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CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL SYNOD**



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## **PREFACE TO SYNOD MINUTES**

The 159th General Synod took the historic first vote on the invitation of the PCA "to come with us for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one church among us." As we go to press, we have heard that the PCA has reaffirmed the invitation, as well as responding to the concerns of WPM. We shall try to keep presbyteries and agencies abreast of further developments. May His guidance be just as clearly evident as committees and agencies, presbyteries and sessions seek the will of God for the future.

These minutes, according to action of the 153rd General Synod, are to be distributed free to all ministers, "one copy to every church (whether for clerk of session or church library), plus additional copies for each \$50 contributed to Synod during the last fiscal year up to a total number of elders" (cf. p. 19f). Having made the calculations with the assistance of Treasurer Charles W. Donaldson, the Stated Clerk has sent copies to the pastor of each church. In addition, the 154th General Synod authorized sending copies to each elder commissioner who was in attendance at Synod (p. 17). Additional copies are also available at a nominal charge for others who wish to have them from the Office of the Stated Clerk.

When quoting Minutes of Synod, caution should be exercised as to whether the reports were merely received or if they have been adopted. In some cases, study papers have been assigned and they are the product of the particular committee unless the action stated by the minutes is that they were adopted as the position of the church. When they are sent to presbyteries for study, it still may not be considered the position of the church.

These minutes are published with the prayer that the church of the Lord may be edified by them and the Lord of the church magnified through them.

—PRG

## **ACTIONS FOR PRESBYTERIES AND SESSIONS**

The 159th General Synod acted on several matters which were sent down to presbyteries and sessions for action and information. Please take note of the following:

### **A. FOR ACTION:**

1. Joining and receiving by PCA/RPCES. . . . . pp. 52-65
2. Proposed amendments for the Form of Government. . . . . pp. 57-65, 155

### **B. FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY:**

1. Overtures. . . . . 133-137, 142-150
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**MINUTES**  
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**Held at Covenant College**

**FRIDAY MEETING**  
**May 22, 1981**

The 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, was opened at 8 p.m. at the Dora Maclellan Brown Chapel at Covenant College. The Rev. Robert F. Auffarth presided at the worship service. Following the call to worship, the commissioners and guests sang, "Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee." The Rev. Mr. Auffarth led in the invocation. A hymn of praise, "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim," was sung. The commissioners and guests were welcomed to Covenant College by Dr. Nicholas P. Barker. The Rev. Robert A. Milliken led in the confession of sin and assurance of pardon and the singing of the "Gloria Patri." The Rev. Egon Middelmann offered prayer. The Rev. Mr. Milliken, pastor of the host church, welcomed the commissioners and announced arrangements for worship services on Sunday. The Rev. James Singleton read the Scripture, Psalm 121. The retiring moderator, the Rev. Roger Lambert, preached the sermon on Psalm 121. "Zion, To Thy Saviour Singing," was sung in response to the preaching of God's Word. Mr. Milliken and Mr. Lambert led in the communion, assisted by ruling elders Rudolph Schmidt, David Hickey, John Lesondak, John Moore, Charles Donaldson, Ed Kellogg, John Miller, Andrew Belz, David Baer, Greg Heath, Gary Huisman, and Robert Taylor. The congregation sang "Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder." The Rev. Robert Milliken pronounced the benediction at 9:45 p.m.

At 9:55 p.m., the retiring moderator gavelled the meeting to order, calling on the Rev. Tom Jones to lead in prayer. Nominations were opened for moderator. The Rev. Dr. Franklin S. Dyrness nominated the Rev. Nelson K. Malkus. The Rev. Robert Hamilton nominated Elder Maurie McPhee. The Rev. Dr. Robert Palmer nominated Elder Dr. Richard Chewning. The Rev. Nelson Malkus nominated the Rev. Al Lutz. Dr. Chewning was elected and escorted to the podium.

Nominations were opened for vice moderator. Mr. Maurie McPhee, the Rev. Al Lutz, and the Rev. Nelson Malkus were nominated. Mr. McPhee was elected.

Nominated for assistant clerk were the Rev. James Conrad and Mr. Richard Herbert. Mr. Herbert was elected.

The Rev. David Cross closed the assembly with prayer at 10:55 p.m.

## SATURDAY MEETING May 23, 1981

At 8:00 a.m., Dr. Chewning led in a season of prayer. The moderator called the synod to order at 8:20 a.m. and constituted the meeting with prayer.

### FORMATION OF ROLL AND ATTENDANCE

Name of Commissioners by Presbytery	Present at First Meeting	Present at Last Meeting or Excused (e)	Present But Not At First or Last Meeting	Name of Commissioners by Presbytery	Present at First Meeting	Present at Last Meeting or Excused (e)	Present But Not At First or Last Meeting
<b>CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY</b>				Franklyn Miller	x	x	
<b>Ministers</b>				Hermann Mischke	x	x	
David Bransby	x			Daniel Osborne	x	x	
Jack Buckley	x	x		Glenn Parkinson		x	
David Dare	x	e		Mark Pett	x	x	
Paul Doepke	x	e		Thomas Poehlman	x	x	
Arthur Glasser		e		Jonathan Seda	x	x	
Roger Lambert		x		John Skeen	x		
Walter Lyons	x			Frank Smick	x	x	
Benjamin Short	x	x		Lynden Stewart	e	e	x
James Singleton	x	x		Larry Wanaselja	x	x	
Don Taylor	x	e		Raymond Wright	x	x	
<b>Elders</b>				Mark Youndt	x	x	
Robert Taylor	x	e		<b>Elders</b>			
<b>DELMARVA PRESBYTERY</b>				Bayard Bender	x	x	
<b>Ministers</b>				Richard Chewning	x	x	
Willard Armes	x	x		John Christie	x	x	
Robert Auffarth	x			Allan Crumbaker	x	x	
Richard Bitzer	x	x		Sam Derr	x	x	
Gustav Blomquist	x	e		Russell Doig	x	x	
Arthur Bonney	x	x		Allen Faris	x	x	
George Bragdon	x	x		Robert Gray		x	
Dan Broadwater	x	x		Carroll Hammell	x	x	
Donald Broadwater	x	x		James Hickson			e
Frank Crane	x	x		Donald MacLean	x	x	
David L. Cross	x	x		Dwight Monk	x		
Robert Eickelberg		x		John Morgan		x	
Cal Frett	e	x		Robert Morrison			x
Walter Gienapp	x	x		Joseph Pattison	x	x	
Max Harris	x	x		Robert Ranson			x
Beryl Hubbard		x		Wilhemus Schaffers	x	x	
David Kiewiet	x	x		Phillip Soldan			e
David Laverell	x			Leroy Taft	x		
Nelson Malkus	x	x		James Tessar	x	x	
Randall Martin	x	x		<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>			
Fred McFarland	x	x		<b>Ministers</b>			
Walter Menges Jr.	x	x		Tom Aicken	x	x	
Will Metzger	x	x		Robert Hamilton	x	x	
Werner Mietling	x	x		Howard McPhee	x		

Name of Commissioners by Presbytery	Present at First Meeting	Present at Last Meeting or Excused (e)	Present But Not At First or Last Meeting
Robert McPherson	x	x	

### Elders

Donald Vance	x	e	
Dean Veinott	x	x	

### FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

#### Ministers

George Birchler	x	x	
Benson Cain (alt.)	x		
James Conrad	x		
Peter Cross		x	
Wyatt Folds	e	x	
John Graham	x	x	
Darrell Harris	x	x	
Carlton Heil			e
Kenneth Howell	x		
Robert Palmer	x		
William Spink	e	x	

#### Elders

Kenneth Brown	x	x	
Lavergne Brown	e	x	
Rupert Ebanks	x		
Melvin Jones	x	x	
James Lehan	x		
Richard Leigh		x	
Frank McClintock	x		
Harold Morse	x	x	
C. Ray Reid			x
Glenn Singleton	x	x	
Robert Wunderlich	x	x	

### GREAT LAKES PRESBYTERY

#### Ministers

Allan Baldwin	x		
Seth Dyrness	x	x	
David Jones (alt.)	x		
William Kirwan	x		
William Mahlow Jr.	x		
William Phillips	x	x	
William Shell	x	x	
Addison Soltau	x		
Rodney Stortz	e		x
DeWitt Watson	x	x	

#### Elders

Dan Borst			e
Kenneth Hastings	e		x
William Hawley	x		
Kenneth Kuyk	x	x	
James Preston	x		
Chester Smith	x	x	
Tom Stein			e

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Jack Walker			e
Earl Witmer	x	x	

### GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERY

#### Ministers

Ed Huntington			e
James Shannon	x	x	
Douglas Shepler		x	

### ILLIANA PRESBYTERY

#### Ministers

Bryan Chapell	e	x	
Legree Finch	x	x	
Stephen Ford	x		
Wyatt George (alt.)			x
Will Hesterberg	x	x	
Thomas Jones	x	x	
Harold Mare	x	x	
John Paulsen	x	e	
Robert Reymond		x	
David Robinson	x	x	
Harold Stigers	x	e	
Gary Waldecker	x	x	
Thomas Waldecker	e	x	

#### Elders

Andrew Burgess	x	x	
Eugene Fullerton	x	x	
Clifford McIntyre	x	x	
Robert Robb	e	x	
Merle Wilson			e

### MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY

#### Ministers

Richard Aeschliman	x	x	
William Barker	x	x	
Jeff Black	x	x	
Cal Boroughs	x	x	
Arthur Boyer	x	x	
Hans Deutschmann	x		
Thomas Egbert			x
Robert Fiol	x	x	
Tim Fortner	x	x	
Laird Harris		x	
Ronald Hidey	x	x	
C. Holliday III	x	x	
Roger Hunt	e	x	
James Kern			e
Philip Lancaster	x	x	
Walter Lorenz	x		
John MacGregor		x	
Donald MacNair	x	x	

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Egon Middelmann	x			William Henderson	x	x	
Albert Moginot	x	x		Richard Tyson	x	x	
Terry Nixon	x	x		John Vance			
Michael Parker	e	x		<b>Elders</b>			
Robert G. Rayburn		x		Ronald DeFord		x	x
John Sanderson	x			Wygant Smith	x	x	
Wilbur Siddons	x	x					
Donald Starn	x	x		<b>PACIFIC NORTHWEST</b>			
Richard Tevebaugh	x	e		<b>PRESBYTERY</b>			
Wilber Wallis	x	x		<b>Ministers</b>			
David Winecoff	x	x		Robert Bonner	x	x	
<b>Elders</b>				Douglas Codling	x	x	
Steve Andes				James Codling	x	x	
Brad Binnington	x		x	Daniel Dermyer	x	x	
Craig Burdett				John Hoogstrate	x	e	
Dale Collison	x	x		Douglas Lee	x	x	
Doug Corey	x			Stephen Leonard	x	x	
Gene Frank	x	x		John Pickett	x		
LeRoy Gardner	x			Robert S. Rayburn	x	x	
Wally Gustafson	x	e		John Youngs			e
Orbin Hagist		x		<b>Elders</b>			
Joseph Hall	x			Donald Crozier			e
Hal Kennedy	x			Richard Herbert	x	x	
Tom Kennedy	x	x		Paul Hubbell			e
James Pickett	x	x		Maurie McPhee	x	x	
Gordon Shaw	x	x		Richard Meinert	x	x	
Philip Sokody			x	Jack Paist	x	x	
Arthur Stoll			x				
<b>NEW JERSEY PRESBYTERY</b>				<b>PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY</b>			
<b>Ministers</b>				<b>Ministers</b>			
Howard Cross	x	x		Ernest Breen	x	x	
Frank Fiol		x		David Brewer	x	e	
Charles Garriott	e	x		Harold Burkhart	x		
George Jaggard			x	John Clark	x	e	
Elwin Jewell	x	x		John DeBardeleben	x	x	
John Kay	x			Carl Derk			e
James Midberry	x	x		Franklin Dyrness	x	x	
John Palmer	x	x		Harold Hight	x	x	
Petros Roukas	x	x		John Hunt	x	x	
James Smith	x	x		Paul Karlberg	x	x	
Roy Wescher	x	x		Edward Noe	x	x	
<b>Elders</b>				Eugene Potoka	x		
Donald Long	x	x		Archie Shelor	x	x	
				George Smith	x	x	
				Mark Tedford	x		
				Gareth Tonnessen			e
<b>NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY</b>				Robt. Williamson	x	x	
<b>Ministers</b>				John Woll	e	x	
Robert Edmiston	x	x		<b>Elders</b>			
Brad Evans	x	x		Robert Bell	x	x	
Thomas Farr	x	x		Oong Choi	x	x	
Richard Gray	x	x					



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Present at First Meeting

Present at Last Meeting or Excused (e)

Present But Not At First or Last Meeting

George Deibert	x	x	
Robert Dempsey		e	x
Manfred Geribotti	x	x	
Paul Goldsborough	x	x	
Donald MacKenzie	x	x	
Norman Pierce			
Fred Pletscher Jr.	x	e	
James Regester		x	
Lawrence Rineer		e	x
Kenneth Rush	x		
Richard Tilton	x	x	
David Weston		e	x

**PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY**

**Ministers**

William Albany	x	e	
Geoffrey Brown			e
Arnold Frank	x	e	
Robert Gordon			e
Charles Holliday	x	x	
Stevan Horning	x	e	
Harold Kelley	x	x	
John Ledden	x	e	
John MacRae	x	x	
Mark Porter			x
Nicholas Protos	x	x	
Richard Raines	x	x	
Richard Rowe	x	e	
William Slawter	x	e	
Timothy Stigers	x	x	
David Sutton			e
John Taylor	x		
Paul Taylor III	x	x	
Samuel Ward	x	x	
Dale Weldon	x	x	
Robt. Wildeman	x	x	
Charles Winkler	x	x	

**Elders**

David Allen	x	e	
Paul Anthony	x		
Larry Canterbury			
Ernest Gough	x	x	
Buck Gray	e		x
Harold Harris	x	x	
Nelson Kennedy	x	e	
Donald Kipfer	x	x	
Ronald Miller	x	x	
Melvin Rowley	x	x	
Roy Strickland			e
William Voorhis	x	x	

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Present But Not At First or Last Meeting

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY**

**Ministers**

David Hein	x	x	
Bernhard Kuiper	x	x	
William Leonard	x	x	
David Linden	x	x	
Steven Meyerhoff	x	x	
Arthur Scott			x
Robert Scott	x	e	
Ronald Shaw	x	x	
James Urish	x	x	
Peter Vaughn			x
James Wiest	x	e	

**Elders**

Chas. Friedenstein	x	x	
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**SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

**Ministers**

David Alexander	x	x	
Steve Bostrom	x	x	
Render Caines	x	x	
Robert Cox			e
Thomas Cross			x
Earl Eckerson	x	x	
Ross Graham	x	x	
Ken Hash	x	x	
Robert Hoyle			x
Henry Johnson	x	x	
Al Lutz	x	e	
Gerald Malkus	x	x	
Daniel Pruitt	x		
Ted Ragsdale	x		
Jayne Sickert	x		
Peter Spink	x		

**Elders**

Dick Carter			e
Terry Clark	x	x	
Happy Cochran		e	x
Dean Ezell	x	x	
John George		e	x
William Long	x	x	
Lanny Moore	x	e	
Glenn Owen	x	x	

**SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY**

**Ministers**

Paul Alexander		x	
William Alling	x		
Charles Anderson	x	x	
George Anderson	e	e	x

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Kenneth Austin	x			David Hickey	x	x	
Philip Blevins			e	Gary Huisman	x		
Ray Dameron	x			Ed Kellogg	x	x	
Martin Freeland		x		John Lesondak	x	x	
Paul Gilchrist	x	x		Rudolph Schmidt	x	x	
Robert Hastings	x	x		Lewis Scogin			x
James Hurley	x	x		James Ward		x	
Robert Milliken	x	x		Oral Waring			e
John Myers		e	x				
Randy Nabors	x			<b>SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY</b>			
Robt. Nuernberger		x		<b>Ministers</b>			
Howard Oakley		x		Stephen Childers	x	x	
Dan Orme			x	David Clelland	x	x	
James Perry	x			Paul DeLong			e
Henry Stevens	x	x		William Doerfel	x	x	
Bruce Young	x			Richard Fisher	x		
John Young	x	x		Howard Kelley	x	x	
<b>Elders</b>				Robert Petterson	x		
David Baer	x			George Soltau			x
Marion Barnes	x	x		John Thorpe	x	x	
Nick Barker	x	x		Kyle Thurman	x	x	
Andrew Belz	x			John R. Werner			
Joel Belz	x	x		<b>Elders</b>			
Ross Cook	x	x		Clark Breeding	x	x	
John Cummer	x	x		Charles Clark	x	x	
Charles Donaldson	x	x		Ray Cronshey	x	x	
Martin Essenburg			x	Ron Duntun	x	x	
Donovan Graham	x	x		Lyle Fogle	x		
David Hammond			x	Chester Hatcher	x	x	
Greg Heath	x			T. J. Powers	x	x	

### ADOPTION OF DOCKET

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the docket as printed and distributed.

### SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND VISITING BROTHERS

The following people were introduced to synod and on motion during the course of the meetings were seated as follows:

#### *Corresponding Members:*

*Fraternal Delegates*—Dr. James DeYoung (CRC), Rev. Larry G. Minger (OPC), Dr. Morton H. Smith and Mr. Edward Robeson (PCA), Dr. John H. White (RPCNA).

*Other Corresponding Members*—Elders Graham Gutsche, Donald A. Semisch, and Woody Woods.

*Visiting Brothers:* Robert Herman (ARP), Rev. Warren Myers (PCA), James Pell, Jeff Rakes, Rev. Mario Rivera.

## **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The moderator appointed the following commissioners to serve on the standing committees of synod:

### ***Parliamentarian***

John M. L. Young

### ***Sargent-at-Arms***

David Kiewiet

### ***Bills and Overtures***

Roger Lambert, chairman

Jack Buckley

Tim Fortner

Tim Stigers

Werner Mietling

Wilber Wallis

Peter Spink

Rodney Stortz

Addison Soltau

David Linden

Will Barker

Will Metzger

Joel Belz (E)

Lyle Fogle (E)

Manfred Garibotti (E)

Wallace Gustafson (E)

Joseph Hall (E)

Mel Jones (E)

Russell Doig (E)

### ***Attendance and Expense***

Charles Donaldson, chairman (E)

Robert Taylor (E)

Kenneth Kuyk (E)

William Henderson

Jim Conrad

### ***Memorials***

Earl Witmer, chairman (E)

Thomas Waldecker

Ross Graham

### ***Resolutions***

John DeBardleben, chairman

Rob McPherson

Charles Holliday III

Harold Burkhart

James Shannon

## **OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The stated clerk presented the following overtures by title:

*Overture A—Unified travel fund for annual synod meetings.*

*Overture B—Clarify process for receiving an organized church into presbytery.*

*Overture C—Amend FOG re examination of non-RPCES ministers.*

*Overture D—Amend FOG re previously ordained college or seminary student).*

*Overture F—Erect study committee on the sabbath.*

*Overture G—For a study committee on the Scriptural obligations of Christian unity and fellowship.*

*Overture H—Instruct Fraternal Relations Committee to pursue union with PCA and/or OPC.*

*Overture I—Instruct Fraternal Relations Committee to pursue a plan of union rather than the method currently employed.*

*Overture J—Churches withdrawing may not form a continuing RPCES.*

*Overture K—Instruct presbyteries and sessions regarding Freemasonry.*

*Overture L—Issue complaint to Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches.*

*Overture M—Reconsider method of uniting.*

*Overture M—Reconsider method of uniting.*

*Overture N—Call for a year of evangelism.*

*Overture O—Amend FOG to prevent a minister from exercising the duties of his office.*

The following communications were also read:

*Communication No. 1*

On behalf of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, we extend to you our fraternal greetings. We rejoice in the mutual ties between our two denominations. You are an encouragement to us in the preaching, teaching, and living out of the gospel. We trust that in some measure we are an encouragement to you.

We are looking forward to receiving at our synod this year, June 8-11, elder Joel Belz as your fraternal delegate. He will be given opportunity to address our synod on the evening of June 10.

Since your denomination, in part at least, has the same historical heritage as the Covenanter element in ours—you will be particularly interested to note that we will observe our 200th anniversary as a denomination in 1982. We are the only synod remaining of the original Associate Reformed Church formed in 1782 in Philadelphia by the Associate Presbyterians and the Reformed Presbyterians. Unfortunately, our Bicentennial Synod next year at Erskine College, Due West, S.C. (June 14-17) will conflict with the concurrent assemblies of the five NAPARC denominations, meeting at Calvin College (June 14-21). Even so, perhaps we can have some sort of fraternal exchange for these important events.

Brothers, continue to walk in the Father's truth and to exalt His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray for us as we attempt to do the same.

Sincerely in Christ,

C. Ronald Beard, Stated Clerk

William A. Macaulay Jr., Chairman

Committee on Inter-Church Relations

*Communication No. 2*

The following recommendation to synod was passed at the spring stated meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, held April 25, 1981, in Pittsburgh.

“We recommend that synod not receive a report from its committee unless it is, in fact, the product of the whole study committee and sent to synod by vote of the whole committee at a duly called meeting of the committee.”

Charles L. Winkler, Clerk

*Communication No. 3*

I would appreciate it if you would put this letter on record. Though not



a participant in the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, yet I would like to be on record as saying I wish to register my total agreement with the recommendation made by the Fraternal Relations Committee as given in the booklet *Information for the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to Prepare It To Vote on Being Received by the Presbyterian Church in America*.

I do want to be on record as saying that I very much hope that this will pass in the synod and later in the presbyteries.

If it would be of any use this statement of mine could be made public but that is at your discretion.

Francis A. Schaeffer

### **ACTION:**

Synod, on motion, allowed Overtures M, N, and O to be presented even though they were not received prior to the deadline. Synod acted to refer Overtures A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, and O to the Bills and Overtures Committee; to refer Overtures H, I, J, M, and N to the Fraternal Relations Committee; and to receive the communications for information.

### **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A preliminary ballot listing nominees for synod boards and agencies was distributed to the commissioners by the Rev. J. Render Caines, chairman.

### **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

The stated clerk, the Rev. Paul R. Gilchrist, presented the following report:

Fathers and Brothers in Christ:

Serving the Lord and His church in the capacity of stated clerk of synod has been a very joyful experience. I continue to care for the correspondence, to assist in the placement of candidates in vacant pulpits, and to get the directories, minutes and statistics published. We want to express our appreciation to Dr. Franklin Dyrness and the Quarryville Presbyterian Home for helping to defray the cost of publishing the directories. Hopefully, directories for Spring 1981 will be available at synod time.

### **Errata for Minutes 1980**

Unfortunately, several errors crept into our copy, which need correcting.

On p. 10, E. T. Noe was present at first meeting.

On p. 22, Guide to Proportionate Giving: Covenant Seminary needed \$530,000.

On p. 145, last sentence should read "to put to death."

On p. 174, recommendations should have been numbered 1, 2, 3 in the middle of the page.

On p. 176, recommendations at top of page should have been numbered 4 and 5. Also, under elections to Nominating Committee, Douglas Shepler was elected and his name should be in italics.

Statistics for two churches were inadvertently omitted: Membership figures for Covenant RPC, Stanton, DE (p. 188) should read: 131, 62, 76, 4, 7, 0, 2, 3; 3, 5, 0, 8, 3, 0, 0, 0, 3; 105, 30, 10, 59, 55. Also, membership figures for Jeremy Creek RP (M) (p. 213) should read: 10, 2, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2; 0, 0, 0, 10, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; 17, 17, 7, 15, 0.

Finally, on p. 224, under *Special Committees* include: *Study Committee on Responsibility and Authority of Ruling Elders*: C. Frett (chm.), J. P. Clark, R. Heerdt, H. Harris, K. Hash, R. Milliken.

### Statistics

Table III provides a summary of statistics for 1980 compared to previous years. One should note that the total membership of 29,532 represents an 8.7% increase over 1979 and a 76% growth for the decade.

Tables IV and V present different ways of viewing pastoral compensation for the fiscal year 1980. The report of the Ministerial Welfare and Benefits Committee includes an excellent study for the consideration of sessions and trustees as they review their pastor's compensation from year to year.

### Commissioners to the 160th Synod, 1982

With the current count of 447 ordained teaching elders, presbyteries are advised to elect 60% of their ministerial members as commissioners to the 160th General Synod in Grand Rapids, together with an equal number of ruling elders (see FOG IV, 1, g and h). Names of commissioners (*together with addresses of ruling elders*) should be sent to my office by March 1, 1982, if they are to receive the reports to synod before synod convenes.

### Audit Reports

The following agencies and committees have submitted copies of their audits to the stated clerk's office:

Covenant College	June 30, 1980
Board of Home Ministries	Dec. 31, 1980
World Presbyterian Missions	Dec. 31, 1980
RP Foundation	Dec. 31, 1980
National Presbyterian Missions	Dec. 31, 1980
Board of Trustees	Dec. 31, 1980
Health and Welfare (Hospitalization)	Dec. 31, 1980
Christian Training Inc.	Oct. 31, 1980
Pension Fund	Dec. 31, 1980
Covenant Theological Seminary	June 30, 1980

Not yet received:

Lamb Fund	Mar. 31, 1981
Synod Treasury	Dec. 31, 1980

## *Index of Synod Actions and Documents of the RPCES Reports, Decisions and Opinions*

Through the kindness of an interested donor, a scholarship has been made available for a student at Covenant Seminary under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Hall, librarian, to index the minutes of the RPCES. Considerable progress has been made on this project.

Also, your stated clerk has been working on collecting, collating, and publishing the significant study committee reports, the opinions and decisions of the general synods since 1965. This will include papers and actions from this current synod. In light of significant actions to be taken this year, this book should prove to be a documentary history of the RPCES.

### *Amendments to Directory for Worship*

The following amendments to the DFW XIII,4 were sent down to presbyteries for action, so that questions 2 and 3 would now read as follows (the changes are in italics):

(2) Do you confess that because of your sinfulness you *repent of your sin* and humble yourself before God, and that you trust for salvation not in yourself but in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, who died for your sins and rose again?

(3) Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the *grace and power of God's Spirit*, to serve Him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, to *die to sin in your life*, and to lead a godly life?

Presbyteries voting "yes": DMV, FL, GP, IL, MW, PNW, PH, PI, RM, and SO; voting "no": CA, EC, NJ, and SE; NE voted yes, no, no, and SW voted yes, yes, no, on the three amendments. With at least nine presbyteries voting yes, Synod should declare these changes adopted.

### *Amendments to Form of Government*

The following amendments were sent down to presbyteries for action:

1. Add new section g to FOG V,6 (p. 40) which would read:
  - g. An officer may be divested of his office without censure, for reasons other than delinquency in faith or life.
    - (1) A presbytery shall consider divesting a minister of his office without censure if:
      - (a) he fails to seek a ministerial charge actively unless temporarily for reasons of health; or
      - (b) it appears to the presbytery, over a period of time normally not to exceed two years, that he is not called to ministerial service because he does not possess the gifts requisite for the gospel ministry; or
      - (c) he fails to perform adequately the work of the ministry through lack of the requisite gifts; or
      - (d) permanent physical or mental disability prevents him from exercising the office.
    - (2) If a presbytery contemplates divesting a minister without censure the minister in question shall be duly informed and given the opportunity at a meeting of the presbytery to defend his continuance in office or to demit the ministry.
    - (3) A motion to divest shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting.
- A man who has been divested of office and who is subsequently elected to that office shall be viewed as receiving initial election to that office.
- Nothing in this chapter shall be held to imply that, when a deacon, ruling elder, or minister retires, or is retired, because of advanced age or disability, from his official posi-

tion, he shall be divested of his office and thus prevented from performing, on occasion, the functions of that office.

*NOTE: This would change the following paragraphs (g to j) so that they would be lettered h to k.*

2. Add to the second paragraph of FOG V,8 (p. 44) the following sentence:

A ruling elder will be considered to have been divested of his office without judicial process if it can be proved that he has united with another church or denomination which does not hold to the Westminster Standards.

3. Amend FOG V,6,d (p. 39) so that the last line would read:

... by judicial process in accordance with the Book of Discipline, by death, or in accordance with the procedure outlined in FOG V,6,g.

These amendments to the FOG have been approved by a majority (at least nine presbyteries) as follows: voting "yes": DMV, EC, FL, GP, IL, MW, NJ, PH, PI, RM; voting "no": NE, SE; while mixed votes were received from PNW and SW. Synod should declare these changes adopted.

Respectfully,  
Paul R. Gilchrist

**ACTION:**

1. General Synod declared the amendments to the DFW XIII, section 4, adopted.

2. General Synod declared the amendments to FOG, V,6,g; FOG V,8; and FOG V,6,d, adopted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dr. Charles Donaldson presented the treasurer's report:

Fathers and Brethren:

This year's report covers a nine-month fiscal period (April 1-December 31, 1980) rather than a full year since last year's synod voted to change the fiscal year to correspond to the calendar year. Comparisons are not so easy to make. It is apparent, however that this fiscal period has been one of the most difficult to face the synod in many years. Expenditures exceeded receipts by close to \$4,000. Of this total, about \$3,000 represents the difference between expenditures and receipts for synod lodging. Funds for this purpose are ordinarily not handled through the synod treasury, but the arrangement we had with Seattle Pacific University required that we do so. The large difference is attributable, at least in part, to cancellations of reservations which synod had to cover. The fiscal period closed with out fund balance at *minus* \$4,891.76.

There are some encouraging things to report. 114 (58%) of our churches supported the synod treasury, including seven who had not previously done so. Comparison of the various presbyteries shows that Great Lakes Presbytery has the highest percent of its churches contributing (86%). One church which has not yet been received into the RPCES sent a contribution to express its support of our synod.

During the last six months of 1980 I was on sabbatical from Covenant

College, and handled the synod accounts during my absence. I want to express my thanks to him for keeping excellent records. I also want to thank Rev. Robert Rayburn of Tacoma who kept excellent records of the receipts and expenditures connected with last year's synod in Seattle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles W. Donaldson, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

Dec. 31, 1980    March 31, 1980

ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$2,762.95	\$4,097.17
Accounts receivable	44.50	44.50
Inventory of forms and minutes	<u>1,122.00</u>	<u>1,198.50</u>
	\$3,929.45	\$5,340.17
Fixed assets		
Office equipment	\$1,120.55	\$1,120.55
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>863.00</u>	<u>809.00</u>
	\$257.55	\$311.55
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,187.00</b>	<b>\$5,651.72</b>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$5,974.94	\$2,321.64
Payable to Trustees	1,500.00	1,500.00
Payable to Ministerial Welfare	<u>1,603.82</u>	<u>2,828.63</u>
	\$9,078.76	\$6,650.27
Fund Balance	(\$4,891.76)	(\$998.55)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,187.00</b>	<b>\$5,651.72</b>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND FUND BALANCE  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980

RECEIPTS		
Synod income		
Registrations	\$4,080.00	
Offerings	1,618.16	\$5,698.16
Support		
Churches	\$14,900.84	
Presbyteries	1,000.00	
Agencies	460.00	
Individuals	1,582.00	17,942.84
Sale of minutes and forms		273.50
Synod lodging and tours		26,571.78
Miscellaneous		<u>1,046.40</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$51,532.68</b>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Synod expenses		
Arrangements	\$3,706.92	
Clerical help	380.50	
Assistant Clerk	200.00	
Fraternal delegates	274.02	

Commissioners' travel	1,703.80	\$6,265.24
Stated Clerk		
Salary	\$3,415.00	
Office rental	3,000.00	
Office expenses	1,432.52	
Secretarial help	1,043.50	
Travel	524.40	9,415.42
Committees		
Fraternal Relations	\$1,622.02	
Judicial Commission	947.99	
Magazine	242.10	
Apostasy	64.33	2,876.44
Treasurer		
Honorarium	\$750.00	
Expenses	408.25	1,158.25
Printing		
Minutes	\$4,896.79	
Directories	696.50	
Day of Prayer Guides	350.00	5,943.29
Depreciation		54.00
NAPARC		35.20
Synod lodging and tours		<u>29,678.05</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$55,425.89
EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		\$3,893.21
FUND BALANCE—April 1, 1980		(\$998.55)
FUND BALANCE—December 31, 1980		(\$4,891.76)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Rev. Roger Lambert presented the report as follows:

#### **Fathers and Brethren:**

The Administrative Committee of synod has met twice during the past year, on March 21, 1981, in St. Louis, and again on May 22, just prior to Synod.

Arrangements for this synod have been handled by a committee chaired by the host pastor, the Rev. Robert Milliken. Because of economic factors relating to our agencies, the pre-synod seminar gave way to several agencies having board meetings. We are grateful that the Rev. Paul Taylor was able to lead in a time of prayer and discussion of "Issues and Trends Confronting the Church and the World" and how the RPCES relates to those issues.

Now that synod is on a calendar year budget, the committee dealt with the problems related to this, including changes in the Standing Rules and in the current budget (see recommendations below).

In view of the extraordinary expenses in mailing materials by the Fraternal Relations Committee, and reproduction costs for synod, the committee has set a registration fee of \$25.00 this year. Further, we defined the registration fee as a term related to specific synod overhead expenses for the annual synod meeting to be applied to the commissioners and alternates to synod.

The stated clerk together with Mr. Earl Witmer had been asked to

serve on the planning committee for the concurrent meetings of NAPARC denominations in Grand Rapids in June 1982. Several recommendations below represent suggestions from their planning session which took place on March 20, 1981.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. *Days of Prayer.* We recommend that November 11, 1981, and February 24, 1982, be declared synod days of prayer.

2. *Time and place of synods.* We recommend that the next three synods meet as follows:

June 11-18, 1982

Grand Rapids, MI

May 20-26, 1983

Lookout Mountain, TN

May 19-25, 1984

St. Louis, MO

3. *Re. Grand Rapids synod, 1982.* We recommend that:

a) Sunday, June 6, 1982, be designated as a special day of prayer for the concurrent synods.

b) The RPCES concur with scheduling joint worship services from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. each weekday morning, each denomination to be responsible for one day.

4. *Standing Rules.* We recommend the following amendments to the Standing Rules:

a) SR XVII,1: add as first sentence:

The expenses of synod being indeed generated by and for the sake of the churches shall be paid for by the churches.

b) SR XVII,4: substitute the following:

Ministers will be expected to contribute an annual amount to synod. Materials related to synod meetings will be provided to churches and ministers who are fulfilling their responsibilities in meeting the expenses without further obligations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger S. Lambert, chairman  
William S. Barker  
H. Bradley Binnington  
Paul R. Gilchrist  
Donald J. MacNair  
Nelson K. Malkus  
Robert A. Milliken  
Terry L. Nixon  
P. Robert Palmer

[NOTE: The *Budgets* for 1981 and 1982, as well as the *Guide to Proportionate Giving*, were presented on Thursday. See pages 161-162].

**ACTION:** Synod adopted recommendations 1, 2, and 3. Recommendation 4 was received as the first reading.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS

The Rev. DeWitt Watson, assisted by the Rev. Paul Taylor, the Rev. R. A. Aeschliman, and the Rev. Donald J. MacNair, gave the following report and answered questions regarding the report:

Fathers and Brethren:

**General Information:** The Board of Directors met twice during the year and the Executive Committee met twice during the year.

The 1980 books of National Presbyterian Missions have been audited as of February 20, 1981. The total assets of the corporation are \$325,064, with liabilities of \$158,160.

The 1980 balance of revenue over expenditures was \$1,395. We humbly praise our Lord for enabling us to meet all our obligations. We also express our sincere appreciation to you, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, for your encouragement, prayers, and support.

During 1980 a major step of advancement was taken by the Board of Directors. The plans were finalized to employ the Rev. Paul W. Taylor full time (he has worked one-half time as a field representative for the past several years) and to appoint him to be director of the Department of Church Planting. At the same time, a Department of Church Growth was established. Mr. MacNair, while continuing as the executive director, was named as director of this department. This transition took place January 1, 1981.

In conjunction with this, the internal accounting procedures of NPM were changed. Each department now has its own portion of the budget to administer and the accounting reflects this responsibility.

The reports of the various departments have been prepared by their respective directors.

### DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH PLANTING

#### Mission Churches:

New Mission Churches in 1980	12
Established Churches Received in 1980	4

Due to these 16 new churches coming into the RPC, the Lord has enabled us to pass another very significant landmark. We are no longer a denomination of less than 200 churches. As of March 31, 1981, we have approximately 210 mission and particular churches in the RPCES. Praise the Lord with us!

**Financial Assistance:** One out of every five RP churches received some form of financial assistance through NPM in 1980.

A total of 43 churches and groups received some sort of financial assistance during that year. Five of these churches received assistance through two or more NPM programs.

Of course, in addition to these funds, NPM has provided in 1980 approximately 5,000 hours of consultation, motivation, support, encouragement, instruction, and troubleshooting to get works going and to keep them growing in a healthy manner.



**Grants:**

	<i>In 1980</i>	<i>Anticipated In 1981</i>
Reducing Assistance Program (RAP) Support		
Churches which received RAP	18	25
Building Club (1,120 members):		
Churches which received Building Club aid	1	3
Emergency Grants and Special Gifts:		
To Churches	7	7
To Other Groups (mostly Church Extension Commissions)	7	7

**Loans:**

Revolving Building Fund Loans:		
Churches which had outstanding loans	16	16

(3 new loans were granted in 1980 totaling \$26,000)

**Church Extension Commissions:** Ten of our 17 presbyteries received new churches in 1980:

Pittsburgh	4	Philadelphia	3
Delmarva	2	Florida	1
Great Lakes	1	Illiana	1
Midwestern	1	Pacific Northwest	1
Rocky Mountain	1	Southeast	1

Only one of the new churches in 1980 was a city church. NPM is working diligently to encourage city church planting in 1981 and the future. Pray with us that our goal of three new city churches in 1981 might be reached.

The chairmen of the Church Extension Commissions met in February of 1981. Particular attention was given in the meeting to two matters: the planting of city churches and how best to relate to the current situation in the UPCUSA and the PCUS.

**Presbytery Evangelists:** The presbyteries employ two full-time presbytery evangelists:

David J. Brewer, Philadelphia                      Donald C. Taylor, California

Four men work as presbytery evangelists on a part-time or volunteer basis:

Jeffrey Black, Midwestern                      Melvin Jones, Florida  
Howard McPhee, Eastern Canada              Walter Lyons, California

About one-half of the new churches received in 1980 were due to the Lord's using presbytery evangelists.

**Field Representatives:** Mr. Richard Tilton continues to be employed full-time as a field representative. He works with the Philkadelphia, New Jersey, Northeast, Pittsburgh, and Delmarva Presbyteries.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH GROWTH

The direction of this ministry can be best stated by quoting a passage of Scripture such as Colossians 2:19: “. . . with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments, *GROWS AS GOD CAUSES IT TO GROW.*” The direction this ministry will take is to be a catalyst for church vitalization and growth by preparing and guiding the elder-leadership of the local congregation to lead the church in the change necessary to be a church reasonably conformed to that which was defined by Christ and His apostles. It is anticipated that this ministry will be conducted in each church served for a period of 18-24 months.

Most of the tools necessary for a church to participate in this ministry are now prepared. The rest are in process of preparation.

It is hoped that NPM will be ministering to at least ten or twelve churches simultaneously by the end of the year. It is anticipated that most of these churches will be among the many which are struggling with less than 150 members.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

NPM ended 1980 in a more solid position than 1979 and for that we thank the Lord. We went from a 1979 deficit of \$12,453 to a 1980 surplus of \$1,395. However, you should be reminded that NPM continues to struggle financially through each year with a deficit accumulating until the end of the year and the Thanksgiving Thankoffering.

During 1980 there were 152 churches who supported NPM. The total giving of these churches was \$104,422.37. We deeply appreciate such support from our churches and are trying to keep in better communication with you through our new “In Session” report.

In 1980, the Thanksgiving Thankoffering came to \$51,069. We have begun a new system of reporting the Thankoffering. There are always some funds which do not get to us before December 31 when we close our books. Any funds that come in after that date will be credited to the next year’s offering. Of the total \$51,069, \$4,193 came in January and February (1980). The cost of raising a dollar through the Thankoffering was \$.10, which is a very acceptable standard. There were 127 churches who participated in the 1980 offering. The support of the denomination through the Thankoffering has been particularly gratifying to NPM, and we thank you.

A summary of church giving to NPM would be as follows:

Gifts—General and Designated	\$68,810.89
Gifts—Thankoffering	<u>35,611.48</u>
Total	\$104,422.37

Again this year we will be heavily dependent upon the annual Thanksgiving Thankoffering to meet all our commitments. Your continued support of this program will be much appreciated. It is expected

that our goal will be \$60,000.

Here's an update on the Company of Co-Laborers program that was established in 1979. There were 94 people who joined, pledging monthly contributions totaling \$1,066.36. During 1980 actual contributions totaled \$10,424.40 for an \$868.66 per month average. We are most appreciative of this group of people and their faithfulness in support with funds and prayer; however, it is obvious that the church at large did not accept the program.

One of the things that we would like to see our churches do is take more seriously the proportionate guide to giving that is passed each year by the Synod. NPM's 1981 budget calls for \$327,200, and the cost of raising that budget is 15% which again is well within the accepted standards of development by non-profit organizations.

During 1981 our Newsletter will not be printed on a monthly basis, but rather quarterly. Our prayer calendar will continue on a monthly basis, but mailed only to active donors. This is being done to cut expenses.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following NPM manuals and books are in regular use throughout the church as tools for church planting and church growth:

- Mother/Daughter Church Planting Manual
- Presbytery Evangelist Consultant
- Field Representative
- Borrowed Elders
- The Birth, Care, and Feeding of a Local Church
- The Growing Local Church
- The Living Church

Several more are in various stages of preparation. It is hoped that they will be extensively used. If you want any of them, please contact the NPM office.

**Endowment Fund:** The first steps have been made in establishing this fund. As of April 1, 1981, there is \$15,700 in it. These funds will be used as additional equity with which to cosign loans for church building programs. The dividends may be used to defray NPM administrative costs.

**Westminster Management Corporation:** The Board of Directors of NPM chose to instruct the officers of WMC not to enter into any contracts. Several considerations led to this conclusion. Among them was the fear that any legal suits might indeed break through the NPM protection and adversely affect NPM. Although this fear could not be proven to be a valid danger until a court case indeed was concluded, the action taken was believed to be wise and prudent.

**Building Program Assistance:** The knowledge gained through the Westminster Management Corporation experience will stand NPM and the church at large in good stead. The need to help churches, especially dur-

ing an economic stress period such as our country is in, is still very important to NPM. Pilot programs of two financial approaches are being developed for launching before the meeting of the General Synod. Reports will be made on them.

**NPM/MUS:** The Mission to the U.S. (MUS) is the Presbyterian Church in America committee which parallels NPM, Board of Home Ministries, Committee on Evangelism, and the Chaplains' Committee. In preparation for the coming General Synod, the Rev. J. Philip Clark, Coordinator of the MUS, and Mr. MacNair have met several times to discuss the work of NPM and how it will fit into the work of the MUS. The conclusion of these discussions is that NPM's work will continue quite as is. Financing may be done some differently. Some of NPM's ministry is more complete in detail and hence there has been some discussion about upgrading the overall work in the future. However, it does seem that a transition could be made with some expedition if the Lord should so lead.

NPM deeply appreciates the prayers and financial help it has received from the churches of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald J. MacNair  
 Executive Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** Sunday, November 22, 1981, be designated as NPM Sunday throughout the RPCES.

**NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS INC.  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
Revenues:		
Gifts:		
Unrestricted	\$213,106	\$209,000
Restricted:		
Administration	5,306	5,300
Churches	70,134	21,500
Total gifts	288,546	235,800
Revolving building fund	50,056	45,000
Investment and other revenues	26,645	24,440
Total revenues	365,247	305,240
Less revenue for other funds	(116,875)	(67,000)
Total general fund revenue	248,372	238,240
Expenditures:		
Personnel expense	97,418	96,272
Supply and service expense	28,448	24,850
Space utility expense	25,812	23,860
Travel expense	28,886	25,200
Promotional expense	18,966	16,500
Church mission expense	59,007	71,050

Revolving building fund	32,400	45,000
Interest expense and miscellaneous	6,876	6,600
Capital expenditures	4,831	1,000
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	302,644	310,332
Less allocations to:		
Other agencies	(6,407)	(5,000)
Other funds	(49,260)	(67,000)
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Total general fund expenditures	246,977	238,332
Revenue over (under) general fund expenditures	\$1,395	(92)

### **ACTION:**

1. Synod designated Sunday, November 22, 1981, as NPM Sunday throughout the RPCES.

2. Synod reduced the number of board members from 21 to 15 by amending the Standing Rule XVII,3,e.

3. On motion it was agreed to suspend the Standing Rule XIX,3 so as to allow the action under #2 to be implemented this year.

### **ELECTION TO NPM BOARD**

The following ballot was presented with Elder John Snyder being nominated from the floor. Elections required three ballots. [STATED CLERK'S NOTE: Persons in italics were elected, and this policy will continue in reports of subsequent elections].

*Paul Anthony\**

Harold Mare\* INC

*Richard Mercer\* INC 2/3 R*

R. Sherman\* INC R

Kyle Thurman\* INC 2/3 T

*John Woll INC T*

Rudolph Schmidt\* R

*Ron Freiwald\* R*

*John E. Snyder*

Synod recessed at 10:10 a.m. with prayer by the Rev. Robert Hamilton. Synod was reconvened by the moderator at 10:32 a.m., with the Rev. Harold Stigers leading in prayer.

### **REPORT OF COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

The president of the seminary, Dr. William S. Barker, gave the following report:

Fathers and Brethren:

1981 marks the completion of 25 years of service to the Lord by Covenant Seminary, and we wish to give thanks for His blessings through one generation. Emblamatic of this measure of time is the group of sons of ministers we have been privileged to train in preparation for ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod: Stan Armes, Frank Crane, Richard Crane, Peter Cross, Gerry Cross, Bruce Fiol, David Fiol, Bob Fiol, Mack Gray, Chuck Holliday, Richard Horner, Steve Leonard, Gerry Malkus, Colin Marshall, Rob Rayburn, Tim Stigers, Gary Waldecker, Bob Wildeman, Doug Withington, Bruce Young, Steve Young, and still others. Another mark of the Seminary's

production of leadership for the denomination is the fact that four of the last eight moderators of Synod, including the last two, have been graduates of the school.

Our 25th anniversary also provides an occasion to give thanks for those who have served on the faculty throughout the school's history: Laird Harris, Bob Rayburn, and Wilber Wallis. Dr. Harris is retiring after this school year and will be teaching this coming fall semester at the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong before settling in the Wilmington, Del., area. He is the main editor of the new *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, and he plans to continue to have a writing ministry. Dr. Wallis will be retiring from the full-time faculty at the end of this calendar year, but will continue to teach at the Seminary on an adjunct basis. This spring, he has been working on a book on eschatology, *Inheriting the Kingdom*, while on sabbatical leave. Dr. Rayburn, after undergoing radical surgery for cancer this past February, will be continuing to teach full-time in the Practical Theology Department. His new book on Christian Worship, *O Come, Let Us Worship*, has been very favorably received.

One of the greatest blessings of working at a place like Covenant Seminary is the fellowship of one's colleagues—a fellowship frequently denied to some ministers who serve in isolated situations. I want to express my personal gratitude for the godly faculty members and administrators whom God has sent to work together with the students whom He is preparing for the church. This year it was a special blessing to have added to us Palmer Robertson as Professor of Old Testament, Allen Duble as Vice President for Development, and Dick Fraser as Business Manager. In the coming year our number of full-time faculty members will be reduced to 13; however, we believe we will be strengthened particularly in the Practical Theology area by the increased use of adjunct faculty members Don MacNair, Tom Jones, and Bill Kirwan, who is planning to return to the St. Louis area.

The Seminary's program received further recognition this year as our Doctor of Ministry program was evaluated by the North Central Association, which will be acting upon a recommendation that our accreditation be extended to 1988. We have also been received as an associate member of the Association of Theological Schools and admitted to candidacy for accreditation, which means that we are to submit a self-study report for full accreditation by the ATS within two years. Such accreditation would make it easier for our graduates to be admitted into programs in European and Canadian schools as well as those in the U.S.A.

The most exciting development of this past year is the readying of our Southeast Extension for opening this fall. Professor David Calhoun is vacating the post of Dean of Student Life, which will be filled by Professor Addison Soltau, in order to move to Macon, Ga., to serve as coordinator of the new extension center. As many as six students will serve in churches in and near Macon, including Augusta and the Atlanta area,

while completing their Master of Divinity degrees. By the following year it is expected that as many as 15 of our students will be involved in this extension form of theological education. This constitutes a major step in the direction of combining supervised practical experience with the academic preparation for the ministry.

Another important step in this direction is our Ministerial Formation Program, to which several in the churches have given significant support. Coordinated by Dr. Bob Palmer as Dean of Student Ministries, this program will contribute to the support of perhaps two students as they aid in the work of the churches.

As our program continues to improve, our greatest challenge lies in the area of enrollment. With faculty and facilities to accommodate 200 students, we had 150 this year. With a large class being graduated we need about 60 new students next fall just to remain at the 150 level. Our desire is to serve the RPCES increasingly and also the Presbyterian Church in America, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and others seeking a thoroughly biblical theological education. We urge that pastors and elders look for the gifts for ministry in their young people and then put us in touch with them. This is, of course, not just for the good of the seminary as an institution, but for the fulfillment of the church's commission and for the needs of the world.

We urge that in the area of giving the churches conceive of theological education as a part of the essential mission of the church along with the support of foreign missionaries, church planting, Christian training, and concern for the poor. Please take seriously the synod's guidelines for giving. It is such a small amount per member per year that would provide for the general operating expenses of the school. There are a few very generous people and foundations that are able to provide major gifts, but we would like to rely upon them just for capital projects and similar special needs. We want to be submissive to the church as the main supporter of the school in gifts and in prayer.

Those sessions which have responded to the questionnaire for our new five-year plan we thank very much. We hope that this plan will draw us closer to the work of the churches and enable us to serve your needs better in the years ahead. We feel that there is an exciting prospect before us. The ferment within Presbyterianism suggests that the Lord may be preparing a revival that will require all the dedicated servants of the Lord that the sound seminaries can turn out. If our synod should join, and be received by, the PCA, Covenant Seminary would become the denominational seminary of an enlarged constituency, but one that does not yet have strong ties with our seminary. One of the major efforts of the coming year, whether or not we join the PCA, will be to seek to serve the PCA and other conservative Presbyterians in an increasing way. Our aim at the same time will be to serve faithfully the denomination that brought us into existence 25 years ago.

## RECOMMENDATION:

In order to incorporate certain of the provisions of RPCES Standing Rules of Synod into our Seminary Bylaws and to make other necessary revisions in preparation for possible reception of the RPCES and the Seminary by the Presbyterian Church in America, we recommend the following amendments:

*Article IV, Section 1*—First sentence: Change “twenty-four” to “thirty-two.” Add as second and third sentences: “It shall be composed of four classes, the term of each class being four years, members being chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the General Assembly. Vacancies which occur between General Assemblies shall be filled by the next succeeding annual Assembly.”

*Article IV, Section 3*—Add as first sentence: “Covenant Theological Seminary shall be a continuing and permanent board of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.”

*Article IV, Section 4*—Add between paragraphs one and two:

“Limitations of Service: (a) Trustees shall not serve more than two full terms consecutively. (b) Service shall be limited to one board or permanent major committee of the denomination at a time. (c) Trustees who are non-PCA shall subscribe to the doctrinal standards for elders and deacons of the PCA. (d) Trustees of this board who have not attended three successive board meetings will be dropped unless retained by board action.”

The present second paragraph should be changed to read: “Upon the election of additional trustees such additional trustees shall hold office for four years, except as an individual trustee may be elected specifically to fill an unexpired term of another trustee.”

*Article IV, Section 5*—Add as first sentence: “Changes in the bylaws with respect to the statement of purpose and the membership of the board shall be approved by the General Assembly.”

Changes involving the denominational name or “General Assembly” instead of “General Synod” would be made in Article III, par. 1; Article IV, Section 1 (par. 1 and 2), Section 3, Section 4 (par. 1), Section 6, Section 8 (par. 2), Section 11 (par. 3), Article V, Section 3; and Article VI, Section 1 (par. 4).

All of these amendments should be come effective when and if the RPCES is received by the Presbyterian Church in America.

## COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GENERAL FUND OPERATION

June 30, 1980 and February 28, 1981

	<b>Jun. 30, '80</b>	<b>Current Budget Feb. 28, '81</b>	
<b>INCOME—Educational and General</b>			
Tuition and Fees	\$279,785	\$285,500	\$273,036
Endowment Income	83,258	108,750	63,000
Gifts and Grants	449,659	530,000	308,731
Student Aid	12,850	15,000	14,275
Other Income	13,192	6,000	8,301
Transfers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total E&G Income	\$838,743	\$945,250	\$667,343
<b>INCOME—Auxiliary</b>			
Housing	42,562	42,455	27,797
Food Service	0	0	0
Service Center	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,817</u>
Total Auxiliary Income	<u>\$42,562</u>	<u>\$42,455</u>	<u>\$29,614</u>
Total Current Income	\$881,305	\$987,705	\$696,957



EXPENSES—Educational and General

President/Trustees	\$35,956	\$39,385	\$30,389
Instruction	384,187	445,705	297,175
Library	86,684	75,940	52,871
Student Development	47,588	71,990	47,020
Student Aid	33,103	30,000	21,454
Development	130,249	132,245	92,164
Business Office	66,778	82,525	55,295
Plant Operations	93,312	105,545	61,080
Debt/Renewal Transfer	9,000	18,600	10,850
Total E&G Expense	\$886,857	\$1,001,935	\$668,296

EXPENSES—Auxiliary

Housing—Student	\$872	\$2,075	\$645
Housing—On Campus	1,671	1,575	474
Housing—Off Campus	57	450	0
Food Service	1,038	900	711
Service Center	0	0	4,142
Debt/Renewal Transfer	9,000	18,600	10,850
Total Auxiliary Expense	\$12,637	\$23,600	\$16,823
Total Current Expense	\$899,494	\$1,025,535	\$685,118
Income Over/Under Expense	\$-18,188	\$-37,830	\$11,839

**ACTION:**

1. Synod approved increasing the number of non-RP trustees to serve on the board of Covenant Theological Seminary with elders of denominations with whom we are in fraternal relations by changing Standing Rule XIII,3,d, to allow for two non-RP trustees in each class (See Minutes 1980, p. 99).

2. By a vote of 125 to 84, it was agreed to postpone consideration of the revision of the by-laws until after deliberations on the joining and receiving (RPCES/PCA) on Monday. [EDITOR'S NOTE: On Wednesday afternoon, synod approved recommended changes to the seminary by-laws, provided that joining and receiving is consummated. This is reported here for convenience].

3. Synod designated the month of December as a time for special emphasis upon "Gifts for the King" program for Covenant Seminary.

Synod recessed at 12:00 noon and was dismissed in prayer by the Rev. Charles Winkler. The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. by vice moderator Maurie McPhee. The Rev. Douglas Codling opened with prayer. The commissioners asked questions of Dr. William Barker regarding the report of Covenant Theological Seminary.

**ELECTION TO COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD**

The following ballot was presented with the addition of T. M. Moore (PCA) and Dr. Will Thompson (PCA), who were presented as additional nominations from the board:

*Rodney Stortz\* T*  
*Lee Troup\* R*

*Paul Alexander\* INC 2/3 T*  
*Stephen Smallman\* 2/3 T*

Richard Ellingsworth\* INC 2/3 R  
Charles Holliday\* INC 2/3 T  
John Spencer\* (PCA) R

Edward Robeson\* (PCA) R  
T. M. Moore (PCA) T  
Will Thompson (PCA) R (1983)

## **REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON VALIDITY OF PREVIOUS BAPTISM**

The Rev. David Linden presented the following report:

The report is in response to the action of the 157th General Synod where a study committee was erected to provide some guidelines or principles by which local sessions may decide whether previous baptisms with water in the name of the Triune God are to be deemed valid. The overture to the 157th Synod gave as an example Roman Catholic infant baptism. The overture informs us of a decision of Midwestern Presbytery in declaring that if a session deems a previous baptism to be valid, then baptism is not to be repeated. This committee report agrees to a high degree, but counsels a flexible response in certain situations.

### *1. A Typical Expression of the Problem*

When pastors in our churches face requests from adult converts for baptism, they sometimes find that such converts were previously baptized. The baptism was with water, in the Name of the Triune God, and with the purpose of officially linking the person so baptized with the Lord Jesus Christ. If the pastor says, "You have been baptized and we should not repeat it," he may well find a reply like, "Well, yes, I was baptized as a baby in the Roman Catholic Church, but it didn't mean anything. I never heard the gospel in the Catholic Church nor in my home. My parents hold that my baptism was how I was born again and they are quite upset when I say I just became a Christian, so obviously the Lord was not in that ceremony. It is a ceremony I cannot respect." If the Reformed pastor responds as this report will urge him to, a reply to that pastor's counsel may be, "Well, I hear what you're saying, but since nobody involved even believed in the Lord and it was a baptism in circumstances where you, pastor, would not even consider performing such a baptism yourself, why do you insist I accept it? I frankly repudiate it and I want to be sure I am obedient to the Lord—I just want to be baptized."

What is a man faithful to the Word to do when he sees a "baptism" as valid and yet it was so defective that the one who received it cannot be contented that the sign was truly applied?

### *II. Is Saving Faith Essential to Baptism?*

Is the presence of saving faith at the time of administration an essential requirement to recognition of baptism as valid?

#### *The case for an affirmative answer*

On this point our church is not unanimous. Some of our men, with reason, insist that only saving faith on the part of some participant can

rescue the ceremony from utterly dead ritualism.

The Confession states, "The efficacy of baptism is not tied to that moment of time wherein it is administered. . . ." [XXVII:VI] This statement is directed to the condition of the recipient of baptism. It does not settle whether saving faith may be absent in child, parents and minister—all three—and the ceremony still be valid.

Charles Hodge, in the section of his *Systematic Theology* entitled "Validity of the Sacraments," held that "the ordinance must be administered and received in the faith of the Trinity."<sup>1</sup>

Scripture contains many examples of divine disgust for ceremonies lacking faith and good works [Isaiah 1:11-17]:

Your New Moon festivals and our appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. [Isaiah 1:14]

How can we say anything is valid if it clearly violates the biblical ideal? Do we have the right to see the chief spiritual element on our part in the ritual detached and still declare such a ritual as valid? It appears, thus, that the church sides with the Pharisees against the Lord!

When the Confession declares that "the efficacy of baptism is not tied to that moment of time wherein it is administered,"<sup>2</sup> it is referring to the fact that the one baptized [in this case a child], though not then having faith, will, if one of the elect, in God's appointed time, indeed receive the promised grace. It is not declaring valid all baptisms regardless of saving faith on the part of those responsible for the decision of baptism. And when the Confession holds to one administration<sup>3</sup> of the sacrament, it means of course one valid baptism. If a previous baptism is not valid and thus is replaced by a genuine one, then and only then would the Confession prohibit another.

### *The case for a negative answer*

Here we must distinguish between efficacy and validity. It is painful indeed to differ with esteemed brethren whose only "fault" in this debate seems to be a pure love of the gospel! Justification by faith is the point, purpose, and goal of baptism. But baptism is as valid as the gospel itself, even though neither may be received with faith. No one would declare the message spoken by angels invalid if it was ignored by its hearers [Hebrews 2:2-3]. The message of the gospel was of no value [efficacy] to some because it was not heard with faith [Hebrews 4:2]. These verbal communications are analogous to the non-verbal communication of the visible ceremony.<sup>4</sup>

If lack of faith invalidates a ceremony, what is to prevent lack of faith from invalidating the gospel itself? It is probably this line of reasoning that provoked such a strong reaction from the apostle Paul:

Circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by written code . . . What advantage, then is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?

Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God. What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness?

Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar . . . (Romans 2:29; 3:1-4)

If we ask Paul what made circumcision *efficacious*, he would reply,

“. . . In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” (Galatians 5:6) Another reason circumcision had value no longer—in Romans 3 it is presented as having value in the past—is that it is surpassed as a superior sacrament. However, the same principle still applies. In Christ Jesus the ritual of baptism detached from faith, or the lack of the ritual does not determine one’s relationship with God. The thing that still counts is faith which expresses itself through love. In short, saving faith is the chief element on the human side that demonstrates efficacy. *Validity*, however, is determined by the fact that baptism is God’s seal, a witness to the truth of the gospel whether that witness is heeded or not. In this world, a check is a valid contract or promise; it is not efficacious, however, if the signer is unrighteous and does not back up his word with sufficient funds. In Romans 3, God’s faithfulness is not blemished by our lack of faith. The real contrast is between our unrighteousness and God’s righteousness, not validity versus lack of it. The seal of baptism is a genuine, honest, and sincere attachment that God adds to His word which He will carry out as promised if His conditions are met. Validity does not stand or fall on human response! It is valid because it is given by God.

The Old Testament sacrifices, feasts, and rituals, all of which were frequently distorted by human sin, and their purpose in Christ ignored by the bulk of Israel, became repulsive even to God. But they still had their validity as His institution.

The miracles of Christ, which, like sacraments, are objectifications of the gospel, did not create faith. Indeed, they were so resisted at times that they were purported by some of the leaders of Israel to be works of Satan. Such unbelief did not damage the miracles themselves, however, or enable the observers to escape from increased responsibility to believe. The miracles are so objectively of God that they made the sins of Bethsaida more heinous than those of Sodom.

