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The following action was taken by the General Assembly:

"6. That the Ad-interim Committee to Discuss . . . be continued for one year, and that in the event

approaches from any other Churches are made to the PCA during the coming year, the Ad-interim Committee be authorized to welcome, receive and study such approaches; be directed to communicate such information to the Church-at-large all means available; and report to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA.

- “7. In response to Communication 2 from the 47th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America take the following actions:
- a. That the Ad-interim Committee continue to work on its original mandate, and that they meet with the representatives of the OPC, and of the RPCES and RPCNA, if the latter so desires, to draw up a statement that exhibits the representatives’ understanding (or, if necessary, individual statements that exhibit individual understandings) of the compatibility of the participating Churches, the statement to take into consideration discussion of those questions raised by PCA representatives at the joint meeting held September 14, 1979, and any other pertinent issues.
  - b. That the Ad-interim Committee be instructed to report by means of a letter to all teaching elders and clerks of session no later than February 1, 1981, areas of similarity and difference among the PCA, OPC, RPCES and RPCNA, giving a brief summary of each Church’s position on these areas based on their standards and assembly pronouncements, along with a description of the size and location of the individual churches of each denomination.
  - c. That the Ad-interim Committee report to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA through the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations their recommendations as to future efforts in the area of Church unity.”

§ 8-43, pp. 83-84.

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY PCA FOUNDATION

The Moderator of the Eighth General Assembly, Paul G. Settle, announced the appointment of the following members to serve as the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the PCA Foundation:

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- “4. That an *ad hoc* committee be appointed by the moderator of the General Assembly, two members from each of the Committees of the General Assembly, two members of the Sub-committee on Stewardship, and two members of the trustees of the PCA Foundation. The purpose of the committee will be to study the proposed plan for operation of PCA Foundation as outlined for the Eighth General Assembly and to report to the Ninth General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners of PCA Foundation. That each committee and sub-committee bear the expense of its representatives. This committee to give particular attention to the following specific issues:
- a. Whether Foundation activities be restricted to receiving, accumulation, managing, investing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc.
  - b. If the Foundation should also be allowed to solicit funds, gifts, bequests, etc.
  - c. To consider the relationship of the Foundation to the Sub-committee on Stewardship and to the four permanent committees.
  - d. Whether the Foundation should have a full-time director, and if so, what should his qualifications and duties be.
5. That the *ad hoc* committee develop and present to the Ninth General Assembly a plan to place the operation of the PCA Foundation under the rules for General Assembly operation and bylaws.”

§ 8-79, pp. 107-108.



## JOURNAL MINUTES — MONDAY AFTERNOON

June 16, 1980

### First Session

#### 8-1 The Assembly Called to Order

The Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting in the Civic Center Auditorium, Savannah, Georgia, hosted by the churches of Central Georgia Presbytery, was called to order at 1:00 p.m., June 16, 1980, by Moderator William F. Joseph, Jr., who led the Assembly in an opening prayer. Following the singing of a hymn, the moderator introduced a season of prayer, calling to the Assembly's attention the death of Past Moderator Leon F. Hendrick and the roll of teaching elders deceased since the last Assembly.

Name	Presbytery	Deceased
Nam Chin Cha	Pacific	July 1979
Dan H. McCown	Texas	August 1979
Vernon A. Crawford	Calvary	October 1979
Eugene Koller	Gulf Coast	March 1980
Thomas L. Llewelyn	Mississippi Valley	April 1980

TE William G. Hughes began and TE Robert J. Ostenson concluded the season of prayer. Moderator Joseph then exhorted the Assembly, using as his text I John 4:7ff. TE Robert L. Craggs and TE A. Dale Umbreit led the Assembly in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with the assistance of ruling elders of the Assembly and the Presbytery of Central Georgia. The moderator declared a fifteen minute recess at 2:35 p.m.

#### 8-2 Greetings from Mayor of Savannah

The Assembly reconvened at 2:50 p.m., and, as a matter of personal privilege, Moderator Joseph introduced the Honorable John P. Rousakis, mayor of Savannah, who welcomed the Assembly to the city.

#### 8-3 Report on Enrollment

Stated Clerk Morton H. Smith announced that a quorum was present. The final enrollment of commissioners was as follows:

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Indianapolis, IN	Grace		James L. Kalleen Jr.
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<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Abbeville	Lebanon		Charles Evans
Abbeville	New Hope	James L. Moss	W. J. Milford
Aiken	Grace	Fred Zoeller	Bennie Newman
Alcolu	New Harmony	Robert Korn (2)	
Cheraw	Faith	Philip Nicholson	Claude Vernon
Chester	Trinity	Rhett Sanders	Edward Robeson
Chester	Zion	Samuel B. Hoyt, Jr (2)	Roy Johnston
Clinton	Grace	James Bryant	
Clover	Bethel	Vernon N. West	Cary E. Grant
Columbia	Calvary	Robert Slimp	Marion Davis
Columbia	Covenant	Gary Aitken	William Simoneau
Columbia	Eau Claire	H. R. Patteson	Robert W. Ilderton
Columbia	Northeast	George Crow	Royce Waites
Conestee	Reedy River	Gaynor Phillips	Wister Traynham
Fountain Inn	Fairview	Malcolm Bonner	
Gaffney	Beech Street	James B. Moore	
Gaffney	Salem	L. Byron Snapp	Ted Bankhead
Greenville	Calvary	John R. Smith, Jr.	
Greenville	Second	Paul G. Settle H. Wallace Tinsley	Roscoe Riggins Douglas Patton
Greenwood	Rock	Clent Ilderton	
Greer	Fulton	Loren V. Watson	William Mayfield
Kingstree	Bethel	David Gillespie (2)	
Kingstree	Central	William Shannon	
Kingstree	Mouzon	David Gillespie (2)	
Landrum	Philadelphia	David H. Post, Jr.	
Laurens	Friendship	Dwight Noe	Ray Kellett
Lexington	Lexington	Eulice D. Thomas	William Maxim
McConnells	Olivet	Samuel Hoyt (2)	T. E. Burris, Jr.
Manning	New Covenant		Frederick Harrington
Moore	Center Point		
Reidville	Reidville	Joseph D. Beale (2)	
Rock Hill	Hopewell		Carl Barfield
Rock Hill	Westminster	C. Eugene Craven Roy (Sam) Parker	William White
Roebuck	Mt. Calvary	William H. Benchoff	James C. Turner
Roebuck	Roebuck		Louie M. Campbell
Salters	Union	Theodore Martin	

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Sardinia	Sardinia	Robert Korn (2)	
Spartanburg	Powell	F. Jack Giddings	
Spartanburg	Providence	R. Grady Love	Ralph Blanton
Sumter	Westminster	John Ropp	
Van Wyck	Trinity		Glenn Alexander
Winnsboro	Union Memorial	James M. Hope	
Woodruff	Antioch	Joseph D. Beale (2)	John (Dan) Kilgore
York	Filbert	J. Alcide LaCour	Marshall Howell
		Gordon K. Reed	
		Jack F. Spears	
		Karl Woodmansee	

## CENTRAL CAROLINA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in North Carolina)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Belmont	East Belmont	Jack Bowling	Paul Rodden
Charlotte	New Life	Jack Eubanks	Ross Miller
Denver	Lakeshore	Dewey D. Murphy	William Loftis
Gastonia	South Point	Samuel B. McGinn III	Paul Ratchford
Locust	Carolina	Thomas Cheely	Wilson Barbee
Mooresville	Faith	William Laxton	Clayton Benfield
Mt. Holly	Westview		James Kimray
North Belmont	Goshen	Alfred Saleeby	Buford Price
Stanley	First	W. Theodore Smith, Jr.	James Abernathy
		Charles Wilson	

## CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Florida.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Gainesville	Faith	Laurie Vidal	Hugh Cunningham
Jacksonville	Westminster	Frank Boswell	Rodney Whited
Melbourne	Covenant	Ronald Swafford	James DeJager
Ocala	Grace	James R. Young III	Michael Hodgkinson
		Steve Christian	
Orlando	Orangewood	H. Charles Green, Jr.	Paul E. Zetterholm
Tampa	Seminole	John W. Buswell	Donald Kimsey
Tampa	Tampa Bay	James Saxon	
Wauchula	Faith	Russell D. Toms	Gary (Joe) Vance
		Mark Ehlers	
		Thomas L. Irby	
		William L. Thompson	

## CENTRAL GEORGIA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Georgia.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Augusta	First	Joseph Novenson	John T. Bailie Clarence Silman
Columbus	Westminster	James P. Campbell, Jr.	Dan M. Moore
Garden City	Chapel-in-the-Gardens	Paul E. Rowland	Walter Scott
Macon	First	Roland S. Barnes	John T. Clark
		G. Allen Fleece	Donald D. Comer
		Henry Schum	Thurston D. Futch

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Macon	Vineville	Carl Smith	Ed Bonner
Martinez	Westminster	Archie Moore	Julian Davis
Perry	Perry		Larry Sandefur
Savannah	Eastern Heights	Robert L. Craggs	Howard Hansen
Savannah	Hull Memorial	Robert M. Canfield	G. Collin Smith
Savannah	Providence	David H. Bryson	James G. Luce
Sylvania	Liberty	Oliver N. Hamby	A. C. Hinson
Valdosta	Westminster	Benedict W. Konopa, Jr.	Jos. Durrenberger
Warner Robins	Covenant	Robert Jarrett	Henry Smith
Waynesboro	First	James Knight	
		Walter Cathey	
		Don K. Clements	
		Charles H. Davis	
		Harris Langford	
		Doug Miller	
		John Richards	
		Calvin Smith	
		James H. Stewart	
		A. Dale Umbreit	

## COVENANT PRESBYTERY (Most of the towns are in Mississippi.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Carrollton, MS	Carrollton	Robert S. Hayes	Maurice R. Black
Charleston, AR	First		Elmo Lamb
Clarendon, AR	First	Robert E. Hays	John B. Moore
Columbus, MS	The Pres. Church	Robert Penny	P. A. Yelverton
Houston, MS	Houston	Charles Champion	Marvin Pearson
Indianola	First	Danton B. Ketchum	
Itta Bena	Itta Bena	Charles Frost (2)	
Jackson, TN	Grace	Charles L. Skinner	Earl Jagers
Little Rock, AR	Covenant	Robert C. Cannada, Jr.	L. L. Langford
Marks, MS	Marks	Laurie V. Jones, Jr.	
Memphis, TN	Eastland	James E. Moore	L. W. Scruggs
Memphis, TN	Providence		Gregory Wallace
Morgan City	Morgan City	Charles Frost (2)	
Munford, TN	New Life		Vernon Talley
Osceola, AR	First		Arthur Rogers
Sardis	Sardis	Dennis Nolen	
Vaiden, MS	Shongalo	Claude D. Gamble, Jr. (2)	
Vaiden, MS	Blackmonton	Claude D. Gamble, Jr. (2)	
Winona, MS	First	Harold R. Richardson	James H. Simpson
Water Valley, MS	First	Thomas Roberts	
		George Coxhead	
		Thomas Patete	
		James Turner	
		Ford S. Williams	



## EASTERN CAROLINA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in North Carolina)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Burlington	Northside	Charles W. McNutt	William Huffman
Durham	Fuller Memorial	James Edwards	
Goldsboro	Antioch	J. Lewis Baker (2)	Theron Capps
High Point	Westminster		Logan Porter
New Bern	Village Chapel	Denver Blevins	
Princeton	Progressive	J. Lewis Baker (2)	
Raleigh	Calvary	Warren F. Thuston	William Reynolds
		Joseph Armfield, Jr. James Workman	

## EVANGEL PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Anniston	Faith	George Mitchell	Gilbert A. Lane
Benton	Good Hope	William Mason (3)	
Birmingham	Altadena Valley	Langston Haygood	Samuel Saxon
Birmingham	Briarwood	Frank M. Barker, Jr. Roland M. Travis Richard Mill	Douglas Haskew Thomas Leopard George Moss Crawford Nevins John Spencer
Birmingham	Covenant	William Hay	Walter Monroe
Birmingham	Faith	Kerry W. Hurst (Pete)	Hugh Gibson
Clanton	Clanton	Robert S. Allyn	
Clayton	Clayton	James Dodson (2)	
Clayton	Pleasant View	James Dodson (2)	
Floral	First	H. Michael Sartelle	Rupert Greene
Gadsden	Eastside	Hubert C. Stewart	
Gadsden	First	Robert Hornick James Spiritosanto	Irving Grissett Paul Takacs
Greenville	First		W. Jack Williamson
Hayneville	Hayneville	William Mason (3)	
Hope Hull	Friendship	Robert Hollingsworth (2)	
Hope Hull	Providence	Robert Hollingsworth (2)	
Hueytown	Continuing	Henry S. Thigpen	Charles Stegall
Huntsville	Community	William Cooper, Jr.	
Huntsville	Ebenezer	Stephen L. Parker	
Jasper	First	James Barr	
Lowndesboro	Lowndesboro	William Mason (3)	
Millbrook	Millbrook	William C. Dinwiddie	
Montgomery	Covenant	James B. Sherwood	Chandler Gardner
Montgomery	First	Neil Gilmour	James Cantrell
Montgomery	Oak Park	James Hatch	William DuBose
Montgomery	Trinity	Joseph R. Harrell Robert J. Ostenson	Stephen Fox William Joseph John Noble William Kent

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Notasulga	Woodland		George Park
Opelika	Trinity	Thomas Barnes	John M. Brown
Ozark	Ozark	Randall Yelverton	
Prattville	First		Gaylon Hefner
Troy	First	James J. Alexander Dennis L. Disselkoen Albert C. Hitchcock James L. Lyons Ronald Siegenthaler Lee Roy Taylor Michael Williams Joseph York	

GRACE PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Mississippi, except as indicated)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Bay Springs	Bay Springs	James L. Shull	
Brookhaven	Faith		Julian Cameron
Centreville	Thomson Memorial	Shelton Sanford	J. Wexler White
Collins	Collins	Norman A. Bagby	
Collins	Sleigo	French W. Tripp (2)	
Crystal Springs	First	Don Hendricks	John Campbell
Ellisville	Ellisville	J. Steven Wilkins	
Hattiesburg	Bay Street	John Ragland	G. O. Runnels
Hattiesburg	First	Edward Johnson	Lloyd Milam
Hattiesburg	Woodland	Gerald G. Morgan	Ralph Abraham
Hazelhurst	First	Thomas McClelland	John Long
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Odell Fish	
Leakesville	Leakesville	Steven B. Shuman	Sherman Powell
Liberty	Liberty	E. Davis Johnson	E. L. Caston
Magee	Magee	Robert Schwanebeck	
Magee	Sharon	Willard A. Smith	Ed Diffrient
Metairie, LA	Grace	Richard H. Davies	
Mize	Calvary	Richard Wiman	
Monticello	Monticello	Thomas Meyer (2)	
Moss Point	Moss Point	John K. Reeves	Gregory Wood
Picayune	First	William Combs	Henry Auter
Prentiss	Prentiss	French W. Tripp (2)	
Slidell, LA	Trinity		Terence Flanagan
Taylorsville	First	Charles C. Cox, Jr.	
Waynesboro	Philadelphus	M. Steve Wallace	
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.	
Wesson	Wesson	Thomas Meyer (2)	
Gloster	Bethany	Eugene Case (2)	Dewitt B. Smylie
Woodville	First	Eugene Case (2) William Hermann Edward Jussely Jose Martinez Jack S. Ross William H. Smith	

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
		James G. Spencer William J. Stanway	

## GULF COAST PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Florida, except as indicated)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Cantonment	Pinewoods	John B. Findlay	John Sport
Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee	Edward James	Newton Brooks
Fort Walton Beach	Westminster	C. Donald Darling	Jerry J. Lloyd
Gulf Breeze	Concord	William A. Fox, Jr.	Gerald Sovereign
Madison	Madison		Kirby Reichmann
Milton	Westminster	Charles Gwin	T. G. Melson
Panama City	Covenant	Ray B. Lanning	
Pensacola	Fairfield	Warren W. West	
Pensacola	McIlwain		John Culver O. H. Smith
Pensacola	Warrington		William Penny
Robertsdale, AL	Faith	Billy Davies	
Quincy	New Philadelphia	George McQuire	James E. Gilbert
Tallahassee	Westminster	James Watson	
Valparaiso, FL	First		Thomas G. Birr
		Donald A. Dunkerley Arnie Maves	

## LOUISIANA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Louisiana)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Alexandria	Jackson Street	Robert B. Vincent	Steve Smith
Baton Rouge	Southeast	Gary Edwards	
Lake Charles	Bethel	Dana Stoddard	John Sullivan
Monroe	New Life	Charles Kukal	
Opelousas	First		James Mitchell
Ruston	John Knox		Robert W. Turner
Shreveport	Grace	Chester Lanious	Hardy Giles

## MID-ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Virginia, except as indicated.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Abington, PA	Covenant	Erwin Morrison	David Fleming
Baltimore, MD	Inverness	William Jones	William Strong
Charlottesville	Trinity	Joseph H. Ryan, Jr.	
Chester	Centralia	John Holmes	Eugene Friedline
East Orange, NJ	Community Church of Oranges	John P. Seery William T. Iverson	
Fairton, NJ	Fairfield	Lawrence Roff	
Harrisburg, PA	Trinity	Harry Miller, Jr.	Howard Perry
Hopewell	River's Edge	Richard L. Brinkley	
Hopewell	West End	Samuel S. Cappel George Brengle	William McKaig Leland Nichols
Hopewell	West Hopewell	Timothy J. Keller Edward Powers	E. Shelton

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Lutherville, MD	Valley		J. Brookes Smith
Madison Heights	Faith	James F. Snyder	
Manassas	Gainesville	Philip Douglass	John Shetterly
Manassas	Reformed	Edwin P. Elliott, Sr. Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.	
Martinsburg, W Va	Pilgrim	Harry Grimes	Ashton Stewart
Norfolk	Calvary	Edward S. Wallace	Edward Sullivan
Petersburg	Tabb Street	James Allen	William B. Russell
Richmond	Calvin		Daniel B. Ice
Springfield	Harvester	Ronald Bosson Michael Malone	Robert Burnet
Virginia Beach	New Covenant	Robert C. Schoof Steven Schoof	William Hayes
West Chester, PA	Immanuel	O. Palmer Robertson Thomas D. Hudson	
West Grove, PA	Gethsemane Chapel	Timothy Rott	
West Springfield, MA	W. Springfield Covenant	Alfred E. LaValley  Philip J. Adams Allen Bauer Samuel Brown George S. Clark E. Crowell Cooley William Iverson Stuart Sacks Frank E. Smith Frank J. Smith Kenneth A. Smith Robert Vannoy	

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Mississippi, except as indicated.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Bailey	Bailey	G. Dewey Roberts	
Belzoni	First	Andrew Silman	Harold Stillions
Brandon	Brandon	Robert Duhs	Howard Byron
Carthage	Carthage	William Dever	
Clinton	Mt. Salus	Basil P. Albert	Ken Johnston
DeKalb	Bloomfield	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
DeKalb	DeKalb	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
Delhi, LA	Delhi	Paul Lipe	Malcolm McEacharn
Edwards	Edwards	Joel Beezley	
Forrest	Forrest		Jacob H. Myers
Jackson	Alta Woods	B.I. Anderson William Bratley	John High William Hill
Jackson	First		Edmund Johnston Ralph Lord Joseph T. Ware Edward Williford
Jackson	North Park	Brister H. Ware	Julius Murray
Jackson	Pear Orchard	William N. Whitwer	
Jackson	St. Paul	Michael A. Schneider	Jimmy Mardis
Jackson	Westminster		William Pleasant

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Jackson	Willowood		Stanton McArthur
Kosciusko	First	John L. Fain	Sam Power
Learned	Lebanon	Malcolm Griffith	
Lexington	First	Howard Allen	Gordon Russell
Louisville	First	Thomas A. Cook	Charles D. Fair
Macon	Macon	Timothy Elder	
Madison	Mt. Hermon	James Allan Carter	
Meridian	Westminster	John Jamison	
Pearl	Pearl	Douglas E. Murphy	
Philadelphia	Carolina	John Allen Little (2)	
Philadelphia	First	John Allen Little (2)	Howard Murphy
Preston	Pleasant Springs	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
Rolling Fork	Rolling Fork	Daniel Semones	
Scooba	Scooba	Geren M. Baird III (2)	
Shuqualak	Shuqualak	Geren M. Baird III (2)	
Tchula	Tchula	John W. Long, Jr.	
Terry	Wynndale	Doyle Hulse	
Union	First	Dan Faber	J. Mariner Cole
Vicksburg	Westminster		Paul K. Senter
Yazoo City	First	William C. Hughes	Robert J. Bailey
Yazoo City	Second	David Jussely	William Thompson
		Wayne Herring	
		Jayson Kyle	
		Mark Lowrey, Jr.	
		Douglas McCullough	
		J. Archie Moore	
		Paul Poynor	
		Jack Scott	

## NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Charleston, WV	Faith	Norman Evans	Jerry Martin
Charleston, WV	Kanawha Salines		Harry Gardner
Charleston, WV	Rebecca Littlepage	James L. Fishel	John P. Jenkins
Craigsville, VA	Lebanon	Linwood Wilkes	Thomas Minter, Jr.
Roanoke, VA	Westminster	Michael D. Bolus	Joseph Woodfield
St. Albans, WV	Covenant	Rod S. Mays	Paige Melton
		Harry Gardner	
		Ronald H. Parrish	

## NORTH GEORGIA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Georgia.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Athens	Faith	Terry Mercer	Tony DeOrio
Atlanta	Chalcedon	Joseph C. Morecraft III	Mike Minkoff
Atlanta	Emmanuel	Clifford Brewton	Howard Bowman
Atlanta	First Atlanta Korean	Sam Jung Suh	
Atlanta	Perimeter	Randy Pope	William Murray
Chestnut Mountain	Chestnut Mountain	Robert Fitler	Alston Turk

Lithonia	Wee Kirk		Robert Harris
Powder Springs	Midway	Wilson Smith	Lindsey Tippins
Riverdale	Covenant	R. Eugene Hunt	
Smyrna	Smyrna	Joseph C. Gardner, Jr.	Charles Howell
Stone Mountain	Grace	Edwin E. Cunningham, Jr.	James Turner
		Charles H. Dunahoo	
		Mitchell Hall	
		Dwight Linton	
		Kennedy Smartt	
		Ben Wilkinson	

## PACIFIC PRESBYTERY

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Bakersfield, CA	Covenant	G. Brent Bradley	
Garden Grove	Garden Grove	Young Kim	
Kailua, HI	Trinity	Peter Anderson	
Los Alamos, NM	Sangre de Cristo Covenant	Wayne Buchtel	
Prescott, AZ	Prescott	Charles Turner	
Scottsdale, AZ	Trinity	Gerrit DeYoung	Bill Montgomery
Seattle, WA	Hillcrest		B. J. Stender
Sun City, AZ	Covenant	Donald R. Esty	
		J. Philip Clark	
		Paul McKaughan	

## SOUTH FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Florida.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Boca Raton	Spanish River	P. David Nicholas Reggie M. Kidd	Albert Coty Murry Lands
Coral Gables	Granada	James M. Baird Michael Preg Danny Levi	Jackson Sells James Stewart Robins Wood
Coral Springs	First	Ross Bair	Robert Bruner Henry Smith
Delray Beach	Seacrest	Joseph A. Warner Vaughn Stanley	Thomas Cook Floyd VanDeusen
Ft. Lauderdale	Bethany	David Todd	
Ft. Lauderdale	Calvary	Thomas Rayside	Jack McDonald
Ft. Lauderdale	Covenant	Daniel D. Sulc	Joseph High
Key Biscayne	Key Biscayne	David O'Dowd	
Lake Worth	Lake Osborne	R. Lynn Downing	Henry T. Boney
Miami	Kendall	James Bland Mark Roessler	William Baker Harold Green
Miami	Immanuel		Kenneth Ryskamp
Miami	LeJeune	George Kuiper	William Swain
Miami	Old Cutler	Robert Davis	
Miami	Pinelands	Harold Borchert	John Hann
Miami	Shenandoah	Todd W. Allen Steven Bradford	John Pascalis
Miami	Trinity	Cecil A. Brooks	

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Stuart	Grace	George Miller	
Plantation	First	James Bowen	Donald Gartzke
Pompano Beach	Pompano	Joseph A. Scharer	
		William Carlson	
		Richard Gillen	
		Kenneth Reid	
		Manuel Salabarria	
		Vaughan Shoemaker	

## TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Tennessee, except as indicated.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Alcoa	Trinity	William Bell	Charles Sutton
Bowling Green, KY	Westminster		Larry DeBert
Chattanooga	Brainerd Hills	Frederic Manning, Jr.	Eugene Hayes
Chattanooga	First	David Bryan	Pete Austin Roy Jackson T. Hooke McCallie John McWhorter
Chattanooga	St. Elmo	Frederick Marsh	John Vass
Chattanooga	Westminster	Michael Vitullo	Chares Wheaton
Columbia	Zion	Taylor McGown	Donald Forsythe
Cynthiana, KY	Covenant	Samuel Martin	James Robert Martin
Harriman	West Hills	Frederick C. Fowler III	
Knoxville	Ebenezer	David G. K. Howe	Horace E. Rivers
Knoxville	West Hills		Thomas Chapman
Louisville, KY	Westminster	R. Woodson Markert	Charles M. Morris
Signal Mountain	Wayside	Richard R. Harris George Hutchinson William Link	

## TEXAS PRESBYTERY (All towns in Texas, except as indicated)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
College Station	Westminster	Donald Graham	
Colleyville	P.C.A. to Colleyville	Dale Smith	Frederick Archer
Dallas	John Knox	Charles H. Cobb, Jr.	A. R. Sanders
Dallas	Lackwood	James Pancoast	Robert Schmitz
Dallas	North Dallas	Henry Gundlach	
Greenville	Westminster	Thomas Ramsey	
Houston	Covenant	Joseph Pipa	Roger Slaikeu
Houston	Oaklawn	David L. Moran	L. W. Canniff
Houston	Providence	Alan McCall	
Houston	Spring-Cypress	Kent T. Hinkson	
Seabrook	Westminster	John S. McNicoll	
Paris	Faith	Richard Curnow	
Tyler	Fifth Street	Victor Jones	Glen Milham
Webster	Westminster	John S. McNicoll John Knox Bowling Lewis Bulkeley	

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
		Thomas E. Hoolsema Ray Sutton	

## WARRIOR PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama.)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Aliceville	First	Thomas G. Kay (2)	Charles Davis
Brent	Brent	David Russell	
Camden	First	Frederick S. Carr	Hays Andrews
Centreville	First	Joseph Sullivan	C. E. Hornsby
Eutaw	First	William Maynor	
Eutaw	Pleasant Ridge	Thomas G. Kay (2)	Richard Owens
Marion	Marion	F. Allan Story	
Selma	Woodland Heights	William H. Rose, Jr.	
Tuscaloosa	Riverwood	John Robertson	
York	Covenant	Charles Young III Paul Kooistra	

## WESTERN CAROLINAS PRESBYTERY (All towns are in North Carolina)

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Asheville	Trinity	Robert Sweet	
Black Mountain	Friendship	J. Patrick McGhan	
Brevard	Grace Covenant		Carl Blackston
Hazelwood	Hazelwood	Thomas Weaver	William M. Green
Hendersonville	Covenant	John Neville Donald Munson	John Ahrens
Marion	Landis	Stanwood L. Bean	
Marion	Story Memorial	Rodney T. King	Harold J. Lonon
Morganton	Faith	Jerry W. Lynn	
Swannanoa	Swannanoa	Wayne Rogers	
Waynesville	Covenant	A. Boyce Spooner Morton H. Smith G. Aiken Taylor	J. T. Russell

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

<b>Town</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Abingdon, VA	Abingdon	J. Edsel Farthing	R. E. (Dick) Joslin
Bluff City, TN	Eastern Heights	Daniel Barr	Robert Gurley
Bristol, TN	Edgemont	Morse UpDeGraft	Hadley Pobst
Cedar Bluff, VA	Covenant	John Hall	Thurman Raines
Glade Springs, VA	Seven Springs	Tom Sullivan (2)	
Greeneville, TN	Meadow Creek	Stanley Hartman	Ivan Ward
7 Mile Ford, VA	Seven Mile Ford	Thomas Sullivan (2)	
Johnson City, TN	Asbury	Frank K. Chapo	
Jonesboro, TN	Midway	Kenneth Gentry	Woodrow Runyon
Kingsport, TN	Bridwell Heights	Bruce Garriss	Robert E. Lane
Kingsport, TN	Westminster	Leonard T. VanHorn	John G. Thompson
Pulaski, VA	Brookmont	Kenneth Pollock	



Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Pulaski, VA	Pulaski	David F. Osborne Kyle Barr	

**Excused Absences:**

Henry Bishop  
 Richard Fraser  
 Ronald C. Harding  
 Nat S. Heeth  
 Allen Herrington  
 O. K. Houston III  
 Thomas Hughes  
 Lewis MesKimen  
 Earl S. Mizell  
 John W. P. Oliver  
 Donald B. Patterson  
 David F. Roberts  
 Henry Lewis Smith  
 John W. Stodghill  
 Tsuneyoshi Takeda  
 James R. Wagner

Ruling Elder from Landis Presbyterian Church,  
 Marion, North Carolina

Totals:	Teaching Elders	413	
	Ruling Elders	247	
	Total enrollment	660	representing 367 churches.

