be inner city. Several of our churches are located there. These neighborhoods saw a mass exodus to new suburbs 15-20 years ago. Some are being rebuilt under Urban Redevelopment Programs.



## **II. Proposal Concept:**

- A. Challenge these churches not to allow selves to die by default.
- B. To seek out the necessary data about the future of the neighborhood and make a major decision about their present existence and testimony in the inner city.
- C. If, after advice and orientation as to what is emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and financially involved in staying and modifying the program to fit the local needs as now understood, the following outline of action would be introduced.

III. Position of NPM: The position of NPM is to encourage these churches not to move without answering their responsibility for the inner-city witness. However, this is not to be construed as equivalent to considering the church a "second-rate citizen" if it then feels it must move.

### **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR RPCES CHURCHES IN THE INNER CITY**

#### **I. Challenge**

The fundamental premise to be presented to churches already in, or soon to be in, inner city circumstances has two basic parts:

- A. No church may simply allow itself to remain static and die because of inertia.
- B. The only other live option open to such a church is to move or to modify its program.

Note: Moving is not automatically wrong, but it cannot be done without first intelligently weighing the alternatives.

## **II. Proposal of preparation to make a meaningful decision:**

- A. Assist the local RPCES Church to make a complete in-depth survey of the anticipated development (or possible destruction for Urban Renewal) for the neighborhood, for 1 year, 2 years, 4 years, 5 years, 8 years, 10 years ahead.
- B. Assist local RPCES Church to make an in-depth study of anticipated financial expenditures to maintain status quo, or to move, or to modify its program in order effectively to communicate the Gospel, and to

ascertain the sources (or lack thereof) of the needed income.

C. Guarantee all present members and friends that, if modification is decided on, all the traditional pastoral services needed for the present congregation will constantly be offered to them, including, of course, regular Sunday Morning Worship and Pastoral visiting.

D. Propose, discuss and illustrate the overall major concepts to be introduced through modification, particularly the need to have the spiritual conviction that:

1. there is spiritual work to be done in their own neighborhood that would not be done if they were to leave;
2. the people living in the neighborhood must be loved as men created in God's image and not accepted for any lesser reason (it has been well put as follows: "We must love these people for what they are, not for what we anticipate that they could be.") such as:
  - a. need for people to keep the church in operation
  - b. admission of the trend of the times and an outward effort to be made to do what's expected of the existing church.

As will be demonstrated later, the heavily increased youth activities; the fact that no influx of people, especially as members, can be anticipated for a long time (if ever); the possible heavy "wear and tear" on the building to be expected and the necessary heavy provision for its general maintenance must also be recognized as part of the overall program of modification. These physical activities and costs must be coupled with a spiritually mature attitude demonstrated by a willingness to accept, listen to, learn from and love those in the neighborhood.

E. Assist the local RPCES to conduct one or a series of congregational meetings to come to grips with its one basic decision:

- This congregation intelligently and officially decides to modify or move, and that it officially calls for assistance in this program.

### III. Proposal for Initial Institution of Modification:

A. If the present Pastor is not called to proceed into this modification the church and the Presbytery shall do all in their power to assist him to make a change, possibly obligating themselves jointly to underwrite his salary for six to nine months.

Note: One of the keys of this long range development program is to establish enough of a personal rapport between church and neighborhood that the neighborhood people would be involved to some tangible degree in shaping the particulars of the plan.

B. Spiritual oversight of this work would stay in the hands of the present Session, with the Inner-City Agency given the task to:

1. Help develop the Basic Plan of Action (see IV) for the first two years, and
2. Help develop the most appropriate long-range program for the location within that first year or two;
3. Arrange to assist in strengthening the Session, if the Session and Presbytery mutually agree that the need exists. This strengthening could be
  - (a) by borrowed elders (presuming (1) they are available, and (2) they are oriented basically to the type work being conducted under this modified program), or
  - (b) by ministers and/or elders from a large area, thus leading to the possibility that the Session would in effect be a specialized committee of Presbytery.

Note: It is anticipated that it would take a considerable time to see developed any new qualified elders from the immediate area. Therefore, the second alternative above would probably have to become a live option sooner or later simply on the grounds of natural attrition by age, sickness, moving, etc., facing the existing Session.

4. Inner-City Agency would continue indefinitely as an active Consultant to the Session. This at least means that no major changes in policy will be adapted without ample time and discussion with Inner-City Agency so that its advice may be duly considered before any final decisions are made or any de-facto circumstances are created due to lack of decision.

IV. Proposal for Basic Program for first year or two:

- A. The circumstances existing (or to be anticipated as soon to exist in the case of neighborhoods in a state of flux) are filled with inner stratas and sub-stratas. It must be recognized that these stratas are usually dominating forces in the community. All of the outreach, both in the initial stage and the long-range program, must include an active program to reach the people with the least apparent spiritual

potential in each individual strata. Neglecting these particular people will result in emasculating the effect of our work in uplifting the community culturally and socially as well as spiritually.

#### B. Maintain Sunday Morning Worship

Note: Time and timing may be changed and/or varied.

1. The basics of worship must always be present  
Reading the Word - Prayer - Preaching the Word
2. A masculine atmosphere, especially regarding hymns, must be maintained. Honor given to men and young men by use as ushers, etc. (in the light of the matriarchy establishment now existing in most of the Inner-City situations.)
3. Preaching to have definite content, must be with dynamic delivery.
4. Preaching to include dealing with sin very directly - especially as evidenced in the local situation, for example: Alcoholism, Drugs, Gambling, Immorality.
5. Gospel must be presented so as demanding a commitment to God who brings about supernatural changes in life.

C. Quickly establish lines of communication with volunteer help in our churches. This will be such that the SAME individuals will regularly and often be on the scene to perform their particular volunteer task. The greater the number of volunteers the better, so long as,

1. Each volunteer does his task in the light of love for those to whom the ministry is performed
2. Is faithful in doing it.

These duties can be almost innumerable in scope and will greatly reduce the overhead. Without them it would be impossible to envision the finances necessary for this work.

D. Probably maintain Sunday School at a regular hour, but be prepared to switch to Sunday afternoon, or other time, as it seems wise.

E. Other stated services will be specially designed to fit the local situation or be cancelled.

- F. Maintain some teaching program for all contacts. This may not be a program which insists on a stipulated time and place or program. It may have to be redesigned over and over again for each personal circumstance.
- G. Develop a Youth Activities Program - with much follow up in homes. Emphasis must include teenagers as well as children.
- H. Visiting program, to be flexible but not to be neglected.
- I. Construct a basic file of the Social Services available and respond in this area as best possible wherever the opportunity arises.

Note: It is anticipated that a great deal of liaison will be developed in conjunction with the courts and juvenile authorities. These are almost always dominated by men of differing religious affiliations than ours. We must be willing to work with them for what they are doing. It is true that we will not engage in any formal, ecclesiastical union. However, evidence is that this will not be necessary or even expected, especially if we are wise in our approach to and respect for these men. It must also be made clear that we will not compromise any Scriptural truth for the sake of apparent gain.

- J. Anticipate a two-man team almost from the beginning composed of the Pastor and one other. The other worker could be dealing primarily with youth end of the activities, and a Sunday School work. Summer youth helpers, possibly a team of two young women (to work with the Pastor) should be planned for.

#### V. Proposal for Long Range Development Program:

- A. Take ample time - possibly two years to construct it.
- B. Attempt to involve local community people in preparing it (during the first two years).
- C. It must have built-in flexibility as to methods and even as to some of its major programs.
- D. It must be primarily geared towards presenting Jesus Christ as Saviour, presenting the entire Counsel of God as fundamental and eventually developing a self-governing church even if not a self-financing church. All the basics of proposal IV will be continued as the broad outline of which this will become the detailed parts.
- E. It must include some program to seek out and eventually train local

men for responsibilities, including the eldership.

F. It might include some combination of the following:

- A professional social worker
- Radio work
- Tract printing and distribution
- Health center
- Store or other employment venture
- Counselling service (family)
- Job employment service
- Rehabilitation home for delinquent juveniles
- Summer camp, by day or by week
- Specialized tutoring program for catch-up school work or preparation for advanced work in education

Mr. MacNair introduced the new assistant to the executive director, Mr. William Swenson, who spoke to Synod concerning reaching others for Christ.

#### **Action on Recommendations:**

**Recommendation 1: Safeguard Program:** It was moved and seconded to adopt this recommendation. An amendment was moved and seconded to delete in the fifth paragraph, line 3, the words "the Reducing Assistance Program." The amendment was lost. The recommendation was adopted.

**Recommendation 2: Inner-City Missions:** Upon motion, this recommendation was adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend time for N.P.M. fifteen minutes. It was moved, seconded, and carried that N.P.M. continue the study with possibility of constructing machinery for Inner-City work.

Synod recessed at 3:15 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Robert Stewart and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. with the singing of "Trust and Obey" and prayer by Dr. W. G. Vannoy.

#### **N.P.M. business continued**

**Recommendation 3: Thanksgiving Thank Offering:** Upon motion, this recommendation was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that Synod remain in session until 6:30 p.m. An amendment was moved and seconded, that there be a ten-minute recess at 5 p.m. Motion carried. The main motion, as amended, was carried.

**N.P.M. Election:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. Dan Orme, Carl Darger, and Donald Hicks were nominated from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 Richard Aeschliman, Richard Gray, Robert Hoyle, Kyle Thurman, Nelson Malkus, Wilbur Siddons, Carl Darger.

**Ministerial, Welfare, and Benefits Committee:** The nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 Franklin Dyrness, Charles Eckardt, George Linder.

**Archivist:** R. Laird Harris was presented by the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor and upon motion, a white ballot was cast for Dr. Harris.

**Statistician:** Harry Meiners was presented by the Nominating Committee for statistician. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, a white ballot was cast for Mr. Meiners.

Synod joined in a session of prayer 4:10 to 4:25 p.m., opened by Rev. Wilbur Siddons and closed by Rev. John Kay.

The following resolution was presented, seconded, and adopted: Be it resolved that we, the 147th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee/Georgia, May 20-23, 1969, extend our love and sympathetic understanding to those brethren in the Lord within the Presbyterian Church, U. S. who are struggling against denominational apostasy and unbelief. We wish to encourage them in their stand against the increasing pressures being exerted upon them and assure them of our prayer as they continue to seek to be true to the faith and to follow the Lord.

Rev. William Leonard presented the report of the Committee on Chaplains.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS**

Fathers and Brethren:

The Armed Forces are an important part of our national life, and it is the privilege and responsibility of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to serve as ministers of Jesus Christ to men and women in uniform through our active duty and reserve chaplain personnel scattered throughout the world. As of April, 1969, according to the latest information received by the Chairman of the Committee on Chaplains, *eleven* of our ministers are serv-

ing on active duty, *two* are scheduled for active duty next month, *two* have retired since our last Synod, *four* are in the active reserve, *five* in the Civil Air Patrol, and *one* is serving in the Hospital Chaplaincy. The current Roster, according to latest information received, is as follows:

**Army of the United States:**

Captain Robert H. Ackley, APO, San Francisco  
Lt. Col. Howard T. Cross, Vietnam  
Col. John M. MacGregor, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas  
Lt. Col. James S. Martin, Ft. Lee, Va.  
Captain David P. Peterson, Ft. Campbell, Ky.  
Captain J. D. Winscott, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

**United States Navy:**

Captain Robert A. Bonner, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
Lt. Robert Fiol, Vietnam  
LCDR Arthur E. Hegeman, Jr., FPO, San Francisco  
LCDR Thomas E. Sidebotham, St. Albans Naval Hospital, New York

**United States Air Force:**

Captain Patrick H. Morison, Edwards AFB, California

**Active Reserve:**

R. G. Rayburn (Army), J. H. Langford (Army)  
Robert B. Needham (Navy)

**Civil Air Patrol:**

G. H. Ackley, D. Fannon, C. L. Fritz, W. H. Mare, J. Palmer

**Hospital Chaplain**

Ellis C. Johnson

**Retired:**

John B. Youngs (Air Force); J. Norman McConnell (Air Force, 1 July, 1968, Houston, Texas); Laurence H. Withington (Air Force, 31 Dec., 1968, Vacaville, California); W. B. Leonard, Jr. (Naval Reserve) 1 July, 1969.

**Items of Interest:**

Congratulations are in order to **Chaplain and Mrs. Laurence H. Withington**, retired from the Air Force Chaplaincy as of 31 December, 1968. The Withingtons are living at 437 Berryessa Drive, Vacaville, California 95688.

Two Army Reserve Chaplains expect active duty orders next month (June, 1969): **Walter R. Case** to Ft. Knox, Kentucky; and **James Singleton**, who has been notified he can expect orders sometime in June, 1969.



Navy Chaplains **Robert Bonner** and **Tom Sidebotham** expect orders this summer, Bob to Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, and Tom to Vietnam. Army Chaplains **Howard Cross** and **John MacGregor** have changed duty stations since our last Synod; Howard has been serving as Group Chaplain of an Aviation Maintenance outfit in Vietnam and has had the chapel program at the MACV Annex Chapel near Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon; he expects stateside orders somewhere in 1st Army Area in July, 1969. **John MacGregor** returned from three years in Germany to Post Chaplain, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, home of the U. S. Army Command & General Staff College, a most responsible position, and was promoted to Colonel on 23 July, 1968. Reserve Chaplain **Bob Rayburn** was also promoted to full Colonel. Congratulations. Navy Chaplain **Bob Fiol** is back in Vietnam, serving with elements of the 3rd Marine Division, and **Arthur E. Hegeman** is serving at a Naval Communications Station in the Pacific, FPO, San Francisco.