Wedding rings do not make marriages, but they add witness to the covenantal relationship and stand to support vows whether taken in sincerity or not. What pastor involved in counseling a couple whose marriage is in a condition of advanced deterioration has not heard this argument: “Well, pastor, marriages are made in heaven, you know, and neither of us were Christians at the time. We had no real spiritual foundation to our marriage—why are we still bound by those vows now?” The effort here is to escape an objectively binding ceremony by refuge in subjectivity. The reasoning goes, “We are married only if we meant it! we did not mean it; therefore, we were not validly married!” But God who joined them together meant it, and God holds them to the compact. Cannot God also, in the day of judgment, hold up the witness of the defective, insincere, unenlightened baptismal ceremony as rightfully increasing His claim upon the baptized sinner who would not bow before Christ as Lord? Can he not treat that sin as not only the rebellion common to the fallen world, but also one aggravated by the witness of the

mon to the fallen world, but also one aggravated by the witness of the covenantal sign, so that the sin now is more explicitly treasonous?

If saving faith determines validity, then covenant obedience must be present prior to administration. But the sign like the gospel witness may also call to obedience even before it exists. If we fuse validity and efficacy into the same concept, we would be unable to appeal as Scripture does in Hebrews 10:26-31. There the blood of the covenant truly and externally had sanctified unregenerated people (verse 29) who were part of His people to be judged (verse 30). *The call of Hebrews is to make efficacious by faith and repentance what God had made valid and binding by His sovereign institution.* God shows no hesitation to expect covenant compliance from these unregenerate people. This He could not do if saving faith had to be present to make the covenant binding.

### *III. Who Determines Whether a Baptism is Valid?*

Shall the subject who receives baptism or the church which administers it decide its validity?

This determination is most definitely to be made by the church. Some reasons to support this:

1. It is the church's *role* both to teach God's people to be baptized and to baptize them. Matthew 28:18-20 is addressed to the church. If laymen can declare a church's administration valid or invalid, the role of administration assigned by Christ to His ministers is superseded by the declaratory powers of those receiving baptism. If a baptism is pronounced invalid by an individual Christian, the church then in a severe role reversal, must, at the church member's insistence, baptize again. If the determination of validity remains with the individual, he may insist on a third or fourth baptism as well, and the church would be forced to acquiesce. We will do well not to yield our role and our authority. Determination of validity is actually superior to administration.

2. Christ has assigned the church the authority to make such decisions. Christ Himself possesses all authority in heaven and in earth, but delegates to His servants certain tasks where the church acts in His name. The Great Commission, preceded by the affirmation of Christ's authority, is then a delegation of responsibility to act in His Name while supported by His presence (Matthew 28:18-20).

This is clear also from those passages spelling out the meaning of the keys.<sup>5</sup> The church binds and looses as the delegated holder of the keys of the Kingdom. In His Name and by His Word the church remits or retains sins—this defining who are in or not in the Kingdom of God. Thus, the church extends or withholds the sacraments and does so because it acts in a declaratory capacity as the pillar and foundation of God's truth (I Timothy 3:15). How, then could the subject of baptism have the final word on the validity of a sacrament only extended in the regulation of Christ to the church?

It is our present view and practice that the church determines the validity and acceptability of confessions of faith. But the Lord alone

knows who are really His, i.e., (II Timothy 2:19). If the church must do such responsible things as these, how much more is it able to do the lesser which already properly belong in the scope of its divine delegation. If our members determine the validity of their baptisms, who can hinder their independent decision on the acceptability of their confession of faith? Or shall members under the sterner censures unilaterally declare a repentance unrecognized by the leadership as sufficient and proceed to serve themselves the Lord's Supper? We think not!

To doubt that it is the church who makes this judgment is to question if the church is anything more than a conglomerate of people with a common experience of personal salvation. Even if that were all the church is, all conglomerations of people develop leadership to fill vacuums. We are human, and therefore instinctively arrange ourselves in family structures. Leaders we will have and we will follow, and decisions for us and about us they shall make. Even if we were to admit that the flock will determine the validity of their own baptisms, they would then be at pains to know if the leadership of the church agreed with their decision.

While we insist upon an unwavering position at this point, we do recommend a more yielding countenance toward any who have protracted difficulty accepting their previous "baptism" as valid. There are important subjective considerations to be addressed.

#### *IV. Counsel to Pastors and Sessions*

##### **A. Reasons to Resist a Subsequent Baptism.**

###### **1. *Broken Symbolism.***

Here lies our strongest reason to resist a second baptism. Baptism with water symbolizes cleansing; if it were done with mud the imagery would be irretrievably destroyed. Baptism is done by someone to a person who passively receives the ceremony—this demonstrates beautifully that we are not our own Savior—that He alone does the saving and we are the ones saved. It stands, thus, as a witness against dead works. But there is also extremely important symbolism in the singular administration! Our church has godly reasons to hold to this proposition.

By the grace of God our church is of the unified conviction that the segment of salvation, which is the conversion complex, is unrepeatable. This is part of the spiritual reality which baptism as shadow signifies. If we allow a perversion of the shadow, we possibly open the door to a misreading of the reality. Some Christians think they can be in and out of Christ, which error does great damage to their souls! Baptisms should be occasions of teaching sound doctrine. Good doctrine insists that the baptism with the Holy Spirit, regeneration, justification and adoption can only occur once. We men may baptize twice, but God Himself cannot regenerate twice without breaking His Word (I John 3:9). Christ cannot baptize twice with the Spirit. Those disposed to second baptisms may be susceptible to the logical consistency that the things signified are also repeatable. This is the very thing our Lord wants His courageous ser-

vants in His Name to oppose. If we know a Christian believes himself to have a valid baptism, we must refuse all requests for repetition. The one requesting may not realize it, but we know we would be insulting by symbol those saving acts of the Lord which are punctiliar in nature. Similarly, if we were by policy to partake of communion only once, we would thereby assault the continuous nature of the work of sanctification. The symbolism of baptism being administered only once communicates foundational truths about our union with Christ.

## *2. The Faithfulness of God*

In those defective “baptisms” where the gospel is detached from the ceremony, if it was administered to one of God’s elect, which circumstance would later be made manifest by saving faith, there is still something of meaning in that ceremony. All humans present may have been unregenerate, but God was also present and by His sacrament was reminding Himself (Genesis 9:16) of His promise to His Son that this one, too, was one of the number and was, “according to the counsel of God’s own will, in His appointed time”<sup>6</sup> to be united to Christ. When that elect person believed and received the Spirit, did not God fulfill what the visible ordinance was meant to depict? Meditation upon God’s covenant faithfulness rather than one’s lack of faith is what will usually provide that internal satisfaction that the ceremony had true meaning.<sup>7</sup> What is more supporting to our faith than contemplation upon God’s faithfulness? We must admit that if God had no plans to save His elect, and if He had no commitment to His promise, that no value could then be found in millions of baptisms that have occurred since the time of Christ. But in the case of the elect, He was doing something, and in the case of the non-elect only externally called, He was saying something. We must not forget that God not only imposes covenant making and covenant “entering” upon others, He swears and binds Himself by signs added to His Word (Genesis 15:8-20; 9:12-17). He has even made promises to animals whose total lack of apprehension of the meaning of the rainbow does not and cannot invalidate the rainbow’s standing as a witness to the faithfulness of God. The baptized person, dead in sins but later made alive in Christ, would do better to be in rapture over the mercy and faithfulness of God than to curse his old condition. While doing so he might even repudiate the sign of God’s faithfulness.

A marriage with one partner faithful to the vows and the other not does not require ceremonial repetition of vows in order to be a true marriage. The faithful partner could well refuse a repetition on the grounds of seriousness about them the first time. Such vows are really made only once, even though reaffirmed in the heart constantly. Likewise, we counsel against rebaptism in favor of reaffirmation!

## *3. The Impact Upon the Convert’s Family*

A second baptism is a repudiation of the first one. This can easily be read as a rebuff to the convert’s family and can create unnecessary strife.

A convert's family is not likely to understand if the earlier religious training is treated with complete contempt.

The apostle Paul found sincere zeal in unbelieving Israel. It registered with him (Romans 10:1-4); he was in anguish over Israel's unbelief and dismissal of the true significance of their entire tradition in order to win them (I Corinthians 9:19-23). He even participated in Jewish ceremonies in Acts 21:17-26 that were already fulfilled in Christ. It would be very easy in the light of some New Testament teaching to avoid all Jewish ceremony and practice. Most of Paul's observers knew only the ceremony and not Christ: His atoning offering or true purification. But Paul was reaching out to win Israelites, without denying His Lord. In fact, he fought with unwavering principle all attempts to require any ceremony as a prerequisite to salvation. The offense of the cross he joyfully and boldly embraced. But unnecessary insult to the sensitivities of even the unregenerate who are so attached to their ceremonies, was something to be avoided. The example is clear to us.

Our counsel to our new Christians with parents sensitive to this issue is that they not be baptized again. Those could well have been loving parents hoping and praying the best for their children in much sincerity, even if crippled by ignorance. The positive witness to the family could well be, God has done these great things for me that my baptism pointed to. By faith I have confirmed those vows and I now truly belong to the Lord. A testimony that stresses the divinely intended substance of the first "baptism" is far better than a defense of the superiority of the second one. Converts might even be able, in sincerity, to thank their parents for showing an interest in their eternal welfare.

#### *4. The Burden of Investigating all Baptisms*

If a baptism within a Christian tradition is not objectively valid, then research into many avenues that just cannot be researched must ensue. Baptism must have validity on some basis. A heavy burden will fall upon the sensitive and conscientious pastor who wants to avoid breaking symbolism but who still believes in a subjective determination of validity. Roman priests may have died or moved or become unavailable for interview. And some may have had faith! Some may have been in Christ at the time they gave the rite. The process of investigation through the dim past, searching out such things as faith or the lack of it in deceased priests or parents will convince one that only God knows the heart. The difficulties of investigation will also lead, in practicality, to a policy of second baptism without the often impossible research. Subjective validation will spread to all other baptisms also. If an RPCES pastor is shown to be unregenerate, all his "baptisms" could fall with him. Dr. Buswell wisely wrote of participation in the other sacrament. "The value of participation depends wholly upon its institution by Christ, and not in the slightest degree upon the human channel by which it is administered."<sup>8</sup> If we are not careful, none of us will know for sure if we have been baptized. Likewise, if our salvation rested on the quality of our faith rather



than faith's perfect object, we could not truly know if we are saved. The committee believes God has not left us in such confusing positions. We can know we are saved and we can know we are baptized.

### *5. Our Doctrinal Standards*

We do have an unequivocal doctrine forbidding second baptisms: "The sacrament of baptism is to be but once administered to any person." Occasionally, when previous "baptisms" are rejected, a person is urged to be "rebaptized"<sup>10</sup> or "baptized over again." Such language is a contradiction of our doctrine. If anyone is baptized after conversion, even though he had had a Roman ceremony earlier, those who administer such baptisms must speak of such as the sole baptism. We would never counsel a person with a false profession to be "resaved", but rather to be saved. The committee wonders if the rebaptism language is not a subliminal realization that there was, indeed, a religious ceremony that was more than just a flinging about of words and water. It was a handling of God's holy seal.

Those who perform subsequent baptisms have a confessional responsibility to treat them purely as initial baptisms. This must be done on some grounds, either the convictions of the Presbyterian minister and session, or the conscience of the convert.

### *B. Reasons to Consider Requests for a Subsequent Baptism*

In the light of the preceding argument, there would seem to be very little room for any favorable response from the church to those who still request another ceremony to replace their previous one. But new Christians have a perspective on this question too. We must look at it from that angle also. We need to meet their legitimate needs and respond tenderly to their consciences.

#### *1. The Lingering Question of Whether the "Baptism" was Truly Valid.*

After discussion and review of this question, we will probably not be fully persuaded as a body of elders on this question. On such a question as this, a commissioner is allowed to leave Synod persuaded of a view different from that recommended by Synod. Such a brother is not under the same strain as the new convert. The mature brother is not being denied an opportunity to obey Christ. In fact, he is being allowed to obey with a free conscience. We may, in unhurried fashion, review and refine our views. The new believer may want to know without undue delay if he can obey the Lord by being baptized! Since we allow fellow elders leeway on this subject, can we not allow some to those less capable of bearing the same burden? Must we make God's lambs accept positions His shepherds are not so sure of? The problem is not so much that the lambs ask us hard questions, as that we have not adequately resolved the replies. In such circumstances, the greater burden ought to be carried by the strong.

## *2. The Nature of a Ceremony*

A ceremony is just a ceremony. Its value lies outside itself in the important things it signifies. Thus, on one hand, baptism is important because it illustrates and points to inclusion in Christ as a result of His saving work. Separated from these spiritual realities, a separation God will not allow, it becomes a mere ceremony. As it was with the ritual of the Old Testament, though commissioned by God to teach us, the sacraments also will pass away. In fact, without the Word, they are unintelligible. Baptism, like the ceremonial law, is meant to be a testimony (Mark 1:44). They stand in order to catch our attention and provoke us to embrace the gospel and our standing by grace with our covenant God. If we have the purpose of these ceremonies fulfilled, we have secured the real heart of our Christian faith. There is a sadness in losing a wedding ring. But, in perspective, the loss is small if the relationship is intact. If, with full vigor, we defend our intricate views of the sacrament with the same zeal as we do the gospel itself, do we not depart from placing the higher valuation upon the gospel which the sacrament was meant to provoke? The emphasis must be disproportionate. When the word "baptism" is uttered, do not most of us think of water and not the Holy Spirit? Does this not reveal a veering off the course to the less essential? If Israel wanted a god she could see, aren't we also tempted to indulge distorted fascinations for created things above the Creator? It is very possible that a convert who requested in the joy of his first love to be baptized, will find himself in an experience of being put through mystifying doctrines that he does not comprehend. It could dampen his ardor for the more important things of the Lord.

We urge ourselves to remember that this is a ceremony, not the inner substance of our faith. It is not to be neglected or abased, but neither is it to be magnified. The apostle Paul could not specifically recall exactly how many he had baptized (I Corinthians 1:13-17). Baptismal ceremonies were not central to his ministry.

## *3. The Priority of Human Need over Ceremony*

Old Testament ceremonies had a temporal purpose. God was serious about the lessons to be taught and the relationships to be signified, and He therefore required non-optional ceremonies to underline them. Disobedience about ceremonies was censurable (Exodus 4:24-26). Disregard of any Scripture is a violation of a minister's calling. However, the earthly elements and ritual were not so all-important that all else gave way. There was no panic in the Old Testament to circumcise a dying Israelite baby prior to the eighth day—something sacramentalists should ponder. The Passover could be repeated the following month if a man was away on a trip (Numbers 9:10). The hand of God was upon an order of Hezekiah in II Chronicles 30 to have the feast for the entire nation in the second month, even though the ideal was for it to fall in the first month. Here is an example of flexibility, while close adherence was still the ideal to strive for.

Possibly the most notable example of ceremonial violation is David's eating the showbread, lawful only for the priests to eat (Mark 2:23-26). For David to eat the priest's showbread without reason would be wrong, but it was allowed in the situation David faced, and the Lord expressly indicated that it was permitted *even though ceremonially unlawful!* The Sabbath is meant for man, the showbread could be used for man, and baptism, too, is meant for man to bolster faith and be for them the occasion of sealing vows of allegiance. Thus, it is a gracious condescension to our human, physical, and psychological makeup.

In a situation where the convert is not confident that he has been baptized, there is a need the church must meet. *We* may be assured that he has been baptized, but *he* needs to know that he has been, too. We ought to meet this kind of hunger even by bending of ceremony so that each of our flock knows for certain that he has been baptized once. In the context of sacrifice and ceremony, the Lord told rigid Pharisees that he desired mercy. In the tension between our scruples and the needs of the converts, your committee advises that the weightier issue is the need of our people.

#### *4. Our Responsibility to the Convert's Conscience*

Baptism is attached to the reception of the gospel. The sinner not only believes in the heart and confesses with the mouth, he arises and is baptized, washing away his sins. By this sacrament he is initiated into the community of believers. He is aware of the Lord's command to be baptized. He sees it as an additional act of external confirmation of his faith. His zeal prompts him to engage in this form of confession also. If the baptism is denied, the problem is likely to be not so much his understanding of a previously valid baptism, but his alarmed conscience questioning whether he has obeyed God or not. On one hand we fear breaking symbolism, but the new Christian fears disobeying God. He will have difficulty respecting a ministry that frustrates him regarding this fundamental responsibility.

Our counsel is to teach patiently the full-orbed doctrines we believe the Lord has graciously brought us to understand. If the arguments against dismissing an earlier "baptism" do not avail—we propose a cheerful administration of the water of baptism for conscience's sake. We believe that if the minister is secure in his convictions and committed to the health of his people, second administrations will be rare.

#### *5. A Possible Hindrance to Fellowship*

If a believer is denied a ceremony when it is in the power of our hands to acquiesce and that ceremony is available elsewhere, do we not unintentionally tempt the immature to seek other fellowships? Some Christians rebaptize members of their own denomination in simple transfers from one congregation to another. Many groups will baptize in an instant. Baptism is part of the official entrance requirement into a body of Christians. Would it not be a poignant tragedy if a Christian could be part of

our fellowship in spite of various doctrinal differences, but couldn't find the opportunity to satisfy himself that he met a basic entrance requirement to his own satisfaction, and so went elsewhere out of a sense of rejection? This rejection would be the very opposite of the truth his baptism was symbolizing, namely union with Christ. If the situation came to that, then, again, the ceremony should fade while the substance prevails, namely heart-felt acceptance of the one already belonging to Christ.

### *C. Pastoral Responsibilities*

#### *1. The Pastor's Conscience*

In urging respect for the consciences of others, at no time do we advise a pastor unpersuaded of our arguments to violate his own. We, too, have a Master to obey.

#### *2. The Pastor's Role as Teacher of the Word*

The sacraments are golden opportunities to teach the grace of God. If our people are confused about the sacraments and are full of questions, they are easier to teach when curious and are showing the need of an informed ministry. The symbols are easy enough to see. God created symbols to spark curiosity. Israelite children asked, "What mean these stones?" and godly fathers were glad to answer. We should capitalize on the opening afforded us. Requests for second baptisms are not occasions of stating "our policy", but for opening the Word. Baptisms without explanations are opportunities lost. Ministers who baptize but do not explain have difficulty justifying their years of preparation. The ceremony takes little; the exposition of the Word demands much. Converts should catch the pastor's deep attraction to the meaning.

#### *3. The Pastor's Role as Shepherd*

Some of our people grow at slower rates than others, but they are still our sheep. We are Christians who encourage the timid and help the weak (I Thessalonians 5:14). We lay down our lives for the sheep. They do not need to have sharp minds to be part of our flock. We, too, are careful that no one pluck them out of our arms. We do not compromise our teaching, but we are reasonable in our expectations and go before, leading without coercion. Baptism speaks of inclusion in the Good Shepherd's fold. By His Spirit we do all we can to fulfill our Savior's desire. Those who come to Him are not driven away. We must focus again on these principles. We remember, too, that sheep are not very bright and all of us are called sheep.

### *V. Guidelines to Assist in Recognizing the Validity of a Previous Baptism*

"What is Baptism?"

"It is a sacrament wherein the washing with water in the name of the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and the partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's" (Q. 94, Westminster Catechism).

If a baptism comes from within a Christian tradition where the Trinity is understood and Jesus Christ is accepted as the one who came in the flesh and where He is designated the Savior, we urge acceptance of that baptism as valid. Thus, we reject outrightly the baptisms of the cults who stand outside the stream of catholic history. There is a distinct difference between contrived imitations and Roman distortions. The Holy Spirit and the truth of the gospel are not absent in the Roman Catholic Church. However, at this point, we express our firm outrage that so many of its communicants have been taught to trust in the sacraments themselves and to give only lip-service to the atoning sacrifice of the Savior. The truth of God has been slighted, but the enemy of God has not had a thorough victory. Recent developments in some segments of the Roman church have been beyond the expectations and faith of most of us.

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Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. III, p. 523-524. "The other condition necessary to the validity of the sacraments concerns the intention of those engaged in the service. They must intend to do what Christ commanded. If a man receives the ordinance of baptism, he must intend to profess his faith in the gospel and to accept the terms of salvation therein presented. And the administrator must have the purpose to initiate the recipient into the number of the professed disciples of Christ."

<sup>2</sup>Westminster Confession, XXVIII:VI

<sup>3</sup>Westminster Confession, XXVIII:VII

<sup>4</sup>Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, p. 506. "The ministry of the sacraments must, of course, go hand in hand with the ministry of the Word. It is merely the symbolical presentation of the gospel, addressed to the eye rather than the ear."

<sup>5</sup>Matthew 16:18; John 20:21-23. The key to the House of David in Isaiah 22:15-24 symbolized office, position, authority, opening and shutting, and being in charge of the royal palace. In Revelation 3:7, this same symbolism shows the royal authority of Christ in the House of David.

<sup>6</sup>Westminster Confession, XXVIII:VI

<sup>7</sup>We urge again, at this point, attention to Romans 2:28 - 3:4, referred to previously.

<sup>8</sup>James Oliver Buswell Jr., *A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion*. Vol. II, p. 237.

<sup>9</sup>Westminster Confession, XXVIII:VII

<sup>10</sup>In the Minutes of the 22nd General Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian branch of the RPCEs, a motion concerning a brother who had been previously ordained as a Roman Catholic priest, would have required "that he also be rebaptized". This is the very terminology we must avoid. The Judicial Commission did not insist that his baptism be repeated.

## HISTORICAL APPENDIX A

### A SKETCH OF AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN DISCUSSION ON THIS QUESTION

#### 1. Northern Presbyterian History of This Doctrinal Debate

In 1790, the General Assembly resolved that sessions should judge the validity of baptism in difficult cases with the aid of presbytery:

The following question was proposed by the Committee of Overtures, viz.:

Ought such persons to be rebaptized as have been offered in baptism by notoriously profligate parents, and baptized by ministers of the same description?

Resolved, that it is a principle of the church that the unworthiness of the ministers of the gospel does not invalidate the ordinances of religion dispensed by them. It is also a principle that as long as any denomination of Christians is acknowledged by us as a church of Christ, we ought to hold the ordinances dispensed by it as valid, notwithstanding the unworthiness of particular ministers. Yet, inasmuch as no general rule can be made to embrace all circumstances, there may be irregularities in particular administrations by men not yet divested of their office, either in this or in other churches, which may render them null and void. But that cannot be anticipated and pointed out in the rule, they must be left to be judged of by the prudence and wisdom of church sessions, and the higher judicatories to which they may be referred. In such cases, it may be advisable to administer the ordinance of baptism in a regular manner, where a profane exhibition of the ceremony may have been attempted. These cases and circumstances, however, are to be inquired into by the church sessions, and referred to a presbytery before a final decision. (William E. Moore, *The Presbyterian Digest: A Compend of the Acts and Deliverances of the PCUS* [Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1873], p. 659).

J. Aspinwall Hodge summarizes the following history of this discussion in *What is Presbyterian Law as Defined by the Church Courts?* (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1884), p. 84-85.

Unitarian baptism was pronounced invalid by the Assembly of 1814. "It is the deliberate and unanimous opinion of this Assembly that those who renounce the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity, and deny that Jesus Christ is the same substance, equal in power and glory with the Father, cannot be recognized as Ministers of the gospel, and that their administrations are invalid."

The O.S. Assembly decided in 1864 that baptism by the Campbellites or Disciples is invalid.

The O.S. Assembly in 1845 declared that the Romish Church is not a Church of Christ, nor its Priests his Ministers, and therefore its baptism is invalid. In cases of doubt, the Session must decide if the applicant must be baptized.

Immediately following the 1845 Assembly, Charles Hodge wrote a vigorous dissent to this nearly unanimous (169 for, 8 against, 6 abstaining) Assembly decision. It is an article so definitive, it still merits the church's closest study. In it Hodge argued:

We are, therefore, constrained to regard the decision of the Assembly as in direct conflict with our standards, and with the Word of God; and as incompatible with Protestant principles, as well as with the practice of the whole Protestant world. We have no scruple in saying this. For in protesting against the decision of one hundred and sixty-nine members of the Assembly, we can hide ourselves in the crowd of 169,000,000 of faithful men who, since the Reformation, have maintained the opposite and more catholic doctrine ("Validity of Romish Baptism," *Church Polity*, p. 214).

Since the 1845 General Assembly had been influenced by various southerners (including James H. Thornwell), later assemblies took a more tolerant position, after the withdrawal of the Southern Presbyterian Church. J. Aspinwall Hodge (p. 85) summarizes this more moderate position:

In 1875, our Assembly answered to the question, "Should a convert from Romanism be again baptized?" that "the decision of the question be left to the judgment of each church Session, guided by the principles governing the subject of baptism as laid down in the standards of our Church."

This decision, however, has all the marks of parliamentary compromise about it. It says neither that Roman Catholic baptism is valid, nor that it is not. The decision to leave the question to the judgment of each church session may as much reflect the *absence* of a consensus as its presence. Did the two sides merely agree to disagree? Or was there was principled return to the more catholic position of 1790?

The current practice of the Northern Presbyterian Church is given by Eugene Carson Blake in *Presbyterian Law for the Local Church* (The Division of Publication of the Board of Christian Education of the PCUSA, 1953), p. 45:

A baptized Roman Catholic may be received either on profession of faith or on reaffirmation of faith. Discretion is left to the session as to the mode of reception, even to the inclusion of a rebaptism, if it is desired by the new member, although a session should be careful not to require rebaptism of anyone who has already been baptized in the name of the Triune God.

## 2. Southern Presbyterian History of this Doctrinal Debate

Under the influence of James H. Thornwell, the Southern Presbyterian Church took a more restrictive view of the validity of Roman Catholic baptism:

The General Assembly of 1871 declared invalid the baptism of the Romish, Unitarian, and Campbellite (Christian) Churches. (AD, pp. 25-26.) In 1882, this position was modified with reference to the Campbellite (Christian) Church as follows:

To affirm that no minister of that denomination ever administers Christian baptism, is a proposition that this Assembly is not prepared to accept, and the decision of the question of how far the certificates and sacraments of the churches of that denomination are to be recognized and received, must be left to the session and Presbyteries immediately interested in the subject. (GA, 1882, pp. 573-574).

The Assembly of 1884 (p. 206) reaffirmed the action of 1871 relating to this subject, as it applied to Romish baptism only. The other two were not mentioned. Again in 1909, (p. 48), the Assembly deemed no further action on Romish baptism necessary, and in 1914, (pp. 62-63), the Assembly declined to rescind its action of 1884 on this subject (J. D. Leslie, *Presbyterian Law and Procedure in the PCUS* [Richmond: Presbyterian Committee of Publication, 1930], p. 135).

## HISTORICAL APPENDIX B

We commend "Validity of Romish Baptism" by Charles Hodge in his *Church Polity*.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that baptism be recognized as valid when the following three elements are present:

- (a) Washing with water,
- (b) In the name of the Trinity, and
- (c) With the ostensible professed design to comply with the command of Christ.

2. We urge our pastors and sessions to accept Roman Catholic baptism as valid because baptism is God's institution.

3. We urge our pastors and sessions, thus, to avoid a subsequent baptism of those we believe to have been validly baptized.

4. If, after careful instruction on the meaning and symbolism of baptism, our people still cannot believe that they have ever been truly baptized, we recommend yielding to their needs and consciences by baptizing them. It should not be done, however, if the candidate for baptism has tendencies toward denial of such clear biblical doctrines as the unrepeatable nature of regeneration, justification, adoption, and the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Breaking the symbolism would do evident damage in such cases.

Respectfully submitted,  
John DeBardeleben  
David Kiewit  
David Linden (chairman)  
Gareth Tonnessen  
John M. L. Young

**ACTION:**

Synod, upon motion, adopted all four recommendations as presented in the report.

**REPORT OF CHAPLAINS' COMMITTEE**

The following report was presented by the Rev. William B. Leonard Jr. with Chaplain Robert Fiol commenting on his ministry in the Navy.

**Fathers and Brethren:**

Since our last General Synod/Assemblies your joint commission on chaplains met in St. Louis, October 28, 1980 with eight of the nine members present. Minutes of the meeting are attached. The next full commission meeting is set for October 31, 1981, in the Airport Conference Room, Atlanta, Ga., following our national assemblies, and hopefully, another step closer to our being one church in the work of the Lord. It is significant I believe that our experience as a *joint* commission, combining representatives of three denominations, has clearly demonstrated that we can work closely together with harmony and respect and some accomplishment in the work of the Kingdom.

For the first time since forming our joint commission we had planned a trip in March 1980 across the central United States to the east coast, visiting a dozen or so military bases where some of our chaplains are serving. But God in His sovereign care planned otherwise. Both Mrs. Leonard and I have recently been hospitalized for rather serious treatment, but both of us, happily and thankfully, are now well and returned to normal activities. I am now planning our military visits in the Fall of this year.

The attached ROSTER, indicating all chaplains now endorsed by your commission, shows steady progress this year and a widening ministry. The PCA gained two active duty chaplains and the RPCES one. There were significant gains in reserve chaplains and in seminarians, both excellent ways to expand your ministry. The Civil Air Patrol is another area of gain and we rejoice. We urge prayerful support for all our chaplains, active and reserve, as they reach many for Christ our churches cannot reach.

**ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES.** All endorsements originate at Presbytery level. In the PCA presbyteries endorse to the MUS and MUS to our Commission. In the OPC and RPCES they endorse directly to the Commission.

**OUR FINANCIAL REPORT** is attached. Because of our recent difficulties it is not as up to date as originally planned, but it does cover the period from the time the Joint Commission was formed through September 17, 1980. We recommend our denominations follow the financial guidelines given in the Constitutional By-Laws approved last year by the General Assemblies.

**CURRENT STATISTICS** are annually required by the Department of



Defense in Washington. Inasmuch as these are due by January 15 each year, it has been difficult if not impossible to obtain accurate figures so early in the year for the preceeding year. We are asking for a possible change to a later reporting date at our next meeting in Washington, set for March 11, 12, 1981, which I plan to attend. Your commission was represented at the October meeting. Combined totals sent in this year for our three denominations are as follows: 893 churches, 1405 ordained ministers, and 131,100 combined membership, still very small compared with the giants, but one with God's blessing is a majority in any case.

Please note our correct address and phone number.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,  
William B. Leonard Jr., Executive Director  
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**ROSTER (March 7, 1981)**

*Endorsed to the Seminarian Program*

PCA—Allen Gordinier, Navy  
Arnold Johnson, Army  
RPCES—T. Braithwaite, Navy  
J. D. Cook, Army  
J. Johnson, Army  
J. K. Maas, Army  
Tom MacGregor, Army  
C. H. Morrison, Army  
G. K. Sexton, Army  
M. Wilson, Air Force

*Endorsed to the Civil Air Patrol*

Charles Dunahoo, PCA  
Daniel Fannon, RPCES  
H. L. Rosenberger, OPC  
Morton Smith, PCA  
Leon F. Wardell, PCA

*Active Duty Chaplains*

RPCES—Navy: D.W. Aven, J.R. Fiol, T. Sidebotham, R.B. Needham  
Army: D.P. Peterson, H.R. Baker, David Dare, Russell Barrett,  
R.H. Ackley, L.M. Hardeman, R. Wildeman, B.C. Greenwalt.  
Air Force: B.T. Hubbard  
PCA—Army: W. Ingram Philips III, Fred Carr, D.F. Roberts  
Navy: D.C. Clements, J.D. Register, R.W. Good  
Air Force: D.E. Crocker, R.W. Gardner, R.H. Rosser  
OPC—Army: Chong Y. Lee, T.A. Foh

*Inactive Duty Chaplains*

OPC—Navy: D.R. Miller  
Army: R. Wagner  
Air Force: B.J. Stonehouse  
RPCES—Navy: W.A. Mahlow Jr., W.B. Acker III, B. Enfield, C.P. Bennett, A.K. Austin  
Army: Peter Vaughn, Randy Nabors, Richard Nelson, Stephen W. Leonard, Jim

Singleton, Doug Lee

PCA—Army: D.B. McCullough, H.F. Smith, D.D. Mallow, J.R. Griffith, D.H. Jussely,  
Wayne Jamison, J.C. Pakala, D.C. Frost, M.L. Harris

Air Force: J.C. Ropp, A.C. Hitchcock, R.L. Jarrett, J. Philip Clark, William  
Whitwer.

Navy: R.L. Swafford, Fred Thompson

*Auxiliary Prison Chaplain*—C.F. Kukal, PCA

*Retired Chaplains*

RPCES—Navy: A.E. Hegman, R.A. Bonner, W.B. Leonard Jr.

Air Force: Laurence Withington

Army: R.G. Rayburn, H.T. Cross, J.S. Martin, John MacGregor,  
Jonas Shepard, J.B. Youngs

PCA—Navy: S.S. Cappel

Army: E. Jussely, Theodore Kline,

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT COVERING PERIOD FROM  
9 February 1979 thro 30 April 1981**

**FUNDS RECEIVED**

Churches: PCA	\$3,000.00
RPCES	1,000.00
1st EPC (Seattle)	167.50

Air Force Chaplains Fund:	550.00
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Individuals: [Chaplains in the RPCES and PCA]	\$1,100.00
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Other: Refund, State of Colorado	\$2.50
Interest on Checking Account	15.79

**TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM BEGINNING OF JOINT COMMISSION \$5835.79**

**FUNDS EXPENDED**

Endorsing Agents Conferences, Commission Meetings, travel (for period of two years, three months)	\$3273.99
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Conference fees	140.00
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Office supplies, printing, stamps	324.63
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Conference lodging	82.08
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Endorsing agents manual	25.00
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Bank charges	13.04
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Attorney fees and corporate seal	32.62
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Mailing permits (designated gift)	70.00
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Miscellaneous	25.00
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**TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED FROM BEGINNING OF JOINT COMMISSION \$3986.36**

**FUNDS ON HAND AS OF 30 APRIL 1981 \$1849.43**

***ACTION:***

Synod was urged to encourage prayer for our chaplains.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. John Pickett at 3:58 p.m.

## **MONDAY MEETING**

**MAY 25, 1981**

At 8:00 a.m., Mr. Stephen Lawton led synod in the singing of "When Peace Like a River." The Rev. Martin Freeland led the assembly in the morning devotional from 2 Timothy 1.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. The Rev. William Phillips led in prayer.

### **GREETINGS FROM FRATERNAL DELEGATES**

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair introduced the fraternal delegates: Dr. James DeYoung of the Christian Reformed Church; the Rev. Larry Minger of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and Mr. Edward Robeson of the Presbyterian Church in America, who brought greetings to synod. The Rev. Dr. Morton Smith, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America, was also introduced. A letter of greeting was read from C. Ronald Beard of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (see p. 14).

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

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair, chairman, presented the following report, assisted by Dr. Paul Gilchrist:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee has met three times during the year and anticipates meeting again directly before the meeting of synod on May 22, 1981. We are happy to report that the presbyteries and agencies responded to synod's action and sent quite a few observers to each meeting. All of us on the committee were happy to have this participation by observers and felt that the committee benefited by their comments and suggestions during our meetings. The observers did not have the privilege of the floor during the joint meetings with the PCA and the OPC but did have that privilege during our committee meetings.

#### ***1980 Fraternal Delegates from the RPCES to NAPARC Churches:***

To the:

Christian Reformed Church  
Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Presbyterian Church in America

The Rev. William A. Shell  
The Rev. William R. Wolfgang  
The Rev. Donald J. MacNair  
Dr. Paul R. Gilchrist

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America  
Mr. Joel Belz

#### ***1980 Fraternal Representatives from the RPCES:***

To the:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Japan Christian Presbyterian Church  
Korya Pa, Korea

The Rev. Robert I. Hoyle  
The Rev. Stephen T. Young  
The Rev. John K. Hunt

Hap Dong, Korea  
National Presbyterian Church of Chile  
Saharanpur, RPC, India  
National Presbyterian Church of Peru  
Reformed Church in the U.S. (Eureka Classis)

The Rev. John K. Hunt  
The Rev. John G. Crane  
The Rev. Bruce R. Fiol  
The Rev. Robert C. Woodson  
The Rev. Robert T. Smallman

***North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC):*** The RPCES was represented at their annual meeting of NAPARC (Philadelphia) by the Rev. Donald J. MacNair. Several other members of the Fraternal Relations Committee had planned to attend but found it impossible because of scheduling difficulties. The Rev. John Clark was invited to join with Mr. MacNair in representing the RPCES.

Extended discussion was conducted relative to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and its potential role in NAPARC. The Rev. George Gerald made a lengthy presentation of the history of the ARPC. He stated that his committee was pleased to come as observers. NAPARC expressed its appreciation for the report and invited the ARPC to send representatives to future meetings of the council and invited the church to send observers to meetings sponsored by the council.

The RPCES was called on to convene a NAPARC study committee on the subject of hermeneutics. Dr. John W. Sanderson and Dr. David C. Jones served as the RPCES representatives, and Covenant Theological Seminary served as host. Dr. Sanderson was chosen chairman. It is hoped that the committee will have a report for the 1982 or 1983 General Synod.

Mr. Clark was elected to the NAPARC Interim Committee.

Dr. Paul Gilchrist and Mr. Earl Witmer are serving as RPCES representatives on a planning committee for the Concurrent Synod/Assembly meetings in Grand Rapids in 1982.

***Committee on Revision of Standards.*** A subcommittee of the Fraternal Relations Committee has done considerable work in reviewing this document. It is not yet ready to report. We hope that the report will be ready by the 160th General Synod.

***Reformed Ecumenical Synod.*** There is no further data to report since the Fraternal Relations Committee's report in 1980.

***Christian College in Africa.*** It has been established that *Daystar Communications*, a Christian institution already in Africa, has an educational activity already underway. Also, it has announced specific plans for a Christian liberal arts college. Dr. Marion D. Barnes made a second trip to Africa August 22 to September 22, 1980. Much of his time was spent with the Daystar organization. Dr. Barnes's complete report was submitted to the Fraternal Relations Committee and can be made available upon request.

The following recommendations are hereby placed before the synod:

1. That the RPCES support Daystar in building a quality Christian

liberal arts college in Nairobi, Kenya, to provide a Christian type of education for Christian African leadership in business, government, and church. (Such education would be available to Christian Africans from the whole African continent). This support could begin with supporting faculty members, providing scholarships for students, and by making gifts for facilities.

2. That the mission boards of the RPCES and the PCA denominations (WPM and MTW) recommend Daystar to churches and individuals in the denominations for their prayer and gift support.

3. That Covenant College and Covenant Seminary consider *lending* a professor on a sabbatical basis to Daystar on request from the latter for service for a year or two. (Such personnel could also be of great benefit to the Community Presbyterian Church in Nairobi and the mission in Muruu.)

***Correspondence with the "Evangelical Presbyterian Church."*** This is a new denomination. It had a preliminary meeting in St. Louis last fall. It conducted a convocation in St. Louis on March 24-25, 1981. It anticipates its first General Assembly meeting in September 1981. Most of those presently active are former members of the UPCUSA.

The chairman of your Fraternal Relations Committee has been in communication with the Steering Committee of the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches throughout this period. By the beginning of 1981 it was evident that the group planned to be called the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*. Since this name continues to have a corporate identity in the RPCES, the Steering Committee of the new group was immediately informed about this potential conflict. Mr. Semisch, legal counsel for the RPCES, has been asked to express an opinion on the matter, which he has done (February 16, 1981, and March 5, 1981—the latter in a letter to the counsel for the new church).

The Fraternal Relations Committee has discussed the matter and voted to accept the following basic proposal:

1. That the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches should formally request the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to consider whatever steps are necessary for the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches to incorporate and use the name "Evangelical Presbyterian Church."

2. That the Fraternal Relations Committee will present this to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, when it meets in its General Synod meeting May 22-28 at Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tenn. In presenting this, the Fraternal Relations Committee will ask the Synod to consider granting this request if—

3. Legal counsel is satisfied that the situation is legally proper and any extenuating circumstances will be properly handled through some agreeable formula.

On the basis of this, the Fraternal Relations Committee voted to recommend to the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian

Church, Evangelical Synod, that it grant the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches the right to incorporate with the name "Evangelical Presbyterian Church" if the legal counsel of the RPCES is satisfied that the new situation is legally proper and any extenuating circumstances will be properly handled through some agreeable formula.

In the March 24-25 meeting the Steering Committee privately and publicly admitted the conflict and expressed the hope that our church could see its way clear to grant this.

A report from the legal counsel will be presented at the synod meeting.

***Joining-Receiving Discussion Between PCA/RPCES/OPC.*** During this year the Fraternal Relations Committee has met with the PCA's *Ad Interim Committee to Discuss . . .* three times. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church's *Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations* participated in the last two meetings.

The 158th General Synod adopted the Fraternal Relations Committee's recommendation (page 70 of the Minutes) that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, ". . . prepare to take the initial constitutional vote on the invitation '. . . to come with us for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one church among us' at its 159th General Synod in May, 1981." Appended to this motion was a series of five things to be included in this preparation.

The Fraternal Relations Committee has attempted to serve the church by fulfilling the details and the spirit of these instructions.

A decision was made early in the process not to forward material to the church based only on discussions. Many of the final statements were not reduced to a final draft state by our PCA brethren until the last joint meeting—March 5-7, 1981. Hence, that material could not be made available until that time.

Two major mailings have been sent to the church. One was entitled *Introducing and Comparing . . .* It was sent by the PCA. The other was called *Information for the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod . . .* It was sent by the Fraternal Relations Committee. These documents constitute the committee's report thus far to fulfill its obligation to prepare the church to vote. Most of the issues about which the church has expressed concern are dealt with in these reports.

Specific concern and instruction about Covenant Theological Seminary (see p. 99 of the Minutes) and about Covenant College was directed to the Fraternal Relations Committee. The data sent to the church by the committee adequately answers those concerns and instructions. The administrations of the schools reflect this response to the committee.

The instruction to the committee ". . . to seek to develop with the PCA Committee . . . proposals that might be established as to presbytery boundaries and transition programs for the RPCES boards and agencies . . ." was a major part of the work of the committee. The data sent out to the church by the committee covers the response. As indicated in the

cover letter for that data, a “skeleton” transition program for the parallel agencies/committees was developed. Upon positive voting of the first constitutional voting and before the completion of the constitutional voting, these “skeletons” will be “fleshed out.” Much more detail will therefore be before the 160th General Synod. At least the executives and some board members of all the parallel agencies/committees have had direct meetings and correspondence.

The General Counsel of the RPCES, Mr. Donald A. Semisch, has been consulted about the work of the committee and about questions forwarded to the committee by individuals during the year. Account is being taken by the committee of the opinions Mr. Semisch has given about these matters and will be part of the supporting data prepared for the discussion.

The Fraternal Relations Committee adopted a resolution to be presented to the 159th General Synod. The seven members in attendance at the March meeting unanimously voted to approve it. The two not in attendance later concurred with this action and asked to have their names appended to it.

The resolution is:

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Relations Committee was instructed by the 158th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to prepare the church at large to vote at the 159th General Synod on the invitation from the Presbyterian Church in America; and

WHEREAS, the committee has met since then in three extended sessions with its counterpart committee from the Presbyterian Church in America, which meetings were attended by a large number of observers from throughout the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and which meetings were all characterized by a positive and fraternal spirit; and

WHEREAS, the committee since receiving its instructions has endeavored to summarize significant issues pertinent to the invitation, and to share those summaries with ministers, sessions, and the church at large; and

WHEREAS, the committee has explored with the agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the likely implications of this action on their ministries and is encouraged by their judgment that those tasks will continue unimpaired and in some cases be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, we believe that especially in today’s world when secularism is widespread and apostasy is rife in the denominations of our country, it would be a worthy testimony to the Lord if Presbyterian churches loyal to the Scripture and the Reformed faith could present a united front to an unbelieving world, and whereas we believe that a union of like-minded Presbyterian denominations would increase their effectiveness in serving the Lord, and enlarge their fellowship and unity in the Spirit;

**NOW THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND THAT THE 159th GENERAL SYNOD**

1) Accept the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in America to join them, to effect and perfect one church on the basis of their receiving the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, through the procedure outlined in their *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 14-6: “. . . to receive under one jurisdiction those ecclesiastical bodies whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of this church.”

2) Declare that the basis of such an acceptance be the two churches' common commitment to the inerrancy of Scripture, to the same standards of doctrine and government, and to the doctrine of the purity of the church, together with specific details contained in the *Report to the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America of the Ad Interim Committee to Discuss . . .*, which report was approved in joint session of the two committees March 5-7, 1981, in Atlanta, Georgia, and a copy of which is attached [see p. 5];

3) Amend the existing doctrinal standards and Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, through due constitutional process, by substituting for them the doctrinal standards and *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America, which process requires a two-thirds majority vote of this General Synod, the concurrence of two-thirds of the presbyteries, and a second two-thirds vote of the succeeding General Synod;

4) Authorize the Fraternal Relations Committee to continue working with its counterpart committee(s) in the Presbyterian Church in America to develop appropriate steps to consummate this action, pending its constitutional approval.

Two items must be called to your attention before this report is concluded.

1. The Fraternal Relations Committee had to spend a considerable amount of money to accomplish its task. Conservative measures were taken whenever possible. A figure will be ready to present to the synod in May. However, the committee has asked the Administrative Committee of synod to deal with this need in its report. The committee would urge the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to underwrite this obligation.

2. On p. 71 of the Minutes of the 158th General Synod (recommendation c.1.), the church was strongly urged: “That every church session and congregation study this invitation and commit themselves to pray for the Lord’s direction in this matter.” The Fraternal Relations Committee calls this to the church’s attention and urges the church to double its efforts in this regard between now and the time of the 159th General Synod.



An update report will be given at synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Anderson  
M. Barnes  
J. Belz  
P. Gilchrist  
R. L. Harris  
D. J. MacNair (chairman)  
M. Pett  
R. G. Rayburn  
S. Smallman

Synod recessed at 10:30 a.m. with prayer by Chaplain Robert Fiol for those who have served and are now serving in the armed forces. Synod was reconvened by the moderator at 10:52 a.m., and was led in prayer by Dr. Donovan L. Graham.

The moderator declared synod to be in a quasi-committee of the whole until 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the recommendation of the Fraternal Relations Committee.

Dr. John M. L. Young presented a recommendation on behalf of the board of World Presbyterian Missions, to be sent to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA:

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS TO THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD**

**May 25, 1981**

The 159th General Synod of the RPCES, in the spirit of continuing to seek to "perfect one church," respectfully calls to the attention of the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA what our synod perceives to be significant differences of mission philosophy underlying the strategy and operations of the PCA's MTW and our own WPM. Representatives of our committees and boards have examined with much appreciation the manual of MTW which your earlier general assemblies have approved. The differences we refer to arise from the policy papers adopted by MTW's administration and committee.

Specifically, our concern is two-fold:

1) Some *geographic areas* where WPM now ministers do not meet criteria which MTW presently uses for entering a new field. We are concerned that our basis for overseas mission ministry be understood to be both biblical and requisite for the holistic proclamation of the gospel of a worldwide, Reformed mission organization. We believe that our basis of overseas missions is grounded in the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 and that its method of implementing these mandates is based on Paul's description of his mission efforts to make the gospel known to the Gentiles "by word and deed" (Romans 15:18).

To support the fact of our commitment to this mandate and method, our manual makes the following statement:

2. The *ultimate purpose* of this Board and its Missions is the proclamation of the Gospel *through all available means to the unconverted* in those fields in which the Holy Spirit shall lead it to initiate *the making of disciples* for Christ, *baptizing* them for the planting and nurturing of truly indigenous, Scriptural churches, and teaching *them all of God's Word.* (WPM Manual, 5-1)

You will note we perceive Christ's command to His Church to include an evangelistic concern (the lost must first be evangelized in order to be disciplined); secondly, an ecclesiastical concern (converts must be initiated into the church by baptism, by which initia-

tion churches are planted and grow); and finally, an educational concern (all of our Lord's teaching, with its implications for faith and life, call for the Christian education of the whole person.)

2) We are also concerned that our method of "word and deed" ministry in church planting be understood as biblically grounded and requisite for a Reformed ministry. The *WPM Manual* speaks of a missionary being ready to be "called upon to initiate or help maintain various kinds of physical ministries to aid God's people in situations of distress" (5-1, sec. 6). If men are to glorify our Father when they see our deeds, the deeds need words of explanation that they are done in Christ's name, and the words need deeds of demonstration to be recognizable expressions of Christ's love and mercy.

In one area the distress may call for physical healing (medical assistance being made available); or for Christian education (instruction for youth or preparation for the ministry); or for food and funding (in temporary emergencies or for helpless children). These are not experimental and untested methods of serving God, but scripturally based as well as practically proven methods for proclaiming the love of Christ. WPM today is building a medical clinic in rural Kenya and has a TB sanatorium in Moslem Jordan, making sure the refreshing water of life reaches these dry and dusty lands. We have Reformed theological schools to which we contribute support in Japan, Chile, and India, and we fund and staff the room, board, clothing, and education of over 300 children of leprous parents in India. Frequently, WPM has supplied famine relief to our rural work in eastern Kenya. As a result of these efforts in word and deed, we have seen two presbyteries develop in Japan, five in Peru, one in Chile, two in India, and one each in Australia and Kenya.

WPM's Manual calls for proclaiming the gospel "to the unconverted," who are not necessarily those who may seem responsive, nor those who are exclusively in urban areas, nor those who have a strong economic base, but to the unconverted in general as we see need and opportunity allowing or impelling us.

It is our conviction that a ministry of word and deed together (not either/or, but both/and) should be the task in church planting of a biblical missions that seeks to maintain Reformed standards.

WPM as a principle has sought to avoid any dichotomy that would require allocating church planting to a word ministry without deeds or would allocate the deed, physical, ministries to others, such as to other missions or parachurch organizations.

We rejoice when other mission organizations are involved in deed ministries in Christ's name, but in church planting our conviction requires us, and it is our practice, to proclaim the whole gospel by word and deed.

As brothers in Christ, we appreciate the privilege of bringing this concern to your attention. Since we understand it to be your intention, following the affirmative vote of both churches, to have parallel agencies of the two churches negotiate the details of integrating their respective ministries, we express our heartfelt desire that WPM's philosophy of missions as summarized above be both welcomed and maintained in the future ministry of MTW. We anticipate whatever response your assembly may find appropriate.

Synod recessed at 12:15 p.m., and was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. William A. Mahlow Jr. The meeting was reconvened at 1:36 p.m. by the moderator, with the Rev. David Linden leading in prayer.

At 3:39 p.m., synod was declared by the moderator to have come out of the quasi-committee of the whole. He explained the procedures for consideration of the motion at hand. Following a short presentation by the Rev. Donald J. MacNair and the Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilchrist, Dr. Morton Smith called the attention of the commissioners to three enabling motions which will be presented to the PCA general assembly, and which are at the end of the Ad-Interim Committee's Report which is inserted here for information:

**REPORT TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS  
OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS . . .**

The Ad-Interim Committee on Inter-Church Relations of the Presbyterian Church in America has endeavored to fulfill a mandate given it by the Eighth General Assembly in order to inform the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and to make recommendations concerning the "joining and receiving" of the denominations that have responded to the invitation of the Eighth General Assembly to effect one church.

With gladness and gratitude to God we report that two sister denominations, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES), by action of the Synod, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), by action of its Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations, have answered our invitation, by expressing a sincere desire to pursue the possibility of a "joining and receiving" which will bring the three denominations into organizational unity under the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America. Further, we have discovered that these churches are fully committed to the Westminster Standards and Presbyterian polity. Though the representatives of each of the three denominations readily confess to various weaknesses and failures in their denominations, this committee believes that we are truly one in our commitment to obey Jesus Christ, the King and head of His church, who governs us by His Word and spirit.

Aware that there are differences among us in the practical application of the principles of Presbyterianism, we have given careful attention to these and are pleased to report that no difference in practice or emphasis seems to present an insurmountable obstacle in the way of effecting one church. Obviously, however, these differences will require mutual patience and forbearance as we adjust to each other and learn to profit from the interchange of the insights and experience brought to the union by the three bodies. (In one section of this report we attempt to illustrate how some of these differences may be overcome by suggesting possible procedures our presbyteries and committees might follow in the movement of the denominations into the Presbyterian Church in America.)

The committee entered into extensive discussion with the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the RPCES and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The exchanges were made with the utmost honesty, candor, and openness in an atmosphere of mutual respect, Christian love, and sincerity.

At the final meeting of the Ad-Interim Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the following joint statement was approved:

We have sought to fulfill the mandates given us by our respective major assemblies in order to make recommendation concerning the reception and joining of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in and with the Presbyterian Church in America.

With joy and thankfulness to the Lord of the Church we recognize that our churches have a common and sincere commitment to the inerrant Word of God and to the Westminster Standards as faithfully expressing the system of truth taught in Holy Scripture. Further, we recognize that our churches are Presbyterian in their order and practice. But above all, we find clear evidence that each of our churches desires to be faithful to our primary standard, the Bible, and to our secondary standards as true to the Bible. We acknowledge our weaknesses and failures but we are one in commitment to obey the Lord Jesus Christ in his rule over us through his Word and Spirit.

We recognize, however, that due in part to differences of historical development, there are differences among us as to how our common Presbyterian convictions are applied in practice. We have given careful attention to those that have been referred to us, and have provided a comparison of similarities and differences that we have discussed. No doubt there are variations of practice that have little or no theological significance but would require mutual forbearance and understanding during a period of adjustment in the augmented church. It is also true that there are dif-

ferences of emphasis among our churches that are to be found within each of them as well as between them; some of these have their roots deep in the history of Presbyterianism.

It is apparent to us that, just as within our churches there has been a deep and continuing desire to be constantly reforming ourselves in conformity to the Word of God, so too in the augmented Presbyterian Church in America this commitment would be not only continued but heightened by the reception of the other churches. These churches whose ministry would be joined with that of the Presbyterian Church in America would be called upon to follow the faith and order of the church that they enter; the Presbyterian Church in America, on the other hand, would further strengthen its life and witness by welcoming the insights and experience represented by the entering churches and seeking to profit from differences in striving for a more perfect biblical faith and practice.

In receiving these denominations, the Presbyterian Church in America recognizes the history of the respective denominations as part of her total history and receives their historical documents as valuable and significant material which will be used in the perfecting of the Church.

We, therefore, as committees of our churches, recognize that unity of faith and practice which our churches have through the grace of God. This unity must draw us together as the body of Christ and enable us to remove the barriers that would prevent us from full communion of life and love in an undivided church. We also recognize our need for the grace of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we seek to reconcile differences and remove practical barriers. We therefore do severally and jointly:

1) Commend to our respective churches that we become one in organization in accordance with the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in America;

2) Urge upon our respective churches the necessity of resolving in the thus-augmented church the differences among us, and others that may arise, in kindness and forthrightness begotten of love, with the determination that by the grace of the Spirit of God through the teaching of His Word we shall "all come in unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto . . . the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

And further we, as committees of our respective churches, do severally and jointly agree that the above committees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, shall recommend to their respective major assemblies in 1981 that the necessary constitutional actions be taken to begin the process required to join the Presbyterian Church in America in accordance with its invitation; that the above-named committee of the Presbyterian Church in America will, if the invitation is accepted by either or both of the other churches, recommend to the General Assembly that the acceptance(s) be approved, that the procedures stated elsewhere be followed for the incorporation of the several agencies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, into the Presbyterian Church in America; that out of respect for these churches' integrity the approval of their acceptance of the invitation shall be understood to honor such commitments as the several churches may have, and to continue the ministries presently conducted by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and Orthodox Presbyterian Church, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies, and that the incorporation of agencies shall endeavor to provide for the just treatment of those who may not be able, for reasons of conscience, to participate in the acceptance of the invitation.

I. In regard to the reception of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, we recommend:

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1) That these recommendations shall be acted upon without amendment or deletion, due to the fact that this plan has been approved by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;

2) That in view of our prior invitation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to effect and perfect one church with the Presbyterian Church in America, the General Assembly take the first formal vote under paragraph 14-6 of the *Book of Church Order*: “to receive under its jurisdiction, with the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries, other ecclesiastical bodies whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of this Church.” (The adoption of this recommendation confirms the interpretation that the words “ecclesiastical bodies” include an entire denomination.) Thus all ordained officers in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod will be received into the Presbyterian Church in America without examination;

3) That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their approval a plan for the reception of the RPCES as follows:

A. Upon the approval of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America and the completion of the constitutional process in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the presbyteries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, shall become a part of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America according to the boundary proposals contained in recommendation III-B;

b. Presbytery boundaries shall be drawn as follows:

*Map A (see page 60) would represent the boundaries of the PCA if both RPCES and OPC accept the invitation to join.*

*Map C (see page 61) would represent the boundaries if only the RPCES joins the PCA.*

c. Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries whose boundaries are affected by these changes shall take separate action regarding their consent (*BOCO* 14-6). Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries which do not consent to the proposed boundaries shall negotiate their boundaries or difficulties with the assistance of an ecclesiastical commission (*BOCO* 15), consisting of representatives from each of the joining bodies, appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly, which commission shall report to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America following the reception of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;

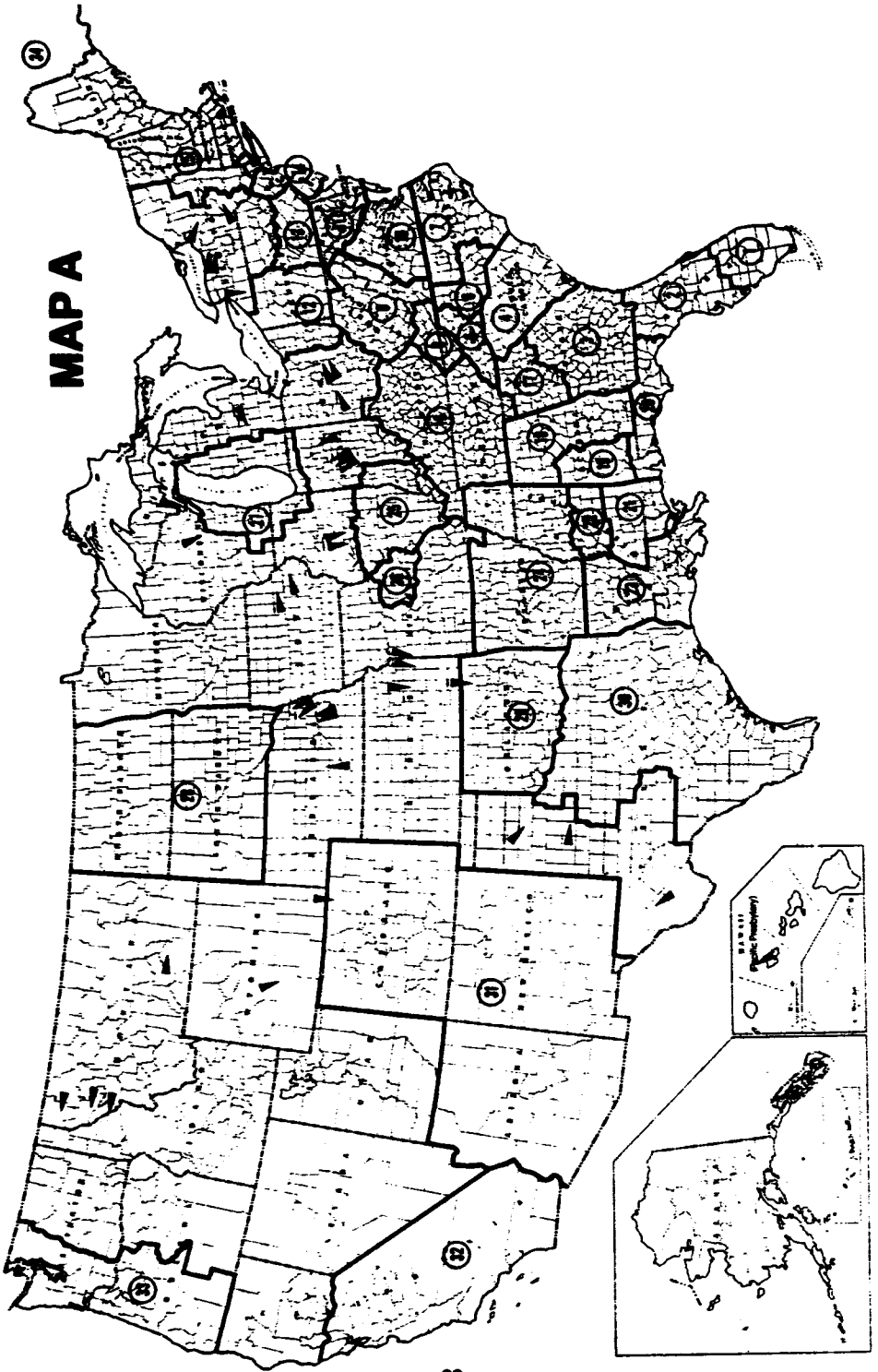
d. Churches and missions from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, which have difficulties adjusting to the new boundaries shall make their concerns known to the presbytery of jurisdiction, which shall follow ordinary procedures for resolution of their problems.;

4. That boards and agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, shall be received by the appropriate committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:

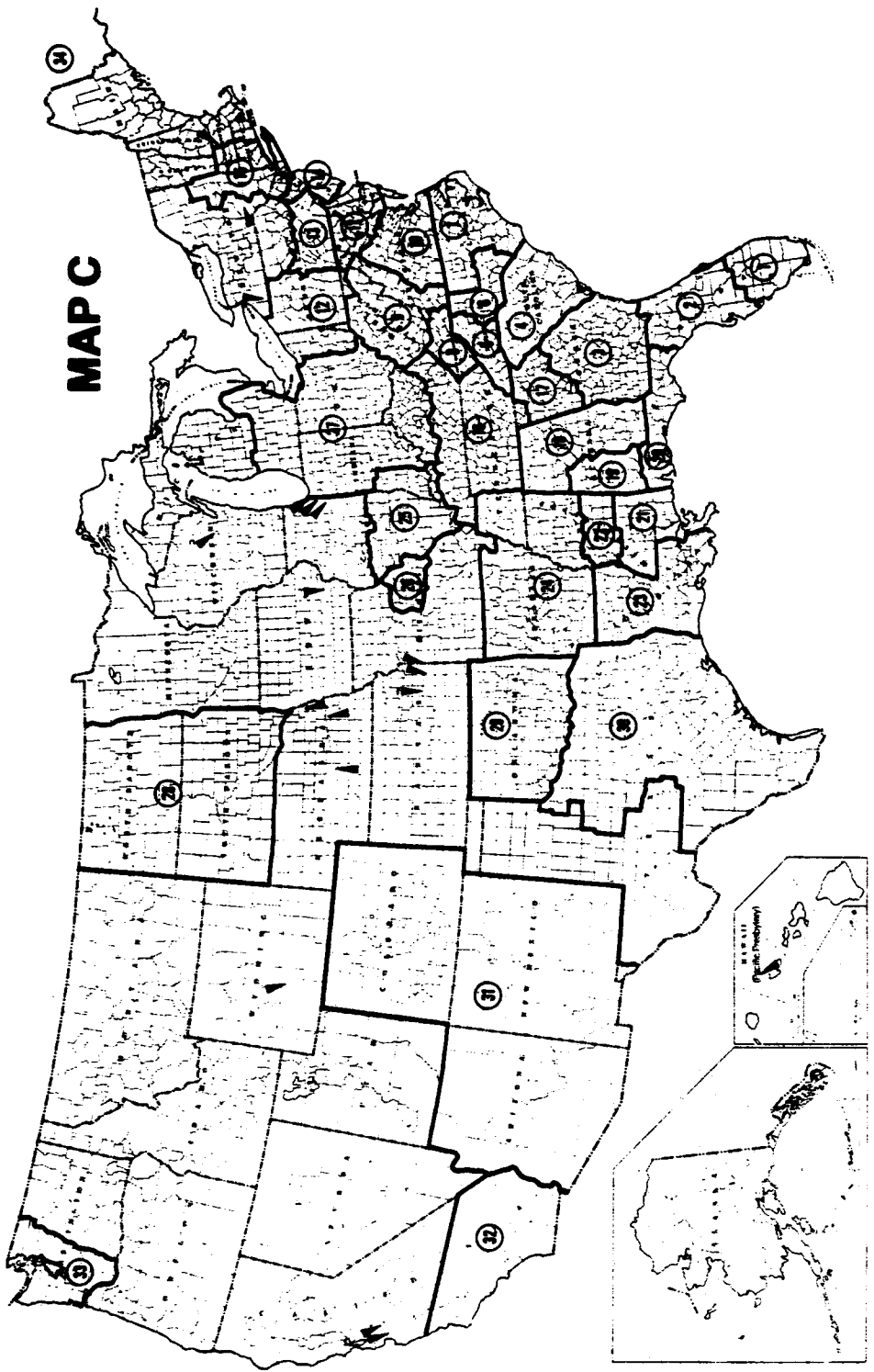
a. The following Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, agencies, World Presbyterian Missions, Board of Home Ministries, Christian Training Inc., National Presbyterian Missions, shall have the privilege of designating not more than four persons each as members of an advisory subcommittee to each of the corresponding permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America (Mission to the World, Mission to the US, Christian Education). These subcommittee members shall serve for a period of two years from the date of reception of the church. At the expiration of the two-year period the subcommittee shall be discontinued. The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, Committee on Ministerial Welfare and Benefits and the Board of Pensions shall have the privilege of designating not more than two persons each as an advisory subcommittee to the Presbyterian Church in America Board of Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Fund. This advisory subcommittee shall serve for a period of two years, after which it shall be discontinued.