**8-4 Election of Moderator**

Five teaching elders were nominated for the office of moderator: Todd W. Allen, B. I. Anderson, Donald C. Graham, O. Palmer Robertson, and Paul G. Settle. TE Paul G. Settle was elected on the first ballot.

**8-5 Election of Assistant, Recording, and Timing Clerks**

On nomination of the stated clerk, the following assistant clerks submitted by the presbyteries were elected:

James B. Moore	Calvary
Joseph V. Novenson	Central Georgia
R. Dennis Nolen, Jr.	Covenant
William H. Cooper, Jr.	Evangel
Norman A. Bagby, Jr.	Grace
Chester Lanious	Louisiana
William H. Dever, Jr.	Mississippi Valley
Jerry Martin	New River
Edwin E. Cunningham, Jr.	North Georgia
Alan R. McCall	Texas
A. Boyce Spooner	Western Carolinas
A. Bert Edwards	Westminster
G. David Russell	Warrior

The stated clerk nominated TE Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. and TE Frank D. Moser recording clerks, and RE Robert Eberst timing clerk. On motion the nominations were closed and the nominees were elected.

**8-6 Report of Retiring Moderator**

Moderator Joseph presented his report, reviewing the year of his moderatorship.

**8-7 Report of Stated Clerk**

The stated clerk presented the names of those churches organized and received since the Seventh General Assembly.

Presbytery	City	Date	Name
Ascension	Chicago, IL	5/18/80	Korean Bethel
	New York, NY	6/15/80	Manhattan
Calvary	Columbia, SC	2/24/80	Northeast
Covenant	Memphis, TN	2/10/80	Providence
Eastern Carolina	Burlington, NC	3/9/80	Covenant
	Cary, NC	1/6/80	Peace
Evangel	Birmingham, AL	1/27/80	Grace Fellowship
Gulf Coast	Cantonment, FL	11/28/79	Knox
Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA	5/18/80	Southeast
Mid-Atlantic	Bryn Mawr, PA	9/30/79	Berith
	Manassas, VA	5/18/80	Gainesville
	Hancock, MD	7/1/79	Grace
	Harrisburg, PA	12/2/79	Trinity
	Princeton, WV	2/3/80	Friendship
North Georgia	Athens, GA	1/13/80	Faith
Pacific	Bakersfield, CA	9/9/79	Covenant
	Sun City, CA	8/19/79	First
	Garden Grove, CA	7/15/79	Garden Grove Korean
	Seattle, WA	9/9/79	Hillcrest
	Grand Terrace, CA	3/7/80	Mountain View
	San Diego, CA	2/17/80	New Covenant
Southern Florida	Miami, FL	4/26/80	Old Cutler
Texas	Lincoln, NB	11/28/79	Covenant
	Spring, TX	10/7/79	Spring-Cypress

The following items of business had already been referred to Committees of Commissioners as indicated.

## A. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### To the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

#### Communication 1: From The Fairfield Church, Fairton, New Jersey

*(Ordinarily communications are not received directly from congregations but due to the special nature of this letter it is printed for the information of the General Assembly.)*

March 25, 1980

Dr. Morton Smith, Stated Clerk,  
Commissioners to the Eighth General Assembly, and  
Members of the Presbyterian Church in America

Dear Friends in Christ,

By 1680, Puritans from the area surrounding Fairfield, Conn. had settled on the shores of the Delaware Bay and had gathered themselves together as a congregation of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Christ's Church at Fairfield" became a part of America's first Presbytery (in Philadelphia) by 1708.

We, the spiritual descendants of those Godly men and women, members of the congregation which they gathered in this place, are this year giving thanks to God for His gracious care over the Fairfield Presbyterian Church for these 300 years. He has faithfully provided ministers of the Word. Noteworthy among these was the work of Ethan Osborn, pastor of this church for 55 years (1789-1844), God's instrument in six waves of revival in the early nineteenth century.

In this year of celebration for us in the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, we invite congregations, officers, and members of the PCA to add their voices to ours in praise of the Lord of the Church whose mercy has preserved the witness of truth in this place for three centuries. We cordially extend an invitation to each of you

to be present with us on September 21, 1980, for our tricentennial observances. At 10:00 AM an historical communion service will be held in our "Old Stone Church," (erected in 1780). At 4:00 PM former pastors, dignitaries, and friends will bring greetings in a service of praise in our present sanctuary (erected in 1850).

We trust that you will join us in prayer, if not by your presence, in this, our tricentennial thanksgiving.

Sincerely, in Christ's service,

Lawrence C. Roff, Moderator  
For the Session of the  
Fairfield Presbyterian Church  
Fairton, New Jersey

Answered § 8-69, III; 5, p. 99.

## To the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

### Communication 2: From the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

*Action of the 47th (1980) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in re merger of the OPC, PCA, RPCES, and RPCNA.*

That the Assembly affirm its desire to achieve biblical unity and union with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America as soon as possible;

That in view of this desire, and in the light of the meeting held September 14, 1979, the Assembly fraternally request the 1980 General Assembly/Synods of the above-named churches to concur with us in the following proposals:

1. That there be a meeting of representatives of the four churches at an early time after their 1980 major assemblies for the following purposes:
  - a. To draw up a statement that exhibits the representatives' joint understanding or, if necessary, individual statements that exhibit an individual understanding, of the compatibility of these participating churches, the statement to take into consideration discussion of those questions raised by the PCA representatives at the joint meeting held September 14, 1979;
  - b. To ensure insofar as possible that if a united church were to be achieved it would produce a church of one mind in its willingness to deal on a biblical basis with issues that would inevitably arise from time to time, which would, in turn, minimize the possibility of division in the future;
  - c. To recommend to the participating churches, on the basis of the statement, or statements, what course they should follow with respect to achieving a united church; and
2. That the PCA representatives be requested to convene the joint meeting;
3. That following the joint meeting, the statement and recommendations be reported to the 1981 General Assemblies/Synods of the participating churches;
4. That if the joint meeting decides to make a recommendation that would have in view the possibility of merger, the standards of government, discipline, and worship of the respective churches participating in the recommendation should be provided for each session and minister of these churches in as economical a form as possible, the total cost to be met by establishing a per copy charge and, if necessary, also apportioning a part of the cost among the participating denominations on a per capita communicant member basis; and that the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be instructed to inform the sessions and ministers of our church what differences there may be between the Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, on the one hand and, on the other hand, the form of the Confessions of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms held by the participating churches; and
5. That this General Assembly respectfully inform the 1980 General Assembly of the PCA and the General Synods of the RPCES and RPCNA that it is our opinion that the interests of the unity of the body of Christ would be served well by holding in abeyance formal consideration of merger until the major assembly meetings of 1981 when there shall have been opportunity for each church to receive the information it needs in order to act on a matter of such far-reaching effect upon all our members and churches.
6. That the Assembly instruct its Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (1) to convey the action requesting a joint meeting of the PCA, the RPCES, and the RPCNA at the earliest possible time before the 1980 General Assembly of the PCA, and (2) to consult with the representatives of these churches in making arrangements for the meeting, and (3) if the meeting is held, to participate in it and to present to the sessions and ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as soon as possible after the meeting, and to the next General Assembly (1981), a careful evaluation of the meeting, of its conclusions, and of any statement and/or recommendations by the joint meeting.

Answered § 8-43, IV, 7, p. 83.

## B. OVERTURES TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration

#### Overture 5: From Warrior Presbytery

**Whereas**, the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America has decided against pursuing the possibility of a meeting of the General Assembly in Pittsburgh in 1982; and

**Whereas**, the specific reason for this decision was the potential embarrassment to the dignity and the integrity of the PCA's relationship to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, a Church which shares with the PCA membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council and whose facilities the PCA would have been using at the very time that Church would have been meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the other Churches in NAPARC; and

**Whereas**, both proper decorum and courtesy would suggest that the PCA should honor its commitment to practice fellowship with the Churches in NAPARC; and

**Whereas**, new developments have surfaced in the relationship enjoyed between the PCA and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, as a result of which a concurrent meeting of General Assemblies and General Synods would seem to be most useful at this time; and

**Whereas**, the travel distance does not seem to be a prohibitive consideration, it being farther from Jackson, Mississippi, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where the Assembly is scheduled to meet in 1981, than it is from Jackson to Grand Rapids;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Presbytery of Warrior does overture the General Assembly to reconsider its decision on the site of the 1982 General Assembly meeting, with a view of joining the other denominations in NAPARC in Grand Rapids.

Attested:  
T.E. Fredrick S. Carr  
Stated Clerk  
15 January 1980

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-103, III, 2, p. 121.

#### Overture 13: From the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

*(Note: This Overture was presented to Gulf Coast Presbytery, but was not adopted by Presbytery.)*

**Whereas**, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America, the denomination owning and controlling Geneva College, Beaver, Pennsylvania, has committed to meet jointly with the other members of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1982;

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America maintains fraternal relations with the other members meeting at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1982;

**Whereas**, we believe that to deliberately meet elsewhere might well give the impression of boycotting the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council;

**Therefore**, the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida overtures the General Assembly to request the Committee on Administration to re-consider and revise the plans for the 1982 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America so that said General Assembly meets concurrently with the other North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council members at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1982.

Adopted by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida on November 19, 1979.

Attested:  
M.C. Hull  
Clerk of Session  
C. Don Darling  
Moderator of Session

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-103, III, 2, p. 121.

#### Overture 21: From the Presbytery of Central Florida

**Whereas**, each year the Permanent Judicial Committee receives many requests to assist presbyteries and sessions in interpreting various portions of our Book of Church Order, and

**Whereas**, the complaints and appeals in cases of judicial process with which the General Assembly has had to deal each year give evidence of the difficulties presbyteries and sessions have in making proper application of our Book of Church Order, now,

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of Central Florida overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Stated Clerk to prepare a Digest of Assembly Actions taken which provide guidance in the interpretation and application of our Book of Church Order, this digest to be prepared in loose-leaf form, fully indexed and annotated as appropriate to its use, to be updated annually.

Further, it is requested that the Stated Clerk be granted the services of an assistant for a term of one

man-month in the initial preparation of this digest if, in his judgment, such assistance is necessary.

Adopted at the meeting of Presbytery, January 15, 1980.

Charles U. Ambler, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-103, III, 15, p. 123.

#### **Overture 24: From Louisiana Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the task of Christ's Elders is the ministry of His Word and Prayer (Acts 6:4) and

**Whereas**, Christ is the sovereign king who rules and guides His Church (Ephesians 4:5),

**Therefore**, we recommend that at least two hours per day be devoted each day of General Assembly to Bible study, prayer, and preaching.

Adopted at Spring Stated Meeting of Louisiana Presbytery, March 15, 1980.

Attest:

Baker S. Smith, Stated Clerk

Louisiana Presbytery

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 16, p. 123.

#### **Overture 25: From Louisiana Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America strives for a parity between Elders who rule and Elders who teach, and

**Whereas**, Ruling Elders often are frustrated by the large number of registered Teaching Elders who vote at General Assembly and Committee of Commissioner's Committees, and

**Whereas**, the maturity and counsel of Elders who rule is vital and yet often over-shadowed by the number of Teaching Elders eligible and present,

**Therefore**, we propose that a ratio between the registered Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders be established each General Assembly and in each Committee of Commissioner's Committee and the minority Elders vote shall be increased in all General Assembly and Committee of Commissioner's Committees voting activity in order to arrive at a voting equality.

Adopted at Spring Stated Meeting of Louisiana Presbytery, March 15, 1980.

Attest:

Baker S. Smith, Stated Clerk

Louisiana Presbytery

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 17 p. 123.

#### **Overture 31: From the Presbytery of Central Florida**

**Whereas**, the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America has decided against pursuing the possibility of a meeting of the General Assembly in Pittsburgh in 1982; and

**Whereas**, the specific reason for this decision was the potential embarrassment to the dignity and the integrity of the PCA's relationship to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America; a church which shares with the PCA membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council and whose facilities the PCA would have been using at the very time that Church would have been meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the other Churches of NAPARC; and

**Whereas**, both proper decorum and courtesy would suggest that the PCA honor its commitment to practice fellowship with the Churches in NAPARC; and

**Whereas**, new developments have surfaced in the relationships enjoyed between the PCA and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, as a result of which a concurrent meeting of the General Assemblies and General Synods would seem to be most useful at this time; and

**Whereas**, the travel distance does not seem to be a prohibitive consideration, it being farther from Jackson, Mississippi, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where the Assembly is scheduled to meet in 1981, than it is from Jackson to Grand Rapids; now therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, that the Central Florida Presbytery does overture the General Assembly to reconsider its decision on the site of the 1982 General Assembly meeting, with a view of joining the other denominations in NAPARC in Grand Rapids.

Adopted at the spring Meeting of Central Florida Presbytery, 19 April 1980.

Attest:

Charles W. Ambler, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-103, III, 2, p. 121.

## To the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

### Overture 2: From the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley

**Whereas**, the General Assembly, as a Court of Jesus Christ, should speak with a united voice in affirming the sanctity of human life under the protection of the Sixth Commandment,

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Mississippi Valley Presbytery overture the Eighth General Assembly to reaffirm its original statement on abortion:

"That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth, for any reason at any time, is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment."

Added to this statement are the following affirmations:

"Concerning crisis pregnancies in which it appears that the premature removal of the unborn child from the mother is a necessary consequence of medical procedures essential to preserving the mother's life, we affirm that:

1. The Sixth Commandment not only forbids the taking of innocent life for whatever reason but also requires the preserving of innocent life wherever possible.
2. The life of the mother as well as her child comes under the full protection of the Sixth Commandment and all moral medical wisdom and skill must be used to preserve her life as well as the life of her child.
3. To say that we are ever placed in the position of choosing between two sins (killing the child or neglecting the preservation of the mother's life) is to surrender our belief in the Sovereign overruling providence of our All-wise and All-holy God (1 Cor. 10:13) and to allege that we must "do evil that good may come", a philosophy clearly condemned by Scripture.
4. In the extremely rare case in which in the judgment of competent medical authorities, the unborn child's continuing presence inside the mother's body will necessarily lead to the mother's death, the premature removal of the unborn child may be justified, provided that all medical wisdom, judgment, and skill are used to preserve the life of the child as well as the life of the mother. And at that juncture of time where the greatest possibility for recovery is indicated for both mother and child. If life is lost in such a case, and the death occurs not out of criminal negligence, but merely out of limitations of human knowledge and skill, all has been done morally that could be done. If we cannot save both lives, we are nevertheless morally bound to save the life we can."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, October 16, 1979.

Attest:

Thomas A. Cook

Stated Clerk

Answered by reference to answer to Overture 12. § 8-69, III, 3; p. 98.

### Overture 7: From Grace Presbytery

**Whereas**, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, a court of the Church of Jesus Christ, should speak with a clarion voice in affirming the truth of the Word of God and the application of that Word to life; and

**Whereas**, the Seventh General Assembly did enact an amendment to the statement on abortion adopted by the Sixth General Assembly, which, as adopted, is ambiguous. The ambiguity exists because the amendment admits that the "intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth (abortion)" in one excepted specified circumstance may not be a violation of the Sixth Commandment and, yet, directs that "all possible efforts are to be made to preserve the lives of both the mother **and the child**" (emphasis added); and

**Whereas**, the General Assembly is agreed that the Scriptures affirm the sanctity of life;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that Grace Presbytery overture the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to rescind the amendment adopted by the Seventh General Assembly; to reaffirm the statement on abortion adopted by the Sixth General Assembly; and to amend that statement by the addition of the following:

In those cases in which it is the judgment of competent medical authorities that the continued presence of the unborn child within the mother's body is a certain threat to the life of the mother, the premature removal of the unborn child may be justified provided that the procedure shall not involve intentional aborticide and that all possible medical procedures are used to preserve the life of the child as well as the life of the mother.

Adopted at the 25th Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery, January 11, 1980.

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Answered by reference to answer to Overture 12. § 8-69, III, 3; p. 98.

### Overture 11: From the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina

**Whereas**, an overture brought before the 1979 General Assembly on the subject of alcoholic beverages was not received by the Assembly; (Minutes, p. 92); and

**Whereas**, the General Assembly of 1979 rejected the ruling of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business



that the overture was in order; (Minutes, p. 181); and

**Whereas**, *The Book of Church Order* 15-6 authorizes the General Assembly to "recommend measures for the promotion of charity, truth, and holiness through all the churches under its care"; and

**Whereas**, the consumption of alcoholic beverages is one of the greatest hindrances to holiness in our land; and

**Whereas**, the Scripture view of Christian liberty is clearly stated in Romans 14:21, I Corinthians 8:13, and especially in I Peter 2:16; and

**Whereas**, the consumption of alcoholic beverages continues to be one of the most serious stumbling blocks in our country today;

**Be It Resolved**, by the General Assembly in an *in thesi* deliverance that total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, except in medicinal use, be the approved position of our denomination in this matter.

Adopted by Eastern Carolina Presbytery on Jan. 26, 1980.

Attest:

C. Gene Parks

Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative, with comment. § 8-69, III, 4; p. 98.

#### **Overture 12: From Evangel Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the General Assembly, as a Court of Jesus Christ, should speak with a united voice in affirming the sanctity of human life under the protection of the Sixth Commandment,

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Evangel Presbytery overture the Eighth General Assembly to reaffirm its original statement on abortion:

"That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth, for any reason at any time, is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment."

Added to this statement are the following affirmations:

"Concerning crisis pregnancies in which it appears that the premature removal of the unborn child from the mother is a necessary consequence of medical procedures essential to preserving the mother's life, we affirm that:

1. The Sixth Commandment not only forbids the taking of innocent life for whatever reason, but also requires the preserving of innocent life wherever possible.
2. The life of the mother as well as her child comes under the full protection of the Sixth Commandment and all moral medical wisdom and skill must be used to preserve her life as well as the life of her child.
3. To say that we are ever placed in the position of choosing between two sins (killing the child or neglecting the preservation of the mother's life) is to surrender our belief in the Sovereign overruling providence of our All-wise and All-holy God (1 Cor. 10:13) and to allege that we must "do evil that good may come" . . . a philosophy clearly condemned by Scripture.
4. An exception is not made even in the extremely rare case in which in the judgment of competent medical authorities, the unborn child's continuing presence inside the mother's body will necessarily lead to the mother's death, the premature removal of the unborn child may be justified, provided that all medical wisdom, judgment, and skill are used to preserve the life of the child as well as the life of the mother. This premature removal of the unborn child shall be at that juncture of time where the greatest possibility for recovery is indicated for both mother and child. If life is lost in such a case, and the death occurs not out of criminal negligence, but merely out of the limitations of human knowledge and skill, all has been done morally that could be done. If we cannot save both lives, we are nevertheless morally bound to save the life we can."

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 1980, in meeting at the Oak Park Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Attested:

Hubert C. Stewart

Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative as amended. § 8-69, III, 2; p. 97.

#### **Overture 27: From the Presbytery of the Ascension**

**Whereas**, the Sixth General Assembly was of one mind in recognizing that the unborn child is a person from the moment of conception; and

**Whereas**, such persons, being created in the image of God, are entitled to the full protection of the law of God in the Sixth Commandment; and

**Whereas**, the *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Question 136, rightly specifies the only Scriptural exceptions to the prohibition of taking life, namely capital punishment, lawful war, and necessary defense; and

**Whereas**, an unborn child is (a) incapable of committing a capital offense, (b) incapable of the aggression which legitimates killing in self-defense (unless [a] is denied), and (c) abortion is not a proper activity of lawful war, that is, it is senseless to declare war on a fetus or view it as a warring enemy; and

**Whereas**, the action of the Seventh General Assembly which erected a new, fourth exception to the Sixth Commandment (a) was not given on Scriptural grounds but rather reasons of emotion and expediency and (b) implicitly denies the unborn child's status as a person created in God's image by denying him the God-given

protection to all persons, thus contradicting the Scriptural foundation of the Ad-Interim Committee Report and thereby contradicting the basis of prohibiting abortion for other reasons as well; and

**Whereas**, the pretext for such a revision was that the assembly was divided, a position which if consistently followed would annul virtually all other assembly actions since they ordinarily carry some negative vote; and

**Whereas**, some who voted with the majority did not realize they were altering the General Assembly position but thought they were merely observing that the vote was divided; and

**Whereas**, the revision in no way strengthened our testimony to the obligation to use all legitimate means to preserve the life of the mother as well as the child; and

**Whereas**, the last sentence which was added to the Seventh General Assembly's action contradicts what precedes it, since one cannot take "all possible efforts" to preserve the life of the child when abortion is permitted in some cases; and

**Whereas**, the blatant devaluing of the life of unborn children is so rampant in our society, pointing to the need for strict adherence to Scripture alone;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Presbytery of the Ascension overturns the Eighth General Assembly to affirm without equivocation the action of the Sixth General Assembly, namely,

"That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth, for any reason at any time, is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment."

Adopted the eighth day of January, 1980, at Akron, Oh.

Frank D. Moser, Stated Clerk

Answered by reference to answer to Overture 12. § 8-69, III, 3; p. 98.

#### **Overture 32: From Grace Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the Lord and Head of the Church has commanded us to go forth into all the world to preach the Gospel, teaching and baptizing all who in faith repent and submit to Jesus, and

**Whereas**, in the history of the Christian Church there has been considerable debate as to who constitutes the proper recipients of baptism, and even now division exists with our body causing confusion, and

**Whereas**, our fathers have ably demonstrated the Biblical foundation for infant and believer's baptism, and

**Whereas**, division exists as to whether or not true Christian baptism should be administered to those who upon receiving saving faith present themselves to the church for membership, but who were earlier, either

- 1) the recipients of a so-called baptism, by a religious body, which claimed the sacraments as part of a process of justification (as in the case of Roman Catholic, Church of Christ, or Lutheran Churches),
- 2) presented by unbelieving parents for so-called infant baptism,
- 3) baptized as adults or older children (it is understood that these persons were baptized as unbelievers),
- 4) presented by parents for "Christening".

**Therefore be it resolved**, for the unity and obedience of the Church, that Grace Presbytery overturn the Eighth General Assembly, meeting in Savannah, Georgia, to instruct the Permanent Theological Committee to appoint an ad interim committee to define from God's Word the proper recipients of Christian Baptism.

Adopted at the Spring Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery, May 9, 1980.

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk of Grace Presbytery

Referred back to Grace Presbytery. § 8-69, III, 1; p. 97.

## **To the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education**

#### **Overture 9: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas**

**Whereas**, the General Assembly has approved in the plans for Ridge Haven the possible inclusion of a theological center on the grounds, and

**Whereas**, the usefulness of Ridge Haven for the church at large will be enhanced by the establishment of a theological library to be developed and maintained there,

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas overturns the General Assembly to direct the Committee on Christian Education to provide for the establishment of a theological library at Ridge Haven, and to receive donations for such. The Committee on Christian Education shall consult with the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven as to the housing and custody of such a library."

The Presbytery voted to adopt for overture to the General Assembly January 15, 1980.

A. Boyce Spooner

Stated Clerk

Referred to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications to report back to the Ninth General Assembly. § 8-29, III, 25; p. 73.



## To the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

### Overture 6: From Warrior Presbytery

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America has had a committee meeting with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to talk about "areas of agreement, difference and difficulties" in relation to organic union; and

**Whereas**, contacts with these other denominations have been warm, friendly and suggestive of a mutual interest for even closer relationships;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Warrior Presbytery does overture the General Assembly to extend to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, a most cordial and fraternal invitation to unite with this Church in the spirit of the invitation of Numbers 10:29: "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, 'I will give it you': Come thou with us and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel!"

Attested:  
T. E. Fredrick S. Carr  
Stated Clerk  
15 January 1980

Answered by letter of invitation. See § 8-43, IV, 5; p. 80ff.

### Overture 18: From Pacific Presbytery

**Whereas**, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is a sister of the Presbyterian Church in America, holding the same doctrinal standards and practicing the same polity, and

**Whereas**, there is a need today for a united Presbyterian voice for the historic Christian faith, a viable alternative to theologically liberal Presbyterianism on the North American continent, and

**Whereas**, the Pacific Presbytery is one of three PCA presbyteries most affected by our Lord's mandate to build His church within the same geographical boundaries as those within which the OPC is at work, sometimes to the confusion of the world and even other parts of Christ's body,

**Therefore**, the Pacific Presbytery overtures the Eighth General Assembly to humbly extend an invitation to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to join the Presbyterian Church in America, thereby creating one church, one united witness in the nation and to the world and one fellowship as true brethren in Christ.

Furthermore, should the Eighth General Assembly act upon the above overture in the affirmative, that the Pacific Presbytery be authorized to immediately discuss with the Northern California, Southern California and Northwest Presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church our mutual concerns and possible redrawing of boundaries should our presbyteries be joined.

Adopted by Pacific Presbytery January 26, 1980.

Attest:  
William F. Woodhall  
Stated Clerk

Answered by letter of invitation. See § 8-43, IV, 5; p. 80ff.

### Overture 19: From Pacific Presbytery

**Whereas**, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod is a sister of the Presbyterian Church in America, holding the same doctrinal standards and practicing the same polity, and

**Whereas**, there is a need today for a united Presbyterian voice for the historic Christian faith, a viable alternative to theologically liberal Presbyterianism on the North American continent, and

**Whereas**, the Pacific Presbytery is one of three PCA presbyteries most affected by our Lord's mandate to build His church within the same geographical boundaries as those within which the RPCES is at work, sometimes to the confusion of the world and even other parts of Christ's body,

**Therefore**, the Pacific Presbytery overtures the Eighth General Assembly to humbly extend an invitation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to join the Presbyterian Church in America, thereby creating one church, one united witness in the nation and to the world and one fellowship as true brethren in Christ.