As your chairman was preparing this report, word was received from the Navy Department that on 1 July, 1969, with a credit of 26 years of total commissioned service, he would be transferred to the Retired Reserve of the U. S. Naval Reserve. It has been twenty-six wonderful years, with active duty in World War II and again in the Korean War, and some twenty years duty in the Ready Reserve. Many thousands in the military, in peace and in war, have heard the gospel of our Lord and we rejoice. But even now, the best is yet to be!

Our denomination is indebted to the **Bulletin News Supplement** for disseminating news items concerning our chaplains throughout the year. Many ecclesiastical endorsements for active duty and reserve chaplains have been requested throughout the year. ALL ENDORSEMENTS MUST ORIGINATE WITH THE CLERK OF PRESBYTERY of the man involved, then forwarded to CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS, or to STATED CLERK OF SYNOD. (Three signatures are required on all endorsements.) Inquiries can be sent to the Chairman. Chaplains and Presbyteries are again urged to maintain contact, with changes of duty or mail addresses being forwarded to the Stated Clerk and Chairman of the Committee as well.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS  
William B. Leonard, Jr., Chairman

The following Chaplains were presented and briefly addressed Synod concerning their ministry: Col. John M. MacGregor, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. James S. Martin, U.S. Army; Capt. David Peterson, U.S. Army; Lt. Cdr. Thomas E. Sidebotham, U.S. Navy; Lt. (j.g.) Robert B. Needham, U.S. Naval Reserve; Capt. Patrick Morison, U.S. Air Force.

**Election of Committee on Chaplains:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 George Bragdon, LaVerne Donaldson, William Leonard, Stephen Smallman.

Synod recessed at 5:05 p.m., being led in prayer by Rev. Robert Hoyle; reconvened at 5:20 with the singing of "Psalm 23" and prayer by Rev. F. Seth Dyrness.

Dr. W. Harold Mare presented

### **Report of the Committee on the FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Fathers and Brethren:

The Committee on the FORM OF GOVERNMENT, established by the 144th General Synod to consider possible changes in the FORM OF GOVERNMENT and related matters, presents to this Synod three recommendations concerning questions referred to it by the 146th General Synod, one having to do with a suggested change in the FORM OF GOVERNMENT, and the other two having to do with (1) suggested safeguards to be placed around the Lord's Supper, and (2) the question as to the wisdom of presbyteries having an ad interim commission to act in receiving men under care, in dissolving pastoral relationships, and the transfer of pastors.

Our recommendations are given below.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Buswell, Jr.  
R. W. Gray  
H. H. Meiners  
R. G. Rayburn  
J. W. Sanderson  
W. H. Mare, Chairman

**Recommendations submitted by the Committee  
on the FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

That:

1. Our FORM OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE recommends the following be inserted in the FORM OF GOVERNMENT, V, 7b, p. 59 (as the last line of the paragraph, after the words, "together with the call"):

"In their voting on a call to a pastor, congregations should consider the wisdom of voting on one candidate at a time."

2. Regarding suggested safeguards which the session of the local church should place around the Lord's Supper, our committee recommends the following be adopted by Synod:

The local church is encouraged to have a preparatory service for communion on the preceding Sunday or sometime during that week. Immediately before the communion service the pastor shall make a statement regarding the seriousness of partaking of the Lord's Supper, including the solemn scriptural warning concerning those who partake in an unworthy manner (I Corinthians 11:27), and indicating that partaking of the communion elements is the privilege of all believers in Christ who are baptized members of a non-heretical church or assembly, that every believer is to examine himself before he partakes and that Christian parents are to be especially careful to instruct their children who are not communicant members to refrain from participation in the communion. The pastor should call attention to catechetical classes offered to prepare children for communicant membership.

3. In answer to the question committed to our committee by the 146th Synod, namely:

The question of the wisdom of the establishment of an ad interim commission to act in receiving men under care, in dissolving pastoral relationships and the transfer of pastors;

We recommend the following be adopted by Synod:

Since, according to the FORM OF GOVERNMENT, the presbytery has the original jurisdiction "over the official ecclesiastic care, the licensing, and the ordination of candidates for the ministry" (Chapter III, 7d, p. 28) and over its ministers (Chapter III, 7f, p. 28), and

"solely has the power to install and remove pastors" (Chapter III, 7a, p. 25), and is responsible for the transfer of ministers (Chapter V, 6g, p. 58); and

Since such an ad interim commission as described might well place now, or in the future, too much power in the hands of a few men of presbytery,

Each presbytery is encouraged to act officially itself regarding such important functions and duties.

### **Action on Recommendations:**

Recommendation 1: Upon motion, this recommendation was adopted.  
Recommendation 2: It was moved and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried to postpone action on this recommendation until after the overture on this subject is before Synod.  
Recommendation 3: Upon motion, this recommendation was adopted.

The Stated Clerk announced that seven of the presbyteries approved the amendment to the Form of Government, Chapter V, Section 5, par. 9. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this amendment be declared adopted.

The Stated Clerk reported that eight of the presbyteries approved adoption of the proposed Book of Discipline. It was moved and seconded that Synod declare the Book of Discipline adopted, pass the suggestions for change, and questions for clarification from the presbyteries to the Form of Government Committee for study and report to the 148th Synod. The motion was carried.

Concerning the proposed Directory for Worship, it was moved, seconded and carried to postpone action on this until later in this Synod.

**Bills and Overtures:** At this time Synod considered Overtures 6a and 6b. 6a. from Midwestern Presbytery - regarding government aid to Covenant College.

Midwestern Presbytery, convened in stated meeting 15 March 1969, in Coulterville, Illinois, hereby overtures the 147th Synod requesting synodical presentation of relevant principle and practice regarding accepting governmental aid, together with its publication of safeguards in view; - (if necessary, with governmental confirmation); and this for the better safeguarding and cohesion of the church in areas explicitly committed to Jesus Christ, such as, Covenant College.

6b. from Presbytery of California - regarding government aid to Covenant College.

The Presbytery of California overtures the 147th General Synod to call for a review of the announced policy of Covenant College to receive federal grants for the construction of certain campus buildings.

**Reply:** The Committee recommends referral of these overtures to the administration of Covenant College requesting that during this Synod meeting this matter be presented to Synod and the college's position stated.

**Action:** It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Committee's reply. Dr. Marion Barnes explained to the delegates the college's position.

At 6:30 p.m. it was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod reconvene twenty minutes after the conclusion of the evening banquet. Synod recessed at 6:35 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Nelson Malkus; reconvened at 10 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Warren Myers. It was moved and seconded that Synod instruct the Trustees of Covenant College to repudiate the acceptance of federal funds. The Moderator ruled the motion temporarily out of order.

Questions were asked of and answered by Dr. Barnes for a lengthy period. It was moved and seconded that this Synod urge the Trustees of Covenant College to refuse to accept federal grants. It was moved and seconded to limit subsequent speeches to three minutes and recess at midnight. The motion carried. By voice vote, the motion to urge the Trustees to refuse federal grants was lost. A division of the house was called for and by show of hands, the motion was lost by a vote of 33 aye and 84 nay. The following requested their dissent from this decision be recorded: George Miladin, Edward T. Noe, Carl T. Grayson, Robert Reymond, Robert Rayburn, Kyle Thurman, Robert Craggs, James Stites, Richard Brinkley. Jonas Shepherd, James Perry, Paul Anthony, W. Edward Lyons, Ernest Breen, Robert Needham, Richard Smith.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend the time sufficient to hear the presentation of the Synod Budget.

**Synod Budget:** George Linder presented the Budget of Synod.

## **Synod Budget Recommendations**

**of**

### **Attendance and Expense Committee**

Recognizing that there has been a great increase in the cost of material things and yet wishing to try to keep Synod's Budget within the sight and possibility of present financing, your committee makes the following recommendation as Synod's Budget for the next year:

Stated Clerk's Salary	\$4,800
Rental Stated Clerk's Office	800
Toward Purchase of New Equipment	200
Toward Stated Clerk's Travel	250
Toward Stated Clerk's Pension	180
Toward Stated Clerk's Social Security	300
Toward Stated Clerk's Supplies	350
Printing and Mailing of Synod Minutes	2,000
Toward Clerical Assistance of Stated Clerk	400
Toward Synod Committee Travel	500
Toward Synod Treasurer's Expenses	100
Miscellaneous	120
Toward Commissioner's Travel Reimbursement	600
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	\$10,600

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod adopt the Budget as presented.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Robert Countess and Synod adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

### **Seventh Sederunt, Friday, 8:30 a.m.**

The Moderator called the Synod to order, the delegates sang "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and were led in the constituting prayer by Rev. Paul Ward. The Minutes of the sixth sederunt were read and approved with corrections.

Rev. E. Kyle Thurman led in brief devotions using II Chronicles 15 and stressing evangelism in our churches. He announced the Moderator's appointment of the following to the special Committee on Evangelism: Thomas Cross and Kyle Thurman (Co-chairmen), Wyatt Folds, Robert Reymond, Flournoy Shepperson. He gave the report of this committee recommending:

1. That 1971 be a year of evangelism.
2. That we place stress on prayer that God will use us in the field of evangelism.
3. That there be a pre-Synodic evangelistic conference in 1970.
4. Expand the Committee on Evangelism to seven members. It was moved, seconded, and carried that two men be added to the committee and the committee be continued to the 148th Synod. The Moderator appointed Kenneth Horner and Robert Rayburn.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Marion D. Barnes be seated as a corresponding member of Synod. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod proceed with unfinished business. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we hear the Women's Synodical report immediately after lunch. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Robert Nuermberger be seated as a corresponding member.

#### **Bills and Overtures (cont.'d):**

1. from Great Plains Presbytery - regarding service of ministers in Agencies.

The Great Plains Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod to instruct its Boards and Agencies that, they not permit their ordained, full-time employees to act as pastors of Churches, moderators of vacant Churches or members of committees appointed by presbytery to mediate difficulties in local congregations.

We believe that this is necessary to insure: first, that the agencies remain aloof from the problems of local congregations, and second, that this shall insure the full-time undivided efforts of these men to their work.

While we recognize the rights of ordained employees to participate fully in the business of presbytery and do not wish to abrogate the rights of any individual, yet we recognize the dangers inherent in situations described in the overture and so request the 147th General Synod to approve this and send to our boards and agencies this overture.

**Reply:** The committee believes that we cannot limit these men in the use of their time as long as it does not interfere with the discharging of their first responsibility, which is to the Board or agency which employs them.

Each man should be free to determine for himself the extent of service he is able to render to the church subject to any restrictions imposed by his employers.

**Action:** It was moved, seconded, and carried that the committee's answer be adopted.

2a. from Philadelphia Presbytery — regarding Synod Vice Moderator.

that the Vice Moderator be elected each Synod by a separate nomination and ballot and that he be considered as a candidate for Moderator by the following Synod.

2b. from Southeast Presbytery — regarding Synod Vice Moderator.

“Which offices in the church may a divorced man hold?”

**Reply:** The committee refers Southeast Presbytery to our Confession of Faith, Chapter XXIV, calling attention to paragraph 5 and 6, recommending that in filling all ruling and teaching offices in the church, the session keep in mind these limitations, where applicable.

The Presbytery of the Southeast respectfully overtures the Synod meeting on May 20-23, at Covenant College to give consideration to the electing of a Vice Moderator at each Synod by a separate ballot and that he be considered as a candidate for Moderator by the following Synod.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that the Vice Moderator be elected by the Synod by a separate nomination and ballot. The committee does not feel that the election of the Vice Moderator for one Synod should have any bearing on any future Synod.

**Action:** It was moved, seconded, and carried that the committee’s reply be adopted.

3. from Philadelphia Presbytery - concerning Elder commissioners.

that Synod inform presbyteries and churches that there is nothing unconstitutional or unpresbyterian in having the same session member from a given church represent the church at Synod and Presbytery a number of times in succession and that Synod point out the advantage of having a certain elder in this way become better acquainted with the problems and procedures of the higher courts of the church and thus be able to represent his church more effectively.

**Reply:** The committee recommends adoption of this overture and further that not only the required number of delegates be sent to Synod, and presbytery, but as many as possible.

**Action:** It was moved, seconded, and carried that the committee’s reply be adopted.



4. from Southeast Presbytery - regarding divorced men's eligibility to office.

The Presbytery of the Southeast respectfully overtures the Synod meeting on May 20-23, at Covenant College to give answer to the question,

**Action:** It was moved and seconded that the committee's reply be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded that the matter be referred again to the Bills and Overtures Committee and that the committee seek information already in previous Synod Minutes. The amendment was lost. A second amendment was moved and seconded that we adopt the committee's reply and that the answer include information from the 28th Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 1964, pages 42 and 43. An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded, that the summary material be stricken. A ruling was asked for on the amendment to the amendment. The Moderator ruled that the amendment to the amendment was out of order because it was an argument against the amendment. The second amendment was carried and the main motion as amended was carried.

5a. from Southeast Presbytery - regarding dividing of presbytery.