Corporate Charters: The existing corporation charters shall be maintained. The Presbyterian Church in America shall determine, with the advice of legal counsel, which of these corporations shall be active and which shall be dormant. For those corporations which shall be active, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be the

**MAP A**



**MAP C**



Committee on Administration on the basis of the work load required.

b. The staff persons serving the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, in the following positions shall be retained by the Presbyterian Church in America permanent program committees for at least one year following reception, to wit: World Presbyterian Missions—Executive Director, Associate Director, Financial Director, Office Director; National Presbyterian Missions—Executive Director, Director of Church Planting, Director of Development; Board of Home Ministries—Executive Director; Christian Training Inc.—Executive Director; Reformed Presbyterian Foundation—Executive Director. The salaries and benefits of these persons shall continue at their present level, but no higher than the maximum salary set by the General Assembly for their counterparts. These persons will be received without examination by the theological examining committee.

c. Out of respect for the integrity of the RPCES, the approval of its acceptance of the invitation shall be understood to honor such commitments as it may have. The ministries presently conducted by the agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, shall be continued, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies.

5. That Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary shall be received as denominational institutions under their present Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws with proposed amendments, copies of which are attached. These institutions shall be treated in a manner similar to the Ridge Haven Conference Center, with the following specifics:

- a. Their Boards of Trustees shall be retained as presently constituted;
- b. These institutions shall remain as separate, non-profit civil corporations;
- c. They shall be governed by their Boards of Trustees through their administrative personnel;
- d. The General Assembly shall elect subsequent trustees through its regular nominating process. These institutions may suggest nominations to the presbyteries or interested commissioners may make nomination from the floor of the General Assembly;
- e. The number and terms of the trustees shall be determined by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the institution;
- f. The By-Laws of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America shall be amended to allow the Board of Trustees of these institutions to govern the institutions according to their approved Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws;
- g. These institutions shall report annually to the General Assembly through a Committee of Commissioners.
- h. These institutions shall be included annually in the General Assembly's askings for special benevolent support. These askings shall be submitted to the local churches along with the askings for the permanent committees, although not as a part of the General Assembly's budget for these permanent committees;
- i. Since the General Assembly is responsible for the conduct of the work which the whole church does unitedly, the powers and activities that it has delegated to institutions under its jurisdiction shall always be subject to review. It shall not delegate any of its general powers beyond its own recall so as to cease to be fully responsible for the spiritual oversight of the entire denomination.

6. That any judicial case pending at the time of the reception of the church in a court of original jurisdiction shall be continued in the corresponding court of the Presbyterian Church in America which has jurisdiction of the accused. Any appeal or complaint pending at the time of the reception shall be returned by the appellate court of the Presbyterian Church in America to the lower court which has jurisdiction of the appellee/respondent. In all cases the Presbyterian Church in America Court shall treat the case as a new case timely instituted as of the date of reception and shall begin the process anew (*de novo*). The accuser/appellant/complainant shall have the right to prosecute the case whether or not the trial court has present jurisdiction of the accuser/appellant/complainant.



## II. ENABLING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

1. That the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America be requested to vote on the reception of each of the denominations during the Fall of 1981, and submit a report on the vote to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as early as possible.

2. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to notify the Stated Clerks of the other denominations as soon as the outcome of the voting is clear. These clerks in turn shall notify the presbyteries of their denominations of the results of the voting.

3. That when and if it appears that the presbyteries of each of the denominations are voting favorably for the joining and reception, the presbyteries affected, and the agency representatives shall be authorized to meet together prior to the next Assembly meetings to prepare for the transition that would be required in the event that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and/or the Orthodox Presbyterian Church vote final approval of the joining and receiving.

### ADDENDUM I—SUPPLEMENT ON BOUNDARIES (Referred to in 3b above)

The attached maps, identified as attachments A, B, and C, shall define the boundaries of the presbyteries, with A applying in the case that both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, join the Presbyterian Church in America, with B applying if the OPC joins the PCA (without the RPCES), and with C applying if the RPCES joins the PCA (without the OPC). Approval of the recommendation and attached map includes acceptance of the following explanation:

#### A. *Criteria*

In approaching the sensitive questions of how presbytery boundaries should be drawn in the event of "joining and receiving" by the PCA-RPCES, the PCA-OPC, or the PCA, RPCES, and OPC, the following criteria were used to test the multitude of possibilities:

1. Will it be possible for the presbytery within the boundaries drawn to exercise pastoral care and oversight over all its ministers and churches?

2. Will the presbytery be able to equip and organize churches and members for the common mission tasks within its boundaries; can it accept responsibility to evangelize and develop churches in all that territory reserved to it by the General Assembly?

3. Will it be able to develop and employ its financial resources so that the program of the church within its bounds, and the programs developed by the General Assembly, receive proper support?

4. Considering the natural weaknesses of the denomination's infancy, will the presbytery have at least 1,000 communicant members in no less than ten churches so that it is not subject to domination, or threatened by internal difficulties?

5. Will the increasing cost of travel as well as the inherent value of time make attendance at regular and special meetings of the presbytery and its committees difficult?

6. Will the fellowship and working relationships of past associations be preserved wherever possible?

7. Will major metropolitan areas be kept intact so that they can be addressed as a whole, even if state and natural boundaries are crossed? (For ease of identification, county lines were always followed.)

The ideal was seldom achieved; many "trade-offs" were required. However, the boundaries presented serve as the basis for a possible new beginning, with each presbytery able to adjust itself into more comfortable and workable boundaries should God bring the denominations together. The stirring of this sensitive area, involving many interpersonal relationships, may be the cultivation which precedes a new planting and a bountiful harvest.

#### B. *Churches That Are "Out of Bounds"*

The Presbyterian Church in America has not, in its brief eight years, divided the whole of the United States into presbyteries. The reason is not because of some well thought out program of development. Rather, it is due to the fact that no church enrolled in the First General Assembly was located in territory outside the historic boundaries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Since 1973, as churches and missions have been

added in the North and West, experience has taught some of the lessons implied by the criteria listed above. Therefore, the PCA is now operating under the assumption that boundaries do not need to encompass every particular church or mission. Yet, every church and mission belongs to a presbytery, receives its care, and participates in all the life of that presbytery. The only difference between the church within boundaries and the one outside is that the geographical context of the one outside is reserved to the entire General Assembly, and the people of the area are the subjects of missionary concern in all courts of the church.

A principle is implied. The PCA *Book of Church Order* (14-1-2) recognizes the right of the session, the presbytery, and the General Assembly to evangelize and plant churches almost anywhere in the world. That right is circumscribed only by the boundaries of another PCA presbytery. Thus, a church in Mississippi planted a church in Massachusetts, and almost all the churches and presbyteries support the Assembly's program of evangelism and church development which is carried on freely and without restraints in those areas where no presbytery exists. But within a presbytery's territory those assembly mission programs are conducted only with the concurrence of that presbytery.

### *C. Comments on the Map Which Includes Churches of the Three Denominations*

Each church left outside the bounds of any presbytery is identified by an arrow pointing to the presbytery to which it will initially belong.

A few existing PCA presbyteries are asked to reconsider their boundaries as follows:

1. Mid-Atlantic Presbytery would give its four most northerly counties in Virginia, the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and all its territory within Maryland and West Virginia to a new Delmarva Presbytery.

2. Philadelphia Presbytery would give its territory in New Jersey to a new Presbytery of New Jersey and would at the same time extend its boundary in the west to create a common boundary with Ascension. (New York City metropolitan area and Long Island will remain outside bounds in the hope that the whole assembly will join in developing the church in that metropolis).

3. Ascension Presbytery will extend its northwest boundary to include the Cleveland metropolitan area and at the same time add two Ohio counties in the South.

4. Tennessee Valley Presbytery will expand a short way into Ohio to include Hamilton and Clermont Counties in Ohio (the Cincinnati metropolitan area). Upon mutual agreement with North Georgia, five counties of Georgia in the Chattanooga metropolitan area would be added to Tennessee Valley. Tennessee Valley would give up seven counties in northwest Kentucky, the area around Owensboro, Ky., and Evansville, Ind.

5. While a three-way division of the state of Texas was suggested by some Texas presbyters, by testing the concept against the criteria it seemed that south Texas would not yet have sufficient strength to stand alone. At the same time it is hoped that Texas Presbytery will concur with breaking off west Texas according to market districts drawn by the Texas Planning Commission.

6. The Provisional Presbytery of Siouxlans in eastern South Dakota would be enlarged to include all the Dakotas.

7. Southwest Presbytery, now the PCA's weakest, still would not have sufficient strength without the addition of the state of Colorado. This "trade-off" enlarges the territory considerably in order to add sufficient communicant membership. Because churches in southern New Mexico are in the El Paso market area, the Texas county of El Paso has been added to the Southwest Presbytery.

8. Pacific Presbytery would have a new northern border just above Sacramento. (The present OPC Presbytery of Northern California did not have the communicant strength to satisfy the criteria.) This would return territory in the far north of California to the assembly, as well as territories largely east of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Hawaii would be outside of presbytery boundaries. Western Oregon and Washington would become a Northwest Presbytery.

All of this would add ten presbyteries and approximately 35,000 communicants to the PCA's present 24 presbyteries and 80,000 communicants. Many will have concern for the Presbytery of Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces), at present

a presbytery of the RPCES. It is thought by RPCES leaders that although the presbytery now has only five churches and 144 communicants, it would be a step backward in relationships with neighbors to the north of the national boundary if these churches were added to a New England Presbytery.

*D. Comments on the Maps Which Include Churches of Only Two Denominations*

In the event of a two-way joining with the OPC, suggested changes in PCA presbytery boundaries would be the same except in one place. The boundary of Tennessee Valley in western Kentucky would remain as it exists in the PCA.

In the event of a two-way joining with the RPCES, there would be two differences, in Tennessee Valley and Pacific Presbyteries. In the former instance, Kentucky would be divided east to west with the northern half added to a presbytery to the north including parts of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. In this way, a presbytery of sufficient strength can be created. In the far west, Pacific Presbytery would retain only Southern California. In Washington, a new presbytery would include only the area around the Puget Sound.

A call for the previous question was carried by a vote of 234-75. The Rev. Nelson Malkus called for ballot by secret ballot. The moderator called for a ten-minute season of silent prayer prior to the voting. The Rev. Frederick McFarland closed in prayer.

***ACTION ON JOINING AND RECEIVING:***

1. Synod, by a vote of 73.2 percent (yes: 243, no: 85, abstained: 4) approved the recommendations on joining the PCA and sent these down to presbyteries for action.

2. A motion to declare the ballot unanimous by acclamation failed with 15 negative votes cast.

3. The communication of the Board of WPM to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA was adopted.

4. Synod, on motion, expressed its appreciation to the Fraternal Relations Committee for its work.

5. Synod, on motion, expressed its appreciation to the moderator for his skillful handling of the deliberations of the day.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. Robert Reymond at 5:09 p.m.

## **TUESDAY MEETING**

**May 26, 1981**

At 8:00 a.m., Mr. Stephen Lawton led synod in the singing of "Fairest Lord Jesus," and led in prayer. The Rev. Dr. Dan Orme led the assembly in the morning devotional from 2 Timothy 2, and in a season of prayer.

The vice moderator, elder Maurie McPhee, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. The Rev. David Alexander led in prayer.

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair introduced Dr. John H. White of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, who brought greetings to the synod.

### **REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair presented the recommendations of the committee not having to do with the "Joining-Receiving" discussion between the PCA, the RPCES, and the OPC.

#### **ACTION:**

1. Recommendations 1-3 concerning the Christian college in Africa were committed to a special committee of synod.

2. The following recommendation and amendment were referred by synod to the Bills and Overtures Committee:

a. While we agree that we do not possess words or names even though we do own the corporate identity of incorporated names, nor is it our desire to pass comment upon the differences that exist between us, the RPCES does feel constrained to protect those churches within our body which already are established with the name Evangelical Presbyterian Church, from confusion with you in light of the differences that do exist between us. Therefore, we will not release the name for your use.

b. That we urge this group to adopt a name that is different enough in order to avoid legal problems.

Synod recessed at 10:10 a.m. with prayer by Mr. Jack Paist. Synod was reconvened at 10:30 a.m. by the vice moderator, with Mr. Richard Herbert leading in prayer.

### **REPORT OF COVENANT COLLEGE**

Dr. Martinm Essenburg, president of the college, presented the following report to synod:

Fathers and Brethren:

"All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed powers; all my thoughts and words and doings; all my days and all my hours." This opening verse from our college hymn expresses the desire and purpose we have educating young people in the fear and love of the Lord, and it is closely related to the college motto: "That in all things Christ might have the preeminence."

We are aware of our responsibility to help our students develop Christian perspectives in every area of life and learning, and we believe that such perspectives emanate from the scriptural teaching that our Savior

does indeed have preeminence in all things. The Covenant College statement of purpose has these four major points:

1. To see creation as the handiwork of God and to study it with wonder and respect.
2. To acknowledge the fallen nature of ourselves and of the rest of creation and to respond, in view of the renewal which begins with Christ's redemption, by seeking to bring every thought and act into obedience to Him.
3. To reclaim the creation for God and redirect it to the service of God and man, receiving the many valuable insights into the structure of reality provided by the good hand of God through men of learning in every age, and seeking to interpret and re-form such insights according to the Scriptures.
4. To think as Christians about culture and endeavor to make it reflect our commitment to Christ in order to glorify God and promote the true advancement of men.

### Commencement and Graduates

Rev. Robert F. Auffarth, pastor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, Del., and vice chairman of our Board of Trustees, delivered this year's commencement address, entitled "How to Say No to God and Get Away With It." Copies of this address are available upon request.

Eighty-four students completed or are scheduled to complete graduation requirements this summer.

	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>		
	<b>*1979</b>	<b>**1980</b>	<b>***1981</b>
Biblical Studies and Missions	12	12	7
Biology	0	6	8
Business Administration	2	10	7
Chemistry	2	0	2
Elementary Education	14	9	8
English	6	4	6
History	8	4	7
Interdisciplinary Studies	7	9	12
Music	1	0	1
Natural Science	0	1	0
Philosophy	5	3	3
Physical Education	2	3	5
Psychology	3	7	9
Sociology	11	10	7

\*5 graduates have double majors

\*\*2 graduates have double majors

\*\*\*7 graduates have double majors

	<b>Bachelor of Music</b>		
Applied Music	2	2	4
Music Education	4	1	0

	<b>Associate of Arts</b>		
	1	2	5

### Enrollment

The enrollment for the 1980 fall semester was 522, a significant increase over the 494 which we had in the fall of 1979. The four states with the highest enrollments were Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, in that order. Our students came from 42 states and 18 foreign countries, and, as shown in the table below, were affiliated with several denominations:

	<i>Fall 1978</i>	<i>Fall 1979</i>	<i>Fall 1980</i>
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod	34.0%	29.8%	33.7%
Presbyterian Church in America	14.3	13.6	14.6
Orthodox Presbyterian Church	8.0	9.5	9.8
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	6.0	4.9	2.9
Other Presbyterian and Reformed	9.2	8.0	7.8
Baptists	10.3	12.8	11.9
Independent and Others	18.2	21.4	19.3

### **Personnel Changes and Activities**

Leaving the faculty this year are Dr. and Mrs. John M. L. Young and Dr. Bruce Hekman.

Dr. and Mrs. Young., who have been teaching at Covenant College since 1967 and 1963 respectively, will be leaving this summer for missionary service in Japan under World Presbyterian Missions.

Dr. Hekman has been on leave of absence from the college for the last two years, serving as principal of Chattanooga Christian School. Having accepted the position of superintendent of the Eastern Christian Schools, he and his family will be moving to New Jersey this summer.

It seems likely that Mrs. Peggy Muller, who has been teaching in our sociology department the last several years, will be leaving that position as we secure a full-time person to work with Dr. Jack Muller, and who taught chemistry this year, will leave that position as Dr. Brian McRae joins the chemistry department.

Dr. Robert Monroe will become a full member of the music department, having served as a part-time teacher for several years. Mr. Eugene Fitzgerald will return from his year's leave in Taiwan to resume his teaching in the physical education department and his coaching of the men's basketball team.

Dr. Paul Hesselink, chairman of our English department, successfully completed his doctoral work at the University of Chicago. By the end of 1981, Mr. Craig Parker expects to have earned his doctorate in music from the University of Washington.

Mr. Barry Loy, who joined our Student Development Staff as Director of Counseling and Placement, will serve as Assistant Dean next year. In an effort to provide more adult presence and supervision in our residence halls, especially during evening hours, we shall be employing a Director of Residence Hall Life, beginning in the fall. This person will live on campus and will supervise the work of 14 students who serve as Resident Assistants.

Mr. Andrew Belz, who has served in our Public Relations Department for the past four years, is leaving to pursue a master's degree in journalism at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Arthur Klem is completing his first year of service as our Vice President for Development. Dr. Klem is a graduate of Wheaton College and has a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Prior to joining us he was involved in teaching and administrative work at Wheaton, Trinity, and Oakland Community Colleges.

## **Student Activities and Interests**

One of the requirements for graduation is the writing of a thesis within the field of a student's major, expressing a Christian view of the subject involved. Listed below are some representative titles of Senior Integration Projects:

An Interpretive Naturalist's Christian Responsibility  
Can Biblical Perspectives be used in Management of the Organization?  
Children as Image Bearers: A Discussion of Why and How  
Children Can Act on Their Faith  
The Book of Zechariah  
Social Action Towards the World's Poor: Should It Accompany  
Evangelism in the Mission of the Church?  
Ethics in Psychology  
Nutrition and Mental Health  
The Influence of Greek Ideas on Christianity  
The Anti-establishment Movement of the Sixties  
Is the Ethical for Christians to Perform in Opera?  
Environmental Responsibilities: A Christian Perspective  
Man as a Computing System: A Christian Investigation  
Early Problems of the Natural Selection Theory and Their Resolution  
by Genetic Research  
A Study of Cultural Values in the Russian Literary Tradition  
Promotions in Personnel Management  
The Structure and Purpose of the Church  
Logotherapy: A Christian Perspective  
Wilderness Life Outreach to Fatherless and Delinquent Children  
Interning with Hamilton County Criminal Justice System  
Handbook for Beginning a Nursery School  
A Christian View of Mathematical Modeling  
Film Evaluation  
Church-Related Evangelism and Personal Discipleship  
The Christian in Law Enforcement  
Leadership: A Christian Perspective  
Biblical Ethics for Use of Creation  
A Biblical Based Approach for Counseling  
Dorothy Sayres: Her Life, Faith, and Works  
It is Written: An Inquiry into the Debate on Inerrancy  
An Analysis of Educational Opportunities for Missionary Children

Chapel services provided regular opportunities for corporate worship and spiritual growth, and we again had a rich variety of special speakers:

Dr. John H. Gerstner, Professor of Church History at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, was here for three days and spoke from Romans 12.

Dr. John Warwick Montgomery's message was entitled "Law in the Defense of the Christian Faith." He is the dean at Simon Greenleaf School of International Law.

Dr. Edward Ericson, professor of English at Calvin College, was our Staley Lecturer this year, and he spoke on "Solzhenitsyn: The Moral Vision."

Dr. Christian Baeta, a Christian leader from the Republic of Ghana, delivered the Association of Reformed Colleges lectures on "Third World Theologies Relating to Africa."

Dr. James Montgomery Boice, pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, delivered a message on Enoch.

The college drama club presented excellent performances of "Games Christians Pay" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

## Renovation of Our Main Building

You have noticed, I trust, that Carter Hall has a new exterior, including a new roof as well as a new wall around the entire structure. Foundation grants enabled us to do that project at a cost of \$1,900,000.

The next phase of this building renovation will involve the interior. While you are on campus, please visit Room 523 on the fifth floor to see what a renovated room can become. This sample room was done with a donation from a friend. Perhaps your church would like to consider assisting the college in this way. We would be very pleased to discuss that possibility with you.

## Student Financial Aid

Tuition and fees have increased significantly in recent years, primarily because of rampant inflation, but it is important to understand that generous financial aid is available to approximately 80 percent of our students. In 1980-81, about 425 students received about \$1,463,188 in aid, which came in the following forms;

Scholarships and Grants	\$721,360
Loans	385,828
College Work/Study Program (employment on campus)	<u>356,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,463,188

Please share this information with the high school students in your church and with their parents.

## Financial Report

The attached financial report presents detailed information pertaining to the past two fiscal years.

As I write this, we are working and praying to claim a \$250,000 challenge grant, which will be given to the college if we meet our gifts and grants goal of \$520,000 for operating purposes. More than \$100,000 is still needed. Your help in enabling us to reach that goal and claim that urgently needed grant will be much appreciated.

May I again call your attention to the important matter of church support? The 1980 Minutes of Synod show that in 1979 the church gave \$103,218 to the college. Please note the following points related to that giving:

1. The amount of \$103,218 represents a significant increase over the amount of \$75,107, which was contributed by the church in 1979.
2. The amount of \$103,218 is less than 1 percent of total denominational giving, which was \$11,172,690.
3. That amount of \$103,218 provides less than 15 percent of the total gifts required annually for the regular operating needs of the college. (Gifts income needed for 1980-81 is \$770,000 and for 1981-82 is \$810,000).



4. Last year the Synod, in its *Guide to Proportionate Giving*, asked the churches to provide \$480,000 for the college. This year the Administrative Committee is recommending that \$540,000 be given. With a communicant membership of more than 20,600, this involves an annual contribution of about \$26 per member. Your faithful consideration of that recommendation, both here and with your congregation, will be deeply appreciated.

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that Synod designate Sunday, October 25, 1981, as Covenant College Sunday throughout the RPCES and encourage churches to remember the college with prayer and an offering on that day.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Martin Essenburg, President

**COVENANT COLLEGE  
 STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & TRANSFERS  
 Years Ended June 30, 1980 and 1979**

	1980	1979
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Educational and general		
Student tuition and fees	\$1,391,330	\$1,388,399
Governmental appropriations	195,947	166,034
Sponsored research	20,570	19,926
Student aid	206,600	150,915
Gifts	768,800	695,285
Other sources	<u>21,982</u>	<u>20,106</u>
Total educational and general	\$2,605,229	\$2,440,665
Auxiliary enterprises and service groups	<u>872,257</u>	<u>849,429</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$3,477,486	\$3,290,094
 <b>EXPENDITURES AND MANDATORY TRANSFERS</b>		
Educational and general		
Instructional	\$778,966	\$660,919
Institutional research	28,272	25,453
Library	90,094	92,917
Student services	270,456	221,970
Operation and maintenance of plant	332,483	328,589
General and administrative	239,144	226,579
Development, alumni, and public relations	147,888	159,962
Staff benefits	105,467	99,934
General Institutional	105,609	103,369
Student aid	<u>320,783</u>	<u>277,227</u>
Educational and general expenditures	\$2,419,162	\$2,196,919
Mandatory transfers to		
Loan fund matching grant	15,111	13,152
Retirement of indebtedness fund for principal interest	<u>146,395</u>	<u>72,466</u>
Total educational and general	\$2,580,668	\$2,282,537

Auxiliary enterprises and service groups		
Expenditures	924,936	840,989
Mandatory transfer for reduction of indebtedness on residence hall	<u>31,125</u>	<u>29,342</u>
Total auxiliary enterprises and service groups	<u>956,061</u>	<u>870,331</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND MANDATORY TRANSFERS	\$3,536,729	\$3,152,868
Other transfers:		
To investment in plant fund for buildings improvements	91,396	24,574
To investment in plant for equipment	25,899	14,222
To investment in plant for principal payments on notes		36,324
Permanent transfer of inter-fund balance		(885)
To endowment fund for retirement fund	<u>15,650</u>	
Total other transfers	<u>132,945</u>	<u>74,235</u>
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS	(\$191,188)	\$62,991

**ACTION:**

Synod, on motion, designated Sunday, October 25, 1981, as Covenant College Sunday throughout the RPCES and encourages churches to remember the college with prayer and an offering on that day.

**REPORT OF THE COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dr. Richard Chewning, president of the board, presented the following report, after recognizing the faithful service of Dr. and Mrs. John M. L. Young who will be ministering in Japan.

**Fathers and Brethren:**

The Board of Trustees of Covenant College will be acting on the following proposed amendment to the Bylaws during the 1981-82 academic year in preparation for the possibility of the College becoming the PCA's College should the RPCES accept the invitation to the PCA to join them. These proposed changes will be acted upon *contingent* upon such denominational action.

It is further realized that these proposed changes are *not* in conformity with the Standing Rules of Synod; Chapter XIII—Agencies; Paragraphs 1), 2), and 3)c). It is *not* proposed that a change be made in the Standing Rules of Synod, however, as should the RPCES decide to join the PCA, the rules governing the PCA would prevail. But it is believed (not shown) that the PCA would treat *sympathetically* the operating By-Laws of the College and use them as the operating model for their Assembly. The following changes, authorized by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees (task given by the Full Board to the Executive Committee, with details, at the February, 1981 Board Meeting) will be read to the full

Board on October 30, 1981, and if accepted, *contingently finalized* in a second reading on March 26, 1982:

Proposed Change to *By-Laws for Covenant College*  
(as printed 7/13/78)

Old Wording: (Article IV—Board of Trustees; Section 4.;  
Paragraph 2; located on page 3)

“The Trustees coming into office on organization shall be elected so that the terms of one-third of their number shall expire every year. Therefore on the election of additional Trustees such additional Trustees shall hold office for three years or until their successors are elected and take office.”

Proposed Wording (*Italicized words are new*)

“The Trustees coming into office on organization shall be elected so that the term of *one-fourth* of their number shall expire every year. Therefore, on the election of additional Trustees shall hold office for *four* years or until their successors are elected and take office. *Trustees may not serve more than two successive terms, after which a one-year period must elapse before being eligible for nomination and re-election to the Board. If re-elected, the original time limitations of service apply as when first elected. The Board shall consist of four classes of seven men each, elected by the General Assembly.*

Richard Chewning  
Chairman

### **ACTION:**

1. Synod, on motion, substituted the following motion for the proposed change to by-laws as printed in the “Report of the Board of Trustees of Covenant College”:

Synod authorizes the Board of Trustees of Covenant College to do one or a combination of the following:

- a. amend the by-laws as presented to the 159th General Synod on page 62 of the Supplements to Reports, or
- b. establish four classes of trustees with four year terms allowing for uninterrupted successive terms of office, or
- c. remain as we are now constituted in three classes with three year terms allowing for successive terms of office.

2. Synod approved the following PCA nominees to be presented to the General Assembly of the PCA for the election of two as trustees of Covenant College: Dr. William Hall, Rev. Fred Marsh, Dr. Morton Smith, and Mr. Jack Williamson.

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

Mr. John Hudson, president of the Foundation, presented the following report, together with a multi-media presentation on the preparation of a will:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

As I noted in my first report to you, I visualized the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation being basically threefold:

1. To teach our people what the Bible says about stewardship and how this can *practically* be applied to our lives.

2. To show Christians that by adequate planning they can better provide financially for themselves and their families.

3. To help people, who desire to continue their financial support of their local church and the agencies of the RPCES, discover how this can be accomplished through the various deferred giving plans which are made available by the Foundation.

When I began (part time as of 10/1/79) on 1/1/80 the RPF Board suggested the following activities and goals:

### 1. ACTIVITIES

*Clinics and Seminars*—estate planning seminars, primarily educative in function.

a. Primarily emphasize the needs and options open to the individual.

b. explain the importance of both living and testamentary estate planning in light of:

Biblical stewardship

Principles of sound estate planning

Tax consequences.

*Advertising and Literature*—the preparation of brochures and placement of advertising regarding:

a. The ministry of the Foundation

b. The adverse consequences of failing to formulate an estate plan.

c. The importance of Christian stewardship in estate planning.

*Advisory Services*—to local churches and agencies—on-call resource, information and professional personnel, for local churches and agencies, when a specific donor and the recipient church/agency desire consultation regarding the optimum method.

### OBJECTIVE/GOALS

a. conduct at least five area wide seminars

b. establish a publicity campaign

c. establish a referral system

d. president to obtain current tax and estate planning training on a continuous basis.

### RESULTS TO DATE

As of March 1981 the following actions have been taken:

1. Seminars held—28 attended by 664 people.

2. Publicity/Advertising Campaign

a. sent out 14,429 direct mail letters

b. advertising and articles provided to all of the agencies and the *Presbyterian Journal*

3. Referral System—we are now able to refer any inquiries regarding attorneys and other professionals in any area of the country.

4. Other Action Taken—we have mailed a report letter and a copy of the book "Leave Your House in Order" to all agency board members to:

- a. report on the status of the R.P. Foundation
- b. challenge each man to personally consider the order of his own "house"
- c. request each man's participation by referring the Foundation to likely prospects.
- d. urging prayer support for our ministry.

### Our Plans

Now that the ground work has been laid it is my intention to move my activities into the new phase in the coming year. Seminars will remain one of our main thrusts for reaching people in the local churches. I plan to conduct 15 to 20 of these seminars this year. However, I now want to begin to place more emphasis on the responsibility that we have to be more than hearers. I want to be able to help our people make a plan and then implement it. With this in mind we have initiated two new services.

1. *Personal Appointments*—since most people don't know where to begin, they simply do nothing. I need to help them begin. I will arrange my schedule in such a way as to be available for personal appointments on the day following each seminar. During that session I will be able to help any family to determine what they have and what they desire to do and make suggestions as to how they can best accomplish their wishes.

2. *Professional Assistance*—for those people who have an attorney I will work with him in implementation of the family's desires. If, however, they have no attorney (which is often the case), I will be equipped to refer them to the professional service they require.

It is my great hope that more and more of our pastors, elders and deacons will recognize the great need for the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation and get involved. This involvement could be inviting me to present a seminar in their church or referring me to someone in need.

The following nominees have been submitted to the Nominating Committee: Don MacNair, George Peters, Bob Edmiston and Bob Avis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Hudson, President

### REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION Balance Sheet—March 31, 1981

ASSETS	<i>Total</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>
Cash—Checking	\$1,159	\$1,159	\$—
—Savings	83	83	
Accounts Receivable	2,331	2,331	
Investments			
Merrill Lynch Account—Market Value as of March 31—\$452,037	509,506	64,278	445,228
Agency notes	3,000	3,000	
Office Equipment	350	350	
Prepaid Salaries	300	300	
Travel Advance	100	100	
Total Assets	\$516,831	\$71,603	\$445,228

<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued FICA and Withholding	\$825	\$825	
Reserve for annuity payments	<u>80,088</u>		<u>80,088</u>
Total Liabilities	\$80,914	\$825	\$80,088
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
	<u>435,917</u>	<u>70,778</u>	<u>365,139</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$516,831	\$71,603	\$445,228

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**  
**For Three Months Ended March 31, 1981**

	<i>Provisional Budget 1981</i>	<i>Year-to-date 1981</i>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Unrestricted		
Agency support		
Board of Home Ministries	\$1,800	\$450
Christian Training Inc.	180	45
Covenant College	15,000	3,750
Covenant Theological Seminary	20,000	5000
National Presbyterian Missions	10,000	2,500
World Presbyterian Missions	<u>15,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Agency Support	\$61,980	\$16,745
Investment Income		
Stocks, bonds, and savings	\$30,000	\$15,054
Agency notes	<u>290</u>	<u>110</u>
Total investment income	\$30,290	\$15,164
Other income		
Gifts	\$—	\$509
Seminar reimbursements		481
Miscellaneous		<u>2</u>
Total other income		<u>\$993</u>
Total Unrestricted Income	\$92,270	\$32,902
Restricted		
Designated Gifts		
Covenant Theological Seminary		\$3,780
World Presbyterian Missions		<u>800</u>
Total designated gifts		<u>\$4,580</u>
Investment income		
Annuities—Insurance companies		<u>\$1,898</u>
Total investment income		<u>\$1,898</u>
Total Restricted Income		<u>\$6,479</u>
Total Income	\$92,270	\$39,381
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Unrestricted		
Personnel	\$34,738	\$8,171
Office	26,300	4,275
Office and Utility	3,540	1,261
Travel	9,500	2,303
Other		1
Contract Payments		<u>580</u>
Total Unrestricted Expenditures	<u>\$74,078</u>	<u>\$16,592</u>

Restricted		
Designated Gifts	4,580	
Contract Payments	6,134	
Total Restricted Expenditures	10,715	
Total Expenditures	\$74,078	\$27,307
Total Income Over (Under) Expenditures	\$18,192	\$12,074

Synod recessed at 12:16 p.m., being dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Tom Aicken. The meeting was reconvened at 1:32 p.m. by the moderator. Mr. Paul Anthony led in prayer for the work of the synod.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 22 and 23 meetings, having been distributed, were approved as distributed.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MINISTRIES**

The Rev. William Phillips, president of the board, assisted by the Rev. George Soltau, the Rev. Richard Fisher, Mrs. Libby Gutsche, the Rev. Mario Rivera, Mr. Earl Witmer, and Mr. Robert Taylor, presented the following report:

Fathers and Brethren:

#### ***A. Introduction***

All praise, honor and thanksgiving belong to Jesus Christ, our faithful Redeemer and sovereign Lord, for His care over our personnel and activities during 1980. There has been an orderly development of the agency's ministries. This is primarily so because many people in our denomination have assisted us by prayer and regular support in the challenge of ministering mercy both to individuals and through mission churches. We have observed a truly remarkable partnership of large, small, young, and old RPCES churches combining their resources to support BHM sponsored ministries. Also, 348 individuals supported BHM by personal gifts in 1980.

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Eph. 2:10, NIV). As a church we are finding His sovereign will to be that of a call to involvement by loving service in the name of Jesus Christ. We are seeing the fruit of His Spirit at work in us toward the needy people He places before us to be helped. We do not believe needy people are found by our churches or members through accident or chance. They are there by God's appointment. Are we, His church, prepared to be sensitive to His will for the felt needs of so many around us and will we increasingly respond in the compassion of our Lord as He taught us in Mark 10:25-37?

### ***B. Board of Directors meetings***

The BHM Directors met twice in 1980, April 29-May 1, with 14 present, and September 29-October 1, with 15 present; both times in Grand Rapids, Mich. The Executive Committee of the board met by conference call on four occasions. Officers were elected in the annual meeting of the board, September 29, as follows:

Rev. William Phillips, Indianapolis, Ind., president  
Mr. Robert Taylor, Sylmar, Cal., vice-president  
Mr. F. Lyle Fogle, Tulsa, Okla., secretary  
Rev. William A. Shell, Grand Rapids, Mich., treasurer

Chairmen of the three standing committees are: Rev. Carl Stewart, administrative/finance; Rev. Roy Wescher, publicity/church relations; Rev. Seth Dyrness, long range planning. These sub-committee chairmen serve on the executive committee with the officers.

The directors developed and adopted a list of priorities for ministry emphasis as follows:

- A. Mission projects
  - 1) Ethnic minorities
  - 2) Prison ministries
  - 3) Campus ministries
  - 4) Migrant workers
- B. Diaconal projects
  - 1) Diaconal training
  - 2) Unborn/unwed
  - 3) Refugees
  - 4) Emergency relief
  - 5) Elderly

Other significant action taken by the directors was to expand our audio/visual library to include *Teenage Father*, a 16mm film produced by the Children's Home Society of California presenting the struggles of youth caught in the problem of premarital parenting, especially as it relates to the young father's responsibility; and a slide/tape presentation titled *Abortion: The Christian Viewpoint*, developed by Crusade for Life Inc., Whittier, Cal. Both media presentations are available through the BHM office for small fees to cover the cost of purchase and maintenance.

The directors also approved initiation of prison related ministries in consultation with Rev. George Soltau, associate with Prison Fellowship Inc. The particular concern and focus of BHM is to train and equip church members for community outreach ministry to families of incarcerated people as well as to inmates who need the gospel.

### ***C. Administration***

Mr. Earl W. Witmer continued as fulltime executive director of BHM, accountable to the board for day to day operations including coordination and oversight of the agency's ministries as well as publicizing the same throughout the denomination. Mrs. Witmer has continued as a part-time bookkeeper/secretary for 30 hours per week and late in 1980



Mrs. William (Marjorie) Shell was contracted for 7½ hours per week.

Office space for BHM of 350 square feet is leased at 1424 Lake Dr. SE (second floor), Grand Rapids. Our mailing address continues to be P.O. Box 6422, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

To assist the executive director in oversight of ministries, field committees are established as the need arises. The Philadelphia Spanish Outreach Committee continues to give direction to Rev. Joe Little and Colin Marshall in their evangelism and church planting ministry.

A special committee of Robert Taylor, David Jones, Jim Kern, Harold Kennedy, Seth Dyrness, and Earl Witmer was appointed by the president to meet with the Mission to the United States committee of the PCA to discuss the assimilation of BHM personnel and ministries in the event of the 159th Synod's approval of the resolution to join the Presbyterian Church in America. Mr. Witmer was requested to attend all the joint meetings of the Fraternal Relations Committee with the Ad-Interim Committee of the PCA where the topic of joining was discussed. Rev. William Phillips, president of BHM, has had correspondence with Rev. Philip Clark, coordinator of MUS, regarding the place of BHM staff in the MUS administrative structure. Results of these discussions will be presented to BHM directors in the spring meeting preceding the 159th Synod at Covenant College.

#### *D. Financial condition of BHM*

The audit of our financial records was done by Sterk and Edwards, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Grand Rapids, Mich., and is attached to this report.

In 1980, BHM's total income from churches (73%) and individuals (27%), plus interest and film rentals, was \$148,211, an increase of 39.8% over 1979. Total disbursements for 1980 were \$148,453. A seven year record of giving to BHM with percentage of increase is:

1974 — \$16,272 = +38.1%

1975 — 21,993 = +35.2%

1976 — 24,548 = +11.6%

1977 — 40,436 = +64.7%

1978 — 67,485 = +66.9%

1979 — 106,018 = +57.1%

1980 — 148,211 = +39.8%

\*1981 — 195,210 = +32.0% or \$9.70 annually per member giving necessary.

\*Projected budget

The record of RP church giving to BHM by years specified is shown:

1971 — 16 = 11.4% of RP churches

1974 — 38 = 23.8% of RP churches

1976 — 61 = 36.3% of RP churches

1979 — 114 = 60.3% of RP churches

1980 — 134 = 70.5% of RP churches

We are very grateful to God for these increases. We recognize, however, that growth in income requires greater responsibility in channeling funds to accomplish effective ministries for the whole church. We

do not want to stop short of that goal. We will pursue efficient coordination of service to all the churches and presbyteries affiliated with the RPCES. In return we request sessions and trustees to prayerfully consider our need of \$9.70 per member giving to BHM in 1981. The BHM Board of Directors requests your help to maintain our steady growth and financial liquidity.

### *E. Legal Matters*

Ammended By-Laws made to conform to the Articles of Incorporation filed in Michigan were approved by the unanimous vote of the directors in two board meetings and were also approved by the vote of the 158th General Synod in Seattle, WA. The second vote of synod will be requested in the 159th General Synod at Covenant College, May 22-28, 1981. This vote, if favorable, will bring us into legal compliance on all civil matters.

The deed transfer of the former 5th RPC Church, 2441 Front St., Philadelphia, PA., was made on June 20, 1980. BHM had received the property by action of the congregation prior to its being dissolved by the Philadelphia Presbytery in accordance with the congregation's wishes. The BHM, as a nonprofit corporation of the RPCES, is holding the property in trust for the Philadelphia Presbytery since BHM is the church agency which is empowered by the presbytery to initiate and develop ministries in the community of the Front Street property. BHM will utilize the property so long as it is deemed necessary and useful by the presbytery and financially able to do. BHM will appeal to the Philadelphia Presbytery for regular assistance for the property's upkeep and physical preservation as a base of worship and service to the people of that area. All legal rights and responsibilities of the property have been transferred to BHM, which has it insured with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, IN. The facility is in constant use as a gathering place for both Anglo and Spanish worship and Bible study groups.

### *F. New Ministries in 1980*

1. The Schaeffer-Koop film series *Whatever Happened To the Human Race?* was purchased by BHM through a designated gift by an individual donor. We received our copy in January and made its use available to groups within our denomination so long as the series was not being shown in a church facility. We rent the series of five episodes for \$200. Also, BHM purchased the single film *Teenage Father* produced by the Children's Home Society of California to bring a program of the explicit problems which teenage parenting outside of marriage incurs, to youth in our churches. This is available for \$20. A third audio visual tool was purchased from Crusade For Life entitled, *Abortion: The Christian Viewpoint*, a full color, slide presentation. This 30 minute program may be rented for \$10.

The total cost of these films was \$2,540, most of which was donated.

In 1980, \$1,325 was received as a net rental fee on these three series. We believe the films are invaluable as teaching tools and should be seen by every RP member, especially the youth. These A/V products are available by writing BHM.

2. A Bethany Christian Services counselor was hired for the Philadelphia area in September. Mrs. Janet (George) Lawrence became a part-time counselor making this the third person that RP churches are sponsoring with Bethany. Mr. Robert Heerdt, ruling elder in Christ Church, RPCES, Oreland, PA, continues to be the chairman of Bethany's advisory committee. We are grateful to God for the committed leadership which has developed for this ministry of mercy.

All money given to BHM by RP churches and individuals for Bethany Christian Services is credited to our obligation to Bethany which now amounts to \$1,744 each month. Any funds sent directly to Bethany will not help defray the BHM obligation; therefore we appeal to our churches for their designated Bethany support to be sent to BHM.

### *G. Continuing BHM Ministries.*

1) *Benton Park Fellowship*—Rev. Charles "Skip" Todd and Rev. Philip Lancaster, co-pastors. Responsibilities of the two men became more distinct as Phil Lancaster took over pastoral duties in a full-time relationship to the mission church. Skip Todd became more involved in community ministry especially related to a housing corporation formed for helping low income families. Two properties were rehabilitated for this purpose. The leadership of Benton Park went through a self study with the help of a presbytery committee. They faced the prospect of the Skip Todds leaving St. Louis in pursuit of a university teaching position for Mrs. Todd. Should that occur the leadership role in the church will need to be resolved. Outreach in the community especially to the teens is still a major concern of BPF accompanied by a diaconal concern for responding to large or small needs which come to their attention.

Leadership people at Benton Park have been instrumental in beginning Jubilee School, a Christian day school for poor city children.

#### *2) Bethany Christian Services.*

a. *St. Louis*—Miss Nancy Posthuma continued through the year as Bethany's counselor in the St. Louis area. The offices remain at 7750 Clayton Rd., St. Louis. The phone number is 314/644-3535. A volunteer organization has come into place numbering more than 20 people who stand ready to help in several aspects of need. Some answer phones; others are assisting in practical support programs to reduce Miss Posthuma's involvement in trivia when her ministry is to be with the unmarried mothers-to-be. Mrs. Durinda Hood, a trained social worker, is giving invaluable assistance in the office detail.

Pray for an increase in referrals of young women who will be willing to relinquish their children for adoption.

b. *Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington*—Mrs. Libbie (Graham) Gutsche continues as the Bethany part-time counselor with numerous

contacts in the eastern seaboard/middle states region. The Gutsches have offered their home known as the The Farmhouse to become a residence for approximately eight unmarried mothers-to-be. Much prayer is needed for the licensing of this fine facility. There is no doubt that the service rendered by the Gutsches is increasing the influence of the kingdom of God into the lives of many hurting and sometime hopeless people. The compassion of Jesus Christ is being shown in ways the Holy Spirit uses to draw people to repentance and conversion to Christ. The phone number in Annapolis is 301/266-6840.

c. *Philadelphia*—Mrs. Janet Lawrence is part-time counselor for Bethany in the Philadelphia area. She is working with a volunteer advisory committee which helps publicize the Bethany ministry in churches and Christian groups. From the start of this service there has been real acceptance of Bethany as a Christian social services agency. The phone number to reach Mrs. Lawrence is 215/641-2522.

Note: The three Bethany offices sponsored by BHM are licensed by the respective states in which they are situated. We give praise to God for the professional manner that Bethany's director, Mr. Hudson Nyenhuis, and his assistant, Mr. Dick Van Deelen, along with their staff members, have developed their organization with a true Christian commitment. The good reputation of Bethany is well known among social service organizations and state licensing offices. We appeal to you for supportive prayer.

3. *Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Boatswain Bay, Grand Cayman Island, B. W. I.*

This was a transition year for the church. Rev. Jonas E. C. Shepherd resigned as pastor and moderator of session after nearly seven years of ministry there to become the director of the Canadian Protestant League. Mr. Shepherd and wife Marjorie moved to eastern Canada from Grand Cayman in September.

Our Boatswain Bay church celebrated its 50th year of service with special services which included former pastors Dr. David Jones and Rev. David Calhoun. The Florida Presbytery convened on the island in September to conduct its work and express appreciation to the Caymanian church for its continuing ministry. The Florida group received a royal welcome including greetings from Sir Thomas Russell, Governor.

Rev. Howell Gerow was installed in October as interim pastor for a six month term. Mr. Gerow is from Warminster, Pa., where he had been teaching school for the past 17 years. He took early retirement and offered to serve this church even though Mrs. Gerow could not accompany him to Grand Cayman. Mr. and Mrs. Gerow were formerly missionaries in South America, having returned to the United States for reasons of health. Mr. Gerow is well known and appreciated in the Philadelphia Presbytery for his service as a supply pastor. We give thanks for his willingness to be used in this special ministry of serving Christ and His church. He was well received and appreciated by the Caymanian church. Another excellent team of Covenant college students served in evangelism and as vacation Bible school staff on Grand Cayman at their

own expense. We are deeply indebted for the ministry of these students and to Dr. John M. L. Young, missions professor at Covenant, who recruits and assists the student teams in their preparation for service on the island.

#### 4. *New City Fellowship, Chattanooga, TN.*

BHM continues to send monthly support for Mrs. Peaches Wade, Administrative assistant to Rev. Randy Nabors, pastor of New City Fellowship. Mrs. Wade serves as both secretary and coordinator of the ministries of NCF and Inner-City Mission. In an attempt to meet the pressing needs of the community, NCF also began a sister church, Immanuel Fellowship with a focus toward a University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, student ministry. Our sister agency for church planting, NPM, has assisted NCF in this mission outreach.

We continue to uphold the ministry of NCF because it is earnestly seeking to be an interracial urban church where opportunity for Covenant College students to be involved in urban ministries is taking place. We commend the ministry of NCF as a demonstration of practical theology among our poorer neighbors where the deeds of the gospel become the tools of God's Holy Spirit to draw people to Christ.

A specific goal of NCF was to hire a full-time administrator for Inner-City Mission so that Randy Nabors can give additional time to spiritual ministry in the neighborhood and less to administrative details. BHM is supportive of this goal and will be seeking to help achieve its fulfillment.

#### 5. *Oklahoma Mission.*

Rev. Richard Fisher completed a full year of ministry as the pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, East Peavine, administrator of the vacation Bible schools and spiritual counselor to people of the area. BHM is grateful for the dedication of Dick and Karen Fisher to minister in rural America. We have seen the development of a many faceted ministry which Mr. Fisher has in the community and we take note of his concern to be identified with the people by mingling among them in community life, to better understand the societal structure of the area. We are thankful for the opportunities which Dick has to bring the good news as a minister of the whole gospel to the region surrounding Stilwell. We commend the congregations at East Peavine and Piney for their outreach efforts and for the growth which came to them in the past year with the leadership of the elders.

For many years there have been summer teams in Oklahoma doing vacation Bible school ministry. In the summer of 1980 we had the services of Mark Carroll, Beth Ann Born, Max Armes and Faith Doughty, who were assisted by people from Calvary Presbyterian Church, East Peavine, in a fine outreach ministry to the outlying communities. Music played a special part in opening the ears of several people to the gospel. The summer ministry in Oklahoma needs the prayer support of the whole church for helping the Fishers and their team of

workers reach those people and children of eastern Oklahoma still unevangelized. We are thankful for the opportunities which have come to Richard Fisher in the schools of the region where he has many contacts for the gospel.

We ask prayer for wisdom concerning the need for a church in the town of Stilwell. We have reason to believe that a Presbyterian church in Stilwell would be assessible to a larger number of people and have greater influence for Christ in the entire area. Pray for more families in the two existing churches.

#### *6. Philadelphia Spanish Outreach.*

With the leadership of Rev. Joe Little and Colin Marshall as staff members, the PSO committee, Rev. John Palmer, chairman, made good progress initiating a church planting ministry to the hispanics of Philadelphia. In July an evangelistic team of 15 young people came from Puerto Rico to conduct Bible classes, theo-drama episodes and do street evangelism in the area of the former 5th RP Church, Front Street, Philadelphia. This outreach was effective if for no other reason than to place a burden on one couple, Mario and Delia Rivera, to return to Philadelphia for full-time ministry.

Rev. Jose Garrastique left Philadelphia for Decatur, Ga., in August, leaving a gap in national leadership to reach the Puerto Rican population in the Kensington region. After much prayer, the PSO committee recommended to the Inner City Committee of Philadelphia Presbytery that Mario Rivera be called as the stated pulpit supply pastor for an emerging hispanic work in the 5th Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rivera, a college graduate, was a lay congregational leader in the Barbara Ann Rossler Presbyterian Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico. preparing to be ordained into the gospel ministry by that congregation.

The inner-city ministry committee recommended to the presbytery that Mario Rivera be examined by the Candidates and Credentials Committee in preparation for receiving him as a teaching elder. This committee recommended that Mr. Rivera become a "man under care" and proceed to licensure and ordination while also taking courses at a seminary in Philadelphia to meet the Biblical language requirements of our Form of Government. The committee commended Mr. Rivera on his grasp of Reformed theology but desired to have Mr. Rivera learn more of the history of our denomination and proceed to the full status of ordination in our church. It was believed by presbytery that Mr. Rivera will become a more effective servant of Jesus Christ by following our Form of Government's process to be credentialed as a minister with the oversight of the C&C committee. We recommend Mario Rivera to God and the church as a man who has obvious ministry gifts.

Mr. Rivera was appointed to be the supply pastor of the Spanish Reformend Presbyterian Mission Church. Rev. Joseph Little, Rev. John Evans and Rev. Robert Swayne were appointed by presbytery as the borrowed session. Mr. Rivera began his ministry in Philadelphia in

November. His wife and son Andre arrived in December.

Colin Marshall continues to hold Bible classes in the Hunting Park area, participates in the services at Front Street and teaches at the Spanish Bible Institute while he is preparing for licensure. He is charged with the particular responsibility of evangelism through home Bible classes and contacts with the youth. We request the prayers of God's people for Colin Marshall's safety and ministry.

Rev. Joe Little has been given oversight of the Spanish ministry in Philadelphia. This continues to be a tent making ministry for Mr. Little as he supports his family through outside employment. Joe Little is accountable to the PSO committee and reports through them to BHM. Mr. Little is available to represent the Spanish work to RP churches and presbyteries.

Rev. John Evans has been burdened for a literature ministry to hispanics. He has been seeking for an appropriate location to establish a book store ministry. Mr. Larry Sibley has been asked to develop a feasibility study for such a center. A matching grant of \$20,000 is available to BHM for starting a Spanish book store and literature center. We ask members of the RP denomination to prayerfully consider how you may participate in meeting this challenge.

The property at 2441 Front Street formerly known as the 5th RPC was given by the congregation to be used for ministry in the Kensington area by a continuing RP congregation. BHM is grateful for this facility as a base from which to develop ministries to people of the area. The surrounding community is poor and in an extremely dilapidated condition. But, there are people there, and the facility we have represents a means by which we can reach out to those people. A plaque is being prepared to place in the facility which reads:

#### HISTORY OF THE FIFTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, having started in this country in the later part of the 18th century, began in Philadelphia in the early 1800's.

The Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church was formed in 1870, meeting in Friendship Hall, located at Frankford Avenue and Adams Street. Later, services were held in Zimmerman Hall, before locating on Front above York Street. The first church building was opened in 1877. This building was completed and dedicated in 1889.

The Rev. William H. Gailey was called to be the first shepherd of the flock and served the congregation faithfully for 40 years, followed by Rev. John Parks, Rev. Theodore Wray, Dr. Charles Pfeiffer, Rev. John Morton and Rev. Wayne Brauning. Each were faithful servants of God proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this corner of His vineyard.

The former 5th RP congregation also contributed their remaining bank balance to BHM for ministry in the community amounting to \$11,313.36. For this we are deeply thankful to God and to the members. This gift is evidence of the church's love for the neighborhood in which they served Christ for so many years. Our prayer is that Christ will continue to build His church in this changing neighborhood in the midst of a new generation. BHM calls on sister RP churches to help us restore and

maintain this property so that it will remain a witness to Jesus Christ to whom it was dedicated.

The Spanish Reformed Presbyterian Church is potentially situated to become the first hispanic church-planting effort of our denomination in North America. With an hispanic population of about 12 million people in North America, there is a field white unto harvest. Pray for a complete commitment of all our resources to meet the needs of this minority group which God has placed among us. The pledge of your support to Spanish ministry will help us avoid the sin of running away from a mission field at our doorstep. Pray that many more men will be prepared to serve Jesus Christ in this bilingual and bicultural setting.

#### *7. Prison Related Ministries.*

A study has been initiated by BHM with Rev. George Soltau and others to determine how we may effect a diaconal ministry to the families and friends of the incarcerated. We are concerned about the criminal justice system of our country where people are left to suffer inhumanely. We believe our church should become more actively involved in ministry to prison and jail inmates as those who are outcasts of society. We are eager to bring a plan of action for sensitizing our membership to this ministry of mercy. Pray for God's will in this crucial hour as we prepare ourselves for this service to hurting people. We will appeal to sister denominations such as are represented in NAPARC to work with us in this program.

#### *8. Deacon Seminars, Almsgiving Program, In-Service Bulletin.*

A small beginning has been made. BHM needs resources to make these programs of diaconal instruction and training possible continuously. We request your participation and support to help us meet the needs of our denominational diaconate.

Does your church need a deacon seminar? Call on the BHM executive director, Earl Witmer, to conduct one for your church.

Have you introduced the *Deacon Gift Box* program in your church? Some churches have and are enthusiastic about the results. Should this be continued or does it not meet a need? We will be responsive to your comments.

#### *H. Resolution of Appreciation*

"The Board of Home Ministries meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 29-October 1, 1980, expresses our sincere gratitude to Rev. Carl Stewart for his long and faithful service as treasurer." Approved unanimously.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

a) Resolved that technical amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Board of Home Ministries which mandate the corporation to comply with the requirements of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal



Revenue Code are hereby approved.

b) Resolved, that the revised by-laws of the Board of Home Ministries dated May 1, 1980 are hereby approved for use by that organization.

c) That March, 1982 be designated by the denomination as a time for special emphasis in local congregations of the ministries of Board of Home Ministries.

Respectfully,  
Earl W. Witmer  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF HOME MINISTRIES**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
For the years ended December 31

	<b>1980</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contributions from individuals and churches	\$146,501	\$105,869
Film rentals	1,325	
Interest income	189	150
Dividend income	196	
Total revenues	148,211	106,018
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Distributions to ministries	83,064	64,873
Director's consulting fees	27,540	20,087
Travel expense—director	5,819	3,420
Secretarial fees	6,970	4,326
Rent	1,392	1,099
Publicity and mailing	8,864	8,281
Phone	3,580	2,801
Equipment and office supplies	3,915	1,487
Foreign exchange fee	151	153
Legal and audit	1,371	561
Contribution to RP Foundation	1,000	120
Travel expense—Board	4,787	2,122
Total disbursements	148,453	109,330
Excess of disbursements over revenues	\$(242)	(3,312)

**STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO MINISTRIES**  
For the years ended December 31

	<b>1980</b>	<b>1979</b>
Oklahoma Mission	\$20,227	\$17,085
Grand Cayman	2,762	11,847
New City Fellowship	6,000	6,750
Emergency relief		1,395
Refugees	2,529	
Philadelphia Spanish Outreach	20,964	9,926
Bethany Christian Services	23,224	11,407
Benton Park Fellowship	2,900	1,560
Sharing Economic Resources	489	25
Campus Ministries	27	772
Film expenses	501	2,033
Alms giving program	1,446	
Houston—pension	600	600
Miscellaneous	1,395	1,470
	\$83,064	\$64,873

**ACTION:**

1. Synod approved the technical amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Board of Home Ministries which mandate the corporation to comply with the requirements of Section 301 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. Synod approved a change in the By-Laws to reduce the number of board members from 24 to 20 (SR XVII,3).

3. On motion, it was agreed to suspend Standing Rule XIX,3,E, so as to allow the action under No. 2 to be implemented this year.

4. Synod designated March 1982 as a time for special emphasis in local congregations of the ministries of the Board of Home Ministries.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN AFRICA**

The moderator announced the appointment of the following members to the Special Committee on a Christian College in Africa, and directed them to report to the 160th General Synod:

*Marion Barnes, chairman  
Joel Belz  
Max Harris*

*Stevan Horning  
Bernhard Kuiper  
Nelson Malkus*

**ELECTION TO CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE**

The following nominations were presented by the Rev. William Leonard. There being no further nominations, synod moved their election by white ballot:

*John MacGregor  
William Leonard*

*Stephen Smallman*

**ELECTION TO THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION**

The following nominations were presented by Mr. John Hudson. There being no further nominations, synod moved their election by white ballot:

*Donald J. MacNair  
George Peters*

*Robert Edmiston  
Robert Avis*

**ELECTION TO COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD**

The following ballot was presented. Three ballots were required to complete elections:

*Dominic Aquila\* (OPC) INC 2/3 T  
Thomas Cross\* INC 2/3 T  
Robert G. Rayburn\* INC 2/3 T  
James Bosgraf\* (OPC) T  
Richard Gabrielse\* (CRC) R  
Stephen Leonard\* T*

*Herbert Crews\* INC 2/3 R  
Franklin Dyrness\* INC 2/3 T  
James Singleton\* INC 2/3 T  
David Clelland\* T  
Robert Gray\* R  
Robert Needham T*

**ELECTION TO BOARD OF HOME MINISTRIES**

The following ballot was presented with the addition of Thaddeus

“Cal” Boroughs III as an additional nomination from the floor:

*Gustav Blomquist\* INC 2/3 T*  
*David C. Jones\* INC 2/3 T*  
*Carl A. Stewart\* INC 2/3 T*  
*William Spink\* T*  
*Thaddeus “Cal” Boroughs T*

*Benjamin L. Deverter\* INC R*  
*Harold M. Kennedy\* INC 2/3 R*  
*Carlyle E. Hanson\* R*  
*Edward Huntington\* T*

### **ELECTION TO FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented with the addition of Charles Holliday, Franklin Dyrness, Lynden Stewart, and Egon Middelmann as additional nominees from the floor (**Note further action, p. 151**):

*Charles Anderson\* INC T*  
*Marion Barnes\* INC R*  
*Robert G. Rayburn\* INC T*  
*Al Lutz\* T*  
*Wyatt Folds\* T*  
*William O’Rourke\* R*

*Walter Menges T*  
*Charles Holliday T*  
*Franklin Dyrness T*  
*Lynden Stewart T*  
*Egon Middelmann T*

Synod recessed at 3:43 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Earl Witmer. Synod was reconvened at 4:00 p.m. by the moderator, with the Rev. Robert Eickelberg leading in prayer.