Furthermore, should the Eighth General Assembly act upon the above overture in the affirmative, that the Pacific Presbytery be authorized to immediately discuss with the California, Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain Presbyteries of the RPCES our mutual concerns and possible redrawing of boundaries should our presbyteries be joined.

Adopted by Pacific Presbytery January 26, 1980.

Attest:  
William F. Woodhall  
Stated Clerk

Answered by letter of invitation. See § 8-43, IV, 5; p. 80ff.

**Overture 28: From the Presbytery of the Ascension**

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America did, when she was first called into being as a separate Church in December, 1973, address a letter to all churches in which she affirmed, "As this new member of the family of churches of the Lord Jesus Christ comes into being, we necessarily profess the Biblical doctrine of the unity of all who are in Christ . . . We greet all believers in an affirmation of the bond of Christian brotherhood. We invite into ecclesiastical fellowship all who maintain our principles of faith and order"; and

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America is committed to the inerrancy of the Bible in the original autographs and thus to its infallible authority over us in all matters of faith and life; and

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America is committed to the Reformed Faith as set forth in the *Westminster Confession and Catechisms* and to Presbyterian government as set forth in the *Book of Church Order*; and

**Whereas**, as a young Church which is yet in forming, the Presbyterian Church in America would benefit from the wisdom and experience of others who hold a like faith and polity and who have preceded us in similar church developments; and

**Whereas**, in the Presbytery of the Ascension and many other presbyteries there is duplication of efforts and resources by those who share a common faith as a basis of unity along with many expressions of desire for such unity; and

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America recognizes that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America all hold the same faith as the Presbyterian Church in America;

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of the Ascension respectfully overtures the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to invite the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to join the Presbyterian Church in America under the terms of her Constitution.

Adopted the twenty-sixth day of February, 1980, at Greensburg, Pa.

Frank D. Moser, Stated Clerk

Answered by letter of invitation. See § 8-43, IV, 5; p. 80ff.

**Overture 33: From Mid-Atlantic Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod is a sister of the Presbyterian Church in America, and

**Whereas**, there is a need today for a united Presbyterian voice for the historic Christian faith, a viable alternative to theologically liberal Presbyterianism on the North American continent, and

**Whereas**, the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery is one of three PCA presbyteries most affected by our Lord's mandate to build His church within the same geographical boundaries of those within which the RPCES is at work, sometimes to the confusion of the world and even other parts of Christ's body,

**Therefore**, the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery overtures the Eighth General Assembly to humbly extend an invitation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to join the Presbyterian Church in America, thereby creating one church, one united witness in the nation and to the world and one fellowship as true brethren in Christ.

**Furthermore**, should the Eighth General Assembly act upon the above overture in the affirmative, that Mid-Atlantic Presbytery be authorized immediately to discuss with Delmarva Presbytery of the RPCES our mutual concerns and possible redrawing of boundaries should our presbyteries be joined.

Adopted at the Spring meeting, May 9-10, 1980.

Attest:

Daniel B. Ice

Stated Clerk

Answered by letter of invitation. See § 8-43, IV, 5; p. 80ff.

**To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business****Overture 1: From Grace Presbytery**

(Clerk's note: This overture was received too late for consideration by the Seventh General Assembly, and is thus carried over to this Assembly.)

**Whereas**, troubles and difficulties may arise which make it impossible or undesirable that a minister continue to serve his congregation, even though these troubles and difficulties are not of such a nature that demand the institution of judicial process against the minister; and

**Whereas**, the minister may feel compelled to tender the resignation of his pastoral charge, or the church shall desire to be relieved of its pastor, resulting in the dissolution of the pastoral relation;

**Therefore**, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to institute procedures to amend the *Book of Church Order* by the addition of a new paragraph 24-2: When a minister may feel compelled to tender the resignation of his pastoral charge or the church shall desire to be relieved of its pastor because of an unresolvable situation existing between him and his church, and the minister is not eligible for retirement nor worthy of discipline, the church shall provide for the support of the minister subsequent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation in such a way and for such a time as shall receive

the approval of the Presbytery, for a period of not less than 90 days, unless he shall receive a Call to another work prior to the expiration of this period.

Attest:  
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.  
Stated Clerk  
May 11, 1979

Answered in the negative. § 8-88, III, 11; p. 118.

#### **Overture 3: From the Presbytery of Southern Florida**

**Whereas**, it appears that the First General Assembly, when formulating the current wording of paragraphs 25-6 through 25-9 of the *Book of Church Order*, intended to allow, though not to recommend, limited (rotational) terms of active service for Ruling Elders and Deacons (see Recommendation No. 2, Report of Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to the Sixth General Assembly, page 188, Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly), and

**Whereas**, many individuals within our denomination, in particular churches both using and not using limited terms, doubt or question whether the current wording of the *Book of Church Order* does in fact allow limited terms of active service for Ruling Elders and Deacons as it appears was intended by the First General Assembly, and

**Whereas**, many of our particular churches are using limited terms of active service for their Ruling Elders and/or Deacons, and strongly desire to continue to do so, and

**Whereas**, the particular churches using limited terms of active service also desire that there be no doubt or questioning as to whether the procedure they are using is allowed by the *Book of Church Order*, and

**Whereas**, the widespread use within our denomination of a procedure, the allowableness of which under the *Book of Church Order* is extensively doubted and questioned, erodes the authority of and respect for the *Book of Church Order* and is inimical to effective church government,

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of Southern Florida hereby overtures the Eighth (1980) General Assembly to initiate action under the provisions of paragraph 27-2 of the *Book of Church Order* to amend and thereby clarify the *Book of Church Order* by adding the following new paragraph:

"25-10. Instead of electing Ruling Elders and Deacons for indefinite or unlimited terms of active service, a particular church, by a majority vote at a congregational meeting, may adopt a system providing for the election of Ruling Elders or Deacons, or both, for limited terms of active service. In such cases, the terms of active service shall be at least three years, except to initiate the system or to fill unexpired terms; and the Session and the Board of Deacons each shall consist of at least three classes elected at regular intervals. When a congregation limits terms of active service, it shall designate the period, if any, during which officers shall be ineligible for re-election to active service."

"A Ruling Elder whose term of active service in a particular church has expired, if otherwise eligible, may represent that church in the higher courts."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Southern Florida Presbytery, October 16, 1979.

Attest:  
Earl S. Mizell  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-88, III, 12; p. 118.

#### **Overture 4: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas**

**Whereas**, each year there are elected alternate members of the Permanent Committees of the General Assembly, one Teaching and one Ruling Elder, and

**Whereas**, these alternate members have an annual cost of a full and regular member, and

**Whereas**, by the present rule of *BOCO* 15-1-11 these alternate members are voting members only in the event of a lack of full committee quorum, and

**Whereas**, no specific ruling determines whether this shall be a quorum among the Ruling Elders on the committee, or among the Teaching Elders, or the quorum of the committee as a whole, and

**Whereas**, by their regular attendance these duly-elected members acquire expertise in the committee's field of business, and should be able to vote wisely,

**Therefore**, The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to change section 15-1-11 to replace the last sentence of that paragraph to read: "Each alternate should attend each meeting and fill any vacancy necessary to take the place of any absentee in the particular elder-category to which the alternate belongs, and vote only if this substitution is being made." In this manner, it will not be necessary for an absence of 3-5 regular committee members for an alternate to become useful to the General Assembly who elected him, but he may begin to vote whenever just one regular member in his elder-category is absent. If a Teaching Elder is absent, the Teaching Elder alternate takes his place; if a Ruling Elder is absent, the Ruling Elder alternate makes the substitution.

Adopted by 25th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, Marin, North Carolina, November 17, 1979.

A. Boyce Spooner  
Stated Clerk

Answered by reference to answer to Overture 29. § 8-88, III, 14; p. 118.

**Overture 8: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas**

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order (BCO)*, paragraph 26-11, provides explicitly for the withdrawal of congregations from the PCA "at any time for reasons which seem to it sufficient," and

**Whereas**, the *BCO* does not set forth procedures for a congregation to take this important step, and

**Whereas**, such a significant action should only be taken by a congregation after a proper study of the matter, and in an orderly way.

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas overtures the General Assembly to direct the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to frame a possible amendment to Paragraph 26-11 of the *BCO* to provide for an orderly procedure to handle this matter."

Adopted at the Winter Stated meeting of the Western Carolinas Presbytery, January 15, 1980.

A. Boyce Spooner

Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative, and referred to Sub-Committee on Judicial Business.  
§ 8-88, III, 15; p. 118.

**Overture 14: From the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida**

(Note: This overture was presented to Gulf Coast Presbytery, but was not adopted by Presbytery.)

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order* 15:5 now allows for forty (40) men from seven (7) Presbyteries to constitute a quorum for General Assembly;

**Whereas**, this could allow a General Assembly to be called by a special interest minority;

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order* 26:3 requires a minimum of 1/6th of the total congregation for a congregational meeting;

**Therefore**, the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, proposes that the Book of Church Order and the Operating Rules for General Assembly be amended as follows:

1. That the number of Presbyteries required to call a General Assembly be at least 1/4th of the total number of Presbyteries;
2. That the number of Commissioners required to call a General Assembly be the same as the required number for a Congregational Meeting in the *Book of Church Order* 26:3, at least 1/6th of the total number of Commissioners.
3. That the total number of Teaching and Ruling Elders who are *eligible* to attend should be the whole number upon which the 1/6th fraction is based.
4. That if or when the fraction of Commissioners on the floor of General Assembly drops below the number required for a called Assembly, that the General Assembly suspend business until a true quorum can be obtained, not just a percentage of those enrolled. If this true quorum cannot be obtained, General Assembly should be declared adjourned by the Moderator.

Adopted by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida on November 11, 1979.

Attested:

M.C. Hull

Clerk of Session

C. Don Darling

Moderator of Session

Answered in the negative. § 8-88, III, 16; p. 118.

**Overture 15: From the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**

**Whereas**, a problem exists in calling a pastor to congregations developed through the leadership of an Organizing Pastor; and

**Whereas**, it is not that these congregations want someone else as pastor but need a constitutional way to call the Organizing Pastor the same day that they are organized; and

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order* provides a way for a mission group to nominate ruling elders before they are organized, the same principle could be applied to the selection of a pastor; and

**Whereas**, the proposed amendment could allow the Presbytery to authorize the Commission elected to organize the church to approve the Call and install the pastor if the man is already a member of the same Presbytery;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the *Book of Church Order* be amended by adding the following to Chapter 5 —

"5 — 4 The following procedures may be used in the selection of a Pastor in a newly organized congregation:

- "(1) Not less than thirty days prior to the date of organization the petitioners shall elect from their own body a Pulpit Nominating Committee. This election shall take place at a meeting of the petitioners announced at least one week in advance. Only those who have made a written commitment to membership in the new church are eligible to vote at this meeting.
- "(2) The Pulpit Committee may report at the organizational meeting of the congregation, or any subsequent congregational meeting called for that purpose.
- "(3) If at the organizational meeting a Pastor is called who is a member of the organizing Presbytery, he may be installed at that time by the Presbytery or a Commission authorized by the Presbytery to do so. If the Pastor elect is not a member of the organizing Presbytery, his Call must be prosecuted

under the provisions of Chapter 21 of the *Book of Church Order*.”  
Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, 22 January 1980.

Attest:  
Leon F. Wardell  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-88, III, 18; p. 118.

#### **Overture 16: From the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**

**Whereas**, in those Presbyteries where there are a large number of ministers, a better balance between ruling and teaching elders is needed; and

**Whereas**, a review of the statistics for the end of 1978 shows that one-half of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America have a disproportionate ratio of teaching elders to ruling elders; and

**Whereas**, in those areas where the church has officers, educational institutions, or even an aggressive church planting ministry, the ratio of ministers to organized churches becomes disproportionate;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the *Book of Church Order* be amended by the addition to Chapter 14-1 as follows —

“Amend paragraph 14-1 by adding “When a Presbytery has 50% more Teaching Elders on its roll than the number of churches on its roll, each church may be represented by two Ruling Elders for the first 350 communing members or fraction thereof.”

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, 22 January 1980.

Attest:  
Leon F. Wardell  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-88, III, 19; p. 118.

#### **Overture 22: From the Presbytery of Southern Florida**

**Whereas**, the *BCO* 25-1 calls for the congregations to responsibly submit names to the Church Sessions of those who are “active male members who qualify . . . etc” and

**Whereas**, the *BCO* no where defines what it means by “active” and

**Whereas**, every male member of congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America, while assumed to be active because there exists no “inactive list” and yet every church session knows some men to be so infrequent in the worship and work of the church as to disqualify them from the sacred offices and

**Whereas**, regular faithful attendance is both a command of the Lord of the Church and necessary for a good example to the church, and

**Whereas**, different congregations offer varying degrees of activity within the various church programs,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, by the Presbytery of Southern Florida:

“That the Presbytery of Southern Florida believes it to be the responsibility of the local Church Sessions to determine whether names submitted to it of prospective church officers are indeed “active male members who meet the qualifications of the Word.” And that local sessions should consistently apply their interpretation of what it means to be “active” from year to year or so inform the congregations of any changes. Furthermore that men should not be nominated with the hopes that the high offices of Elder or Deacons will make them more faithful or interested in the Church but because they have shown unfailing interest in the worship and work by their past diligence.” (See *Minutes of G.A.* 1979 Page 80:3)

Attest  
Earl Mizell  
Stated Clerk

Amended and answered in the affirmative. § 8-88, III, 20; p. 119.

#### **Overture 23: From the Presbytery of Southern Florida**

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in America holds to the form of Presbyterian government in which Church Sessions, Presbyteries and the General Assembly are courts of the Church with defined powers,

**And whereas**, it has come to our attention that the Judicial Committee of the General Assembly has attempted to give advice and interpretation to individuals or congregations prior to seeking the advice of the Presbyteries which would have original jurisdiction, and

**Whereas**, the General Assembly has at times not agreed with the interpretation or advice of the Judicial Committee making the committee’s efforts futile and their advice incorrect as expressing the mind of the Assembly,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Presbytery of Southern Florida request the General Assembly to instruct the Judicial Committee to handle only those cases which come properly by way of appeal after first coming before the courts of original jurisdiction, namely the Church Sessions, and the Presbyteries, and that churches or individuals with grievances should first proceed through proper channels of the Presbyterian Church system before going to the committees of the General Assembly!

Attest  
Earl Mizell  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-88, III, 21; p. 119.



**Overture 29: From Covenant Presbytery**

Covenant Presbytery respectfully overtures the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend the last sentence of chapter 15-1, paragraph 11 of the *Book of Church Order* to read as follows:

"Each alternate should attend each meeting and fill any vacancies at the meeting with full voting privileges."

Adopted at the 28th Stated Meeting of Covenant Presbytery, April 15, 1980.

Attest:

Robert S. Hayes, Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-88, III, 13; p. 118.

**To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States****Overture 10: From the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina**

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order*, Paragraph 5-1.1 clearly states that a petition shall be received and adopted by the Presbytery of those persons seeking to be organized into a P.C.A. congregation, and

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order* does not have a worded petition form for new congregations to use;

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina respectfully overtures the Eighth General Assembly to adopt the following petition as the official petition form of the denomination to be used in organizing new congregations.

**Believing**, that all Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires the human mind whole-heartedly to subject itself in all its activities to the authority of Scripture complete as the Word of God, standing written in the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible, all therein being verbally inspired by Almighty God, and therefore without error; and

**Believing**, that the *Westminster Confession of Faith* as adopted by the Presbyterian Church in America and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* set forth the system of doctrine taught in Scripture, and recognizing that subscription to this system of doctrine is required by all church officers, and therefore is to be learned, taught, and proclaimed for the edification and government of Christian people, for the propagation of the faith and for the evangelization of the world by the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; and

**Accepting**, the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America as setting forth a reasonable and practical formulary for church organization; therefore

**Be It Resolved:**

1. That we, the undersigned, do covenant together to form an association to be known as \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church, of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. That this association shall have as its purpose to perpetuate the Gospel of our Lord Jesus as it is proclaimed in the Scriptures and declared in the Westminster standards; and
3. That we met in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore present this petition to \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery for organization as required in Chapter 5 of the *Book of Church Order*.

Adopted by Eastern Carolina Presbytery on Jan. 26, 1980.

Attest:

C. Gene Parks

Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-50, III, 5; p. 86.

**Overture 17: From Pacific Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the boundaries of Presbyteries are determined by the General Assembly (BCO 15-6) and

**Whereas**, the present boundaries of *Pacific Presbytery* include the states of *Arizona, California, New Mexico, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington*;

**Whereas**, the overture of the churches of Arizona and New Mexico to the Seventh General Assembly meeting, June, 1979, to be established as a separate Presbytery was denied primarily because "to remove some of the stronger churches of the Presbytery would further hinder resolutions of problems presently existing in Pacific Presbytery";

**Whereas**, in the time since the Seventh General Assembly, Pacific Presbytery has been strengthened with the organization of three churches in California and the reception of a large congregation in Washington; and Arizona and New Mexico churches have been strengthened with the resolving of internal problems; and with the developing of two new works. And

**Whereas**, the cost of travel is still a major problem with the great distances involved. Not merely to get to Presbytery meetings to have a quorum, but for committees to function properly; and the assistance provided by Mission to the United States is inadequate to cover these needs.

**Therefore**, the session of Prescott Presbyterian Church In America respectfully overtures the January, 1980 Stated Meeting of Pacific Presbytery to overture the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church

In America meeting in June, 1980 to form the states of Arizona and New Mexico as a separate Presbytery effective at the conclusion of the 1980 General Assembly.

Adopted by Pacific Presbytery January 26, 1980.

Attest:  
William F. Woodhall  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-50, III, 6; p. 86.

#### **Overture 20: From Presbytery of Central Florida**

**Whereas**, the Fifth General Assembly in the matter of the erection of the Presbytery of Central Florida did adopt boundaries which are ambiguous and incomplete, to wit:

- (1) Southern boundary is defined as the southern borders of Sarasota and Manatee counties. Manatee County lies north of Sarasota County, therefore boundary should be the southern boundary of one or the other of these counties, not both.
- (2) Southern boundary as defined omits the eastern border of Sarasota County, the southern portion of the eastern border of Manatee County, the eastern border of Hardee County, the eastern portion of the southern border of Polk County, and the southern portion of the eastern border of Osceola County.

**Whereas**, the Mission To The United States Committee of the General Assembly has published a map which defines properly the southern boundary.

**Therefore**, the Presbytery of Central Florida does overture the 8th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to correct the southern boundary description of the Presbytery of Central Florida to read as follows:

Southern boundary be the southern and eastern borders of Sarasota County, the southern portion of the eastern border of Manatee County, the southern and eastern borders of Hardee County, the eastern portion of the southern border of Polk County, the southern border and the southern portion of the eastern border of Osceola County and the southern border of Brevard County.

Adopted at the Winter meeting of Presbytery, January 15, 1980.

Attest:  
Charles W. Ambler, Jr.  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-50, III, 7; p. 86.

#### **Overture 26: From the Session of Covenant Church**

(Note: This Overture was presented to New River Presbytery, but not adopted by Presbytery.)

**Whereas**, the boundaries of the New River Presbytery are very broad and the nine churches distantly scattered; thereby, making fellowship and cooperation difficult, and

**Whereas**, the 1978 *Yearbook of the Presbyterian Church in America* records a very poor financial report of total contributions to the Presbytery by its churches of \$6,164 of which approximately 80% of that amount goes to one mission work in Princeton; thereby, making it financially impossible to begin other new works or support other causes, and

**Whereas**, two of the nine churches have only reported 17 and 34 members respectively and have not had any reported additions in 1978. One has not had a pastor in several years and the other is in a two field situation, and

**Whereas**, three of the churches (Lebanon, Little River, and Westminster) and the mission, (Princeton) are closer to the bounds of other Presbyteries, and

**Whereas**, several Presbytery meetings in the past have shown very serious divisions, doctrinal disagreement, and a disregard for the *Book of Church Order* and the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, and

**Whereas**, it is apparent to this session that the New River Presbytery does nothing but meet four times a year, supports a struggling mission work with most of its money, and shows no viability or effectiveness in starting new churches, nor is financially able to start any churches, and

**Whereas**, the New River Presbytery has been cited by the General Assembly for improper action, and

**Whereas**, the New River Presbytery has shown its inability to deal with one of its churches and has seen a division take place, which has possibly reduced the number of churches in the Presbytery and has definitely affected the financial base of the Presbytery, and

**Whereas**, the Presbytery failed to deal with one of its ministers, who had written slanderous remarks about another minister in the New River Presbytery;

**Therefore**, because the New River Presbytery has proven itself not to be viable and effective, due to financial weaknesses, the number of churches, geographical locations, serious divisions and doctrinal differences, the session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, believing that the New River Presbytery is not viable as a Reformed Presbyterian witness in the Presbyterian Church in America hereby overtures the New River Presbytery to overture the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to dissolve the New River Presbytery and approve the following plan:

1. That the following ministers and, or their churches due to their geographical locations, seek to labor in the bounds of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery:

Rev. Wayne Good  
Rev. William Hill

Rev. Lee Trinkle  
Rev. Linwood Wilkes

2. That the Rev. David Williams, due to his geographical location, seek to labor in the bounds of the North Georgia Presbytery.
3. That the following ministers and, or their churches due to their geographical locations, seek to labor in the Westminster Presbytery:

Rev. George Alder  
Rev. Michael Bolus  
Rev. John Dodd  
South Ruffner Presbyterian  
Church

Rev. Norman Evans  
Rev. James Fishel  
Rev. Rod Mays  
Pliny Presbyterian Church

Approved unanimously by the Session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church February 18, 1980.

TE Rod S. Mays, Moderator  
RE L. Paige Melton, Clerk  
RE Ralph Martin  
RE John Handley

RE Mark George  
RE Jim Eades  
RE Jim Jarvis  
RE Jack Simpson

Answered in the negative. § 8-50, III, 8; p. 86.

#### **Overture 30: From Warrior Presbytery**

Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the Eighth General Assembly to instruct the Committee on Mission to the United States to desist from inviting malcontents in other denominations to turn to the Presbyterian Church in America (as seems indicated by advertisements in such magazines as the April 4, 1980 *Christianity Today*, Volume 24, Number 7, Page 30) and return to the positive promotion of the Presbyterian Church in America in the cause of Christ.

Adopted at the April 15, 1980 Stated Meeting of Warrior Presbytery.

Allan Story  
Recording Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-50, III, 9; p. 86.

#### **Overture 34: From Mid-Atlantic Presbytery**

Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, meeting in its 22nd Stated Meeting held May 9-10, 1980 in Baltimore, Maryland, in response to the requests of a majority of the churches involved, respectfully overtures the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to erect a Presbytery in Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, the boundaries to include the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Berks, Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Perry, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams and North Hampton in Pennsylvania; the counties of Mercer, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May in New Jersey; and the county of Newcastle in Delaware.

We respectfully request that the new Presbytery be directed to convene and be constituted on September 19, 1980, at 7:30 P.M. in the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Fairton, New Jersey, and that the membership of the Presbytery be composed of all of the Presbyterian Church in America organized churches within the bounds set forth above, plus the West Springfield Covenant Community Church, West Springfield, Massachusetts; the Pastors of these churches, and any other Presbyterian Church in America Teaching Elders who have indicated their desire in writing to their respective Presbyteries to be a member of the New Presbytery and who do not reside within the bounds of any other Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America.

We respectfully request that the Rev. Thomas R. Patete be appointed convener of the Presbytery until such time as they elect a Moderator.

Adopted at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, May 9-10, 1980.

Attest:  
Daniel B. Ice  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-50, III, 10; p. 87.

## **C. BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

### **To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration**

#### **Overture 2 to the Seventh General Assembly: From the Presbytery of Southern Florida**

**Whereas**, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America has made an effort to increase the participation of Ruling Elders in the functions of the Assembly, and

**Whereas**, some Ruling Elders are discouraged over the imbalance between Ruling and Teaching Elders representatives to the Presbytery and the General Assembly,

**Be It Therefore Resolved**, that the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America ask the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to study this imbalance and make recommendations to



General Assembly as to a solution which would be in line with the Presbyterian Church in America's Doctrine of the Parity of Elders.

Adopted at the Fall Meeting, October 17, 1978.

Earl S. Mizell  
Stated Clerk

Referred to the Permanent Committee on Administration § 8-103, III, 8; p. 122.

#### **Overture 5 to the Seventh General Assembly: From Evangel Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the time of the General Assembly for adequate consideration of all matters is limited, and

**Whereas**, printed reports are required of the Committees of Commissioners and ad interim committees when reporting to the General Assembly, and

**Whereas**, there is a requirement under Sub-sections 8-11 (4) and 10-2 of the Rules of Assembly Operations that the full text of each report be read by the Chairman before comment or action, and

**Whereas**, the reading of such reports is time consuming and nonproductive when the Commissioners hold such reports in their hands,

**Therefore**, Evangel Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly to amend the Rules for the General Assembly Operations as follows:

(1) Following the first sentence of Sub-section 8-11 (4) add the following sentence:

"The assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting."

(2) Following the second sentence of Sub-section 10-2, add the following sentence:

"The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Evangel Presbytery, October 21, 1978.

Answered in the affirmative. § 8-103, III, 18; p. 123.

#### **Overture 6 to the Seventh General Assembly: From the Presbytery of the Evangel**

Evangel Presbytery of the PCA overtures the Seventh General Assembly to amend the Rules for General Assembly Operations as follows:

(1) Organization of General Assembly Meeting.

1-3 That the following be added, "The second order of business shall be the election of a Moderator-in-Nomination for the next succeeding General Assembly. This Moderator-in-Nomination need not be a Commissioner to the General Assembly; and his name shall be put in nomination by the Stated Clerk at the next succeeding General Assembly provided he is a duly enrolled Commissioner thereto. There shall be only one nominating speech not to exceed five minutes for each nominee as Moderator and for each nominee as Moderator-in-Nomination. No seconding speeches shall be permitted."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, October 21, 1978.

Attested by:  
Hubert C. Stewart  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 19; p. 123.

#### **Overture 7 to the Seventh General Assembly: From the Presbytery of the Evangel**

**Whereas**, during the first several days of the General Assembly, the pressure of time to complete the business of the General Assembly is not so evident, and

**Whereas**, much important business considered on the final two days of the General Assembly may receive inadequate debate and consideration by the General Assembly, and

**Whereas**, we are desirous of expediting all business of the General Assembly with adequate debate for all major issues,

**Therefore**, Evangel Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly to amend the Rules for Assembly Operations as follows:

Section IV The Assembly Arrangements

Add subsection 4-3 to read as follows:

"4-3 After adoption of a docket of the business to be considered for a day the Assembly shall not adjourn for the day until all business on the docket has been considered and dealt with. This rule shall not preclude the Assembly from suspending further action on a particular matter until a subsequent time of the Assembly when additional information, unavailable at the time, must be obtained for proper consideration of the matter."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Evangel Presbytery, October 21, 1978.

Attested by:  
Hubert C. Stewart  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 20; p. 123.