The Southeast Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Synod to divide our Presbytery along the lines of the Florida - Georgia border, thus creating a Florida Presbytery with the remaining portion to form another Presbytery. Special consideration may be given to the best placement of Westminster Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

5b. from Philadelphia Presbytery - regarding dividing of presbytery.

With reference to Overture 10 from the Philadelphia Presbytery as presented to the 146th Synod, the Pennsylvania-Delaware-Maryland State Line is the recommended geographical division for dividing this presbytery into two presbyteries, to be adopted on a provisional basis with committees from the two presbyteries to study it for one year before final adoption.

**Reply:** The committee recommends adoption of this overture.

**Action:** It was moved, seconded, and carried that the committee's reply be adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Moderator be authorized to appoint a convener to call the next meetings of these presbyteries.

6a and 6b. (See sixth sederunt.)

7a. from Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest - regarding union with OPC.

The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest at Issaquah, Washington, on March 20, 1969, adopted the following overture to the 147th General Synod.

In response to a communication from the chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee regarding a proposed basis of union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we urge:

1. That Synod instruct the said committee that we as a church believe that the first statement as a basis for union should be: "We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the only infallible rule for faith and practice."
  2. That the subordinate standards be designated as the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as founded on and agreeable to the Bible, the Word of God.
  3. That a paragraph re "The Christian Life" such as that appearing on pages 42-43, printed Minutes of the 146th General Synod, "A Statement of our Present Position," be included in the basis for union.
  4. That the people of our churches be assured that no denominational merger will take place without a vote being submitted to the entire Membership. The Form of Government (p. 9) Chapter 11:6 (last paragraph) states that all powers not specifically assigned to other individuals or judicatories "are reserved to the congregations."
- 7b. from Pittsburgh Presbytery - regarding union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Whereas, while it has been stated that the overwhelming sentiment in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, "seems" to be in favor of union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, there is no concrete evidence that this is true, and

Whereas, while it has been pointed out that there are no basic doctrinal differences which divide the RPCES and the OPC, there appear to be very real differences in the interpretation of the important doctrine of Christian liberty, and

Whereas, while it has been stated that the Word of God teaches a need for the RPCES and OPC to "seek to express the unity of the Church," there has been a consistent assumption that this expressly applies to the proposed RPCES - OPC denomination, and we are persuaded that the Scripture speaks primarily of spiritual unity and does not teach a mandatory union of denominations, and

Whereas, in all the published materials on the subject of the proposed union of the RPCES and OPC there have been no concrete proposals, nor basic operating principles suggested, as to the important matters of administrative merger and union of the corresponding denominational agencies, and believing that these matters are too crucial and delicate to be left to disposition after denominational union, and

Whereas, on the basis of these serious problems, as yet unsatisfactorily resolved, we cannot at present advise our congregations to enter into a union with the OPC,

We respectfully overture Synod not to approve the present proposals for union, until a more careful study of these problems has been made, and satisfactory solutions of a concrete nature actually provided beforehand.

**Reply:** The committee's response is that Synod has already acted upon consideration of the proposed basis of union with provision being made for presbyteries and sessions to raise questions and state objections to it.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded that the committee's reply be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded, that these overtures be handed to the Fraternal Relations Committee. An amendment to the amendment was moved, seconded, and carried, to amend the motion further by adding the words "and also be sent to presbyteries." The motion as amended was carried and the committee's reply was adopted with the two amendments.

Dr. John Young read a letter from the Covenant College students thanking Synod delegates for their financial gift to these students who have served them during Synod.

Synod recessed at 10:15 a.m. with prayer by Elder Fred Stroup; reconvened at 10:30 with the singing of "Give Thanks Unto the Lord, Jehovah" and prayer by Elder Robert Titmus.

The Vice Moderator took the chair.

Upon motion, Mr. Dennis Leamon was seated as a visiting brother.

#### **Bills and Overtures (cont.'d):**

8. from Northeast Presbytery - regarding registration fee for Synod.

The Northeast Presbytery, meeting at Camden, New Jersey, March 29, 1969, declares its opposition to the requirement of the payment of a

registration fee by delegates to Synod meetings and hereby respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod meeting May 20-23, 1969, at Covenant College to have the practice discontinued.

**Reply:** The committee answers in the negative. The registration fee is used for necessary Synod expenses such as publicity and agency and committee reports.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the committee's reply. A substitute motion was moved and seconded to change the name of the registration fee to Synod expense fee. Motion lost. The main motion carried.

9. from Great Plains Presbytery - regarding time of Synod.

The Great Plains Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod that once every three or four years the General Synod meet during the months of July or August.

It is further respectfully requested that Synod avoid setting dates during May which would include the third Tuesday, as this frequently is high school graduation day in the Great Plains area.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that this be accepted as advice and be referred to the Administrative Committee for its consideration in arranging for future Synods.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded that the committee's reply be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded, that the overture be accepted as advice and be urged upon the Administrative Committee for its consideration. The motion carried. The main motion as amended carried.

10. from Southern Presbytery - regarding licensure requirements.

Southern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod to amend the Form of Government, Chapter V, Section 5, paragraph (i) pp. 9-50, to include the preparation of a written history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, as one of the requirements for trial of candidates for licensure.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that this overture be adopted by Synod as an amendment to the Form of Government, Chapter V, Section 5, paragraph (i) pp. 49-50 to be inserted after: "this denomination" and to read: "The candidate shall prepare and submit a written history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, as one of the parts of trial."

**Action:** It was moved and seconded that the committee's reply be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded, to leave out the words "This denomination" and have the following statement inserted after the last line: "The candidate shall also prepare and submit (4) a written history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, as one of the parts of trial." An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded, to insert the word "brief" before the words "written history." The previous question on the entire matter was moved, seconded, and carried. The amendment to the amendment was lost by voice vote. There was a call for a division of the house and by a show of hands, the motion was lost by a vote of 34 aye and 52 nay. The amendment was carried by a show of hands vote of 56 aye and 40 nay. The main motion, as amended, was carried.

#### 11. from Southern Presbytery - regarding Dispensationalism.

Southern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod to emphasize that the system of scripture interpretation known as "Dispensationalism" whether that of Darby, Scofield, Chafer, or current Dallas Seminary, is antithetical to the system of doctrine as contained in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, and that while Dispensationalists are generally pious Christians, their erroneous view of the parenthetic nature of the church and their dichotomous view of the destiny of the church and Israel is a serious error, being both divisive and harmful to the preservation and propagation of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, and that while the doors of the Church are open for membership to all genuine believers, no one holding a Dispensational view of Christ's Body be permitted to hold any office of ruling or teaching.

**Reply:** With regard to the system of Scripture interpretation known as "Dispensationalism" and whether "Dispensationalists" who adhere to a distinctive doctrine of the church involving a parenthetic view and a dichotomous view of the destiny of the church and Israel, or who are critical of Covenant Theology, should be allowed to hold offices, or positions of teaching or ruling in our churches, we would point out that elders, deacons and trustees, as well as ministers and licentiates, before their ordination or induction into office are required by the Form of Government to give credible, affirmative answers to the question whether they sincerely receive and adopt the doctrinal standards of this church, The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, Larger and Shorter, as embodying the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. We would construe as essentials to that system of doctrine, Chapter VII of the Confession, "Of God's Covenant With Man" paragraphs V and VI and chapter XXV, "Of the Church," paragraph I, which stress the unity of the covenant of grace and the unity of the church universal consisting of the whole number of the elect that have been,

are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the Head thereof. We regard it as expedient for sessions of local churches to be assured that all those who teach in the Sunday School or other teaching agencies of the church do not teach any doctrine contrary to this system of doctrine.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the committee's reply. An amendment was moved and seconded, to insert between the last two sentences the words: "Therefore we maintain that Dispensationalism as interpreted in Chafer's Dispensationalism and particularly Ryrie's Dispensationalism Today (Moody Press, 1965) holds doctrinal positions antithetical to the Westminster standards and contrary to the doctrinal position of the RPC, ES. The amendment was lost. A further amendment was moved and seconded: Dispensationalism as expounded in Lewis Sperry Chafer's Dispensationalism and Charles C. Ryrie's Dispensationalism Today should be evaluated in the light of these aspects of the system of doctrine. An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded, to add the words "and such like" after the reference to the works of Chafer and Ryrie. The amendment to the amendment was lost. After further discussion, the previous question was moved, seconded, and carried. The amendment was carried. It was moved, seconded, and carried to extend business fifteen minutes. It was moved and seconded that the matter of Dispensationalism, overture and reply, be referred to a committee appointed by the Moderator for thorough study and report to the 148th Synod. The motion to commit was passed by a show of hands 50 aye and 46 nay.

Synod recessed at 12:15 p.m. and was led in prayer by Rev. Robert Cox.

## **EIGHTH SEDERUNT, FRIDAY, 1:15 P.M.**

The Moderator called the Synod to order, the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung. Elder Allen Duble offered the constituting prayer. The Minutes of the seventh sederunt were read and approved.

Dr. F. S. Dyrness presented the report of the Synod Board of Trustees.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Fathers and Brethren:

We are grateful to God for His continued blessing upon the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod during the past year. As a Board of Trustees we have tried to be faithful in carrying out our responsibilities to the glory of the Lord and for the good of the denomination.

A legacy has come to our denomination from the Estate of Hugh B. McCollum, a member of a former Reformed Presbyterian Church, in North America, General Synod church, in the amount of \$25,169.00 without any designation for its use. The Trustees feel that since neither the College or Seminary shared in the capital funds of the former Reformed Presbyterian Church, and since both institutions have need for capital funds that this money should be divided equally between them for this purpose.

We want to express our appreciation for Attorney Donald A. Semisch of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania for his faithful service to the entire denomination during the past year. A summary of his activities is enclosed with this report.

Quarterly distributions totalling \$14,973.85 for the fiscal year have been made to the various boards of the church as indicated by the Treasurer's Report which follows. This represents 5% on our total capital fund of \$298,032.60, book value. This amount includes \$62,464.85, book value, of the Buchanan Fund held by the Provident National Bank of Phila. This fund has appreciated \$10,313.90. The other stocks held by the Trustees amount to \$136,262.71, book value, and have appreciated \$19,641.31. This shows a total capital appreciation of \$29,955.21, and an over all total market value of all capital funds held of \$327,673.91.

Also, we would call attention to the denomination of our Internal Revenue Number for the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. There seems to be confusion as to the correct number. It is hoped our legal counsel may have definite word on this by time of Synod.

For information purposes we are enclosing a copy of an advertisement that recently appeared in many Christian periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Holliday  
Secretary

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. We recommend that all boards and agencies of the denomination be advised that all real estate deeds should be scrutinized to make sure that they are in the correct denominational name.
2. We recommend that the bequest of the Hugh B. McCollum Estate of

\$25,169.00 be divided between our two educational institutions, Covenant Theological Seminary and Covenant College, to be used for capital expenditures.

**Actions on Recommendations:**

1. Upon motion, recommendation 1 was adopted.
2. It was moved and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded, to delete the words "to be used for capital expenditures." The amendment passed by show of hands 35 aye, 28 nay. The recommendation, as amended, was adopted.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

**MARCH 31, 1969**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

**Cash in Banks**

Lancaster County Farmers National Bank	
Checking Account	\$ 9,686.08
Philadelphia Savings Fund Society	
Savings Account	1,590.16
Roosevelt Savings Bank, New York	
Savings Account	35,818.33
Waterville Savings Bank, Maine	
Savings Account	<u>3,535.63</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$50,630.20</b>

**INVESTMENTS (AT COST)**

Mortgages Receivable (Schedule A)	51,389.87
Notes Receivable (Schedule B)	34,966.18
Stocks and Bonds (Schedule C)	136,262.71
(Market Value \$155,904.02)	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>222,618.76</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$273,248.96</u></b>



## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

### LIABILITIES

Payable for work in Southwest U. S.	3,535.63
Payable for Real Estate taxes on mortgages	1,370.96
Hugh B. McCollum, Estate	25,169.00
Payments on sale of Houston property	321.29
Income held for Lamb Fund	5,410.24
Income held for Board of Home Missions	<u>474.09</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 36,281.21

### EQUITY

Capital Funds	\$235,567.75
Reserve-Appreciation on Sale of Investments (Note A)	<u>1,400.00</u>

TOTAL EQUITY \$236,967.75  
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$273,248.96

Note A: By action of 142nd General Synod

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the Year Ended MARCH 31, 1969

### INCOME

#### Investment Income:

Mortgages and Notes	\$ 5,169.86
Dividends & Int. from Stocks & Bonds	6,229.27
Interest on Savings Accounts	1,576.32
Interest on John Buchanan Trust Fund	<u>2,904.98</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 15,880.43

### EXPENSES

Legal Retainer	\$ 300.00
Fidelity Insurance	62.00
Auditing Fee	275.00
Telephone	94.78

Stationery and Postage	62.25
Safe Deposit Box	3.00
Board Meeting Expenses	48.50
Mortgage Collection Commission	<u>61.05</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ <u>906.58</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR*</b>	<b>\$ <u>14,973.85</u></b>

#### **\*DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME**

National Presbyterian Missions	\$ 1,647.12
Board of Home Missions (\$474.09-Note B)	643.87
Christian Training, Inc. (Robert Young Bequest)	359.37
Christian Training, Inc. (Cedarville College)	149.74
Lamb Fund (\$2,786.97-Note B)	5,675.10
World Presbyterian Missions	<u>6,498.65</u>
	<b>\$ <u>14,973.85</u></b>

Note B: Amount of total requested to be held by the Trustees for the present.