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SYNOD ON PICTURES OF CHRIST**

The Rev. Allan Baldwin presented the following report for the committee, which included the following members: Allan Baldwin, chairman; Wyatt George, Charles Anderson, Ted Smith, and Stephen Ford:

#### **Introduction**

The following overture came before the 158th General Synod:

#### **OVERTURE E**

“The Southwest Presbytery overtures synod meeting in the summer of 1980 in Seattle, Wash., to (1) clarify what sins are forbidden in the Larger Catechism No. 109. Particularly, is the use of pictures of Christ in the Christian education of the church forbidden? (2) Is the Larger Catechism answer to 109 in accordance with Scripture when it forbids any use of pictures of Christ?”

The action of synod was to establish a committee “to study this issue and report its findings to the 159th General Synod.”

Our committee, thus appointed to study the issue of L.C. 109 and its relationship to the second commandment, presents its report according to the following outline:

- I. Consideration of L.C. 109, concluding that it does, in fact, forbid any use of pictures of Christ.
- II. Consideration of Exodus 20:4-6; concluding that L.C. 109 goes beyond Scripture in forbidding all uses of pictures of Christ.
- III. Consideration of pastoral approaches to the issues raised through this study of L.C. 109 and Exodus 20:4-6.

## I. Consideration of L.C. 109

The outline of this section is:

- A. Historic context of the Westminster Assembly
- B. Larger Catechism Question and Answer 109
- C. Interpretation of L.C. 109
- D. Conclusions

### A. Historic context of the Westminster Assembly

An excellent summary of the historic events and positions taken regarding the teaching and application of the second commandment is found in Charles Hodge's *Systematic Theology*, Vol. III, from which we will quote at some length:

The founders of the Christian Church were Jews. The religion of the Old Testament in which they had been educated forbade the use of images in divine worship. All the heathen were worshippers of idols. Idol-worship, therefore, was an abomination to the Jews. . . . It was not until three centuries after the introduction of Christianity that the influence of the heathen element introduced into the Church was strong enough to overcome the natural opposition to their use in the service of the sanctuary. Three parties soon developed themselves in connection with this subject. The first adhered to the teachings of the Old Testament and the usage of the Apostolic Churches, and repudiated the religious use of images in any form. The second allowed the use of images and pictures for the purpose of instruction, but not for worship. The common people could not read, and therefore it was argued that visible representations of Scriptural persons and incidents were allowable for their benefit. The third contended for their use not only a means of instruction, but also for worship. As early as A.D. 305, the Council of Elvira in Spain condemned the use of pictures in the Church.

In A.D. 726 the Emperor Leo III issued an ordinance forbidding the use of images in churches as heathenish and heretical. To support his action a council was called, which met in Constantinople A.D. 754, and which gave ecclesiastical sanction to this condemnation. In A.D. 787, however, the Empress Irene, under Roman influence, called a council, which Romanists of the Italian school consider ecumenical, at Nice, by which image-worship was fully sanctioned. . . . This Council, therefore, declared the previous Council, called by Leo III, heretical, and ordained the worship of pictures in the churches; not indeed with *latreia*, or the reverence due to God, but with *asposmos kai timatika proskunasis* (with salutations and reverent prostrations). The Council announced the principle on which image-worship, whether among the heathen or Christians, has generally been defended, i.e., that the worship paid the image terminates on the object which it represents.

The decisions of this Council, although sanctioned by the Pope, gave offense to the Western Churches. The Emperor Charlemagne not only caused a book to be written (entitled '*Libri Carolini*') to refute the doctrines inculcated, but also summoned a council to meet . . . where the decrees of the so-called General Council of Nice were "rejected," "despised," and "condemned." All worshipping of pictures and images was forbidden, but their presence in the churches for instruction and ornament was allowed.

The friends of image-worship, however, rapidly gained the ascendancy, so that Thomas Aquinas, one of the best as well as the greatest of the Romish theologians in the thirteenth century, held the extreme doctrine on this subject. He taught that images were to be used in the churches for three purposes, first, for the instruction of the masses who could not read; secondly, that the mystery of the incarnation and the examples of the saints may be excited, as men are more easily moved by what they see than by what they hear. He taught that to the image in itself and for itself no reverence is due, but that if it represents Christ, the reverence due to Christ is due to the image.

(pp. 296-298)

The pre-Reformation period of church history, then, is characterized by general acceptance of the use of images in worship, interspersed with sometimes violent, sometimes more moderate opposition to that practice.

In commenting on this period, Philip Schaff notes that with the Synod of Constantinople (842 A.D.), image-worship was to become firmly entrenched: "In the East images were confined to colored representations on a plane surface, and mosaics, but excluded sculptures and statues from objects of worship. The Roman church makes no such restrictions" (*History of the Christian Church*, Vol. IV, p. 451). He goes on to suggest that the iconoclastic or anti-image position failed to carry the day due to its lack of a positive program. "The chief defect and the cause of its failure was its negative character. It furnished no substitute for image-worship, and left nothing to satisfy the religious wants of the Greek race" (p. 452).

When we come to the Reformation period of church history, we find unanimity on the part of the Protestants in opposing image-worship. Edward Morris (*Theology of the Westminster Symbols*) observes that "primitive Protestantism, especially in the Reformed communion, was strongly opposed to all pictures, even of Christ, in the sanctuaries, as savoring of superstition, if not of idolatry" (p. 528). The Protestant creeds reflected this opposition to image-worship: "The Protestant creeds, from that of Augsburg and the Articles of Smalcald down to the Scotch Confession and the 39 Articles, are united and most positive in their hostility to such image-worship in whatever variety" (E. Morris, op. cit., p. 135).

The Reformed communions objected to image-worship, but also the very manufacturing of images, as offensive to the majesty of God. So John Calvin (*The Institutes*, Book 1, XI) asserts:

The majesty of God is defiled by an absurd and indecorous fiction, when he who is incorporeal is assimilated to corporeal matter; he who is invisible to a visible image; he who is spirit to an inanimate object; and he who fills all space to a bit of paltry wood, or stone, or gold. . . . Hence it is manifest, that whatever statues are set up or pictures painted to represent God, are utterly displeasing to him, as a kind of insult to his majesty" (pp. 91-92).

It is not only the worship of images but the making of the same which is found, by Calvin, to contradict the nature and honor of God.

The Heidelberg Catechism, a product of the Synod of Dort (Nov. 1618 to May 1619), reflects this emphasis of Calvin upon the majesty and nature of God. Questions 96 through 98 from the Heidelberg Catechism are pertinent to this background sketch, and quoted in full:

Question 96. What does God require in the second commandment?

Answer. That we in no wise represent God by images, nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his word.

Question 97. Are images then not at all to be made?

Answer. God neither can nor may be represented by any means; but as to creatures, though they may be represented, yet God forbids us to make, or have any resemblance of them, either in order to worship them, or to serve God by them.

Question 98. But may not images be tolerated in the churches, as books to the laity?

Answer. No; for we must not pretend to be wiser than God, who will have his people taught not by dumb images, but by the lively preaching of his word” (quoted from Ursinus’ commentary on the Heidleberg Catechism, pp. 517, 524, 530)

Answer 97, when it says, “God neither can nor may be represented by any means,” is echoing Calvin in recognizing that the very nature of God precludes the making of representations; it follows Calvin in judging all attempts to do so as dishonoring to God. Ursinus’ summary sounds the same note: “In short, God ought not to be represented by any graven image, because he does not will it, nor can it be done, nor would it profit any thing if it were done” (p. 526).

### *B. Larger Catechism Question and Answer 109.*

Question: What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment?”

Answer: The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising, counseling, commanding, using, and any wise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself; tolerating a false religion; the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever; all worshipping of it, or God in it or by it; the making of any representation of feigned deities, and all worship of them, or service belonging to or taking from it, whether invented and taken up of ourselves, or received by tradition from others, though under the title of antiquity, custom, devotion, good intent, or any other pretence whatsoever; Simony; sacrilege; all neglect, contempt, hindering, and opposing the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.”

### *C. Interpretation of L.C. 109.*

It is apparent that false worship is the overarching concern of L.C. 109. Each of the following phrases, contained in L.C. 109, bears on false worship in one way or another:

—“all devising, counseling, commanding, using, and any wise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself”

—“all worshipping of it” (i.e., a representation of God)

—“the making of any representation of feigned deities, and all worship of them, or service belonging to them;”

—“all superstitious devices, corrupting the worship of God, adding to it or taking from it, etc.”

—“Simony”

—“sacrilege”

—“all neglect, contempt, hindering, and opposing the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.”

The context of L.C. 109 also bears out this concern with false worship. Both L.C. 109 and L.C. 110 evidence the same focus on worship.

#### *L.C. 108*

Question: What are the duties required in the second commandment?

Answer: The duties required in the second commandment are, the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath instituted in his word.”

#### *L.C. 110*

Question: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

Answer: The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it . . .

are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us, his fervent zeal for his own worship, and his revengeful indignation against all false worship,"

Samuel Rutherford, one of the Scottish delegates at the Westminster Assembly, caught the essence of L.C. 109 when he wrote:

"Wee are forbidin ether to mak or to worship ane image representing God, or to give ether inward or outward worship, ether with heart or knee or bodie to any creature or image." (quoted by Morris, op, cit., p. 135)

And Riagley, commenting on L.C. 109 likewise found the focus falling on false worship. He wrote:

"To consider the sins forbidden in this commandment, the general scope and design hereof as to what concerns the negative part of it, is God's prohibiting all false worship, either in our hearts, outward actions or gestures, whereby we adhere to our own imaginations rather than his revealed will; which is the only rule of instituted worship" (p. 459).

While the L.C. 109 is primarily concerned, then, with false worship, it does, in fact, contain two phrases which do not bear specifically upon false worship, although they are related to it.

The first phrase is this: "tolerating a false religion." This phrase is broader than false worship, although it certainly includes false worship.

The other phrase not specifically dealing with false worship follows the above mentioned phrase in L.C. 109, and is: "the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three person, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever." Why is this phrase included in L.C. 109? The obvious answer is that the Westminster divines believed that the second commandment called for such a statement. But it is important for the purposes of this study to ask: were not the men of the Westminster Assembly influenced, to a degree, by the religious context in which they worked and with which they contended?

#### D. Conclusions

At this point, the comments of Shelton are germane; in speaking of the nature of doctrinal symbols he writes:

"It should be borne in mind that the creeds of the church have been framed in a particular historical situation to meet the need of the church in that context, and have been oriented to a considerable extent in both their negative and positive declarations to the refutation of the errors confronting the church at that time" (*The Theology of the Westminster Confession*, p. 126).

The context of the Westminster Assembly, as we have seen, was widespread false worship in the form of image and idol worship over a span of more than 1,000 years. More particularly, both the church in the East, and that in the West found theological/Biblical justifications for their practice. The East, with its icons, justified its practice by maintaining that they (the icons) were really an extension in history of the Incarnation (see Ouspensky's *Theology of the Icon*, p. 58). In the West, in a formulation particularly heinous to Calvin (*Institutes*, Book I, Chapter XII, p. 105), the Roman church "made a distinction between what is called *dulia* and *latria*;" the former was merely reverence or service

which was considered legitimate when offered to idols and images; the latter was reserved for the worship and adoration of God alone.

That the Westminster divines were affected by the spectre of Romanism is attested to by Leith (*Context of the Westminster Assembly*). He writes:

“Another factor in the theological context of the Assembly’s work was the presence of Roman Catholicism on the continent. Baille’s letters express the same concern about the fate of Protestantism, the Wars of Religion, and the role of Roman Catholicism that men in the 20th century have known in the face of national socialism, communism, and the spread of alien faiths. . . . Baille’s letters indicate that Roman Catholicism was very much in the minds of at least some of the members of the Assembly” (p. 42).

With the theological gymnastics and practical abuses of the Roman church in view, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the Westminster divines were eager to do away with any representations of God entirely, and that such a desire effected their exegesis of the second commandment.

In any event, it is clear that pictures of Christ for whatever purposes—worship or instruction or “ornamentation”—were clearly prohibited by L.C. 109. It is now for us to consider Exodus 20:4-6, for the purpose of determining what it prohibits, and what it allows.

## ***II. Consideration of Exodus 20:4-6—concluding that L.C. 109 goes beyond Scripture in forbidding all uses of pictures of Christ.***

The outline of this section follows:

- A. Translation of Exodus 20:4-6.
- B. Exegesis of Exodus 20:4-6.
- C. The Question of Pictures of Christ.
- D. Conclusion.

### ***A. Translation of Exodus 20:4-6.***

The question handed to the synod is an issue because of the second commandment of the Decalog, and the interpretation thereof by the Westminster fathers. Obviously, a judgment upon their accuracy depends upon what the commandment says and teaches. What it says calls for translation. What it teaches calls for exegesis. The exegesis will be presented in the following section. The committee offers to the synod this translation of the Exodus text:

“You shall not make for yourself a shaped idol of anything that is in the sky, on the earth, or in its waters; you shall not bow down to worship them nor be made to serve them, because I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.”

Explanation:

The first verb (*zasah*), translated “make”, pertains to a manufacture or a formation of an object rather than a mere two-dimensional sketch. The general use of the Hebrew word indicates this. But also its object in



this first sentence of the commandment, graven image or idol (pesel), leaves little doubt that the idea is manufacture. Thus we translate it "make."

What we translate "a shapened idol of anything" is a paraphrase of the literal "an idol and any representation of anything." "Shaped" pulls from the representation of any of the several heavenly, earthly, and aquatic forms mentioned next. The point is that the shapes of any of the several created items are in view. This is supported by the word we translate "idol" (pesel), which means "image." We find the KJV interpreting this word as "graven image." Such an idea of sculpture (Webster) is entirely fitting to the overall demands of the sentence. In fact, the verb form of (pesel) means "hew, hew into shape," according to the BDB Lexicon. The carving of stone for construction and even the two tables of the Law are cited. Deuteronomy 27:15 uses the word and adds: "the work of the craftsman's hands." And since this shaped image is always used to signify an object of or for worship, the word "idol," with its religious connotations, is in the above paraphrase—a clarification of the text, we believe.

"In the sky" is a brief rendering of "heavens from above." There is no compelling reason to limit this to celestial inanimate bodies as the literal rendering might suggest, especially when the verse takes us downward to the ground and its waters, where animals live. If animals are envisioned in the lower stratus of the creation, why not the upper too? So "sky" is fitting if the atmosphere does not fill the term to the exclusion of cosmic space and its moons, etc. "On the earth" is used instead of the literal "in the earth" so as to include animals other than the likes of moles. The preposition "in" probably means within the land regions. At any rate, not the sky, earth, and waters, but the inhabitants of the sky, earth, and waters are in view. The stress on the preposition "in" forces that conclusion.

We put a semicolon after these phrases and not a period because of a belief that the next section explains the first and is not drifting toward independence from the first.

"Bow down to worship" is used for two reasons. (1) The literal is "prostrate yourself to them." We feel that this itself is honor or worship, especially since, (2) the next verb, "nor serve them," has the same root as in Exodus 20:2—"house of servitude." The same root (ebed) is used in both places. Perhaps there is a third reason to attach worship as the principle idea to "bow down." It is that the verbal "serve them" is in the passive form, translatable "nor be made to serve them." Moses, by the Lord, knows that to worship an idol is the ultimate bondage. The commandment's second verb here forbids bondage to a false god. If an idol worshipper suddenly realizes his bondage, the commandment is his prompter to rid himself of not only the bondage but also such abominable practices as idol worship in the first place. To fail to translate the second verb "serve" (as in verse 2) is to remove the reader another step from the double impact of the word: no false worship (first

verb) and no bondage in false worship (second verb).

Finally, “jealous God” appendages the commandment and gives the commandment its force. There is no dispute to the translation of the word (qanna) as “jealous.”

There is one textual note of significance. The Deuteronomy text of the second commandment (Deut. 5:8-10) does not have the “and” (wow) connected with the universal “anything” (verse 4) as does the Exodus text. The question of whether one is right and the other may be wrong need not bother us since the (wow) can be explicative (“indeed”) as well as the conjunction (“and,” “or”). Dr. Geerhardus Vos prefers the conjunction approach and translates “not make . . . graven image, (and), as to the likeness of anything.” This is laden with problems. First, it tends to separate “graven image” from “likeness,” which disrupts the continuity of the commandment. Second, it raises suspicion that Exodus has an unwarranted scribal scribble, or Deuteronomy the lack thereof. But if, as Kyle and Deilitch, the (vaw) in Exodus is explicative, it thus has the force of “indeed.” Then the commandment has a generic oneness and the Deuteronomic version is not much different in sense, in spite of its being short a (vaw).

In concluding this section on the translation, we would place our suggested translation beside the translation of the KJV, the ASV, and the NIV.

<i>KJV</i>	<i>ASV</i>	<i>NIV</i>	<i>Committee</i>
<i>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.</i>	<i>You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.</i>	<i>You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.</i>	<i>You shall not make for yourself a shaped idol of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in its waters;</i>
<i>Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them . . .</i>	<i>You shall not worship them or serve them . . .</i>	<i>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; . . .</i>	<i>You shall not bow down to worship them nor be made to serve them, . . .</i>

### *B. Exegesis of Exodus 20:4-5.*

The reason which the LORD gave for observing this commandment is found in verse 5:

“For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.”

In commenting on this passage, Dr. Vos suggests that the traditional

understanding of the reason for the prohibition is located in the spiritual, invisible character of God. He writes: "The traditional exegesis of the second commandment is wont to find the reason in the spiritual (non-corporeal) nature of God, which causes every bodily representation to be a misrepresentation. . . ." (*Biblical Theology*, p. 152). This is the position which John Calvin brought forward, who found in the manufacture and use of images an offense to the majesty of God. We quote again, the passage from the *Institutes*:

"The majesty of God is defiled by an absurd and indecorous fiction, when he who is incorporeal is assimilated to corporeal matter; he who is invisible to a visible image; he who is a spirit to an inanimate object; and he who fills all space to a bit of paltry wood, or stone, or gold. . . . Hence, it is manifest, that whatever statues are set up or pictures painted to represent God, are utterly displeasing to him, as a kind of insult to his majesty" (*Institutes* I, XI, pp. 91-92).

Vos goes on to say:

"While acknowledging the truth of this idea in itself, we cannot be satisfied with it as a satisfactory exegesis of the second word. On such a view of the motivation the appendix ought to read, 'For I, Jehovah thy God, have no body.' Instead of this it is the jealousy that is warningly referred to. . . ." And the word "jealousy," Vos points out, means "conjugal zeal," "jealousy in the married relation" (*Biblical Theology*, p. 152).

We should like to emphasize the fact that the reason attached to the second commandment, then, is that God has entered into a special relationship with His People Israel, a covenant relationship in which God has taken Israel to Himself as His wife (Hos. 1:2, 2:16, 5:4, 9:1, 9:10; Ezek. 16:1-8); which relationship is echoed in the New Testament teaching that Christ has taken the Church, the New Israel, to Himself as His Bride (Eph. 5:25-32; Luke 4:34-5; John 3:29; Rev. 18:23).

In locating the reason for obeying the second commandment in the covenant relationship between God and His People, we are only referring the "jealousy" mentioned in this commandment back to the Prologue of the Decalog. For the Prologue (Exodus 20:2) identifies the giver of the commandments as the sovereign God who takes the initiative with Israel in revealing Himself to her, and redeeming her from bondage. So verse 2:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

The covenant Name, "LORD," by which God had revealed Himself to Moses (Ex. 3:14-15) is given, and at the same time, God reminds the people of Israel of the deliverance out of the land of slavery which He effected in their behalf (Ex. 3:8).

The Sovereign God has revealed Himself to His people, and expects them to heed His Word, His revelation of Himself. The making of idols is a denial of the sufficiency of God's self disclosure by His Word. The idol is constructed in an effort to make visible and therefore more believable the God who cannot be seen, can only be heard.

This was the problem when Moses remained on the mountain all those days and nights. The people hadn't heard the voice of God for some time. They couldn't see their leader. They wanted more evidence of the

presence of God. So they lobbied for the manufacture of the golden calf (Exodus 32) in an effort to convince themselves that God was as near to them as the idol they made. It is important to note, furthermore, that the golden calf was understood, by Aaron and the people, to be representative of the LORD God, and not some Egyptian deity (Ex. 32:4-5).

The sufficiency of God's Word, and the denial of the same through idolatry, is the theme of Moses's comments in the wilderness immediately prior to entering the promised land: it serves as an expansion on the text under consideration (Ex. 20:4-6), and we present it in full.

"What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, 'Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.' You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of the words but saw no form; there was only a voice. He declared to you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You saw no form of any kind the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore, watch yourselves very carefully, so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman, or like any animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air, or like any creature that moves along the ground or any fish in the water below. And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon, and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. But as for you, the LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you are now" (Deut. 4:7-20).

Moses began by speaking of the nearness of the LORD, continued by citing the sufficiency of God's Word, went on to warn the people to avoid the making of idols, all on the ground that God was their Covenant God who redeemed them, and made them to be uniquely His own possession and delight (Ex. 19:4-5; Deut. 7:7-8).

The sovereign God took the initiative in revealing Himself to His people, and since His Word is sufficient to assure Israel that God is with them, the making and use of idols constitutes a radical distrust of God and His Word, a distrust which warrants His jealous wrath. So God promises the idolator that He will punish "the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generations. . . ."

It is not only the denial of the sufficiency of His Word which calls forth His wrath, however. God is sovereign in His redemption, which is of God's grace, unmerited by Israel, who were spared the Angel of Death only by virtue of the provision of God in the form of the passover lamb. Idolatry is an attack upon the sufficiency of God's redemption. It is so, because the idol maker is making his contribution to the worship of God;

he is adding to that which God has provided.

In a study paper on the topic, Michael G. Smith speaks to this point. Recognizing that God prohibited Israel from worshipping as the pagans did, he maintains the issue was

“the nature of the relationship of a sovereign covenant God who calls to himself a people and reveals himself to them on his own terms. Pagan religion consisted of anxious humans chasing after the gods, trying, in whatever ways possible, to gain their favor and achieve a measure of security. The God of Israel, on the other hand, called a people to himself and established a covenant with them in which their relationship of obedience to him was well defined. There was no need for Israel to find and capture God; God had found Israel.” (*Using Symbols of Jesus in the Church’s Educational Materials*, p. 4).

The currying favor with God through “works” is a theme which runs throughout Scripture, but it is related to superfluous and therefore false worship in at least two striking instances. The first is the worship which King Saul would have offered to God, in lieu of total obedience. It was worship which God had not asked for, and so the prophet Samuel speaks:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.” (1 Sam. 15:22-23).

Thus Saul’s “work” of arrogant worship is compared to idolatry.

The other instance of a close association between “works” and idolatry is found in Acts 17, where it is recorded that Paul “was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols” (v. 16). In imparting true knowledge about God to the Athenians, the apostle asserts:

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built with hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.” (Acts 17:24-25)

Again, the arrogance of man seeking to do something to win God’s favor, (whose nature it is to give everything to man), is closely associated with the making of idols.

We have mentioned that idolatry denies the sufficiency of both the revelation and the redemption of the sovereign, covenant God of Israel. There is yet another way in which idolatry calls into question the sovereignty of God.

Idolatry undermines the sovereignty of God by seeking to control God, to manipulate Him to gain power over God. Calvin says in this connection,

“As soon as a visible form is given to God, his power also is supposed to be annexed to it. . . . It makes no difference whether they worship the idol simply or God in the idol; it is always idolatry. . . .” (*Institutes*, I, XI, p. 98).

Geerhardus Vos also finds in idolatry an effort on the part of man to control God. Vos begins by noting that “there must be a special reason why the making or worship of images awakens the jealousy of Jehovah”

*(Biblical Theology, p. 152)*. He then goes on to find the reason in the magical character of idolatry. He asserts:

“Magic is that paganistic reversal of the process of religion, in which man, instead of letting himself be used by God for the divine purpose, drags down his god to the level of a tool, which he uses for his own selfish purpose. Thus the magically manipulated image will inevitably tend to become a second god by the side of the original one” (*Ibid.*, p. 153).

In concluding this section, we note that the primary reason for the prohibition against idolatry is found in the character of the sovereign God of Israel and the covenant relationship which He established with her as His bride. So God warns that idolatry will provoke Him to jealousy.

Idolatry attacks this covenantal relationship by denying the sufficiency of God’s self-revelation. The promise by God to reward those who “keep my commandments” underscores the necessity to take God’s Word seriously. Idolatry, by contrast, distrusts God’s Word, faults it for not providing sufficient evidence of God’s loving presence.

Idolatry attacks this covenantal relationship by denying the completeness of God’s redemption. When God said, “You shall not make a shaped idol,” He was implying that man’s propensity to seek access in worship to God through his own efforts is hateful to God: man is not saved by his own efforts in worship or in anything else; he is saved by grace.

Idolatry attacks this covenantal relationship, finally, by denying the sovereign control of God’s rule over His people. “Shaped idols,” whether of something in the sky, or on earth, or in the seas, seek to localize the power of God, and therefore control and domesticate Him.

In all of these ways, the honor of the sovereign God is undermined; idolatry becomes adultery\*, and God is jealous.

In this section, we have developed at some length the idea that the Second Commandment prohibits idolatry primarily because it undermines the honor of the sovereign, covenant-keeping God of Israel.

Now, more briefly, we will touch on other facets of the Second Commandment which bear on the issue of the legitimacy of pictorial representations of Christ.

The commandment itself, in contrast to the reason for the commandment, speaks of “making shaped idols,” which are in the form of created things, for the purpose of worshipping God.

The phrase, “making of shaped idols,” clearly has three-dimensional objects in view. The people of Israel were not to cast or carve anything which would be used as idols. There is nothing here about not making pictures or portraits.

The next aspect of the Second Commandment which needs comment is the designation of the forms prohibited. No shaped idol was to be made of anything created, whether animate or inanimate. Nothing in all creation, nothing “that is in the sky, on the earth, or in the waters,” is to be

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\*See: Hosea 9:1-10; Ezekiel 16:8, 15-19; Psalm 106:36-39; Judges 2:11-17.

used as a model for fashioning an idol. Again, pictures are simply not in view.

The aspect of the commandment dealing with the function of the idol remains to be considered. "You shall not bow down to them to worship them nor be made to serve them," states the purpose for which the idol is cast or carved in the first place—worship. Therefore, there is no prohibition against the making of any created forms per se; indeed God commanded Moses to fashion a bronze serpent (Num. 21:8). It was only when the people began to worship the serpent that God ordered it to be destroyed (2 Kings 18:4). The phrase, "you shall not bow down to worship them," indicates that shaped objects may not be made in order to be worshiped, or in order to worship God through them; the phrase does not preclude making such objects to be used in worship, as long as they are not worshiped. In this regard, God commanded Moses to fashion objects depicting creatures which were to be used in worship, when He commanded Moses to make cherubim at the ends of the atonement cover (Ex. 25:18).

When the above considerations are applied to the question of pictures, it is seen that:

- (1) the commandment does not prohibit the making of pictures
- (2) the commandment does not prohibit making shaped objects as such, nor even the making of shaped objects of created things to be used in the context of worship
- (3) the commandment does prohibit making shaped objects for the purpose of worshipping them, or worshipping God through them

Therefore, L.C. 109 is not justified in forbidding "the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever."

At least, such prohibitions as are mentioned in L.C. 109 are not to be derived from the Second Commandment. Now it remains to discuss other grounds upon which the prohibitions might be based.

### *The Question of Pictures of Christ*

In coming to terms with this issue, we will rely rather largely on the insights expressed in a paper published by the Committee on Christian Education of the OPC entitled, "The Use of Pictorial Representation of Christ in the Work of Christian Education."

"Quite evidently the issue as to pictorial representations of Christ is basically theological. It has been maintained that such representations are simply and explicitly forbidden in the second commandment. To make a likeness of the Son of God in his human nature is held to be as fully a transgression of this commandment as the making of a likeness of the first person of the Trinity. On the other hand, it is argued, also on theological grounds, that the full and true humanity of our Lord justified such pictorial representations. Indeed, it is argued that the doctrine of incarnation demands such representations in our pedagogy, since without them it is alleged that a certain nebulous unreality must attach to our concept of Christ's humanity (UPR, p. 1.)"

The ground (here mentioned) for precluding portraits of Christ is that pictorial representations of Christ are “simply and explicitly forbidden by the second commandment.” But we have seen from our study of Exodus 20:4-6 that what is simply and explicitly forbidden is the making of shaped idols.

Other grounds, however, have been elicited in support of the position that portraits of Christ are forbidden by Scripture. We have already alluded to the traditional grounds, held by Calvin and others (cf. Ursinus’s *Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism*, p. 526), that the spirituality of God precludes material representation. And we noted in that connection that G. Vos did not find such a teaching in the Second Commandment. Now, we must go on to point out that the incarnation itself disallows the traditional argument against portraiture of Christ, for the Scriptures tell us that in Christ “all the fulness of the Godhead dwells bodily” (Col. 2:9), and “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). The invisible God became visible; the spiritual Second Person of the Trinity took on a material human nature.

Another argument against portraiture of Christ is based on the idea that all such representations of Christ are necessarily limited to depicting His human nature, failing to do justice to the fact that the Second Person of the Trinity has both a human *and* a divine nature. But surely this line of reasoning fails to recognize the teaching of Scripture that God appeared in human form when He walked the earth, and that is what the people of Jesus’s day saw—a man. Moreover, God was pleased to reveal to Peter and others that this man who lived among them was the Messiah, the Son of God—divine as well as human (Matt. 16:17). And so the apostle John testifies: “We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son” (John 1:14), and again, Jesus said, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

While none of these arguments appears to us to rule out making portraits of Christ, the understanding of the essence of idolatry gained in our study of the Exodus text seems to suggest grounds for caution, if not actual prohibition, regarding the making of portraits of Christ.

One of the facets of idolatry which we discovered to be heinous to God was its tendency to deny the sufficiency of God’s self-revelation. And it is at just this point that we find portraiture of Christ bordering on the idolatrous. For Scripture does not provide us with the details of the features, coloring, or stature of Jesus the Christ. Apparently, such details are not necessary for our salvation—either justification or sanctification. Any attempt, therefore, to render the features of Christ for the sake of saying: “This is what Jesus looked like”—goes beyond the legitimate scope of what Scripture finds necessary or helpful. Such undertakings deny the sufficiency of what God has been pleased to reveal of Himself to us through His Scripture.

Portraiture of Christ—the attempt to say, “This is what Jesus looked like,”—may be precluded on the ground of another principle found in the Second Commandment. Portraiture of Christ may convey the idea



that Christ is specially present and localized in the portrait; this would be a violation of the principle that the sovereign rule of God is not to be dishonored by localizing, and therefore seeking to control, Him.

While portraiture of Christ thus defined is to be avoided, depictions of Christ whose primary function is to represent this or that episode in the life of Christ are permissible. They do not constitute a violation of the Second Commandment, and are in accordance with the Biblical teaching regarding the incarnation.

Moreover, since the Biblical teaching on the incarnation insists upon taking seriously the full humanity of Christ, pictures of the episodes of Christ's life are not only permissible but desirable. To fail to represent Christ while representing the disciples would present only a Docetic view of Christ, a denial of His true humanity. To fail to represent disciples and Christ in pictorial form would tend to convey the notion that the incarnation wasn't important enough to picture, or that non-verbal representation of the gospel and gospel history is not valid. But to take this position would require us to re-examine our use of such non-verbal symbols as the cross as we make use of them in our sanctuaries and homes.

#### *D. What then do we conclude regarding the use of pictures of Christ?*

(1) Contrary to L.C. 109, we do not find pictures of Christ prohibited by the Second Commandment.

(2) In regard to the Second Commandment, we do find Scripture urging caution in making portraits of Christ, that their purpose not be primarily to render a "likeness," to show what Christ looked like.

(3) That other pictures of Christ, depicting events from His earthly ministry, are permissible.

It remains for us to move on to some more pastoral considerations.

### *III. Considerations of pastoral approaches to the issues raised.*

The outline of this section is:

- A. The validity of L.C. 109.
- B. The overstatement of L.C. 109.
- C. The use of pictures of Christ.
- D. The importance of imaging Christ.

#### *A. The validity of L.C. 109.*

The great strength of L.C. 109 is its focus on the transcendent majesty of God. In this emphasis, it does full justice to the main thrust of the Second Commandment, which has in view the honor of God, whose self-revelation is sufficient, whose redemption is complete, and whose sovereign claims are total—and all of this because He has chosen us to be His people out of the abundance of His grace. Therefore, believers today do well to cultivate that awe before God, without which true worship is not possible. The "regulative" principle, that we are to do only that which God positively enjoins in worship by His Word, remains a safe

guideline for public worship. Only then do we show respect for the sovereignty of God in the sphere of worship.

### *B. The overstatement of L.C. 109.*

If you share with us the conviction that L.C. 109 goes beyond Scripture in forbidding “the making of any representation of God, of all or any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever,” then you may choose to seek to persuade synod to amend the Larger Catechism. However, it should be noted that our synod has taken the position regarding subscription to our doctrinal standards that “the second ordination vow assumes neither an *ipissima verba* (every word) subscription nor the absence of any reservations (doubts or questions) nor the absence of possible honest disagreements” (Minutes, 150th General Synod, p. 114). Therefore, you may choose simply to take exception to our standards in this instance (or continue to take exception, if such is the case).

### *C. The use of pictures of Christ.*

Recognizing that caution in the making of portraits of Christ is indicated, what are we to say about the use of pictures? While permissible, are pictures of Christ to be encouraged? Yes. For one thing, God’s Word itself encourages the picturing of events. The description of Christ entering Jerusalem on “Palm Sunday” is but one of a great number of episodes in the life of our Lord on earth which call forth mental pictures. For another thing, pedagogy, particularly with children, calls for depicting events in the life of our Lord—if art has any place in the life of a Christian, should it not find expression in the sphere of that which is of great importance to the believer—the events of Jesus’s life and death and resurrection?

### *D. The importance of imaging Christ.*

The only image of Himself which God initially established is a man himself (Gen. 1:26; 9:6). In the fulness of time, Christ came as our substitute, the True image of God, not only as a true man, perfectly obedient to God, but also as the man in whom “all the fulness of the Deity lives in bodily form” (Col. 2:9). So of Christ, Scripture says: “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” (Heb. 1:3). Or again, “He is the image of the invisible God” (Col. 1:15). Or once again, “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4).

Our calling as believers is to be conformed to the image of God’s Son (Rom. 3:29). We have been regenerated by God in order to be like Him (Eph. 4:24). We are those who have put on the new self, “which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator” (Col. 3:10). When the aged apostle John wrote to believers of loving each other, not only as an evidence that they love God (1 John 4:7), but as a way by which the un-

seen God gives evidence of His presence (1 John 4:12), he concluded his epistle by issuing the negative side of the love command—"dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). The most important thing for those of us who preach is not to conjure up word-pictures either of Christ, or the difference He has made in this life or that, but to image Christ in our lives among our people. Likewise, the most important task of the teacher is not to show Christ's life in pictures, but to reflect Christ's life in his or her own life. This is not to disparage the place of artistry in either preaching or teaching, but rather to focus on that highest calling, to which every believer is called. In the words of the apostle Paul: "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18).

## APPENDIX

### The next page (p. 106) contains a word-picture.

"The next day the crowds that had come up for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took branches of palm and went out to meet him, shouting 'Hosanna! Blessings on the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord.' Jesus found a young donkey and mounted it—as Scripture says, 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion: see, your king is coming, mounted on the colt of a donkey.' . . . Then the Pharisees said to one another, 'You see, there is nothing you can do; look, the whole world is running after him!'" (John 12:12-15, 19).

(NOTE: According to the Westminster Confession Larger Catechism, Q. 109, if the word-picture on p. 106 conveys to your mind an image of a man on a donkey, you are guilty of breaking the Second Commandment).

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**A**s Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem with the twelve disciples, he said to them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, where the high priests and the doctors of the law will take me and condemn me to death, and deliver me to the gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified. But on the third day I shall rise again.”

When they came near to Jerusalem, two of the disciples brought a donkey for Jesus to ride. Some people spread their garments along his way, and others cut down boughs from the trees and spread them in his path. And the crowd that walked before him and those that followed cried out, “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the 159th General Synod recognize that Exodus 20:4-6 does not forbid making and using pictures of Christ for purposes of instruction, if such pictures have as their chief interest depicting events in the incarnational life of Christ.

### **ACTION:**

After considerable discussion and suggested amendments and substitutions, and even continuing such on Wednesday morning, the synod, on motion, referred the matter to a special committee to be appointed by the moderator, which will report back to this synod. The moderator announced the appointment of the following commissioners to this committee:

*George Smith (chairman)*  
*David Clelland*  
*James Hurley*

*John DeBardeleben*  
*Paul Alexander*  
*Robert Reymond*

**[Editor's Note: The special committee reported Wednesday afternoon. Recommendations and actions are reported here for convenience.**

The Rev. George Smith presented the following:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That synod receive the report with thanks and commend it to presbyteries and sessions for study.
2. That synod warn against the violation of the Second Commandment (Ex. 20:4-6 and Deut. 5:8-10) by the worship of visual depictions of Jesus Christ, while at the same time recognizing the legitimacy of usual depictions for other purposes, such as instruction or artistic expression.
3. That synod continue the study committee, requesting that it formulate appropriate revisions to L.C. 109 for consideration at the 160th General Synod.

### **ACTION:**

Synod adopted the report of the committee with a change in No. 3, the last phrase reading as follows: "that it formulate appropriate revisions to L.C. 109 for consideration by the 161st General Synod."

The following commissioners requested that their negative votes on items 2 and 3 be recorded: Ben Short, Tom Aicken, Dean Veinott, and Elwin Jewell. The following commissioners requested that their negative votes on all three items be recorded: Walter Menges and Charles Winkler.

Synod was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Frank Crane at 5:22 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY MEETING**

**MAY 27, 1981**

At 8:00 a.m., synod was led in the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "For Ever Settled in the Heavens" and led in prayer. Dr. George Anderson led the assembly in the morning devotional from 2 Timothy 3 and in a season of prayer.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. The Rev. Richard Aeschliman led in prayer.

On motion, synod amended the docket to allow for the report of the Evangelism Committee at 11:40 a.m.

Synod continued discussion of the report of the Special Committee of Synod on Pictures of Christ, with action as reported above.

### **REPORT OF MINISTERIAL WELFARE AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE AND HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM**

The Rev. Robert P. Eickelberg presented the following report with additional comments by Dr. Franklin Dyrness concerning the Hospitalization portion of the report:

Fathers and Brethren;

The Ministerial Welfare and Benefits Committee has tried during this past year to fulfill its responsibilities given to it by the synod. We have been ready to give emergency aid when necessary, but no new needs have been made known to us. We have continued to monitor the situation in regards to two long term needs with which the committee has been dealing for some time. We are making regular monthly commitments as we have the funds available. As we indicated in our recent letter to the churches and pastors we continue to need your support.

At its most recent meeting on May 25, 1981, the responsibility of the committee to assume long-term needs for assistance was questioned inasmuch as the Standing Rules call for the committee to meet emergency needs.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that in accordance with the Standing Rules, the committee restrict its assistance to one-time emergency needs or needs arising out of a series of events, with assistance not to exceed a six-month period. Long-term responsibility is to be met first by the immediate family, second by the local church, and third by the presbytery.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. McClintock and Mr. Saunders be asked to implement this policy in the case of Mrs. Lee Shep-erson, with the committee's commitment to be discontinued as soon as practicable and no later than November 30, 1981.

The treasurer reported that our committee received and disbursed over \$4,500.

The 158th General Synod gave to us the responsibility of "imple-

menting an appropriate (disability) plan as soon as feasible." We had hoped to accomplish that task through the denominational health plan; however the treasurers of that plan were not willing to implement a disability plan which had been accepted by the committee. We are now waiting for several quotations to come back to the committee from several different insurance companies that handle disability plans for groups such as ours. Most recently we have solicited census information from the ministerial members of the RPCES in order to obtain quotations on rates for medical and disability insurance. Unfortunately we have had a very poor response even though we provided postage paid cards for the responses. Our committee will continue to seek to provide coverage for our ministers with a group disability plan.

In the area of recommending and overseeing a medical benefits plan, we have spent a great deal of time examining and sorting out the relationship between our committee, the synod, and "The Synod's Hospitalization Plan Inc." We are still in the middle of that process.

In the area of assisting sessions and presbyteries in putting together benefit packages for ministers, we are providing for all of our sessions and presbyteries as a part of our report, a copy of a report prepared for Delmarva Presbytery by a committee given the responsibility of trying to determine some minimum guidelines for pastoral compensation. Our committee is merely passing this report on to you for your study since we feel it may be helpful to you in developing benefits packages.

We request the prayers of the synod for our committee as we seek to minister to the emergency needs of our members and in our efforts to make available the best possible medical benefits plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert P. Eickelberg, Chairman

#### **APPENDIX A—PASTORAL COMPENSATION FOR DELMARVA PRESBYTERY**

**BACKGROUND:** At the Spring 1980 meeting of Delmarva Presbytery a committee was appointed to consider certain minimal levels of compensation that would be allowed in our presbytery. Recognizing the diverse economic situations that our churches face the committee has set for itself two goals. The first has been to gather information regarding the different types of compensation currently being received in comparison with the various socio-economic levels of the churches. This is being done through a questionnaire which has already been distributed to the clerks of the churches. The second is to set forth a paper on principles of compensation that should guide the local church and the Vacancy, Supply, and Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery as they formulate and evaluate the calls that come into the hands of the pastors. The report that follows is based in large part on the work of a committee of the McLean Presbyterian Church which produced a report on pastoral compensation which was adopted by their session in March of 1980. Our committee has revised the report and added some items to make it more applicable to the entire presbytery and the church at large. We are indebted to the McLean committee for all of their work. The report is divided into two parts: Compensation Considerations and Compensation Methodology.

## COMPENSATION CONSIDERATIONS

**I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Using an accurate, up-to-date job description for each pastoral position as a baseline for making financial decisions, several considerations must be applied, to include:

- A. The size of the congregation and the nature and scope of its various ministries.
- B. Determination of experience and/or educational level desired for each pastoral position.
- C. Family status.
- D. Personal goals of the pastors.

**II. IMPORTANCE OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION:** Besides tasks and responsibilities to be performed by each pastor, the job description is a fitting place to outline other kinds of "contractual" items, to include:

A. Participation in other responsibilities and/or activities, such as presbytery, synod, community functions, non-church sponsored ministries (such as Young Life, Campus Crusade, Inter-Varsity), weddings, speaking engagements, etc.

B. Education and Development. A church should expect educational growth from its pastors. How this is to be achieved, and the extent of growth expected, must be agreed upon by the pastor and the session and outlined appropriately. If it is expected, time must be allotted, either on a part-time basis or through periodic sabbaticals. The question of what is considered educational growth and who pays the costs must also be decided. This should be a part of the church's planning process to insure its ability to keep pace with the demands of ever-changing needs.

C. Administrative Details. These items are often over-looked, to the regret of both pastor and session. They include office hours, time/days off, "other" employment and disposition of any compensation which results from such, vacation time and duration, decisions that are to be reserved for the session, recognition of our form of church government and the role of presbytery in it.

**III. COMPUTING COMPENSATION FOR PASTORS:** Churches should compensate their pastors under three payment categories: salary, fringe benefits, and business expenses. A fair and reasonable dollar amount for the first two items is not easy to determine. The whole process requires the prayer, thought, and concern of the entire congregation. And above all, it must have a scriptural foundation (1 Cor. 9:8-14 and Gal. 6:6).

A. The categories of compensation are:

1. Salary
  - a. Housing Allowance
  - b. Cash
2. Fringe Benefits
  - a. Hospital-Health Plan
  - b. Pension Fund
3. Business Expenses
  - a. Car allowance
  - b. Professional expense allowance
  - c. Education allowance

**B. SALARY:** For pastors, the total compensation "package" should not be considered salary. Actual, or real, salary includes a housing allowance and a cash salary.

1. Definitions:

- a. Housing allowance: Traditionally, a pastor is provided with the free use of a manse or is given a housing allowance in addition to his cash salary.

(1) If a manse is provided, the fair rental value of the manse plus any church payments for utilities should be determined each year to specify the portion of total salary called "housing allowance."

(2) If a manse is not provided, the amount designated as housing allowance should insure that all expenses are covered to include debt service (principle, taxes, interest, insurance), utilities, maintenance, and improvements. Each year, the pastor should



submit an estimate of the expenses in each area to allow an accurate breakout of cash and housing salary.

b. Cash Salary is Total Salary minus Housing Allowance.

## 2. Implications

a. We are concerned to help the pastor live at the same general level of living as the rest of the congregation. This may be generally assured by determining the median income of the community where he serves (i.e., half the families have an income which is above this figure, and half have one which is below) and establishing a real salary level which is approximate to it. Adjustments to this figure may be made if there is a definite indication that the income level of the immediate community or congregation is clearly and substantially higher or lower. Most counties publish a periodic report which shows median family income for the area. This report may be used as a primary source of information on salary levels. They are usually updated annually and therefore should be obtained prior to the budget preparation each year.

b. An alternate method for computing base salary would be to determine what the local school board pays a teacher or administrator with the same educational background and experience. This is public information and is easily obtainable. Very seldom are teachers overpaid and yet they are usually paid a reasonable wage in comparison to the local cost of living. Again, individual adjustments may need to be made, but this may be a starting point to find out what might be a fair minimal level of compensation.

c. When making comparisons with other professionally employed people, this actual or real salary should be used. For instance, other professionals with comparable education have net incomes ranging from 50% to 200% above the median family income level, and average about 100% above that level. If the goal is to provide a pastor with sufficient compensation to "live as well as," consideration must include the high-expense, low-earning years in college and seminary, possible internship in a mission (low-budget) church, and similar factors which reduce his full earning period from an average of 42 years to 35 years or less. If this is done, then to live as well as, a pastor should receive an actual salary which is 120% of the median family income during those 35 or so years. In this way, recognition is given to such real needs as repaying college/seminary debts, children's education, and accumulating savings or home equity toward retirement.

d. In churches where a manse is provided for either the pastor or associate/assistant, an adequate system of compensating the pastor for the equity he is not earning by owning a home should be established. The amount of compensation should vary depending on the housing market in each area of the presbytery.

e. Associate/Assistant Pastor Salary Considerations: It is appropriate, in most multi-pastor situations, to pay an associate or assistant pastor less than the senior pastor. In computing just how much this should be, several factors must be considered. Along with such things as experience, age, family needs, other talents/qualifications, however, must be the same median family income level for the area. In other words, a fair cash salary base (minimum proper pay) must be set to allow a decent level-of-living, and have added to it a housing allowance consistent with what has been stated above under "definitions." A recommended "actual" or "real" salary, then, for an associate pastor would be 75-80% of the median income level to start, with annual increases dependent on a set rate (say 5%), effectiveness, the love and appreciation of the congregation, or a combination thereof.

C. FRINGE BENEFITS: This category includes a pension plan and hospitalization-medical insurance.

1. Hospitalization-medical insurance: The church should purchase an adequate group health insurance plan that provides for the normal coverages for the pastor and his family. It should include medical, dental, prescriptions, hospitalization, and maternity (if applicable) as a minimum.

2. Pension Plan: The church should provide for a good pension plan for the pastor. There are many plans available from the denominational plan to various types of investment retirement account plans such as the Tax Deferred Annuity. A church's contribution to a pastor's retirement needs may also in part be tied to the purchase of a home, if it con-

tinues as a high-yield investment opportunity. The church and the pastor must carefully investigate which plan(s) will best provide for each individual pastor.

**D. BUSINESS EXPENSES:** This compensation category includes car allowance, professional expenses, and education/professional development allowance and is not to be considered as part of salary or benefits. This area deal strictly with reimbursement for personal expenses incurred while doing the work of Christ's church. The amounts must be derived from actual cost incurred by the pastor. The plan outlined below would apply to both senior and associate/assistant pastors.

1. Car allowance. Alternatives include:

a. Providing a church owned or leased car for the pastor's use.

b. A reasonable estimate of church business expenses incurred through use of a personally owned car (i.e., lump sum payment regardless of actual mileage or depreciation expense incurred).

c. A mileage reimbursement plan that follows IRS guidelines. Current 1980 guidelines allow payment at the rate of 20¢ per mile for all business related uses other than transportation to the first stop each day and home from the last stop (business related) each day. Another acceptable method is to reimburse for all business miles minus the mileage for one round trip from the home to the office for each business day. This third alternative is the recommended one because it recognizes this form of compensation as strictly expense related, rather than a way to "make-up" for a low salary. Each pastor should submit monthly expense statements to the treasurer based on actual expenses. For budget purposes, estimates could be made based on prior experience and then monitored from year to year as situations change.

2. Other Professional Expenses: This item would include business lunches, entertainment related to the ministry, supplies, and other out-of-pocket expenses. This should also be treated as a business expense reimbursement and each pastor should submit monthly expense statements to the treasurer based on actual expenses.

3. Education/Professional Development Allowance: This item would include, as a business expense reimbursement, the costs of educational plans approved by the session and an annual allowance for periodicals, books, and other educationally related materials such as tapes, lectures series, etc. These expenses are normally incurred by any organization in support of the continued growth of its professional employees. A dollar amount must be estimated based on a reasonable determination of the needs. The education program may vary from year to year and must be set prior to the budget preparation process. The amount for professional books, etc., need not be large, but sufficient to support the needs of the pastors in carrying out their responsibilities.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. COST OF LIVING INCREASES:** Inflation demands that consideration be given annually to rises in the cost of living. The basic principle to be followed is that the pastor should "keep pace" but should also share the lot of his congregation. Alternatives are to:

1. Refigure the actual salary based on changes to the county median income level each year, or the change in teacher-administrator salaries.

2. Compute cost-of-living increases using the consumer price index or other locally oriented index which depicts purchasing power loss rates.

3. Calculate a fair percentage increase (or decrease) based on a comparison of the national CPI change, local fluctuation in median income, and the experiences of the congregation in these areas if that can be determined. The important thing is to allow the pastor to keep pace to the greatest extent possible.

**B. GIFTS:** Gifts and love offerings fall outside of compensation package computations, but may still be considered appropriate by the congregation. Disposition of gifts for performing weddings, speaking, etc., should be covered in the job description, but not considered as a way to lessen financial responsibility by the church. Christmas gifts and love offerings are still a viable way to express appreciation for the ministry of a pastor and his family.

However, when a love offering is requested of the congregation, it should be made clear that there is no intention to make up for a low salary. Rather, if the pastors have reached out and touched congregational members in special ways and they desire to show their gratitude, then a love offering is a suitable expression. It is not recommended that other paid staff members be included in love offerings.

**C. EXCLUDED ITEMS:** Items that should not be included in the compensation package include utilities and home maintenance allowance, social security allowance, discounts from businesses, and tax breaks. These items are not included in normal compensation plans by business employers and should not be included by the church. For instance, it is illegal for the church to pay the pastor's social security tax as a self-employed person. Furthermore, the church cannot legally assume the pastor's responsibility for the social security tax that is owed. (A pastor pays 75% of what is due, vice employed persons who split the tax with their employers 50-50). Rather, social security costs must be considered in determining a fair and reasonable wage and not paid to the pastor as a separately budgeted item. On the other hand, the compensation package should not be lowered due to tax breaks afforded pastors in the same way that a business would not lower a compensation package for a person purchasing a home (who receives tax breaks) and raise it for a person who rents a home (and does not receive the tax break). These things are between the pastor and the government and are no concern of the church. (Although when comparing salaries with secular jobs this might be kept in mind if an equitable way of comparing can be found). The session of the church should help the pastor take advantage of all tax benefits possible by passing the appropriate motions (which in fact do not increase the actual expenditures of the church) each year prior to the expenditure of any funds.

**D. IMPLEMENTATION:** It should be pointed out that if congregations elect to follow the guidelines outlined throughout this report, they may not be able to do so financially in one big jump. We would suggest that the session and the congregation inform the pastor that they are moving in this direction and then the plan should be phased in over a maximum two year period.

**V. CONCLUSION:** Hopefully, this report will provide sessions and budget committees at least a starting point in formulating a solid church financial management plan that will both contribute to the success of the church's ministry and provide fair and reasonable compensation to its pastors. This area is grossly neglected in a great majority of churches, to the detriment of all concerned. Those who attempt to get by with the minimum salary for their staff normally have a poor ministry to the congregation and the community. The main point in this entire report is that the church must take the time to do the financial planning that is necessary to properly compensate its staff to insure a quality program that is conducted by quality people. This kind of management leaves no room for discounting what would otherwise be considered a fair salary with the expectation that it is proper for pastors to work for minimum wage or count their ministry as service to the Lord. While it is that, it is not the church's place to take the discount off the top in paying a less than reasonable wage. If the pastor elects to return part of his salary to the church or to do more than is called for in his defined area of responsibility, then that is his option to exercise and not one that is directed. We all must do our part to insure a professional approach in this area, and one that above all is honoring to our God.

## **COMPENSATION METHODOLOGY**

### **I. Categories of Compensation**

- A. Salary
  - 1. Housing Allowance
  - 2. Cash
- B. Fringe Benefits
  - 1. Hospital-Health Plan
  - 2. Pension Plan
- C. Business Expenses
  - 1. Car allowance

2. Professional expense allowance
3. Education allowance

## II. Taxation Considerations

A. Housing allowance—the amount used for housing expenses is exempt from income tax but is taxed by Social Security. Any amount designated by the church as housing allowance but not used for housing must be claimed as fully taxable cash income.

B. Cash salary—fully taxable.

C. Fringe benefits—hospital/health plan—not taxable if paid by the church to the plan.

D. Fringe benefits—pension—not taxable if paid by church into any legally recognized type of fund intended for pension purposes.

E. Business expenses—because all of these items are reimbursements, they are by definition not income and therefore are not taxable. However, because they are reimbursements, careful records must be retained (either by the pastor or the church) to substantiate and document the accuracy of the claims.

## III. A Suggested Computation Methodology

A. Salary: Based on a percentage of the median family income average for your county. Median is updated annually. Use of the new figure each year is intended to insure cost of living increase.

1. Base percentages:

a. Assistant pastor (no prior experience): begin at 60% of median, with 2.5% annual growth. Maximum growth to 100% of median.

b. Assistant pastor (prior experience): normally, starting base should be computed above the 60% figure by 2.5% for each full year in a position of equal or greater responsibility. However, this may not be a useable method for an older pastor who has “retired” from many years in the pastorate but would like to “slow down” in an assistant position. A methodology would have to be developed to consider his financial needs based on pension income, family status, etc.

c. Associate pastor (no prior experience): begin at 70% of median, with 2.5% annual growth. Maximum growth to 110% of median.

d. Associate pastor (prior experience): use same methodology as for assistant, except with 70%-110% figures.

e. Senior pastor (no prior experience): begin at 80% of median, with 2.5% annual growth. Maximum growth to 120% of median.

f. Senior pastor (prior experience): same methodology for assistant and associate, except with 80%-120% figures.

2. Growth “cap” rationale—the setting of an objective insures compensation growth that recognizes experience and contribution to the ministry of the church. If a pastor in any of the three “categories” reaches his “cap,” the session may want to re-evaluate the cap or else continue growth based solely on median changes or perhaps a different cost of living formula.

3. Housing computation—the percentage of total salary designated as a housing allowance should insure that all expenses are covered, to include debt service (principal, taxes, insurance), utilities, furnishings, maintenance, and improvements. Each year, the pastor should submit an estimate of the expenses in these areas to allow an accurate breakout of cash and housing salary.

If the pastor lives in a manse, the rental value should be declared annually to determine the total “actual” or “real” salary. In addition, a part of the cash salary should be designated as a “rental allowance.” This rental allowance should be sufficient to cover all costs of utilities, furnishings, lawn care costs, etc., that will be paid by the pastor in the coming year. This annual designation will allow the pastor to receive all the tax benefits to which he is entitled in this area.

B. Fringe benefits

1. Hospital/Health Plan—the church should pay the cost of the plan each year, whatever it is.

2. Pension Plan—a pension fund should be established for each pastor in the amount of

5-12% of their salary (salary equals cash salary plus all housing salary). The fund should be one that offers both interest/divident growth and security for the pastors. Deposits in the fund should be made monthly.

C. Business expenses

1. Car allowance—each year an estimated mileage figure should be multiplied by the AAA cost-per-mile figure to determine the church mileage fund; each pastor, staff member, or officer authorized a car allowance submits monthly mileage statements for reimbursement from the fund.

2. Professional expenses—reimbursement should be only for actual expenses, and receipts should be required as in any other business.

3. Education expense—each year each pastor should submit an education plan to the session for approval. Once approved, the budget committee will obtain costs and include in the budget the amount necessary for the coming year.

At the December 20 meeting of the Compensation Committee, the following motions were passed and are now presented by the committee to the presbytery for your information (Motion No. 1) and action (Motions No. 2-5).

1. It was M/S/C to adopt the compensation report as amended and to supply one copy to each elder and pastor in the presbytery in the manner most practical (probably through our January presbytery meeting).

2. It was M/S/C to have presbytery instruct Vacancy, Supply, and Pastoral Relations Committee not to recommend acceptance of the terms of a call without having in hand from the church issuing a call: 1) The median income of the county or city in which the pastor is called to serve OR the salary schedule for teachers-administrators in the public school system in the locality where the pastor is called to serve AND 2) a recently completed church financial survey form which has been developed by our committee.

3. It was M/S/C that presbytery instruct Vacancy, Supply, and Pastoral Relations Committee to require hospitalization and pension to be included in every call.

4. It was M/S/C that presbytery instruct Vacancy, Supply, and Pastoral Relations Committee to require a church to show car expenses as a part of church operating expenses and not a part of salary except where a church provides a car for the exclusive use of the pastor for both business and pleasure use.

5. It was M/S/C that presbytery instruct Vacancy, Supply, and Pastoral Relations Committee to seek out uniform information from each of the existing churches in our presbytery to determine which churches need to upgrade their pastoral compensation and to seek to raise funds from churches in the presbytery to be used to increase compensation for those whose churches cannot reasonably be expected to meet minimum guidelines.

## APPENDIX B—HOSPITALIZATION REPORT

### Fathers and Brethren:

The Hospitalization Plan has been approved by synod and recommended to the denomination for the past 20 years and has proven to be a valuable benefit to the participants.

The Plan was conceived and developed by the administration of The Quarryville Presbyterian Home for its staff in 1956. In 1958 the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America accepted the Plan. It was continued when union took place with the Evangelical Synod in 1965.

The office staff and facilities of the Quarryville Presbyterian Home have from the beginning operated the Plan without any financial consideration.

Based upon a self-insured basis, increased benefits have been made possible from time to time, while the rates have been kept below those of

commercial insurance. The amount paid out in claims generally is equal to or more than the amount of premiums received. For the year 1980 payments were approximately four (4) percent more than premiums received.

A reserve has been made possible over the years by careful investments of funds in the Plan. The reserve is necessary to make possible the broad and high coverage. That amount now stands at \$197,818.64.

At present there are 313 contracts covering 223 families and 90 individuals for a total of 992 persons. Also, there are 252 persons over 65 years covered by 65 Special—a total of 565 contracts covering 1,244 individuals.

Aside from this, there are 341 participants covered with four to five units of term life insurance for a total of \$1,421 units. The value ranges from \$600.00 to \$12,000.00 per unit. This means there are potential death benefits ranging from \$2,400.00 to \$48,000.00 on the lowest level and \$3,600.00 to \$60,000.00 on the highest level.

During the past year, there were 896 hospital and medical/surgical claims, of which 52 were over \$1,000.00, 27 over \$2,000.00, four over \$5,000.00 and one over \$11,000.00, averaging \$2,502.25. The overall average of claims was \$180.71. These claims do not include those paid for 65 Special. A total of \$347,345.27 was paid for claims and related expenses. The office expense of \$630.44 covered postage, telephone and printing and a CPA Audit (2 years). The total cost of operating was 3/10 of 1 percent.

The financial statement, a part of this report, gives detailed financial information.

The Plan continues to be managed by the Administration of The Quarryville Presbyterian Home, not only as it relates to office work, but also supervision of financial investments.

The Plan assures up to \$6,000.00 semi-private hospital coverage in all accredited hospitals. The Medical/Surgical pays 100 percent based on the reasonable average cost in each particular area. Also, beyond this, there is a million dollar Major Medical/Surgical coverage. Consult latest booklet of Plan. Additional benefits are considered from time to time and added when thought possible.