**Overture 16 to the Seventh General Assembly: From the Presbytery of North Georgia**

**Whereas**, an ecclesiastical body which adopts positions on substantive doctrinal and moral issues by a bare majority vote runs the grave risks of reducing the credibility and authority of its actions, alienating the church and promoting division within it, wasting time, and moving to conclusions (perhaps wrong ones) before the Holy Spirit has brought His people to one mind on the issue in question,

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that North Georgia Presbytery request the General Assembly to take the following action:

“Resolutions which would state Assembly position on substantive moral or doctrinal issues shall require a two-thirds vote of registered commissioners in order to pass.”

Adopted unanimously at the Stated Winter Meeting of North Georgia Presbytery, January 20, 1979.

Attest:

R. G. Valentine

Stated Clerk of North Georgia Presbytery

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 9; p. 122.

**Overture 28 to the Seventh General Assembly: From Grace Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the Rules for Assembly Operations are intended solely to guide the conduct of business during a meeting of the General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, the Rules for Assembly Operations are not intended to direct the duties of the officers of the General Assembly, except as they apply to the conduct of the business of a meeting of the General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, any such rule ought to be a part of the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America;

**Therefore**, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend the Rules for Assembly Operations by striking paragraph e-7, and the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation) by adding to Article III (Officers), Section 3, a sentence:

The Clerk shall be an advisory member of the Sub-Committee on Inter-Church Relations, and an advisory member of any such other committee as the General Assembly may direct.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Ninth General Assembly. § 8-103, III, 21; p. 123.

**Overture 29 to the Seventh General Assembly: From Grace Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the Rules for Assembly Operations has in paragraph 3-8 stated that the Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, the Stated Clerk is unable, at times, because of his other duties related to the conduct of business in the Assembly to give parliamentary advice;

**Whereas**, the election of an assistant parliamentarian at the Sixth General Assembly proved successful;

**Therefore**, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend the Rules for Assembly Operations by striking paragraph 3-8 and by inserting new paragraph 1-6, which shall read:

The Moderator shall, after consultation with the Stated Clerk, appoint a parliamentarian to serve for the meeting of the General Assembly at which he is appointed.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 22; p. 123.

**Overture 31 to the Seventh General Assembly: From Grace Presbytery**

**Whereas**, the committees of commissioners meet prior to the opening of each General Assembly; and

**Whereas**, Conveners are appointed by the Moderator; and

**Whereas**, Chairmen and clerks are elected after the committees are convened; and

**Whereas**, there is a need for the Chairman and the Clerk of each committee to be better informed as to their duties **before** the convening of the committees; and

**Whereas**, the names of the members of the committees of commissioners are in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly at least 30 days prior to the Assembly;

**Therefore**, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to change 8-3 of the Rules for Assembly Operations to read:

Both the Chairman and the Clerk of each Committee of Commissioners shall be appointed by the Assembly's Arrangements Committee; and

The Chairman and the Clerk shall be briefed as to their particular duties by the Stated Clerk in writing at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the Assembly; and

The Chairman shall be the convener of the Committee.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 23; p. 123.

## **7-70 Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration to the Seventh General Assembly**

The following recommendations were ruled out of order since the recommended changes required a two-thirds vote of all registered commissioners, and there were an insufficient number of commissioners to enact them. They were thus carried over to the next Assembly.

(Clerk's Note: The recommendations of this report have been renumbered so that those items might be grouped together.)

25. That the Assembly amend the "Rules for Assembly Operations" as follows:  
Add new paragraphs 6-2 and 6-3:  
6-2 Any report requesting amendments to the Constitution of the PCA or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly shall be referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for its recommendation.  
6-3 The report of the Assembly's Nominating Committee may be amended by nominations from the floor, which shall be received in the following way:
  1. Such nominations shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Office of the Stated Clerk, and shall be submitted to the Stated Clerk.
  2. Nominations shall indicate the consent of the nominees to serve, if elected.
26. That Overture 5 (p. 27) from Evangel Presbytery be answered in the affirmative. Note the obvious error (Sub-section 8-11 and Sub-section 10-2).  
Reason: To expedite Assembly Operations.
27. That Overture 6 from Evangel Presbytery (p.28) be answered in the affirmative.
28. That Overture 7 from Evangel Presbytery (p.28) be answered in the negative.  
Reason: That this was not a workable solution to a genuine problem.
29. That Overture 28 from Grace Presbytery (p.31) be answered in the affirmative.  
Reason: This corrects the fact that the Stated Clerk was not to be an ex-officio member of said committees.
30. That Overture 29 from Grace Presbytery (p.31) be answered in the negative.  
Reason: The present procedure of appointing an assistant parliamentarian is satisfactory.
31. That Overture 2 (p.27) referred from Judicial Business be referred to the Permanent Committee on Administration.
32. That Overture 31 from Grace Presbytery (p.32) be answered in the negative.  
Reason: The present procedure followed this year satisfactorily deals with the problem.

## **To the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications**

### **6-63, II, A**

#### **Overture 7. From the Presbytery of North Georgia**

The North Georgia Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to set up an Ad Interim Committee for the purpose of studying the relationship between dispensationalism and covenant theology.

Adopted by North Georgia Presbytery at its stated meeting, January 21, 1978.

Attest:

Robert G. Valentine  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-29, III, 26; p. 74.

**6-107****From the Constitutional Documents Committee Report to the Sixth General Assembly**

The Constitutional Documents Committee has done two areas of work during the past year. The first regards the study edition of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms with Scriptural footnotes.

In compliance with the Fifth General Assembly we have prepared a study edition of the doctrinal standards using the edition of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland with the three changes in our edition being substituted with the Scriptural proof texts of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church edition.

The Christian Education and Publications Committee has prepared the paste on corrections and now have the study guide available for \$2.00.

The Committee has also worked with the special Editorial Sub-Committee in the assignment of preparing a complete and edited addition of the *Book of Church Order* in the near future. A partial report of the progress is contained in this report.

Slow progress is being made with the Scriptural proof text for the *Book of Church Order* and it is apparent that such an assignment cannot be completed until the editorialized copy is in hand. This is in accord with the *Minutes of the 1977 General Assembly*, page 189.

**Recommendations:**

(1) That members take advantage of the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* with Scriptural proof texts, study edition and make suggestions to the Constitutional Documents Committee regarding additions or deletions.

Referred to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. § 7-41, III, 23; p. 105. See § 8-29, III, 9; p. 73.

**To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business****3-70 Report of Constitutional Documents Committee Continued (3-69)**

A temporary statement was adopted to be placed at the beginning of the **Directory of Worship** until a more precise statement can be prepared by the Constitutional Documents Committee. The Constitutional Documents Committee was directed to prepare a statement on the relative authority of the Constitutional documents, which is to be returned to the next Assembly. Constitutional Documents Committee dismissed, § 6-107, (4); p. 108.

See § 8-87, III, 9; p. 73.

**To the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship****Overture 26 to the Seventh General Assembly: From Warrior Presbytery**

**Whereas**, it is past time to begin responsible stewardship in the PCA, and

**Whereas**, we must have faith in God's provision, and yet we also must not tempt God, and

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order*, 15-1, principle 3, states, "The work of the Church as set forth in the Great Commission is one work, being implemented at the General Assembly level through equally essential committees," and

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order*, 15-1, principle 4 states, "It is the responsibility of every member and every member congregation to support the whole work of the denomination as they be led in their conscience held captive to the Word of God," and

**Whereas**, the *Book of Church Order*, 15-1, principle 5 states, "It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to evaluate needs and resources and to act on priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission" and yet, since the majority of money is designated, the General Assembly cannot act upon its priorities but upon those established by the giving patterns, and

**Whereas**, a unified budget is in keeping with viewing the work of the Church as one work; and supporting the whole work of the denomination and is apparently essential if the General Assembly is to act upon its own priorities, and

**Whereas**, a unified budget with appropriate limitations presents no real problems in a denomination where the inerrant and infallible Word of God is upheld, and

**Whereas**, the various committees are sending many men around to the various Churches, with a large majority of these men being itinerated under the Committee on Mission to the World, and

**Whereas**, the seeking of funds for designated purposes in this manner amounts to an unbalanced appeal which naturally results in unbalanced giving, and

**Whereas**, the itinerating of missionary candidates has many worthwhile features, and

**Whereas**, nevertheless, the itinerating of missionary candidates to raise their own support is demeaning, and

**Whereas**, a person's support-raising ability is not necessarily proportional to his ability for a specific missionary calling, and

**Whereas**, itineration of these men in support of the whole work of the Church through undesignated giving would certainly advance the whole work of the Church in general and each committee in particular;

**Therefore**, Warrior Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to adopt the following provisions for promoting the whole work of the denomination:

1. That the Committee on Administration shall submit a budget each year based on (a) a reasonable projected income and (b) a responsible and strategic balance of the budget between the committees, and
2. That all undesignated funds shall be divided among the committees proportionate to their respective shares of the budget, and
3. That the three permanent program committees of the General Assembly and all those sent out under or by them shall seek only undesignated financial support and with the *PCA Messenger* and the Sub-Committee on Stewardship they shall positively promote undesignated giving for the whole work of the denomination, except for those works allowed support only through designated giving, and
4. That contributors sending designated support for works other than those allowed support only through designated giving be written and encouraged to send undesignated support, and
5. That the budget shall not restrict the maximum spending of any committee if its receipts should exceed the budgeted amount, but that any expenditures in excess of the budget must be for General Assembly mandated, high priority program items and not special causes, and
6. That any designated money still received shall be used as designated without in any way affecting the percentage distribution of undesignated funds, and
7. That all who work under the three permanent program committees shall be supported out of the General Fund of each respective committee except that single "sending bodies" in the sense used in the *MTW Manual* may give partial or full support which would be designated.

Adopted by Presbytery at its Stated Meeting, April 17, 1979.

Attest:  
Fred Carr  
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 8-80, III, 11; p. 109.

## D.

## JUDICIAL CASES — APPEALS

**Case 1: An Appeal of Victor E. Lockman Appealing the Action of the Gulf Coast Presbytery of the PCA on Oct. 13, 1979.**

### I. BASIS OF THE APPEAL

It is apparent from the language of McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church's (hereafter referred to as McIlwain) letter notifying me that my membership had been terminated (letter Jan. 29, 1979) that **judicial action** had in fact been taken, for **repentance** on my part was stated to be a requirement of renewing my affiliation with McIlwain.

McIlwain must have held a **closed trial** of sorts, with the appellant absent, on Jan. 27, 1979 in order to render the above noted **judgment**. My Jan. 18, 1979 letter of resignation, withdrawn on Jan. 24, 1979, lists some of the unjust irregularities perpetrated by McIlwain in their proceedings against Appellant.

Gulf Coast Presbytery appears to have recognized the document filed against McIlwain as an **appeal** because:

- (1.) It was on the docket as such for Oct. 13, 1979.
- (2.) Presbytery's Fact Finding Committee advised that *BOC* 28-5, line 5 requires a church to act through her court and if so, it is appealable. The committee also recommended that the Appellant be given a "REGULAR TRIAL", thereby implying that an **IRREGULAR** trial had taken place.
- (3.) Presbytery found the document to be in order as an **appeal** (*BOC* 43-7 (1)), though they "officially" voted down hearing the parties (*BOC* 43-7 (2)). Unofficially Mr. Donald A. Dunkerley presented a five minute accusatory talk against the Appellant, to which Appellant had five minutes to reply.
- (4.) Presbytery further acknowledged that an **appeal** had been lodged when they, by a vote of 11 to 10, refused to reconsider it as a **complaint**.

**Therefore**, from the history of Appellant's case, it appears that trial-like judicial actions have taken place at both the Session and Presbytery levels, and that hence, Appellant is justified in carrying the matter to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Else it would be possible for a party to be removed from office and membership roll of a church, and all this against one's will, by administrative procedures and that without recourse. Such a course of action would be contrary to both the Word of God (Mat. 18:15-17, etc.) and the *Book of Church Order* 28-5 and chapters 32 through 34, as well as being contrary to sound reason.

### II. SERIOUS IRREGULARITIES IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GULF COAST PRESBYTERY'S MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 1979 HELD AT WARRINGTON CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

1. Mr. Donald A. Dunkerley deliberated and voted on the instant case when it was appealed to



Presbytery, contrary to the *BOC* and scriptural standards of justice.

- A. *BOC* 36-11 disqualifies a member of a court who has given testimony in a case from sitting as a judge if either party makes objection. Mr. Dunkerley in effect, by his accusatory statements about Appellant was giving testimony against him. Appellant objected to his voting.
- B. *BOC* 33-19 excludes from sitting in judgment on a case one who has acted as counsel for the accused. Mr. Dunkerley so acted when he repeatedly defended and spoke on behalf of the session on the floor of Presbytery.
- C. *BOC* 40-2 states that "When the proceedings of a lower court are brought before a higher court, the members of the lower court shall not lose the right to sit, deliberate and vote in the higher court, **except in cases of appeal or complaint.**" (Emphasis added) Mr. Dunkerley voted against my appeal (twice) and also against reconsidering it as a complaint.
2. Mr. Dunkerley **prosecuted the case before hand** by virtue of his many prejudicial statements against the Appellant as a person from the floor before the Presbytery voted. He charged the Appellant with the following offenses:
  - A. Accusing the innocent
  - B. Refusing to stand trial
  - C. Holding heretical views.
  - D. Renouncing the authority of the session
  - E. Having a past record of stirring up trouble in churches.

These unfounded charges may well have persuaded the Presbytery adversely in regard to the Appellant's cause.

3. Mr. Dunkerley intimidated and applied pressure to the Presbytery before they voted by suggesting that a vote against McIlwain might well result in McIlwain withdrawing from the P.C.A.
4. McIlwain failed to abide by *BOC* 43-5 by **NOT** sending the **record of the case** up to Presbytery.

### III. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT ACCESS TO THE HIGHEST COURT SHOULD ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE

1. Members of God's Kingdom always have access to God's Throne, the highest court in the universe, through prayer, and with a Divine advocate.
2. In ancient Israel there was always access to the highest court in the land, first, with Moses in that seat of judgment, and later, when kings reigned and ruled over the highest court in the land.

Yea, the Bible everywhere teaches that God loves Justice and Judgment and that it is wrong to pervert a just cause. Christ particularly denounced the legalistic ways of his opponents who sought by the traditions of men to escape their responsibilities and to nullify the law of God.

**IV. Wherefore,** Appellant respectfully prays this court to take whatsoever measures it deems appropriate, and, in the interest of truth and justice, to rectify the grievances stated above

Appellant, VICTOR E. LOCKMAN, swears by God's most Holy Name that the above statements are true and may be verified.

Signed on this 19th day of October, in the 1979th year of our LORD.

See § 8-13, 1; p. 62.

VICTOR E. LOCKMAN

## E. JUDICIAL CASES — COMPLAINTS

### Case 2: Complaint of Teaching Elder Rod Mays Against New River Presbytery

Nov. 22, 1979

Mr. Bob Kresge

Stated Clerk, New River Presbytery

Presbyterian Church In America

1. Rod Mays, a teaching elder of the New River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America do hereby issue a complaint to the General Assembly concerning the failure of the New River Presbytery to deal with one of its ministers (Mr. Linwood Wilkes) who was reported to be guilty of writing slanderous letters concerning another minister in New River Presbytery, (Mr. Bill Fitzhenry).

**Whereas,** these accusations of slander were reported to the Presbytery's committee on Ministers and Candidates,

**Whereas,** that committee moved to take action against Mr. Wilkes,

**Whereas,** before the accusations were brought before Presbytery, a motion was moved, seconded, and approved to drop the discussion of matters relating to the accusations of Mr. Wilkes,

**Therefore,** I do protest and complain (*BCO*-44) about this failure of presbytery to deal with reported scandalous activity involving one of its ministers.

See § 8-13, 2; p. 62, and § 8-84; p. 111.

Rod S. Mays

### Case 3: Complaint of Teaching Elders Byron Snapp and James M. Hope against Calvary Presbytery.

The text of a complaint against the actions of Calvary Presbytery in the matter of accepting a candidate for ordination under the extraordinary clause when there was no reason for using the extraordinary clause. The said candidate had chosen not to take more than one quarter of Hebrew as he did not at that time plan to come into the PCA.

The undersigned hereby file a complaint regarding the following motion that was adopted by Calvary Presbytery at its stated winter meeting Thursday, Jan. 24, 1980: "That (the candidate) be examined by Presbytery under the extraordinary clause (*Book of Church Order* 22-4)."

Respectfully submitted,  
Byron Snapp  
James M. Hope  
Date, January 28, 1980

### REASONS FOR THE COMPLAINT

1) It appears that more than one quarter of Hebrew is required to meet the standards set forth in *BCO* 22-4 in light of the following: a) All the approved Seminaries of the PCA recognize the need of more than one quarter of Hebrew to meet the Hebrew requirement set forth in *BCO* 22-4; b) On page 190 of the *Minutes* of the 7th General Assembly of the PCA the 2t2 program has five quarters of Hebrew and Hebrew exegesis recommended as a necessary part of the curriculum; c) By bringing the candidate in under the extraordinary clause, the Presbytery, in effect, went on record as stating that his Hebrew preparation was insufficient to meet the requirements of *BCO* 22-4.

2) The candidate took but one quarter of Hebrew. He passed it. He did not take further courses although further courses were available. In light of this fact, the use of the extraordinary clause appears to us to be improper.

3) We believe that the extraordinary clause is to be used only in extraordinary cases. We do not believe this to be an extraordinary case as a) the candidate is a young man; b) he passed his first quarter of Hebrew; c) he could be a student supply at the church which called him and continue his study of Hebrew at Columbia Bible College Graduate School, Columbia, S.C. of which he is an alumnus, as he is to be pastor of Northeast Chapel in Columbia, S.C.; d) The reasons which the candidate gave for not taking more Hebrew are as follows: "To be honest, I took only one quarter of Hebrew simply because I thought I would fail the next quarter. Grades were given on a curve basis and I was always at the bottom. I might add that the PCA was no part of my vocational plans at the time, so my main motive in securing a Hebrew skill was simply so that I could look up words and stumble through commentaries, not taking any certain number of hours."

4) If the extraordinary clause is used in this manner, the precedent is set for the relaxing of any requirement set forth in *BCO* 22-4.

5) We desire to have the following question answered: "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?"

See § 8-13, 3; p. 63, and § 8-36; p. 77.

### Case 4: Complaint of Ruling Elder James H. Campbell, et al Against Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

February 6, 1980

The Reverend Morton H. Smith, Stated Clerk,  
General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in America  
P.O. Box 312

Brevard, North Carolina 28712

**Whereas**, as the Judicial Commission of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America, at a hearing on November 2, 1979, on four charges against Robert C. Schoof, did render an injustice in the judgment and censure, which action is contrary to the *BCO*, and possible manifestation of prejudice in the case, the undersigned hereby complains to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America of this action of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in the above entitled matter, and for reasons in support of such complaint, states the following:

**Charge 1.** The Commission found Mr. Schoof guilty of violating the civil laws of Virginia and Section 60-1 *BCO*. I do not complain of this finding. The Commission found Mr. Schoof not guilty of violating Sect. 60-2 and 60-6. These later findings are in conflict with the first, as the civil laws of Virginia require that a lawful minister perform the marriage, as does Sect. 60-2. By not convicting Mr. Schoof of violating 60-2, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery states that a seminary student is an ecclesiastical official, that is, a lawful minister. Sect. 60-6 requires ministers to be careful they transgress neither the laws of God, nor the laws of the community.

**Charge 2.** The Commission found Mr. Schoof not guilty of signing an official document stating he had joined his daughter and her husband in marriage, when the official document, bearing Mr. Schoof's signature, was introduced in evidence.

**Charge 3.** The Commission found Mr. Schoof not guilty of conducting an illegal Congregational meeting, when two of four Elders present at Session meeting setting forth the call for the Congregational meeting testified otherwise.

**Charge 4.** The Commission found Mr. Schoof not guilty of violating Sect. 57-2 and 57-6 when testimony introduced showed no ruling Elder present at the Baptism and only a selected group of less than eight members of the congregation present.

copy: Leon F. Wardell  
Acting Stated Clerk  
Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

Sincerely in Christ,  
James H. Campbell  
Ruling Elder

See § 8-13, 4; p. 63, and § 8-60, p. 90.

**Case 5: Complaint of Teaching Elder Carl W. Bogue et al Against the Presbytery of the Ascension**

March 3, 1980

The Rev. Morton H. Smith, Stated Clerk

General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in America

P.O. Box 312

Brevard, N.C. 28712

**Whereas**, in the action of the Presbytery of the Ascension of the Presbyterian Church in America, at the stated meeting February 26, 1980, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, respecting the sustaining of the trials for ordination and the approving of the call to a campus ministry of Mr. Sam Serio, which action is contrary to *The Westminster Confession of Faith* and *The Book of Church Order*, the undersigned hereby complain to The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America of this action of the Presbytery of the Ascension.

There are two complaints which here follow, along with the reasons supporting the complaints.

**Complaint #1**

The trials for ordination of Mr. Sam Serio were sustained by the Presbytery of the Ascension which action was contrary to a fundamental teaching of *The Westminster Confession of Faith*.

**History:** Under examination before the Candidates for Church Vocations Committee and before the whole Presbytery Mr. Serio affirmed his belief that none of the miraculous gifts had ceased since the Apostolic age. With specific regard to the miraculous gift of speaking in an "unknown tongue" Mr. Serio affirmed its contemporary practice, which when miraculously interpreted by another person, communicated knowledge from God. Specifically, the origin of such knowledge from God was said to be God the Holy Spirit speaking through the individual in an unknown tongue. Neither Mr. Serio nor any member of Presbytery indicated that the candidate's answers were to be construed as other than specified in this summary paraphrase. Since such knowledge is here affirmed as being directly given by the Holy Spirit through the miraculous gift of speaking a language unknown and never studied by the speaker and through the corresponding miraculous gift of interpretation, the complainants understand such a phenomenon as direct revelation from God. This conclusion was not disputed, even though the candidate was sustained.

**Reasons for the Complaint:**

- (1) Such a view is in direct conflict with the Scriptural position of our Confession of Faith in I:1 which declares such revelation to be committed "wholly unto writing" for the reason that "those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now ceased."
- (2) Such a view is in direct conflict with the Scriptural position of our Confession of Faith summarized in I:6 concerning the sufficiency of Scripture, "unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men."
- (3) Such a view is in direct conflict with *The Book of Church Order*, Section 7-1, which says in part: "Such officers and gifts related to new revelation have no successors since God completed His revelation at the conclusion of the Apostolic Age."
- (4) Such a view is in direct conflict with the non-constitutional but approved "Pastoral Letter" of the Second General Assembly (*Minutes*, pp. 171-175):

"The General Assembly suggests however, that: 1. Any view of the tongues as experienced in our time which conceives of it as an experience by which revelation is received from God is contrary to the finalized character of revelation in Scriptures" (p. 173).

"Such miracles were signs by which God communicated divine truth or confirmed that the speaker indeed spoke from God. These miracles related to revelation have ceased, since revelation was completed with the closing of the Canon in the New Testament era" (pp. 173-174).

"...The General Assembly would recommend:....."

3. Careful training, examination and selection of officers and others in the place of teaching and leadership in the church to assure a consistency of commitment to Scripture and the Reformed faith and to the health and unity of the church;
4. Preaching and teaching of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and His work as taught in Scripture and the Standards of the church . . ." (pp. 174-175).
- (5) Such an exception to the Confession is open to grave abuse, not the least of which is a defection from the doctrines of the canon and *sola Scriptura*.

**Complaint #2**

The approval of a call to Mr. Sam Serio to a campus ministry was contrary to *The Book of Church Order* provisions for such calls.

**Reasons for the complaint:**

- (1) Such approval is contrary to *The Book of Church Order*, Section 21-1, that: "A proper call must be written and in the hands of the Presbytery prior to being acted upon by a Presbytery. It must include . . . assurance that the definite work will afford the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*." Such written assurance was not in the call; thus it was not in proper order.
- (2) Section 21-1 of *The Book of Church Order* also states: "It shall be in accord with the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 8." In Section 8 of Chapter 8 a Teaching Elder in such a ministry is



"to make full proof of his ministry by disseminating the Gospel for the edification of the Church." Such proof was not and could not be made since our Church is not present in that area to be edified, nor is the planting of such a Church the goal of this ministry. Rather Mr. Serio will be under a board made up of leaders of The American Baptist Church, the Assemblies of God Church, and the Church of God. There is no consistent Reformed witness of any kind with which Mr. Serio would have any relationship.

- (3) Such a call does not conform to the non-constitutional but approved "Manual for Campus Ministries, Presbyterian Church in America" of the Seventh General Assembly (*Minutes*, pp. 205-218). Such ministers, even if working with para-church organizations, are to be "under the guidance and supervision" of PCA Churches or Presbyteries, or the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries (pp. 209, 214). "The ministry is a work of the Presbyterian Church in America" (p. 211), and "the calling and sending body is the commissioning, ordaining, or installing body, as the case may require" (p. 214). Since the calling body is utterly non-Presbyterian, it could hardly ordain and install a PCA Teaching Elder.

The undersigned complainants do hereby complain against the action of the Presbytery of the Ascension and ask that the General Assembly review this matter and declare the action of the February 26, 1980, meeting of the Presbytery of the Ascension in sustaining the trials for ordination and approving the call of Mr. Sam Serio to be null and void.

For the cause of Christ and His Kingdom,  
 Carl W. Bogue, Teaching Elder  
 Gary Spencer, Ruling Elder  
 David G. McKay, Teaching Elder  
 Peter Stazen, II, Ruling Elder  
 Alvin W. Smith, Teaching Elder

See § 8-13, 5; p. 63; § 8-63, p. 92.

## F.

## JUDICIAL CASES — REFERENCES

**Reference 1: From Gulf Coast Presbytery of a case regarding Victor Lockman, the McIlwain Session and T. E. Donald Dunkerly.**

Presbytery, at its Adjourned Meeting on December 1, 1979 in Panama City, voted to send all papers, correspondence, and other materials dealing with the above named matters, together with the "record of the case" for the Lockman appeal to the General Assembly, as **References** to the General Assembly in accordance with *B.O.C.O.* chapter 42. We send them for "**final disposition**" (42-3).

It was Presbytery's feeling that the above matters met exactly the four criteria for such references: "matters that are new, delicate, difficult, or on which the members of the lower court are seriously divided. . ."

Attest:  
 George M. McGuire  
 Stated Clerk of Gulf  
 Coast Presbytery  
 December 4, 1980

See § 8-13, 1; p. 62.

## G.

## RESOLUTIONS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### To the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

**Resolution 1: From RE G. O. Runnels and TE John S. Ragland**

**Whereas**, on several preceding General Assemblies the Presbyterian Church in America affirmed in faithful obedience to the Lord and Sovereign our Saviour Jesus Christ the 6th commandment's prohibition against abortion on demand as presently practiced in this country resulted in the loss of more than 6,000,000 human lives in the past decade; and

**Whereas**, our Confessional subordinate standards make it very clear that God's commandments command specific things for God's people to do as well as not to do; and

**Whereas**, our Larger Catechism in question 135, "What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?" says, among other things, "The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies and lawful endeavours, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by . . . comforting and succouring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent."

**Whereas**, the Committee on Abortion report to the Sixth General Assembly recommended that we remind all Christians of their duty to show compassionate love and understanding to families in distress as a result of pregnancies, and to offer to these families sympathetic counsel and help for physical needs where required. This duty is especially incumbent upon us as we minister to the person contemplating abortion.