#### **SCHEDULE A**

#### **MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE**

<b><u>Mortgagor</u></b>	<b><u>Int. Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Location of Property</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 3/31/69</u></b>
First Ref. Presby Church	3%	Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$18,193
Calvary Presby Church	6%	Warminster, Pa.	13,250
Reformed Presby Church	3%	Duanesburg, N.Y.	2,200
Third Ref. Presby Church	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	3,000
William & May Booth	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	364
Charles J & I. Scavetti	5%	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,812
Michael F & E. Panunto	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	2,038
Daniel J. & A. Miller	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	2,754
Martin A. & O. Dunlavey	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	881
Alexander & D. Davis	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	2,792
Rev. Wm. P. & M. Green	5%	Darlington, Pa.	606
William L. & A. Loh	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	664
Stewart F. Becker	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	<u>2,836</u>

**TOTAL MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE \$51,390**

## SCHEDULE B

### NOTES RECEIVABLE

<u>Maker</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/69</u>
Beechwood Community RP Church	5%	Havertown, Pa.	\$ 3,388
Calvary Presby Church	5%	King of Prussia, Pa.	9,696
First Ref. Presby Church	5%	Indianapolis, Ind.	9,000
Lansdale Ref. Presby Church	3%	Lansdale, Pa.	4,333
Lansdale RP Church - <u>Manse</u>	5%	Lansdale, Pa.	2,370
Presbyterian Church	5%	Manchester, Conn.	<u>6,179</u>

TOTAL NOTES RECEIVABLE \$34,966

## SCHEDULE C

### STOCKS AND BONDS

<u>No. of Shrs or Par Value</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unit Market Price</u>	<u>Total Market Value</u>
101.303	Allegheny Power System, Inc.	\$ 2,261	22-7/8	\$ 2,317
366	American T & T Co (Note C)	25,414	51-5/8	18,895
195	Associated Dry Goods Corp	5,275	47-1/2	9,262
\$7,000.00	Bethany Presby Church — 6%	7,000	100	7,000
500	Chase General Corp	25	.80	40
100	Cincinnati Gas & Elect.	2,617	27-1/2	2,750
\$20,000.00	Covenant College — 6% Bonds	20,000	100	20,000
200	Detroit & Canada Tunnel Crp	3,100	18-1/2	3,700
200	Eagle-Picher Ind. Inc.	4,529	29	5,800
437	First Penna. Corp.	13,984	56	24,472
167	Keystone Custodian Fund (Series B-4)	1,834	10.19	1,702
400	National City Lines, Inc.	5,050	35-3/4	14,300
100	Niagra Mohawk Power Corp.	2,113	20-1/2	2,050
100	Parke, Davis & Co.	2,720	27	2,700
212	Penn Square Mutual Fund	1,865	9.34	1,980
24	Proctor & Gamble Co.	2,031	86-3/8	2,073
230	Puritan Fund, Inc.	2,222	11.88	2,732
200.722	Putnam Income Fund Inc.	1,950	9.25	1,857

87,293	Putnam Investors Fund Inc.	662	7.49	654
50	Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	3,993	82-1/8	4,106
114	Talcott National Corp.	2,594	22-3/4	2,594
\$8,000	U.S. Treasury (2-1/2% Bonds)			
	Due 12/15/67-72	6,979	89-1/4	7,140
354	Wellington Fund	5,180	12.75	4,514
48	Westgate-California Corp.	468	12	576
100	Wilmington Trust Co.	5,500	51.53	5,153
100	F. W. Woolworth Co.	3,323	29-1/8	2,912
100	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.	<u>3,574</u>	46-1/4	<u>4,625</u>

\$136,263

\$155,904

UNREALIZED GAIN

19,641

\$155,904

Note C: A.T.&T. Pledged as collateral for loan.

### CAPITAL FUNDS (At Cost)

National Presbyterian Mission	\$ 32,790.77
Board of Home Missions	12,718.67
Christian Training, Inc.	
Robert Young Bequest	7,300.00
Cedarville College	2,894.16
Lamb Fund	113,000.00
World Presbyterian Missions	<u>66,864.15</u>
	\$235,567.75
World Presbyterian Missions	
John Buchanan Trust, held by	
Provident National Bank, Phila.	<u>62,464.85</u>
	\$298,032.60

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Eckardt  
Treasurer

Trustees  
Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Evangelical Synod

Sirs:

This is an account of the activities of my office during 1968 on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

Final Approval of the tax exempt status of the Pension Fund. This required over eight pieces of correspondence and five long distance phone calls.

Final adjustment of the McKnight Estate — review of final papers and correspondence.

Sale of Houston Mission: sixteen pieces of correspondence, eleven long distance phone calls, thirty-one pages of photo copy, preparation of Deed with six legal descriptions.

Correspondence regarding conflicting names of other denominations; research.

File Annual Report with Treasury Department.

McCollum Estate: Settlement — review Accounting, review Distribution Schedule, eleven pieces of correspondence.

Review Report of Joint Committee regarding merger.

Correspondence with Second United Presbyterian Church regarding leaving USA Church.

Misc. Correspondence regarding By-Laws of churches and other matters.

If any questions arise, I shall be happy to respond regarding any matter.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Semisch

DAS:sp

**Election of Trustees:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972 Franklin Dyrness, Charles Eckardt, Donald MacNair, Wesley Vannoy.

**Election of Statistician:** The Nominating Committee presented Harry Meiners, no nominations from the floor, upon motion a white ballot was cast.

Elder Robert Titmus presented the report of the Auditing Committee.

### **Report of Auditing Committee**

The Auditing Committee reports that the financial records of the Treasurer of Synod for this past year have been audited by this committee and found to be in order.

The financial report of Christian Training, Inc., including the operation of the Department of Publications as audited by F. M. Rundle and C. O. Dehner were reviewed and found to be in order.

The financial report of the Board of Home Missions was not available for audit. The Board should have their treasurer's books audited as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Titmus, Chairman  
John Christie

### **Memorial Service**

The Memorial Service was conducted by Dr. John M. L. Young, who led the delegates in singing "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," and read I Thessalonians 4:13-18. The following memorials were read by various ministers and elders.

### **Willis Saylor Mayer**

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania notes with sorrow the death of Elder Willis "Bill" Mayer, age 56. Bill went home to his Lord on Thursday, May 15, 1969, after a sudden heart attack.

Bill was one of the Organizing Committee of our church, a charter

communicant, and a member of our first Session. Transformed by the power of Christ some nine years ago, Bill was a living example of a humble, joyous Christian.

At the time of his death, Bill was an employee of the Lancaster City Water Department. Surviving are his wife Sarah, three grown daughters, and seven grandchildren. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family, as well as our heartfelt prayers. In thanksgiving to God we remember the love and joy he exhibited.

### **Howard Stephen Westover M.D. 1911-1968**

Dr. Howard Westover was born in Everett, Washington and after his medical training in the University of Oregon in Eugene, he set up his practice in his home town.

His church was from childhood the First United Presbyterian, now Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Here he went to Sunday School, made confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, and brought up his children.

He was elected to the position of Elder over twenty years ago and faithfully served as a spiritual leader.

His conception of spiritual leadership was seen in many ways. In 1957, he was one who presented to the congregation a resolution asking for the severance of the relationship between the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Everett Church in view of the impending union between that denomination and the liberal Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. As a Christian physician, he was concerned over the stumbling-block such a union could erect for the children and those not established in the faith. This cause led him before Presbyteries and Synod. He never retreated from the position of separation from liberalism. His unflinching stand has been vindicated fully in the light of subsequent events. His spiritual leadership also was shown in his keen desire to urge his Church to make adequate provision for the future in a growing city. He knew the Gospel was the answer to the needs of men and that God would prosper His Church. He also made preparation through the establishment of the Christian Service Brigade for the boys of the Church, a monument that shall long outlive his testimony on earth. He was a man of prayer and a student of the Word of God. He was present in all the stated services of the church. He was ready and willing to serve on Committees, and as a Sunday School teacher, and in every post he was called to fill.

It is, therefore, with a deep sense of appreciation for a life of Christian service and with heavy loss for such a talented and willing servant of the

Lord, that we place this Memorial in the Minutes of our Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, and place copies in the hands of the Westover family.

May God comfort and bless all of us who suffer bereavement and loss in the Church militant at this time when our brother in Christ has entered the Church Triumphant. We mourn the loss to us of the "beloved physician".

#### **Elder J. Ralph Harris**

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15. Our beloved and faithful co-worker Mr. J. Ralph Harris was called home to be with the Lord on the morning of May 8, 1969. He was a native of Statesville, N.C., born January 23, 1896. Mr. Harris had lived in Wilmington for 52 years and was manager of Acme Stores for 50 years until his retirement in 1961.

Mr. Harris was ordained May 5th, 1929, and served as a Ruling Elder for forty years. He was a charter member and the last of the original Ruling Elders of the First Independent Church which is now Faith Presbyterian Church, having served in this office since September 16, 1936. He was elected President of the Board of Trustees of Faith Church May 20, 1962, and continued in this office until the time of his death.

As long as health permitted, Mr. Harris was faithful in his duties and in attendance at stated church services. He had a keen understanding of the Christian life. His advice and counsel on many occasions were extremely helpful and deeply appreciated. He had an abiding faith in a sovereign God who doeth all things well. His earnest prayers, helpful counsel and friendly greetings are sure to be missed very much by his many friends and loved ones. I Corinthians 15:58 was used by Pastor Cannon as particularly appropriate to the life and witness of Mr. Harris. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his beloved wife E. Theresa Krauss and sister Mrs. John P. Stevenson of Statesville.

This memorial was adopted by the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church May 13, 1969.

#### **Elder Horace Ernest Crosby**

Elder Horace Ernest Crosby was taken to be with the Lord about November 1, 1968, in Denver, Colorado, in the 102nd year, having been born in 1867.



Mr. Crosby lived many years in Colorado and was a member and officer of a local United Presbyterian church. Shortly after the formation of the First Bible Presbyterian Church (later called the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church) of Wheat Ridge, Denver, Colorado, in 1953, H. E. Crosby withdrew from the United Presbyterian Church to join the Wheat Ridge church in which he gave faithful and devoted service to his Lord.

For several years Elder Crosby served as a member of the church's session, but even after his retiring from active service in 1959, he continued his interest in, and support of, the church and denomination. Mr. Crosby was extremely well informed as to the ministers and churches of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and was regularly in attendance at meetings of presbytery and frequently in those of the General Synod.

Elder Crosby was thoroughly committed to the work of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and faithfully and liberally supported the local church and the agencies of the denomination.

Mr. Crosby was known as a man of Scripture, on occasion in public meetings quoting whole chapters of the Bible from memory. This servant of the Lord entered into the presence of his Lord about November 1, 1968, having attended a portion of the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Presbytery only a few weeks before. He looked forward to the fulfillment of God's promise of the resurrection of the dead in Christ as set forth in I Thessalonians 4:14-16.

We extend our deep sympathy to the members of the family.

#### **Theodore K. Warner**

The Session of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Camden, N. J. remembers with thanksgiving the godly life, and earnest Christian testimony of Elder Theodore K. Warner. Mr. Warner was called into the presence of his Lord July 23, 1968, at the age of 88.

Mr. Warner was received into the membership of Grace Presbyterian Church in 1915, and was ordained an elder in 1918. He served as Clerk of Session for many years until, as he said, he felt a younger man should take over this important post. He also served faithfully and well as a Sunday School teacher and for a time as Sunday School Superintendent. One of his favorite hymns was "O Happy Day." It well expressed his own personal faith in the finished work of Christ, and the joy of the Lord which was his; it also symbolized something of his own temperament, for he was always a cheerful man. Those who knew him best testified that they never saw him become angry.

sions be postponed until the 1970 Synodical, with the understanding that the new executive committee would be free to continue working on revisions. Motion carried.

A motion was carried that the president and executive committee be given authority to transact business by mail or phone, as long as all executive committee members are informed of any proposed action.

The following officers were elected:

For a two-year term:	President	Mrs. Wilber Wallis
	Corr. Secy.	Miss Katharine Richards
	Treasurer	Mrs. Roger Hunt
	Fellowship Comm.	Mrs. Leonard Van Horn
	Foreign Missions Comm.	Mrs. Gordon Clark
For a one-year term:	Vice President	Mrs. Charles Holliday
	Rec. Secretary	Mrs. John MacGregor
	National Missions Comm.	Mrs. Richard Gray
	Outlook Comm.	Mrs. Gordon Shaw

Before the installation of officers, the offering was received and a gift of \$50 was voted for The Reporter. Dr. W. G. Vannoy, retiring moderator of the Synod, then installed the new officers with a prayer of dedication.

After a delicious luncheon served to 46 ladies at the Saddle Rock Inn, the afternoon session consisted of two workshops, one on Christian education, directed by the Rev. and Mrs. Art Kay, the other on Programs and Projects, directed by Mrs. Gray.