As a self-insured Plan, existing conditions are not covered at any time, nor are maternity benefits covered in the first twelve months of enrollment.

To keep cost at a minimum, premium notices are not sent. Premium payments are due by the 15th of the month prior to the month of coverage, with a \$1.00 charge for each payment. There is a penalty of \$1.00 per month for late payments. Failure to pay premiums promptly can endanger your coverage.

The cooperation of participants is excellent and deeply appreciated.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Give your identification number to the Doctor or Hospital when in need of such service. Ask that bills be itemized and sent directly to Inter-County Hospitalization, Inc., Foxcroft Square,

Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046, Attention: Service Department.  
Telephone: (215) 884-4810 or (215) 224-1202.

REMEMBER: All premiums are to be sent to "Hospitalization".  
R.D. 2, Box 20, Quarryville, Pennsylvania 17566. Telephone (717)  
786-7321.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.S.Dyrness, Treasurer  
G. K. Mitchell Jr., Asst. Treasurer  
C. L. Eckardt, Asst. Treasurer

### ADDITIONAL HOSPITALIZATION REPORT

Rates effective June 1, 1981, are given in the attached new Rate Sheet.

Recently participants have inquired regarding an increase in rates for the coming year, knowing that rates in general have increased as much as 30 percent or more. In spite of rising costs, there will again be NO INCREASE IN PREMIUMS for the coming year.

Again the Plan will provide additional benefits at no additional cost.

1. A *fifth unit of term life insurance*. One may have a sixth unit for an additional \$2.00 per month.

2. *Dental coverage up to \$50.00 per person per calendar year* for those who were in the Plan as of 1/1/81. Claims up to that amount will be paid quarterly directly from the Quarryville Office at RD 2, Box 20, Quarryville, PA 17566 on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. They will be paid upon presentation of dental bills from a registered dentist.

This is the second year rates have not increased, and in both years additional benefits have been provided. This has been made possible by the fine cooperation of the participants. By helping to guard the claim charges, you are saving money to be used for your benefit. The Plan enables us to bear one another's burdens and at the same time we are establishing a growing security for ourselves and our families. May we all be grateful to God for His goodness to us.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. S. Dyrness, Treasurer  
G. K. Mitchell Jr., Assistant Treasurer  
C. L. Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

### HOSPITALIZATION PLAN REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD Quarryville, Pennsylvania

RATES—EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1981

HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL-SURGICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL  
DENTAL AND FIVE UNITS TERM INSURANCE

	Monthly Payment
One Person.....	\$44.00
Husband and Wife (No Maternity or Children).....	80.00
Husband and Wife (With Maternity and Children under 19 and up to 23*)....	95.00

Parent and Child/ren under 19 and up to 23\* . . . . . 90.00  
 Related dependent under 65 (Term Ins. Not Included) . . . . . 38.00  
 65 Special—A Supplement to Medicare A and B (No Term Insurance) . . . . . 14.50

**PLUS A \$1.00 SERVICE CHARGE WITH EACH PAYMENT  
 PLUS A \$1.00 LATE CHARGE FOR EACH MONTH A PAYMENT IS LATE'**

\*Unmarried dependent children to age 19 are covered at no extra charge. Also, coverage to age 23 IF A FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENT and if requested through this office. Any *change of status* of those covered *must be reported at once* to this office, or coverage may be discontinued.

'COVERAGE will be according to booklet on "Hospitalization" (Revised) 12/80. Hospital and Medical-Surgical expense to \$6,000.00 and, above that, Major Medical/Surgical up to \$1,000,000. Dental Coverage of \$50 per calendar year per person in the Plan as of 1/1/81. Claims paid quarterly by the Quarryville Office.

²TERM INSURANCE—Five units are included in the above rates. (Those on "65 Special" add \$10.00 on their regular rate.) An optional *sixth unit* is available for those eligible at an additional cost of \$2.00 per month.

<i>BENEFITS</i> on this group decreasing life insurance	<i>Per Unit</i>
Less than 31 years . . . . .	\$12,000.00
31 years but less than 36 years . . . . .	10,000.00
36 years but less than 41 years . . . . .	7,500.00
41 years but less than 46 years . . . . .	5,000.00
46 years but less than 51 years . . . . .	3,000.00
51 years but less than 56 years . . . . .	2,000.00
56 years but less than 61 years . . . . .	1,300.00
61 years but less than 66 years . . . . .	1,000.00
66 years but less than 70 years . . . . .	600.00

³PREMIUM PAYMENTS: Please make all checks payable to "Hospitalization" and mail to R.D. #2, Box 20, Quarryville, PA 17566. (State for whom payment is made and period of coverage.)

⁴TO MAKE A CLAIM: When requesting service, give your Identification Number and Group Number, C-34970 (for 65 Special, C-34971), to the doctor or hospital and ask them to send an itemized bill to Inter-County Hospital Services Dept., Foxcroft Square, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Dental claims to be sent to RD 2, Box 20, Quarryville, PA 17566.

**SYNOD'S HOSPITALIZATION PLAN**  
 HOSPITALIZATION CLAIMS 1/1/80-12/31/80  
 MEDICAL/SURGICAL CLAIMS 12/1/79-12/31/80

**TOTAL INCOME FROM PARTICIPANTS**  
 1/1/80-12/31/80

Premiums received:	
Hospitalization	\$266,025.15
Hosp. "65 Special"	41,268.35
Term Life Insurance	<u>26,734.25</u>
Total	<u>\$334,027.75</u>

**AMOUNTS PAID OUT**

Inter-County Hospitalization	\$274,448.83
Inter-County Hospitalization "65 Special"	38,806.05



Minister's Life		30,636.00
Refunds to Participants		
Hospitalization		618.50
Hosp. "65 Special"		1,752.45
Minister's Life		93.00
Office Supplies		680.44
Audits	(2 years—1978 and 1979)	200.00
Total		<u>\$347,345.27</u>

Paid out \$13,317.52 over income, or .0399%

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### CLAIMS

Total number of claims paid—896  
Average amount paid on each claim—\$180.71  
152 families had claims

There were 52 claims over \$1,000.00 )  
There were 27 claims over 2,000.00 )  
There were 4 claims over 5,000.00 ) These claims averaged \$2,502.25  
There was 1 claim over 11,000.00 )

#### COVERAGE

Total number of people covered—1,244  
Including 313 Hospitalization and Medical/Surgical Contracts—992 people  
Hospitalization "65 Special"—252 people

#### TERM INSURANCE

Total coverage—1,421 units  
Term insurance contracts—341  
1 Unit value ranges from \$600.00 to \$12,000.00  
4 Unit value ranges from \$24,000.00 to \$48,000.00  
5 Unit value ranges from \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00  
*There were no claims in 1980*

Total cost of office and audit was 3/10th of one percent.

F. S. Dyrness, Treasurer  
G. Keith Mitchell Jr., Assistant Treasurer  
C. L. Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1980 TO DECEMBER 31, 1980

#### INCOME:

Hospitalization and Medical/Surgical	\$266,025.15
Hospitalization "65 Special"	41,268.35
Life Insurance	26,734.25
Service and Late Charges	1,849.00
Interest: Savings Account—Conestoga S&L	9,553.18
Savings Account—Farmers National Bank	213.14
Savings Account—Conestoga S&L	1,460.11
D. M. Weston Note	4,000.00
U.S. Treasury Note	237.98
Dividend: Philadelphia Electric	3,800.00
Ministers Life & Casualty Insurance Co.	8,195.92
Refund—Inter-County Hosp. (Net—\$45,137.49)	<u>54,330.32</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$417,667.40

#### EXPENSES:

Premiums: Inter-County Hosp. Plan Inc.:	
Hospitalization and Medical/Surgical	274,558.83

Hospitalization "65 Special"	38,806.05
Ministers Life & Casualty Ins. Co., Life Insurance	30,636.00
Refund to Participants—Hospitalization	618.50
Refund to Participants—"65 Special"	1,752.45
Refund to Participants—Life Insurance	93.00
Postage, Stationery, Telephone and Supplies	680.44
Audit—CPA (for two years)	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$347,345.27</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$70,322.13</b>

<b>ALLOCATION OF NET INCOME</b>	
Net Income for the Period	\$70,322.13
Less: Increase for Advance Payments	6,866.11
Added to Reserve	63,456.02
Plus Reserve for Cost of Medical Benefits 1980	<u>18,087.49</u>
Net Added to Reserve	<b>\$81,543.51</b>

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 1980  
ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash in Banks:

Farmers National Bank of Quarryville		
Checking Account	\$600.20	
Savings Account (5%)	3,715.02	
Conestoga Savings and Loan		
Savings Account 5¼%	4,350.02	
Certificate of Deposit (9%)	<u>70,000.00</u>	\$78,665.24

Investments:

400 shares Philadelphia Electric		
Cum 9½% Pref.	\$40,000.00	
Note—D. M. Weston 10%	40,000.00	
U.S. Treasury Note, 10½%, 2/15/95	<u>74,062.50</u>	<u>154,062.50</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$232,727.14**

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES:**

Insurance Payments Received in Advance		
Hospitalization & Medical Surgical	\$30,298.50	
Hospitalization—"65 Special"	1,399.35	
Term Insurance	<u>3,216.25</u>	34,914.10

**EQUITY:**

Reserve 1/1/80	\$116,270.13	
Net Income for the Period	63,456.02	
Special Reserve 1980	<u>18,087.49</u>	
Total Reserve 12/31/80		<u>197,813.64</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** **\$232,727.74**

***ACTION:***

Synod, on motion, encouraged ministers to provide the Ministerial Welfare and Benefits Committee demographic data necessary for establishing a disability plan as instructed by the 158th General Synod so as to report to the 160th General Synod.

Synod recessed at 10:27 a.m., being dismissed with prayer by Dr.

Harold Mare. The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m., with the Rev. Phil Lancaster leading in prayer.

## **REPORT OF WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS**

The Rev. Nelson Malkus presented the following report, assisted by the Rev. Robert Auffarth, the Rev. David Cross, the Rev. John Hunt, the Rev. Robert Scott, the Rev. Gary Waldecker, Mr. Stan Peters, the Rev. George Bragdon, the Rev. Bruce Young, the Rev. John M. L. Young, the Dr. R. Laird Harris, and the Rev. Frank Fiol:

Fathers and Brethren:

"I was not disobeyed to the vision from heaven" is what Paul stated as he stood before King Agrippa. The vision was one in which he was told: "I am sending you . . . so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Visions from heaven are a bit more than suspect in our day. Thankfully, we have a "more sure word"—an overt, written "vision" about our responsibility to witness to all nations to seek to bring them to a place of submission to Jesus Christ and to disciple them in order to bring them to maturity. It is in response to that command that World Presbyterian Missions was born and to which command it has tried to be faithful during the past year.

Eighty-one regularly appointed missionaries have served on nine different fields. Two couples among these 81 are considering a reassignment of field as this report is written. We have also had the faithful services of 10 worker-visitors, two seminary interns, and two field partners. During the year, the Board has appointed eight new missionaries. Disappointingly, five of these are still lacking much of their financial support as this report is being written at the end of March. The board anticipates the appointment of 11 more before the end of this year. Four couples have resigned, two of these coming off "leave of absence" status. On February 19, a retirement dinner was held in the Hotel duPont in Wilmington, honoring Phil and Jane Foxwell, Frank and Esther Fiol, George and Mary Bragdon, and Josephine Wilson. Bronze plaques were presented to them by the president of the board in recognition of their many years (130 combined!) of faithful and effective service.

During the church year (1981-82), the following missionaries will be on furlough: Bruce and Judy Fiol (India), Richard Ramsay (Chile), David and Barbara Cross (Australia), Paul and Pat Putney (Jordan). One hundred seventy-five churches were visited by furloughing missionaries and accepted candidates since Synod last year.

There is a possibility that within a year the mission arms of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America with which we have cooperative agreements will be one with WPM. It must be acknowledged that the prospect of such a merger of these mission organizations has thrown a pall of uncertainty over the present work and future plans of WPM; however, the board, the administration,

the office staff, and the missionaries continue to operate as close to normal as feasible. In the event of such a merger, possibly the least affected during the early period will be the missionaries, but the others are committed to overseeing a smooth transition.

God has been good in supplying the finances necessary to maintain and expand the missionary endeavor of the RPCES, even in the face of continuing inflation and a weakening dollar in those countries where we work. The year 1980 saw an income of 1.68 million dollars, the largest income ever. January of this year saw the month's receipts exceed \$200,000 for the first time. Last year's financial statement will show an income increased by 19 percent but, also, an increase of 23 percent in expenditures. It might also be mentioned that only 16.6 percent of WPM's financial "pie" is used for what is often called "overhead" (office expense). This is well below the average of non-profit religious organizations. WPM must acknowledge disappointment at the response to last year's "WPM Sunday" when 42 percent of the churches responded and only 49 percent of the \$45,000 to care for the general fund deficit was received. On the other hand, several churches well exceeded the "per capita" gift needed and WPM is thankful for their fine effort.

There are now 1,889 Minutemen, a volunteer group that commits itself to at least four dollars per year in response to particular appeals. This past year, three have been made for a new teachers' quarters for the Home Academy in Bhogpur, India, the residences for new missionary families in Kenya, and help for the Northeastern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North India. Gifts for those three have averaged \$8,320 per appeal.

The 24 members of the board met twice this year, with the eight members of the executive committee meeting another four times. The Synod's gratitude should be extended to these men whose interest and direction contribute so much to the successful implementation of Synod's desire to have an effective foreign missions arm. Of course, on the other hand, the WPM board is very appreciative of the support both in prayer and funds given by the churches and individuals to the work.

The Rev. Werner G. Mietling was installed by the board at their September meeting as Associate Executive Director effective January 1, 1981, and Mrs. Dorothy Horner replaced Miss Josephine Wilson on the administrative staff on December 1, 1980. Mr. John Christie continues to give very valuable assistance to the administration on a volunteer basis.

The Women's Auxiliary of WPM held its annual spring retreat on March 27-28, 1981. About 315 women attended from five presbyteries. They heard reports and testimonies from six WPM missionaries and four accepted candidates. An offering of \$937 was received for housing new missionaries in Kenya.

A WPM "Be A World Christian" seminar is planned for the Pittsburgh Presbytery on November 6-7, 1981. Pastors and sessions in that area are requested to encourage their church leaders especially to attend.

Now for some highlights of 1980-81: Four young people have been involved in using the teaching of English as a means of reaching people in JAPAN, several of whom have trusted Christ. Replacements are being requested. This program had 33 Japanese participants last summer. The Japan Christian Theological Seminary is now occupying new facilities on the campus of Tokyo Christian College with which it merged last year. Reinforcements for this mission are a top priority for WPM since many believe the Japanese are "ripe" for a new surge forward on the part of the church.

Three hundred forty-one children are now being cared for in the Children's Home at Bhogpur, India. Over 180 of these are being taught in the Home Academy which has three pre-school grades plus grades one to five, all in the English-teaching medium, plus one higher grade in Hindi medium. A branch home for 50 poor children has been opened in the old seminary building in Roorkee. This is financed by a Dutch group. The \$100,000 goal for the purchase of the new seminary campus in Dehra Dun was realized, but legal complications have held up actual transfer of the property. The Rev. Ted Hard, veteran OPC missionary to Korea, helped last summer and has been useful in providing social outlets for Woodstock students in a Christian atmosphere.

Three new families have joined the Kenya mission since last Synod. The site for a second bush station is being determined. Five Kenyans were ordained during the year. Serious drought conditions have once again affected the work as so much time and energy must be spent just to survive. WPM has helped some but corn has not been available to purchase. Conditions have cut down the number studying at the Bible Institute and through Theological Education by Extension. Sunday school interest also has waned. Some well-attended women's presbyterial meetings and youth conferences have been held, however. Additional remodeling of older buildings, the completion of the clinic building and the start of the first new missionary residence have been the goal of the Sam Moncrieffs of California, who are self-supported volunteers of the OPC. Due to the drought, the agricultural project has bogged down but there is still the attempt to do what is possible to instruct the people in producing better crops. During 1980, the medical team ministered to a total of 13,722 patients; 77 babies were delivered; three out-stations were utilized. Recently, some tension has arisen between mission and church which we believe will be put at ease by God's grace.

In Nairobi, the government granted a new, more accessible site to the mission for their community center/sanctuary. "Beacons" were finally set and as soon as plans are approved, construction will begin. Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Wechel are on hand to direct that work. They, like the Moncrieffs, are self-supported (retired) volunteers. WPM is satisfied that the RPCES should seek to support the Daystar International organization in their plan to inaugurate a Christian college in Nairobi.

We are thankful that Lester Gates of our JORDAN mission survived a heart attack and a by-pass operation and was able to return to his be-

loved hospital and orchard in March. God has spared this "light in the desert" of any real effects of the political unrest in the Middle East, except for damage done to a "Lester Gates bridge" by tanks, the bridge then being finished off (again) by flood water. During 1980, Annoor Sanatorium saw 6,885 patients in the clinic and had an average of 25 in-patients. All continue to receive a spiritual as well as physical ministry through personal contacts and meetings. While, due to the political conditions, few have recently come from Syria, more are coming from the "closed" country of Saudi Arabia.

The headquarters of the PCA Mission to FRANCE under which our missionaries work have moved from Marseille to Paris.

The translation of the entire Bible into Quechua approaches a conclusion in PERU. Mr. Emerson has been assisted for almost two years by seminary intern, David Strumbeck, while David's wife, Susan, has taught Woodson children. A disappointment has now been realized as it appears funds from the Bible Societies are not available for the printing of the Bible. Recently, 5,000 newly-revised New Testaments have been printed but they cost almost \$6.00 (US) per copy. This price could be helped by subsidization. A new presbytery in the Abancay area was formed in the national church but, admittedly, of weak churches. Four small groups form an encouraging work in Quillabamba. Both areas desire the presence of a missionary. Radio Amauta continues to operate in spite of mechanical and personnel problems. Improvements are "in the works" for better transmission of the message.

Theological Education by Extension has gone well in CHILE with some 60-70 students but the necessity to produce and devise adequate programmed materials has caused the mission to decide to partially suspend TEE for one year in order to devote time and energy to meet this need. About 20 students just received their two-year certificate in Biblical instruction through the TEE courses. New churches in Gomez Carreno and Santiago have shown good growth, with some 70 and 40 presently in attendance, respectively. The seminary attendees were 20 last year and produced 4 graduates. The mission has adopted a schedule to incorporate an increasing number of nationals into the seminary board and, also, to remove the seminary from Quillots to Santiago. Most all the missionaries have made the decision to unite with the National Presbyterian Church of Chile, whether the presbytery or the local church. Greater support for the seminary by American Christians will help it to remunerate Dennis O'Shee, a Chilean, who has just graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary. The work in the women's prison continues but not without its disappointments and problems.

The David Crosses finished their work in Western AUSTRALIA with the satisfaction of having seen three congregations in Perth come to birth under their ministry. In addition has been the impact of their literature ministry through the Westminster Bookshelf (now under the church), the theological and Biblical training that has been made available to young men, and Bible classes for women, as well as a growing ministry among

the Noongers now under an Australian pastor. The missionaries and Aussie presbyters agreed that the time had come to extend the testimony of WPM to the East and so, at the end of 1980, the Claassens moved to Brisbane where they will be joined by the Billiters in early 1981.

Larry Beckler, a CTS seminary intern, has supplied the pulpit of the Bull Creek congregation. The other two congregations are still planning to build while the mission church in Kelmscott continues to grow in good fashion.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That "WPM Sunday" be changed from Pentecost Sunday to the third Sunday of September each year. The chief reason for this request is that our two educational institutions are making a final appeal in the late spring of the year to finish "in the black."

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelson K. Malkus

**WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS INC.—CASH STATEMENT**  
January 1, 1980-December 31, 1980

	<b>1980</b>	<b>1979</b>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$229,806	\$190,428
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
General Purposes	\$159,984	\$179,678
Support—Missionaries	1,091,723	919,691
Support—G. R. Bragdon	1,720	1,538
Support—N. K. Malkus	1,703	1,587
Support—W. G. Mietling	300	0
Special Funds—Designated	349,888	261,859
Contributions for RP Foundation Expense	7,400	0
Income—Fleming Farm	0	2
Income—Foundations	600	600
Income—Estates and Legacies	8,962	6,380
Income—Investments	25,594	12,349
Income—Interest on Notes and Mortgages	5,502	7,843
Income—Endowments	12,068	10,260
Income—Rentals	5,055	3,727
Personal Gifts	9,295	8,789
Newsletter	712	1,181
Books and Tracts	16	264
Total Receipts (+ 18.7%)	\$1,680,526	\$1,415,754
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Personal Gifts	\$10,332	7,525
Missionaries' Salaries	475,324	431,771
Pre-College Allowance	11,327	13,024
Children's Allowance	18,258	18,201
Direct Expense—Missionaries	122,184	64,893
Field Expense—Missionaries	104,815	107,951
Hospitalization—Missionaries	43,649	37,762
Pension Fund—Missionaries	37,993	29,643
Year End Bonus—Missionaries	39,603	36,318
Missionary Support—Other Boards	9,639	0
Special Funds—Designated	454,278	324,990
Pension Retirement Benefits	2,604	2,733

Pension Retirement Benefits	1,984	0
Headquarters Equipment	4,826	838
Executive Salaries	55,678	45,788
Executive Housing and Other Expenses	31,520	23,843
Directors' Meeting Expense	10,657	10,029
Clerical Salaries	92,196	83,204
Miscellaneous Salaries	1,806	1,424
Taxes on Wages	7,981	6,875
Hospitalization	6,718	5,956
Pension Fund	6,516	6,016
Books and Tracts	170	132
Dues and Subscriptions	465	646
Maintenance of Office	7,191	6,394
Postage	20,113	16,732
Publicity and Printing Same	33,551	32,275
Stationery, Supplies and Expense	7,728	10,806
Telephone and Telegraph	4,895	4,349
Professional Fees	3,890	4,143
Computer Service	9,464	0
Electricity and Other Utilities	5,013	
Insurance	1,900	1,661
Missionary Expense Charged to General Fund	1,222	101
Automobile Expense	1,044	1,391
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation	15,000	5,325
Expense—Missionary Candidates	200	1,007
Promotion	352	1,416
Workshops	408	754
Other Expense	1,6	995
Maintenance—DuBois Property	131	130
Maintenance—901 Guest Rooms	161	152
Maintenance—St. Louis House	306	1,480
Maintenance—Lehigh Road	849	720
Maintenance—Carriage House	2,269	2,012
Audio Visual	820	517
Total Disbursements (+ 23.0%)	<u>\$1,668,589</u>	<u>\$1,356,196</u>

**CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	<b>1980</b>	<b>1979</b>
Transfer Account	\$	\$(100)
Notes Receivable	12,728	1,626
Mortgage Receivable	372	353
Missionary Accounts Receivable, net	(1,326)	9,639
Matured Church Bonds	1,100	300
From Sale of Japan Property	0	(17,000)
Loan to Peru Missions	0	(15,000)
Net Changes	<u>\$12,874</u>	<u>(\$20,180)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	\$254,618	\$229,806

*NOTE: The WPM General Fund deficit has increased from \$53,928.54 at December 31, 1979, to \$56,300.51 at December 31, 1980.*

**ACTION:**

1. On motion, synod changed "WPM Sunday" from Pentecost Sunday to the third Sunday of September each year.
2. Synod instructed WPM to present to the 160th General Synod a ten-year plan for the work of WPM on the various fields.



## **REPORT OF EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cross presented the following report with the assistance of the Rev. Douglas Lee, the Rev. Rodney Storz, and the Rev. Bernhard Kuiper:

### **Fathers and Brethren:**

In 1980 at a pre-synod seminar on discipleship, those attending were motivated to institute a discipleship training program. At this seminar we had between 90 and 100 in attendance, representing not only RPCES churches but other churches from the Seattle area. Following the meeting of synod your committee received requests for seminars on discipleship in the Pittsburgh area, the Seattle area, and requests from individuals in other presbyteries.

On November 6 and 7 in Pittsburgh at a seminar taught by Dr. Billie Hanks of Fort Worth, Tex., 14 men received training. Following this seminar we received enthusiastic reports from some of the men who attended and several churches instituted discipleship training as a result.

The men of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery requested the assistance of the Evangelism Committee in arranging a seminar for their area and this was held February 20-21, 1981. There were 40 in attendance at this seminar and again there was a positive response. At this writing we have not had time for the fruit from this seminar to develop, but we are confident that there will be growth in churches and in individuals.

In September 1980 the Evangelism Committee placed an ad in the *Parade* and *Family Magazine*, supplements to Sunday newspapers, and we received over 7,000 requests for a copy of "Who Cares Whether You Live or Die?" Although we have heard that a few people did not receive theirs, every contact was mailed a copy within a few days after their name was received. The clerks of presbyteries received copies of the labels so that the people could be followed up by churches in the area.

Your committee has not assembled for a meeting during the year due to the cost of transportation, but we have kept in touch by mail and by a telephone conference. We have plans to hold additional seminars as requested. Any presbytery which would like to have a seminar should contact the committee. When we are assured of 30 to 40 participants, your committee will be glad to assist in the arrangements.

We have written to our churches several times this year appealing for funds. We do appreciate the response which we have received, and we would encourage each church to place the Evangelism Committee in its regular missionary and benevolent budget. We would be able to expand our efforts with more financial help from the churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas G. Cross, Chairman

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE TREASUER'S REPORT

May 1, 1980-April 30, 1981

Balance, May 1, 1980		\$2,904
Income		6,924
Gifts	\$2,970	
Seminars	3,954	
Pre-Synod, 1980	\$460	
Pittsburgh	965	
Seattle	2,529	
Total to account for		9,828
Disbursements	9,235	
Seminar Expense	4,592	
Pittsburgh	2,021	
Seattle	2,571	
Response to ad on "Who Cares?"	3,528	
Transportation to committee meetings	465	
Postage	285	
Insert, <i>Bulletin News Supplement</i>	148	
Phone	93	
Printing, supplies	49	
Labels for mailing	63	
Bank charges	9	
Balance on hand, April 30, 1981		\$593

Dr. Robert Reymond led in prayer for the evangelistic work of our church.

Synod was recessed at 12:27 p.m. with the Rev. Harold Hight leading in prayer. Synod was reconvened by the moderator at 1:48 p.m. for a memorial service of worship.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Elder Earl Witmer, chairman of the Memorials Committee, opened the service with a call to worship from 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 and led in the invocation. The hymns "For All the Saints," "It Is Well With My Soul," and "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" were sung during the service and Psalm 90 was read responsively. The Rev. Ross Graham presented the background for the writing of "It Is Well With My Soul." Special music was provided by Miss Rebecca Barker, who sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The Rev. Thomas Waldecker presented the memorial for Elder Lester David Fullerton and the Rev. Ross W. Graham presented the memorial for Elder Robert D. McCallum. The assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. Willard O. Armes and the Rev. Thomas Waldecker pronounced the benediction.

#### LESTER DAVID FULLERTON

Lester David Fullerton, long-time elder of Grandcote Reformed Presbyterian Church and an active presbyter within the denomination, was called to his heavenly home on September 5, 1980.

Lester was born on September 11, 1900, baptized as a child of the covenant on November 12, 1900, and was admitted to communicant membership on June 20, 1912. He was ordained to the eldership on May 16, 1943, and became clerk of session on March 11, 1945, a position he held until October 8, 1967.

In addition to his labors in Grandcote Church, he served as clerk of the Western Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod, from 1945 until the union with the Evangelical Synod in 1965. He also served as president of the Foreign Missions Board of that denomination until the union. He also served as vice president of World Presbyterian Missions.

He was married to Flossie Stewart, a sister of The Rev. Robert W. Stewart, pastor emeritus of Bethel Congregation in Sparta, Ill. Mrs. Fullerton preceded him in death in 1977.

To the two children, Lester Eugene Fullerton and Marie (Fullerton) Hall, we, the session of Grandcote Church, offer our encouragement in the Lord and express sincere appreciation for the life and ministry of Lester David Fullerton among us, for his years of service are a matter of inspiration to all of us to be more devoted to the Master's work.

How fitting are the words of Scripture for this departed servant, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

### **ROBERT D. McCALLUM**

Robert D. McCallum was born in Chester County, S.C., October 3, 1910. A Scottish Presbyterian heritage was his birthright. He lived most of his life in Charlotte, N.C. He was a charter member of what is now Faith Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Bob served the church as part of its first diaconate.

In the late 1940's he was elected and ordained to the office of ruling elder. Bob was chosen as a commissioner to early synods of the Bible Presbyterian Church, and regularly represented his church in presbytery.

For over 30 years he served as a member of the session under the ministries of five pastors. For 15 years he served as clerk of session.

Bob took seriously the responsibilities of caring for the flock. There was scarcely a family in the congregation whose house and home were not touched by his kindness and inventiveness.

In his struggle with cancer during the final six months of his life he remained firm in his commitment to Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior, and was ready always to give an answer for the hope that lay within him. Just four months before his promotion to glory he reaffirmed with tears of joy his ordination vows as he stood with other elected officers of the Church and began his final term as the senior elder of the Session. On October 27, 1980 the Lord called Bob home.

## **ELECTION TO WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS BOARD**

The following ballot was presented:

*John Christie\* INC 2/3 R*

*William Kirwan\* INC T (1983)*

*William McColley\* (PCA) INC 2/3*

*Addison Soltau\* INC 2/3 T*

*Richard Tevebaugh\* T*

*Donald Long\* R*

*Paul Gilchrist\* INC 2/3 T*

*Al Lutz\* INC 2/3 T*

*Donald McLean\* R*

*R. Laird Harris\* T*

*Denver Bartee\* R*

*Eugene Potoka\* T*

## **ELECTION TO MINISTERIAL WELFARE AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

The following were nominated from the floor. There being no further nominations, synod moved their election by a white ballot.

*\*Robert P. Eickelberg T*

*\*Charles Donaldson R*

*Bradley Binnington R*

## **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF AGENCIES AND CHURCHES**

Fathers and Brethren:

A little over a year ago, it became clear to the Administrative Committee, named by the moderator of the 158th General Synod, that there was increasing evidence of a communications gap between the churches and agencies of the RPCES. The minutes of the 157th Synod described a guide for proportionate giving which was received with less than enthusiastic support generally, and some scattered negative responses specifically. The Administrative Committee chose to raise the issue at last year's synod in the form of a recommendation (7) to study the relationship of the agencies to the churches and presbyteries with a view to:

1. Examining how the agencies can better serve the churches and the presbyteries;
2. Examining how the pastors and presbyteries can be better prepared to help this service; and
3. Providing a model of ways which the agencies can be better underwritten.

Recommendation 7 was passed by a close margin. The special committee, thus designated, has decided to move slowly in satisfying this charge by reporting our progress and outlining the continuing effort planned for the second year. We ask your endorsement or further guidance for our effort.

The following procedure for collecting and sifting data and moving toward a report to the 160th Synod would answer the charge to the committee as we understand it. Assumptions that have caused us to take this directions are concern for spending synod money on large scale travels, uncertainty over the receptivity of sessions and pastors to preparing written responses to questionnaires and the comparative value of such a study in the atmosphere of change that the RPCES now faces. We have determined that communication should be opened between the committee representatives and individual sessions, as well as synod agencies, to generate an awareness of the necessity for fiscal planning and response as a matter of course. To do this we want to open and maintain a dialogue that may touch on strong personal feelings and traditions which have guided the allocation of benevolence funds throughout the RPCES. To this end the committee will, with your continued endorsement:

1. Send questionnaires to all sessions and pastors;
2. Line up ruling elder businessmen from the Wilmington/Philadelphia area to act as committee representatives to discuss previously received questionnaires with pastors and sessions, when traveling in the vicinity of RP churches;
3. Meet with representatives of synod agencies to discuss their views and solicit ideas for satisfying the committee task;
4. Compile and evaluate the received information and provide to the Administrative Committee before the 160th General Synod; and

5. Prepare a report for presentation to the 160th Synod.

The committee is prepared to, with your endorsement, personally visit selected churches around the country for discussion of their response to the questionnaires. The advantage of doing this is for the committee to become more personally involved with the data being collected. The obvious disadvantage is the cost of travel. As a final item on this report, the committee asks (1) that it be continued, and (2) that synod endorse the committee's direction.

David Brewer  
Robert D. Gray  
Russell R. Doig, chairman

**ACTION:**

Synod, on motion, adopted the recommendation of the committee.

**REPORT OF THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE**

The Rev. William Shell presented the following report:

Fathers and brethren:

The Magazine Committee is pleased to report that the past year has brought both progress and renewed challenge as the *RP Reporter* has been published monthly as a supplement to the *Presbyterian Journal*. It has been the committee's responsibility to plan and execute these monthly issues, and we have sensed the blessing of our Lord on the fruit of our labors.

During the first year of the supplement arrangement with the *Journal*, the editorial task fell largely on the shoulders of Joel Belz, the managing editor. This is not what the Magazine Committee intended. So this past year, the committee elected one of its members, Celeste McFarland, to be the editor of the supplement; it was her responsibility to receive copy, make assignments when necessary, copyedit the material, and supervise its assembly with the assistance of Joel Belz. To say that she has performed her duties well is an understatement: she has invested many hours each month in the work and has given creative and professional guidance that we believe has been vital in making the *RP Reporter* informative, diversified, and interesting.

The committee this year relied heavily on the telephone to conduct its business and generate publishable copy. Three conference calls were made to enable us to plan and discuss the supplement, and the telephone has proved to be a helpful way to overcome the handicap of not being able to travel around the country to "get that story." The committee has intended to focus on a specific theme in each issue in order to provide depth and continuity in the material and to give proper coverage to each of the agencies and ministries of synod. Therefore the October issue, for example, focused on the Christian's role and concern in elections and politics.

We intend to improve the thematic approach during the next year and have already selected the themes, which will include Evangelism and Discipleship, the Arts, Christian Education, Stewardship, the Family, Divorce and Remarriage, Worship, Missions, Lent, Youth, and Healthfulness. Other features which we would like to introduce this year are a column that enables churches to share solutions to problems they have faced; revival of the column "Lydia's House" by Jean Shaw; and a column that focuses on Reformed Presbyterian personalities who have influence well beyond their local congregations. It is our intention to provide articles and information that "you can't read anywhere else."

These goals along with our experience during the past year confront us with many challenges, and these in particular warrant emphasis: First, there are many writers and resource people in local congregations who can and should be contributing to the *Reporter*. The committee must rely on you, the teaching and ruling elders, to discern who these talented persons are and to encourage them to communicate with Celeste McFarland or other members of the committee. Second, there are far too many communicant members and officers in our churches who are not reading the *Journal* and the *Reporter*. We need not enumerate all the benefits that arise from becoming a faithful reader—they should be obvious to you. But it becomes increasingly important that these publications provide an important forum for unifying and edifying the body of believers, not only within the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, but also among all the other bodies of like Presbyterian faith. We promise to confront you with the challenge and the need to make the *Journal* and the supplement better known, more essential, and more widely read among the people whom you shepherd. The June issue will be devoted in large part to the events and actions that transpire here at synod, and this is an excellent time for the reading habit to develop. We enlist your aid to make this happen.

Another specific way in which you can assist the committee and the outreach of the supplement is to put us on your mailing list. Specifically, we request that the church office send to Celeste McFarland in Lexington, Va., your church bulletins, newsletters, and special reports, and keep the supplement in mind when cameras are flashing at special events. What better way is there to make the magazine personal than to show and tell what your own congregation is doing? An Every Family Plan is available.

The budget we propose provides compensation for the editor. The amount proposed is not commensurate with the professional skills and the time she brings to the task, but we believe it is essential that we make a beginning toward this goal. We also believe it is important to begin providing a little compensation to contributors in recognition of their work and their commitment to this denominational enterprise.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

We recommend that the following budget be adopted for June to December 1981:

Editor	\$350
Conference calls	250
Other phone calls	150
Advertising	100
Travel	500
Compensation for writers, photographers	450
Total	<u>\$1,800</u>

We further recommend that the following budget be adopted for January to December 1982:

Editor	\$600
Conference calls	500
Other phone calls	300
Advertising	100
Travel	1,000
Compensation for writers, photographers	900
Total	<u>\$3,400</u>

Respectfully,  
James E. Ruark, Chairman

***ACTION:***

Action on the budget recommendations was deferred until the Administrative Committee reported on the budgets for 1981 and 1982 (see p. 161).

The assembly at this time took final action on the By-Laws amendments for Covenant Theological Seminary and reported on page 31 for convenience.

Also, the synod heard the report of the Special Committee on Pictures of Christ, with chairman George Smith reporting. That action was recorded immediately following the Study Committee's Report on Pictures of Christ for the sake of convenience.

Synod recessed at 3:51 p.m., with prayer by Mr. Gordon Shaw. Synod was reconvened by the moderator at 4:11 p.m., and was led in prayer by the Rev. Roger Lambert.

***REPORT OF THE BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE***

The Rev. Roger Lambert presented the following report assisted by the Rev. Rodney Stortz, Dr. Wilber Wallis, the Rev. David Linden, the Rev. Jack Buckley, Dr. William Barker, and Mr. Will Metzger.

***OVERTURE A—Unified Travel Fund for Annual Synod Meetings***

The Pittsburgh Presbytery at its fall stated meeting held November 1, 1980, at Beaver Falls, Pa., respectfully forwards an overture from Christ RPC in Beaver Falls to the 159th Synod to be held May 22-28, 1981, at Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tenn.

It is our opinion that every effort should be made to enhance maximum participation in Synod, and that the geographical distribution of our churches does not equalize the travel costs even over several years. We therefore ask that serious study be given to this proposal.

Our denomination is relatively small and widely distributed nationally. In order to enhance our spiritual unity as a church and to enhance the prospect of the fullest possible participation in the government of the church, it seems a desirable purpose to mobilize the means of all our churches being represented every year by equalizing the financial burden on all. With the uneven distribution of churches, it would be impossible to achieve this simply by meeting in various places, even if this were planned very strategically for several years in advance.

It is our understanding that both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America operate on a unified travel budget, funded by apportioned giving by all members. The RPNA covers the travel expenses of everyone at synod, and adjusts the apportionment from year to year as appropriate. The OPC does not apparently guarantee full expenses, but reimburses everyone from the available funds on a proportional basis.

We commend this practice to our brethren for serious consideration as we seek to serve effectively the body of Christ.

In our Lord's service,  
Charles L. Winkler, Clerk

***RESPONSE:***

We recommend that the present system employed by synod for proportionate, partial reimbursement of travel expenses for commissioners who so request be continued for this year in light of the possible PCA-OP-RPCES "joining and receiving." A new plan could be considered if the RPCES remains alone.

Because of the importance of the vote on "joining and receiving" at the 160th General Synod of the RPCES, we also strongly recommend that presbyteries and churches make adequate provision for travel to insure that all commissioned delegates are able to attend.

***ACTION:***

The response was adopted.

***OVERTURE B—Clarify Process for Receiving an Organized Church Into Presbytery***

Whereas FOG nowhere stipulates that a mission church or group of believers organized as a particular church (FOG II:9:c) must have its officers and documents examined by the presbytery before receiving that church as a particular church, and

Whereas there is an ambiguity in FOG II:9:c as to whether or not an organized church, to be properly received by the presbytery, must have its documents and arrangements in harmony with the doctrinal, govern-



mental, and disciplinary standards of this denomination,

The Southeast Presbytery meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C., on October 28, 1980, overtures synod to clarify whether or not all the elements listed in FOG II:9:c following the words "To this end . . ." are required to be completed before an organized church may be received by the presbytery as a particular church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Spink, Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

We interpret FOG II,9,c to mean that "those elements" following the words "To this end . . ." should be completed and in harmony with the doctrinal, governmental, and disciplinary standards of this denomination before a mission church is received by a presbytery as a particular church.

In light of FOG II,9,b, it seems reasonable to suppose that if this is true for "previously organized churches," it would also hold true for newly organized churches.

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted.

**OVERTURE C—Amend FOG Re Examination of Non-RPCES Ministers**

The Delmarva Presbytery overtures the 159th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to adopt the following proposed revision to the FOG, Chapter V, regarding the examination of ordained ministers applying for membership in RPCES presbyteries from outside the denomination:

a. Amend FOG, chapter V, section 5, o, par. 2, by inserting, in line 3, after the word "constitution," the words "and operation." Delete the two previous occurrences in the sentence of the word "and."

b. Amend FOG, chapter V, section 6, h, by deleting the last three lines of the paragraph and substituting after the words "to which he applies shall" the following, "examine him in the inspiration of scripture, systematic theology, church sacraments, apologetics, and the history, constitution, and operation of the denomination, and he shall be required to give affirmative answers to the required questions given in section 3 of this chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell R. Doig, Stated Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

Presbyteries are to be reminded that ministers transferring to us from other denominations may well require examinations in all the areas involved in our examination of candidates for ordination; (including the functional operation of our synod—for example, the relationship be-

tween our denominational agencies and presbyteries and churches.) However, amendment to the FOG does not appear necessary to accomplish this end.

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted.

***OVERTURE D—Amend FOG Re Previously Ordained College or Seminary Student***

Midwestern Presbytery at its October 3, 1980, meeting respectfully overtures the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting in Lookout Mountain, Tenn., in May of 1981, to add a second paragraph after FOG V:6:h as follows:

“In the case of a previously ordained college or seminary student, with less than three years ministry since his ordination as a ruling/teaching elder, seeking to be transferred into the RPCES, the presbytery shall process his request by arranging for him individually to complete each of the examinations connected with the various steps leading to the ministry, and shall, upon receiving a satisfactory call to service recognize his ordination within the RPCES by enrolling him on the rolls of presbytery and processing his call.”

Respectfully submitted,  
A. F. Moginot Jr., Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

We recommend that Overture D be adopted with the following revisions so that FOG V,6,h would read:

“In the case of a previously ordained college or seminary student, with less than three years of active ministry since his ordination as a teaching elder, seeking to be received into the RPCES, the presbytery shall process his request by arranging for him to complete each of the requirements connected with the various steps leading to the ministry, and shall, upon receiving a satisfactory call to service, recognize his ordination within the RPCES by enrolling him on the rolls of presbytery and processing his call.”

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted and will be sent down to presbyteries for action.

***OVERTURE F—Erect a Study Committee on the Sabbath***

Whereas there is a general and growing disregard for the sanctity of the Lord’s Day in our culture; and

Whereas there is confusion in our churches and disagreement among our teaching elders about the current obligation and application of the fourth commandment; and

Whereas there are many candidates for licensure and ordination, who subscribe to all the elements of the system of doctrine taught in the Westminster standards, except its interpretation of the fourth commandment; and

Whereas the issue of sabbath observance is especially important, touching as it does on the morals of our people; and

Whereas Philadelphia Presbytery has prepared a preliminary study paper on this issue but needs the benefit of the wisdom of the church at large;

Therefore be it resolved that Philadelphia Presbytery, meeting this 14th day of March, 1981, does hereby overture the 159th General Synod of the RPCES to erect a study committee to declare to the church:

1. The Biblical teaching on the current obligation and application of the fourth commandment; and

2. Whether the Westminster standards do indeed embody "the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures" on this point; and

3. Whether the view of the sabbath taught in the Westminster standards is part of the essential "system" to which all candidates for licensure and ordination must subscribe.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. T. Noe, Clerk

### **RESPONSE:**

We concur that our churches, teaching elders, and candidates for the ministry would benefit from a thorough study of the teachings of Scripture and our standards on the Fourth Commandment and their consistent application in today's society; therefore we recommend that synod appoint a study committee as requested, to report its recommendations to the 1982 General Synod.

### **ACTION:**

1. The recommendation was adopted with the following amendments:

a. add the words "to have the preliminary report ready for pre-synod distribution prior to the 1982 General Synod.

b. add the words "ruling elder" to the first line.

2. Synod, on motion, furthermore urges the Philadelphia Presbytery to consult with other presbyteries concerning their application of the second ordination vow on the Sabbath question.

### **OVERTURE G—For a Study Committee on the Scriptural Obligations of Christian Unity and Fellowship**

Whereas the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, has been consistently zealous to guard the purity of the Church and separate itself from apostasy,

And whereas the report of the study committee on apostasy and ecclesiastical separation to the 159th General Synod stated, "We further

recognize that a study in the unity of the Church is as important as studying separation," (p. 102),

And whereas the Scripture teaches that we are our brothers' keepers and have a responsibility to share the gifts and doctrines intrusted to us by the Holy Spirit,

And whereas truth and love are equally precious to our God and neither can be favored to the neglect of the other,

And whereas no individual believer or church is absolutely faithful, and purity in doctrine and life is a demand and goal of Scripture and not a prerequisite to fellowship,

Therefore the California Presbytery respectfully requests the 159th General Synod to establish a study committee to report to the 160th General Synod on the respective obligations and attendant duties of association, cooperation, and fellowship with believers with whom we differ as well as the mandate to speak with and witness to those who do not name the name of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. N. Smith, Clerk

### ***RESPONSE:***

Because our testimony on ecclesiastical purity is clear and well known, we deem it valid and important to clarify our church's convictions as the Biblical standards for ecclesiastical unity and how to practice it; therefore we recommend a study committee's appointment to examine the matters enumerated in this overture (with the insertion of the words "every type of" after "prerequisite to" in the last line of paragraph five), and to report its conclusions and recommendations to the 160th General Synod.

### ***ACTION:***

The response was adopted.

### ***ENLARGEMENT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE***

Synod, on motion, expanded the Fraternal Relations Committee by two ruling elders who will be elected to serve for one year. Synod, on motion, agreed to suspend the Standing Rules to allow for implementation of the above action this year.

Synod, on motion, agreed to reconvene 15 minutes after the conclusion of the evening worship service.

Synod recessed at 5:20 p.m., with Mr. Joel Belz leading in prayer. Synod was reconvened at 8:40 p.m. by the moderator, with the Rev. Randall Martin leading in prayer.

### ***REPORT OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING INC.***

The Rev. George Smith presented the following report, assisted by the Rev. Eugene Potoka, the Rev. Randall Martin, Mrs. Karen Gray, the

Rev. Robert Edmiston, the Rev. Thomas Jones, the Rev. Dr. Mark Pett, the Rev. Roger Lambert, and the Rev. David Hein.

Fathers and Brethren:

I'm excited about what God is doing through our efforts.

### **Publications**

FOLLOW ME is a new quarterly publication. It's designed to stimulate teachers, like ADVANCE, which it replaces. But more than that, FOLLOW ME is intended to give sufficient material for every church to have a meaningful teacher's meeting regardless of which curriculum or program they use. We want it to be distributed to every Sunday school teacher, pastor and Sunday school superintendent. And we hope it will provide an impetus for more churches to have an outgoing ministry to their teachers. Debbie DeFord puts FOLLOW ME together and the first issue exceeded all my expectations. FOLLOW ME is being sent in packages of 15 to each of our churches, free of charge. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church's Committee on Christian Education has voted to distribute it to their churches for a year and they requested that we reprint the first issue for them. It will cost us about \$4,000 to prepare and distribute FOLLOW ME to our churches for one year.

IDEAS, a digest, is sent to some 220 pastors and is in its second year. One of the things we hope to get from you through our presbytery representatives is a regular flow of ideas which congregations have tried. We'll then share them with others.

There are presently 27 churches in our Sunday school program. We see this as a good way for a church to have a highly significant ministry to teachers and families within the Sunday school. Malcolm and Florence Brown are in charge of preparing our Sunday school supplements.

We are still exploring the production of officer training materials which would replace our present materials for officer instruction. Beyond that, we want whatever we do to provide a basis for workshops with officers that we would take to churches.

In recent months, activity in our bookstore has increased. We would like to be your supplier for Sunday school materials— regardless of which curriculum you use. And we can obtain any Christian book for you—usually at a 20 percent discount. Barbara Kay manages the bookstore as well as our office.

And we continue to put together the DAY OF PRAYER GUIDE. More than 10,800 of these are now sent to our churches for each DAY OF PRAYER.

### **Conferences**

Our first conference on Sharpening Pastoral Skills was held near Philadelphia, February 9-13, 1981. Twenty-six pastors and nine wives attended. And it was an overwhelming success. Here are a few comments: "It was the most valuable pastor's conference I have ever attended and

has been a deeply moving experience. Not only was the content excellent but the fellowship was intense and so very needed.” “Group experience was the highest and most beneficial of the conference to me. It will leave an impact through the rest of my life. I was profoundly helped by the peer affirmation and intimate fellowship.”

We received \$1,000 in designated gifts to cover scholarships and provide general subsidy. Our out-of-pocket expenses were just about \$1,000 more than we received in tuitions.

Our next pastor’s conference is scheduled for Indianapolis, November 9-13, 1981. That could cost us \$2,000 to \$3,000 more than we can expect to get in tuitions. Our goal is to have four of these a year in various places around the country.

Our seminars for teachers and leaders are a vital part of our ministry. In the first six months of 1981, we held seven. We have three scheduled for fall. In addition, I have been invited to participate in a Christian education workshop for churches in the Philadelphia area, sponsored by Great Commission Publications.

One of our recent workshops was with a group of young adults from the Philadelphia Presbytery. Here are reactions from some of the participants: “It is quite evident that the Holy Spirit was working in a mighty way in all who attended.” “This seminar has had a profound affect on my Christian walk . . . Christ had been working in me before the weekend, but you provided the friendship and counselling to open the door of my heart and let Christ take control.”

Most of our seminars have been aimed at Sunday school teachers with others invited. But, we’ve recently begun to try to get workshops with mission congregations. In March, we had one with Reformed Presbyterian Church, Belleville, Ill.

### **Internship**

We have not had a seminary intern this year. The economic problems connected with moving to Connecticut and living there for just 15 months make involvement difficult. But even with that, we are in touch with five men at Covenant Seminary who are exploring the possibility of an internship with us either this year or next. Our interns are required to raise their own support. All the money designated for our intern program, goes to the intern.

### **Finances**

Our budget, which does not include out-of-pocket expenses for our pastor’s conferences, is just \$10,000 more than we received last year. We are operating on a budget which calls for \$76,342. We are doing a lot with very little. Still we must become much more financially stable. I’ve realized in a new way, within the last six months, just how debilitating it has been not to be able to pay our bills.

We have an excellent staff of six people—four of whom are part time, two of whom are full time. Within the last two years, we have significant-

ly expanded our efforts to address needs within our churches, in an increasingly helpful way. At the same time, we continue to operate under the guidelines of our working philosophy statement; that is, to train those who in turn train others. We are pleased to have been called to be partners with you in ministry. We hope that partnership will continue to find new ways of expression during this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robert E. Edmiston  
 Executive Director

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING INC.—GENERAL FUND**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Year End October 31, 1980**

**RECEIPTS**

Gifts from churches and related organizations	\$27,644
Personal gifts and honorariums	23,314
Designated gifts	1,077
Overhead contribution—Department of Publication	14,146
—Training Center	1,975
Interest income	80
Other	428
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$68,664</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries and wages	\$38,337
Housing	5,458
Hospitalization	1,634
Travel	2,599
Payroll tax expense	872
Pension	1,600
Office supplies and printing	5,156
Telephone	826
Synod contribution	90
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation contribution	180
Headquarters rent	4,931
Board meeting expense	2,649
Curriculum development	385
Interest on loan (Note 2)	290
Casual labor	94
Insurance—Workmen's Compensation	475
Office equipment	260
Miscellaneous	1,278
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$67,114</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,550</b>

**ACTION:**

1. Synod approved a change in the by-laws reducing the total number on the board from 21 to 15 in three classes of five each and amending SR XIII,3,b accordingly.

2. Synod suspended the Standing Rule to allow for the action under No. 1 to be implemented this year.

3. Synod approved a change in the CTI by-laws requiring that all who are elected to the board must subscribe to the doctrinal standards of the RPCES.

## **REPORT OF BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Rev. Roger Lambert continued with the report:

### ***OVERTURE K—Instruct Presbyteries and Sessions Regarding Freemasonry***

Philadelphia Presbytery, at its meeting on March 14, 1981, respectfully overtures the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., on May 22-28, 1981, as follows:

Inasmuch as Freemasonry among church officers in the PCA has been identified as an issue in the current talks relating to the invitation to enter the PCA, and inasmuch as the Philadelphia Presbytery agrees that it is an issue, we wish to convey our concern about Freemasonry among church officers in our denomination. We therefore overture the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to instruct presbyteries to encourage sessions to determine if they have installed Freemasons as officers of local congregations, and challenge the sessions to counsel those individuals with reference to the irreconcilable differences between the lordship of Jesus Christ and membership in the Masonic order.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. T. Noe, Clerk

### **RESPONSE:**

In response to Overture K regarding Freemasonry, the Bills and Overtures Committee agrees with the Philadelphia Presbytery that this is an important concern in our denomination. Therefore, we recommend that:

I. The 1955 statement of the Bible Presbyterian Church as recorded in the Minutes of the 147th General Synod of the RPCES (1969, pp. 79-82) including the four adopted recommendations on p. 82, be included in the Minutes of the 159th General Synod.

II. Presbyteries be reminded that adopted recommendations 2, 3, and 4 remain as synod guidelines for dealing with this issue:

“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 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.”

III. Synod assist ministers and elders in carrying out recommendation II, 2 by encouraging careful consideration of the 1955 statement of the BPC and the pamphlet “Christ aor the Lodge” (Great Commission Publications) and the Christian Reformed Church report 45, “Lodge and Church Membership Summary Pamphlet,” pp. 547-569, 1975 Acts of Synod.

### **ACTION:**

The response was adopted as amended.



## 1955 STATEMENT OF THE BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCERNING OATH-BOUND SECRET SOCIETIES

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* (p. 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 p. 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 pp. 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.

### ***OVERTURE L—Issue Complaint to Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches***

The Delmarva Presbytery respectfully overtures the 159th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to ask that synod register a formal complaint with the newly organized denomination, "Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches," with regard to the use of "Evangelical Presbyterian" in their name.

Since one of the denominations making up our Reformed Presbyterian Church is the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and many of our particular churches continue to use the name Evangelical Presbyterian as their local church name, the use of this name by the new denomination could bring confusion to people's minds. We believe that they should be requested to choose a different name. Further, we believe a complaint registered by our synod will have a greater impact than various complaints from particular churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell R. Doig, Stated Clerk

### ***RESPONSE:***

While appreciating the courageous stand recently taken by the churches in the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches in withdrawing from the UPCUSA, nevertheless the 159th General Synod expresses its desire that the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches not use its presently proposed name but rather seek another name to avoid confusion with a significant number of our existing local congregations.

### ***ACTION:***

1. The response adopted.
2. Synod, on motion, adopted the following statement: "In the event that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church or a similar name is adopted,

synod instructs the RPCES legal counsel to meet with the legal counsel of the Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches to develop any documents necessary to avoid possible confusion in the settlement of estates, etc., in the future.”

***OVERTURE O—Amend FOG to Prevent a Minister  
from Exercising the Duties of His Office***

The Northeast Presbytery respectfully overtures the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Covenant College on May 22, 1981, regarding the following matter:

There are occasions when it may be advisable for a presbytery to prevent a minister from exercising the duties of his office because he fails to perform adequately the work of the ministry. However, if the matter does not involve heresy or moral turpitude, there is no clear provision in our standards for dealing with the situation. Therefore, we propose the following addition to the Form of Government, to be placed after V d, p. 39:

A minister may be prevented from exercising the duties of his office, without being deposed, for reasons other than moral turpitude or heresy. A presbytery may consider such a suspension when he fails to perform adequately the work of the ministry.

If a presbytery contemplates preventing a minister from exercising the duties of his office, the minister in question shall be duly informed and given the opportunity at a meeting of presbytery to defend his ministry.

No such action shall be taken by presbytery without the presbytery’s commitment to counsel the minister with a view toward restoring his effectiveness. Presbytery must review such a suspension no less than every two years.

Nothing in this chapter shall be held to imply that, when a minister retires, or is retired, because of advanced age or disability, from his official position, he shall be suspended from office and thus prevented from performing, on occasion, the functions of that office.

***RESPONSE:***

This overture is substantially answered by the amendments to FOG V,6 approved by a majority of the presbyteries and this 159th Synod. These additions supply the provision in our standards that presbyteries need to deal with ministers who fail to perform adequately the work of the ministry.

***ACTION:***

The response was adopted.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes of the May 26, 1981, meeting were distributed and ap-

proved as corrected.

Synod was adjourned at 11:12 p.m., with the Rev. William Shell leading in the closing prayer.

## **THURSDAY MEETING**

**May 28, 1981**

At 8:00 a.m., Mr. Stephen Lawton led in the singing of "Amazing Grace" and led in prayer. The Rev. John Hunt led the assembly in the morning devotional from 2 Timothy 4 and in a season of prayer.

The moderator called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Dr. John Cummer led in prayer.

### **STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH**

The moderator appointed the following persons to the committee:

*Randy Martin*

*John Pickett*

*John DeBardeleben (chairman)*

*Elmer Smick*

*Tim Stigers*

### **STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE SCRIPTURAL OBLIGATIONS OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**

*Stephen Smallman (chairman)*

*Clark Breeding*

*Phil Lancaster*

*Paul Alexander*

*John Sanderson*

### **REPORT OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (continued)**

Dr. Paul Gilchrist presented the following report as responses to overtures placed in the hands of the Fraternal Relations Committee for responses. Overtures I and M were similar and presented together.

#### ***OVERTURE I—Instruct Fraternal Relations Committee to Pursue A Plan of Union Rather Than the Method Currently Employed***

We the undersigned, request Philadelphia Presbytery to convey to the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the following overture:

That we, the undersigned, express appreciation to the Presbyterian Church in America for its invitation to our denomination to become part of their denomination, which action was prompted by the request of our Synod's Fraternal Relation Committee;

And whereas the Presbyterian Church in America has been in existence for approximately seven years, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, traces its unbroken existence of true loyalty to God's Word and the Reformed doctrine for over 200 years, we feel the heritage and continuity of both denominations is of great value, and hence should be retained;

And whereas we hold to the same basic doctrine and loyalty to God's Word, that we evidence our loyalty to this by our expressed love and ap-

preciation for each other, even as it was said of the early Church of Christ, "Behold how they love one another"; also by the words of Christ, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye love one another";

And whereas both denominations desire and recognize the imperative need of having God's blessings as paramount, and that this be not forgotten in our human desire for the practical aspects of a larger church and various pragmatic benefits;

Therefore, we express to our fellow believers in the Presbyterian Church in America that we all reconsider the present method of accepting their invitation to become a part of their church in toto and seek as the only basis of our coming together a plan of union and not assimilation. This would prove our true love and confidence in each other, and enable us to see and use together those outstanding benefits God has been pleased to give both churches.

And furthermore, we ask synod to instruct our Fraternal Relations Committee to cease its present method of negotiations and enter into a plan of true union with the Presbyterian Church in America.

(signed) William B. Cordes  
Eugene Potoka  
Paul Karlberg  
Edward T. Noe  
Archie Shelor  
Edgar W. Bullock  
Gareth Tonnessen  
Donald R. MacKenzie  
Franklin S. Dyrness

The following action was taken by the Philadelphia Presbytery:

It was moved, seconded, and carried to transmit and convey the above overture to synod, with the notation that "the presbytery wishes to convey to synod that it does not endorse this overture."

These actions are according to presbytery actions and minutes, and I certify them, as stated clerk of presbytery.

Edward T. Noe, Clerk

### ***OVERTURE M—Reconsider Method of Uniting***

The Pittsburgh Presbytery, at its regularly called spring stated meeting held on April 25, 1981, in Pittsburgh, Pa., has decided by a unanimous vote to present the following overture to the 159th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod:

That the Pittsburgh Presbytery expresses appreciation to the Presbyterian Church in America for its invitation to our denomination to become a part of their denomination, which action was prompted by the request of our Synod's Fraternal Relations Committee;

And, whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America has been in existence for approximately seven years, and the Reformed Presbyterian

Church, Evangelical Synod, traces its unbroken existence of true loyalty to God's Word and the Reformed doctrine for over 200 years, we feel the heritage and continuity of both denominations is of great value, and hence should be retained;

And, whereas, we hold to the same basic doctrine and loyalty to God's Word, that we witness our loyalty to this by our expressed love and appreciation for each other, even as it was said of the early Church of Christ, "Behold, how they loved one another"; also by the words of Christ, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye love one another";

And, whereas, both denominations desire and recognize the imperative need of having God's blessings as paramount, and that this be not forgotten in our human desire for the practical aspects of a larger church and various pragmatic benefits;

There, we express to our fellow believers in the Presbyterian Church in America that we all reconsider the present method of accepting their invitation to become a part of their church in toto and seek as the only basis of coming together a plan of union and not assimilation. This would prove our true love and confidence in each other, and enable us to see and use together those outstanding benefits God has been pleased to give to both churches.

And, furthermore, we ask Synod to instruct our Fraternal Relations Committee to cease its present method of negotiations and enter into a plan of true union with the Presbyterian Church in America.

Charles L. Winkler, Clerk

### ***RESPONSE TO OVERTURES I AND M:***

The committee recommends that synod consider the actions of Monday to constitute the response of synod.

### ***ACTION:***

The response was adopted.

### ***OVERTURE N—Call for a Year of Evangelism***

Illiana Presbytery, meeting on May 2, 1981, adopted the following overture:

Contingent upon the RPCES being received by the PCA, Illiana Presbytery of the RPCES, meeting at Cutler, Ill., on May 2, 1981, respectfully overtures the General Synod meeting at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tenn., May 22-28, 1981, as follows:

Whereas the PCA has invited the RPCES and the OPC to join themselves thereto, and,

Whereas, the expressed desire is to forward the work of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ,

Be it resolved, that the unified church declare the year after the unifying to be a year of evangelism, and,

Be it further resolved, that appropriate steps by appropriate committees of the General Assembly be instructed to work with presbyteries and individual churches to encourage and facilitate such an evangelistic effort to stimulate and cement the joining and receiving of the churches into the PCA.