**Be It Therefore Resolved**, that the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America recommends to its churches that they make a concerted effort to develop positive ministries to those considering abortions such as evangelism, Christian nurturing, Christian counseling, provision of financial and material needs to the mother and her baby, aid with obtaining medical service, aid with adoption when indicated, and Christian homes (homes for unwed mothers and Christian families who will share their home with the pregnant woman in need of a place to live or a home away from their immediate family).

**And That It Be Further Resolved**, that this resolution be placed in the Messenger, and in a letter to all the churches of the Presbyterian Church in America.

TE John S. Ragland  
Bay Street Presbyterian Church  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Grace Presbytery

RE G. O. Runnels  
Bay Street Presbyterian Church  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Grace Presbytery

Adopted as amended. § 8-69, III, 6; p. 99.

### **To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration**

#### **Resolution 2: From TE Harold Borchert**

That General Assembly business be conducted annually during seven days from Wednesday to Wednesday. Committee meetings to be held Monday and Tuesday with Sunday to be a day of rest and worship.

Harold Borchert  
Southern Florida Presbytery

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 25; p. 123.

#### **Resolution 3: From TE Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.**

That the *Book of Church Order* be amended so that each church be entitled to one elder representative at presbytery and assembly for each 100 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 10 ruling elders from any particular congregation.

Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.  
Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

Answered in the negative. § 8-103, III, 26; p. 123.

## **H.**

## **ROLLS OF COMMITTEES OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Committee of Commissioners on Administration**

#### **Presbytery**

Ascension  
Calvary  
Central Carolina  
Central Florida  
Central Georgia  
Covenant  
Eastern Carolina  
Evangel  
Grace  
Gulf Coast  
Louisiana  
Mid-Atlantic  
Mississippi Valley  
New River  
North Georgia  
Pacific  
Southern Florida  
Tennessee Valley  
Texas  
Warrior  
Western Carolinas  
Westminster

#### **Commissioner**

TE Randall Johovich  
RE N. Rudolph Cousar  
TE William Laxton  
RE Rodney Whited  
TE Henry Schum  
RE Vernon Talley  
RE William Reynolds  
TE Neil Gilmour  
RE Wexler White  
TE John Findlay, Jr.  
  
TE Edwin P. Elliott, Sr.  
RE Edward Williford, Chairman  
TE George Alder II  
RE Jim Turner  
TE Young O. Kim  
RE Jack McDonald  
TE Woody Markert  
RE Glen Milham  
TE Fred Carr  
RE Carl Blackston  
TE W. C. Smith

### Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

Presbytery	Commissioners
Ascension	RE James Freeman
Calvary	TE David Gillespie
Central Carolina	RE James Abernathy
Central Florida	TE John Buswell
Central Georgia	RE Thurston D. Futch, Chairman
Covenant	TE Robert Penny
Eastern Carolina	TE J. Lewis Baker
Evangel	RE Walter Monroe
Grace	TE Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.
Gulf Coast	
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	RE Leland Nichols
Mississippi Valley	TE Alan Carter
New River	RE Paige Melton
North Georgia	TE Joseph Gardner, Jr.
Pacific	RE B. J. Stender
Southern Florida	TE Reginald M. Kidd
Tennessee Valley	RE Eugene Hayes
Texas	TE Joey Pipa
Warrior	RE Hays Andrews
Western Carolinas	TE Wayne Rogers
Westminster	RE Robert Lane

### Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	TE Carl W. Bogue, Jr.
Calvary	RE J. Dan Kilgore
Central Carolina	TE Jack Bowling
Central Florida	RE "Joe" Gray Vance
Central Georgia	TE Carl E. Smith
Covenant	RE L. W. Scruggs
Eastern Carolina	
Evangel	TE James Alexander
Grace	RE Edd Diffrient
Gulf Coast	TE Charles Gwin
Louisiana	RE Robert Turner
Mid-Atlantic	TE George Brengle
Mississippi Valley	RE James Mardis
New River	TE James Fishel
North Georgia	RE C. Michael Minkoff

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Pacific	
Southern Florida	RE James M. Stewart
Tennessee Valley	TE David Howe
Texas	RE Gene Glazier
Warrior	TE William Maynor, Chairman
Western Carolinas	RE William Milner
Westminster	TE Ken Gentry

**Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Ascension	RE John W. Todd, Jr.	
Calvary	TE Malcolm Bonner	
Central Carolina	RE South Point Church	
Central Florida	TE Charles Green, Chairman	
Central Georgia	RE J. A. Durrenberger	
Covenant	TE Charles Champion	
Eastern Carolina		
Evangel	RE Douglas Haskew	
Grace	TE Charles Cox	
Gulf Coast	RE J. J. Lloyd	
Louisiana		
Mid-Atlantic	RE Robert Nugent	RE Eugene Friedline
Mississippi Valley	TE Doyle Hulse	
New River		
North Georgia	TE Wilson Smith	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	TE Joseph A. Scharer	
Tennessee Valley		
Texas	TE Dale Smith	
Warrior		
Western Carolinas	TE Jerry Lynn	
Westminster	RE Charles Lineville	

**Committee on Commissioners on Interchurch Relations**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Ascension	TE Mark L. Dalbey	
Calvary	RE Robert Ilderton	
Central Carolina	TE W. Ted Smith, Jr.	
Central Florida	RE Jerry Horn	RE Paul Zetterhorn
Central Georgia	TE Don K. Clements, Chairman	

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Covenant	RE L. L. Langford	
Eastern Carolina		
Evangel	TE Robert Ostenson	
Grace	RE John Long	
Gulf Coast	TE Don Darling	
Louisiana	RE M. E. Walton	
Mid-Atlantic		
Mississippi Valley	RE William Thompson	
New River	TE Rod Mays	
North Georgia	RE Charles Howell	
Pacific	TE Wayne Buchtel	
Southern Florida	RE Robert Bruner	
Tennessee Valley		
Texas	RE Robert Schmitz	
Warrior	TE John Robertson	
Western Carolinas	RE John Ahrens	
Westminster	TE Leonard T. Van Horn	

### **Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	RE Fred Morris
Calvary	TE H. R. Patteson
Central Carolina	RE Carolina Church
Central Florida	TE Frank Boswell
Central Georgia	RE Henry C. Smith, Jr.
Covenant	TE Thomas Roberts
Eastern Carolina	TE Joseph H. Armfield, Jr.
Evangel	RE Hugh Gibson
Grace	TE Steve Wilkins
Gulf Coast	RE T. G. Melson
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	RE William Hayes
Mississippi Valley	TE William Hughes
New River	
North Georgia	TE Ed Cunningham, Jr.
Pacific	RE William Montgomery
Southern Florida	TE Thomas Rayside
Tennessee Valley	RE Larry Mick
Texas	TE Thomas Ramsay
Warrior	
Western Carolinas	TE Rodney King
Westminster	RE John Thompson

**Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	TE James A. Kobb
Calvary	RE Ralph Bleasdale
Central Carolina	TE Robert Wilson
Central Florida	RE Hugh Cunningham
Central Georgia	TE Joseph Novenson
Covenant	RE Maurice R. Black
Eastern Carolina	RE Fuller Saulter
Evangel	TE Langston Haygood
Grace	RE Gregory Wood
Gulf Coast	TE Joseph Easterling
Louisiana	RE James Mitchell
Mid-Atlantic	TE Robert Schoof
Mississippi Valley	RE Richard Collins
New River	TE Michael Bolus
North Georgia	RE Lindsey Tippins
Pacific	TE Gerrit DeYoung
Southern Florida	RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Marsh
Texas	RE Fred Archer
Warrior	TE Thomas G. Kay
Western Carolinas	RE J. T. Russell
Westminster	TE David Osborne, Chairman

**Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	RE Melvin R. Channell
Calvary	TE John Smith, Jr.
Central Carolina	RE Buford Price
Central Florida	TE Lauris Vidal
Central Georgia	RE Julian H. Davis
Covenant	TE Dennis Nolen
Eastern Carolina	TE Warren F. Thuston
Evangel	RE Jack Noble
Grace	TE Jack Ross, Chairman
Gulf Coast	RE Kirby Reichmann
Louisiana	TE William E. Frisbee, Sr.
Mid-Atlantic	RE Ashton Stewart
Mississippi Valley	TE Brister Ware
New River	RE Jerry Martin
North Georgia	TE Ben Wilkinson

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Pacific	
Southern Florida	TE James Jones
Tennessee Valley	RE Oliver Smith
Texas	TE Henry Gundlach III
Warrior	RE C. E. Hornsby, Jr.
Western Carolinas	TE Tom Weaver II
Westminster	RE John Phillips

### **Committee of Commissioners on Board of Trustees of the PCA Foundation**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	
Calvary	RE William Simoneau
Central Carolina	TE Samuel McGinn
Central Florida	
Central Georgia	TE Paul E. Rowland
Covenant	RE Cecil Barnett
Eastern Carolina	
Evangel	TE Roy Taylor, Chairman
Grace	RE E. L. Caston
Gulf Coast	TE Warren West
Louisiana	RE Jack Hammond
Mid-Atlantic	TE William Iverson
Mississippi Valley	RE Robert Bailey
New River	TE Linwood Wilkes
North Georgia	RE William Murray
Pacific	TE Brent Bradley
Southern Florida	RE Joseph High
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Fowler
Texas	
Warrior	TE Joseph Sullivan
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	TE Frank Chapo

### **Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	
Calvary	RE James C. Turner
Central Carolina	TE Dewey Murphy
Central Florida	
Central Georgia	TE Ben W. Konopa
Covenant	RE Elmo Lamb

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Eastern Carolina	
Evangel	TE Henry Thigpen
Grace	RE Dewitt Smylie
Gulf Coast	TE George McGuire, Chairman
Louisiana	RE Baker S. Smith
Mid-Atlantic	TE Phillip Adams
Mississippi Valley	RE Stanton McArthur
New River	TE Norman Evans
North Georgia	RE Howard Bowman
Pacific	TE Larry Mills
Southern Florida	RE John Pascilis
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Manning, Jr.
Texas	RE L. J. Canniff
Warrior	TE Allan Story
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	TE John Hall

**Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Ascension	RE George Fox
Calvary	TE Sam B. Hoyt, Jr.
Central Carolina	RE Paul Rodden
Central Florida	TE James Saxon
Central Georgia	RE John T. Bailie
Covenant	TE Danton B. Ketchum
Eastern Carolina	TE Denver S. Blevins
Evangel	RE Tom Redden
Grace	TE E. A. Jussely
Gulf Coast	RE J.E. Gilbert
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	RE Edward Sullivan
Mississippi Valley	TE B. Whitwer
New River	RE Joseph Woodfield
North Georgia	
Pacific	
Southern Florida	TE Todd W. Allen
Tennessee Valley	RE Bob Venable
Texas	TE Richard Curnow, Chairman
Warrior	RE Marvin Brown
Western Carolinas	TE Thomas Hughes
Westminster	RE Thurman Raines



### Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	
Calvary	TE Henry Benchoff
Central Carolina	RE Jerry Cauble
Central Florida	TE James Young III
Central Georgia	RE Larry Sandefur
Covenant	TE Robert E. Hayes
Eastern Carolina	TE James K. Workman
Evangel	RE C. B. "Red" Collier
Grace	TE Bill Hermann, Chairman
Gulf Coast	RE Newton Brooks
Louisiana	TE Gary Edwards
Mid-Atlantic	RE William McKaig
Mississippi Valley	TE H. A. Silman
New River	RE John P. Jenkins
North Georgia	TE Mitchell Hall
Pacific	
Southern Florida	TE Robert R. Davis
Tennessee Valley	RE Alex Couch
Texas	TE Charles Cobb
Warrior	RE Richard Owen
Western Carolinas	TE Robert Sweet
Westminster	RE Woodrow Runyon

#### 8-8 Installation of Moderator

Moderator Joseph called for the newly-elected moderator, TE Paul G. Settle, to come forward for installation. He turned over the gavel and Mr. Settle assumed the chair.

#### 8-9 Presentation to Retiring Moderator

RE Ralph M. Langford, chairman of the Committee on Administration, came forward and presented a plaque and gavel to Retiring Moderator Joseph in recognition of his service as moderator. Moderator Settle led the Assembly in prayer.

#### 8-10 Assistant Parliamentarian

The moderator appointed RE W. Jack Williamson assistant parliamentarian for the Eighth General Assembly.

#### 8-11 Orientation of Commissioners

The stated clerk and assistant parliamentarian reviewed procedures of operation of the Assembly for the benefit especially of first-time commissioners.

#### 8-12 Adoption of Docket

On motion the docket was adopted as follows:

**A. PROPOSED DOCKET FOR THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**Friday, June 13, 1980**

7:30 p.m.      Briefing of Conveners of the Committees of Commissioners  
                         at the Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, June 14, 1980**

8:30 a.m.      Meetings of Committees of Commissioners  
                         at Local Churches to be designated

**Monday, June 16, 1980**

8:30 a.m.      Committees of Commissioners — at the Civic Center

1:00 p.m.      Opening Session of the General Assembly  
                         Call to Order by the Moderator — Opening with prayer  
                         Worship Service (including a season of prayer)  
                         Retiring Moderator's Exhortation  
                         Observance of the Lord's Supper — Rev. Dale Umbriet  
   and Rev. Robert Craggs

Recess

Report on enrollment and determining of quorum

Election of Moderator

Election of Recording and Assistant Clerks and  
                         Assistant Parliamentarians

Report of the Retiring Moderator

Report of the Stated Clerk

Presentation of Docket

Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Welcome of Host Churches

Fraternal Delegates bring greetings

Special Order Partial Report of Committee of Commissioners  
                         on Administration (Amendments to Rules of Assembly  
                         Operations)

Report of Committees

Assembly Theological Examining Committee

Committees of Commissioners on

Insurance and Annuities

Interchurch Relations

Judicial Business

PCA Foundation

Ridge Haven

Stewardship

(The order of these Committee reports is to be determined  
day by day and announced at the beginning  
of each day's session.)

4:30 p.m.      Recess  
                         Committees of Commissioners reconvene to approve  
                         final report (if necessary)

7:00 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Worship Service (Local Arrangements Committee)  
Orientation to Assembly Operations

9:30 p.m. Recess

### **Tuesday, June 17, 1980**

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Minutes of Monday sessions read  
Special Order — Mission to the World Program  
Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)  
Report of Committee of Commissioners on Mission  
to the World

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (Christian Education and Publications)

12:00 noon Recess for Lunch

1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Report on Mission to the World (continued)

5:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner

7:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Special Order Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations  
Recess at completion of Interchurch Relations Report

### **Wednesday, June 18, 1980**

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Minutes of Tuesday sessions read  
Special Order — Mission to the United States Program  
Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)  
Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to  
the United States

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (Mission to the World)

12:00 noon Recess for Lunch

1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Report on Mission to the United States (continued)  
Report of Judicial Commissions

5:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner

7:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Report of the Assembly's Nominating Committee  
Recess at the close of Nominating Committee Report

### **Thursday, June 19, 1980**

8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes  
Minutes of Wednesday sessions read  
Special Order — Christian Education and Publications  
Program Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)  
Report of Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education  
and Publications

- 11:30 a.m.      Worship Service (Administration)
- 12:00 noon      Recess for Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.      Assembly Reconvenes  
Report on Christian Education and Publications (continued)
- 5:00 p.m.      Recess for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m.      Assembly Reconvenes
- 9:30 p.m.      Recess

### Friday, June 20, 1980

- 8:00 a.m.      Assembly Reconvenes  
Minutes of Thursday sessions read  
Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration  
Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and  
Annuities to follow immediately after Administration
- 11:30 a.m.      Worship Service (Mission to the United States)
- 12:00 noon      Recess for Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.      Assembly Reconvenes

### 8-13      Judicial Commissions Appointed

TE Rodney T. King, chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business, opening the report with prayer. The following recommendations were presented:

1. That both the appeal of Mr. Lockman and the reference from the Presbytery of Gulf Coast be found in order and placed in the hands of a judicial commission appointed by the Eighth General Assembly to report to the Ninth General Assembly, this commission to be given the authority to make final disposition of the matter as requested by the Presbytery of Gulf Coast. It is recommended that the General Assembly keep in mind the geographical location close at hand to the presbytery in question in order to keep the cost within reason. We nominate the following as the constituency of that commission:

#### Teaching Elders

Harold Borchert  
Thomas Cook  
Thomas Kay  
Taylor McGowan  
H. R. Patteson  
Gordon Reed  
Thomas Roberts  
Paul Settle, Convener  
Kennedy Smartt

#### Ruling Elders

Robert Bailey  
Wilson Barbee  
George Caler  
Hugh Gibson  
Ed Mathes  
Edward Robeson  
Henry Smith  
Jack Williamson  
Paul Zetterholm

*Adopted.*

*[Clerk's Note: Paul Settle and Jack Williamson were, at their request, replaced with Rodney King and William Joseph (see § 8-84 p. 111).]*

2. That the complaint of TE Rod Mays against the Presbytery of New River be found in order and that a judicial commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly. We move that the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business be constituted a judicial commission to adjudicate the case.

**Teaching Elders**

Joseph Armfield, Jr.  
 Frank Boswell  
 Edward Cunningham  
 William Hughes  
 Rodney King, Convener  
 H. R. Patteson  
 Thomas Ramsay  
 Thomas Rayside  
 Thomas Roberts  
 Steven Wilkins

**Ruling Elders**

Wilson Barbee  
 A. H. Gibson  
 W. C. Hayes  
 T. G. Melson, Jr.  
 William Montgomery  
 Fred Morris  
 Henry Smith, Jr.  
 John Thompson

*Adopted.*

*[Clerk's Note: This commission, being unable to complete its work at this Assembly, was directed to report to the Ninth General Assembly (see § 8-84 p. 111).]*

3. That the complaint of TE Byron Snapp and TE James Hope against Calvary Presbytery be found in order and that a judicial commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly. We move that the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business be constituted a judicial commission to adjudicate the case.

**Teaching Elders**

Joseph Armfield, Jr.  
 Frank Boswell  
 Edward Cunningham  
 Rodney King, Convener  
 H. R. Patteson  
 Thomas Ramsay  
 Thomas Rayside  
 Thomas Roberts  
 Steven Wilkins

**Ruling Elders**

Wilson Barbee  
 A. H. Gibson  
 W. C. Hayes  
 T. G. Melson, Jr.  
 William Montgomery  
 Fred Morris  
 Henry Smith, Jr.  
 John Thompson

*Adjudicated § 8-30; p. 77.**Adopted.*

4. That the complaint of RE James H. Campbell, *et al*, against the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic be found in order, and that due to the extenuating circumstances, its lateness in being filed be excused, and the case be heard, and a judicial commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly. We nominate the following as the constituency of that commission:

**Teaching Elders**

Robert Cannada, Jr.  
 Jack Eubanks  
 Terry Gyger  
 Paul Kooistra  
 Andrew Silman  
 William Stanway, Convener  
 Allan Story  
 Leonard Van Horn

**Ruling Elders**

Melvin Channell  
 Earl Jagers  
 R. E. Lane  
 Larson Mick  
 George Patterson  
 John Spencer  
 Rodney Whited

*Adjudicated § 8-60; p. 90.***Alternates**

Lynn Downing

William Joseph

*Adopted.*

5. That the complaint of TE Carl W. Bogue, *et al*, against Ascension Presbytery be found in order, and that a judicial commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly. We nominate the following as the constituency of that commission:

**Teaching Elders**

Thomas Barnes  
 William Davies  
 Bruce Garriss  
 Alfred LaValley  
 Paul Lipe  
 Woodson Markert  
 Palmer Robertson, Convener  
 Wayne Rogers

**Ruling Elders**

C. E. Hornsby  
 Donald Kimsey  
 James Luce  
 Michael Minkoff  
 Kenneth Ryskamp  
 B. J. Stender  
 William Thompson

**Alternates**

Brister Ware  
 TE Rodney T. King, Chairman  
*Adjudicated § 8-63; p. 92.*

James Mardis

On motion the Assembly directed the principals involved in each judicial case to meet with the conveners of their respective commissions in the front of the auditorium immediately upon recess.

**8-14 Welcome of Host Presbytery and Churches**

TE R. Marion Canfield, chairman of the Assembly Arrangements Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee, welcomed the Assembly on behalf of the Savannah Churches and the Presbytery of Central Georgia. The following committee workers were recognized and thanked:

**Local Arrangements Committee**

General Chairman: TE R. Marion Canfield  
 Vice-chairman: TE A. Dale Umbreit

**Finance Committee**

Chairman: Mr. Ralph Summers  
 Vice-chairman: Mr. William Brodman

**Registration Committee**

Chairman: Mrs. Harriett Hartley  
 Vice-chairman: Mrs. Phebe Hamm

**Facilities Committee**

Chairman: Mr. James Luce  
 Vice-chairman: Mr. Collin Smith

**Transportation Committee**

Chairman: Mr. Howard Hansen  
 Vice-chairman: Mr. Neal Wall

**Food Services**

Chairman: Mr. Morris Glidewall  
 Vice-chairman: Mrs. Jo Canfield

**Hospitality, Refreshments**

Chairman: Mrs. Millie Smith  
 Vice-chairman: Mrs. Della Roach

**Women's Activities**

Chairman: Mrs. Vera Wood  
 Vice-chairman: Mrs. Sudie Rowland

**The Lord's Supper**

Chairman: TE Robert L. Craggs  
 Vice-chairman: TE A. Dale Umbreit

## Publicity

Chairman: TE Paul E. Rowland

Vice-chairman: TE A. Dale Umbreit

## Production of Papers

Chairman: Miss Dorothy Robinson

Vice-chairman: Mrs. Frances Moore

## Message Center (combined with Registration)

## Music

Chairman: TE Charles H. Davis

## Ushering and Security

Chairman: Mr. Charles Hamilton

## First Aid

Chairman: Mrs. Brenda Hall

**8-15 Recess**

Following brief operational announcements by RE Dan M. Moore, business administrator, the Assembly recessed at 4:32 p.m. with prayer by TE William J. Stanway.

**MINUTES — MONDAY EVENING****June 16, 1980****Second Session****8-16 Evening Worship**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with a worship service under the direction of the Local Arrangements Committee.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America

June 16, 1980 — 7:00 p.m.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Greetings

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Scripture Meditation ..... Psalm 139

Prayers of Confession and Consecration

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**8-17 Excuses Granted**

On motion the judicial commission for Case 4, the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations, and the Committee on Mission to the World were excused.

**8-18 Fraternal Delegates**

TE G. Aiken Taylor made a partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations, introducing the following fraternal delegates:

Orthodox Presbyterian Church	TE Larry G. Mininger TE John P. Galbraith
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod	TE Donald J. MacNair TE Paul R. Gilchrist, Stated Clerk TE Marion D. Barnes
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America	TE John H. White

Mr. Mininger, Mr. MacNair, and Mr. White addressed the Assembly. On motion the Assembly voted to seat all the delegates as visiting brethren and to grant them privilege of the floor.

*[Clerk's note: TE John Bratt of the Christian Reformed Church was not present at this time, but was introduced and addressed the Assembly the following day. See § 8-27; p. 71.]*

**8-19 Partial Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration**

RE Edward Williford presented a partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration, beginning with prayer. The committee presented the following recommendations:

1. That Overture No. 5 to the Eighth General Assembly from Evangel Presbytery, be answered in the affirmative, amending the "Rules for Assembly Operations" as follows:
  - a. Following the first sentence of Sub-section 8-11 (4) add the following sentence:  
"The assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting."
  - b. Following the second sentence of Sub-section 10-2, add the following sentence:  
"The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting."  
Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Evangel Presbytery, October 21, 1978.  
*Adopted.*
2. That Recommendation No. 13 of the Committee on Administration be adopted, suspending the "Rules for Assembly Operations" as follows:  
That the "Rules for Assembly Operation" be suspended in order that the Eighth General Assembly may try a "trial-run" on a new method of nominations and elections, and that the following draft of rules be used by this Assembly for the election of its permanent committees:
  - a. The nominations to the Assembly's Permanent Committees and Sub-committees shall ordinarily be presented by the Assembly Nominating Committee in the *Commissioner's Handbook*. This presentation shall include a brief statement regarding each nominee.
  - b. Additional nominations shall be made in writing on forms supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include the consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. A nominee is to give consent to only one nomination. The deadline for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the second day of the Assembly. The clerk's office shall issue a supplement to the Assembly Nominating Com-



mittee's Report during the third day's business sessions.

- c. Elections shall be held by the "single transferrable vote method." Ballots will be provided for each position, with a list of all nominees. Each commissioner shall be asked to indicate his first, second, third, etc., choice for each post. The ballots are then counted as follows: on the first count all first choice votes are placed in separate piles and tabulated. If no nominee receives a majority, the nominee with the smallest number of votes will be declared out, and his pile of votes will be distributed according to the second choice votes. If there is still no election, the lowest nominee is again dropped, his ballots are distributed according to the next choice on each ballot. If, after this procedure is carried out to the end, no one receives a majority, the two top nominees shall be presented to the Assembly for a final vote.

The time for the elections shall be docketed as a special order. Only those commissioners present and on the floor of the Assembly shall be eligible to vote.

*Adopted.*

On motion the Assembly voted to delay the time for recess until after the report of the Assembly Theological Examining Committee.

#### **8-20 Assembly Theological Examining Committee**

TE James C. Bland, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Assembly Theological Examining Committee. The committee presented the following recommendations:

1. That RE Edward Robeson, his examination having been sustained, be approved for the position of administrator of Ridge Haven. *Adopted.*
2. That TE Dwight Linton, his examination having been sustained, be approved for the position of assistant coordinator of the Committee on Mission to the United States. *Adopted.*

On motion the report as a whole was received.

*[See Appendix K, p. 224.]*

#### **8-21 Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 9:40 p.m. with prayer by TE H. Wallace Tinsley, Jr.

### **MINUTES — TUESDAY MORNING**

**June 17, 1980**

#### **Third Session**

#### **8-22 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly was reconvened Tuesday morning with prayer by TE Jack S. Ross at 8:00 a.m.

#### **8-23 Minutes Approved**

The minutes of the first and second sessions were approved as read to the Assembly.

#### **8-24 Program of Committee on Mission to the World**

TE Kennedy Smartt, Coordinator of Church Relations, introduced the program presentation of the Committee on Mission to the World, beginning with a multimedia presentation, "Doors". The program continued with brief remarks as follows:

TE James H. Stewart, Taiwan Church-Planting Team . . . . . "An Opening Door"

TE William R. Hermann, Portugal Church-Planting

Team . . . . . "Recently Opened Doors"

TE James A. Kobb, Korea Church-Planting Team . . . . . "An Open Door"

TE Jose M. Martinez, El Salvador (on furlough) . . . . . "Closing Doors"

TE Paul McKaughan, Coordinator . . . . . "Swinging Doors"

Mr. Smartt concluded the report, encouraging commissioners to interaction with foreign missionaries and missionary candidates present at the Assembly.

**8-25 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World**

TE Jack S. Ross, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World.

**I. Business Referred to the Committee.**

1. Minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World June 18, 1979, September 7-8, 1979, November 15-17, 1979, February 14-16, 1980, May 17, 1980.
2. Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 1979.
3. Report of the Committee on Mission to the World to the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (Appendix G, p. 187).

**II. Major Issues Discussed.****1. Finances.**

The fact that 41 percent of our missionaries were showing year-end deficits was brought to the attention of the commissioners. This has happened in spite of the fact that total income has increased 28.4 percent over 1978. The underlying factors appear to be inflation and devaluation of the dollar.