The session was adjourned with prayer at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie C. Wallis, President

The Assistant Clerk, Rev. David Alexander, requested permission to leave Synod at this time. He was replaced by Rev. Robert Hastings.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to hear the report of Covenant Theological Seminary at this time. Dr. Robert G. Rayburn presented the report, several seminary graduates spoke of their training and their appreciation of it since they have been in the ministry.

## REPORT OF COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Statistics cannot convey an accurate impression of what the Lord has been doing on the Covenant Seminary campus during the past school year. Printed words on a page can hardly express the dynamic development in lives which has been observable among our students. We are conscious of the fact that only those of us who have personally lived and worked on the campus of the seminary during this year can fully appreciate how the Lord has blessed.

We are thankful that the enrollment of 107 students for the year has exceeded by nearly 20 percent any previous year's enrollment. We are encouraged that the prospects are excellent for another increase in enrollment next year. The seminary takes its stand on the Bible and the doctrinal system of the Reformed faith which is founded upon and agreeable to the Bible, the written Word of God. We are indeed thankful that our theological position, as well as our excellent faculty, has continued to attract students in this day of doctrinal declension.

At our 13th Annual Commencement Exercises on May 5, twelve young men graduated with the Master of Divinity degree, which is now offered for the regular three-year course instead of the Bachelor of Divinity degree. Seven of these young men are Reformed Presbyterian, three having become so during their seminary years. Three are foreign nationals who will be returning to their own countries, and two are members of other churches. Because of the increasing number of Reformed Presbyterian graduates of the seminary there are few vacant pulpits in our denomination. This indicates that the seminary has been meeting a need, but it will be necessary for the Church to accept the challenge of evangelism and growth which will provide increasing opportunities for service to the graduates of the next few years.

The additions to our faculty during the past year have greatly strengthened our school. Dr. John Sanderson has thrilled the students with his masterful teaching. David Jones has been enthusiastically received also in his Systematic Theology classes and his work as Librarian has been highly satisfactory. Dr. Robert Reymond, having spent a year on campus as a visiting professor, has been elected to the regular faculty as Assistant Professor of Theology although much of his teaching will be in the Old Testament Department. Dr. Reymond's coming is a great blessing to the seminary.

Our faculty continues to distinguish itself. At the Twentieth Annual National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society four Covenant faculty members appeared on the program. No other school in the country was so well represented. Drs. Harris and Smick are hard at work with the evangelical scholars preparing a new version of the scriptures in contemporary

English for the New York Bible Society. Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. is completing the manuscript of a new book on Apologetics. Dr. Wilber Wallis has recently returned from a sabbatical semester's leave for study in the Holy Land and is much in demand for lectures on archaeology and other Biblical background studies.

After considerable research and investigation the seminary has decided to seek accreditation in the North Central Association rather than in the American Association of Theological Schools. The North Central regional accrediting will fully meet our needs. This association has already sent one of its advisors to spend a day with us to offer suggestions concerning bringing our seminary into line with the standards of the accrediting agency. The size of our library remains the single largest problem. The library now contains 17,000 volumes and 202 current periodicals. During the last year 1,518 volumes have been accessioned. However, the library needs to be about double its present size for accreditation. Members of the Synod are encouraged to pray with us that the Lord will make it possible for us to have a substantial increase in our holdings within a short time.

After spending a year and a half with the seminary, making a very real contribution in that time, Leonard Van Horn felt called to return to the pastorate. We are thankful that the Lord has provided Richard Smith, one of our own alumni and an elder in the Lafayette Church, as Business Manager. Another alumnus, Robert Thomas, is making a valuable contribution as the newly appointed Assistant Registrar.

This school year has been the first full year of use for our new Audio-Visual Center. The equipment has proved to be of great value, especially in the teaching of homiletics, with the students able to see themselves on TV through the use of the video recorder and monitor. Excellence in preaching is one of the definite goals of our seminary.

Financially, the seminary has been largely "holding its own." Several vital improvements and some necessary repair work on the buildings and grounds have not been undertaken because of the necessity of meeting salary obligations and current bills. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for the increase in our support which has made it possible for us to keep current with our obligations for the most part. However, to adequately care for the needs of the seminary we must increase regular monthly giving at least \$5,000. It is hoped that members of the Synod will keep this in mind in the planning of their giving. Rather than thinking of the seminary as a recipient of "benevolence" giving, it is important that each church realize that the seminary's task of preparing the future ministers for the denomination is a part of the work of every local church.

A comparison of the giving to the seminary for the last six months and the same period a year ago follows:

1. Whereas the Resolutions Committee feels impelled to commend heartily various members of our body for distinguished service to this branch of the Lord's work, e.g. Rev. Kenneth Horner's and Christian Training's production of materials for use in training church officers:  
And, whereas, were all the names of men doing outstanding work to be specified, such a list would become unwieldy; now  
Therefore; be it Resolved that we express our heartfelt gratitude to these men, and to our Lord, for their faithful performance of these tasks incidental to God's calling. May we all be encouraged by their example, and empowered by God's might to pursue our course with renewed vigor, to His glory!

2. Whereas, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod is facing a period of crisis, challenge, and decision with respect to
  - (1) possible union and closer relations with other bodies in the church of Christ,
  - (2) a vigorous evangelistic and missionary effort,
  - (3) financial undertakings of major proportions in many of our agencies and committees,
  - (4) a growing personnel need in order to accomplish the task set before us, and
  - (5) the problems and challenges in our local churches.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the 147th General Synod of the RPC, ES meeting at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee May 20-23, 1969, call upon all our churches for days of prayer on Tuesday, November 18, 1969 and Thursday, February 26, 1970 (which days coincide with Covenant College Days of Prayer); and be it further resolved that the Administrative Committee of Synod be responsible to implement this resolution in whatever way it deems most expeditious.

3. Resolved that we, the 147th General Synod of the RPC, ES meeting May 20-23, 1969, at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee hereby acknowledge a heartfelt indebtedness.

To the College, to its president Dr. Marion D. Barnes, together with the administration, the faculty, and the staff we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the hospitality and kindnesses so graciously accorded us.

#### Resolutions Committee

It was moved, seconded, and carried that all three Resolutions be adopted. Upon motion, Professor Nicholas Barker was seated as a Visiting Brother.

	<u>1968-69</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
September	\$10,614.44	\$ 8,534.40
October	9,527.77	10,409.81
November	21,905.19	13,524.54
December	26,188.15	25,259.18
January	15,436.39	14,486.13
February	<u>17,826.41</u>	<u>7,855.35</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$101,498.35</b>	<b>\$80,069.41</b>

The Board of Trustees has approved a budget for the coming year, July 1, 1969, to June 30, 1970, of approximately \$285,000. Of this amount nearly \$200,000 must come in gifts and grants, since seminary students pay a very small proportion of the expense of their education. We are indeed grateful for the increased support of the last year; we are deeply appreciative of the fact that several of our churches have already notified us of their plans to increase their regular giving to the seminary. We are encouraged. We believe that the Lord raised up this seminary and that He will sustain it; we nevertheless urge upon every pastor, elder; congregation and individual member the consideration of this school which is all-important to the ongoing of our work for the Lord.

The seminary's plans for next year include a three-day seminar on Church Management for pastors of the denomination, and a two-week summer refresher course for pastors and other seminary graduates who desire to brush up on contemporary trends in theology or on preaching or the other subjects to be offered.

Pastors are requested to take special note of the annual Conference on the Ministry which the seminary holds in February. Young men who are juniors or seniors in college (none younger, please) who are giving consideration to the ministry as a life calling should be urged to attend. Local churches can perhaps accept a share of the financial responsibility for the trip to the campus. Once there the students will be guests of the seminary for the conference time, Friday through Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Rayburn  
President

**Election of Seminary Board:** The Nominating Committee presented its

nominees. There were no nominations from the floor; upon motion the nominations were closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972: Paul Alexander, Presley Edwards, Charles Holliday, Hugh Johnson, George Linder, Donald MacNair, Theodore Martin, Edward Noe.

**Resolutions:** Dr. Peter Stam, for the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolutions:

**Bills and Overtures: (continued)**

**12. from Southern Presbytery — regarding an Associate Stated Clerk.**

Southern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod, whereas, the office of the Clerk of Synod involves the need of mobility and whereas, because of physical limitation the Clerk of Synod is unable to do very much travelling, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, will appoint an associate Stated Clerk to fulfill this need.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that this overture be referred to the new Administrative Committee of Synod for preparation of a job description and recommendation as to sources of funds for such an associate Stated Clerk with its recommendation presented to the 148th Synod in 1970.

**Action:** Upon motion, the committee's reply was adopted.

**13. from Southern Presbytery — regarding the Administrative Committee.**

Southern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 147th General Synod, whereas, the Synod Administrative Committee serves several needed functions of the Synod, and whereas, it has effectively served these functions in the past and whereas, there is a continued need for the moderator of Synod to have some responsible committee to work with in carrying out the business of Synod, and whereas, continuation of this committee must be approved annually, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, do approve the continuation of the Synod Administrative Committee.

**Reply:** The committee calls attention to the actions already taken on this matter.

**Action:** Upon motion, the committee's reply was adopted.

**14. from Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Levittown, Pa. through Philadelphia Presbytery — regarding worldly practices.**

The Philadelphia Presbytery hereby forwards an overture for Synod consideration: The Session of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Levittown, Pa. unanimously voted to send the following overture to the Philadelphia Presbytery and respectfully requests the Presbytery to forward it to the 147th General Synod.

WHEREAS the Session of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Levittown, Pa. is becoming increasingly concerned over the lack of separation from worldly practices that is being evidenced by some of our RPC,ES leaders; and WHEREAS historically we have taken a stand against such worldly practices as smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, modern dancing, and Hollywood movie attendance; and

WHEREAS a Statement on Personal and Ecclesiastical Separation was adopted by our Synod in 1961, which in part reads, "Whereas the doctrinal standards of our church interpret the moral law to forbid not only specific sins, but 'all of the same kind' and 'all of the causes, means, occasions..... and provocations thereto' (L.C.q.99)"; "And we further warn against the commercial theatre and motion picture theatre, and the modern dance in which the sexes commingle, because of the obvious provocation to sin offered by these modern practices"; and

WHEREAS Q. 139 of the Larger Catechism states in part, "The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment.....are: adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto;" and

WHEREAS it appears that this stand is gradually diminishing almost to the point of extinction, especially in the realm of movie attendance; and

WHEREAS in recent years there have been numerous instances of leaders in our denomination not only defending the practice of going to see modern movies but actually encouraging others to also attend so that they will be "better able to understand how the man of the world thinks;" and

WHEREAS by this same reasoning, the reading of filthy books has been defended and to some extent even encouraged; and

WHEREAS in this day when Hollywood movies are geared more and more to satisfy the lusts of men, we should be more firm than ever in our stand against the practice of attending movies in order to prevent ourselves from yielding to the sins that are made to look so pure and to keep ourselves from being stumblingblocks to the weaker Christians whom we have oversight of;



THEREFORE we recommend that the 147th General Synod make a strong recommendation to each of its ministers and elders to refrain from these worldly practices and to seek to promote this restraint in their local congregations.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that the moderator appoint a committee of five to prepare a contemporary study of the problem of separation from the world and how to handle it in our churches in the light of the Scriptures, our subordinate standards and our synodical resolutions on the subject, reporting to the 148th synod in 1970.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded that the committee's reply be adopted. A substitute was moved and seconded, as follows:

### **A Proposed Action for Study and Exhibition of the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony**

Whereas the RPC,ES is a confessional church continuing the historic Christian faith of the ongoing covenanted reformation, which is constituted upon the Word of God as the primary standard, the only rule of faith and life, and upon the Westminster Confession together with the Catechisms (Larger & Shorter) as the subordinate standards defining and setting forth the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures, and

Since the Westminster Standards are thereby understood to be the only authoritative and regulative standards interpreting the Scripture and applying it to the general life and faith of the church as a confessional body, and consequently the tendency to elevate or utilize actions of particular synods as legislative for the life and faith of the church in any wise on an equality with the Confession must be resisted, but

Because the general synods are often besieged with overtures regarding present day application of truth and embroiled in turmoil as to the formulation and meaning of various pronouncements issued by particular synods, and it is recognized nevertheless as a grave responsibility of the Synod as such to speak out to the church in counsel, advice and warning regarding its testimony, therefore.....

The 147th General Synod authorizes the establishment of a document to be known as "Reformed Presbyterian Testimony Applied," after the precedent but not necessarily the pattern of our heritage in "Reformed Principles Exhibited," this document to be formulated by a drawing upon actions of past synods from both lines of our heritage, to be approved by and added to as desired by future synods,

Which action shall be implemented by the erection of a Study Commission to be composed of 6 men in addition to the Stated Clerk, initially appointed by the Moderator and thereafter elected by Synod in 3 classes of 2 each; the Commission to have power to appoint additional RP elders from time to time to serve on sub-committees in the pursuit of this task, and specifically

The Study Commission to report back to the 148th General Synod their recommendation of the advisability of such a document, and if favorable with recommendations as to format, meaning, and content of said Reformed Presbyterian Testimony Applied, and if Synod approve, the Study Commission to be a permanent ongoing group to further recommend to succeeding Synods.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to commit Overture 14 and the succeeding substitute motion to a committee of five appointed by the Moderator for report to the 148th General Synod.