Thomas Waldecker, Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

The committee recommends that synod communicate this overture to NAPARC, noting our agreement with the basic principle, and recommending that each NAPARC denomination meeting in concurrent sessions at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., in June 1982, designate the following year as a year of evangelism.

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted.

***OVERTURE H—Instruct Fraternal Relations Committee to Pursue Union With PCA and/or OPC***

Philadelphia Presbytery at its March 14, 1981, meeting respectfully overtures the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., on May 22-28, 1981, to instruct its Fraternal Relations Committee to pursue union with the PCA and/or OPC in the event that the PCA or the OPC and RPCES decline to extend or accept the present invitation to join and be received by the PCA.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. T. Noe, Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

The committee recommends its adoption.

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted.

***OVERTURE J—Churches Withdrawing May Not Form a Continuing RPCES***

Midwestern Presbytery at its March 19, 1981, meeting respectfully overtures the 159th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting in Lookout Mountain, Tenn., in May of 1981 to give the following information to each particular church and ministerial member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod:

Those desiring to remain Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and registering the same by a negative vote at the time of the final



vote to join the Presbyterian Church in America,

Being in a minority, i.e., less than one-third,

And deciding not to follow the procedure of joining the Presbyterian Church in America, as determined by the series of two-thirds votes,

Hence withdraw from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod,

And do not constitute a continuing Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. "Bud" Mogniot Jr., Clerk

**RESPONSE:**

The committee recommends its adoption, in view that legal counsel has advised in writing that union by whatever method, so long as it is in accordance with constitutional procedures, is a merger of the whole denomination.

**ACTION:**

The response was adopted.

**ELECTION TO CHRISTIAN TRAINING INC. BOARD**

The Rev. J. Render Caines presented the following. There being no further nominations, synod moved their election by a white ballot.

*James Hurley\* INC T*  
*James Midberry\* T*  
*James Ruark\* R*

*George Smith\* INC T*  
*Thomas Egbert\* T*

**SPECIAL ELECTION TO FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair presented the following ballot with Elders Weston, Stoll, and Derr being nominated from the floor:

*Clark Breeding\* R*  
*James Preston\* R*  
*David Weston R*

*Arthur Stoll R*  
*Samuel Derr R*

**ELECTION TO EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented with Elder Metzger being nominated from the floor. A second election was required.

*Arthur Herries\* INC ⅓ T*  
*Robert G. Rayburn \* INC T*  
*William Spink\* T*

*William Leonard \* INC ⅓ T*  
*James Wiest\* INC T*  
*Will Metzger R*

**ELECTION TO JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

The following ballot was presented:

*Paul Alexander T*  
*Frederick McFarland T (alt.)*  
*Charles Holliday T (alt.)*

*Lynden Stewart T*  
*Clark Breeding R*

## **ELECTION TO FORM OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented. Synod moved their election by white ballot.

*Rudolph Schmidt\* INC R*

*Benjamin Short\* INC T*

## **ELECTION TO LAMB FUND COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented by the committee and elected by white ballot.

*Franklin S. Dyrness\* T*

*Arthur Herries\* T*

*Calvin Frett\* T*

## **ELECTION TO MAGAZINE COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented. Election was by white ballot.

*Jack Buckley\* INC 2/3 T*

*John Graham\* INC T*

*Mary Foxwell Loeks\**

## **ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD**

The following ballot was presented by the committee with Elders Shaw, Kuyk, Chewning, and Preston being nominated from the floor. Three ballots were required.

*Roger Watkins\* INC 2/3*

*MacGregor Scott\* INC*

*Charles Eckardt\* INC 2/3*

*Franklin S. Dyrness\* INC 2/3*

*Gordon Shaw*

*Kenneth Kuyk*

*Richard Chewning*

*James Preston*

## **ELECTION TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented with Mr. Milliken being nominated from the floor. Synod moved their election by white ballot.

*Peter Cross\* (FL)*

*Randall Martin\* (DMV)*

*Robert Milliken (SO)*

*Harold Hight\* (PH)*

*James Shannon\* (GP)*

*Ronald Shaw\* (RM)*

*Robert McPherson\* (EC)*

## **ELECTION TO PRESBYTERY RECORDS COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented, with Mr. Waldecker being nominated from the floor.

*James Smith\* 2/3 T*

*William Wolfgang\* 2/3 T*

*Donald MacKenzie\* R*

*William Acker\* 1/3 T*

*Russell Doig\* R*

*Thomas Poehلمان\* T (1983)*

*Thomas Waldecker T*

In a later action, *Charles Garriot* was elected to the Class of 1983.

## **REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Charles Donaldson, chairman, presented the following report:

**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSE COMMITTEE—May 28, 1981**

The following report is a statistical summary of the commissioners attending the 159th General Synod:

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>Teaching Elders</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Number Commissioned</b>	<b>Percent Attending</b>
California	8	1	9	14	64
Delmarva	35	16	51	65	78
Eastern Canada	4	2	6	6	100
Florida	10	11	21	29	72
Great Lakes	10	6	16	22	73
Great Plains	2	0	2	3	67
Illiana	13	4	16	19	89
Midwest	28	15	43	56	77
New Jersey	11	1	12	12	100
Northeast	8	1	9	12	75
Pacific Northwest	8	5	13	22	59
Philadelphia	16	14	30	34	88
Pittsburgh	18	11	29	37	78
Rocky Mountain	11	1	12	17	71
Southeast	14	7	21	27	78
Southern	20	19	39	53	74
Southwest	8	7	15	19	79
<b>Totals</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>77</b>

Of those attending, 65% were teaching elders and 35% were ruling elders.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Excused absence is recommended for the following commissioners:

- CA—A. Glasser
- DMV—J. Hickson, P. Soldan
- FL—A. C. Heil
- GL—D. Borst, T. Stein, J. Walker
- GP—E. Huntington
- IL—M. Wilson
- MW—J. Kern
- PNW—D. Crozier, P. Hubbell, J. Youngs
- PH—C. Derk, G. Tonnessen
- PI—G. Brown, R. Gordon, D. Sutton, R. Strickland
- SE—R. Cox, D. Carter
- SO—O. Waring, P. Blevins
- SW—P. DeLong

[Stated Clerk's Note: Those excused in this category have been entered in the *Formation of Roll and Attendance* records on pages 8-12 under the third column with designation "e" for excused.]

2. Permission for late arrival is recommended for the following commissioners:

- DMV—C. Frett, L. Stewart
- FL—W. Spink, W. Folds, L. Brown
- GL—K. Hastings, R. Stortz
- IL—B. Chapell, T. Waldecker, R. Robb
- MW—R. Hunt, M. Parker
- NJ—C. Garriott
- PH—J. Woll

PI—B. Gray  
SO—G. Anderson

[Stated Clerk's Note: Those excused in this category and the next are entered in the *Formation of Roll and Attendance* record on pages 8-12, under appropriate columns with designation "e."]

**3. Permission for early departure is recommended for the following commissioners:**

CA—D. Dare, P. Doepke, D. Taylor\*, R. Taylor  
DMV—G. Blomquist, L. Stewart  
EC—D. Vance\*  
IL—J. Paulsen, H. Stigers  
MW—W. L. Gustafson, R. Tevebaugh  
PNW—J. Hoogstrate  
PH—D. Brewer, J. Clark, R. Dempsey, F. Pletscher, L. Rineer, D. Weston  
PI—W. Albany, D. Allen, A. Frank, S. Horning, N. Kennedy, J. Ledden, R. Rowe,  
W. Slawter  
RM—R. Scott, J. Wiest\*  
SE—H. Cochran, J. George, L. Moore, A. Lutz, K. Rush  
SO—G. Anderson, J. Myers

\*These commissioners requested travel reimbursement and their requests for early departure were considered to have been submitted at the time of their enrollment.

**4. Reimbursement for travel expenses is recommended for the following commissioners:**

50% of request to  
CA—R. Lambert, D. Taylor  
EC—T. Aicken, R. Hamilton, R. McPherson, D. Vance, D. Veinott  
PNW—R. Bonner, D. Codling, J. Codling, M. McPhee  
40% of request to  
NJ—R. Wescher  
NE—W. Henderson, W. Smith  
SW—W. Doerfel  
30% of request to  
DMV—W. Armes  
IL—J. Paulsen  
MW—C. Boroughs, D. Corey, P. Lancaster, A. Moginot  
PI—R. Wildeman

Committee members,  
James Conrad  
Charles Donaldson (chairman)  
William Henderson  
Kenneth Kuyk  
Robert Taylor

**ACTION:**

Synod, on motion, approved all the recommendations of the committee.

Synod recessed at 10:10 a.m., being led in prayer by Elder Rudolph Schmidt. The meeting was reconvened by the modeator at 10:29 a.m. Dr. W. Harold Mare led in prayer.

## **REPORT OF FORM OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Dr. W. Harold Mare presented the following report.

Fathers and Brethren:

After study of the recommendations and overture referred to it by the 158th Synod (see 1980 Synod Minutes, pp. 140-143), the Form of Government Committee presents to the 159th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the following recommendation:

That the following paragraph be added at the end of section 7:f of FOG V (p. 41) as follows:

No minister or licentiate shall accept a call he has received so as to presume a favorable decision of the presbytery which has yet to examine and receive him. All presbyteries shall devise methods by which they can act with dispatch to avoid undue delay when a call has been issued by a particular church and a minister or licentiate has determined to accept it.

(Reason for the recommendation: This addition alerts the presbyteries to the logistics problem, but allows the presbyteries the liberty to work out details for a prompt and smooth filling of a pastoral vacancy.)

It is the hope of the Form of Government Committee that the Index to the Form of Government, Book of Discipline, and Directory for Worship, which was approved for use by the 158th Synod, is being found to be useful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rudolph Schmidt  
Ronald Freiwald  
Ross Graham  
Robert G. Rayburn  
Benjamin Short  
W. Harold Mare, Chairman

### ***ACTION:***

Synod adopted the recommended change to FOG V,7,f and sent it down to presbyteries for action.

## **REPORT OF ARCHIVIST**

The Rev. Albert F. Mogniot presented the following report:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Things have gone well here. We have acquired three five drawer filing cabinets without cost from a world wide corporation nearby that gives good, usable surplus equipment and furnishings to some charitable institutions. Before synod time boxed file folders shall be neatly put away.

We are greatly in need of the following to complete our file of Synod Minutes for the Bible Presbyterian Church: 1st BPC, 4th, 6th, 8th, 11th,

20th and the PRN that related to Bachman.

We have been in correspondence with Rev. Robert H. Cox and shall receive issues of the *Clarion* which he edited. We anticipate receiving also from him a set of *Witness and Work* (with smoked edges from the Covenant RPC fire in '73). Bob is bundling up numerous materials for the archives for me to receive at synod and transport here.

A communion flagon and two goblets were received from the Rformed Presbyterian Church in Coulterville, Illinois through Pastor Thomas Waldecker. The flagon and goblets were among the possessions of Elder Lester D. Fullerton of the Grandcote RPC of Coulterville, Ill., who went to be with the Lord on September 5, 1980. The church may have ceased using the set in the early 1920s. Dr. Robert W. Stewart, the oldest living member of the church who was there from childhood, says that the set was in use as long as he can remember. The set was made by the Barbour Silver Company founded in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1892. The pieces are silverplated and were featured in their catalog from 1893 through 1981. The set shall be on display in a lockable glass enclosure in the J. Oliver Buswell Jr. Library here.

We are greatly concerned for our heritage as the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. Do we well as stewards of the Church to forsake our heritage? Is it proper for us to commit "ecclesiasthanasia" by a procedure that, by now, could have been one of union? And it can be union even now!

As archivist I recommend the following:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that if, in the providence of God, in the several assemblies of the Orthodox and of the Reformed Presbyterian Church vote is taken to join the Presbyterian Church in America, and in the Presbyterian Church in America vote is taken to receive those who join;

**THEN**, simultaneously in our several assemblies, we shall vote to consummate a union between us in a solemn uniting service;

**And, DECLARE THAT**, by virtue of the uniting service, we are The Presbyterian Church in America meeting in the 160th Synod of our continuous, historic and corporate existence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert F. Moginot Jr., Archivist

P.S. A simple ballot can be used to accomplish this simultaneous vote:

<i>OPC</i>	<i>RPC</i>	<i>PCA</i>
join	join	receive
unite	unite	unite

***ACTION:***

The following substitute was proposed and adopted:

The 159th General Synod requests the Fraternal Relations Committee to suggest to the "Ad Interim Committee to Discuss" that the PCA consider using the next consecutive number of the RPCES Synod as the numerical identification of the enlarged PCA.

The Rev. Albert Moginot and Raymond W. Cronshey requested that their negative votes be recorded.

### **REPORT OF THE LAMB FUND COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Ernest Breen presented the following report:

#### **Fathers and Brethren;**

The Trustees of the Lamb and Theological Committee met several times during the past year seeing that funds entrusted were properly distributed to those who applied and qualified. The committee also dealt with the various other responsibilities.

There were 15 students who shared in aid-loans, the total of which was \$9,910.00.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Seminary</i>
Derr, Reid S.	Covenant
Didier, Dale R.	Reformed
Fiscus, Joel W.	Covenant
Holliday, Thomas G.	Covenant
Kroeger, Clifford S.	Covenant
McGregor, Thomas A.	Covenant
McCready, Douglas	Gordon-Conwell
Monger, John W.	Reformed
Mueller, David H.	Biblical
Pickett, James M.	Covenant
Robertson, Robert S.	Westminster
Rugg, John A.	Covenant
Sevier, David M.	Covenant
Wilson, Mark A.	Covenant
Wise, Robert	Covenant

Recently a lady from North Charleston, North Carolina, not in our denomination, sent a memorial gift of \$50.00 in honor of Chester Allen Bitterman III, who gave his life in Colombia, South America, as a missionary under Wycliffe Bible Translators.

A large number of our ministers over the years have received Lamb Fund Aid. The Rev. Messrs. S. W. Leonard and Paul Meiners have just finished five years of service in the denomination, thus discharging their commitment to the Lamb Fund. There are 26 who have not yet served our denomination for five years, which is required before being free of commitment, accepted at time of receiving aid-loans.

Aside from the above, there are 12 who received Lamb Fund Loan Aid years ago but have not continued in service to our denomination. All are delinquent in their payments. As of now, they have again been contacted by mail or telephone, indicating their present delinquent obligation. Yearly, some reply with at least a portion of the amount due. This persistent effort is due to the devoted services rendered by Rev. Ernest Breen, the Treasurer of the Lamb Fund Committee. Funds received from this source are used to give additional benefit to those currently receiving loan aid. Rev. Ernest Breen is to be commended for the amount of time

and effort he has given in this respect.

As a church, we should be grateful to God for the dedication of those who many years ago gave large funds for trust, the income from which makes possible yearly this advantage to so many of our young men preparing to serve the Lord in our denomination.

The committee requests sessions and presbyteries to read carefully the basis of gift-loans, especially paragraph numbers 6 through 9 on the application, before giving approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Bragdon, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT—LAMB FUND COMMITTEE, RPCES**  
**March 31, 1980-March 31, 1981**

**RECEIPTS**

Bank Balance—March 31, 1980			
Savings Account	\$9,680		
Checking Account	321	\$10,001	
Income—Board of Trusees			
1st Quarter	1,320		
2nd Quarter	2,561		
3rd Quarter	1,312		
4th Quarter	2,497	7,692	
Student Loan Repayments			
K. Ribelin	400		
D. Troxell	24	424	
Bank Interest	559	559	\$18,677

**EXPENDITURES**

Student Loans, 1980/81			
15 1st semester loans	\$4,285		
15 2nd semester loans	5,625	\$9,910	
Telephone, postage, miscellaneous	35		
	21	56	
Bank charges	3	3	
Bank Balances, March 31, 1981			
Savings Account	\$8,695		
Checking Account	12	\$8,707	\$18,677

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernest Breen, Treasurer  
L. H. Schutsky, Auditor  
Paul O. Goldsborough, Auditor

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee recommends that those students receiving Lamb Fund aid continue to hold their church membership in their home church, rather than transferring their membership to the RP church nearest the seminary campus.

**ACTION:**

Synod adopted the recommendation of the committee.



## **PENSION FUND COMMITTEE**

Dr. Franklin S. Dyrness presented the following report with the request that all contributions should be sent to the Quarryville Presbyterian Home.

### **Fathers and Brethren:**

The Pension Fund Committee met in two extensive sessions during the past year. The main thrust has been a strong effort to consider additional steps to advance the Plan on the sound basis on which it now operates.

There were improved results in 1980 over the previous year. This trend is expected to continue. Further changes in the investment will be made to assure greater security as well as higher earned income.

There are now 371 accounts, of which there are 208 active participants, and 22 who drew pension benefits in 1980 for a total of \$6,453.26. There were also some who left our denomination and requested to have pension funds transferred to their new affiliation.

As of December 31, 1980, there was a total of \$1,041,938.28 in the Pension Fund. The financial report is a part of this report and will be presented by Gordon Shaw, Treasurer.

The Committee would remind our churches and agencies that pension benefits to be realized are in direct relation to the amount contributed. With the ever increasing economy, serious consideration needs to be given to see that payments into the Plan are being increased in accordance with present inflation.

All payments are to be sent to:

RPCES Pension Fund  
RD 2, Box 20  
Quarryville, PA 17566

The terms of John Christie and Charles Holliday expire with this Synod. The Committee recommends they be re-elected to the Class of 1984 since they have served faithfully for a number of years and are needed on the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
F.S. Dyrness, Secretary  
Pension Fund Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Pension Fund Committee recommends to the 159th General Synod that should the PCA and the RPCES denominations be brought together to form one body, the funds of the RPCES Pension Fund be merged with the funds of the PCA Pension Plan and be used to buy as much annuity benefit as actuarially possible. However, should any existing participant in the RPCES Plan not desire to participate in the PCA Plan, he or she may, within 12 months following the final vote of consummation, request their existing funds be transferred to any recognized retirement program that will accept a roll-over of such funds.

**PENSION FUND OF THE  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD  
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1980**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash—Checking	\$20,894	
—Savings	32,621	
<b>Investments</b>		
Church and Agency Bonds	10,000	
Merrill Lynch Account— at cost—\$1,110,052	978,422	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$1,041,938</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Net Unrealized Depreciation of Investments	\$(19,608)	
<b>Participant Accounts</b>		
Active	987,927	
Retired/Inactive	38,006	
Reserve Account	35,613	
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$1,041,938</b>

**Statement of Change in Fund Balances  
For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1980**

	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Participant Accounts</i>
Balance—December 31, 1979	\$(6,813)	\$945,978
<b>Additions</b>		
Contributions by participants	\$—	\$110,813
Investment Income	85,496	
Gifts	1,800	
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$87,196</b>	<b>110,813</b>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Loss on sale of securities	\$34,557	\$—
Annuity payments		6,453
Transfers/withdrawals		24,405
Personnel expense	1,910	
Office expense	4,433	
Board expense	951	
Other expense	3,018	
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$44,870</b>	<b>\$30,858</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 1980</b>	<b>\$35,613</b>	<b>\$1,025,933</b>

**Investment Portfolio—December 31, 1980**

<u>Units</u>	<u>Security</u>		<u>Cost Base</u>	<u>Value December 31, 1980</u>
10,000	American Tel & Tel	8-3/4Z OORG	\$ 10,128.23	\$ 7,325.00
25,000	American Tel & Tel	8-5/8Z O7RG	26,550.00	17,687.50
25,000	Bank America	8-7/8Z O5RG	25,642.45	17,531.25
15,000	General Electric Credit Corp	8-1/4Z 86RG	15,525.00	12,600.00
50,000	General Motors Acceptance Corp	9-1/4Z 89RG	49,500.00	38,812.50
35,386	GNM P09202	8-1/2Z O6RG	35,586.00	26,279.55
32,320	GNS P23899	9Z O6RG	33,003.19	24,125.93
15,000	Kansas Power and Light	8-5/8Z O6RG	15,364.65	10,012.50
50,000	Mountain States Telephone	9Z O9RG	43,669.00	33,250.00
25,000	Northwestern Bell	10Z 14RG	25,937.50	19,437.50
20,000	Pacific Gas and Electric	8-1/2Z O9RG	20,109.80	12,825.00
20,000	Shell Oil Co	8-1/2Z O0RG	20,441.84	13,900.00
25,000	Southwestern Bell	8-1/2Z 16RG	24,875.00	16,625.00
20,000	U S Treasury	7-7/8Z 11-15-82	19,977.40	18,437.60
50,000	U S Treasury	8-3/8Z 9-15-00	50,775.00	36,437.50
30,000	U S Treasury	9Z 2-15-85	30,220.00	25,837.50
50,000	U S Treasury	7-7/8Z 2-15-93	39,875.00	36,406.30
100,000	U S Treasury	11-3/8Z 4-30-82	99,562.50	98,188.00
150,000	U S Treasury	8-7/8Z 7-31-82	143,015.63	141,094.50

450 SHS	Aetna Life & Casualty		10,453.50	15,918.75
800 SHS	A T & T		41,116.10	38,300.00
800 SHS	Chemical New York	1.875CV PFD	20,000.00	15,900.00
600 SHS	Commonwealth Edison		16,637.50	10,875.00
600 SHS	Delmarve Power & Light		9,953.82	7,050.00
600 SHS	Duquesne Light	2.10PV PF	15,136.00	8,400.00
600 SHS	Exxon Corp		25,138.64	48,375.00
400 SHS	Harris Bancorp		14,212.00	10,600.00
400 SHS	International Business Machines		27,793.00	27,150.00
600 SHS	Iowa Power & Light		15,930.00	14,025.00
400 SHS	Kansas City Power & Light		11,000.00	6,500.00
400 SHS	Mobil Corp of Delaware		13,636.00	32,300.00
700 SHS	Pacific Gas and Electric		19,250.00	11,550.00
600 SHS	Public Service of NM		15,000.00	9,600.00
800 SHS	Republic of NY		20,000.00	12,600.00
500 SHS	Sears, Roebuck & Co		11,275.00	7,625.00
400 SHS	Union Carbide Corp		<u>19,021.94</u>	<u>20,100.00</u>
			\$1,035,311.69	\$ 903,682.08
	Merrill Lynch Ready Asset Trust		40,482.54	40,482.54
	Cash for re-investment		<u>3,258.17</u>	<u>34,258.17</u>
	Total Investment Portfolio		<u>\$1,110,052.40</u>	<u>\$ 978,422.79</u>

### **ACTION:**

Synod adopted the recommendation of the committee,

### **ELECTION OF PENSION COMMITTEE**

The following ballot was presented with Witmer, Henderson, and Breeding being nominated from the floor. A second ballot was needed.

John Christie\*  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 Earl Witmer  
 Clark Breeding

Charles Holliday\*  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 William Henderson

Dr. Marion Barnes presented a brochure on the chapel windows to each commissioner as a gift from the college.

Synod was recessed at 12:13 p.m. with the Rev. Bernie Kuiper leading in prayer. Synod was reconvened by the moderator at 1:31 p.m. Chaplain John MacGregor led in prayer.

### **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Charles Donaldson with Dr. Paul Gilchrist presented the following additional recommendations to amend the 1981 budget and to adopt the 1982 budget:

#### **I. PROPOSED BUDGETS**

	Amended Dec. 31, 1981	Proposed Dec. 31, 1982
REVENUES		
Synod Income		
Registrations	\$7,500	\$7,500
Offerings	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	9,000	9,200
Support		
Churches	26,000	30,872
Individual	<u>9,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	35,000	36,872
Sale of minutes and forms	300	350
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$45,300	\$47,422

## DISBURSEMENTS

Synod expenses		
Arrangements	\$1,700	\$2,000
Clerical help	500	500
Assistant clerk	250	250
Fraternal delegates	400	
Travel	<u>2,768</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	5,618	6,250
Stated Clerk		
Salary	5,410	5,800
Office rental	4,000	4,300
Office expenses	2,000	2,200
Clerical help	1,200	1,500
Travel	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	14,110	15,000
Committees		
Fraternal relations	8,000	6,000
Judicial commission	1,000	1,000
Chaplains	1,000	1,000
Magazine	1,800	3,400
Administrative	1,500	1,800
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	14,300	14,200
Treasurer		
Honorarium	1,100	1,200
Expenses	<u>500</u>	<u>550</u>
	1,600	1,750
Printing		
Minutes	\$5,300	5,800
Directories	1,200	1,000
Day of Prayer guides	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
	7,200	7,500
Other expenses		
Supplies	50	
Depreciation	72	72
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	222	172
Loan (1981) Reduction of Deficit (1982)	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,550</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$45,300</b>	<b>\$47,422</b>

## II. GUIDE TO PROPORTIONATE GIVING

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following guide to proportionate giving to our churches:

	<i>Needed from RPCES sources</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Amount per member</i>
Board of Home Ministries	\$159,000	5.4%	\$7.07
Covenant College	540,000	18.4	24.02
Covenant Theological Seminary	575,000	19.6	25.58
Christian Training Inc.	76,000	2.6	3.38
National Presbyterian Missions	290,000	9.9	12.90
World Presbyterian Missions	1,250,000	42.5	55.59
Synod	<u>47,722</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>2.02</u>
	\$2,937,722	100.0%	\$130.56

### **ACTION:**

1. Synod adopted the 1981 budget with the following amendments:
  - a. Add \$750 for Ministerial Welfare and Benefits Committee and reduce the item for "Reduction of deficit" to \$1,500.
2. Synod, on motion, adopted the 1982 budget which was later amended to "include \$300 for Women's Synodical" and increasing church support by the same amount (see 171.)
3. Synod adopted the Guide to Proportionate Giving.

### **REPORT OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS COMMITTEE**

The Rev. James Smith presented the following report:

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the records of the California, Eastern Canada, Great Lakes, Great Plains, Illiana, Midwestern, New Jersey, Northeast, and Southeast Presbyteries be approved without exception.
2. That the records of the Florida, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain, Southern, and Southwest Presbyteries be approved with exceptions noted:

#### **FLORIDA—**

P. 258—In regard to the ordination and installation of Randy Thompson, no evidence of a call nor of presbytery's handling of a call appears in the record. This seems to be contrary to the sense of FOG V, 7 a-i and FOG V 5, p and s.

#### **PHILADELPHIA—**

P. 2—Licensure Exam of C. Casolare, no mention that all the requirements of FOG are met, V-5-h.

P. 10—Licensure Exam of D. Faragelli, no mention that all the requirements of FOG are met, V-5-h.

P. 16—Ordination Exam of C. Casolare, no mention that all the requirements of FOG are met, V-5-o.

#### **PITTSBURGH—**

1. On Page 60, W. Voorhis is listed as a *licentiate*. But on Page 62, 25.1, it says "*By motion of W. Voorhis* this report was received as read." As a licentiate, Mr. Voorhis is not a member of presbytery, (FOG III, 1) and does not have the right to make a motion.

2. The minutes for Oct. 4, 1980 are not present in the Permanent Presbytery Minute Book.

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN—**

P. 88 d3—If the party involved declared himself independent, his name should have been immediately removed from presbytery rolls, in accordance with FOG V 6 d. No committee should have been formed, no special meeting of presbytery should have been called (Page 92) and he should not have been excommunicated. Page 93, 9b.

All minutes dealing with the formation of the special committee, commission and action regarding this case should be stricken.

#### **SOUTHERN—**

FOG, V, 5, h no clear record of which subjects were covered in licensure examination of Philip R. Blevins, Page 334; also FOG V, 5, o requires certain areas in ordination examination be covered and these are not specifically listed in exam of Philip Blevins, Page 344.

### **SOUTHWEST—**

Page 116—It is not clear from the minutes whether the Sherwood Shores Chapel

(1) should be received according to FOG II 9b or c;

(2) There is no record that the “documents and arrangement are in harmony with the doctrinal governmental and disciplinary standards” of the RPCES (FOG II9b)

(3) We question whether *group* examination of elders and deacons is an adequate determination of doctrinal conformity and especially to be examined by the prospective pastor.

(4) There is no mention of affirmative answers to the prescribed questions (FOG V3)

3. That the clerks of the Delmarva and Pacific Northwest Presbyteries be instructed to make sure their records are submitted for examination by the 160th Synod.

4. That the responses of the Delmarva, Eastern Canada, Florida (in the first instance), Great Lakes, New Jersey, Northeast, Pittsburgh, and Southern Presbyteries to the exceptions taken by the 158th General Synod to their records be found acceptable.

5. That the Pacific Northwest and Philadelphia Presbyteries be instructed to respond to the exceptions taken by the 158th Synod to their records.

Respectfully submitted,  
James A. Smith

### **ACTION**

1. Synod approved without exception the records of the California, Eastern Canada, Great Lakes, Great Plains, Illiana, Midwestern, New Jersey, Northeast and Southeast Presbyteries.

2. Synod approved with exceptions noted the records of the Florida, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Southern, and Southwest Presbyteries.

In a further motion, Synod referred the question arising from the records of Rocky Mountain Presbytery to the Judicial Commission.

3. Synod instructed the clerks of the Delmarva and Pacific Northwest Presbyteries to make sure their records are submitted for examination by the 160th Synod.

4. Synod found acceptable the responses of the Delmarva, Eastern Canada, Florida (in the first instance), Great Lakes, New Jersey, Northeast, Pittsburgh, and Southern Presbyteries to the exceptions taken by the 158th General Synod to their records.

5. Synod instructed the Pacific Northwest and Philadelphia Presbyteries to respond to the exceptions taken by the 158th General Synod to their records.

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD**

The Rev. Charles Holliday presented the following report:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the General Synod has continued to carry on its duties and responsibilities of the business designated to it. The amount distributed by the treasurer to the various boards of the

denomination totaled \$21,064. The commercial blanket bond covering treasurers of the agencies of the denomination has been renewed.

At the request of the Philadelphia Presbytery, in order to avoid foreclosure on the King of Prussia Church, the Board of Trustees was given legal title to the King of Prussia property. The Trustees arranged a loan and received gifts, enabling a payment of \$4,500 to catch up on the interest and principal due. The Board then took the initiative for the sale of the manse and two acres of land. This enabled the full payment of the remaining balance of the mortgage. Approximately \$15,000 is being held in escrow. The church is located in a very strategic area of King of Prussia.

We do appreciate the work of Mr. Donald A. Semisch who has continued to serve very faithfully as the attorney for the general synod over the past year and had agreed to continue for the coming year. Among his activities for the denomination this year was included the normal filing with the IRS. In addition to this he attended a special meeting dealing with the transfer of the assets of the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia to the Board of Home Ministries; this was followed by the legal services of the transfer. Many inquiries were received during the year seeking counsel on tax exemption; christian schools, matters of discipline, procedure and practices, etc., and questions regarding the PCA-RPCES negotiations. We are grateful for the services of Mr. Semisch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles B. Holliday, Secretary

#### **REPORT FROM SYNOD'S ATTORNEY**

You have requested a report of my services on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, for 1980-1981.

I attended a meeting at the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for purposes of responding to legal questions raised on the transfer of the assets of the church to the Board of Home Missions. Thereafter we performed the legal service for the transfer, including the deed, real estate tax exemption and related services.

Many inquiries are received from around the country. Some take the form of phone calls and are to seek counsel on tax exemption, Christian schools, discipline and other problems.

Many requests are in writing and I have engaged in lengthy correspondence on matters of discipline, procedure, practice, etc.

I have carried on considerable correspondence concerning a proposed new denomination, the "Evangelical Presbyterian Church," as well as lengthy and considerable correspondence, study, telephone calls, etc., regarding the proposed merger.

I have reviewed the health plan of Quarryville Presbyterian Home in order to respond to questions of a synod committee.

The normal filing with the IRS was completed.

Once again it has been a privilege to serve.

Donald A. Semisch

#### **REPORT TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

Emp. ID. No. 23-6399328

In accordance with the group ruling dated July 27, 1966, the following information is submitted:

1. Enclosed herewith are twelve copies of the official directory of the church.

2. The information upon which the original group ruling is based is applicable in all respects to the new subordinate local churches.

3. There are no changes in the character, purposes or method of operation of our organization or those of our exempt subordinate local churches.

4. Attached hereto is a list of all subordinate churches and agencies covered by the above ruling.

5. The information upon which our group exemption letter is based applies to the new subordinates; each has given us written authorization to add its name to the list.

Franklin S. Dyrness

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY

December 31, 1980 and 1979

	1980	1979
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$21,081	\$13,569
Receivable from Reformed Presbyterian Church—King of Prussia, Pa.	8,627	4,838
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>29,708</u>	<u>18,407</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Mortgage receivable	8,498	8,498
Note receivable	7,786	7,786
Stocks and bonds (at cost)	208,339	219,549
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>224,623</u>	<u>235,833</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$254,331</u>	<u>\$254,240</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Note payable	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital funds	246,935	246,935
Reserve—appreciation from sale of investments	3,896	3,805
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>250,831</u>	<u>250,740</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$234,331</u>	<u>\$254,240</u>

### STATEMENTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID

Years Ended December 31, 1980 and 1979

	1980	1979
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Notes and mortgages	\$—	\$1,208
Stocks and bonds	15,664	17,376
Savings account	639	589
John Buchanan Trust	5,993	5,471
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>22,296</u>	<u>24,644</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Legal fee	250	250
Auditing fee	335	290
Telephone	25	26
Stationery and postage	15	15
Safe deposit box	15	15
Stock transfer fees	10	5
Commercial blanket bond	442	442
Office supplies	0	12
Board meeting expenses	140	145
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>1,200</u>



<i>REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES</i>	<i>\$21,064</i>	<i>23,444</i>
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE</b>		
Christian Training Inc.	\$695	\$771
Board of Home Ministries	1,546	1,720
Lamb Fund	7,692	8,550
National Presbyterian Missions Inc.	2,233	2,482
World Presbyterian Missions Inc.	8,805	9,785
Elizabeth Taylor Memorial Fund	<u>93</u>	<u>136</u>
	<i>\$21,064</i>	<i>\$23,444</i>

**INVESTMENTS—STOCKS AND BONDS  
December 31, 1980**

<i>Face Value or Shares</i>		<i>Cost</i>	<i>Market Value</i>
\$5,000	Covenant College Inc. Capital Improvement Bonds Series I, 6% due 1980 (redeemed January 23, 1981)	\$5,000	\$5,000
\$100	Daylin Inc. Sub. Sinking Fund Debentures 8% due 1999 (interest in 1981)	70	60
\$7,000	Lykes Corp., Sub. Debenture 7½% due 1993 and 1994	3,574	3,570
\$9,000	Timonium Presbyterian Church (Md.) 7½% due 1987 and 1988	9,000	9,000
\$100,000	U.S. Treasury Notes 7¼% due 12/31/81	97,744	94,500
\$17,000	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 8 5/8% due 1995	<u>17,085</u>	<u>12,091</u>
	<b>TOTAL BONDS</b>	<b>132,473</b>	<b>124,221</b>
134	Allegheny Power Systems Inc.	2,996	1,843
476	American Telephone and Telegraph Co.	30,694	22,789
500	Chase General Corp.	25	63
100	Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co.	2,617	1,525
200	Detroit and Canada Tunnel Corp.	3,100	2,200
100	Duquesne Light Co.	1,938	1,625
55	Exxon Corp.	2,178	4,434
892	First Pennsylvania Corp.	13,998	4,014
114	Leucadia National Corp. (formerly Talcott National Corp.)	2,593	755
598	Philadelphia Electric Co.	10,227	7,475
100	Wilmington Trust Co.	<u>5,500</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<b>TOTAL STOCKS</b>	<b>75,866</b>	<b>49,123</b>
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS— STOCKS AND BONDS</b>	<b>\$208,339</b>	<b>\$173,344</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles L. Eckardt, Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

The Rev. Paul H. Alexander presented the following report:

The only matter officially before the Judicial Commission this year has been a problem in our Southwest Presbytery involving the Town

North Presbyterian Church, Richardson, Tex., and the former pastor of that congregation, the Rev. Clarence R. Mays. This matter was presented to the Judicial Commission at the 158th General Synod, meeting July 4-10, 1980, in Seattle, Wash. It was presented as a "COMPLAINT OF THE REV. CLARENCE MAYS AGAINST THE PROCEDURES OF THE TOWN NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY."

Preliminary investigation of this situation was conducted by Judicial Commission at the time of synod in Seattle. A formal hearing of this complaint was held in Dallas, Tex., September 30 and October 1, 1980. The five members of the Judicial Commission participating in the hearing were Paul Alexander, chairman, William Barker, clerk, George Knight, Mark Belz, and Wilber Wallis (Standing Rules of Synod, Chap. XIV, par. 3,c, sub. 3). Since the Commission found no offense demanding judicial procedure, the case was heard as a matter of administrative discipline, BOD, I,2.

Of the six specifications in the complaint, Judicial Commission upheld two, numbers four and five. It was the judgment of the Commission that our findings on point five should be distributed "to all presbyteries and sessions of the RPCES, to all present members of the Town North Church, to all those who were members during the controversy, and to all those who were seeking membership then." This distribution was made, and all parties were warned to stop the circulation of statements injurious to other interested parties, BOD IV, par. 2, p. 58. Full findings of the Judicial Commission on this case are on file with the stated clerk of synod and are open to the perusal of members of synod and other responsible persons.

Subsequent to the formal hearing of the complaint, the Judicial Commission was called upon both by Mr. Mays and by other interested parties for further counsel on the resolution of this matter. The Commission (comprised of the same five members named above) met December 4, 1980, in St. Louis, Mo., to render such counsel. One other meeting to give counsel was held through a conference telephone call in early March 1981. This seems to have concluded the case.

The Judicial Commission is pleased to report that all parties appear to have complied fully with the instructions and counsel of the Commission. No further involvement on the part of the Judicial Commission is indicated at this time. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the church and physician of souls, may continue the healing process in the lives of all concerned.

Paul H. Alexander, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULING ELDERS**

There being no report, synod, on motion, dismissed the Study Committee on Ruling Elders with thanks.

## **REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Rev. John DeBardeleben presented the following recommendations:

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus . . . Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you . . . Greet Urbanus, our fellow-worker in Christ . . . Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord” (Romans 16:3,6,9,12).

Even after exploring something of “the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God” in his epistle to the Romans, the apostle Paul was not so caught up to the third heaven in his contemplations that he forgot to record the contributions of individual people to the well-being of the body of Christ. Having enjoyed, like Paul, some of these same riches in its deliberations, the 159th General Synod likewise rejoices to recall and record the efforts of many co-workers: “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!” (Romans 16:20).

1. Greetings in the Lord, therefore, to our host churches, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lookout Mountain and New City Fellowship and Immanuel Fellowship of Chattanooga, their sessions and their pastors, Rev. Robert A. Milliken and Rev. A Randy Nabors, who have contributed untold efforts in arrangements for synod and led us in enthusiastic and majestic worship.

2. Greetings to all of our fellow workers at Covenant College, who so wonderfully arranged for the comfort and convenience of the 159th General Synod, in its May 22-28, 1981 meeting. We extend our special thanks to Mr. Randy Smith, conference director; Mrs. Craig Lyon, college hostess; Mr. Dale Lee, director of housekeeping; and Mr. Bill Seawell, director of food services. These with their assistants abundantly provided for our needs. We especially are indebted to the many students who helped with registration, administration, child care, and a host of details.

3. Greetings to the generous donors who so graciously provided the Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel for Covenant College. The functional efficiency, comfort, and sheer beauty of the building cause our hearts to rejoice in the goodness of our covenant Lord. We very much appreciate your great kindness to our college and to us.

4. Greetings to those who ministered the Word of God to us: Rev. Roger Lambert, Dr. Peter Doyle, Dr. James B. Hurley, Rev. Martin Freeland, Rev. Charles W. Anderson, Dr. Dan Orme, Dr. George Anderson, Dr. John M. L. Young, Rev. John Hunt, Rev. Bernhard Kuiper, and Rev. Paul Taylor who led a time of prayer and discussion of “Issues and Trends Confronting the Church and the World.” We were taught, reprovved, corrected and trained in the righteousness of God through you for which we give thanks to Him.

5. Greetings to those gifted ones who enriched our worship with music. We especially thank Steve Lawton, who served with distinction as song leader, choir director, and special music coordinator. We were edified and encouraged by the musical contributions of Rebecca Barker, Audrey Hale, Margie Larson, Beth Ann Piske, Joan Stanton, Lynn Voskuil, Sam Murrell, Michiko Sasaki, Sarah Roskamp, George Smith, Eleanor Milliken, Steve and Donna Phillips, the men’s and women’s choruses, and the New City Fellowship choir under the direction of Brian Holland and James Ward.

6. Greetings to Dr. Richard Chewning, moderator, and Mr. Maurie McPhee, vice-moderator, for their exceedingly able leadership, parliamentary fairness, loving tact, gentle firmness, and refreshing humor. Such wisdom is not natural but comes down from above, full of mercy and good fruits. We, therefore, thank our exalted Lord who has given such good gifts to us in you.

7. Greetings to Dr. Paul R. Gilchrist, stated clerk, whose cheerful, tireless labors for us have been truly prodigious and in whose debt synod must always remain. We extend our

sincere thanks as well to Dr. Gilchrist's dear wife Barbara, who has not ceased to labor behind the scenes on our behalf, to Mr. Richard Herbert, who served us faithfully as assistant clerk, and to Eileen Auel, head of office services for Covenant College, who has served sacrificially.

8. Greetings to the leaders of the Women's Synodical. We also remember the work of Ellie Milliken, who tended to countless details for synod and for synodical, including tours, child care, and luncheon arrangements; the aides of the Chattanooga Christian School who catered the synodical luncheon, and Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church (PCUS) where it was held.

9. Greetings to those who so enthusiastically entertained us: the New Trio; the Adkins Family Band; the "Maple on the Hill" with Ben Pedigo; Ben and Sally Clark and Bob Wright; and our own Tom Jones and Ray Dameron.

"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen." (Rom, 16:25-27).

Respectfully submitted,  
James Shannon  
Charles Holliday III  
Harold Burkhart  
Robert MacPherson  
John DeBardeleben, chairman

**ACTION:**

Synod adopted the recommendations of the committee with enthusiasm.

**REPORT OF WOMEN'S SYNODICAL**

Mrs. Charles Holliday presented the following report to synod making special note of the fact that they will be responsible for all women's activities at Grand Rapids and requesting the Administrative Committee to consider including synodical in the next budget.

The 32nd Women's Synodical of the RPCES was held Saturday, May 23, 1981, at Covenant College.

Approximately 80 ladies attended the morning session. Mrs. Inex Hunt led the devotions and Mrs. Joan Nabors provided the special music.

The reports of Mission, Educational, and Fellowship Committees presented the work of the RPCES in the past year and a challenge for the future.

Marilyn Doerfel informed us of synodical news being published in the denominational section of the *Presbyterian Journal*. She encouraged us not only to subscribe to the magazine but also to contribute.

The following officers were elected and installed by the retiring

moderator, the Rev. Roger Lambert:

President, Mrs. Emily Gray (Northeast Presbytery)  
Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Holliday (Pittsburgh Presbytery)  
Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Doerfel (Southwest Presbytery)  
Missions Chairman, Mrs. Miriam Jones (Southeast presbytery)  
Fellowship Chairman, Mrs. Claude Marie Baldwin (Great Lakes Presbytery)  
Education Chairman, Mrs. Marie Wallis (Midwest Presbytery)

One hundred ten ladies attended the luncheon. Special music was provided by Marjorie Larsen and Joan Stanton. Mrs. Ruth Auffarth of Newark, Del., spoke on "Uniquely a Woman." The seminar continued Tuesday through Thursday mornings. An average of 70 ladies attended.

We are pleased to see the interest which the wives of delegates have to become a more meaningful part of the entire body.

NAPARC has requested the ladies of RPCES to head the women's work for the 1982 gathering. Plans are already being formulated.

We would request the Administrative Committee of Synod to consider the feasibility of including synodical in their next budget. With the increase of seminars being provided for the ladies and the number of families wishing to be involved, we have had difficulty meeting all expenses.

We thank the brethren of synod for your encouragement and ask for your prayer and support throughout the year.

Katherine A. Holliday, retiring president

### ***ACTION:***

Synod moved to reconsider the budget. Upon reconsideration, an item of \$300 was added for "Synodical" and the item for "offerings" was increased by \$300.

### ***FINAL ROLL CALL***

At 10:30 a.m., the stated clerk asked commissioners present as of that time to sign in as being present for the final roll call. This is duly recorded as part of the attendance record on pages 8-12.

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes of the May 28, 1981, meeting were read and approved as read.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

Synod was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The moderator read the statement of dissolution as follows:

By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the church, let this synod be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it, and require another synod, the members of which shall be chosen as provided in our Form of Government, to meet at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the 11th day of June, in A.D. 1982.

After the singing of Psalm 133, the Rev. Frank Fiol led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Respectfully presented,  
Paul R. Gilchrist  
Stated Clerk of Synod



# **STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1980**

## **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD**

*Where the figure 1979 follows the name of a church,  
the previous year's statistics were used.*

*A (M) following the name of a church indicates a mission church,*

# MEMBERSHIP

Communicant Members  
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 Vacation Bible School Attendance

## CALIFORNIA

Calabasas Presbyterian Calabasas, CA	103	46	53	3	3		1	2		8	13	4	25		7		1	8		123	45		79	
Immanuel RP Canoga Park, CA	15	7	9	1	2			1	1	3			3		1			1		23	7	7	15	
Covenant Evangelical Chatsworth, CA	89	21	31	4	5	1			3	5		3	8				1	1		95	45	35	70	
West Valley Korean Pres. Chatsworth, CA	42	8	40	2			4	6	3	3			8							45	20	10	20	
Covenant Family Fellowship Chico, CA (M)	Included in Calabasas																							
Valley Presbyterian Sepulveda, CA	309	149	172	9	12	1	11	20		16	14	14	44		2			2		315			204	
Covenant Presbyterian Valencia, CA	14	6	8	2	3			2			6		6			1		19	20	34	10	10	26	30
First Reformed Yucaipa, CA (M)	12		10				1				2		2			1		1		19		11	12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>96</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>30</b>

## DELMARVA

Reformed Presbyterian Dover, DE	23	9	11	2				2		4	2	6								65	20	20	27	45
Berea Presbyterian Hockessin, DE	77	33	41	3	3		1	1		3		1	4		2			2		86	37	48	61	90
Evangelical Presbyterian Newark, DE	501	223	280	12	12		11	15		18	43		61		13			15	28	525	206	81	295	239
Bethany Presbyterian New Castle, DE	132	68	60	5	6		1	5		13		13			1			13	14	150	54	12	80	80



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## CALIFORNIA

Calabasas Presbyterian Calabasas, CA	59340	1270		1320	1420	660	1370	3317	140	3175		3940	360	22340	71516	N	Y	Y	Y
Immanuel RP Canoga Park, CA	26006							79				480	484	1043	27049	N	N	N	N
Covenant Evan. Presby. Chatsworth, CA	55017	1200	150		2360		300	3300	120	1200		2740	2400	12570	68841	N	N	N	N
West Valley Korean Pres. Chatsworth, CA	24725														24725	Y	N	N	N
Covenant Family Fellow. Chico, CA (M)																			
Valley Presbyterian Sepulveda, CA	197359	3885	1150	2300	2488	1150	1297	6894	650	4951	5283	3471	3390	33025	234269	N	Y	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Valencia, CA	20000						105	136						241	20241	N	N	N	N
First RP Yucaipa, CA	19602	110	204		180			255				180	210	1029	20741	N	N	N	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402103</b>	<b>6465</b>	<b>1504</b>	<b>3520</b>	<b>6448</b>	<b>1810</b>	<b>3072</b>	<b>13981</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>9326</b>	<b>5283</b>	<b>10811</b>	<b>6844</b>	<b>63610</b>	<b>472178</b>				

## DELMARVA

RP (M) Dover, DE	14657	5148					81	575				125		781	20496	N	Y	Y	N
Berea Presbyterian Hockessin, DE	29613		116	352	718	231	748	1938	46	111	111	1349	347	6067	35680	N	Y	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Newark, DE	221959	2563	600	4362	4362	1200	3000	25596	700	150	1242	11364		52576	277098	N	Y	Y	N
Bethany Presbyterian New Castle, DE	63515				199		106	1728				180		2214	65729	N	Y	Y	Y

# MEMBERSHIP

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Manor Presbyterian New Castle, DE	58	23	33	3	3	1	1	2	3	4	2	9				4	4	54	40	18	53	100
Faith Presbyterian Wilmington, DE	608	154	348	8	8		2	15	16	12	9	37	14	11	2	1	28	334	144	40	206	170
Covenant Presbyterian Stanton, DE	38	12	24		3									1		1		30	12	6	25	
Evangelical Presbyterian Annapolis, MD	625	294	366	10	16	1	8	19	44	51	1	96	14	2		29	45	614	297	40	501	180
Armistead Gardens RP Baltimore, MD	43	16	21	2				2						1		1		70	25	8	50	
Evangelical Presbyterian Baltimore, MD	189	15	115	4	5			9	8	2	2	12	13	2		15		163	74	22	80	40
Forest Park Baltimore, MD	141	40	45	8	6	9												90	10	10	40	
New Covenant Presbyterian Bel Air, MD (M)	19	9	14					1		12	7	19						45	15		28	28
Grace RP Catonsville, MD	29	11	17	3	2		2	4	1	2	26	29						60	15	29	40	
Evangelical Presbyterian Elkton, MD	39	30	26	4	3			3			5	5		1		1	2	90	35		45	25
Faith RP Frederick, MD	68	49	40	2		2	1	5	2	17	19		1			1		155		62	73	30
RP (M) Hagerstown, MD																		10		8	8	
Tollgate RP Owings Mills, MD	54	12	31	4		4		2	1	4	4	9						40	8	10	45	100
Liberty RP Randallstown, MD	531	231	266	11	9	9	3	20	68	1	69		10	2	1	13		490	225		400	
The Severna Park EP Severna Park, MD	130	81	73	6	8	1	4	13	1	41	42		3	1		4		236				

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Manor Presbyterian New Castle, DE	20942	4916	60	472	440	209	166	3560	100	90		609		5700	31559	Y	Y	Y	N
Faith Presbyterian Wilmington, DE	154850	32660	1200	4710	6300	1800	4990	37002	600	200	828	7545		65175	252685	Y	Y	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Stanton, DE	11700	200											90	90	11990	Y	Y	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Annapolis, MD	384202	8747	100	1900	1300	500	300	22960	200	940	2000	6270	6200	42670	435621	N	Y	Y	Y
Armistead Gardens RP Baltimore, MD	22307	3109		30	30	30	33	1200		30				1353	26769	Y	Y	Y	N
Evangelical Presbyterian Baltimore, MD	79531			1200	1200	576	120	11292	120	120		708	120	15456	94987	Y	Y	Y	Y
Forest Park RP Baltimore, MD	3254					200	193	200				4781	1771	7145	10399	Y	Y	Y	N
New Covenant Presbyterian Bel Air, MD (M)	21622			50	240	300	333	720	50			1149		2842	24464	N	N	Y	N
Grace RP Catonsville, MD	24000	3900						1200				1200		2400	30300	N	Y	Y	N
Evangelical Presbyterian Elkton, MD	7491	2300		360	864	420		2340	50	204		150	360	4743	14534	Y	Y	Y	N
Faith RP Frederick, MD	30910	15060		300		350	420	1000	60	60		1530	700	4420	50390	N	N	Y	N
RP Hagerstown, MD (M)	7496							200		200		514		914	8410	N	N	N	N
Tollgate RP Owings Mills, MD	27955		58	150	115	115	115	321	100	228	173	1005	776	3154	31109	N	Y	N	N
Liberty RP Randallstown, MD	206943	41000	1550	4500	4500	1650	1550	13900		1080		20540	9208	58478	306421	N	Y	Y	Y
Severna Park EP Severna Park, MD	48439	36136		500	500	600	1250	4500	100		800	6175	1000	15425	100000	N	Y	Y	Y

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Timonium Presbyterian Timonium, MD	673	202	335	12	9	10	1	11	6	41	2	49	17	5	1	14	37	514	129	75	370	201	
Westminster RPC Westminster, MD	79	15	42	4			3	4		8	7	15				1	1	147	54		101		
Grace Covenant Fel. Blacksburg, VA	65	16	50	3	2		3	2	13	42	10	65						150		72	60		
Evangelical Presbyterian Chesapeake, MD	102	28	62	3	5	2	3	6	13		13		9			3	12	100	22	18	77	60	
Munson Hill Presbyterian Falls Church, VA	105	16	78	5	8			2	1	4	2	7	7	2		12	21	85	28	20	35		
Calvary Presbyterian Hampton, VA	79	28	41	4	5			6	6	2	7	15	15			4	19	91	49	15	64	81	
Grace Presbyterian Lexington, VA	44	15	25	2	3	1	1	4	1		1		3			3		60	20	18	35		
McLean Presbyterian McLean, VA	355	99	190	9	10		3	2	19	5	19	43	6			6		300	50	25	200	70	
Reston Presbyterian Reston, VA	122	70	55		2			3	2	32	34		19			6	25	145			90	70	
Stony Point RPC Richmond, VA	177	73	104	6	8			6	31		5	36	6			1	7	186				75	
Christ RP Roanoke, VA	54	15	38	1	2	2		1	4	1	5		5			1	6	60		35	40		
Valley Church Roanoke, VA (Cloverdale)	19	7	12	1			1		1	1								23	12	12	21		
Westminster RP Suffolk, VA	102	20	55	4	4			2		2	2			3		1	4	87		46	60		
Evangelical Presbyterian Woodbridge, VA																							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5281</b>	<b>1914</b>	<b>2898</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47167</b>		<b>262</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>5255</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>3210</b>	<b>1684</b>	

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Timonium Presbyterian Timonium, MD	176000		600	2700	3500	2500	3000	21400	500	600		18320	7350	60470	236470	N	Y	Y	N
Westminster Pres. (M) Westminster, MD	35047	5402		536	536	1072		2380		1072		1312		7000	47449	N	Y	Y	N
Grace Covenant Fel. Blacksburg, VA	17717					45		1100				540		1685	19402	N	N	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Chesapeake, MD	30520	5782		400	240	120	230	780	150	100	240	520	300	3080	39382	Y	Y	Y	N
Munson Hill Presbyterian Falls Church, VA	44685	4528		100	211		283	4769	135	75		411		5984	55197	Y	Y	Y	N
Calvary Presbyterian Hampton, VA	37200	1700		210	675	100	85	4750	100	100		3650	2300	11970	50870	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grace Presbyterian Lexington, VA	21097	2767	69	377	395	111	180	884	26	356		1282		3641	27504	Y	Y	Y	N
McLean Presbyterian McLean, VA	105580	41040	1500	2700	3000	1500	1200	3300				18400	14600	46200	192820	N	Y	Y	N
Reston Presbyterian Reston, VA	46350	27034					1200					1200	1200	3600	76984	N	N	Y	N
Stony Point RP Richmond, VA	75116		420	600	720	420	420	300	160	80		4880	4680	12680	87796	N	Y	Y	Y
Christ RP Roanoke, VA	32131		420	600	720	420	420	300	160	80		4880	4680	12680	87796	N	Y	Y	Y
Valley Church Roanoke, VA (Cloverdale)	16620	4656						89			1560	2270		3919	25195	N	N	Y	Y
Westminster RP Suffolk, VA	34264			450	450		480	3009	120	600		765	1399	7275	41539	N	Y	Y	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2053625</b>	<b>273662</b>	<b>6273</b>	<b>26959</b>	<b>30495</b>	<b>14049</b>	<b>20582</b>	<b>173563</b>	<b>3317</b>	<b>8446</b>	<b>6954</b>	<b>118744</b>	<b>52401</b>	<b>4630762</b>	<b>790363</b>				

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## EASTERN CANADA

Covenant RP New Castle, NB	28	18	20	2		1	1										28	12	8	18	18	
Grace RP Halifax, NS	36	10	24	3				2	8	3	11						50	30	8	3		
Bethel RP (M) Truro, NS	4		2						1		1						6					
Westminster Presbyterian Sydney, NS	75	30	40	4	3			2	2		2			1	1		2	85	65	22	30	40
Reformed Presbyterian Kitchener, Ontario	16	5	11	1				5	1	3	1	5						26		8	21	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>136</b>

## FLORIDA

Hope Presbyterian Bradenton, FL	55	16	33	3	3			2	5		5			1	3		4	81	41	18	50	63
Evangelical Presbyterian (M) Cape Coral, FL	21	7						3										85	25		30	
Immanuel Evangelical Goldenrod, FL	67	33	37	2	3			2	7	3	10			3			3	68	39	16	49	75
Covenant Presbyterian Lakeland, FL	395	168	244	6	11	5		7	1	11	12			1	6	11	18	388	161	57	352	214
Covenant Presbyterian Naples, FL	214	99	117	8	6			1	5	15	20			23	3		26	307	112	105	130	175
First Presbyterian North Port, FL	71	14	52	4	4			1	3	3	6			1	3	2	6	151	36	26	61	
Grace Presbyterian Pinellas Park, FL	48	19	26	2		1		2	2		2			7	1		8	50	20		34	50

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<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>																			
Covenant RP New Castle, NB	21242	3183	120	100	60		150	1636	22	122		1045		3255	27679	Y	Y	N	Y
Grace RP Halifax, NS	22867						60	1648	40	103		1000	50	2851	25718	N	Y	N	Y
Bethel RP (M) Truro, NS	4424						15	706	10	107		800		1638	6063	N	N	N	N
Westminster Presbyterian Sydney, NS																			
Reformed Presbyterian Kitchener, ON	15068	800		57			262	900	10	13	75	300		1617	17485	N	N	N	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63601</b>	<b>3983</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>487</b>	<b>4890</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3145</b>		<b>8361</b>	<b>76945</b>				

## FLORIDA

Hope RP Bradenton, FL	22546	1289		324	360		484	1145	100	125		1005	300	3843	27678	N	N	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian (M) Cape Coral, FL	24364	4994					70							70	29428	N	N	Y	N
Immanuel Evangelical Pres. Goldenrod, FL	38017			25	100		80	935	10	125	4648	298	500	6721	44738	N	N	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Lakeland, FL	142115	41475	240	2132	3408	425	2164	17295	500	100	1640	13221	37243	78368	261958	N	Y	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Naples, FL	118126	381923	100	6952	3759	1667	2257	10203	300	1273	790	9416	310	37027	537076	Y	Y	Y	N
First Presbyterian North Port, FL	44063		25	497	680		779	6922	120	70	1961	1424	220	12699	56761	N	Y	N	N
Grace Presbyterian Pinellas Park, FL	25198			75		113	135	339	75	30		328	113	1208	26406	N	Y	Y	N

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Faith Presbyterian Sarasota, FL	75	10	50	5	5	1		1	1	4	5		1	3			4	117	30	20	48	65
Calvary Presbyterian Tampa, FL	51	6	32	5	2			3			1							42	15	10		
Grand Cayman, BWI	50		36	3	3		1							2		2		60	80	12	80	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>61</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>742</b>

## GREAT LAKES

First Conservative Presby. Indianapolis, IN	37	7	19	2	2		2	1	3		1	4		1			1	40	15	7	30	35
The First RP Indianapolis, IN	66	30	35	4	3					11	11		6			6		70	20	6	40	75
Westminster Presbyterian Muncie, IN	138	63	70	4	6	5	2	8	8	12	7	28	1			1		145	61	10	65	75
Church of the Good Shepherd Valparaiso, IN (1979)	31	26	18	2	3	2												59	24		40	34
Tyrone Covenant Pres. Fenton, MI	315	74	158	12	7		16	7	14		6	20						352	143		197	120
Christ Church Grand Rapids, MI	196	93	95	6	12		3	7	28		28		7	1		8		285	66		220	
The Church of the Covenant Cincinnati, OH	81	54	45	5	1		3	6	5	12	17				11	11		130			130	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>1081</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>339</b>



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Faith Presbyterian Sarasota, FL	34591	4902		735	1247	180	1023	2309		169		2508	2862	8723	48216	Y	Y	Y	N
Calvary Presbyterian Tampa, FL	30304		110	60			160	574		283		590	220	1997	32301	N	N	N	N
First Evangelical Pres. Grand Cayman, BWI	12608	800		200	200		200	250						850	14258	Y	N	N	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>491932</b>	<b>435383</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>11000</b>	<b>9754</b>	<b>2385</b>	<b>7352</b>	<b>39972</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>2175</b>	<b>9039</b>	<b>28790</b>	<b>41768</b>	<b>151506</b>	<b>1078820</b>				

## GREAT LAKES

First Conservative Presby. Indianapolis, IN	19000	1245						150	150		100		400	20645		N	N	N	N
The First RP Indianapolis, IN	45425		190	1013	1556	346	506	4450	1411			2220		11692	57117	N	Y	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Muncie, IN	69490	240000	430	1500	1560	1350	1000	3500	150	400	200		840	10730	320220	Y	Y	Y	N
Chur. of the Good Shepherd Valparaiso, IN (1979)	40689	3213	210	420	480	1640	281	1590	100	470	103	3720	4620	13634	57536	N	Y	Y	N
Tyrone Covenant Presby. Fenton, MI	104918	36797	253	1500	750	1952	750	2750	110	1800		24602	7994	42461	184176	N	Y	Y	N
Christ Church Grand Rapids, MI	66225	25332	750	2500	1500	2000	1000	650	250	1300		9500	7750	27200	118757	N	Y	Y	N
Church of the Covenant Cincinnati, OH	49890	3440			150		770	853		523		6980	865	10091	63421	N	Y	Y	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>395637</b>	<b>310027</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>6933</b>	<b>5996</b>	<b>7288</b>	<b>4307</b>	<b>13943</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>4643</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>47122</b>	<b>22069</b>	<b>116208</b>	<b>821872</b>				