**2. Cooperative Agreements.**

Three new cooperative agreements are reported to the Eighth General Assembly. One of these, with Overseas Crusades, Incorporated, was reported to have theological language which was not in keeping with our standards. Accordingly, the Committee of Commissioners reviewed these agreements, with particular emphasis upon the statement of belief of Overseas Crusades, Inc.

**3. Change of Policy Regarding Short-Term Missionaries.**

Judging from the response of young people at Urbana and that which is being found across the Denomination, a large number of young people would be interested in a short-term assignment with Mission to the World. The interest comes from both within and without the Denomination. To utilize this potential would require changes in the Mission to the World "Missions Manual". The committee spent considerable time considering this matter.

**III. Recommendations**

1. That the minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World for June 18, 1979, September 7-8, 1979, November 15-17, 1979, February 14-16, 1980, and May 17, 1980, be approved. *Adopted.*
2. That the "Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 1979" be approved. *Adopted.*
3. That the General Assembly express its gratitude for each of our missionaries and join in prayer for God's provision of every spiritual, emotional and physical need in each of their lives. *Adopted.*
4. That the General Assembly give praise to God for His provision of an increasing number of church-planting candidates during 1979, and continue to pray that God will "send forth laborers into His harvest". *Adopted.*
5. That the General Assembly re-elect TE Paul McKaughan as Coordinator and the TE Kennedy Smartt as Coordinator of Church Relations for the Committee on Mission to the World. *Adopted.*
6. That the Assembly express its appreciation to Missionary-Evangelist James L. (Jimmy) Lyons and the entire MTW staff for their faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and Mission to the World. *Adopted.*
7. That the Assembly express its appreciation for the faithful service of RE L. B. (Pete) Austin III as chairman and RE Hugh W. Brown, Jr., and TE Eugene Craven as members of the Committee on Mission to the World. *Adopted.*
8. That the third Sunday in May 1981 be approved as a day of self-denial and prayer for world evangelization in general and our own Mission to the World missionaries in particular. *Adopted.*
9. That the budget of Mission to the World for 1981, as presented to the Stewardship Committee, be approved.

*Deferred. Adopted in paragraph 8-80, p. 110).*

10. That the General Assembly direct the Committee on Mission to the World to review the Cooperative Agreement with Overseas Crusades, incorporated ( Appendix G, p. 195 ), for the purpose of defining items 4 and 7 under "What Does O.C. Believe?". *Adopted.*
11. That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Mission to the World to create a structure that will enable students and those who are non-career missionaries to respond to God's call to short-term work worldwide. *Adopted.*
12. That the Mission to the World Committee be authorized, for a two-year period, to operate the Short-Term Project in exception to the Missions Manual in Section 3.01.10 pertaining to PCA membership of Short-Termers\*, and 2.02.1(4) and 2.02.2 pertaining to missionaries raising their own support. \*\*

Quote from Missions Manual 3.01.10:

**"Church Relationship.** Prior to approval, candidates will be expected to be members of a congregation or presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America."

\*This change would allow short-termers, who are in full accord with the PCA standards, but are not necessarily members of the PCA, to serve with Mission to the World.

2.02.1(4): **"Support.** It is clear that the sending churches in the book of Acts were involved in the support—prayer and financial—of their missionaries. When a session or presbytery encourages an individual to mission service, it accepts the responsibility to back up that person by prayer and giving."

2.02.2 **Enabling Committee** (paragraphs 6 and 8):

"It works with the missionary candidate and his church or presbytery in planning for further training or experience where it is necessary. It assists churches and presbyteries in the matter of support. It does not replace the sending bodies in this responsibility but can and will assist congregations and presbyteries, who desire assistance in the matter of support for their missionaries, who do not have large support from their churches or presbyteries, to find interested churches.

"It recommends salary and benefit levels, assists the missionary in itineration (in cooperation with session or presbytery) and helps him in the technical matters related to his going overseas."

\*\*For career missionaries this responsibility is that of Mission to the World. This change would give short-termers the responsibility of raising their own support.

(Recommendation 12 is substituted for Recommendation 7 in the Report of Committee on Mission to the World.) *Adopted.*

On motion the committee was instructed to answer Recommendation 19, p. 133, M7GA, and report back to the Assembly.

(The following items 1-3, referred to the committee during the Assembly, are dealt with in Recommendations 13-15.)

1. Supplemental Report of the Committee on Mission to the World to the Eighth General Assembly.
2. Instructions from the Assembly regarding the answer to 19, p. 133, of the *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly*.
3. The matter of the explanation of the relationship of Mission to the World to Jakub and Esther Susabda.
13. That the General Assembly approve a policy by which the Committee on Mission to the World may fund its administrative expenses by

- a. adding an administrative increment to the support requirements of each missionary, and,
- b. by transferring these funds from the missionaries' support accounts to the general fund as needed. *Adopted.*

The following commissioners requested that their negative votes on this recommendation be recorded:

George W. Mitchell  
 Jose Martinez  
 William H. Dever  
 David J. K. Howe  
 Robert L. LaMay  
 Eugene C. Case  
 Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr.  
 Wister B. Traynham  
 Paul E. Zetterholm  
 Sam Martin  
 Gilbert A. Lane, Sr.  
 Dwight Noe  
 Stanwood L. Bean  
 Robert L. Harris  
 G. Brent Bradley  
 Ronald Swafford

Baker S. Smith  
 James A. Mitchell  
 James Kobb  
 Ray Kellett  
 G. Collin Smith  
 George M. Park  
 Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.  
 Jack W. Bowling  
 Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.  
 Wilson Smith  
 William H. Smith  
 Richard Wiman  
 Woodrow Runyon  
 Donald G. Gartzke  
 Julian H. Davis  
 James DeJager

14. That the Eighth General Assembly receive the report that the directive of the Seventh General Assembly has been complied with by appropriate action of the Permanent Committee. See minutes of September 7-8, 1979, p. 4, item h.

a. **The Directive**

*Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly of the PCA, p. 133, Recommendation 19:*

"That contracts on loans of missionaries of Mission to the World while in service be written to assure that the estates be liable for the loans plus interest. Referred to the Permanent Committee on Mission to the World for report back to the Eighth General Assembly."

b. **Compliance**

*Minutes of Committee on Mission to the World, September 7-8, 1979, p. 4, item h:*

"That Mission to the World provide Credit Life Insurance for auto loans made by missionaries and that these premiums be paid from support accounts. This action will also cover present accounts." *Adopted.*

15. To accept the explanation given by Mission to the World below and approve its action.

"Last year's General Assembly in approving the minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World, noted an exception in the case of Jakub and Esther Susabda serving in an Indonesian Bible School, because there was no written cooperative agreement between MTW and the agency under which the Susabdas are serving. (See *Assembly Minutes*, 1979, p. 128, 7-68, III under "Report"). The Committee on Mission to the World was not asked for an explanation by the Assembly at that time, but feels such an explanation is needed:

- a. Mr. Susabda is a graduate of Reformed Seminary, 1978, who has returned to his homeland to teach in a Bible school there. He asked to be received by MTW in order to receive the prayer support of the PCA.
- b. Mrs. Susabda lacks only one year before completing her work on an M.D. (medical doctor) degree. She is currently working on that.

- c. The family is supporting itself or being supported by friends and family in Indonesia.
  - d. If the school where Mr. Susabda is teaching signed an agreement with MTW (a foreign organization), it would seriously jeopardize its privilege of operation in a country that is extremely wary and defensive toward outsiders intruding into the religious life of its people. (Missionaries are being expelled.)
  - e. MTW sent one of its own missionaries to see the administrator of the school and secured from him verbal concurrence to all the terms of our cooperative agreement.
  - f. The administrator, not understanding why MTW was so insistent upon a signature (which he felt would bring the government down upon his school), wondered if MTW was not trusting a Christian brother, and why MTW was making so much to do about supporting a Christian brother, Jakub Susabda, with its prayer.
  - g. MTW's only financial commitment to Jakub Susabda is to channel such funds as are specifically designated for his support. *Adopted.*
16. That the Report of the Committee on Mission to the World be approved as amended. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,  
 TE Jack Ross, Chairman  
 TE John Smith, Jr., Secretary

## COMMISSIONERS

### Presbytery

Ascension  
 Calvary  
 Central Carolina  
 Central Florida  
 Central Georgia  
 Eastern Carolina  
 Evangel  
 Grace  
 Gulf Coast  
 Mid-Atlantic  
 North Georgia  
 Southern Florida  
 Tennessee Valley  
 Texas  
 Warrior

### Commissioner

RE Melvin R. Channell  
 TE John Smith, Jr.  
 RE Buford Price  
 TE Lauris Vidal  
 RE Julian H. Davis  
 TE Warren F. Thuston  
 RE Jack Noble  
 TE Jack Ross  
 RE K. J. Reichmann  
 RE Ashton Stewart  
 TE Ben Wilkinson  
 TE James Bowen  
 RE Horace E. Rivers  
 TE Henry Gundlach III  
 RE C. E. Hornsby, Jr.

*[Clerk's Note: Items 13-16 were handled Tuesday evening (§ 8-40) and are included here for easier reference.]*

### 8-26 Excuses Granted

On motion the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations and the Trustees of the PCA Foundation were excused to meet at 10:00 a.m., and the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World at 10:30 a.m.

The judicial commission to adjudicate Case 5 was granted permission to meet at 1:30 p.m.

**8-27** TE G. Aiken Taylor introduced the fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, TE John D. Bratt, who addressed the Assembly. On motion he was welcomed as a visiting brother and granted the privilege of the floor.



**8-28 Recess**

Moderator Settle declared a fifteen minute recess.

**8-29 Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications**

Upon reconvening the Assembly agreed by common consent to move the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications ahead of its docketed time. TE William W. Maynor, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report.

- I. The following items were referred to this committee:
  - A. The Report of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications (Appendix E, p. 168).
  - B. Overture No. 9 to the Eighth General Assembly (p. 34) ) and Overture No. 7 to the Seventh General Assembly (p. 45).
  - C. The minutes of June 15, 1979; August 3, 1979; December 7, 1979; and February 2, 1980; of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications.
- II. The committee met with representatives of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications as well as staff personnel of this committee and from Great Commission Publications. As the committee of commissioners discussed the above items, we received much information from the representatives/staff members of Christian Education and Publications and Great Commission Publications. We were impressed with the magnitude of the work accomplished during 1979-1980 and we share in the zeal of the Christian Education and Publications members as they attempt to carry out the ministries entrusted to them by the General Assembly. In discussing Covenant College the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings of May 3, 4, 1979; October 4, 5, 1979; January 31, February 1, 1980; May 8, 9, 1980; were reviewed and received as information.
- III. Recommendations
  1. That the following minutes of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications be approved: June 15, 1979; August 3, 1979; December 7, 1979; and February 22, 1980. *Adopted.*
  2. That the corrected proposed budget be approved as presented by the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. *Deferred. Adopted in paragraph 8-80, p. 110, 203.*
  3. That TE Charles H. Dunahoo be elected Coordinator for the Committee for Christian Education and Publications for 1981, and that he and his staff be highly commended for the earnest and hard work during the 1979/1980 years and for the committee's earnest commitment to meet 100% of the PCA's adjusted contribution to Great Commission Publications. *Adopted.*
  4. That expressions of thanks be given to the churches using the educational program and materials produced by the Committee for Christian Education and Publications and the joint venture known as Great Commission Publications. *Adopted.*
  5. That churches not using the materials be encouraged to review and evaluate carefully the possibility of using the available programs from the Committee for Christian Education and Publications and Great Commission Publications. *Adopted.*
  6. That all churches are especially encouraged to take advantage of the seminars on Christian Education, Leadership Training and Home-Family Relations offered by the Christian Education and Publications staff. *Adopted.*
  7. That special prayer be given during the year for the continued development of a full program in Christian Education for local churches. *Adopted.*
  8. That churches be encouraged to utilize the "Diaconal Training Manual", produced by the Committee for Christian Education and Publications as directed by the Fifth General Assembly, which is scheduled for publication in early September, 1980. *Adopted.*

9. "That the already approved study edition of the Westminster Standards be published for the PCA with the full text of the Scripture proofs in the King James Version, since the language of the Confession reflects this version.  
*Deferred. Adopted in § 8-80, p. 110.*
10. That the General Assembly with the approval of this recommendation, in accordance with the original "Plan of Joint Governance of Covenant College", affirm its desire to continue the plan. *Adopted.*
11. That the Assembly elect two persons to the Board of Covenant College in connection with the report of the Assembly Nominating Committee's Report. TE Frank J. Smith requested that his negative vote be recorded. *Adopted.*
12. That Covenant College continue to be commended to our churches and to our people for support in prayer, students and finances. *Adopted.*  
TE Frank J. Smith requested that his negative vote be recorded.
13. That local churches continue to encourage their young people to participate in the Career Planning Program sponsored by Covenant College. *Adopted.*  
TE Frank J. Smith requested that his negative vote be recorded.
14. That the General Assembly continue to support the development of a Christian Education and Publications scholarship fund for ministerial candidates. *Adopted.*
15. That local churches utilize the resources from the Christian Education and Publications office regarding Christian Day Schools. *Adopted.*  
TE Frank J. Smith requested that his negative vote be recorded.
16. That the General Assembly direct the presbyteries to continue to develop their plans of education for ministerial candidates following the suggestions and guidelines contained in the *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly*, pp. 189-190. *Adopted.*
17. That the 1981 Love Gift of the Women in the Church be designated for Christian Education and Publications to be used in the developing of an audio-visual training department by the committee, and that they be commended for the support for the 1980 Love Gift. *Adopted.*
18. That local Women in the Church organizations be encouraged to use resources from the Christian Education and Publications office in Decatur, GA. *Adopted.*
19. That the 1981 PCA Family Conference be held during the second week in July. *Adopted.*
20. That the annual Continuing Education Conference for Ministers be held during either the first or second week in March, 1981, and that all PCA ministers be encouraged to participate. *Adopted.*
21. That local sessions consider assisting in the financing of their minister(s)' attendance at the Continuing Education Conference. *Adopted.*
22. That all sessions be encouraged to enroll their families on "The PCA Messenger" mailing list and to keep the committee informed of any additions or deletions. *Adopted.*
23. That all permanent committees and sub-committees of the General Assembly be encouraged to use "The PCA Messenger" as the Denomination's official news organ to keep the constituents informed as to the news and developments within the PCA. *Adopted.*
24. That the General Assembly assign responsibility for coordination of all PCA disaster relief efforts
  - a. within the 50 states of the USA to Mission to the United States, and
  - b. outside the 50 states of the USA to Mission to the World. *Adopted.*
25. That Overture 9 (p. 34) be answered by reference to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications to be reported back to the Ninth General Assembly. *Adopted.*

26. That Overture 7 from the Seventh General Assembly (p. 45) be answered in the negative.

Grounds: The Committee for Christian Education and Publications has already studied the matter and plans to publish a paper on Dispensationalism at a later date. *Adopted.*

The following commissioners were present:

Ascension	Carl W. Bogue, Jr.	TE
Calvary	J. Dan Kilgore	RE
Central Carolina	Jack W. Bowling	TE
Central Florida	Joe Vance	RE
Central Georgia	Carl E. Smith	TE
Covenant	L. W. Scruggs	RE
Evangel	James Alexander	TE
Grace	Belton E. Diffrient, Jr.	RE
Gulf Coast	Charles Gwin	TE (Secretary)
Louisiana	Robert W. Turner	RE
Mid-Atlantic	George B. Brengle	TE
Mississippi Valley	Jimmy R. Mardis	RE
New River	Jim Fishel	TE
Southern Florida	James M. Stewart	RE
Tennessee Valley	David G. K. Howe	TE
Warrior	William Maynor	TE (Chairman)

Respectfully submitted,  
TE William Maynor, Chairman  
TE Charles Gwin, Secretary

### 8-30 Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven

Moderator Settle called upon TE B. I. Anderson to assume the chair for the ensuing report. TE Richard A. Curnow, Jr., chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven, led in prayer and presented the committee's report.

#### I. Organization of the Committee

The Committee met at the Civic Center in Savannah, Georgia on Monday, June 16, 1980, at 8:30 a.m. RE Joseph Woodfield, the convener, called the meeting to order and asked TE Paul Settle to open the meeting with prayer. TE Richard Curnow was elected chairman. TE Samuel Hoyt, Jr. was elected secretary.

- II. The committee reviewed the minutes of the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc. All the members of the committee reported that they had read the report of the Board of Directors. The introduction of this report was adopted as written. (See Appendix J, p. 222.) The audit of the Board of Directors was received and the committee was assured that the recommendations of the auditors are being implemented.

#### III. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of July 23, 1979; August 6, 1979; August 29, 1979; October 26, 1979; February 8, 1980; February 21, 1980; March 21, 1980; and April 28, 1980, be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
2. In order to clarify the method of filling unexpired terms of members of the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., that a section 3 be added to ARTICLE V, *Directors*, of the Bylaws (M7GA, p. 268-9), to read:
3. Vacancies. A vacancy on the board of directors because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the directors for the unexpired portion of the term subject to the approval of the next General Assembly.

and that the other sections in ARTICLE V be renumbered appropriately.

*Adopted.*



3. Approve RE Harrison R. King, Second Church, Greenville, SC, to fill the unexpired term of TE Wayne Rogers, '82, who resigned. *Adopted.*
4. Approve RE Royce G. Waites, Northeast Church, Columbia, SC, to fill the unexpired term of George Gulley, '82, who resigned. *Adopted.*
5. Approve TE Gordon K. Reed, Calvary Presbytery, to fill the unexpired term of Pat T. Williams, '83, who resigned. *Adopted.*
6. That the Board of Directors give serious consideration to selecting qualified persons from more distant areas in the temporary filling of future vacancies on the Board. *Adopted.*
7. That The Presbyterian Church in America Foundation be authorized to borrow up to \$400,000.00 pledging the \$800,000.00 note (payable in 5 equal annual payments plus 6% interest) and the \$200,000.00 note secured by the 1/3 interest in the Woodlawn Plaza Shopping Center mortgage due on or before May 1, 1982, as collateral to provide Ridge Haven, Inc., with funds that will enable it to proceed with construction of the first major building (Phase I Lodge) at the earliest possible date. *Adopted.*
8. Elect RE Edward J. Robeson III as Administrator of Ridge Haven, Inc., to serve in this capacity in accordance with the Bylaws and the Job Description prepared by the Board. *Adopted.*
9. Express great appreciation to TE Gordon K. Reed for serving as Acting Administrator of Ridge Haven, Inc. *Adopted.*
10. Express our sincere appreciation to the Women in the Church for their love gift in 1980. *Adopted.*  
 Approve the amended budget for 1980 (p. 223). *Deferred. Adopted in § 8-80, p. 110.*  
 Approve the amended budget for 1981 (p. 223). *Deferred. Adopted in § 8-80, p. 110.*
13. That this report, as a whole, be adopted. *Deferred. Adopted in § 8-110, p. 121.*  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Richard Curnow, Chairman

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven:

Ascension	George F. Fox, RE
Calvary	Samuel B. Hoyt, Jr., TE
Central Carolina	Paul Rodden, RE
Central Florida	James Saxon, TE
Central Georgia	John T. Bailie, RE
Grace	Edward A. Jussely, TE
Gulf Coast	James E. Gilbert, RE
New River	Joseph E. Woodfield, RE
Southern Florida	Todd W. Allen, TE
Texas	Richard Curnow, TE
Warrior	Charles Davis, RE
Westminster	Thurman Raines, RE

[Clerk's Note: Recommendations 7 through 11 were adopted in § 8-34. They are included here for easier reference.]

### 8-31 Committee Excused

On motion the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries was excused from the Assembly beginning at 1:30 p.m.

**8-32 Worship Service — Christian Education and Publications Committee**

RE John E. Spencer, chairman of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, began the worship service of the morning at 11:30 a.m. under the direction of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. TE John K. Reeves preached the sermon, and the Assembly recessed for lunch with prayer at 12:00 noon.

**MINUTES — TUESDAY AFTERNOON****June 17, 1980****Fourth Session****8-33 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by TE B. I. Anderson.

**8-34 Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven (continued)**

Chairman Curnow continued the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven. Recommendations 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were adopted. Recommendations 12, 13, and 14 were deferred until consideration of all of the budgets.

*[Clerk's Note: See § 8-30, p. 74, for full text of report.]*

**8-35 Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities**

Moderator Settle took the chair again, and the Assembly moved to consideration of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities. TE H. Charles Green, Jr., chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report.

**I. Business Referred to the Committee**

1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees, Appendix B, p. 150.

**II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed**

1. The Minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings of June 18, July 20, November 20, 1979, and February 19, 1980, were reviewed.
2. Representatives of the Board appeared before the committee. Mr. Donald Gally, who will assist the Board as investment advisor, discussed his role and explained the operation of the three investment firms who are currently handling the bulk of the assets of the Fund.
3. The Health Insurance program experienced a substantial increase in claims. As a result, rates will be increased and the \$100 deductible for out-patient service will be reinstated.

**III. Recommendations**

1. That the Minutes of the Board meetings of June 19, July 20, November 20, 1979, and February 19, 1980, be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
2. That the Health Insurance Benefits be changed by extending the \$100.00 deductible per person, \$300.00 cumulative per family, to all medical services except prescription drugs, additional accident care, and outpatient laboratory, x-ray and diagnostic benefit, effective August 1, 1980. *Adopted.*
3. That a \$1.00 per month administrative fee be included in the Medical Insurance Premium. *Adopted.*
4. That the Group Medical and Life Insurance Premiums for six months beginning August 1, 1980, including administrative fee, be:
 

Employee only	41.00
Employee & 1 dependent	80.50 per month
Employee & more than 1 dependent	99.50 per month

*Adopted.*
5. That the Trustees be authorized to set the Health Insurance Premium for the period 2/1/81 thru 7/31/81. *Adopted.*
6. That comparative prices be sought by our Trustees for the insurance program prior to the 1981 General Assembly. *Adopted.*

7. That the General Assembly encourage all congregations to participate in the pension plan on behalf of their ministers and lay employees. *Adopted.*
8. That the General Assembly receive as information the Guidelines for the Relief Fund adopted by the Trustees. *Adopted.*

#### ROLL OF THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS

Ascension	John W. Todd, Jr., RE
Calvary	—
Central Carolina	Paul Ratchford, RE
Central Florida	Charles Green, TE
Central Georgia	J. A. Durrenberger, RE
Covenant	Charles Champion, TE
Eastern Carolina	—
Evangel	Douglas Haskew, RE
Grace	Charles Cox, TE
Gulf Coast	Jerry Lloyd, RE
Louisiana	—
Mid-Atlantic	Gene Friedline, RE
Mississippi Valley	D. Hulse, TE
New River	—
North Georgia	—
Pacific	—
South Florida	—
Tennessee Valley	—
Texas	—
Warrior	—
Western Carolinas	Jerry Lynn, TE

Charles Green, Chairman  
John W. Todd, Jr., Secretary

As discussion had arisen concerning the Church's relationship to the State in connection with this report, and as the Assembly had just received word of a recurrence of TE Gordon K. Reed's back problem, and of the sudden death Tuesday morning, June 17, 1980, of TE Robert Strong of the PCUS, beloved by many, Moderator Settle directed that the Assembly pause for prayer by TE G. Brent Bradley and TE Norman A. Bagby, Jr. On motion the report as a whole was then received.

#### **8-36 Judicial Commission on Complaint of Byron Snapp and James Hope against Calvary Presbytery**

At 3:10 p.m. the moderator yielded the chair to TE Todd W. Allen. TE Rodney T. King, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to Adjudicate Case No. 3, "Complaint of Teaching Elders Byron Snapp and James M. Hope against Calvary Presbytery." On motion the statement of the case and the judgment rendered by the commission were approved and accepted by the Assembly as its action and judgment on the case, and the whole was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Minutes of the Judicial Commission Appointed by the Eighth General Assembly to Adjudicate the Complaint of TE Byron Snapp and TE James M. Hope Against Calvary Presbytery

The commission convened pursuant to the call of the convener June 16, 1980, at 9:40 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center, Savannah, Georgia.  
A quorum was present with the following in attendance:

### Teaching Elders

Joseph H. Armfield  
Frank Boswell  
Ed Cunningham  
William Hughes  
Rodney T. King  
Thomas Ramsay  
Thomas Rayside  
Thomas Roberts  
Steven Wilkins

### Ruling Elders

Wilson J. Barbee  
A. H. Gibson  
W. C. Hayes  
T. G. Melson, Jr.  
William J. Montgomery  
Fred Morris,  
Henry G. Smith, Jr.  
John G. Thompson

Present, too, were Complainants Byron L. Snapp and James H. Hope; Respondent William Simoneau was appointed by the presbytery to defend the action of presbytery.

The meeting was opened with prayer. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, TE Rodney King was elected chairman. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, TE Edwin Cunningham was elected secretary.

The chairman exhorted the commission in accordance with *BCO* 33-12, and portions of chapters 33 and 43 of *BCO* were read for the instruction of the court.

The complete record of the case was read by the chairman. The complainants made opening arguments and introduced, with permission of the respondent, a written explanation and expansion of the argument. Respondent made opening argument. Neither party desired to question the other. Members of the court posed questions to both parties.

The court, by unanimous vote, went into executive session to discuss the merit of the case and to express opinion.

The vote was then taken on the single specification of the complaint in the form prescribed by *BCO* 43-7. The commission voted to sustain the specification of error. The secretary and the chairman were directed to draw up a minute explanatory of the action for perfection and adoption by the commission.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that the ordination be found contrary to the *Book of Church Order* due to this error.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that this matter be remanded to Calvary Presbytery for correction.

The following statement was adopted by the commission as the minute explanatory: "The Presbytery has not demonstrated that the use of the 'extraordinary clause' was justified by either extraordinary circumstances or proven extraordinary gifts of the man."

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Sub-committee on Judicial Business be directed to prepare an answer to the question, "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?", and report to the Ninth General Assembly.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to report these actions to the complainants and to the respondent.

The minutes were perfected and approved. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the report as a whole.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the commission adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney T. King, Chairman  
Edwin Cunningham, Secretary

*Adopted.*

**8-37 Recess**

Moderator Settle returned to the chair. There being no further business available at the time, the moderator declared a recess at 3:40 p.m. and moved the time for reconvening from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES — TUESDAY EVENING****June 17, 1980****Fifth Session****8-38 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with prayer by RE William Simoneau.

**8-39 Personal Resolution**

TE Fredrick S. Carr presented the following resolution of remembrance of TE Robert Strong and sympathy for members of his family, which was adopted:

**Whereas**, God in His providence called home our brother in the Lord, Robert Strong while this Assembly was in session; and

**Whereas**, many of these commissioners remember with gratitude to God the life and ministry of Dr. Strong as being a blessing in their personal lives; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Strong served his Lord with great humility and great effect within the Church of Jesus Christ;

**Now Be It Resolved**, that the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America remember the life of our brother with praise to God and thanksgiving; and further, that we convey our love and sympathy to the members of his family in their time of bereavement. *Adopted.*

**8-40 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World. Chairman Ross led in prayer and continued the report, and Recommendations 13-16 were adopted.

*[Clerk's Note: See § 8-25, p. 68, for full text of report.]*

**8-41 Korean Commissioners**

TE T. Dwight Linton spoke on behalf of the Committee on Mission to the World in regard to developments in Korea, and introduced Korean visitors and delegates to the Assembly. The Assembly joined in a season of prayer for the Christians in Korea, our missionaries there, and the rest of our missionaries throughout the world.