15. from Pacific Northwest Presbytery – regarding Speaking in Tongues. The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest overtures the 147th General Synod that a committee be appointed by Synod to study the Speaking in Tongues movement, and report to the 148th General Synod with recommendations as to the stance the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod should assume on this matter.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that the moderator appoint a committee of five to prepare a study of the “Speaking in Tongues Movement” reporting to the 148th Synod in 1970.

**Action:** Upon motion, the committee’s reply was adopted.

16. from Rocky Mountain Presbytery – regarding non-communicant members, Lord’s Supper.

Rocky Mountain Presbytery transmits to the 147th General Synod the following request. The Session of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Kearney, Nebraska respectfully requests clarification by the Form of Government Committee of the Synod of the following amendment to the Form of Government, Chapter II, Paragraph 3: “The very meaning of non-communicant member suggests that these children are not to be admitted to the Lord’s Supper until they become communicant members.” The clarifications requested is:

1. What is the definition of a child? At what age does a child become an adult?

2. In effect, and carried to its logical conclusion does not this amendment strongly suggest closed communion as a consistent application of the non-communicant principle?
3. If closed communion is not in view then how are we to justify non-communicant adults partaking in the Lord's Supper while we forbid the non-communicant children from partaking?
4. How is this amendment compatible with the self-examination principle of 1 Corinthians 11:28; and the overall concept that many embrace regarding the conscience?
5. Shouldn't a statement appear in the Form of Government with regard to those who attend local churches of the RPCES who have never become members of the Church?
6. Are those with a credible profession of faith to be refused admittance to the Lord's Table and disallowed to participate in and partake of the Lord's Supper?

**Reply:** The committee refers the presbytery to the "Report of the Special Committee on Admission to Communion" adopted by the 27th Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 1962 (EPC Synod minutes, pp. 49-50). We would modify this report with one qualification: that children of the covenant should not partake of communion until they have made a profession of faith before the session of the church.

**Action:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the committee's reply. An amendment was moved and seconded, that communion be restricted in the case of all persons, to those who have professed their faith before the Session of a local church. An additional amendment was moved and seconded, that after the words "faith before the Session of a local church" there be added: "and that an invitation should be given to visiting Christians who are baptized members of a non-heretical church or assembly to participate on the basis of 1 Corinthians 11:28." It was moved, seconded, and carried to commit this matter to a committee appointed by the moderator to give a report to the 148th General Synod.

17. from Rocky Mountain Presbytery – regarding sex education in the schools. Presbytery presents the following, which originated with the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Kearney, Nebraska, for consideration by the 147th General Synod

WHEREAS, the present generation is being confronted with moral permis-

siveness on television, in motion pictures, in some church circles, and in the school classroom; and,

WHEREAS, sex education courses are being introduced in many states as required curricula; and,

WHEREAS, the SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S.) program is devoid of any allusion to the moral standards of the Word of God, and which organization has at least four of its staff writers who are responsible for articles and exclusives in "Sexology" magazine; and,

WHEREAS, the 3M Company, (and Sensitivity Training Programs) make use of slides and overlays that are more descriptive than the grade levels warrant; and which are suggestive to the point of embarrassment and in some cases experimentation; and,

WHEREAS, in the State of California, after the introduction of the SIECUS program the rate of teenage pregnancies increased sharply; and,

WHEREAS, news media and magazines react with a permissiveness to these programs which serve as an encouragement for their institution; and

WHEREAS, the liberal church groups have great influence in many communities and give their approval to these new programs and methods;

THEREFORE, we recommend that the 147th General Synod adopt a resolution on this matter of the sex education of our young people and further appoint a study group to investigate and document a report to the 148th General Synod.

**Reply:** The committee recommends that the moderator appoint a study group to investigate and document a report on the sex education of our children to be submitted to the 148th Synod meeting in 1970.

**Action:** Upon motion, the committee's reply was adopted.

18. from Pacific Northwest Presbytery — regarding printing of our standards in book form, see 146th Synod Minutes, pp. 75-76.

**Reply:** The committee, in view of the fact that portions of our Standards are still being worked on and the possibility of union with the OPC is before us, refers this to the 148th Synod meeting in 1970.

**Action:** Upon motion, the committee's reply was adopted.

An alteration of the Docket, to take up business in the following order, was moved, seconded, and carried:

1. Report of Committee on Presbytery Records.
2. Report of Committee on Attendance and Expense
3. Time and Place of 148th Synod.
4. Election of Nominating Committee.
5. Report of Committee to Revise Standing Rules of Synod.
6. Report of Judicial Commission. Election of commission members.

It was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee be instructed to prepare and distribute copies of all the Standards we have now adopted. Carried.

The report of the Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge was given: During the coming summer Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt George will be your hosts for a vacation for OPC and RPC,ES members. Knollwood is located on Cedar Lake, in Wisconsin and has facilities for relaxation and recreation. Reservations are available from June 14 through September 6. The only scheduled activities are devotions each morning, Sunday School and Worship services on the Lord's Day.

**Elections: Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and a white ballot cast for John Sanderson and Earl Tyson for the Class of 1972.

**Judicial Commission:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominees. There were no nominations from the floor; upon motion the nominations closed. Vote by secret ballot elected to the Class of 1972: Kenneth Horner and Rudolph Schmidt regular, and Charles Holliday and Elmer Smick alternate.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee presented its nominations. W. Lyall Detlor and Paul Alexander were nominated from the floor. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the new members needed for the two new presbyteries for the Class of 1972 be named by those presbyteries. Vote by Secret bellot elected to the Class of 1972 Robert Hoyle (Great Plains), Eugene Potoka (Philadelphia), W. Lyall Detlor (Pacific Northwest), Paul Alexander (Southern).

Rev. Paul Gilchrist presented the report of the Committee on Presbytery Records.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS**

Committee members are Paul R. Gilchrist, Chairman, Eugene Potoka, James Perry, Thomas Waldecker, Philip Olin, Winslow Collins, Edwin Peterson.

It is noted that California Presbytery has not submitted its records. What should be done about the Saharanpur Presbytery in India?

Pittsburgh Presbytery: 1. p. 164 the signature of the Moderator is missing. Also on p. 175.

2. p. 175 the call for pro-re-nata meeting was not acted upon as being in order.

3. Stated meetings (cf. p. 165ff.) minutes are not clearly outlined as following the docket as enumerated.

Philadelphia Presbytery: 1. Lack of signatures of moderator, although there was a request to allow time for getting them affixed.

2. on p. 239 the call for pro-re-nata meeting approved, but the call and purpose were not engrossed. This is the only way we could know whether actions were in order.

Rocky Mountain Presbytery: 1. p. 189 we question the recording of each man's vote in the minutes after sending the candidate out of the room.

2. p. 194 signatures missing. Also corrections should not be painted over, but appropriately lined out and initialed by the clerk.

3. Minutes are not up to date.

4. How can minutes be approved if the reading of them is dispensed with? We recommend procedures approved by Synod, that mimeographed minutes be distributed and approved at the following stated meeting.

Southeast Presbytery: 1. On p. 26 and on p. 28 the purpose of the call for pro-re-nata meeting is not included. The inclusion of the essence of the call is the only way the committee can check the validity of the actions during the presbytery meeting.

2. p. 28 signature missing.

3. Recorded communications should carry the /S/ before the name of the correspondents showing that it was properly signed.

Southwest Presbytery: 1. No signature except on p. 70. Moderator's signature must be included.

2. p. 65. Terminology such as the following statement is seriously questioned: "The Moderator has dared to call a pro-re-nata meeting." Furthermore, the whole meeting is out of order since the statement continues "has dared to call a pro-re-nata meeting without informing the whole presbytery?" We suggest that the actions be ratified at a properly called meeting.

3. p. 67. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 p.m. but docket was adopted to begin at 4 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned when in fact it should have been recessed at 10:25 p.m. Also, this meeting was called to order by Mr. Hartman as moderator but in fact he was not elected as moderator until later in the meeting.

4. The Clerk should be aware of many typographical errors and many misspellings.

5. Blank spaces should properly be "x"ed out (cf. pp. 57, 59, 64, 66).

Pacific Northwest Presbytery: 1. Typographical errors pp. 152, 153.

2. p. 151. Complete roll should be included at the beginning of the business session — this insures accuracy regarding who should properly vote.

3. p. 153. Blank space should be "x"ed out and initialed.

4. p. 155. Who were appointed to committees?

5. p. 156. Radio deficit different from that reported on p. 154.

6. Docket numberings and business items numberings should correspond.

7. p. 172. No record of who took the chairmanship temporarily.

Great Plains Presbytery: 1. Titles to Presbytery meetings should include the name of the Presbytery, p. 251, etc.

2. Typographical errors, pp. 251, 252, 253, 254.

3. The name of A. Mohrenweiser appears as excused (p. 251) but is also

still enrolled in Midwestern Presbytery. This should be clarified. The same is true of Dr. J. Free.

4. Recommend a standard book for recording presbytery minutes with machine numbering.

5. p. 252. Names of members appointed to committees should be included.

6. Minutes are incomplete. The last meeting recorded was June 29, 1968.

Northeast Presbytery: 1. Documentation essential for calls as presented to ministers (p. 241, R. Webster).

2. p. 241. Phone call to H. MacEwen not acted upon or reported back to presbytery.

3. p. 249. Correspondence re George Jaggard not reported back (cf. p. 251) yet is referred to as pulpit supply at Seaside Heights (p. 256).

4. p. 257. Documentation of call to William Cordes not included in minutes.

Midwestern Presbytery: 1. p. 118. Item 2 – first names or initials of men who sent excuses should be included (also pp. 124, 125. etc.).

2. pp. 118, 119. The name of J. R. Fiol appears twice in different categories.

3. p. 119. "Unanimous" unnecessary re white ballot.

4. Typographical errors or omissions: p. 119 "was" omitted in voice vote, and p. 123 has many incomplete sentences.

5. p. 124. Who is "Bill Long"?

6. p. 126. No action re Sessional records committee.

7. p. 126. Information re examination of C. Kreisel is very sketchy.

8. pp. 127, 128, 129. Material is confused chronologically, and a serious error is pagination and engrossing.

9. p. 128. An overture approved by presbytery apparently was not submitted to Synod.

10. p. 132. Mr. John Harris Langford subsequently referred to as Mr. Harris.



11. p. 136. Use full sentences.

12. p. 140. Olive Branch elders should be designated as "delegates" and "alternates" (also p. 142).

13. p. 148. What error was corrected under item 6?

14. p. 157. Sixth — what letter is the "above referred-to" letter?

15. Docket deviations should be made only upon proper motion to amend or change the order.

Southern Presbytery: 1. p. 151 should indicate signature by /S/ before the name of the correspondent.

2. Signatures missing pp. 152, 156, 165.

3. Typographical errors pp. 159, 166.

4. p. 162. Pulpit should be declared vacant. Also on p. 175.

5. p. 164. Was there a clerk pro-tem when Huntsville session was absented during executive session?

6. p. 170. Item E. Content of communication should be indicated or summarized as well as documented.

7. Allow wider margins where the binding obscures the content.

The minutes of the presbyteries here recorded were approved with the exceptions as noted by the 147th General Synod of the RPC,ES at Covenant College.

Respectfully,

Paul R. Gilchrist

It was moved and seconded that the committee report be accepted. An amendment was moved and seconded, to send a letter of counsel to the Southwest Presbytery from the Judicial Commission instructing the Presbytery to bring its minutes into conformity with accepted standards. A second amendment was moved and seconded, to substitute "Administrative Committee" for "Judicial Commission". The second amendment carried; the first amendment, as amended carried; the main motion, as amended, carried.

George Linder presented the report of the Attendance and Expense Committee:

### **ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSE COMMITTEE**

The committee met to consider travel reimbursement and excuses. Excuses from attendance at Synod for 36 ministers and one Ruling Elder were found in order. Forty-seven commissioners asked to be excused early. Nine commissioners submitted claims for travel reimbursement totalling \$1,222.80. The committee voted to reimburse these claims for a total of \$1,016.64.

Respectfully submitted,

George Linder, Chairman

**Time and Place:** There being no invitations, it was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee select a city in which we have a church or mission church that would benefit from Synod's presence, that has proper facilities, and at comparable expense with this year's Synod. The motion was carried. It was moved, seconded that Synod suggest Tuesday through Friday during the third week of May, 1970, at the discretion of the Administrative Committee. Motion lost. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Administrative Committee be authorized to set the time of the 148th General Synod, keeping in mind Overture 9.

**Mr. Meiners presented the report of the Committee to Revise Standing Rules of Synod:**

Mr. Moderator:

The 145th General Synod appointed a Committee to Revise Standing Rules of Synod composed of Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. R. Laird Harris, Rev. Robert Hastings, Rev. Harry Meiners, Dr. Paul Gilchrist.

The committee has not functioned, due to the illness of its chairman, who has requested me to take his place and see the matter through. Therefore we request that the committee be continued for another year and that we be directed to report to the 148th General Synod.

For the Chairman,

Harry Meiners

Upon motion, the committee's report was adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried to send the Directory for Worship to the Form of Government Committee with the suggestions for another year of study.

The Committee on History: This committee submitted its report, as follows:

### **REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH**

This committee has been in touch with some of our people who are interested in writing up the history of our Church. It has endeavored to encourage these efforts and to an extent coordinated them. A pamphlet has been prepared and printed by Dr. Thomas G. Cross on our particular recent history.