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Covenant  
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Letter

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Dismissal

Death

Ordination

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Sunday P.M.  
Worship Attendance

Midweek Meeting  
Attendance

Sunday School  
Attendance

Vacation Bible School  
Attendance

## GREAT PLAINS

Reformed Presbyterian Dodge, ND	21	13	10	2				1		4	4		1	1	35	15	7	14	25
Reformed Presbyterian Underwood, ND	66	4	35	5	4		1	2	10		1	11			55	20	8	50	
Reformed Presbyterian Lemmon, SD	76	25	40	3			2	3	8	4		12		1	70	25	10	40	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>55</b>

## ILLIANA

Westminster Presbyterian Alton, IL	49	26	31	3		2	1	6	1	3		4		1	1	60	19	10	57	20		
Reformed Presbyterian Belleville, IL (M)								2								28		10	26			
Evangelical Presbyterian Carbondale, IL	56	8	22	2		2	1	3	3	7	2	12		6	6	70		21	40			
Grandcote RP Coulterville, IL	214	37	136	6		6	3		5	1		6		2	1	2	5	96	33	15	81	96
Reformed Presbyterian Cutler, IL	126	22	95	3	1		4	5	4	5		10		4	5	1	10	85	25	17	75	45
Bethel RP Sparta, IL	150	26	80	5		7	3		9			9		6	8		14	110	40	15	90	50
Concord Presbyterian Waterloo, IL	59	6	33	2	1	2								1		2	2	62		12	40	50
Covenant of Grace Fel. (M) West Frankfort, IL	14	4	7					1								4	4	30		5	10	20
Westminster Presbyterian Vincennes, IN	44	18	26	3	2			3	5			5		1			1	43	18	14	27	22

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## GREAT PLAINS

Reformed Presbyterian Dodge, ND	18529	3121		5	25	25	110	906	50	71				1192	22842	Y	N	N	N
Reformed Presbyterian Underwood, ND	23671				300		55	4225		20	100	104		4804	28475	Y	N	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian Lemmon, SD	19000			70	538	88	702	1076	64					2537	21537	Y	N	N	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61200</b>	<b>3121</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>6207</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>8533</b>	<b>72854</b>				

## ILLIANA

Westminster Presbyterian Alton, IL	27319	9311	60	292	480	325	544	810	50	1105		60		3726	40356	N	Y	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian (M) Belleville, IL	89774		30	60	60	30	60	860						1100	10077	N	N	N	N
Evangelical Presbyterian Carbondale, IL	22464	7000			60	120	240	300	60	650		10		1440	30904	N	N	Y	N
Grandcote RP Coulterville, IL	30147	10778		2137	3086	843	908	4629	200	1860	1089	1363	1540	17655	58580	Y	Y	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian Cutler, IL	27686	30109	300	1600	1720	432	1285	4641	112	1725	323	150		12289	70084	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bethel RP Sparta, IL	16700	13267	309	854	529	615	3205	9506	432	3450	1996			19459	49427	Y	Y	Y	Y
Concord Presbyterian Waterloo, IL	9497	12615	30	263	298	68	495	415	89	1165		440		9956	32068	N	N	N	N
Cove. of Grace Fellow. (M) West Frankfort, IL	10319	507					130	209						339	11165	N	N	N	N
Westminster Presbyterian Vincennes, IN	20745	2200			159		218	307	39	340				1063	24008	Y	N	N	N

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Reformed Presbyterian (M) Owensboro, KY	24	6	11					2		7	1	8						27	19	14	22	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>321</b>

# MIDWESTERN

Westminster Presbyterian Elgin, IL	119	72	65	3	4			5	6	6	2	14	5			5		163	71	36	110	100
Hanna City RP Hanna City, IL	147	23	62	6		3	1	3	1		1		1	1		2		150	75	25	131	140
Limestone RP Hanna City, IL	28	6	15	4		2							1			1		40		10	25	21
Bible Presbyterian Walker, IA	58	22	19	4			1	3	4	2	6		4			4		60	50	50	50	
Christ's Church (M) Topeka, KS	14	11	8	2						2	2							30	15	12	25	
Westminster Presbyterian Chesterfield, MO	177	100	99	7	7		1	1	7	17	24		13		7	20		261	82		200	
Hazelwood RP Hazelwood, MO	135	69	79	5	8			5		12	12		2	1	1	4	8	125	50	10	50	87
Bethel Presbyterian Oakville, MO	52	27	30	1				2	6	2	1	9	2	1		3		77		18	55	110
Benton Park Fellowship St. Louis, MO (M)	19	19	12	1		3		8	1		5	6	4			1	5	35		18	17	
Covenant Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	484	198	275	13	15		2	11	4	22	7	33	8	3	2	11	24	392	164	70	289	224
Grace & Peace Fellowship St. Louis, MO	157	54	47	5	4		2	13				21	12		3	15		225		125	50	40
Korean Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	50	20	29	3	5	2	3	1		5	2	7						35		7	15	

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Reformed Presbyterian (M) Owensboro, KY	22322	2185			402	195	415	1915		440	60	1985	520	5932	30439	N	N	Y	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196176</b>	<b>87972</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>5206</b>	<b>6794</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>7500</b>	<b>23592</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>10735</b>	<b>3468</b>	<b>4008</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>72959</b>	<b>357108</b>				

## MIDWESTERN

Westminster Presbyterian Elgin, IL	61716	23195	180	1619	6756	698	970	7990	370	868	7565	3253		30299	115210	N	Y	Y	Y
Hanna City RP Hanna City, IL	25595	1696		291	1197			1901	336	710	490	3689	2848	11464	38755	N	N	N	N
Limestone RP Hanna City, IL	17000	12000			250		100	200		240	100	1330	1675	3895	32895	N	Y	Y	Y
Cono Bible Presby. Walker, IA	17817		75	115	530	54	86	1360	115	26	2223			4584	22401	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christ's Church (M) Topeka, KS	8766	110					100	425				707		1232	10108	N	N	N	N
Westminster RP Chesterfield, MO	121333	83384	660	1560	4081	680	5248	6935	180	180	4265	450		24239	228956	N	N	Y	N
Hazelwood RP St. Louis, MO	51104	1813		915	1913		1915	3313	180	60	1497	2917	840	13550	66467	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bethel Presbyterian Oakville, MO	32336	7749	35	65	963		302	899				104		2368	42453	N	N	Y	N
Benton Park Fellowship St. Louis, MO (M)	18252										54			54	18306	N	N	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	141497	11083	373	6104	27836	1042	8235	22940		7151	7649	20362	5249	106905	259485	Y	Y	Y	N
Grace and Peace Fellowship St. Louis, MO	55363	3036			2997	1049		2700	230	330	4500	17449		29255	87654	Y	Y	Y	N
Korean Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	14918	4540	50	70	70		100	100	60	60			606	1116	20574	Y	N	N	N

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Murphy-Blair Community Ch. St. Louis, MO	38	12	27	3	3			3	4		4	1				1	50		25			
Olive Branch Presbyterian St. Louis, MO (1979)	29	2	16	3			1	1									45	10	10	25	62	
Franklin RP (M) Union, MO	29	10	13	1				1									55		12	50		
Fellowship of the Lamb University City, MO	63	41	39	3	6			10		10	10				10		75		70	30		
Bible Presbyterian Merrill, WI	69	31	44	3	4	4		3					1		1		72	22	16	41	40	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>824</b>

**NEW JERSEY**

Calvary Presbyterian Brick, NJ	65	33	34	2	1	2	2	6	6	3	5	14	2	1		3	85	40	18	60	39	
Evangelical Presbyterian Camden, NJ	75	13	42	8	4			2	4		4						82	34	14	75	95	
Covenant Presbyterian Cherry Hill, NJ	306	42	118	7	6	8		3	20	4	24		10	2		12	248	115	18	140	117	
Seaside Bible Church Seaside Heights, NJ	30		15				3										35	12	12	12		
Evangelical Presbyterian Trenton, NJ	55	15	31	2	3			1	5	1	3	9		2		2	62	20	15	40		
Ventnor Presbyterian Ventnor, NJ	47	39	34	1	1	3			2		1	3					35	20	15	19		
Evangelical Presbyterian Williamstown, NJ	32	14	20	1	1	1							1		1		45	12	6	39	71	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>322</b>		

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Murphy-Blair Community Ch. St. Louis, MO (M)	21985		300			175		200		75	1888	873	200	3636	25621	N	N	N	N
Olive Branch Presbyterian St. Louis, MO (1979)	13165	1414		320	750		240	200		15				1525	16104	N	N	N	N
Franklin RP (M) Union, MO	20682		25		15	240	380	240		120	360	275	228	1884	22566	N	N	N	Y
Fellowship of the Lamb University City, MO	22000					300				230	1254	1334	1000	4118	26118	N	Y	Y	N
Bible Presbyterian Merrill, WI	21076	11268		159	481		223	2505	100	245	100	665	2188	6666	39010	N	N	Y	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>664605</b>	<b>161288</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>11218</b>	<b>47839</b>	<b>4238</b>	<b>17899</b>	<b>51908</b>	<b>8722</b>	<b>3084</b>	<b>31975</b>	<b>53408</b>	<b>14834</b>	<b>246790</b>	<b>1072683</b>				

# NEW JERSEY

Calvary Presbyterian Bricktown, NJ	25579	1725			460	450	561	1680	100	100		802		4153	31457	Y	Y	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Camden, NJ	36328		720	923	1316	1578	1157	7047	123	193	228	3608	2084	18977	55305	Y	Y	Y	Y
Covenant Presbyterian Cherry Hill, NJ	78614	4200	1500	1500	1500	2000	2000	13000	400	650	1200	12250		36000	118814	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seaside Bible Church Seaside Heights, NJ	13377	3069					50	324				26		400	16846	Y	Y	N	N
Evangelical Presbyterian Trenton, NJ	28429	104509	60		180	181		1517	55	50		155	327	2525	135463	N	Y	Y	N
Ventnor Presbyterian Ventnor, NJ	16072		240	195	60	130	279	910	60		80	426	765	3145	19217	Y	Y	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Williamstown, NJ	14216			75	75	100	50	725			75		300	1400	15616	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>212615</b>	<b>113503</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>2693</b>	<b>3591</b>	<b>4439</b>	<b>4097</b>	<b>25203</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>17267</b>	<b>3476</b>	<b>66600</b>	<b>392718</b>				





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## NORTHEAST

Presby. Church of Coventry Coventry, CT	30086		700	420	360		209	844	40	57	770	3400	33486	N	N	Y	N		
Presby. Ch. of Manchester Manchester, CT	25850		125	25	25	25	167	969	50	25	710	250	2371	28221	Y	Y	Y	N	
Hope Church Ballston Spa, NY	38542	3275	386		251		309	390	140	50	659	612	2797	44614	Y	N	Y	N	
Reformed Presbyterian Duanesburg, NY	38578	17113	120	273	273	295	791	3576			72	454	5854	61546	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Covenant Presbyterian Johnstown, NY	14250			25		228	147	648	75	70	727	391	2311	16561	Y	N	N	N	
Westminster Presbyterian Newburgh, NY	47821		300	500	900	200	250	680	100	50	2470	1300	6750	54571	N	Y	Y	N	
Cove. of Grace Fel. Vestal, NY (M)	15036	300	180			300	240	300	60	120			1200	16536	N	Y	Y	N	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>210183</b>	<b>20688</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>1809</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>7407</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5408</b>	<b>3007</b>	<b>24683</b>	<b>255535</b>				

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Glenmore RP Calgary, Alberta	32312	29306			1922		877	3624	240	300	5280	780	13023	74642	N	Y	Y	Y
Crestwood RP Edmonton, Alberta	31140						79	2732	75	175	2444		5505	36645	Y	N	Y	Y
Covenant Community Pres. Regina, Saskatchewan	18872						25				8609		8634	27506	N	N	N	Y
Faith RP (M) Vancouver, BC	25340		104	378	395	150	273	1300	39	500	11400		14934	40274	N	N	Y	Y
Alderwood Presby. (1978) Alderwood Manor, WA	21380	5753					375	718			131		1224	28357	N	N	N	N

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First RP Bellingham, WA	49	9	34	3				2	1	1	2	5	1			6	49	21	8	25	20	
Westminster Evan. Presby. Everett, WA	233	89	160	7	7	7		4	9	1	10	7	5		1	13	150	45	15	110	120	
Covenant Presbyterian Issaquah, WA	81	28	40	4	3		3	5	10		8	18					72		32	48		
Lake Stevens RP (M) Lake Stevens, WA	27	20	14					4	1	7	4	12					55	25	25	40	95	
Liberty Bay Pres. Poulsbo, WA	56	26	23	4	4		4	11	10	7	3	20	1			1	86	25				
First Evangelical Presby. Seattle, WA	137	43	88	5	4				1	2	3		9	3		12	127	66	65	65	130	
Highline RP Seattle, WA	62	20	27	20	2		1	3	4	4	3	11	2			2	99	42	55	80	95	
Faith Presbyterian Tacoma, WA	77	14	47	3	3		1	2	2	4	4	10	10	4		1	67	32	25	40		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>571</b>

**PHILADELPHIA**

Lehigh Valley Presby. Allentown, PA (M)			14					1									35	33	10		
Reformed Presbyterian Boothwyn, PA	187	82	137	6		5		2					1		6	7	151	40	50	106	100
Covenant Presbyterian Glen Mills, PA	83	18	43	2	3	1	1		9	1	10		1	1		3	63	25	12	40	45
New Covenant Fellowship Harrisburg, PA	99	53	45	7	7		4	4	7	14	21		4			2	130		29	91	55
Beechwood RP Havertown, PA	49	19	19	1		1							2			2	27	17	9	18	65

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First RP Bellingham, WA	19030	137			135	69	231	645		110		127		1117	20284	N	N	N	N
Westminster Evan. Presby. Everett, WA	50895			1389	1833	438	226	7024	300	300	480	1314	2124	15428	66323	N	Y	Y	Y
Covenant Presbyterian Issaquah, WA	37535				491	227	277	187	112	3322		195	1505		43851	Y	N	Y	Y
Lake Stevens RPC (M) Lake Stevens, WA	23000						120	152		30		160		460	23460	N	N	N	N
Liberty Bay Pres. Poulsbo, WA (M)	37726	7830			230		190		75	100				595	46151	N	N	N	N
First Evangelical Presby. Seattle, WA	58687	3941	55	1350	2413	143	1909	11356	585	6980	1233	8527	5850	40402	103030	N	Y	Y	Y
Highline RP Seattle, WA	41725		71	308	542	181	395	1380	72	126		1512	524	5111	46836	N	N	N	N
Faith Evangelical Presby. Tacoma, WA	35500			530	1380	305	323	5532	180	3942		444		12636	48136	N	N	Y	Y
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>422595</b>	<b>47431</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>3955</b>	<b>9660</b>	<b>1401</b>	<b>5291</b>	<b>34974</b>	<b>1656</b>	<b>14037</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>41342</b>	<b>10439</b>	<b>124960</b>	<b>605495</b>				

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Lehigh Valley Pres. (M) Allentown, PA	16000						240	240						480	16480	N	N	N	N
Reformed Presbyterian Boothwyn, PA	42000	3600	700	42	3634	2500	192	6771	200	3710	4205	7360	340	29654	75254	N	Y	N	N
Covenant Presby., Concord Glen Mills, PA	30455	2439	210	620	446	270	729	6241	115	979	480	1110		11200	44055	Y	Y	Y	N
New Covenant Fellowship Harrisburg, PA	38675						240	2340		4447		6014	600	13641	52315	N	N	Y	N
Beechwood RP Havertown, PA	13942		60	190	145	209	275	2226	45			851	97	4098	18040	N	Y	N	Y

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Church of the Shepherd Hershey, PA (M)	24	6	15					3	1	4	5						46	16	34			
Reformed Presbyterian King of Prussia, PA	30	18	19	1				1	2		2				3	3	40	7	15	25		
Westminster Presbyterian Lancaster, PA	299	103	171	12	12			4		10	10		8	2	1	11	334	101	28	198	103	
Lansdale Presbyterian Lansdale, PA	195	77	86	6	7	4		11	19		19			1		1	180	50	25	100	120	
Evangelical Presbyterian Levittown, PA	150	37	75	5	5		2	2	4	5	9		3	2	5	10	180	100	50	160		
Calvary Presbyterian Media, PA	117	20	85	7	3	5	4	6	9		9		1			1	75	35	25	55	45	
Christ RP Oreland, PA	112	46	58	6	5			1	4	5	9		33	1	5	9	100	50	54	85	65	
Third RP Philadelphia, PA	182	43	112	7	3	7	4	3	9		10		1	1		2	125	40	18	75	125	
Fifth RP Philadelphia, PA (1979)	48			1	1	4											16				18	
Quakertown Presby. Quakertown, PA (M)	8	5	13							8							45	15	8	30		
Faith RP Quarryville, PA	129	40	42	6		5		2	3	3	1	7	3			3	133	99	55	170	120	
Calvary Presbyterian Warminster, PA	49	20	30	3	1		3	1				12		1	15	16	60	40	10	45		
Reformed Presbyterian West Chester, PA	87	16	43	3	5			2	2	2	4			2	11	13	72	33	19	45	21	
Calvary Presbyterian Willow Grove, PA	494	281	215	12	9	12	1	6	5	8	1	14	10	2	1	13	270	85	50	190	110	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2342</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2082</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>999</b>

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Church of the Servant Hershey, PA (M)	21168							216		216				432	21600	N	N	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian King of Prussia, PA	16600														16600	N	N	Y	Y
Westminster Presbyterian Lancaster, PA	78716	43979		1800	3000	10828	7898	26583	450	4570	1100	15458	1800	73487	196182	N	Y	Y	N
Lansdale Presbyterian Lansdale, PA	56301		500	600	900	1000	600	7000	200	2970	2000	8849	1913	26632	82933	N	Y	Y	Y
Evangelical Presbyterian Levittown, PA	54265	13250	550	850	3510	1655	1600	10368	225	100		3750	1260	23868	91383	Y	Y	Y	Y
Calvary Presbyterian Media, PA	34409			420	335	340	567	5140	25	25	280	2294	720	10146	44555	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christ RP Oreland, PA	35263				165	186	465	1810		341	464	1984		4191	39454	N	Y	Y	N
Third RP Philadelphia, PA	38000	8000		300	300		210	3000		560	600	800	250	6020	52020	N	Y	Y	Y
Fifth RP Philadelphia, PA (1979)	8174					100		1485	75	25			465	2150	10324	N	N	N	N
Quakertown Presbyterian (M) Quakertown, PA	18332						16					118		134	18466	N	Y	Y	Y
Faith RP Quarryville, PA	55387	162635		3015	2762	424	1380	11438	800	2132	777	5431	1112	29271	247293	Y	Y	Y	N
Calvary Presbyterian Warminster, PA	42000	3554						576	15		300			891	46445	N	N	N	N
Reformed Presbyterian West Chester, PA	26700					1500		2318	25	525		2730	14570	21688	48368	Y	Y	Y	Y
Calvary Presbyterian Willow Grove, PA	165200		3600	2700	2000	600	2400	16500		2400	4980	7280	540	43000	208200	Y	N	N	N
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>791587</b>	<b>237418</b>	<b>5620</b>	<b>10537</b>	<b>17197</b>	<b>19612</b>	<b>16812</b>	<b>104252</b>	<b>2175</b>	<b>23000</b>	<b>15186</b>	<b>64129</b>	<b>23667</b>	<b>300963</b>	<b>1329967</b>				

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Sunday A M  
Worship Attendance

Sunday P M  
Worship Attendance

Midweek Meeting  
Attendance

Sunday School  
Attendance

Vacation Bible School  
Attendance

## PITTSBURGH

Faith Presbyterian (M) Oakland, MD	9	8	6			3	1										14	8	6	10	
The Trinity Presby. Columbus, OH	28	4	16	2	3												14	6	6	22	30
Immanuel Presbyterian Poland, OH	126		71	4	4	3	1	4	1	5	8	1	16	25			59	15	5		
Robinwood RP Youngstown, OH	75	11	41	4	3			4	3	7	20	1	21				65	20	10	60	95
Chapel RP Beaver, PA	83	26	42	4	4	2	1	3	8	8	4	2	6				68		13	30	65
Christ Presbyterian Beaver Falls, PA	84	35	49	3	5	3	3	4	10	14	8		8				90	40	25	65	100
Greene Valley Presby. Carmichaels, PA	434			15	9		10	21	11	32		13	6	19			293	12		163	217
Darlington RP Darlington, PA	98	16	44	4		5	4	4	4	4							55	10		35	35
View Crest RP Eighty Four, PA	35	11	19	3			1	1	2	3			1	3	4		45	30	20	45	78
Bible Presbyterian Enon Valley, PA	105	15	60	6		1	1					1	1	2			65	12	7	52	49
Rocky Springs RP Harrisville, PA	51	27	24	4								1	1				65	32	14	45	24
Fairview RP Industry, PA	107	43	60	4		6	1	6	9	2	4	15	2	1	1	4	92	25	9	75	120
Reformed Presbyterian Kittaning, PA	76	20	46	4	2		2	6	2	3	11		2		2		50	10	4	20	50
Maranatha RP Murrysville, PA	77	57	39	5	3		4		17	17	9		9				98	39	10	57	67

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Faith Presbyterian (M) Oakland, MD	7748	1786			95		37	73		50		1912	15	2182	11716	N	N	N	N
The Trinity Presby. Columbus, OH	13444							561	28					589	14033	N	Y	N	Y
Immanuel Presbyterian Poland, OH	33200			65	65	60	60	1500	30	60		300	900	3040	36240	N	N	Y	N
Robinwood RP Youngstown, OH	23345		21	18	100	53	35	1035	50	50		891		2253	25598	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chapel RP Beaver, PA	16798	2827					135	283		60		680	198	1356	20981	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christ Presbyterian Beaver Falls, PA	29446	1110		324	674	180	640	2359	180	480	744	990	180	6751	37307	N	Y	N	N
Greene Valley Presby. Carmichaels, PA	117549	18309								200		4351	9047	13598	149456	N	Y	Y	N
Darlington RP Darlington, PA	29000	600						748			479	150	1244	2621	32221	Y	Y	Y	Y
View Crest RP Eighty Four, PA	25489	2149		254	815	202	458	559		202		120		2610	30248	Y	N	N	N
Bible Presbyterian Enon Valley, PA	19468	1030		463	453	396	113	2027		241	335	420	150	4596	25094	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rocky Springs RP Harrisville, PA	15723		151	272	1024		348	482	91	91	91	200	533	3280	19003	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fairview RP Industry, PA	25389	1397	120	885	500	550	410	4519	150	950	305	2742	659	11590	38376	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reformed Presbyterian Kittaning, PA	18567			161	240	250	189	2592	20	260		1395	100	5207	23774	N	Y	Y	Y
Maranatha RP Murrysville, PA	21617	38313		150	232	192	440	895		900	360	964	900	5033	64963	N	Y	Y	Y

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Christ RP New Castle, PA	35	13	17	2	1		1	1	1	1	2							55	8		40	
Calvin Presbyterian North Huntingdon, PA	101	32	39	4	2		2		1	6	7							65	21	45	44	75
First RP Pittsburgh, PA	373	100	204	9	12	9	2	9	11	6	4	21	5	2		4	11	266	143	60	185	244
Providence RP Sharon, PA (M)																		18	7		13	
First RP (M) Charleston, WV	33	1	17	2			5	1	6	2	8		2			2		50	25	25	30	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1930</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1527</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1249</b>

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

Hope RP (M) Tempe, AZ (1979)	10	6	8			2												27	15	8	18	
Evangelical Presbyterian Colorado Springs, CO	260	100	151	6	8		2	4	5	16	21		5	3		26	34	249	122	101	201	290
Village Seven Presby. Colorado Springs, CO	538	180	290	9	16		14	13	46	128	28	202	17	1		116	134	646	137	112	350	
Trinity RP Montrose, CO	41	27	22	2	2		1		5		2	7						78	50	20	62	
Covenant RP Wheat Ridge, CO	78	32	47	2	2	4	4		2	4	5	11	8	1		11	20	98				67
Trinity Presbyterian Kearney, NB	64	8	36	4	4		1	1	2		2		2	1		3		77	40		57	59
Westminster Presbyterian Alamogordo, NM	119	18	53	5	5	2	2	7	9	9	1	19		1		28	29	113	54	50	65	65
Providence Presbyterian Las Cruces, NM	18	16	10	2	1			5	1		1							39	25	9	30	



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Christ RP New Castle, PA	15448	132			205		25	155		200		20	52	657	16237	N	N	Y	N
Calvin Presbyterian North Huntingdon, PA	23946		60	456	672	1306	372	2575		300		1292		8065	32011	Y		Y	Y
First RP Pittsburgh, PA	109842	31484	540	4147	5659	1036	2314	19219	650	2381	1000	3305	1165	41416	182742	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reformed Presbyterian (M) Sharon, PA	11767						52	643					802	1497	13265	N	N	N	N
First Reformed Presby. Charleston, WV (M)	21000						50		20	200				270	21270	N	N	N	N
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>578786</b>	<b>99137</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>7195</b>	<b>10734</b>	<b>4225</b>	<b>5678</b>	<b>40225</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>6625</b>	<b>3314</b>	<b>19732</b>	<b>15945</b>	<b>116610</b>	<b>794535</b>				

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Hope RP (M) Tempe, AZ (1979)	19132	37652	20	40	1805	75	71	90	10	10	1263	5	5	3394	60178	N	N	Y	N
Evangelical Presbyterian Colorado Springs, CO	69912	900		600	3000	900	2400	9420	240	720	4329	1020	2700	25329	96141	N	N	N	N
Village Seven Presby. Colorado Springs, CO	169621	26286		1200	2551		3198	3672	600	800	1800	1420	173	15415	211322	N	N	N	N
Trinity RP Montrose, CO	25341	30841		400	400		425	704	50	75	1550	591		4195	60377	N	Y	Y	Y
Covenant RP Wheat Ridge, CO	40360	38465	60	240	378	360	440	2111	480	1000	707	2298		8074	86899	N	Y	Y	Y
Trinity Presbyterian Kearney, NB	24118	5751		1321	2958		551	4474	145	120	467	1984		12020	41889	Y	N	N	N
Westminster Presbyterian Alamagordo, NM	31771	39328	148	740	740	148	740	740	148	592		938		4934	76033	Y	Y	Y	N
Providence Presbyterian Las Cruces, NM	9717							960			1135	4002	490	6587	16304	N	N	Y	N

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University Presbyterian Las Cruces, NM	125	55	45	5	8		2	6	8	7	15		9	2			11	190	50	56	105	235
Covenant Presbyterian Lander, WY	56	27	26	3	3			2	6		2	8				2	2	65		10	30	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1309</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>801</b>

# SOUTHEAST

Second Street Presbyterian Albemarle, NC	304	43	134	8	8		2	3	2	5	7		2			2		225	70	25	100	76
Faith Presbyterian Charlotte, NC	127	37	82	6	7			1	1	4	4	9	3	1		15	19	118	79		82	
Westminster Presbyterian Concord, NC	69	9	34	4	1			2						1			1	45		8	29	67
Lednum St. Presbyterian Durham, NC	44	9	28	4	3					4	4					2	2	33	15	9	21	43
Meadowview RP Lexington, NC	100	47	50	5	6								1	2			3	107	65	34	78	86
Trinity Presbyterian Wilmington, NC	17	6	9		1			1			1		1			1	2	25	17	6	12	
First RP Anderson, SC	112	25	57	5	6			4			2	2	3	2		3	8	91	36	17	60	40
Church Creek Presby. Charleston, SC	124	36	82	3	2			3			26	26	8			15	23	164	90	64	100	48
Faith RP (M) Florence, SC	19	3	14	2			1	3		4	2	6	1				1	29	14	8	22	25
Augusta St. Presbyterian Greenville, SC	106		70	4	4			1					9	3		12		60	30	6	75	
Mitchell Rd. Presbyterian Greenville, SC	800	160	380	12	12		1	7	21	73	94		24	5	33	62		567	364	175	565	210

# FINANCES

	General Operating Receipts	Capital Improvement Receipts	CTI	Covenant College	Covenant Seminary	Board of Home Ministries	National Presbyterian Missions	World Presbyterian Missions	General Synod	Presbytery	Other Christian Schools	Other U.S.A. or Canadian Ministries	Other Foreign Ministries	Total Benevolent Receipts	TOTAL RECEIPTS	Manse Provided	Pension Plan	Hospitalization	Social Security
University Presbyterian Las Cruces, NM	58548			1920	1920	960	1920	8640	150	150	960	2880		19500	78048	Y	N	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Lander, WY	23427	4879	139	317	401	167	515	859		72	216	240		2927	31233	N	N	N	N
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>471947</b>	<b>184102</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>6778</b>	<b>14153</b>	<b>2610</b>	<b>10260</b>	<b>31670</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>3539</b>	<b>12427</b>	<b>15378</b>	<b>3368</b>	<b>102375</b>	<b>758424</b>				

# SOUTHEAST

Second Street Presbyterian Albemarle, NC	57316			300	600		320	2820	135	325		60		4560	61876	Y	Y	Y	Y
Faith Presbyterian Charlotte, NC	57196	5227	240	530	1198	265	1220	11057	100	1075	120	1703	2765	20273	82696	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westminster Presbyterian Concord, NC	6480							720						720	7200	N	N	N	N
Lednum St. Presbyterian Durham, NC	11029	3344		205		25	430	2863		60		387		3970	18343	Y	N	N	N
Meadowview RP Lexington, NC	26464		300	800	783	500	600	9450	180	1000		485		14355	40817	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trinity Presbyterian Wilmington, NC	17332						27	30				45		102	17433	N	N	N	N
First RP Anderson, SC	36000			225	225	450	575	1350	225	450		450	675	4625	40625	N	N	Y	Y
Church Creek Presby. Charleston, SC	72928	1986	215	1945	1946	758	645	9223	80	480	3489	1050	110	19491	94405	N	Y	Y	N
Faith RP (M) Florence, SC	12636	2477						59				120		179	15292	N	N	N	N
Augusta St. Presbyterian Greenville, SC	21025				240	180		4533		60	120	3476	1900	10509	31534	N	Y	Y	N
Mitchell Rd. Presbyterian Greenville, SC	260578	81344		4440	4127	1464	420	27570	660	6180	13606	45825	10084	114375	456297	N	Y	Y	N

**MEMBERSHIP**

	Communicant Members	Covenant Children	Number of Families	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Professions of Faith	Reaffirmation Transfer of Letter	<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>	Letter of Dismissal	Death	Ordination	Dropped from Roll	<b>TOTAL DECREASE</b>	Sunday A.M. Worship Attendance	Sunday P.M. Worship Attendance	Midweek Meeting Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Vacation Bible School Attendance	
Shannon Forest Presby. Greenville, SC	368	41	147	10	10		4	5	10	29	39	28		1	52	71	341	125	68	205	125	
Jeremy Creek RP (M) McClellanville, SC (1979)	10	2	7														17	17	7	15		
Faith Presbyterian Myrtle Beach, SC	71	17	44	1	3		1	1	2	5	7						85	28	12	75	60	
Davenport Road RP Simpsonville, SC	47	21	18	1	2			2	5	7	35	47					64	25	10	64		
Trinity Presbyterian Spartanburg, SC	120	33	41	4	2		1	1	6	7	13	2				2	100	65	40	80	75	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2438</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2071</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1583</b>	<b>855</b>

**SOUTHERN**

Covenant Presbyterian Auburn, AL	70	8	19	4	4		4		4	3	10	17	2		18	20	325	50	12	75		
Reformed Presbyterian Huntsville, AL	157	49	61	5	6		1	4	7	11	18		15		4	19	180	115	65	114	70	
Reformed Presbyterian Kenner, LA	33	15	14	2	2		1	2	1		2	3					38	20	16	31	22	
Ryder Memorial Presby. Bluff City, TN	60	2	35	2	2	1				4	4			1		1	61	31	23	59	96	
Immanuel Fellowship (M) Chattanooga, TN	Included in New City Fellowship																					
New City Fellowship Chattanooga, TN	86	25	35	3	4		1	5	2	2	28	32	5		13	11	110	50	35	70		
Reformed Presbyterian Lookout Mountain, TN	208	87	72	8	11			3	7	3	9	19	21		1	22	250	150	40	95	65	
First RP Memphis, TN	101	10	47	6	6	2	1		2		5	7				23	80	50	20	30		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>253</b>

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	General Operating Receipts	Capital Improvement Receipts	CTI	Covenant College	Covenant Seminary	Board of Home Ministries	National Presbyterian Missions	World Presbyterian Missions	General Synod	Presbytery	Other Christian Schools	Other U.S.A. or Canadian Ministries	Other Foreign Ministries	Total Benevolent Receipts	TOTAL RECEIPTS	Manse Provided	Pension Plan	Hospitalization	Social Security
Shannon Forest Presby. Greenville, SC	145320	13028	230	2499	12306	126	1594	19544		3192	82370	9793	608	132261	290609	N	Y	Y	Y
Jeremy Creek RP (M) McClellanville, SC (1979)	6000	600					30	90	30	90				240	6840	N	Y	Y	N
Faith Presbyterian Myrtle Beach, SC	31968			469	813	100	553	758		326		4130		7148	39116	N	N	Y	N
Davenport Rd. Presby. Simpsonville, SC	19980	6400													26380	N	N	Y	Y
Trinity Presbyterian Spartanburg, SC	41021	1126		10	300			3660		240		540	5421	10171	52318	N	Y	Y	N
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>823273</b>	<b>115532</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>11423</b>	<b>22535</b>	<b>3868</b>	<b>6414</b>	<b>93727</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>13478</b>	<b>99705</b>	<b>68064</b>	<b>21563</b>	<b>342979</b>	<b>1281781</b>				

# SOUTHERN

Covenant Presbyterian Auburn, AL	42243				550							8761	1380	10691	52934	N	N	Y	Y
Reformed Presbyterian Huntsville, AL	82730		284	865	1065	255	978	3631	249		2340	4813		14479	97209	Y	Y	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian Kenner, LA	25304	16373		25	260		85	1926			40	235		2571	44249	N	N	Y	N
Ryder Memorial Presby. Bluff City, TN	8126	405	75	303	75	275	120	291	60	50	697	2972	1204	6122	14652	N	N	N	N
Immanuel Fellowship (M) Chattanooga, TN	Included in New City Fellowship																		
New City Fellowship Chattanooga, TN	29111	8643	75	1885	825	420	116	620	15	15	2355	8557	80	14963	52719	N	N	Y	Y
Reformed Presbyterian Lookout Mountain, TN	45235	163	408	3783	2045	504	2117	11789	740		4945	3320	330	29981	75379	N	Y	Y	N
First RP Memphis, TN	45308		156	600	1116	300	600	3024	240	120	420	1020		7596	52904	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>278057</b>	<b>25584</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>7481</b>	<b>5936</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>4016</b>	<b>21281</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>10797</b>	<b>29678</b>	<b>2984</b>	<b>86403</b>	<b>390048</b>				

# MEMBERSHIP

	Communicant Members	Covenant Children	Number of Families	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Professions of Faith	Reaffirmation	Transfer of Letter	TOTAL INCREASE	Letter of Dismissal	Death	Ordination	Dropped from Roll	TOTAL DECREASE	Sunday A.M. Worship Attendance	Sunday P.M. Worship Attendance	Midweek Meeting Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Vacation Bible School Attendance	
First Presbyterian Minco, OK	60	15	38	3	2									1		7	8	40	19	9	30		
RP (M) Norman, OK	15	14	9					2			1	1						30	20	10	25	10	
Heritage RP Oklahoma City, OK	73	4		2			6	3	6	3	2	11		1		1	2	78	45	68	44		
Calvary Presbyterian Stilwell, OK	42	8	15	3	3			1	1	3		4						50	15	12	50	150	
Christ Presbyterian Tulsa, OK	183	40	88	7	3		5	12	5	25	6	36		11	1		12	180	90	50	90		
Westminster Presbyterian Bedford, TX	26	9	14	2	3			2								1	1	35	12	8	24		
Town North Presbyterian Richardson, TX	54	35	32	4	3		2	2	6	4	9	19		2		4	6	79	48		56	54	
Sherwood Shores Chapel Gordonville, TX	Included in Westminster, Gainesville																						
Westminster Presbyterian Gainesville, TX	290	18	120	8	8	4	5	1	30			30		2	5		2	9	236	114	115	88	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>306</b>		

## SOUTHWEST

# FINANCES

General Operating Receipts  
 Capital Improvement Receipts  
 CTI  
 Covenant College  
 Covenant Seminary  
 Board of Home Ministries  
 National Presbyterian Missions  
 World Presbyterian Missions  
 General Synod  
 Presbytery  
 Other Christian Schools  
 Other U.S.A. or Canadian Ministries  
 Other Foreign Ministries  
**Total Benevolent Receipts**  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS**  
 Manse Provided  
 Pension Plan  
 Hospitalization  
 Social Security

## SOUTHWEST

First Presbyterian Minco, OK	18005	6634		690	701		586	525	50	120		2958	2326	7957	32596	Y	Y	Y	N
Reformed Presbyterian (M) Norman, OK	17524	883		192	180	220	88	406		110		180	480	1856	20262	N	N	Y	N
Heritage RP Oklahoma City, OK	49133			539	539	293	645	1311	316	334		936		4913	54047	N	Y	Y	N
Calvary Presbyterian Stilwell, OK	3628	207				4050	62	241		482			101	4936	8771	N	Y	Y	N
Christ Presbyterian Tulsa, OK	93811	3222	600	1320	2100	1200	900	6520	360	1826		1040		15866	112899	N	N	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Bedford, TX	13598	2000		166	166	403	666	1770	52	500		3045		6768	22366	N	Y	Y	N
Town North Presbyterian Richardson, TX	40005			50	405		122	888						1465	41470	N	N	Y	Y
Sherwood Shores Chapel Gordonville, TX	Included in Westminster Church, Gainesville, TX																		
Westminster Presbyterian Gainesville, TX	28394	18399	240	540	1637	377	4246	6543	150	1758	7552	8815		31858	78651	Y	N	Y	Y
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>264098</b>	<b>31345</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>3497</b>	<b>5728</b>	<b>6543</b>	<b>7315</b>	<b>18204</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>5130</b>	<b>7552</b>	<b>16974</b>	<b>2907</b>	<b>75619</b>	<b>371062</b>				

## TABLE II-A MEMBERSHIP TOTALS BY PRESBYTERY

	TOTAL INCREASE										TOTAL DECREASE														
	Ministers	Churches	Missions	Communicant Members	Covenant Children	Number of Families	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Professors of Faith	Reaffirmation of Letter	Transfer of Letter	Letter of Dismissal	Death	Ordination	Dropped from Roll	Sunday A.M. Worship Attendance	Sunday P.M. Worship Attendance	Midweek Meeting Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Vacation Bible School Attendance		
California	21	6	3	584	237	323	21	25	7	19	31	35	35	26	96	10	2	21	33	654	127	73	426	30	
Delmarva	70	30	2	5281	1914	2898	141	151	42	47	167	262	344	111	715	157	32	4	106	289	5255	1561	750	3210	1684
E. Canada	5	4	1	159	63	97	10	3	3	11	12	3	4	19	4	1	4	1	5	185	107	46	72	136	
Florida	20	9	1	1047	372	627	38	37	7	4	26	24	36	61	61	36	19	3	13	69	1349	559	264	834	742
Great Plains	7	3		163	42	85	10	4		3	6	18	4	5	27	2	2			2	160	60	27	104	55
Illiana	19	7	3	736	153	441	24	4	19	11	23	27	24	3	64	20	14	9	43	611	154	133	468	321	
Midwestern	60	14	3	1668	717	879	67	56	14	11	70	33	68	27	149	52	8	10	19	99	1890	539	514	1163	824
New Jersey	16	7	0	610	156	284	21	16	17	3	11	37	8	9	44	12	6		18	592	253	98	385	322	
Northeast	21	7	0	460	166	263	24	13	9	2	14	46	7	14	67	21	7	4	32	461	110	77	375	325	
Pacific NW	20	10	3	940	329	540	52	33	12	11	40	39	25	23	87	39	15	5	59	942	321	263	500	571	
Philadelphia	48	16	3	2342	884	1222	85	68	44	19	49	74	60	3	141	66	13	7	55	141	2082	763	475	1475	999
Pittsburgh	33	17	3	1930	419	794	79	48	29	27	42	80	51	23	154	60	22	1	31	114	1527	286	259	1011	1249
Rocky Min.	18	9	1	1309	469	688	38	49	8	22	42	84	164	38	286	41	9	183	233	1582	488	366	918	801	
Southeast	26	14	2	2438	489	1197	79	87	10	34	47	138	69	255	82	14	34	88	208	2071	1040	489	1583	855	
Southern	33	7	1	715	196	283	30	35	3	7	15	23	23	54	100	43	1	35	103	1044	466	211	474	253	
Southwest	15	8	1	743	143	316	29	22	4	18	23	48	35	18	101	15	8	15	38	728	363	272	407	306	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21989</b>	<b>7096</b>	<b>11407</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>2474</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>22224</b>	<b>7546</b>	<b>4340</b>	<b>14127</b>	<b>9812</b>



## TABLE II-B FINANCIAL TOTALS BY PRESBYTERY

	General Operating Receipts	Capital Improvement Receipts	CTI	Covenant College	Covenant Seminary	Board of Home Ministries	National Presbyterian Missions	World Presbyterian Missions	General Synod	Presbytery	Other Christian Schools	Other U.S.A. or Canadian Ministries	Other Foreign Ministries	Total Benevolent Receipts	TOTAL RECEIPTS
<b>California</b>	402103	6465	1504	3520	6448	1810	3072	13981	910	9326	5283	10811	6844	63610	472178
<b>Delmarva</b>	2053625	273662	8273	26959	30495	14049	20582	173563	3317	8446	6954	118744	52401	463076	2790363
<b>Eastern Canada</b>	63601	3983	120	157	80		487	4890	82	345	75	3145		9361	76945
<b>Florida</b>	491932	435383	475	11000	9754	2385	7352	39972	1105	2175	9039	28790	41768	151506	1078820
<b>Great Lakes</b>	395637	310027	1833	8933	5996	7288	4307	13943	2021	4843	303	47122	22069	116208	821872
<b>Great Plains</b>	61200	3121		75	863	113	867	6207	114	91	100	104		8533	72854
<b>Illiana</b>	196176	87972	729	5206	6794	2628	7500	23592	982	10735	3468	4008	2060	72959	357108
<b>Midwestern</b>	664805	161288	1682	11218	47839	4238	17899	51908	8722	3084	31975	53408	14834	246790	1072683
<b>New Jersey</b>	212615	113503	2520	2693	3591	4439	4097	25203	738	993	1583	17267	3476	66600	392718
<b>Northeast</b>	210163	20688	1811	1243	1809	1048	2113	7407	425	355	57	5408	3007	24683	255535
<b>Pacific NW</b>	422595	47431	300	3955	9680	1401	5291	34974	1656	14037	1713	41342	10439	124960	605495
<b>Philadelphia</b>	791587	237418	5620	10537	17197	19612	16812	104252	2175	23000	15186	64129	23667	300963	1329967
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	578786	99137	892	7195	10734	4225	5678	40225	1219	6625	3314	19732	15945	116610	794535
<b>Rocky Mtn.</b>	471947	184102	367	6778	14153	2610	10280	31670	1823	3539	12427	15378	3368	102375	758424
<b>Southeast</b>	823273	115532	985	11423	22535	3868	6414	93727	1410	13478	99705	68064	21563	342979	1281781
<b>Southern</b>	278057	25584	998	7461	5936	1754	4016	21281	1304	185	10797	29678	2994	86403	390046
<b>Southwest</b>	264098	31345	840	3497	5728	6543	7315	18204	928	5130	7552	16974	2907	75619	371062
<b>TOTAL</b>	8382000	2156641	26929	119950	199592	78011	124062	704999	28931	106187	209531	544104	227342	2373235	12822384

## **COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

	<b>1970</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1980</b>
1. Number of Churches	128	142	150	152	160	164	175
2. Number of Mission Churches	8	8	10	16	29	26	27
3. Number of Ministers	319	332	354	369	394	416	447
4. Number of Communicants	14,026	15,892	17,318	18,836	19,237	20,615	21,989
5. Number of Covenant Children	3,755	4,589	5,569	5,412	6,420	6,139	7,096
6. Total Membership	18,100	20,812	23,241	24,617	26,051	27,170	29,532
7. Total Giving	\$3,303,137	\$4,250,370	\$5,553,293	\$7,490,305	\$9,692,824	\$11,172,680	\$12,922,384
8. Percent for General Budget	60.0%	61.9%	58.1%	63.7%	66.4%	64.2%	64.9%
9. Percent for Capital Expenditures	18.6%	23.8%	16.4%	16.5%	17.7%	16.6%	
10. Percent for Benevolences	20.3%	19.0%	18.0%	18.8%	17.0%	18.1%	18.4
11. Per Capita Giving (Communicants)	\$248.43	\$267.45	\$323.47	\$397.66	\$493.75	\$542.00	\$575.97

**TABLE IV—PASTORAL COMPENSATION STUDY**  
**Mean Average by Size of Congregation**  
**RPCES, 1980**

	<b>Size of Church</b>	<b>Number Churches Reporting</b>	<b>Cash Salary</b>	<b>Manse Allowance</b>	<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
I.	Up to 49	50	\$9,152	\$4,345	\$1,619	\$15,116
II.	50-99	51	11,540	3,950	2,120	17,610
III.	100-159	34	12,112	4,478	3,572	20,162
IV.	160-249	16	14,608	4,385	2,437	21,429
V.	250-399	9	15,975	7,078	3,249	26,302
VI.	400 plus	9	17,845	7,434	2,820	28,099

*Total churches reporting—169 (84 percent of the churches and missions)*

**TABLE V—PASTORAL COMPENSATION STUDY**  
**Range of Total Compensation by Size of Congregation**  
**RPCES, 1980**

<b>Size of Church</b>	<b>Number Churches Reporting</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
I. Up to 49	50	\$8,150	\$13,080	\$15,173	\$16,902	\$26,100
II. 50-99	51	8,500	14,500	17,000	19,763	28,680
III. 100-159	34	12,859	16,550	20,858	22,993	28,968
IV. 160-249	16	13,720	17,756	20,080	24,530	30,800
V. 250-399	9	17,640	22,872	26,500	28,750	35,479
VI. 400 plus	9	20,270	24,426	28,750	30,450	37,353

*(NOTE: 84 per cent of the churches responded to the questionnaire)*

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*Jonathan P. Seda (Dale-Karen), Assistant Pastor*  
3 Van Dyck Dr., Edgemon Terr., Wilmington, DE 19809  
(302) 762-1506

Clerk of Session: Donald G. MacLean  
132 Marcella Rd., Webster Farm, Wilmington, DE 19803  
(302) 478-7079  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**STANTON, DELAWARE**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
209 Main St., Wilmington, DE 19804 (302) 999-8692  
*Rev. George Cooper, Moderator*

Clerk of Session: Roger P. Watkins  
314 Capitol Tr., Newark, DE 19711 (302) 737-5546  
*11:00 A.M.*

**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND**

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
Ridgely and Wilson Rds., Annapolis, MD 21401 (301) 266-8090  
*Rev. William A. Mahlow Sr. (Sarah)*  
1731 Long Green Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401 (301) 757-4677  
*Rev. H. James Ferguson (Donna), Assistant to Pastor*  
1240 Mt. Pleasant Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401 (301) 757-5060  
*Rev. E. Arthur Bonney (Jean), Assistant to the Pastor*  
854 Cottonwood Dr., Severna Park, MD 21146 (301) 647-8223  
Clerk of Session: William N. Rosser  
577 Highbank Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146 (301) 647-2184  
*8:25, 10:55 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Abbot Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
3426 Bank St., Baltimore, MD 21224 (301) 732-7636  
*Rev. Franklin Miller (Phyllis)*  
3548 Lawndale Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21136 (301) 239-8280  
Clerk of Session: David McQuay Jr.  
5436 Cynthia Terr., Baltimore, MD 21206 (301) 866-3888  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Armistead Gardens Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
Wright and Ashland Ave. (No mail), Baltimore, MD 21205  
(301) 483-1496  
*Rev. Hermann Werner Mischke (Barbara)*  
5216 Ashland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21205 (301) 483-1496  
Clerk of Session: J. Alan Crumbaker  
1135 Evans Way, Baltimore, MD 21205 (301) 483-3545  
*9:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.*

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND****Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

- 3599 E. Northern Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21206 (301) 254-7641  
*Rev. Willard O. Armes* (Mary Ellen)  
 3601 E. Northern Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21206 (301) 426-4936  
*Rev. Richard P. Bitzer* (Lynda), Assistant Pastor  
 6505 Moyer Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206 (301) 426-1466  
 Clerk of Session: Charles E. Carter Jr.  
 6657 Loch Hill Rd., Baltimore, MD 21239 (301) 828-4852  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND****Forest Park Reformed Presbyterian Church**

- 3805 Fairview Ave., Baltimore, MD 21216 (301)466-8363  
*Rev. Walter Menges Jr.*  
 3805 Fairview Ave., Baltimore, MD 21216 (301) 542-7669  
 Clerk of Session: Robert Birckhead  
 4200 Oakford Ave., Baltimore, MD 21207 (301) 367-1474

**BEL AIR, MARYLAND****New Covenant Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

- Wilna Seventh Day Adventist Church  
 1010 Old Joppa Rd., Joppa, MD  
 Mailing Address: 6 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD 21014 (301) 838-3289  
*Rev. Larry Wanaselja* (Phyllis), Organizing Pastor  
 507 Ruth Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014 (301) 838-6957  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND****Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church**

- Meeting at University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 Fine Arts Building, Room 011 (No mail)  
 Mailing address: c/o 728 S. Beechfield Ave.  
 Baltimore, MD 21229 (301)644-5831  
*Rev. Daniel C. Broadwater* (Kay)  
 29 Holmehurst Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228 (301) 823-6074  
 Clerk of Session: Cal Oren  
 2439 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21030 (301) 525-1055  
*10:00 A.M. Evening, upon announcement*

**ELKTON, MARYLAND****Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

- 1552 Singerly Rd., Elkton, MD 21921 (301) 398-3192  
*Rev. Walter L. Gienapp* (Carol)  
 1552 Singerly Rd., Elkton, MD 21921 (301) 392-4086  
 Clerk of Session: John M. Evans  
 1 Poplar Dr., Newark, DE 19711 (302) 731-0215  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**FREDERICK, MARYLAND****Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church**

- 8158 Yellow Springs Rd.  
 Mailing Address: Box 1148, Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 662-0662  
*Rev. John H. Skeen* (Jeanine)  
 8749 Treasure Ave., Walkersville, MD 21793 (301) 898-5503  
 Clerk of Session: Don Hand  
 Rt. 1, Box C80, Monrovia, MD 21770 (301) 831-6453  
*11:00 A.M.*

**HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND****Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Valley (Mission)**

YMCA, Potomac St.

Mailing Address: 434 Jefferson St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

(301) 791-0598

(Pulpit Vacant)

Administrative Committee Chairman: John McElhaney

Salem Rd., Maugansville, MD 21767

(301) 791-0467

11:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.

**HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND****Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church**

7201 16th Pl., Hyattsville, MD

Rev. Glen C. Knecht

Rev. Lance E. Hudgens, Associate

**OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND****Tollgate Reformed Presbyterian Church**

12 S. Tollgate Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117

(301) 356-3727

Rev. Thomas S. Poehlman

43 Straw Hat Rd., Apt. 3B, Owings Mills, MD 21117 (301) 356-4821

Clerk of Session: Charles Longley

11 Old Tollgate Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117

(301) 356-4663

11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

**RANDALLSTOWN, MARYLAND****Liberty Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Box 376, Liberty Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133

(301) 655-5466

Rev. Mark E. Pett Ph.D. (Linnea)

1407 Woodridge Ln., Sykesville, MD 21784

(301) 795-0156

Rev. Robert Childs (Debbie), Assistant Pastor

12344 Bonfire Dr., Reisterstown, MD 21136

(301) 833-7630

Mr. Charles Estes (Frances), Assistant to the Pastor

5405 Hutton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21207

(301) 944-3148

Clerk of Session: Paul Weitzel

6123 Old Washington Rd., MD 21784

(301) 795-3841

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**SEVERNA PARK, MARYLAND****The Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Meeting at Benfield Elementary School, Lynwood Dr.

Severna Park, MD (No mail)

(301) 544-2362

Rev. Michael E. Conord (Susan)

3 Lynhaven Ct., Severna Park, MD 21146

(301) 544-2363

Rev. Glenn R. Parkinson (Micki), Associate Pastor

240 Nathan Way, Millersville, MD 21108

Clerk of Session: Walter C. Intlekofer

126 Riggs Ave., Severna Park, MD 21146

(301) 647-1128

11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**TIMONIUM, MARYLAND****Timonium Presbyterian Church**

303 W. Timonium Rd., Timonium, MD 21093

(301) 252-5663

Rev. K. Eric Perrin

Clerk of Session: Robert H. Eickelberg

605 Seabrook Rd., Baltimore, MD 21204

(301) 823-6281

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.



**WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND****Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Lewis Hall, Western Maryland College (No mail)  
 2 N. Court St., Westminster, MD 21157 (301) 857-5856

*Rev. Wayne A. Hill* (Frances)  
 814 Fairfield Ave., Westminster, MD 21157 (301) 857-4972

Clerk of Session: Theodore Cryer  
 4290 Guadalupe Dr., Westminster, MD 21157 (301) 848-2601  
*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

**BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA****Grace Covenant Fellowship**

Box 851, Blacksburg, VA 24060  
*Rev. Max Harris* (Ann)  
 2512 Plymouth St., Blacksburg, VA 24060 (703) 953-2666

Clerk of Session: Mike Powell  
 Rt. 1, Box 506, Radford, VA 24141 (703) 731-0317  
*10:00 A.M.*

**CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA****Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

2101 W. Iowa St., Chesapeake, VA 23323 (804) 487-0676  
 (Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: John Bateman  
 2412 Meiggs Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23323 (804) 487-1346  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA****Munson Hill Presbyterian Church**

6071 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041 (703) 820-1010  
*Rev. Robert P. Eickelberg* (Paige)

3318 Glenmore Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041 (703) 379-1232

Clerk of Session: Col. Walter Hibbard Jr.  
 6232 Kilmer Ct., Falls Church, VA 22044 (703) 534-6195  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**HAMPTON, VIRGINIA****Calvary Presbyterian Church**

403 Whealton Rd., Hampton, VA 23666 (804) 826-5942  
*Rev. David R. Kiewiet* (Jan)

344 Brout Dr., Hampton, VA 23666 (804) 838-3918

Clerk of Session: Bruce Isbell  
 64 Cedar Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662 (804) 868-7423  
*10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA****Grace Presbyterian Church**

506 S. Main St., P.O. Box 849, Lexington, VA 24450 (703) 463-2374  
*Rev. Frederick S. McFarland* (Celeste)

506 S. Main St., P.O. Box 849, Lexington, VA 24450 (703) 463-2374

Clerk of Session: Don E. Leech  
 RFD 5, Box 7, Lexington, VA 24450 (703) 463-2466  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**MCLEAN, VIRGINIA****McLean Presbyterian Church**

7144 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22101 (703) 821-8896

*Rev. Stephen E. Smallman* (Sandra)  
10631 Runaway Ln., Great Falls, VA 22066 (703) 759-3862  
*Rev. Randall C. Martin* (Karen), Associate Pastor  
714 Palmer Dr., Herndon, VA 22070 (703) 437-5768  
Clerk of Session: Richard Hills  
6133 N. Morgan St., Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-4870  
8:30, 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

### **RESTON, VIRGINIA**

**Reston Presbyterian Church**  
11401 Ridge Heights Rd., Reston  
Hughes Intermediate School  
Box 2242, Reston, VA 22090 (703) 759-5515  
*Rev. William A. Brindley*  
2334 Harleyford Ct., Reston, VA 22091 (703) 860-5567  
Clerk of Session: Ric Rush  
11248 Chestnut Grove Sq. #, Reston, VA 22090  
9:30 A.M.

### **RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

**Stony Point Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
2330 Buford Rd., Richmond, VA 23235 (804) 272-8111  
*Rev. Frank P. Crane* (Joy)  
10501 Sydelle Dr., Richmond, VA 23235 (804) 272-9340  
Clerk of Session: Rob Ranson  
8624 Chippenham Rd., Richmond, VA 23235 (804) 272-4788  
11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **ROANOKE, VIRGINIA**

**Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
405 Yorkshire St., Salem, VA (No mail)  
P.O. Box 3004, Roanoke, VA 24015 (703) 982-0178  
*Dr. W. David Laverell* (Marilyn)  
2515 Alberta Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 (703) 989-4849  
*Rev. David J. Hoover* (Judy), Assistant Pastor  
(703) 345-7860  
Clerk of Session: *Rev. David J. Hoover*  
3011 Eastland Rd., Roanoke, VA 24014

### **ROANOKE, VIRGINIA (CLOVERDALE)**

**Valley Church**  
Rt. 658, Cloverdale (No mail)  
(Pulpit Vacant)  
Clerk of Session: Riley Ware  
3101 Pitzer Rd. SE, Roanoke, VA 24014 (703) 344-2624  
11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA**

**Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
312 E. Constance Rd., Suffolk, VA (No mail) (804) 539-0540  
*Rev. Mark Youndt* (Connie)  
454 Williams Rd., Suffolk, VA 23434 (804) 539-8333  
Clerk of Session: Wilbur Thompson  
1325 River Rd., Suffolk, VA 23434 (804) 539-5649  
11:00 A.M.

## **WOODBIDGE, VIRGINIA**

### **Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

13199 Kerrydale Rd., Dale City, VA (No mail)  
Box 1493, Woodbridge, VA 22193 (703) 491-2971  
Rev. *Daniel G. Osborne* (Carolyn), Organizing Pastor  
12677 Dulcinea Pl., Woodbridge, VA 22192  
Administrative Committee Chairman: Floyd Moore  
3918 Findley Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22193 (703) 670-4579

### **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

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*Emerson, Homer P.* (Marion), Apto. 1529, Lima 1, Peru 100 (Mis-  
sionary, WPM)  
*Fearnow, Glenn A. R.N.* (Helen), P.O. Box 14, Mafraq, Kingdom of  
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Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104 (Retired)  
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21793  
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Park, PA 19126 (Student, Westminster Seminary) (215) 635-6277  
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VA 22401 (Pastor, New Life in Christ Church, Unaffiliated)  
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WPM) Furlough: 19 Lehigh Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808  
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21403  
*Powell, James*, 3401 Brook, Richmond, VA 23227  
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Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141 (Missionary, WPM)  
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haven, MS 39601  
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*Yoast, John V.* (Eleanor), 2613 Castle Dr., Bensalem, PA 19020  
(215) 639-7615

## **EASTERN CANADA PRESBYTERY**

Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the Maritime  
Provinces

*MODERATOR: Rev. Robert G. Hamilton*  
*STATED CLERK: Rev. Tom Aicken*

### **NEW CASTLE, NEW BRUNSWICK** **Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church**

357 McKenna Ave., Newcastle, New Brunswick, Canada E1V 2K5  
(No mail)

*Rev. Robert G. Hamilton* (Helen)  
547 Chaplin Island Rd., Newcastle, N.B., Canada E1V 2K5  
(506) 622-2029

Clerk of Session: Alexander Murray  
Tabusintac, New Brunswick, Canada E0C 2A0 (506) 779-4705  
11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA** **Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church**

1980 Robie St., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (No mail)

*Rev. Tom Aicken* (Marion)  
14 Donald Ct., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada B2W 4A3  
(902) 435-4581

Clerk of Session: Ferenc Stefani  
16 Locke St., Bedford, Nova Scotia (902) 835-5096  
11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA** **Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Norfolk Hotel, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia (No mail)

*Rev. Tom Aicken*, Supply Pastor  
14 Donald Ct., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada B2W 4A3  
7 P.M. ever 2nd and 4th Sunday

## **TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Keddy's Motor Inn, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada (No mail)  
*Rev. Tom Aicken*, Supply Pastor  
14 Donald Ave., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2W 4A3 Canada  
2:30 P.M.

## **SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA**

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Terrace and Herbert Sts., P.O. Box 84, Sydney, Nova Scotia,  
Canada B1P 6G9 (902) 564-4341  
*Rev. David R. Ketchen* (Evelyn)  
94 Leaside Dr., Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada B1R 1S6  
(902) 562-5088

Clerk of Session: C. Robert McDougall  
51 Grandview St., Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada B1P 3N4  
(902) 562-4143

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

## **KITCHENER, ONTARIO**

### **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Laurentian Hills Christian School, Laurentian Dr. and Westmont  
Rd., Kitchener, Ontario (519) 886-2099  
Mail to: P.O. Box 1431, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2G 4H6  
*Rev. Robert McPherson* (Ankara)  
237 Lurentian Dr., Kitchener, Ontario N2E 2G5 (519) 743-2277  
Clerk of Session: Donald Vance  
23 Tealham Dr., #28, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9V 3T5  
(416) 741-2140

10:00 A.M.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

*McPhee, Howard* (Betty), 22 Dexter Blvd., Willowdale, Ontario,  
M2H 1Z2 Canada (Presbytery Evangelist for Eastern Canada Pres-  
bytery) (416) 496-1605

## **FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**

Florida, Cayman Island

*MODERATOR: Rev. Kenneth Howell*

*STATED CLERK: Rev. A. Carlton Heil*

## **BRADENTON, FLORIDA**

### **Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church**

4408 York Dr., Bradenton, FL 33507 (813) 755-4014  
*Rev. Kenneth J. Howell* (Sharon)  
407 51st St. Ct. W., Palmetto, FL 33561 (813) 722-0290  
Clerk of Session: Robert Harmon  
3208 20th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 33505 (813) 746-6733  
10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA****Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

1307 SE 47th Terr., Cape Coral, FL 33904 (813) 482-1034

Rev. *Randy Thompson* (Cathy), Organizing Pastor

1632 Orchid Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33904 (813) 549-5838

Acting Clerk: Ken Brown

*10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***DELAND, FLORIDA****Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Mission)**Rev. *David Martin* (Jacqueline)

720 S. Florida, DeLand, FL 32720

**GOLDENROD, FLORIDA (Orlando area)****Immanuel Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

4800 Howell Branch Rd.

Box 339, Goldenrod, FL 32733 (305) 671-8080

Rev. *Peter H. Cross* (Dale)

7132 Timber Dr., Orlando, FL 32807 (305) 677-5516

Clerk of Session: Robert D. Wunderlich Sr.