**8-42 Personal Privilege**

TE James L. (Jimmy) Lyons was granted a moment of personal privilege to speak to the Assembly.

**8-43 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations**

TE Don K. Clements, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations.

**I. Items Referred to This Committee**

1. Report of the Permanent Sub-committee (Appendix C, p. 153).
2. Minutes of the Permanent Sub-committee, dated October 2, 1979, and February 15, 1980.
3. Communication 2 from the 47th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (see p. 29).
4. Overtures 6, 18, 19, 28 and 33 (See p. 35 and 36).
5. Report of the Ad-interim Committee to Discuss Areas of Agreement, Differences Difficulties with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Appendix M, pp. 236).

## II. Major Issues Discussed

1. A proposed relationship of the PCA to the Korean American Presbyterian Church.
2. A proposed relationship of the PCA to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.
3. Participation of the PCA in NAPARC's study of Hermeneutics.
4. The Permanent Sub-committee's Recommendation 4 concerning an invitation to other churches to join the PCA.
5. The work and report of the Ad-interim Committee to Discuss . . .
6. Communication 2 from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and matters relating to it.
7. An action of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod concerning their recommended response to their General Synod to a possible invitation to join with the Presbyterian Church in America.

## III. The following individuals met with and addressed the Committee of Commissioners

1. TE G. Aiken Taylor, chairman, Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations.
2. TE John P. Galbraith and TE Larry G. Miner from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
3. TE Donald J. MacNair and RE Marion D. Barnes of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.
4. The following members of the PCA General Assembly: TE E. Crowell Cooley, TE J. Philip Clark and TE Carl W. Bogue, Jr.

## IV. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of the Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations dated October 2, 1979, and February 15, 1980, be approved with the following notations: The members present were not designated as to their being ruling or teaching elders, and the kind of meeting was not stated. *Adopted*
2. That the General Assembly at this time decline the invitation from the Korean American Presbyterian Church.  
Reason: The multiplicity of Presbyterian and Reformed groups in Korea and among Koreans in this country suggests care to avoid any suggestion of partiality. *Adopted.*
3. That in the interest of further information about the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, the General Assembly authorize the attendance of two observers at the Nimes meeting of the RES, these persons to be TE James A. Jones, Jr., and TE William Edgar III.  
Reasons: (1) The Seventh General Assembly decided not to join the RES at this time.  
(2) These PCA personnel are on the mission field in France and are expected to be in Europe at the time of the meeting. *Adopted.*
4. That the General Assembly approve participation in a proposed NAPARC study of the science of Hermeneutics, naming TE O. Palmer Robertson and TE R. C. Sproul as PCA members of this study committee.  
Reason: This study should benefit the PCA, especially in its understanding of the positions of the other Churches in NAPARC. The two men named are knowledgeable in the area and are willing to serve. *Adopted.*
5. That the Eighth General Assembly of the PCA reaffirm at this time that portion of its original letter from our First General Assembly to all Churches, which reads: "As this new member of the family of Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ comes into being, we necessarily profess the Biblical doctrine of the unity of all who are in Christ . . . We greet all believers in an affirmation of the bond of Christian brotherhood. We invite into ecclesiastical fellowship all who maintain our principles of faith and order."



Reason: The Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations has responded to new channels of discussion with other Churches of like confessional base for which we are grateful. However, the Committee of Commissioners feels that the substance of the letter proposed in the Sub-committee Recommendation 4 may have been inappropriate in view of the actions of the Seventh General Assembly (see M7GA, 7-34, Recommendation 5, p. 95).

Chairman Clements moved Recommendation No. 5. A motion was made and seconded to substitute for Recommendation No. 5 the "Letter" attached to Recommendation No. 4 of the Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations' report (see p. 154), excluding the text of Recommendation No. 4 itself.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the substitute so that the "Letter" would read as follows:

### LETTER

#### To be adopted by the 1980 General Assembly Presbyterian Church in America

To: The General Synods and General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Subject: An invitation to effect one Church.

Brethren:

Greetings in the Names of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church.

**Whereas**, we hold to and desire to promote a common testimony to the inerrancy of Scripture, the system of doctrine contained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*, and the doctrine of the purity of the visible Church; and

**Whereas**, we feel constrained by our commitments to seek a more perfect unity among us as members of Christ's body;

**Now Therefore**, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, in the bonds of our Lord Jesus Christ, invites you to come with us for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one Church among us. We propose, as the basis of this association, the above named principles, together with the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Paul G. Settle, Moderator  
For the Presbyterian Church in America

RE Michael Williams led the Assembly in prayer.

Two commissioners asked questions related to the Constitution, and the moderator referred these to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. TE Thomas A. Cook, vice-chairman, subsequently presented the following report on the questions.

**Question 1.** Does an invitation from the General Assembly to other ecclesiastical bodies require a three-fourths vote of the presbyteries in order to be issued, on the assumption that an invitation presupposes receipt of the body upon acceptance of the invitation?

**Response 1.** The *BCO* does not speak to the issue of extending an invitation to other ecclesiastical bodies but it does speak very clearly to receiving other ecclesiastical bodies. It is the opinion of this sub-committee that the invitation could be extended by the General Assembly without presbytery consent, but that in doing so the General Assembly should remind those ecclesiastical bodies that their reception

would be contingent upon the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the PCA (BCO 15-6).

**Question 2.** What is the constitutional meaning of the phrase "the doctrine of the purity of the church?"

**Response 2.** In responding to the question, the sub-committee has in mind the statement in the fifth line of the "Letter", which reads, "the doctrine of the purity of the visible Church". Such language is not found in the standards, but concern for the purity of the visible Church is clearly expressed in *Westminster Confession of Faith* 25:4, 5, the "Preface to the Book of Church Order", II(4), and *Book of Church Order* 2-1, 2-2, 22-5(6), and 25-5.

On motion this report was adopted by the Assembly.

*[Clerk's Note: This report was presented and adopted Wednesday morning (§ 8-52) and is included here for easier reference.]*

On motion the Assembly voted to go into a committee of the whole in closed session, and rise without a report to continue until the body wishes to terminate the posture of committee of the whole. The moderator named TE James E. Moore to chair the committee of the whole.

*[Extensive discussion ensued, and a "straw vote" was taken which favored issuing an invitation to the RPCES and the OPC. The committee of the whole at 11:30 p.m. voted to rise to recommend to the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America that we extend a simple invitation to the RPCES and the OPC to consider matters necessary to effect church union with us to the glory of Christ and His Church. (Clerk's Note: This material is not actually part of the Minutes of the Assembly, as this recommendation was never received for consideration by the Assembly. It has been included for historical reference and information.)]*

The Assembly resumed regular session and voted to adopt the amendment on the floor, by substituting the shortened form of the "Letter" for the longer form originally recommended by the Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations. The vote was 423 affirmative, 124 negative.

On motion the amended "Letter" was further amended to add the following paragraph between the last paragraph and the closing.

It is to be understood that this invitation is an action of the Eighth General Assembly, and to receive any denomination which responds to this invitation it should be stated that for the Presbyterian Church in America to consummate any such union, it would have to go through the constitutional process of approval by subsequent General Assemblies and three-fourths of our presbyteries. In this constitutional process each denomination must be dealt with separately.

The amended substitute for Recommendation No. 5 of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations was then adopted by vote of 525 affirmative, 38 negative.

On motion the Assembly voted to make copies of Recommendation No. 5, with the vote tabulation, for commissioners to take home with them. The full letter in final form follows.

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Presbyterian Church in America

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Sincerely in Christ,  
Paul G. Settle, Moderator  
For the Presbyterian Church in America

6. That the Ad-interim Committee to Discuss . . . be continued for one year and that in the event approaches from any other Churches are made to the PCA during the coming year, the Ad-interim Committee be authorized to welcome, receive and study such approaches; be directed to communicate such information to the Church-at-large by all means available; and report to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA.

Reasons: (1) The Committee of Commissioners was made aware of the following portion of the minutes of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the RPCES which represents a recommendation of that committee, passed unanimously, to the RPCES General Synod to meet in July, 1980, a copy of which was forwarded to the PCA Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations for their information (see p. 155).

(2) The Committee of Commissioners also noted Communication 2 from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. *Adopted.*

7. In response to Communication 2 from the 47th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America take the following actions:
  - a. That the Ad-interim Committee continue to work on its original mandate, and that they meet with the representatives of the OPC, and of the RPCES and RPCNA, if the latter so desire, to draw up a statement that exhibits the representatives' understanding (or, if necessary, individual statements that exhibit individual understandings) of the compatibility of the participating Churches, the statement to take into consideration discussion of those questions raised by PCA representatives at the joint meeting held September 14, 1979 (see p. 237), and any other pertinent issues. *Adopted.*
  - b. That the Ad-interim Committee be instructed to report by means of a letter to all teaching elders and clerks of session no later than February 1, 1981, areas of similarity and difference among the PCA, OPC, RPCES and RPCNA, giving a brief summary of each Church's position on these areas based on their standards and assembly pronouncements, along with a description of the size and location of the individual churches of each denomination. *Adopted.*
  - c. That the Ad-interim Committee report to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA through the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations their

recommendations as to future efforts in the area of Church unity.

Reason: the Committee of Commissioners feels that this communication from the OPC should be responded to positively, and that, as a special study committee, the Ad-interim Committee is the proper vehicle to deal with these discussions and make recommendations. *Adopted.*

8. That the stated clerk of the General Assembly be instructed to communicate recommendations 5, 6 and 7 above to the stated clerks of the OPC, RPCES and the RPCNA, noting also the procedures available in the *PCA Book of Church Order*, 15-6 and 27-4.

Reason: The Committee of Commissioners feels that it would be appropriate to communicate officially our actions to these Churches. *Adopted.*

9. That Overtures 6, 18, 19, 28 and 33 be answered by referring to Recommendation 5 above. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Don K. Clements, Chairman  
Charles Howell, Secretary

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

Ascension	Mark Dalbey, TE
Central Florida	Paul Zetterholm, RE
Central Georgia	Don K. Clements, TE
Evangel	Robert Ostenson, TE
Grace	John Long, RE
Gulf Coast	Don Darling, TE
Mid-Atlantic	Palmer Robertson, TE
Mississippi Valley	William Thompson, RE
North Georgia	Charles Howell, RE
Pacific	Wayne Buchtel, TE
Southern Florida	Robert Bruner, RE
Texas	Robert Schmitz, RE
Warrior	John Robertson, TE
Westminster	Leonard Van Horn, TE

*[Clerk's Note: The material from the end of the committee as a whole to this point was adopted Wednesday afternoon (see § 8-58) and is included here for easier reference.]*

#### 8-44 Recess

On motion the Assembly voted to amend the docket, setting aside the provision for recess only following completion of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations, and to recess at 11:45 p.m. The session was closed with prayer by RE William Huffman.

### MINUTES — WEDNESDAY MORNING

June 18, 1980

#### Sixth Session

#### 8-45 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:05 a.m., Wednesday, and TE R. Grady Love led in prayer.

#### 8-46 Minutes Approved

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved as corrected.

#### 8-47 Program of Committee on Mission to the United States

TE J. Philip Clark, Coordinator, presented the program of the Permanent Committee on Mission to the United States. Teaching Elders Dwight Linton, Sam Ling, and

David Moran spoke regarding "Ethnic Minority and Transitional Ministries", and Teaching Elders Kent Hinkson, Wayne Jamison, and Al LaValley on "Everything Contributing to the Planting and Development of Christ's Church."

#### **8-48 Commission Excused**

The Judicial Commission to adjudicate Case No. 4 was granted permission to retire to continue deliberation.

#### **8-49 Excuses Granted**

The Committee of Commissioners on Administration was excused to meet at 9:40 a.m., and the Committee of Commissioners on the PCA foundation, and the Judicial Commissions to adjudicate Cases No. 2 and No. 5 were excused to meet at 10:00 a.m.

#### **8-50 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States**

The Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States reported through the chairman, TE David F. Osborne, who began with prayer.

##### **I. Business Referred to the Committee.**

##### **A. Minutes of the Permanent Committee on Mission to the United States.**

1. 1979 (June 18, 21, 22; Sept. 6, 7; December 7, 8)
2. 1980 (March 27-29)

##### **B. Overtures:**

1. Overture 10, From: Presbytery of Eastern Carolina. (p. 40).
2. Overture 17, From: Pacific Presbytery. (p. 40).
3. Overture 20, From: Presbytery of Central Florida. (p. 41).
4. Overture 26, From: Session of Covenant Church. (p. 41).
5. Overture 30, From: Warrior Presbytery. (p. 42).
6. Overture 34, From: Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. (p. 42).

##### **C. Report of Permanent Committee:**

1. Reference Appendix F, page 173.

##### **II. Major Issues Discussed.**

##### **A. *The Five in Five Campaign.*** In view of the present status of the campaign, the committee spent some time discussing proposed procedures with the M-US Coordinator, The Reverend Philip Clark, and Mr. E. Allen Duble, acting director of the campaign.

The most important matter before us was related to the recommendations coming before the Assembly from the Permanent Committee. (Appendix F, p. 173).

The proposal from the Permanent Committee, through the report of acting-director Allen Duble, is that the Assembly act to authorize the 5-in-5 campaign funds be set up as an endowment.

Note that in the Committee of Commissioner's proposals to the Assembly there is a change from the recommendation printed in the Report of the Permanent Committee. Appendix F, p. 177.

##### **B. *Overtures concerning boundaries of existing presbyteries.*** The Committee of Commissioners would like the Assembly to know that in our discussions of Overtures and 34 (p. 42) we found an overwhelming approval of the overtures by the presbyteries involved. It is the thinking of the committee that the General Assembly should respect this unanimity as from the Lord.

##### **C. Overture 26, from Covenant Church of St. Albans, West Virginia (p. 41).** The committee, while viewing the Overture as not valid to be considered by this Assembly, out of Christian courtesy to the parties involved, gave the floor to the parties involved. The committee heard from TE Rod Mays, pastor of the Covenant Session. After hearing their concerns, the committee heard from TE Michael Bolus, Moderator of New River Presbytery and elected representative

of the presbytery to defend the presbytery's action in defeating the Overture.

- D. Request of the Permanent Committee for a one year delay in action on directive of the Seventh General Assembly, in regard to the preparation of two manuals: A Policy Manual, and a Manual of Operations.

The Assembly will please note that the Committee of Commissioners has amended the request of the Permanent Committee, as it appears on page 174, Recommendation 6, Appendix F.

The reasoning behind the Committee of Commissioners request to the Assembly is that the intent of the Seventh General Assembly for a separation of Policy and Operations would not necessarily be accomplished by the one year delay as presented by the Permanent Committee.

Please note in the body of the report that the *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly* are referenced. These *Minutes* will show our concern, spoken by the Seventh General Assembly, that the Permanent Committee compile **two** Manuals: The first is to be a Policy Manual, pulling together all the actions of the Assembly in establishing Policy: the second is to be a manual of operating procedures, enacted by the Permanent Committee in fulfilling the Policy of the Assembly. It is to be noted by the Assembly that the Committee of Commissioners in its request to the Assembly is asking the Permanent Committee to complete the directive of the Seventh General Assembly, which will result in two manuals.

### III. Recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly approve the Minutes of June 18, 21-22, 1979.  
*Adopted.*
2. That the General Assembly approve the Minutes of September 6-7, 1979.  
*Adopted.*
3. That the General Assembly approve the Minutes of December 7-8, 1979, with the noted exception that the Permanent Committee failed to submit Attachments D, F, H, M, O with their Minutes to the Committee of Commissioners.  
*Adopted.*
4. That the General Assembly approve the Minutes of March 27-29, 1980.  
*Adopted.*
5. That the General Assembly answer Overture 10, (p. 40) from the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina, in the negative.  
This overture is seen as unnecessary, since forms and information related to this matter are now available. Also, it was felt that the present manner helps to increase local initiative and involvement.  
*Adopted.*
6. That the General Assembly answer Overture 17, (p. 40) from Pacific Presbytery, in the affirmative.  
*Adopted.*
7. That the General Assembly answer Overture 20, (p. 41) from the Presbytery of Central Florida, in the affirmative.  
*Adopted.*
8. That the General Assembly answer Overture 26, (p. 41) from the Session of Covenant Church, in the negative.  
This overture, as presented, was viewed as **unconstitutional** for this Assembly to consider, in view of *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 15-6, which limits the power of the General Assembly in the realignment of presbyteries to their own consent, this overture being previously defeated by New River Presbytery.  
*Adopted.*
9. That the General Assembly answer Overture 30, (p. 42) from Warrior Presbytery, in the negative.  
The term "malcontent" was seen as not necessarily a bad term to apply to many of us now in the Presbyterian Church in America, as to our former denominational relationships. The committee did not agree that the tone of the advertisement was negative in tone or intent.  
*Adopted.*

10. That the General Assembly answer Overture 34, (p. 42) from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
11. That the General Assembly set aside Sunday, November 23, 1980, as a special **Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Ministries of the Assembly M-US Committee**, and that a special offering be taken during the Thanksgiving Season to go toward the work of our Ministries in New England, that place where the first American Thanksgiving was held, and which later became the center of the Great Awakening. We pray for a New Awakening! *Adopted.*
12. That the General Assembly re-elect The Rev. J. Philip Clark as Coordinator of the Committee on Mission to the United States. *Adopted.*
13. That the General Assembly hear and act on the Permanent Committee's nomination of The Rev. Dwight Linton as Assistant Coordinator for Special Ministries. *Adopted.*
14. That the General Assembly (at the appropriate time in the Assembly's agenda) approve the 1980 budget as presented by the Sub-Committee on Stewardship. (p. 204). *Adopted in Stewardship Report.*
15. That the General Assembly approve the additions to the M-US Policy Manual as presented in Appendix F, pp. 175-6, herein amended by the Committee of Commissioners. *Adopted.*
16. That the General Assembly grant the M-US Committee one year to answer the directive of the Seventh General Assembly to develop a Manual of Operations and a Manual of Policy. (See copy below from *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly*, page 88, Item 6, par. "C"). Upon completion, the Policy Manual will be published in pamphlet form, available for use by the General Assembly. The Operations Manual is not to be published for General Assembly use, but is to be made available for inspection at any time in the M-US office.  
*Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly. Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States:*  
Recommendation 6-C, pg. 88: "That the MUS prepare a revised policy manual for approval by the Eighth General Assembly, and that MUS be instructed to bring to the Eighth General Assembly for information an operation manual to be in conformity with the policy manual. These two manuals shall be extractions from all policy previously approved by all General Assembly. Any changes in future operational procedure shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners of MUS yearly for review. Any procedures that are found not to be in conformity with the policy manual are to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly for consideration and action." *Adopted.*
17. That the General Assembly hear and act on the Recommendations made in the special report on Five in Five, as amended by committee of commissioners. (Appendix F, p. 177). *Adopted.*
  - A. That the General Assembly acknowledge with thanks the tireless efforts of Donald C. Graham in his work to build the Five in Five program to the level it has reached in December, 1979. *Adopted.*
  - B. That the General Assembly reaffirm the idea and the goal of the Five in Five program (on the basis of one dollar per month per member-over-five-years-asking). *Adopted.*
  - C. That the General Assembly encourage the churches who have not yet made their pledge to this special Assembly-wide program to do so prayerfully and promptly in order to facilitate the building of the church. *Adopted.*



- D. That the M-US Committee appoint a group of professionally qualified men to give advise as to how to complete the Five in Five Campaign promptly; and, to study and recommend further alternate methods for making maximum use of funds, in view of the eroding effects of inflation and the present economic situation. *Adopted.*
- E. That the General Assembly make the following change in the Five in Five program, in view of the skyrocketing inflation upon the available funds:  
A portion of the fund shall be administered as an endowment, with loans being made for new church development from the interest received on these investment funds.  
The policy of Five in Five shall not allow for regular, undesignated gifts to be placed in an endowment, but if donors designate their gifts to be placed in an endowment, such designations shall be honored. *Adopted.*
- F. That the Assembly hear a brief report from the acting Five in Five director Allen Duble. *Mr. Duble not available.*
18. That the General Assembly receive the recommendations made in the Report on Special Ministries (UPM), as amended by the Committee of Commissioners. (See p. 178). *Adopted.*
19. That the General Assembly, in regard to the M-US call to Michael Gross to work with the Navajo Bible School in Window Rock, Arizona, be instructed to develop a cooperative agreement with the board which has control of the Navajo work in New Mexico, to be approved by the Ninth General Assembly. *Adopted.*
20. That the Assembly hear a report on Cuban refugees from The Rev. Manuel Salabarria. *Adopted.*
21. That the General Assembly receive and approve the report of the Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. (Appendix E, F, with attachments 3, 4, 5, p. 182). *Adopted.*
22. That the General Assembly now hear the report of the formation of a Provisional Presbytery in the northeast, and grant that presbytery, upon the date of its formal organization, September 19, 1980, the right to choose a name and be thereafter a separate presbytery of this Assembly. The boundaries of the presbytery will include the following counties: Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Berks, Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Perry, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams and North Hampton in Pennsylvania; the counties of Mercer, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May in New Jersey; and the county of new Castle in Delaware. The ministers, churches and mission churches of the presbytery are here named: their petitions will be provided to the Committee of Commissioners.

### Churches

Fairfield Church, Fairton, NJ  
Covenant Church, Abington, Pa.  
Immanuel Church, West Chester, Pa.  
(not voted as of April 1)  
Gethsemane Chapel, West Grove, Pa.  
Berith Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.  
West Springfield Community Church,  
Mass. (Outside Bounds)

### Teaching Elders

Timothy Rott  
Harry N. Miller, Jr.  
Frank E. Coho  
Christian Keidel  
Lawrence C. Roth  
Thomas D. Hudson  
George S. Clark  
J. Robert Vannoy  
Erwin Morrison  
O. Palmer Robertson

**Mission Churches**

Village Presbyterian Church,  
Moorestown, N.J.

George C. Fuller  
Ray Dillard  
James C. Pakala  
Thomas R. Patete  
Alfred La Valley  
Albert C. Hitchcock  
Stuart Sacks  
Timothy Witmer  
John Baldwin

*Received as information action taken in Recommendation 10.*

23. Finally, in light of our nation's deep spiritual need, a need which is recognized to also exist far beyond the present boundaries of the PCA or the influence of our particular churches, your Committee on Mission to the U.S. urges the Eighth General Assembly to impress upon its people, churches and presbyteries the gigantic task given to this Committee in order that there may be a great outpouring of prayer, fellowship of concern and financial support for our ministries in America. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee of Commissioners, M-US  
TE David Osborne, Chairman  
TE Michael Bolus, Secretary

**Roll of Committee of Commissioners Present  
Commissioner**

**Presbytery**

Ascension  
Central Carolina  
Central Florida  
Central Georgia  
Covenant  
Eastern Carolina  
Evangel  
Grace  
New River  
North Georgia  
Pacific  
Southern Florida  
Tennessee Valley  
Warrior  
Western Carolinas  
Westminster

James A. Kobb, TE  
Robert Wilson, TE  
Hugh Cunningham, RE  
Joseph Novenson, TE  
Maurice R. Black, RE  
Theron Capps, TE  
Langston Haygood, TE  
Gregory Wood, RE  
Michael Bolus, TE  
Lindsey Tippins, RE  
Gerritt De Young, TE  
Kenneth Ryskamp, RE  
Fred Marsh, TE  
Thomas Kay, TE  
J. T. Russell, RE  
David Osborne, TE

During the report TE William J. Stanway assumed the chair at the request of the moderator at 10:22 a.m.

**8-51 Commission Excused**

On motion the Judicial Commission to adjudicate Case No. 4 was once again excused.

**8-52 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations. TE Thomas A. Cook reported on the two questions referred to the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business, which was on motion adopted.

TE Douglas H. Miller and RE Roscoe Riggins led the Assembly in prayer.

The Assembly voted to call all excused committees and commissions back to the floor for the matter before it.

**8-53 Change in Debate Times**

A motion was made and seconded to increase the time for extensions of debate during the remainder of the Assembly to ten-minute increments, the individual's time remaining three minutes. On motion this was amended to apply only to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations. The amended motion was then adopted.

**8-54 Change in Docket**

A motion was made and seconded to proceed to the morning's worship service at this time, and to proceed with the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at 1:30 p.m. This motion was amended to allow TE Mitchell Hall, Jr. the privilege of addressing the Assembly briefly at 1:30 p.m., and then to proceed with the report. The motion as amended was then adopted.

**8-55 Worship Service and Recess**

The Assembly was led in the morning worship by the Permanent Committee on Mission to the World. RE L. B. Austin III, chairman of the Committee, opened the service, and TE R. Thomas Cheely led in prayer.

TE David M. Bryan preached the sermon, and closed the service with prayer.

**MINUTES — WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON****June 18, 1980****Seventh Session****8-56 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp.

**8-57 Mission Work in Atlanta**

TE William T. Iverson introduced TE Mitchell Hall, Jr., who spoke to the Assembly concerning the black mission work in Atlanta.

**8-58 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations (continued)**

Chairman Don K. Clements continued the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations.

*Recommendations 5-9 were adopted at this time. See § 8-43; p. 79, for the text.*

**8-59 Korean American Presbyterian Church Visitors**

TE Dwight Linton introduced the moderator and clerk of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, Teaching Elders Hyun Tal Yi and Limuel Chang. Moderator Yi addressed the Assembly briefly.

**8-60 Judicial Commission to Adjudicate Case No. 4**

TE Robert C. Cannada, Jr. led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to adjudicate Case No 4: Complaint of RE James H. Campbell, *et al*, Against Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. The Assembly voted to adopt the recommendation of the Commission that the Minutes of the Commission be approved and accepted as the action and judgment of the Eighth General Assembly in this case.

**MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED BY  
THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADJUDICATE THE COMPLAINT  
OF RULING ELDER JAMES H. CAMPBELL, ET AL AGAINST  
THE PRESBYTERY OF MID-ATLANTIC**

The Commission convened pursuant to the call of the Convener, W. J. Stanway, June 16, 1980 at the Savannah Civic Center, Savannah, Georgia at 8:45 p.m.

A Quorum was present with the following in attendance:

**Ruling Elders**

Earl Jaggars Red Whited  
John Spencer Mel Channell

**Teaching Elders**

R. C. Cannada Andrew Silman Allan Story  
Lynn Downing W. J. Stanway Leonard Van Horn



Present too were the respondents of the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic, Ruling Elder Dan Ice and Teaching Elder Harry Miller, and Teaching Elder Robert C. Schoof. The complainant, Ruling Elder James H. Campbell, was not present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Convener. On motion duly made and seconded, Teaching Elder R. C. Cannada was elected Chairman. On motion duly made and seconded, Teaching Elder Andrew Silman was elected Secretary.

A brief overview of the case was presented by Respondent Harry Miller. Copies of a written record of the substance of the complaint were presented to each Commissioner.

The Chairman reminded the Commission of *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 33-12, and portions of Chapters 43-45.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission recessed until 12:45 p.m., June 17, 1980 to allow the complainant time to appear.

The Commission reconvened at 12:45 p.m., June 17, 1980 in the Savannah Civic Center, Savannah, Georgia.