A history giving forth background back to the Reformation has been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt George. This history will be published by Christian Training, Inc. as one of the booklets in the Church Officer Training Series.

Further work is still contemplated by other authors who will present the history in fuller detail. We would encourage such research and presentation.

R. L. Harris

The Judicial Commission presented its report.

### **REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

Since the Synod Meeting of 1968 the Judicial Commission has had no cases submitted to it nor any requests for advice in matters of discipline. We are happy for this and trust that our churches may continue working together for the Lord in peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Horner, Jr.  
Chairman

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn, to meet at the call of the Moderator in 1970. A season of prayer was held, opened by Dr. John M. L. Young, and closed by Dr. Wilber B. Wallis. The roll was called.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**Ministers present:** Reverend Messrs. Paul H. Alexander, Charles W. Anderson, Willard O. Armes, Max V. Belz, Bryant M. Black, Wilbur W. Blakely, Gustav L. Blomquist, George R. Bragdon, Richard L. Brinkley, Samuel R. Brown, John W. Buswell, R. Daniel Cannon, Winslow A. Collins, James Cox, Robert J. Dodds, Homer P. Emerson, C. LaRue Fritz, James S. Gilchrist, Paul R. Gilchrist, Eugene Gray, Darrell C. Harris, Robert Hastings, Harold D. Hight, John P. Hoogstrate, Roger W. Hunt, Thomas F. Jones, Arthur L. Kay, John M. Kay, Jr., W. Edward Lyons, Donald J. MacNair, Nelson K. Malkus, James S. Martin, William McColley, James McFarland, Harry H. Meiners, Jr., George Miladin, Albert F. Moginot, Jr., Robert Needham, James Perry, David Peterson, Eugene Potoka, James L. Ransom, Harold A. Rapp, Robert G. Rayburn, Roger G. Shafer, Flournoy Shepperson, Lynden H. Stewart, Richard Strom, Leonard T. Van Horn, Thomas Waldecker, Wilber B. Wallis, Paul Ward, Samuel S. Ward, John M. L. Young, Ransom L. Webster, George Hutchinson, John Richmond.

**Ruling Elders Present:** Messrs. Paul C. Anthony, E. Allen Duble, George Linder, Richard F. Mercer, Richard J. Smith, Fred Stroup, McGregor Scott (Corresponding Member),

The Minutes of the eight sederunt were read and approved as read. The commissioners joined in singing Psalm 133. The Moderator declared the Synod adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned it with prayer and the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harry H. Meiners, Jr.  
Stated Clerk

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# STATISTICS

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

Synodical Year May, 1968 to May, 1969

Twenty churches did not submit statistics this year

	Communicants	Attendances										Yes	Yes	Yes	Members Gained		Members Lost						
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
Northeast Presbytery	729	380	280	33	29	54	422	780	383	134	1020	8	8	5	37	6	15	7	11	4	\$103,071	\$36,908	
Philadelphia Presbytery	1107	468	502	59	30	34	1087	1223	440	197	1413	5	9	7	50	176	35	16	14	34	217,020	41,127	
Delmarva Presbytery	1430	671	259	38	50	55	1352	1542	650	253	1762	9	9	6	88	22	71	34	13	42	266,029	80,659	
Pittsburgh Presbytery	1158	585	358	47		53	862		329	146	885	7	7	7	62	18	43	25	13	44	168,759	31,259	
Southeast Presbytery	1520	651	158	47	46	56	952	1132	640	340	1222	5	6	5	52	72	33	41	12	46	168,533	57,885	
Florida Presbytery	963	465	144	42	35	26	620	780	329	178	792	5	7	4	39	61	58	34	18	81	180,430	35,091	
Southern Presbytery *Sept. to April †May to August	475	198	178	29	22	31	480	728* 578†	444* 344†	143	464	2	2	3	3	124	25	32	4	53	93,169	19,891	
Midwestern Presbytery	1569	804	458	75	49	79	1422	1365	528	259	1681	14	9	8	68	50	94	24	13	42	402,201	97,626	
Southwest Presbytery	338	148	71	15	8	14	212	285	123	76	291	3	3	1	12	25	1	3	3	7	97,398	10,521	
Great Plains Presbytery	124	56	20	10	3	4	89	133	48	45	145	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,544	4,106	
Rocky Mountain Presby.	784	322	310	24	32	52	696	834	296	208	961	4	4	3	31	34	30	15	11	16	109,154	44,189	
California Presbytery	136	64	72	4	4	6	110	215	80	35	131	0	2	0	19	2	0	2	0	2	36,924	6,000	
Pacific Northwest Presby.	854	395	104	33	26	39	512	700	308	111	711	4	5	4	28	68	10	23	5	14	104,588	33,788	
Saharanpur Presbytery	212	70	200	9			164	222		122		3	0	0	6	0	8	0	5	1			
Totals for denom.	11,399	5,177	3,014	455	356	542	8,980	10,715*	3,317*	2,244	11,478		72	71	54	495	658	423	256	122	386	\$1,913,820	\$499,040

NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY

STATISTICS

	Communicants	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Members Gained	Members Lost	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
Westminster Presbyterian Sydney, Nova Scotia	85	54		4	7	4	80	85	90	30	80	yes	yes	yes	4 0	2 0 2	0 12,037	5,723
Presbyterian Church Manchester, Conn.	84	52	45	5	6	11	65	100	25	12	100	yes	yes	no	4 0	6 0 0	0 14,524	3,056
Reformed Presby. Church Duanesburg, New York	135	42	57	5	0	9	125	120	40	15	140	yes	yes	yes	21 0	0 2 1	0 14,016	5,211
Westminster Presbyterian Newburgh, New York	74	54	3	6	2	6	59	70	26	15	65	yes	yes	no	4 2	0 1 3	0 15,600	2,850
Ventnor Presbyterian Church Ventnor City, New Jersey	48	27	15	1	0	5	34	34	14	5	48	yes	yes	yes	0 0	0 0 3	0 6,306	1,436
Covenant Presby. Church Cherry Hill, New Jersey	205	95	91	7	5	7	263	256	141	25	300	yes	yes	yes	0 0	5 4 1	2 24,950	16,413
Evangelical Presby. Church Camden, New Jersey		No statistics submitted																
Calvary Presbyterian Church Brick Town, New Jersey	38	15	16	3	7	7	50	50	12	12	50	yes	yes	yes	4 4	2 0 1	0 7,636	219
Seaside Bible Church Seaside Heights, New Jersey		No statistics submitted																
Evangelical Presby. Church Trenton, New Jersey		No statistics submitted																
Evangelical Presby. Church Williamstown, New Jersey	60	41	23	2	2	5	86	65	35	20	117	yes	yes	no	0 0	0 0 0	2 8,002	2000
TOTALS	729	380	280	33	29	54	422	780	383	134	1,020				37 6	15 7 11	4 103,071	36,908

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## PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY

	Communicants	Attendances													Members Gained			Members Lost					
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
Third Reformed Presby. Philadelphia, Pa.	158	84	93	8	4	15	135	155	70	8	219	no	yes	no	2	10	10	2	3	0	32,433	3,318	
Fifth Reformed Presby. Philadelphia, Pa.	106		9	6	0	6	70	55	0	18	89	no	no	yes	4	0	2	3	2	2	13,583	516	
Beechwood Reformed Presby. Havertown, Pa.	51	32	21	3	0	6	51	55	15	10	55	no	yes	yes	0	0	1	0	0	0	10,247	4,694	
Calvary Presbyterian Media, Pa.	118	55	1	7	1	7	95	90	40	15	102	yes	yes	no	7	0	0	1	4	0	25,425	575	
Lansdale Reformed Presby. Lansdale, Pa.	96	32	72	4	3	9	109	128	35	15	141	yes	yes	yes	15	0	0	1	1	2	28,712	7,974	
First Presby. Church Kutztown, Pa.		No Statistics submitted																					
Calvary Presbyterian Church Willow Grove, Pa.		No statistics submitted																					
Faith Presbyterian Church Quarryville, Pa.	121	30	36	6	0	11	130	120	65	45	164	yes	yes	yes	6	7	2	0	3	2	19,625	11,458	
Covenant Presbyterian, Concord Glen Mills, Pa.		No statistics submitted																					
Calvary Presbyterian Warminster, Pa.	102	50	77	6	3	5	117	153	56		140	no	yes	yes	8	2	4	5	1	10	25,756	2,424	

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## PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY

	Communicants	Attendances														Members Gained			Members Lost				
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
Evangelical Presby. Levittown, Pa.	125	60	69	4	6	10	149	165	65	28	214	yes	yes	yes	0	0	5	4	0	2	31,877	7,127	
Calvary Presbyterian King of Prussia, Pa.	66	32	45	3	0	3	70	90	35	10	80	yes	yes	yes	8	4	0	0	0	16	17,645	985	
Christ Evangelical Presby. Oreland, Pa.	No statistics submitted																						
Westminster Presbyterian Lancaster, Pa.	164	93	79	12	12	12	161	212	59	48	209	no	yes	no	0	153	11	0	0	0	11,717	2,056	
TOTALS	1107	468	502	59	30	74	1087	1223	440	197	1413				50	176	35	16	14	34	217,020	41,127	

## DELMARVA PRESBYTERY

Berea Presbyterian Wilmington, Del.	46	29	45	2	4	6	75	80	40	35	90	yes	yes	yes	4	3	3	3	2	0	12,166	4,620
Faith Presbyterian Wilmington, Del.	494	271	70	6	6	12	298	370	122	55	476	yes	yes	no	15	3	34	13	9	0	55,253	29,142
Evangelical Presbyterian Newark, Del.	286	145	9	8	9	17	345	305	112	32	418	yes	yes	yes	20	0	0	0	1	5	46,391	20,134
Manor Presbyterian New Castle, Del.	32	12	12	0	3	3	60	50	25	10	80	yes	yes	no	5	0	0	0	0	13	7,445	656
Bethany Reformed Presby. New Castle, Del.	67	27	53	4	6	4	145	130	100	20	200	yes	yes	yes	4	5	0	2	0	5	25,708	2,372

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## DELMARVA PRESBYTERY

DELMARVA PRESBYTERY														Members Gained		Members Lost								
	Communicants	Attendances												Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismission	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving			
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?									Aid Pastor Social Sec.?		
Evangelical Presbyterian Baltimore, Maryland	230	96		7	13	7	235	280	150	69	264	yes	yes	yes	11	2	0	0	0	14	53,715	11,008		
Evangelical Presbyterian Elkton, Maryland		No statistics submitted																						
Evangelical Presbyterian Annapolis, Maryland	100							125				yes	yes		20	3	17	2	0	5	29,706	4,596		
McLean Presbyterian McLean, Virginia	88	47	33	6	6	6	98	112	50	17	115	yes	yes	yes	0	4	8	12	1	0	21,218	6,605		
Calvary Presbyterian Hampton, Virginia	87	44	37	5	3	0	96	90	51	15	143	yes	yes	yes	9	2	9	2	0	0	14,427	1,516		
TOTALS	1430	671	259	38	50	55	1352	1542	650	253	1762				88	22	71	34	13	42	266,029	80,655		

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## PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY															Members Gained		Members Lost					
	Communicants	Attendances													Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismission	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?								
First Reformed Presby. Pittsburgh, Pa.	271	128	90	6	9	9	185	200	80	25	223	yes	yes	yes	7	3	12	8	2	3	28,998	10,605
Reformed Presbyterian Darlington, Pa.	125	50	20	6	0	6	65	76	10	10	80	yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	2	5	10	11,792	2,916
Fairview Reformed Presby. Industry, Pa.		No statistics submitted																				
Chapel Reformed Presby. Beaver, Pa.	84	45	70	3	0	6	55	70	15	10	79	yes	yes	no	4	0	0	2	1	0	5,580	440
Christ Presbyterian Chippewa, Pa.		No statistics submitted																				
Bible Presbyterian Enon Valley, Pa.	140	69	17	8	0	7	102				130	yes	yes	yes	12	0	0	4	0	1	9,971	4,024
Rocky Springs Ref. Presby. Harrisville, Pa.	22	12	25	4	0	4	51	50	25	12	60	no	no	no	0	0	0	1	0	0	5,570	267
Reformed Presbyterian Kittanning, Pa.	42	21	44	3	2	3	62	81	48	20	72	no	no	yes	1	9	0	0	2	2	11,897	390
View Crest Community Ref. Presby. Eighty-Four, Pa.	99	46	45	4	4	4	75								10	0	0	0	1	4	12,590	3,072
Calvin Presbyterian Irwin, Pa.	81	47	26	3	2	3	63	60	24	14	89	yes	yes	yes	0	1	0	0	0	5	13,393	2,936

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY		STATISTICS																				
		Attendances										Members Gained		Members Lost								
	Communicants	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismission	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
Raccoon Community (Mission) Joffre, Pa.	18	8					103	12	0	0	12	no	no	no							1,000	10
Robinwood Presbyterian Youngstown, Ohio	218	70		5	5	5	87	124	68	20		yes	yes	yes	21	3	29	7	1	0	21,426	5,213
Trinity Presbyterian Columbus, Ohio	68	40	21	5	0	5	97	103	59	34	140	yes	yes	yes	8	2	2	1	1	19	46,542	3,386
TOTALS	1,158	585	358	47	22	52	862	776	329	145	885				62	18	43	25	13	44	168,759	31,259