4992 Tangerine Ave., Orlando, FL 32807 (305) 671-1330

*9:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.***LAKELAND, FLORIDA****Covenant Presbyterian Church**

210 E. Poppell Dr., Lakeland, FL 33803 (813) 646-9631

Rev. *Wyatt H. Folds Jr.* (Janice)

5404 Orange Valley Dr., Lakeland, FL 33803 (813) 646-0955

Rev. *George P. Hutchinson, Ph.D.* (Linda) Associate Pastor

811 Lakeside Ave., Lakeland, FL 33801 (813) 688-3702

Clerk of Session: H. Lavergne Brown

529 Lake Bonny Dr., Lakeland, FL 33803 (813) 686-4027

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA****NAPLES, FLORIDA****Covenant Presbyterian Church**

6926 Trail Blvd., Naples, FL 33940 (813) 597-3464

Rev. *James J. Conrad* (Evelyn)

6986 Trail Blvd., Naples, FL 33940 (813) 597-6778

Clerk of Session: Earl F. Gray

159 Kirtland Dr., Naples, FL 33940 (813) 597-4338

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***NORTH PORT, FLORIDA****First Presbyterian Church**

P.O. Box 7107, North Port, FL 33596

111 N. Biscayne, North Port, FL 33596 (No mail) (813) 426-1230

Rev. *John L. Graham* (Jacquelin)

201 Granada Blvd., Warm Mineral Springs, Venice, FL 33596

(813) 426-1230

Clerk of Session: James Lehan  
140 Mockingbird Ln., Englewood, FL 33533 (813) 474-7255 (Home)  
(813) 485-4887 (Office)  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA**

#### **Grace Presbyterian Church**

10991 58th St. North  
P.O. Box 625, Pinellas Park, FL 33565 (813) 544-8252  
*Rev. George H. Birchler* (Darlene)  
5871 91st Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33565 (813) 541-2923  
Clerk of Session: David Bondurant  
4995 93rd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33565 (813) 546-4021  
*10:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

#### **Faith Presbyterian Church**

1801 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL 33580 (813) 955-7074  
*Rev. Darrell C. Harris* (Betty)  
3228 24th Pkwy., Sarasota, FL 33580 (813) 955-4743  
Clerk of Session: Gerald B. Gardner  
3223 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd., Ave. D, Lot 146, Palm Terrace Motor Home Park, Sarasota, FL 33580 (813) 355-6151  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **TAMPA, FLORIDA**

#### **Calvary Presbyterian Church**

30th St. and E. Hanna Ave., Tampa, FL 33610  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: D. Dean Hamlin  
14337 Diplomat Dr., Tampa, FL 33612 (813) 961-3746  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **WEST BAY, GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND**

#### **First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Box 266, West Bay, Grand Cayman, B.W.I. 93468  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: Mr. Bertie Ebanks  
P.O. Box 266, West Bay, Grand Cayman, B.W.I.  
*11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.*

### **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

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Hampshire, England (International Presbytery Evangelist)  
*Heil, A. Carlton* (Ruth), 1906 Dahlia Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304  
(Mail: P.O. Box 10038, Tallahassee, FL 32304) (Program Coordinator)  
(904) 575-1774 [Office: 487-1915]  
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33604 (813) 238-2424  
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*Sidebotham, Thomas E.* (Dottie), Office of the Chaplain, USS Hunley (AS 31), FPO Miami, FL 34082 (Chaplain, USN)  
*Watson, Tom Jr.* (Lucille), DuPont Plaza, Apt. 9-A, 200 Biscayne Blvd. Way, Miami, FL 33131

## **GREAT LAKES PRESBYTERY**

The state of Michigan, the state of Indiana to the southern boundaries of Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Rush, Fayette, and Union counties, and the state of Ohio.

*MODERATOR: Rev. DeWitt M. Watson*  
*STATED CLERK: Rev. William A. Shell*

### **INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

#### **First Conservative Presbyterian Church**

8401 Rawles Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317) 899-2526  
*Rev. Richard Dark* (Karen)  
 333 N. Whittier Pl., Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317) 359-5882  
 Clerk of Session: Russell Yonts  
 8540 Rawles Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317) 897-0259  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

#### **The First Reformed Presbyterian Church**

7910 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 849-1565  
*Rev. William G. Phillips* (Carol)  
 11406 Hartford Ln., Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 849-0817  
 Clerk of Session: Craig Lukowiak  
 4625 Royal Oak Ln., Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 846-7197  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **MUNCIE, INDIANA**

#### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

721 N. Tillotson Ave., Muncie, IN 47304 (317) 288-3355  
*Rev. Rodney Stortz* (Elizabeth)  
 610 Alden Dr., Muncie, IN 47304 (317) 288-1131  
 Clerk of Session: Dr. Thomas Schroeder  
 R.R. 3, Box 356, Muncie, IN 47302 (317) 284-8359  
*10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

#### **Church of the Good Shepherd**

307 E. Jefferson St.  
 P.O. Box 229, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 464-8435  
*Rev. William A. Mahlow Jr.* (Mary Lou)  
 1906 Shaker Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 464-9464  
 Clerk of Session: James Gray  
 654 Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 464-1919  
*10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*



**FENTON, MICHIGAN****Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church**

- 9141 Hartland Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 (313) 629-1261  
*Rev. Robert L. Berkey* (Carolyn)  
 11149 Foley Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 (313) 629-9682  
 Clerk of Session: Roger A. Toonder  
 10658 Runyan Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 (313) 629-7436  
 8:30 and 10:45 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN****Christ Church**

- 2000 32nd St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI (No mail)  
 Office: 1424 Lake Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616) 458-0163  
*Rev. Allan McD. Baldwin* (Claude-Marie)  
 1457 Ardmore SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 452-4821  
 Clerk of Session: Daniel Wilson  
 1961 Argentina SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 (616) 241-5849  
 9:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**CINCINNATI, OHIO****The Church of the Covenant**

- Hoop Elementary School, 1738 Compton Rd. (No mail)  
 Mailing address: 636 Northland Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 45240  
*Rev. DeWitt M. Watson* (Darlene)  
 1090 Lanny Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45231 (513) 522-8827  
 Clerk of Session: Vernon J. Owens  
 508 Overhill Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45238 (513) 451-6176  
 9:30 A.M. Thursday, 7:30 P.M. (Bible Study)

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## **GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERY**

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana

**MODERATOR:** *Rev. James Shannon*  
**STATED CLERK:** *Rev. Edward S. Huntington*

**DODGE, NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
Dodge, ND 58625  
(Pulpit Vacant)

(701)846-4495

Clerk of Session: David Perhus  
Box 11, Marshall, ND 58644  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

(701) 938-4243

**UNDERWOOD, NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Reformed Presbyterian Church**

406 County Rd.  
P.O. Box 173, Underwood, ND 58576  
*Rev. Douglas S. Shepler (Aleta)*  
P.O. Box 173, Underwood, ND 58576

(701) 442-5333

Clerk of Session: Harold Johannes  
Box 26, Rt. 1, Underwood, ND 58576  
*9:30 A.M. 8:00 P.M. (Summer), 7:30 P.M. (Winter)*

(701) 442-5575

**LEMMON, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Reformed Presbyterian Church**

1st Ave. W. and 5th St., Box 388, Lemmon, SD 57638 (605) 374-5580  
*Rev. James M. Shannon (Ruth)*  
605 3rd Ave. W., Box 388, Lemmon, SD 57638

(605) 374-5267

Clerk of Session: Dale K. Good  
Box 17, Haynes, ND 58637  
*11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.*

(701) 567-4155

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## **ILLIANA PRESBYTERY**

The state of Illinois to the northern boundaries of Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Shelby, Cumberland, and Clark counties, and the state of Indiana to the northern boundaries of Vigo, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Decatur, and Franklin counties.

**MODERATOR:** *Rev. David Robinson*

**STATED CLERK:** *Rev. Thomas Waldecker*

### **ALTON, ILLINOIS**

#### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

726 Henry St., Alton, IL (No mail) (618) 466-5756

Mail: 1433 W. Delmar, Godfrey, IL 62035

*Rev. Stephen B. Ford* (Margaret)

916 Enos Ln., Godfrey, IL 62035 (618) 466-1934

Clerk of Session: Dale Eisenreich

2314 BriarCliff, Alton, IL 62002

*10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

#### **Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights, IL

Mail: 235 Carlyle East, Belleville, IL 62221

*Rev. Thomas F. Jones*, Organizing Pastor

235 Carlyle E., Belleville, IL 62221 (618) 277-1358

### **CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS**

#### **Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

933 W. Walnut St., Carbondale, IL 62901 (618) 529-1616

*Rev. J. Wyatt George* (Betsy)

Rt. 1, Box 172 A-1, Murphysboro, IL 62966 (618) 687-3751

Clerk of Session: Joseph Kesler

Rt. 4, Box 141, Murphysboro, IL 62966 (618) 684-4462

*9:00 A.M.*

### **COULTERVILLE, ILLINOIS**

#### **Grandcote Reformed Presbyterian Church**

7th and Chestnut Sts., Box 411, Coulterville, IL 62237

(618) 758-2432

*Rev. Thomas Waldecker* (Lillian)

Locust St., Box 411, Coulterville, IL 62237

(618) 758-2432

Clerk of Session: Eugene Fullerton

Rt. 2, Box 200, Coulterville, IL 62237

(618) 758-2628

*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

### **CUTLER, ILLINOIS**

#### **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Box 218, Cutler, IL 62238

(618) 497-2489

*Rev. P. Legree Finch Jr.* (Sue)

Box 277, Cutler, IL 62238

(618) 497-2468

Clerk of Session: Tommy Richmond

Box 146, Cutler, IL 62238

(618) 497-2187

*10:35 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS**

#### **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

*Rev. Thomas F. Jones*, Organizing Pastor

## **SPARTA, ILLINOIS**

### **Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church**

226 N. St. Louis St., Sparta, IL 62286 (No mail) (618) 443-3521  
*Rev. Bryan Chappel* (Kathleen)  
701 N. Market St., Sparta, IL 62286 (618) 443-4443  
Clerk of Session: Moore Wilson  
RD 1, Sparta, IL 62286 (618) 443-2905  
10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

## **WATERLOO, ILLINOIS**

### **Concord Presbyterian Church**

Box 156, Rt. 3, Waterloo, IL 62298 (618) 939-7116  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: Mr. Andrew Burgess

Rt. 1, Columbia, IL 62236 (618) 281-4810

## **WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS**

### **Covenant of Grace Fellowship (Mission)**

4th and Emma, West Frankfort, IL 62896 (No mail)  
*Rev. John C. Paulsen* (Judy), Organizing Pastor  
606 N. Lincoln, West Frankfort, IL 62896 (618) 937-1885  
Clerk of Session: Tim Hastings  
N. Horrell Ae., West Frankfort, IL 62896  
11:00 A.M.

## **VINCENNES, INDIANA**

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

1150 McKinley Ave., Vincennes, IN 47591 (812) 882-2735  
*Rev. David W. Robinson* (Elaine)  
3401 Washington Ave., Vincennes, IN 47591 (812) 886-5764  
Clerk of Session: Glenn Baas  
30 Vance Dr., Olney, IL 62450 (618) 393-7486  
10:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

## **OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY**

### **Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

#### **Owensboro, KY**

*Rev. L. Will Hesterberg* (Lori), Organizing Pastor  
725 E. 20th St., Owensboro, KY 42301 (502) 685-3055  
Secretary Administrative Committee: Ron Schulz  
2239 Count Turf, Owensboro, KY 42301  
11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

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*Walters, Wesley P.*, Marissa, IL (Pastor, Presbyterian Church)

## **MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY**

The states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, the state of Nebraska east of Highway 81, and the state of Illinois to the southern boundaries of Pike, Scott, Sangamon, Christian, Macon, Moultrie, Coles, and Edgar counties.

*MODERATOR: Dr. Robert L. Reymond*  
*STATED CLERK: Rev. Albert F. Moginot Jr.*

### **ELGIN, ILLINOIS**

#### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

991 Deborah Ave., Elgin, IL 60120 (312) 695-0311  
*Rev. Charles B. Holliday III* (Debra)  
 38 Monroe, Elgin, IL 60120 (312) 695-1470  
 Clerk of Session: G. Craig Burdett  
 1361 Madlock Ct. S., Elgin, IL 60120 (312) 697-2566  
*10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **HANNA CITY, ILLINOIS**

#### **Hanna City Reformed Presbyterian Church**

South Main St., Hanna City, IL 61536 (309) 565-4465  
*Rev. Donald F. Starn* (Mary)  
 422 N. 3rd St., Hanna City, IL 61536 (309) 565-4277  
 Clerk of Session: Bernard Deakin  
 Rt. 2, Box 129, Hanna City, IL 61536 (309) 565-4671  
*11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.*

### **WEST PERORIA, ILLINOIS**

#### **Limestone Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Fork of Rt. 116 and Farmington Rds. 6 miles west of Peoria  
 (No mail)  
*Rev. Jeffrey M. Black*, Presbytery Evangelist  
 1401 W. Barker Ave., Peoria, IL 61606 (309) 674-6477  
 Clerk of Session: Dale Collison  
 2530 Skyway Dr., Bartonville, IL 61607 (309) 697-1275  
*9:45 A.M.*

### **WALKER, IOWA**

#### **Bible Presbyterian Church of Cono Center**

Rt. 1, Walker, IA 52352 (319) 448-4360  
*Rev. Hans Deutschmann* (Gretchen)  
 RR 1, Walker, IA 52352  
 Clerk of Session: LeRoy C. Gardner  
 Rowley, IA 52359 (319) 448-4597  
*10:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.*

**TOPEKA, KANSAS****Christ's Church (Mission)**

1728 Willow, Topeka, KS (No mail)  
*Rev. Larry C. Watkins* (Margaret), Organizing Pastor  
 425 SW Lincoln St., Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 235-0633  
 Contact: David E. Upchurch  
 322 Fillmore, Topeka, KS 66606 (913) 232-4024  
 10:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**BALLWIN, MISSOURI (ST. LOUIS AREA)****Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church**

341 W. Clayton Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011 (314) 394-3337  
*Rev. Thomas H. Egbert* (Joan)  
 14848 Rutland Cir., Chesterfield, MO 63017 (314) 532-5950  
 Clerk of Session: Paul Brumley  
 Rt. 1, Box 755, Glencoe, MO 63038 (314) 273-6936  
 9:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI (ST. LOUIS AREA)****Hazelwood Reformed Presbyterian Church**

306 Taylor Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042 (314) 895-3150  
*Rev. Richard D. Tevebaugh* (Nell)  
 511 Impala Ln., Hazelwood, MO 63042 (314) 731-2034  
 Clerk of Session: Kent Hanson  
 1650 Bobbinray, Florissant, MO 63031 (314) 831-6315  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**OKAVILLE, MISSOURI (ST. LOUIS AREA)****Bethel Presbyterian Church**

5065 Ringer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129 (314) 894-3691  
*Rev. Terry L. Nixon* (Carrell), Organizing Pastor  
 1312 Wachtel, St. Louis, MO 63125 (314) 544-4649  
 Clerk of Session: William J. Petrovic  
 4640 Seibert Ave., St. Louis, MO 63123 (314) 352-2293  
 11:00 A.M.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI****Benton Park Fellowship (Mission)**

2009 Arsenal St., St. Louis, MO 63118  
*Rev. Phil Lancaster* (Pamela), Co-Organizing Pastor  
 2109 Arsenal St., St. Louis, MO 63118 (314) 664-7881  
 10:45 A.M.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI****Covenant Presbyterian Church**

2143 N. Ballas Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131 (314) 432-8700  
*Rev. H. Timothy Fortner* (Anna)  
 2209 N. Ballas Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 432-8720  
*Wincoff, David K.*, Assistant Pastor  
 8744 E. Pine Ave., St. Louis, MO 63144  
 Clerk of Session: John F. Barker  
 8670 Eulalie Ave., Brentwood, MO 63144 (314) 961-1265  
 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI****Grace and Peace Fellowship**

6003 Kingsbury St., St. Louis, MO 63112 (314) 862-7343

*Rev. Egon A. Middelmann*, Co-Pastor  
6003 Kingsbury St., St. Louis, MO 63112 (314) 863-3977  
*Rev. James P. Kern* (Nan), Co-Pastor  
6028 McPherson, St. Louis, MO 63112 (314) 862-3676  
Clerk of Session: Dr. H. Bradley Binnington  
760 Yale, St. Louis, MO 63130 (314) 727-1262  
*8:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M.*

#### **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

##### **Korean Presbyterian Church**

201 S. Skinker, St. Louis, MO 63105 (No mail)  
*Rev. Chong-Wan Lee* (Hong Sam)  
951 Liggett, Crestwood, MO 63126 (314) 968-2755  
Clerk of Session: Ki Nam Kim  
503 Ranch Dr., Manchester, MO 63011  
*2:30 P.M.*

#### **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

##### **Murphy-Blair Community Church**

2600 Hadley, St. Louis, MO (No mail)  
*Rev. Thaddeus "Cal" Borroughs III* (Susan), Co-Pastor  
2703A Hadley, St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 241-2795  
*Rev. Arthur Boyer*, Co-Pastor  
1114 Montgomery, St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 621-1252  
Clerk of Session: James Pickett  
2703 Hadley, St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 241-6761  
*4:15 P.M.*

#### **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

##### **Olive Branch Presbyterian Church**

2201 Sidney St., St. Louis, MO 63104 (314) 772-5984  
Robert Vass, Student Pastor  
1324 McCutcheon Rd., St. Louis, MO 63144 (314) 961-8340  
Clerk of Session: Fred Stroup  
3242 Missouri St., St. Louis, MO 63118 (314) 771-1094  
*10:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

#### **ST. PETERS, MISSOURI**

##### **St. Peter's Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Children's World, 1150 Cave Springs Estates, St. Peters, MO  
*Rev. Ronald Hidey*, Organizing Pastor  
800 Cunningham, Apt. 28, St. Charles, MO 63301

#### **UNION, MISSOURI**

##### **Franklin Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Linden and Springfield, Union, MO  
Mail: Rt. 3, Box 354, Union, MO 63084  
*Rev. Walter Lorenz* (Mynda), Organizing Pastor  
Rt. 3, Box 354, Union, MO 63084 (314) 583-8463  
Clerk of Session: *Rev. Albert F. Moginot*  
610 Edna Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122 (314) 965-2241  
*9:30 A.M.*

#### **UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI (ST. LOUIS AREA)**

##### **Fellowship of the Lamb**

(Meeting at Delmar Baptist Church, Washington and Skinker,  
University City, MO—No mail)

*Rev. Michael N. Parker* (Joanne)  
7110 Amherst Ave., University City, MO 63130 (314) 725-6281  
Clerk of Session: Thomas A. Kennedy  
7211A Dartmouth, University City, MO 63130 (314) 863-6722  
4:00 P.M.

#### **MERRILL, WISCONSIN**

##### **Bible Presbyterian Church**

207 E. First St., Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-4748  
*Rev. Robert Smallman* (Linda)  
1007 E. Third St., Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-7863  
Clerk of Session: Roger Butknecht  
1807 E. 10th St., Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-2369  
10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

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 ary)  
**Strom, Richard B.** (Donna), 51-C Rajpur Rd., Dehra Dun, U.P. 248001  
 India (Missionary, WPM) (312) 433-0553  
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 Director, NPM)  
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 (314) 865-3704  
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 63141 (Professor, Covenant Seminary)  
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 63131 (Professor, Covenant Seminary) (314) 822-1721  
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 APO San Francisco, CA 96224 (Chaplain, US Army, Ft. Hood, Tex.)  
 (817) 634-6065  
**Wolf, Robert O.** (Natalie), 6720 Mary Ellen Pl., St. Louis, MO 63121  
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**Woodson, Robert C.** (Shirley), Casilla 63, Ayacucho, Peru (Mission-  
 ary, WPM)

# NEW JERSEY PRESBYTERY

New Jersey

*MODERATOR: Rev. Petros Roukas*

*STATED CLERK: Rev. James A. Smith*

## BRICK, NEW JERSEY

### Calvary Presbyterian Church

206 Washington Dr., Brick, NJ 08723 (201) 899-2422

*Rev. Petros Roukas (Jan)*

206 Washington Dr., Brick, NJ 08723 (201) 899-4474

Clerk of Session: Richard Springer

1000 Beaverdam Rd., Brick, NJ 08723 (201) 892-5471

*11:15 A.M. 7:30 P.M.*

## CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

### Evangelical Presbyterian Church

733 N. 27th St., Camden, NJ 08105 (609) 963-4563

*Rev. John Palmer (Helen)*

2720 Arthur Ave., Camden, NJ 08105 (609) 963-0684

Clerk of Session: Wilbert J. Williams

47 S. 42nd St., Camden, NJ 08109 (609) 365-5730

*11:15 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

## CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY

### Covenant Presbyterian Church

Kings Hwy. & Churchill Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (609) 429-1225  
(Pulpit Vacant)

*Rev. Charles Garriott (Debbie), Assistant Pastor*

809 Richard Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (609) 667-4961

Clerk of Session: Donald Dager

224 Buckner Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033 (609) 858-0968

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

## LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY

### Evangelical Presbyterian Church

140 Denow Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (609) 896-9090

*Rev. James H. Midberry (Lavonne)*

Belmondo Apts., 1701 Kathy Dr., Yardley, PA 19067  
(215) 493-8739

Clerk of Session: Donald H. Price

326 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067 (215) 295-4632

*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

## SEASIDE HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

### Seaside Bible Church

Barnegat and Hancock Ave., Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

*Rev. George Jaggard II (Elaine)*

1015 Barnegat Ave., Seaside Heights, NJ 08751 (201) 793-6613

*11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.*

**VENTNOR, NEW JERSEY****Ventnor Presbyterian Church**

5000 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406 (609) 822-4742  
*Rev. Elwin E. Jewell* (Carol)  
 320 N. Cambridge Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406 (609) 822-5098  
 Clerk of Session: Stephen Egrie  
 24 N. Troy Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406 (609) 823-3329  
 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

**WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY****Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Star Cross**

420 Janvier Rd., Williamstown, NJ 08094 (609) 629-5990  
*Rev. Roy Wescher* (Kathy)  
 415 Delaware Ave., Riverside, NJ 08075 (609) 461-8169  
 Clerk of Session: Robert Ellis  
 212 Beach Rd., Collings Lake, NJ 08094 (609) 567-1673  
 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. (7:30 P.M., July and August)

**OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

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 (201) 362-8894  
*Crane, John G.* (Barbara), Casilla 148, Chillan, Chile, S.A.  
 (Missionary, WPM)  
*Cross, Howard T.* (Virginia), 307 Stuart Dr., Apt. 18, Ft. Oglethorpe,  
 GA 30742 (US Army Chaplain, Retired)  
*Fiol, Frank L.* (Esther), 12304 Conway Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141  
 (Missionary, WPM)  
*Kay, John M. Jr.*, Apt. 529, 101 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
*Martin, James S.* (Jean), 2 Randolph Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
 (Veterans' Benefits Counselor) (609) 267-1105  
*Pokrifka, John F.* (Faye), 144 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, ME 04345  
  
*Smith, James A.* (Marilyn), 410 Raleigh Rd., Brick Town, NJ 08723  
 (Pastor, Faith Bible Church, independent) (201) 477-6170  
*Warner, Harry W.* (Gertrude), 22 Conger St., Dover, NJ 07801  
 (201) 366-1864

**NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

New England states, New York

*MODERATOR: Rev. William S. Henderson*

*STATED CLERK: Rev. Richard W. Tyson*

**COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT****Presbyterian Church of Coventry**

55 Trowbridge Rd., Coventry, CT 06238 (No mail) (203) 742-7222  
*Rev. Brad D. Evans* (Patsy)  
 165 Lewis Hill Rd., Coventry, CT 06238 (203) 742-5787  
 Clerk of Session: Robert Persons  
 250 Lewis Hill Rd., RFD 3, Coventry, CT 06238 (203) 742-9353  
 9:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT****The Presbyterian Church of Manchester**

43 Spruce St., Manchester, CT 06040 (203) 643-0906  
 Rev. *Richard M. Gray* (Karen)  
 47 Spruce St., Manchester, CT 06040 (203) 643-0906  
 Clerk of Session: Bertus Ooms  
 310 Lewis Hill Rd., Coventry, CT 06238 (203) 742-9439  
 10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK****Hope Church**

R.D. 4, Greenfield Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518) 885-7442  
 Rev. *Richard W. Tyson* (Bethann), Co-Pastor  
 R.D. 4, Greenfield Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518) 885-6253  
 Rev. *William S. Henderson* (Laurie), Co-Pastor  
 11 Burning Pines Dr., Ballston Spa., NY 12020 (518) 584-5926  
 Clerk of Session: Rev. *William S. Henderson*  
 11 Burning Pines Dr., Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518) 584-5926  
 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**DUANESBURG, NEW YORK****Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Rt. 7, Duanesburg, NY 12056 (518) 895-2142  
 (Pulpit Vacant)  
 Rev. *Douglas Withington* (Sharon), Stated Supply  
 c/o Collins, RD 1, Larson Ln., Delanson, NY 12053 (518) 895-2328  
 Clerk of Session: Albert Fidler  
 Box 447, Delanson, NY 12053 (518) 895-2159  
 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

**JOHNSTOWN, NEW YORK****Covenant Presbyterian Church**

27 N. Market St., Johnstown, NY 12095 (No mail) (518) 762-9758  
 Rev. *Ira M. Staley* (Debbie)  
 301 Meadow St., Johnstown, NY 12095 (518) 762-7174  
 Clerk of Session: Archibald P. Wayne  
 100 W. Madison Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095 (518) 762-7958  
 11:00 A.M.

**NEWBURGH, NEW YORK****Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Station Road, Little Britain, NY 12575  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 2025, Newburgh, NY 12550 (914) 496-7971  
 Rev. *John L. Vance* (Marlene)  
 16 Weather Oak Hill, New Winsor, NY 12550 (914) 564-2524  
 Clerk of Session: Frank P. Kovarovic Jr.  
 91 Frozen Ridge Rd., Newburgh, NY 12550 (914) 561-4709  
 10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**VESTAL, NEW YORK (BINGHAMTON AREA)****Covenant of Grace Church**

Meeting at Seventh Day Adventist Church, Bunn Hill Rd.,  
 Vestal, NY (No mail)  
 Rev. *W. Thomas Farr* (Dotti)  
 94 Kimble Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 754-2154  
 Clerk of Session: Harry Meahl  
 419 W. Franklin St., Endicott, NY 13760 (607) 748-0924  
 11:00 A.M.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

- Armes, Stanley B.* (Sarah), P.O. Box 49, Mwingi, via Kitui, Kenya,  
East Africa (Missionary, Kenya, WPM)
- Brown, Malcolm D.* (Florence), RD 1, Goode St., Burnt Hills, NY  
12027 (Director of Ministries, Peniel Bible Conference)  
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- Cunningham, Ralph T.*, Box 1935, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. (100)
- Edmiston, Robert E.* (Judith), 400 Gehring Rd., Tolland, CT 06084  
(Executive Director, CTI) (203) 875-4037
- Fawthrop, Arthur L.* (Ellen), 419 W. Franklin St., Endicott, NY 13760  
(607) 748-0924
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03054 (Pastor, First Congregational Church) (603) 424-5824
- Jones, Morgan W.* (Mary Jane), Box 243, R.D. 2, Germantown, NY  
12526 (Clermont Bible Church) (518) 537-4319
- Kay, Arthur L.* (Barbara), Lewis Hill Rd., P.O. Box 505, Coventry,  
CT 06238 (Director of Coventry House Inc.) (203) 742-7391
- Morton, James E.* (Lillian), Box 175, Rt. 79, Burdett, NY 14818  
(Teacher, BOCES) (607) 546-8392
- Pohlman, Stewart* (Joan), RD 1, Rt. 17K, Box 794, Montgomery, NY  
12549 (Pastor, Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, NY)  
(914) 457-3703
- Quinn, Paul*, Box Q, York Harbor, ME 03911 (Pastor, Reformed  
Baptist Church) (207) 363-3369
- Shafer, Roger G.* (Myrna), Box 222-A, RD 2, Delanson, NY 12053  
(518) 895-8983
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(Professor, Gordon-Conwell Seminary) (617) 468-3603

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY**

Washington, Idaho, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta  
Saskatchewan

*MODERATOR: Rev. John Pickett*

*STATED CLERK: Rev. John Hoogstrate*

### **CALGARY, ALBERTA**

#### **Glenmore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

3818 14a St. SW (No mail), Calgary, Alberta, Canada (403) 246-1000  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: Richard F. Mercer

5012 15th St. SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2T 4B6 (403) 287-2604  
11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

### **EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

#### **Crestwood Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

9616 143rd St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5N 2R2 (403) 452-3020  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: Richard F. Mercer  
c/o Church Address

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA****Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Holiday Inn, 711 West Broadway Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
V5Z 3Y2 (No mail)

Rev. *Douglas Codling* (Hellen), Organizing Pastor (604) 271-8183

10120 Lassam Rd., Richmond, BC, V7E 2C2 Canada

Administrative Secretary: Mr. Maurie McPhee

6370 Oak St., Vancouver, BC, Canada V6M 2W4 (604) 263-9580

11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN****Covenant Community Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Rev. *James Codling*, Organizing Pastor

2235 King St., Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 4H2 Canada (306)525-2848

**ALDERWOOD MANOR, WASHINGTON (SEATTLE AREA)****Alderwood Presbyterian Church**

16620 Ash Way, Alderwood Manor, WA 98036 (206) 743-9111

(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session:

11:00 A.M.

**BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON****First Reformed Presbyterian Church**

4454 Pacific Highway, Bellingham, WA 98225 (206) 734-1974

Rev. *Daniel E. Dermeyer* (Jane)

2619 Utter St., Bellingham, WA 98225 (206) 671-4692

Clerk of Session: Earl McDonald

3411 Forest Ct., Bellingham, WA 98225 (206) 734-0673

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**EVERETT, WASHINGTON****Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

2531 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201 (206) 252-3757

Rev. *John P. Hoogstrate* (Shirley)

331 72nd St., Everett, WA 98203 (206) 353-5606

Clerk of Session: Laurie W. Steinberg

5121 Delaware, Everett, WA 98203 (206) 252-4828

11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON (SEATTLE AREA)****Covenant Presbyterian Church**

22116 S.E. 51st Pl., Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 392-5532

Rev. *William J. Swenson* (Letha)

22130 S.E. 51st Pl., Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 392-7936

Clerk of Session: Paul Blomberg

165 SW Gibson Ln., Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 392-3304

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON****Lake Stevens Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Chapel Hill Rd. and 101st Ave. (No mail)

P.O. Box 385, Lake Stevens, WA 98258 (206) 334-7079

Rev. *John C. Pickett* (Susan)

11602 20th St. NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258 (206) 334-7079

Clerk of Session: Gordon Johnson  
2310 117th Ave. NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258 (206) 334-2142  
*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

### **POULSBO, WASHINGTON**

**Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church**  
6th and Harrison (No mail), Poulsbo, WA (206) 779-7545  
*Rev. Gerald K. Partain* (Charlotte)  
P.O. Box 157, Poulsbo, WA 98370 (206) 779-7545  
Clerk of Session: Terrence L. Saxton  
13576 Central Valley Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

**First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
6318 Linden Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 782-5546  
*Rev. Stephen W. Leonard* (Bronwyn)  
4512 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 783-3703  
*Rev. Robert A. Bonner* (Jane), Assistant Pastor  
626 N. 63rd, Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 784-5773  
Clerk of Session: J. Paul Hubbell  
6326 20th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 523-0268  
*10:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

### **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

**Highline Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
106 S. 206th, Seattle, WA 98148 (206) 824-7969  
*Rev. Douglas E. Lee* (Nancy)  
20136 8th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98148 (206) 878-2048  
Clerk of Session: Richard Meinert  
240 SW 197th Pl., Seattle, WA 98166 (206) 878-4340  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
620 S. Shirley, Tacoma, WA 98465 (206) 752-7601  
*Rev. Robert S. Rayburn, Ph.D.* (Florence)  
818 S. M St., Tacoma, WA 98405 (206) 572-6953  
Clerk of Session: Kenneth Anderson  
2035 S. 8th St., Tacoma, WA 98405 (206) 627-5890  
*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

*Billiter, Larry D.* (Linda), 1136 Albany Hwy., Bentley, W.A. 6103,  
Australia (Furlough Address: 9512 Todd Mill Rd., Huntsville, AL  
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(Retired)  
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## **PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY**

Eastern Pennsylvania

*MODERATOR: Rev. Franklin Dyrness*

*STATED CLERK: Rev. E. T. Noe*

### **ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Great Valley Girl Scout Council Building

Lehigh St. exit of Rt. 309 (No mail)

*Rev. David Brewer* (Nancy), Presbytery Evangelist

915 Woodlawn Dr., Lansdale, PA 19446 (215) 368-9212

### **BOOTHWYN, PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Boothwyn**

2655 Chichester Ave., Boothwyn, PA 19061 (215) HU 5-2644

(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: Kenneth Ziegler

246 E. Roland Rd., Parkside, PA 19015 (215) 876-4562

11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### **GLEN MILLS, PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Covenant Presbyterian Church of Concord**

Cheyney Rd. at Gov. Markham Dr., Glen Mills, PA 19342

(215) GL 9-0865

*Rev. Harold D. Hight* (Carmen)

335 Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19342 (215) GL 9-0865

Clerk of Session: James Register

2143 Bent Ln., Aston, PA 19014 (215) 494-2663

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **New Covenant Fellowship**

40 W. Main St., Shiremanstown, PA (No Mail) (717) 761-7611

*Rev. John C. Woll* (Sharon)

931 Ohio Ave., Lemoyne, PA 17043 (717) 761-5551

Clerk of Session: David Larsen

1319 Main St., Oberlin, PA 17113 (717) 939-1598

9:30 A.M.

### **HAVERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Beechwood Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Beechwood Rd. and Lawndale Ave., Havertown, PA 19083

(215) MI 2-4355

*Rev. William B. Cordes* (Pauline)

830 Homestead Ave., Havertown, PA 19083 (215) 896-6571

Clerk of Session: Rev. Robert H. Swayne

9210 W. Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA 19082 (215) 789-4886

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.



**HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA****Church of the Servant (Mission)**

135 E. Oak St., Palmyra, PA 17078 (717) 838-9505  
 Rev. *J. Mark Tedford* (Linda), Organizing Pastor  
 135 E. Oak St., Palmyra, PA 17078 (717) 838-9505  
 Clerk: David Larsen  
 1319 Main, Oberlin, PA (717) 939-1598  
 10:30 A.M.

**KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA****Reformed Presbyterian Church**

486 Keebler Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406 (215) 265-4107  
 Rev. *Paul L. Karlberg*  
 202 Roboda Blvd., Royersford, PA 19468 (215) 948-9469  
 Clerk of Session:

11:00 A.M.

**LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA****Westminster Presbyterian Church**

2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 (717) 569-2151  
 Rev. *Robert Samuel Williamson* (Beulah)  
 P.O. Box 293, Manheim, PA 17545  
 Clerk of Session: Oong Choi  
 1042 Devonshire Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601 (717) 898-6265  
 10:45 A.M. (10:00 A.M., Summer) 7:00 P.M. (None, Summer)

**LANSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA****Lansdale Presbyterian Church**

418-420 Oak Park Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446 (No mail) (215) 368-1119  
 Rev. *John P. Clark* (Dolores)  
 2225 W. Walnut St., Colmar, PA 18915 (215) 822-9444  
 David J. Fidati (Kathy), Assistant to Pastor  
 401 Main St., Souderton, PA 18964 (215) 723-1467  
 Clerk of Session: Fred Pletscher Jr.  
 709 Rosemount Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446 (215) 362-9122  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA****Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Pinewood Dr. and Link Ln., Levittown, PA 19054 (215) 949-1166  
 Rev. *Eugene Potoka* (Janice)  
 37 Primrose Ln., Levittown, PA 19054 (215) 946-2401  
 Ted Ewing (Janice), Assistant to Pastor  
 1811 Foxwood Manor Apts.  
 2180 New Rodgers Rd., Levittown, PA 19056 (215) 547-5114  
 Clerk of Session: James J. McDade Sr.  
 Box 354A, Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA 19047 (215) 757-9592  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA****Calvary Presbyterian Church**

613 S. New Middletown Rd., Media, PA 19063 (215) 872-6802  
 Rev. *Ernest Breen* (Shirley)  
 613 S. New Middletown Rd., Media, PA 19063 (215) 872-6802  
 Clerk of Session: James Albany  
 737 Stockton Circle, Ridley Park, PA 19078 (215) 532-7138  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**NEWTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA****The Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Nevil Center, Newtown, PA (No mail)

Robert Doane, Acting Pastor

424 Paxson Ave., Glenside, PA 19038

(215) 576-6497

**ORELAND, PENNSYLVANIA****Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church**

210 Plymouth Ave., Oreland, PA 19075

(215) 886-3924

*Rev. Harold Burkhart, D.Min.* (Elaine)

407 Cedar Hill Rd., Ambler, PA 19002

(215) 628-2605

Clerk of Session: George Lawrence

1725 Jarrettown Rd., Dresher PA 19025

(215) 646-3416

*10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.***PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA****Tenth Presbyterian Church**

17th and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 735-7688

*Rev. James M. Boice Th.D.* (Linda)

1827 Delancey Pl., Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 735-7667

Clerk of Session: R. Clive Stockdale

610 Conshohocken State Rd., Gladwyn, PA 19035

(215) 642-0310

**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA****Third Reformed Presbyterian Church**

3024 Byberry Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154

(215) 637-9711

*Rev. Eugene L. Fackler* (Sally)

1159 Cushmore Rd., Southampton, PA 18966

(215) 355-4372

Clerk of Session: Howard Tansley

1959 Lycoming St., Willow Grove, PA 19001

(215) 657-0670

**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA****Spanish Reformed Presbyterian Church**

2441 N. Front St., Philadelphia, PA 19133

(215) 634-0345

*Rev. Mario Rivera* (Delia), Pulpit Supply

1157 Neshaminy Valley Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020

(215) 757-1564

Clerk of Session: Albert F. Tapken

1327 E. Aidrie St., Philadelphia, PA 19124

(215) JE 5-4658

*11:00 A.M.***QUAKERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA****Quakertown Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

339 W. Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951

(215) 536-2881

*Rev. Robert D. Lacock* (Carol)

149 Forsyth Ct., Quakertown, PA 18951

*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.***QUARRYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA****Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Rt. 2, Box 17A, S. Church St., Quarryville, PA 17566 (717) 786-7559

*Rev. John DeBardeleben* (Deborah)

425 S. Church St., Quarryville, PA 17566

(717) 786-7906

Clerk of Session: Robert D. Dempsey

5 Pleasant Grove Rd., Conowingo, MD 21918

(301) 378-4375

*10:40 A.M. 7:30 P.M.***WARMINSTER, PENNSYLVANIA****Calvary Presbyterian Church**

P.O. Box 232, Street and Norristown Rds., Warminster, PA 18974

(215) 675-1232

*Rev. Kenneth I. Wallace* (Evelyn)  
 1330 Gravonia Ave., Abington, PA 19001 (215) TU 7-8072  
*Rev. Leon Ben Ezra* (Linda), Assistant Pastor  
 650 Brooke Rd., D56, Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 885-3664  
 Clerk of Session: Charles Troxell  
 6 James Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040 (215) OS 5-1376  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church of West Chester**  
 New and Union Sts., West Chester, PA 19380 (215) 696-3482  
*Rev. Edward T. Noe* (Ruth)  
 311 S. New St., West Chester, PA 19380 (215) 696-8160  
 Clerk of Session: Edgar W. Bullock  
 Box 9, Valley Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19342 (215) 459-1469  
 11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**WILLOW GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Calvary Presbyterian Church**  
 Easton Rd. at Allison, Willow Grove, PA 19090 (215) OL 9-0554, 0564  
*Rev. George W. Smith* (Martha)  
 407 N. Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090 (215) 659-0510  
*Rev. Carl H. Derk* (Nancy), Assistant Pastor  
 P.O. Box 94, Willow Grove, PA 19090 (215) 659-0564  
 Clerk of Session: Leslie P. Cruise  
 1045 Davis Grove Rd., Prospectville, PA 19002 (215) 646-5570  
 8:15, 10:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

*Ackley, Maj. Robert H.* (Joan), 42nd Arty. Grp., APO NY 09169  
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 19144 (215) VI 3-7590  
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*Dyrness, Franklin S., D.D.* (Dorothy), R.D. 2, Box 17, Quarryville,  
 PA 17566 (President, The Quarryville Presbyterian Home, RD 2,  
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 19144  
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 (Retired, Interim Pastor, Grand Cayman Island) (215) OS 5-8799  
*Gray, Eugene G.* (Joan), 47 Benson Dr., Glen Olden, PA 19036  
*Horner, Richard V.*, Box 432, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744  
*Hunt, John K.* (Inez), 1209 Aladdin Rd., Lookout Mountain, TN  
 37350 (Missionary, WPM)

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(Banker) (717) 367-4020

*Laird, Harold S., D.D.* (Betty), Apt. C-306, RD 2, Box 20, Quarryville,  
PA 17566 (Retired)

*Lee, Dr. Jong Yun*

*Little, Joseph J.* (Ann), 403 Austin Dr., Fairless Hills, PA 19030 (Evan-  
gelist under BHM in Philadelphia Spanish Outreach) (215) 949-2825

*Omerly, George G.* (Audrey), Apartado 1529, Lima 1, Peru 100 (Fur-  
lough address until Aug., 1981, 19 Lehigh, Cooper Farm, Wilming-  
ton, DE 19808) (Missionary, WPM)

*Reumann, Robert R.* (Mary Jane), 1181 Lombardi Ave., Petaluma, CA  
94952 (707) 763-6922

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(215) 672-7298

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Broomall, PA 19008 (Home Director, North Africa Mission)  
(215) 353-4229

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PA 19082 (Design Engineer) (215) 789-4886

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*Tonnessen, Gareth* (Nellie), 4415 Park Ln., Aston, PA 19014  
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*Wessell, Hugh* (Martine), 233 W. Apsley St., Philadelphia, PA 19144  
(WPM Missionary, France) (215) 843-2258

## **PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY**

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Allegany  
and Garrett Counties of Maryland

*MODERATOR: Rev. William Wolfgang*  
*STATED CLERK: Rev. Charles L. Winkler*

### **OAKLAND, MARYLAND**

#### **Faith Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Oakland, Garrett County, MD

(Mail to: P.O. Box 415, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550)

*Rev. John A. Ledden* (Lorraine)

Rt. 2, Box 49K, Oakland, MD 21550

(301) 334-4280

Clerk of Session: Robert Jackson

RD 2, Box 48X, Oakland, MD 21550

(301) 334-3759

11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

### **BRECKSVILLE, OHIO**

#### **Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church**

*Rev. Stevan M. Horning*, Organizing Pastor  
8297 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141

## **PATASKALA, OHIO**

### **Jersey Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

Pataskala, OH 43062

*Rev. William ("Kip") Slawter* (Judith), Organizing Pastor

12239 Morse Rd. SW, Pataskala, OH 43062 (614) 927-1820

Clerk of Session: Bernard M. Smith

12832 Morse Rd. SW, Pataskala, OH 43062 (614) 927-3447

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

## **COLUMBUS, OHIO**

### **The Trinity Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio**

3728 Snouffer Rd., Columbus, OH 43085 (614) 889-8551

*Rev. Robert A. Wildeman Sr.* (Eva)

5366 Dexter, Hilliard, OH 43026 (614) 876-9805

Clerk of Session: Clifford E. Hill

350 S. 3B and K Rd., Galena, OH 43021 (614) 363-0700

11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

## **POLAND, OHIO**

### **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

3339 Dobbins Rd., P.O. Box 5052, Poland, OH 44514

(216) 757-8268

*Rev. Timothy Stigers* (Patricia)

1722 Lynn Mar, Boardman, OH 44514 (216) 757-4635

Clerk of Session: Dean R. Brown

2329 Venloe Dr., Poland, OH 44514 (216) 757-9795

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

## **YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

### **Robinwood Reformed Presbyterian Church**

471 Mathews Rd., Youngstown, OH 44512 (216) 758-5628

*Rev. William R. Wolfgang* (Judith)

799 Ridgefield Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512 (216) 758-8417

Clerk of Session: Lloyd Kranz

2250 Hamilton Ave., Poland, OH 44514 (216) 757-8210

10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

## **BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Chapel Reformed Presbyterian Church**

3435 Dutch Ridge Rd., Beaver, PA 15009 (412) 775-7328

*Rev. R. Geoffrey Brown* (Lynne)

3435 Dutch Ridge Rd., Beaver, PA 15009

Clerk of Session: Don Deffenbaugh

3485 Dutch Ridge Rd., Beaver, PA 15009

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

## **BEAVER FALLS, PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Christ Presbyterian Church**

Blackhawk and Georgetown Rds., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

(412) 843-1423

*Rev. Richard F. Rowe* (Barbara)

774 Blackhawk Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010 (412) 846-4902

Clerk of Session: Lee Troup

931 Shenango Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010 (412) 843-4768

11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**CARMICHAELS, PENNSYLVANIA****The Greene Valley Presbyterian Church**

Box 363, Carmichaels, PA 15320

*Rev. Harold O. Kelley* (Norma)

RD 1, Box 309, Carmichaels, PA 15320

(412) 883-2458

Clerk of Session: Ronald Miller

P.O. Box, McClellandtown, PA 15458

(412) 737-6920

*11:00 A.M., 8:15 A.M. (Summer) 7:00 P.M.***DARLINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA****Darlington Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Box 236, First and Plum St., Darlington, PA 16115 (412) 827-2517

*Rev. William H. Albany* (Hazel)

2nd St., Darlington, PA 16115

(412) 827-2818

Clerk of Session: Arthur E. Shaffer

Box 256, Darlington, PA 16115

(412) 827-2242

*11:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.***EIGHTY-FOUR, PENNSYLVANIA****View Crest Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Rt. 3, Box 189, Thomas-Linden Rd., Eighty-Four, PA 15330

(412) 941-9772

*Rev. Nicholas Protos* (Linda)

RD 3, Box 189, Eighty-Four, PA 15330

(412) 941-9772

Clerk of Session: Kenneth King

RD 1, Box 174, Eighty Four, PA 15330

(412) 941-6420

*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.***ENON VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA****Bible Presbyterian Church**

E. Vine St., Enon Valley, PA 16120

(412) 336-4447

*Rev. David F. Sutton* (Helen)

Enon Valley, PA 16120

(412) 336-5896

Clerk of Session: Dr. Russell Heddendorf

625 Shenango Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 16120

(412) 846-3372

*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.***HARRISVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA****Rocky Springs Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Rt. 2, Box 372, Harrisville, PA 16038

(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: James H. DePew

Rt. 4, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

(412) 794-6098

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***INDUSTRY, PENNSYLVANIA****Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Rt. 1, Box 172, Industry, PA 15052

(412) 643-8104

*Rev. Richard L. Raines* (Dolores)

Rt. 1, Box 172, Industry, PA 15052

(412) 643-8104

Clerk of Session: J. Eric Mann

107 Meadowbrook Dr., Industry, PA 15052

(412) 643-5790

*10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***KITTANNING, PENNSYLVANIA****Reformed Presbyterian Church of Kittanning**

Rt. 4, Kittanning, PA 16201

(412) 543-3702

*Rev. Mark E. Porter* (Christine)  
RD 1, Box 433, Worthington, PA 16262 (412) 297-5152  
Clerk of Session: Paul G. Beckett  
Rt. 4, Box 207, Kittanning, PA 16201 (412) 545-7985  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M. last Sunday each month*

**MURRYSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Maranatha Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
3750 School Rd., Murrysville, PA 15668 (412) 327-8411  
*Rev. Charles L. Winkler* (Janine)  
429 Alpine Village Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146 (412) 325-4795  
Clerk of Session: Bruce Meadowcraft  
4088 Old Wm. Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA 15668 (412) 327-5547  
*10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
334 E. Moody Ave., New Castle, PA 16101  
*Rev. Robert C. Weeber Jr.* (Elizabeth)  
1648 Pulaski Rd., New Castle, PA 16105 (412) 652-5281  
Clerk of Session: Dr. Richard Gordon  
3835 Main St., New Waterford, OH 44413 (216) 457-2967

**NORTH HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**  
411 Woodall Ave., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 (412) 863-1192  
*Rev. Samuel S. Ward* (Rosalie)  
401 Woodall Ave., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 (412) 863-1192  
Clerk of Session: Thomas Marion  
2318 Myers Ln., N. Huntingdon, PA 15642 (412) 751-1086  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**PITTSBURGH (PENN HILLS), PENNSYLVANIA**

**First Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
12900 Frankstown Rd., Pittsburgh (Penn Hills), PA 15235 (412) 793-7117  
*Rev. Charles B. Holliday* (Katherine)  
141 Crescent Hills Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (412) 793-1042  
*Rev. Dale B. Welden* (Connie), Assistant Pastor  
12129 Harvard, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (412) 793-2865  
Clerk of Session: Stanley Stotler  
5 Moriah Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15239 (412) 793-5323  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**South Hills Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**  
Arnie Frank, Organizing Pastor

**SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**  
YMCA, Rt. 18, Hermitage, PA (No mail)  
P.O. Box 561, Sharon, PA 16146  
*Rev. Christopher P. Bennett* (Lynn)  
21 Thorn Ave., Sharpsville, PA 16150 (412) 962-3135  
Chairman Adm. Com.: Floyd B. Grace  
4821 Whippoorwill Dr., Hermitage, PA 16148 (412) 981-4903  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

## **CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

### **First Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

P.O. Box 4401, Charleston, WV 25304

*Rev. William A. Fitzhenry* (Darlene)

710 Glendale Ave., So. Charleston, WV 25303 (304) 343-4036

Administrative Assistant: Larry Canterbury

Box 21, Hurricane, WV 25526 (304) 562-2368

11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

*Brooks, William J.* (Rachel), Rt. 1, Box 284D, Huddleston, VA 24104

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(814) 839-2068

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(Retired)

(216) 661-3535

*Frank, Arnold L.*, 755 Country Club Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228

(412) 344-6082

*Gordon, Robert C.*, RD 1, Box 280, Shelocta, PA 15774

(412) 354-3319

*Hopkins, David R.* (Carolyn), Star Rt., Box L-500, Palmer,

AK 99645 (Teacher, Arctic Bible Institute)

*MacRae, John* (Signe), RD 1, Box 137, Bedford, PA 15522 (Dun-

nings Creek Independent Bible Church)

(814) 623-1277

*Mesarch, Dr. Stephen* (Marilyn), 2640 Mink St., Pataskala, OH

43062 (Pastor, Jersey Presbyterian Church)

(614) 927-2980

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Savannah, GA 31404

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15074 (Pastor, St. John's United Evangelical Protestant Church)

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*Taylor, John C.*, D.D.S. (Adah), 110 Highland Ave., Herminie, PA

15637 (Missionary-Dentist)

(412) 446-7732



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY**

Colorado, Utah, Nebraska west of Highway 81, New Mexico,  
Wyoming, Arizona

**MODERATOR:** Dr. John Harris  
786 S. 3rd St.  
Lander, WY 82520

**STATED CLERK:** *Rev. D. Steven Meyerhoff*

### **MESA, ARIZONA (PHOENIX AREA)**

#### **Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

760 S. El Dorado Rd., Mesa, AZ 85202 (602) 966-8915  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Contact: Lee A. Faull

2414 E. Alameda, Tempe, AZ 85282 (602) 967-6369  
*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

### **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

#### **Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

2511 N. Logan Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (303) 634-1365

*Rev. Arthur E. Scott* (Sharon)

2812 N. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80909 (303) 635-0130

*Rev. Dennis R. McDonough* (Susan), Associate Pastor

2629 Paseo Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (303) 473-9153

Clerk of Session: Richard Ruhl

2644 E. San Miguel, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

*8:15, 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

#### **Village Seven Presbyterian Church**

4050 S. Nonchalant Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917  
(303) 574-6700

*Rev. A. Bernhard Kuiper* (Noelene)

4050 Inspiration Dr., Colorado Springs 80917 (303) 596-4050

*Rev. David H. Linden* (Shirley), Associate Pastor

6175 Applewood Ridge Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
(303) 599-5585

Clerk of Session: Gerald F. Hardcastle

4310 Rocklawn Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80915 (303) 596-1833  
*8:00 A.M. 10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

### **MONTROSE, COLORADO**

#### **Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church**

2705 Sunnyside Rd., Montrose, CO (No mail)  
P.O. Box 1931, Montrose, CO 81402 (303) 249-1053

*Rev. David W. Hein* (Naomi)

8558 High Mesa Rd., Olathe, CO 81425 (303) 323-6781

Clerk of Session: Richard Honeycutt

8298 High Mesa Rd., Olathe, CO 81425 (303) 323-6460  
*10:15 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

### **WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO (DENVER AREA)**

#### **Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church**

W. 44th and Ingalls St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 (303) 424-8889

*Rev. Ronald L. Shaw* (Queta)  
8512 Ingalls Circle, Arvada, CO 80003 (303) 423-1746  
Clerk of Session: Jan Krankota  
7075 Doverway, Arvada, CO 80004 (303) 423-5378  
*10:55 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

**KEARNEY, NEBRASKA**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
2525 Ave. A, Kearney, NE 68847 (308) 234-3142  
*Rev. D. Steven Meyerhoff* (Gayle)  
2525 Ave. A, Kearney, NE 68847  
Clerk of Session: Charles Parish  
1416 E. 32nd St., Kearney, NE 68847 (308) 237-2857  
*11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. (Nov.-Mar.), 7:00 P.M. (Apr.-Oct.)*

**ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
Box 932, 2201 N. 15th St., Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505) 437-8140  
*Rev. James A. Wiest* (Joan)  
1530 Roosevelt Ave., Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505) 437-0710  
Clerk of Session: E. Wayne Melton  
1738 Van Ct., Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505) 437-6682  
*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

**Providence Presbyterian Church**  
1300 North Valley Dr., Box 1465, Las Cruces, NM 88001  
*Rev. Donald H. Neidigk* (Kathryn)  
Box 3981, University Park, NM 88003  
*Rev. Peter R. Vaughn* (Linda), Associate Pastor  
2630 Huntington Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001 (505) 522-5340  
Clerk of Session: Elwood Baas  
2095 Rentfrow Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001 (505) 522-3425  
*10:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

**LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

**University Presbyterian Church**  
Wisconsin Ave., Box 3277, University Park, NM 88003 (505) 522-0828  
*Rev. Robert D. Scott* (Libby)  
1410 Gardner, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (505) 522-6257  
Clerk of Session: David Moon  
1860 E. Nevada, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (505) 526-5847  
*9:00 and 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**LANDER, WYOMING**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
Box 763, Lander, WY 82520 (Meeting at Mt. Hope Chapel)  
*Rev. James Urish*  
1285 Goodrich Dr., Lander, WY 82520  
Clerk of Session: J. Donovan Crook  
640 East Ln., Lander, WY 82520 (307) 332-3277  
*10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS**

- Barrett, Russell C.* (Wilma), 1292 A FIQ, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640 (Chaplain, US Army)
- Creswell, Andrew W.* (Peg), "The Biald," South Star Rt., Lyons, CO 80540 (Missionary, Sudan Interior Mission)
- Donaldson, L. LaVerne* (Louise), 715 Center St., Goodland, KS 67735 (Manager, Christian Book Store) (913) 899-5964
- Hafer, Del* (Cherie Ann), Woodland Park Community Church, Woodland Park, CO 80863
- Leonard, William B. Jr.* (Helen), 33625 Wapiti Circle, Buena Vista, CO 81211 (Retired) (303) 395-8585
- Troxell, Thomas E.* (Jean), 1709 W. Carol Ave., Mesa, AZ 85202 (Campus Ministry, Arizona State University; Instructor, Redeemer Theological Seminary) (602) 962-4455

## **SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia (except Dade and Walker counties)

*MODERATOR: Rev. Al Lutz*  
*STATED CLERK: Rev. Peter Spink*

### **ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **Second Street Presbyterian Church**

- S. 2nd at Hearne, Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-6824
- Rev. David Alexander* (Elaine) (704) 982-5943
- 100 E. Hearne St., Albemarle, NC 28001
- Clerk of Session: James H. Phillips Jr.  
Rt. 3, Box 480X, Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-0769  
11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **Faith Presbyterian Church**

- 1805 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204 (704) 375-3501
- Rev. Ross W. Graham* (Nicole) (704) 537-8167
- 3816 Winterfield Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205
- Clerk of Session: Oscar K. Griffith Jr.  
4730 Riverdale Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 588-0117  
11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

### **CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

- 309Cabarrus Ave. and Georgia St. (House of IQMA, Box 772, Concord, NC 28025 (704) 786-9216
- Rev. Carl M. Sorenson* (Evelyn), Stated Supply (803) 576-1327
- Rt. 1, Box 376, Roebuck, SC 29376
- Clerk of Session: Fred N. Bost  
116 Lore, Concord, NC 28025 (704) 782-4733  
11:00 A.M.

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA****Lednum Street Presbyterian Church**

2403 Lednum St., Durham, NC 27705

Rev. *Henry E. Johnson*

2405 Lednum St., Durham, NC 27705

(919) 471-2126

Clerk of Session: C. David Latta

Rt. 2, Box 37D, Hillsborough, NC 27278

(919) 732-7869

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA****Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church**

204 Beethoven Ave., Lexington, NC 27292

(704) 249-2680

Rev. *Kenneth Hash* (Debbie)

202 Beethoven Ave., Lexington, NC 27292

(704) 249-2676

Clerk of Session: Glenn Owen

Rt. 16, Box 514, Lexington, NC 27292

(704) 249-1054

*10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA****Trinity Presbyterian Church**

3701 S. College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403

(919) 791-1100

Rev. *Daniel Pruitt* (Linda)

4806 Lord Nance Ct., Wilmington, NC 28405

(919) 392-6952

Clerk of Session: Gary Darden

Oakley Rd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429

(919) 763-8554

*10:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.***ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA****First Reformed Presbyterian Church**

P.O. Box 3031

Abbeville Hwy. (S.C. 28), Anderson, SC 29624

(803) 296-2522

Rev. *James E. Hanson* (Janet)

Box 3031, Anderson, SC 29624

(803) 225-0360

Clerk of Session: Alvin Hutchinson

Rt. 1, Starr, SC 29684

(803) 352-6589

*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA****Church Creek Presbyterian Church**

2234 Plainview Rd., Charleston, SC 29407

(803) 766-1381

Rev. *Gerald P. Malkus* (Pamela)

2435 Tiffany Dr., Charleston, SC 29407

(803) 766-7336

Clerk of Session: Cadwallader Jones

41 Broughton Rd., Charleston, SC 29407

(803) 766-0557

*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.***FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA****Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**

906B S. Cashua Dr., Florence, SC 29501 (No mail)

Rev. *W. Theodore Ragsdale* (Beth)

1008 E. Beauvoir Dr., Florence, SC 29501

(803) 665-6903

Clerk of Session: Harold Jones

436 Bertonley Ave., Charlotte, NC 28211

(704) 366-3829

*10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.***GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA****Augusta Street Presbyterian Church**

705 Augusta St., Greenville, SC 29605

(803) 235-2642

(Pulpit Vacant)

Clerk of Session: W. H. McCall  
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**GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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109 Norfolk Ave., Rt. 4, Greer, SC 29651 (803) 268-3527  
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*9:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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*10:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M., summer; 6:00 P.M., school year*

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**Jeremy Creek Reformed Presbyterian Church (Mission)**  
P.O. Box 408, McClellanville, SC 29458 (803) 887-3717  
(Pulpit Vacant)  
  
*9:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

**MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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*11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Davenport Road Presbyterian Church**  
Poinsettia Club House, Simpsonville, SC (No mail)  
*Rev. J. Render Caines (Linda)*  
Rt. 2, Box 9B, Simpsonville, SC 29681 (803) 963-8823  
*9:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.*

**SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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*Rev. Peter Spink (Debbie)*  
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11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

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**KENNER, LOUISIANA (NEW ORLEANS AREA)**

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9121 Rosecrest, River Ridge, LA 70123  
11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE**

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3:00 P.M.

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Clerk of Session: Don Harryman

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*11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.*

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*10:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

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Clerk of Session: A. H. Bard

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*11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.*

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#### **Calvary Presbyterian Church**

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#### **Christ Presbyterian Church**

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Clerk of Session: Merrill Spohn

702 Cannon Dr., Euless, TX 76039 (817) 267-0432

11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**GAINESVILLE, TEXAS****Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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Clerk of Session: D. J. Murphy

215 E. Tennie, Gainesville, TX 76240 (817) 665-9705

10:50 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**GORDONVILLE, TEXAS****Sherwood Shores Chapel**

Sherwood Shores, Gordonville, TX 76245

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Clerk of Session: George Caruth

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