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## SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY

SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY																Members Gained			Members Lost					
	Communicants	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Attendances										Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
							Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor	Social Sec.?									
Second Street Presbyterian Albemarle, North Carolina	224	105		8	8	3	116	165	60	14	180	yes	no	yes	9	8	8	6	2	0	20,536	1,689		
Faith Presbyterian Charlotte, North Carolina	209	86	18	6	7	6	95	140	50	20	140	yes	yes	yes	0	3	1	1	3	0	14,775	6,544		
Meadowview Presbyterian Lexington, North Carolina	175	40	30	6	6	2	80	125	75	0	100	yes	yes	yes	10	1	0	0	2	0	10,000	800		
Ladnum Street Presbyterian Durham, North Carolina		No statistics submitted																						
Reformed Presbyterian Reidsville, North Carolina	79	40		4	6	3	75	75	45	22	97	no	yes	yes	2	2	0	2	1	0	9,295	2,411		
St. Andrews Presbyterian Columbia, South Carolina	31	14	6	2	1	3	35	50	40	6	35	no	yes	no	11	0	0	0	0	0	12,954	80		
Augusta St. Presbyterian Greenville, South Carolina	615	278	51	12	12	24	350	331	205	109	432	yes	yes	no	13	32	14	26	4	22	59,746	35,676		
Shannon Forest Presby. Greenville, South Carolina	115	54	28	4	4	8	115	130	90	50	140	yes	yes	yes	5	19	8	4	0	0	11,639	4,298		
Walnut Grove Presby. Roebuck, South Carolina	50	19	15	3	2	5	51	61	45	40	58	no	no	no	0	4	0	1	0	4	13,288	5,387		
Faith Presbyterian Myrtle Beach, South Carolina	22	15	10	2	0	2	35	55	30	18	40	no	no	no	2	3	2	1	0	0	15,300	1,000		
Faith Presbyterian Savannah, Georgia		No statistics submitted																						
TOTALS	1520	651	158	47	46	56	952	1132	640	340	1222				52	72	33	41	12	26	168,533	57,885		



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FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

	Communicants	Attendances											Members Gained			Members Lost					Benevolence Giving	
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll		Local Expenses
York Drive Presbyterian Bradenton, Florida				3	4	4	23	85	35	18	30	no	yes	no							9,644	2,533
Westminster Presbyterian Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	178	64	21	6	9	0	165	135	22	12	203	no	no	yes	0	17	25	5	1	75	55,070	537
Covenant Presbyterian Lakeland, Florida	289	174	15	9	9	4	119	175	85	35	158	yes	yes	no	5	3	10	21	12	2	37,272	14,745
First Presbyterian North Port Charlotte, Fla.	60	34	7	4	3	4	35	58	16	20	42	yes	yes	no	0	12	0	0	0	3	10,851	850
Grace Presbyterian Pinellas Park, Florida	75	46	16	4	2	4	45	48	22	10	71	no	yes	no	8	0	0	0	1	0	8,707	287
Faith Presbyterian Sarasota, Florida	104	59	24	3	5	4	98	112	40	18	128	yes	yes	yes	6	2	8	1	4	1	13,789	3,032
Calvary Presbyterian Tampa, Florida	182	57	40	7	3	0	55	70	40	25	83	yes	yes	yes	3	10	1	7	0	0	14,200	1,743
Covenant Presbyterian Naples, Florida	46	19	11	3	0	3	53	74	44	26	77	yes	yes	yes	12	17	0	0	0	0	19,797	10,945
Immanuel Evangelical Pres. Maitland, Florida	29	12	11	3	0	3	27	38	25	14		no	no	no	5	0	24	0	0	0	11,100	419
TOTALS	963	465	144	42	35	26	620	780	329	178	792				39	61	58	34	18	81	180,430	35,091

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## SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

	Communicants	Attendances											Members Gained			Members Lost					Benevolence Giving	
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor	Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death		Dropped from Roll
Westminster Presbyterian Bowling Green, Ky.	60	39	9	6	3	6	65	65	40	18	88	yes	no	yes	0	3	2	13	2	41	9,539	915
Ryder Memorial Bible Pres. Bluff City, Tennessee	16	19	0	1	0	2	45	48	20	18	60	no	no	no	0	0	1	0	0	0	2,330	58
First Reformed Presbyterian Lookout Mountain, Tenn. *Sept. to April †May to August	104	33	33	4	5	9	123	250* 100†	200* 100†	35	no	yes			3	0	22	3	0	8	13,168	11,786
Church of the Covenant Nashville, Tennessee	No statistics submitted																					
First Reformed Presbyterian Memphis, Tennessee	91	46	8	6	6	5	51	78	54	33	62	no	no	no	0	91	0	6	1	0	10,385	2,137
Covenant Presbyterian Auburn, Alabama	27	15	9	3	3	3	25	50	20	0	40	no	no	yes	0	0	0	0	1	0	12,004	151
Reformed Presbyterian Huntsville, Alabama	162	49	106	6	5	6	130	195	85	20	180	yes	yes	yes	0	22	0	10	0	4	35,651	4,554
Reformed Presbyterian Muscle Shoals, Alabama	15	7	13	3	0	0	41	42	25	19	34	no	no	no	0	8	0	0	0	0	9,071	290
TOTALS	475	198	178	29	22	31	480	728 or 578	444 or 344	143	464				3	124	25	32	4	53	93,168	19,891

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## MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY

	Communicants						Attendances					Members Gained			Members Lost							
	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor	Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
First Reformed Presbyterian Indianapolis, Indiana	No statistics submitted																					
First Bible Presbyterian Indianapolis, Indiana	122	53	29	6	3	6	76	96	21	8	123	yes	yes	yes	10	2	0	1	1	0	20,307	9,502
Westminster Presbyterian Muncie, Indiana	47	19		4	5	3	66	65	20	10		yes	yes	yes	8	4	11	0	0	0	52,961	831
Grandcote Reformed Pres. Coulterville, Illinois	234	123	84	6	0	6	104	120	40	20	174	yes	yes	yes	1	0	76	4	6	2	25,960	4,751
Faith Bible Presbyterian Cutler, Illinois	20	17	14	3	1	0	33	35	14	10	40	yes	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,526	375
Westminster Presbyterian Elgin, Illinois	109	62	42	9	6	0	119	115	42	15	171	yes	yes	yes	0	3	1	0	3	9	28,467	10,216
Bethel Reformed Presby. Sparta, Illinois	145	60		5	0	7	95	91	0	9	101	yes	yes	yes	0	0	3	0	1	0	6,586	2,568
Westminster Presbyterian Alton, Illinois	61	35	20	3	0	5	45	40	17	7	90	yes	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,519	514
Christ Reformed Presby. Grand Rapids, Michigan	No statistics submitted																					
Bible Presbyterian Merrill, Wisconsin	83	44	14	3	3	3	43	65	18	8	60	yes	yes	no	1	0	0	0	1	0	8,317	5,057

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## MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY

	Communicants		Attendances											Members Gained			Members Lost					
	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
Bible Presbyterian Cambridge, Iowa	24	16		2	0	3	70	40	25	20	86	yes	no	no	2	0	0	1	0	1	5,930	1,199
Bible Presbyterian of Cono Walker, Iowa	48	21		4	0	0	70	75	75	50	75	yes	no	yes	1	0	0	3	0	0	42,506	1,290
Bethel Presbyterian Affton, Missouri	49	26	0	2	2	0	51	44	14	8		no	no	no	1	3	3	0	0	4	8,863	2,619
Lafayette Presbyterian Ellisville, Missouri	51	13	20	3	6	9	50	80	32	8	70	yes	yes	yes	20	0	0	0	0	0	16,174	719
Hazelwood Reformed Pres. Hazelwood, Missouri	94	46	58	6	6	12	95	116	23	22	102	yes	yes	yes	7	19	0	4	1	0	17,903	3,889
Covenant Presbyterian St. Louis, Missouri	422	225	165	16	17	16	402	349	169	53	428	yes	yes	no	17	19	1	9	0	9	67,216	50,830
Evangelical Presbyterian Carbondale, Illinois	23	14	13	0	0	0	48			61					0	0	0	0	0	5		
Olive Branch Presbyterian St. Louis, Missouri	37	30	9	4	0	9	55	45	18	11	100	yes	no	no	0	0	0	2	0	12	7,976	3,266
TOTALS	1569	804	458	75	49	79	1422	1365	528	259	1681				68	50	94	24	13	42402	201	97,626

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## SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY

SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY															Members Gained		Members Lost						
	Communicants					Attendances										Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismission	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving
	Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?										
First Presbyterian Minco, Oklahoma	61	35	8	4	3	1	55	51	23	10	80	yes	yes	yes	4	3	1	0	0	0	7,920	2,319	
Calvary Presbyterian Stilwell, Oklahoma	No statistics submitted																						
Christ Presbyterian Tulsa, Oklahoma	20	11	3	3	0	3	32	40	0	10	43	yes	yes	no	0	5	0	0	0	0	11,075	974	
Westminster Presbyterian Gainesville, Texas	190	92	30	6	3	6	95	144	70	44	126	yes	yes	no	8	11	0	0	3	0	23,119	5,944	
Westminster Presbyterian Bedford, Texas	47	10	30	2	2	4	30	50	30	12	42	no	no	no	0	6	0	3	0	7	15,284	1,284	
Evangelical Presbyterian Garland, Texas	No statistics submitted																						
TOTALS	338	148	71	15	8	14	212	285	123	76	291				12	25	1	3	3	7	57,398	10,521	

## GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERY

Reformed Presbyterian Underwood, North Dakota	48	12	0	5	2	0	28	60	20	20	46	yes	no	yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,566	2,443
Reformed Presbyterian Bismarck, North Dakota	14	9	5	1	1	0	28	23	20	17	34	yes	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,493	875
Reformed Presbyterian Lemmon, South Dakota	62	35	15	4	0	4	33	50	8	8	65	yes	no	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,485	788
TOTALS	124	56	20	10	3	4	89	133	48	45	145				0	0	0	0	0	0	16,544	4,106

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY															Members Gained		Members Lost						
	Communicants	Attendances													Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?									
TrInity Presbyterian Kearney, Nebraska	82	50	26	4	4	8	88	100	50	35	130	yes	yes	yes	2	0	0	0	2	0	10,881	5,206	
Emmanuel Reformed Pres. Denver, Colorado		No statistics submitted																					
Covenant Reformed Pres. Wheat Ridge, Colorado		No statistics submitted																					
Evangelical Presbyterian Colorado Springs, Colo.	472	178	198	10	23	33	401	473	162	78	550	yes	yes	yes	23	26	18	7	7	11	59,625	27,821	
University Presbyterian Las Cruces, New Mexico	159	69	56	7	5	6	142	191	84	40	200	yes	yes	yes	4	6	6	4	2	5	21,347	9,579	
Westminster Reformed Pres. Alamogordo, New Mexico	71	25	30	3	0	5	65	70	0	15	81	yes	yes	no	2	2	6	4	0	0	17,301	1,383	
TOTALS	784	322	310	24	32	52	696	834	296	208	961				31	34	30	15	11	16	109,154	44,189	

## CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY

Covenant Evangelical Pres. Chatsworth, California	79	38	36	3	2	3	110	135	40	20	131	no	yes	no	13	2	0	2	0	2	22,352	3,996
Reformed Presbyterian Woodland Hills, Calif.	57	26	36	1	2	3		80	40	15		no	yes	no	6	0	0	0	0	0	14,572	2,004
TOTALS	136	64	72	4	4	6	110	215	80	35	131				19	2	0	2	0	2	36,924	6,000

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY

	Communicants	Attendances													Members Gained			Members Lost					
		Families	Covenant Children	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Sunday School	Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Service	Sunday School Enrollment	Manse?	Pension Plan?	Aid Pastor Social Sec.?	Profession	Reaffirmation	Transfer Letter	Dismissal	Death	Dropped from Roll	Local Expenses	Benevolence Giving	
Westminster Evang. Pres. Everett, Washington	429	191		10	5	10	115	175	60	16	161	yes	yes	no	9	4	7	12	5	12	24,133	9,344	
Covenant Presbyterian Issaquah, Washington	109	41	20	5	7	12	75	100	30	10	117	yes	yes	yes	6	2	2	0	0	1	12,709	5,027	
First Evangelical Pres. Seattle, Washington	192	92	55	6	6	6	188	210	110	35	275	yes	yes	no	9	0	0	11	0	1	30,847	18,169	
Faith Evangelical Presby. Tacoma, Washington		No statistics submitted																					
Alderwood Evang. Presby. Alderwood Manor, Wash. *congregation not yet organized		13					32	32	14	7	50	no	yes	no	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,042	306	
Evangelical Presbyterian Bellingham, Washington	65	30	13	6	6	6	30	70	45	25	38	no	no	yes	2	62	1	0	0	0	11,400	250	
Crestwood Presbyterian Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	49	24	8	5	2	5	43	72	34	9	70	yes	no	yes	2	0	0	0	0	0	14,244	692	
Glenmore Reformed Pres. Calgary, Alberta, Canada	10	4	8	1	0	0	29	41	15	9		no	yes	yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,257	00	
TOTALS	854	395	104	33	26	39	512	700	308	111	711				28	68	10	23	5	14	104,588	33,788	

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