A quorum was declared present with the following in attendance:

**Ruling Elders**

William F. Joseph  
Earl Jaggars  
John Spencer  
Red Whited  
Mel Channell

**Teaching Elders**

R. C. Cannada  
Lynn Downing (alt.)  
Jack Eubank  
Andrew Silman  
W. J. Stanway  
Allan Story  
Leonard Van Horn

Present too were Ruling Elder Daniel B. Ice and Teaching Elder Harry Miller, respondents for the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic, and Teaching Elder Robert C. Schoof. The complainant, Ruling Elder James H. Campbell, was not present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman. W. J. Stanway was elected temporary Clerk.

The Chairman called the attention of the Commission to *BCO* 44-4 and 43-10.

The following motion was duly made and seconded: "In the light of Paragraph 44-4 and Paragraph 43-10, and in the light of the absence of the complainant or his counsel to pursue his complaint, the Commission recommends that the Assembly take cognizance of these facts and allow the judgment of the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic to stand, this action to be effective as of the end of the second day of General Assembly."

A motion was duly made, seconded and approved to table the previous motion.

A motion to recess and reconvene immediately after the program presentation on Wednesday morning, June 18, 1980 was seconded and approved.

The meeting was recessed with prayer by Ruling Elder Earl Jaggars.

The Commission reconvened on Wednesday, June 18 at 9:25 a.m. in the Savannah Civic Center, Savannah, Georgia with prayer by Andrew Silman.

The following were present:

**Ruling Elders**

Earl Jaggars  
John Spencer  
Red Whited  
Mel Channell

**Teaching Elders**

R. C. Cannada  
Lynn Downing  
Andrew Silman  
W. J. Stanway  
Allan Story  
Leonard Van Horn

Present too were Ruling Elder Daniel B. Ice, respondent for the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic and Teaching Elder Robert C. Schoof.

The complainant, Ruling Elder James H. Campbell, was not present.

The motion was duly made and seconded to remove from the table the motion of the previous meeting.

The motion was duly made and seconded, and approved to amend the main motion by deleting the last phrase beginning with the words "this action."

Ruling Elder Dan Ice and Teaching Elder Robert C. Schoof were dismissed and the Commission went into executive session.

The amended motion, as follows, was unanimously approved. "In the light of *BCO* Paragraph 44-4 and Paragraph 43-10, and in the light of the absence of the complainant or counsel to pursue his complaint, the Commission recommends that the Assembly take cognizance of these facts and allow the judgment of the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic to stand."

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Minutes of this Judicial Commission be approved and accepted as the action and judgment of the Eighth General Assembly in the case.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Commission adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by W. J. Stanway.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert C. Cannada, Jr., Chairman  
H. Andrew Silman, Secretary

*Adopted.*

## **MINUTES — WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**June 18, 1980**

### **Eighth Session**

#### **8-62 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with the singing of "To God Be the Glory", and prayer by TE Donald A. Dunkerley, who lifted up before the Lord TE Terry L. Mercer and his wife, Celia, facing the death of their unborn child.

#### **8-63 Judicial Commission to Adjudicate Case No. 5**

TE O. Palmer Robertson led in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to adjudicate Case No. 5: Complaint of TE Carl W. Bogue *et al* Against the Presbytery of the Ascension. The Assembly voted to adopt the recommendation of the Commission that the Minutes of the Commission be approved and accepted as the action and judgment of the Assembly in this case.

**Report of the Judicial Commission appointed by the Eighth General Assembly  
to Adjudicate the Complaint of Carl W. Bogue *et al*,  
as members of the Presbytery of the Ascension, Complainants  
vs.**

**The Presbytery of the Ascension, Respondents**

#### **Statement of Facts**

The pertinent facts which are not disputed are as follows:

1. On February 26, 1980, the Presbytery of the Ascension at a stated meeting sustained the trials for ordination and approved the call to a campus ministry of Mr. Sam Serio.
2. On March 3, 1980, teaching elder Carl W. Bogue *et al*, complained against these actions of the Presbytery in writing, fulfilling the conditions of the *BCO* 44-4 and 43-4 that a complaint "may be initiated if filed within fifteen (15) days following the meeting of the court, with reasons supporting."
3. The call of Mr. Serio by the Koinonia Christian Fellowship did not include in writing an assurance that his work would afford "the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scrip-

tures and understood in the *WCF*,'' as required by the *BCO* 21-1.

4. The complainants and respondents indicated substantial agreement that in his trial for ordination before the Presbytery, while indicating that he himself was not practicing the matter under discussion, Mr. Serio:
  - a) affirmed his belief that none of the gifts of the Spirit have ceased since the apostolic age.
  - b) affirmed his belief that currently the gift of speaking in an unknown tongue, when interpreted by the gift of interpretation, communicates revelation from God, although the nature of the revelation involved was not clearly defined by Mr. Serio.

### **Statement of the Major Issue in Dispute**

The major issue in dispute was whether or not Mr. Serio's statement concerning the continuation of all the gifts of the Spirit, and the continuation of "revelation" from God were of such a nature that they substantially contradicted the fundamental teaching of the *WCF* and *BCO* concerning the cessation of the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit, of gifts related to revelation, and of the finalizing of revelation in Scripture.

### **Explanatory Opinion**

1. The respondents concede as an error of oversight rather than an error of intent that the Presbytery failed to conform to the requirements of the *BCO* 21-1 referred to above. This acknowledgment has the effect of providing specific grounds for sustaining count 2 of the complaint.
2. The Commission judges that the Presbytery failed in allowing expressions about continuing revelation by Mr. Serio to remain unclarified in the examination, so that the fundamental teaching of the *WCF* and the *BCO* concerning the sufficiency and finality of revelation in Scripture was not adequately protected. The Commission judges that simply affirming that the canon is closed, and that supposed new revelations from God add nothing to the deposit of truth already found in Scripture does not cover all the negations concerning continuing revelation from God found in the *WCF* 1, 1, 6, and the *BCO* 7-1. These statements of the standards also negate the idea that any extraordinary ways still continue in addition to Scripture as ways by which God verbally uncovers His will to His people. According to the testimony of complainants and respondents, Mr. Serio affirmed belief in extraordinary revelation by tongues interpreted, while at the same time affirming that such revelation from God was not to be added to the canon of Scripture.

### **Judgement of the Commission.**

1. In balloting according to *BCO* 45, the Commission voted as follows:
  - To sustain the complaint: 10
  - Not to sustain the complaint: 0
  - To sustain the complaint in part: 5
  - Of those voting to sustain the complaint in part,
    - 0 indicated they were sustaining count 1, and
    - 5 indicated they were sustaining count 2.
 The combined result of the balloting was as follows:
  - To sustain count #1 of the complaint: 10 yes, 5 no
  - To sustain count #2 of the complaint: 15 yes, 0 no
2. The Commission remands this matter to the Presbytery of the Ascension to secure a proper call that conforms with the *BCO* 21-1.
3. The Commission remands this matter to the Presbytery of the Ascension to re-examine Mr. Serio.

TE  
 O Palmer Robertson (Convener)  
 Wayne Rogers  
 Woody Markert  
 Al LaValley  
 Bill Davies  
 Bruce Garriss  
 Tom Barnes  
 Brister Ware  
 Paul Lipe (Alternate)

RE  
 C. E. Hornsby  
 Ken Ryskamp  
 Mike Minkoff  
 Will Thompson  
 Jim Luce  
 Don Kimsey  
 C. J. Stender  
 Jimmy Mardis (Alternate)

### DISSENT:

The undersigned dissent from the sustaining of Count 1 of the complaint on the ground that the record is inadequate to support the findings of the majority. The minutes of presbytery do not indicate the substance of the responses submitted by Mr. Serio during the examination. There was no substantial agreement between the parties to this cause as to the views of Mr. Serio. The undersigned fully concur in the theological views expressed by the majority.

The undersigned also are concerned with the propriety of the call to support ordination. The work contemplated by the call from the Koinonia Christian Fellowship does not require ordination to the gospel ministry.

Kenneth L. Ryskamp  
 R. W. Markert  
 Paul Lipe (concur in paragraph 1  
 of the dissent)  
 Brister H. Ware (concur in paragraph  
 1 of the dissent)  
 Billy T. Davies

*Adopted.*

### 8-64 Committee on Nominations

The moderator called TE O. Palmer Robertson to assume the chair at 8:25 p.m. RE Edward J. Robeson led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. Following distribution of ballots and detailed instructions and clarifications, the delegates completed and turned in their ballots. (See Appendix L, p. 225 for the report of the Nominating Committee and the nominations made from the floor.)

#### COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

##### Teaching Elders:

John Sartelle, Covenant  
 Tom Meyer, Grace

##### Class of 1984

##### Alternates

George Fuller, Ascension

##### Ruling Elders:

Mike Hodgkinson, Central Florida

Charles Lowry, Westminster

#### COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

##### Teaching Elders:

Harris Langford, Central Georgia

##### Ruling Elders:

David Brewer, Ascension  
 Joe Treloar, Mississippi Valley

**Alternates**

Eugene Hunt, North Georgia

Earl Ross, Pacific

**COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1984**David Nicholas, Southern Florida  
Fred Marsh, Tennessee Valley

Robert Vinson, Pacific

**Alternates**

Leonard Van Horn, Westminster

Stephen Fox, Evangel

**COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1984**

Charles Young, Warrior

Ashton Stewart, Mid-Atlantic  
Harry Musser, New River**Alternates**

Jack Ross, Grace

George Fox, Ascension

**SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1983**

John Kyle, Mississippi Valley

Don Boerema, Southern Florida

**Alternates**

Carl Bogue, Ascension

Henry Dekker, North Georgia

**SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1984**Vaughn Hathaway, Jr., Grace  
Fred Carr, Warrior

William Buiten, Southern Florida

**Alternates**

Ed Steele, Ascension

Stanley Wells, Texas

**TRUSTEES FOR THE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1985**

Tom Leopard, Evangel

Tom Lowe (Deacon), Westminster

**ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE****Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1983**

Norman Evans, New River

Millard Tate, Eastern Carolina

**Alternates**

Ronald Harding, Mid-Atlantic

Robert Cato, Mississippi Valley

## TRUSTEES FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION

**Class of 1983**

John Albritton, Evangel

**Class of 1984**Andy Trotter, Tennessee Valley  
Robert Brown, Pacific

## COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Teaching Elders:****Ruling Elders:****Class of 1983**

Robert Butterfield, Central Florida

Ralph Langford, Evangel

**8-65 Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 9:20 p.m. with prayer by TE William H. Rose, Jr.

**MINUTES — THURSDAY MORNING****June 19, 1980****Ninth Session****8-66 Assembly Reconvened**The Assembly was called to order by Moderator *pro tem* Robertson on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m., and RE Edmund Johnston led in prayer.**8-67 Minutes Approved**

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were approved as read.

**8-68 Program of Committee for Christian Education and Publications**

TE Charles H. Dunahoo, coordinator, presented the program of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications. Speakers were as follows:

Mrs. Sue Fowler — Women in the Church

TE Thomas R. Patete — Great Commission Publications

President Martin Essenberg — Covenant College

TE Charles H. Dunahoo — General Program of Christian  
Education and Publications

RE John E. Spencer, chairman of the Permanent Committee, closed with prayer.

**8-69 Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures**

RE Thurston Futch, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures.

**I. Items referred to the Committee**

A. Overture 32, p. 34

B. Overture 12, p. 33

C. Overture 2, p. 32

Overture 7, p. 32

Overture 27, p. 33

D. Overture 11, p. 32

E. Communication 1, p. 28

F. Resolution from TE John Ragland and RE G. O. Runnells, p. 51..

**II. Statement of Issues Discussed**

A. There were several overtures dealing with the matter of abortion—Overtures 2, 7, 12, 27, pgs. 32 and 33. Inasmuch as all four overtures were in substantial accord, Number 12 was chosen to be considered first as representative of the four.

B. Overture 11, p. 32 regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the

resolution to declare "in thesi" that total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, except in medical use, be the approved position of our denomination in this matter was discussed. The discussion by the members of the Committee was representative of the various views and positions across our denomination. The discussion also pointed out the difficult nature of resolving this issue within our denomination to the satisfaction of everyone.

### III. Recommendations

1. That Overture 32 be answered by referring the matter back to Grace Presbytery, directing them to initiate a study of the matter regarding the proper recipients of Christian baptism resulting in advice to particular churches with problems regarding this matter and should there be a need, overture the General Assembly to amend the statements of our constitutional documents. *Adopted.*
2. That Overture 12 be answered in the affirmative with the following amendments:

- a. That an editorial change be made under Section 4, line 3, by placing a period after "death" and that the following sentence begin with the words "In such a case, the premature removal . . ."
- b. On the third line of the overture in the *Handbook*, delete the words "Evangel Presbytery overtures the Eighth General Assembly to" and in their place add "that the Eighth General Assembly clarifies the action of the Seventh General Assembly and".

The Overture as amended is as follows:

"Overture 12: From Evangel Presbytery

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, as a Court of Jesus Christ, should speak with a united voice in affirming the sanctity of human life under the protection of the Sixth Commandment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eighth General Assembly clarifies the action of the Seventh General Assembly and reaffirms the statement of the Sixth General Assembly on abortion:

"That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth, for any reason at any time, is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment."

Added to this statement are the following affirmations:

"Concerning crisis pregnancies in which it appears that the premature removal of the unborn child from the mother is a necessary consequence of medical procedures essential to preserving the mother's life, we affirm that:

1. The Sixth Commandment not only forbids the taking of innocent life for whatever reason, but also requires the preserving of innocent life wherever possible.
2. The life of the mother as well as her child comes under the full protection of the Sixth Commandment and all moral medical wisdom and skill must be used to preserve her life as well as the life of her child.
3. To say that we are ever placed in the position of choosing between two sins (killing the child or neglecting the preservation of the mother's life) is to surrender our belief in the Sovereign overruling providence of our All-wise and All-holy God (1 Cor. 10:13), and to allege that we must "do evil that good may come" . . . a philosophy clearly condemned by Scripture.
4. An exception is not made even in the extremely rare case in which in the judgment of competent medical authorities, the unborn child's continuing presence inside the mother's body will neces-



sarily lead to the mother's death. In such a case, the premature removal of the unborn child may be justified, provided that all medical wisdom, judgment, and skill are used to preserve the life of the child as well as the life of the mother. This premature removal of the unborn child shall be at that juncture of time where the greatest possibility for recovery is indicated for both mother and child. If life is lost in such a case, and the death occurs not out of criminal negligence, but merely out of the limitations of human knowledge and skill, all has been done morally that could be done. If we cannot save both lives, we are nevertheless morally bound to save the life we can."

Grounds: The concern of the Sixth General Assembly was to stop abortion. The concern of the Seventh General Assembly was to preserve the life of the mother in crisis pregnancies. We believe this overture as amended addresses and reconciles the concerns of the two assemblies. *Adopted.*

3. That overtures 2, 7, and 27 be answered by reference to the action taken with regard to Overture 12. *Adopted.*

- 4a. That Overture 11 be answered in the negative. (11-2).

Grounds: The grounds for answering this Overture in the negative are that to adopt position of total abstinence would go beyond the requirements of scripture, (Deut. 5:32,33; Col. 2:20-23) and is contrary to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, (Chapter 20, subparagraph 2), which forbid the binding of the conscience by the commands of men. *Adopted.*

- 4b. That the General Assembly adopt the following statement with regard to the issue of temperance:

In answering Overture No. 11 in the negative the General Assembly recognizes the problem of the abuse of alcoholic beverages in our society. For this reason the General Assembly encourages local churches to:

- (1) Teach and counsel as to the sin involved in the intemperate or escapist use of any part of creation;
- (2) Teach and counsel the kind of love and wisdom which may lead to individual decisions to curb or to refrain from the use of a particular aspect of the creation; and
- (3) Proclaim and embody the reality of the work of the Holy Spirit in the bond of vital fellowship within the body of Christ which is the biblical antidote to the intemperance and escapism of our day. (cf. Ephesians 5:18, in context.) *Adopted.*

Affirmative votes for the following substitute for Recommendation 4 A, and B, which substitute failed, were asked to be recorded as follows:

Substitute defeated: This General Assembly expresses its great concern over the appalling price in terms of life, security, family, and property paid by this generation as a direct result of the misuse of alcoholic beverages; and commends as praiseworthy those who choose to make total abstinence from alcoholic beverages a part of their Christian testimony before the world.

Affirmative votes:

J. Lewis Baker  
James L. Moore  
Theron Capp  
Henry S. Thigpen  
Jack Eubanks  
Frank Smith  
Michael Bolus

Ross Miller  
Thomas A. Cook  
James E. Spencer  
A. A. Saleeby  
Samuel B. Hoyt, Jr.  
Charles W. McNutt



The following requested their negative votes on Recommendation 4 B be recorded:

Charles W. McNutt	Ray Kellett
G. Aiken Taylor	M. Timothy Elder
Ben Wilkinson	Jack Eubanks
Dewey D. Murphy	Paul Rowland
Samuel B. McGinn III	Robert L. Jarrett
Loren V. Watson	John L. Fain, Jr.
Theron Capps	James Turner
James L. Moore	Thomas A. Cook
J. Lewis Baker	Ron Miller
Michael Bolus	R. Marion Canfield
Charles A. Stegall	Sam S. Cappel
James J. Alexander	James P. Knight
Harry Gardner	Robert L. Slimp
W. Ted Smith	James Bowen
Tom B. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert W. Turner
Hugh Cunningham	L. W. Scruggs
Fred Manning, Jr.	Ray Kellett
Daniel D. Sulc	M. Timothy Elder
J. Edsel Farthing	Joseph P. McGhan, Jr.
Thurman Rains	Jack Eubanks
Frank K. Chapo	Robert L. Jarrett
Henry S. Thigpen	Jerry Martin
A. A. Saleeby	Samuel B. Hoyt, Jr.
James Abernathy	Joseph C. Sullivan
Buford Price	Richard Brinkley
William Rose	Thomas A. Chapman
Frederick Fowler	

5. That the communication from the Fairfield Church be acknowledged with gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ for the continued witness of this historic church, and that we express our joy in the celebration of her tricentennial, praying God's continued blessing upon her for the future. Furthermore, we ask the editor of "The PCA Messenger" to consider publishing this letter. *Adopted.*
6. That the General Assembly adopt personal resolution No. 1 made by Teaching Elder John Ragland and Ruling Elder G. O. Runnells, as edited and amended. In subparagraph 5 after the words "concerted effort" add the clause "to support pro-life movements in their opposition to abortion and". The edited and amended resolution reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Sixth and Seventh General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in America affirmed in faithful obedience to our Lord and Sovereign Saviour Jesus Christ, the prohibition of the Sixth Commandment against abortion on demand, which, as presently practiced in this country, has resulted in the loss of more than 6,000,000 human lives in the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, our Constitutional Standards clearly state that God's commandments specify what God's people are to do as well as not to do; and

**WHEREAS**, the Larger Catechism question 135 ("What are the duties required in the Sixth Commandment?") states, among other things, "The duties required in the Sixth Commandment are, all careful studies and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by . . . comforting and succouring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent."

**WHEREAS**, the Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Abortion to the Sixth General Assembly recommends that all Christians be reminded of their duty to show compassionate love and understanding to families in distress as a

result of pregnancies, and to offer to those families sympathetic counsel and help for physical needs where required such duty being especially incumbent upon us as we minister to the person contemplating abortion.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America recommends its churches to make a concerted effort in their opposition to abortion and to develop positive ministries to those considering abortions such as evangelism, Christian nurturing, Christian counseling, and provision of financial and material needs to the mother and her baby, aid with obtaining medical service, aid with adoption when indicated, and Christian homes (homes for unwed mothers and homes of Christian families who are willing to share their homes with a pregnant woman in need of a place to live away from her immediate family).

**AND THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be placed in the *PCA Messenger*, and sent in a letter to the churches of the PCA.

*Adopted.*

7. On motion the report was received as a whole.

*Adopted.*

On motion TE Charles W. McNutt was given the floor to express his conscience on the matter of the Assembly's answer to Overture 11.

*Adopted.*

Thurston Futch, RE, Chairman  
Wayne Rogers, TE, Secretary

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

Ascension	James Freeman, RE
Calvary	David Gillespie, TE
Central Florida	John Buswell, TE
Central Georgia	Thurston D. Futch, RE, Chairman
Covenant	Robert Penny, TE
Eastern Carolina	J. Lewis Baker, TE
Evangel	Walter Monroe, RE
Grace	Vaughn Hathaway, Jr., TE
Mississippi Valley	Alan Carter, TE
Pacific	B. J. Stender, RE
Southern Florida	Reginald Kidd, TE
Tennessee Valley	Eugene Hayes, RE
Texas	Joseph Pipa, TE
Warrior	L. Hays Andrews, RE
Western Carolinas	Wayne Rogers, TE
Westminster	Robert Lane, RE

#### 8-70 Excuse Granted

On motion the Permanent Committee on Mission to the United States was excused to meet with the Five in Five loan committee at 10:00 a.m.

#### 8-71 Results of Elections

The stated clerk announced the results of Wednesday evening's elections of members of Permanent Committees and Sub-committees and boards of trustees. (See § 8-64, p. 94.)

#### 8-72 Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

TE George M. McGuire, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries.

##### Introduction:

After a thorough review of the work before us, our Committee expresses concern in one area:

That the General Assembly bring to the attention of the Presbyteries the need for

clerks to adhere to par. 8-16, item 7 under Guidelines for Examining Presbytery Minutes, in the "Rules for Assembly Operations."

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"7. The Presbyteries shall take note in their Minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Presbytery to rectify them. Presbyteries shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions."

I. Minutes recommended for approval without exception or notation.

The committee recommends that the minutes of the following Presbyteries be approved without either exception or notation.

- A. ASCENSION — March 22, 1979, April 24, 1979, June 1 & 2, 1979, June 28, 1979, July 25, 1979, September 25, 1979, November 9-10, 1979, January 8, 1980, Jan. 25, 1980, March 25, 1980, May 7, 1980.
- B. CALVARY — January 15, 1979, March 8, 1979, April 26, 1979, June 18, 1979, August 26, 1979, October 25, 1979, January 24, 1980, April 24, 1980.
- C. CENTRAL CAROLINA — May 26, 1979, July 7, 1979, September 22, 1979, January 26, 1980.
- D. CENTRAL FLORIDA — July 24, 1979, October 20, 1979, January 15, 1980.
- E. EASTERN CAROLINA — May 25-26, 1979, June 9, 1979, August 25, 1979, September 22, 1979, December 15, 1979, January 25-26, 1980, March 31, 1980, May 24, 1980.
- F. EVANGEL — June 12, 1979, April 22, 1980.
- G. GRACE — July 14, 1979, January 11, 1980, May 9, 1980.
- H. LOUISIANA — June 21, 1979, September 14-15, 1979, March 14-15, 1980.
- I. GULF COAST — June 20, 1979, August 18, 1979, October 12-13, 1979.
- J. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY — June 12, 1979, October 16, 1979, November 27, 1979, January 29, 1980, February 19, 1980.
- K. NORTH GEORGIA — July 21, 1979
- L. PACIFIC — May 24, 1979, January 25-26, 1980
- M. TENNESSEE VALLEY — September 8, 1979
- N. TEXAS — June 20, 1979, October 7, 1979, October 26-27, 1979, December 14, 1979, January 25, 1980, February 24, 1980, April 25-26, 1980
- O. WARRIOR — July 17, 1979, October 16, 1979, January 15, 1980, February 7, 1980, April 15, 1980
- P. WESTMINSTER — October 20, 1979

*Adopted.*

II. Minutes recommended for approval without exception but with notation.

Under this category the committee recommends the approval of the following minutes:

- A. CALVARY — February 23, 1978, April 20, 1978
- B. CENTRAL CAROLINA — January 26, 1978
- C. COVENANT — October 16, 1979
- D. EVANGEL — October 16, 1979, January 22, 1980
- E. GRACE — March 4, 1980
- F. MID-ATLANTIC — May 11-12, 1979
- G. NEW RIVER — July 13-14, 1979
- H. SOUTHERN FLORIDA — July 17, 1979, October 16, 1979, January 15, 1980, April 15, 1980
- I. WARRIOR — Several notations throughout the book
- J. WESTERN CAROLINAS — August 21, 1979

*Adopted.*

III. Minutes recommended for approval with exception.

Under this category the committee recommends the approval of the following minutes:

- A. ASCENSION — July 25, 1979, with exception

- February 16, 1980, with exception — No terms of the call for Mr. Paul Serco.  
 April 9, 1980, with exception — Called meeting, yet no mention of excused absences.  
 April 22, 1980, with exception — No terms of call given for Rev. Samuel Park.  
 With exception — No up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules of Presbytery.
- B. CALVARY — With exception — Minutes February 23, 1978, April 20, 1978, June 1, 1978, July 20, 1978, October 19, 1978, December 5, 1978, were not examined and approved by the 1979 General Assembly.  
 October 19, 1978, with exception — Omission of certain portions of the typed minutes was found in the printed minutes. Commission minutes to install Rev. Gary Aitkin.  
 July 30, 1979, with exception — Printed minutes of the commission to install Theodore Martin do not appear in the memographed minutes. Likewise, the minutes of the commission to install Joseph Lacour III do not appear (p. 39).
- C. CENTRAL CAROLINA — January 26, 1980, with exception — Issuing an invitation to RPCES & OPC to unite with Central Carolina Presbytery was done without authorization of General Assembly — *BCO* 15-6, pp. 22. March 1, 1980, with exception — No directory of churches, no roll of Presbytery, no list of candidates, no list of churches.
- D. CENTRAL FLORIDA — April 28, 1979 — with exception — Statement that a quorum was established did not appear in the minutes.  
 April 19, 1980 with exception — Approval of these minutes does not appear — with exception — No roll of presbytery appears, no copy of standing rules appears.
- E. CENTRAL GEORGIA — July 21, 1979 — with exception — p. 3 use of extraordinary clause not in accord with *BCO*.  
 April 10, 1979 — with exception — p. 3 minutes do not record the specific parts of the examination given prior to sustaining the examination as a whole.  
 January 12, 1980 p. 4 line 17, delete "pressure." p. 5 Bills and overtures — record the recommendations to which the votes refer.  
 October 9, 1979 p. 3 #4 change "requesting" to "informing them" Page 6 par. 3 "fruits are being born".
1. Standing Rules, Guidelines for keeping Presbytery Minutes, directory and roll of Presbytery, and lists of candidates and licentiates were not with the minutes as required by Rules for Assembly Operations 8-16, Items 8 and 10.
  2. In the minutes of April 10, 1979, (p. 3), Mr. Smith was approved pending the reception and examination of his theological paper. He was later ordained, but there is no record of his submitting the paper.
  3. In the minutes of April 10, 1979, the terms of the call of Mr. Smith were not recorded as required by action of the Seventh General Assembly.
  4. In the minutes of April 10, 1979, a commission instructed the Presbytery to take a certain action. This cannot be done.
  5. In the minutes of July 21, 1979, (p. 2), there is no record that the examination for ordination of Mr. Hutchinson included examination in Greek or Hebrew or approval of exegetical and theological papers. Also, there is no record of a seminary diploma.
  6. In the minutes of July 21, 1979, the areas in which Mr. Randy Smith was examined to become a candidate are not specified.
  7. In the minutes of July 21, 1979, it is not stated that Mr. Thompson was examined as to his motives for seeking the ministry as required by *BCO* 19-3.
  8. In the minutes of July 21, 1979, (p. 13) the minutes of a commission do not

indicate the presence of a quorum.

9. In the minutes of July 21, 1979, (p. 13) the minutes of a commission appointed to examine, ordain and install a ruling elder, indicate that the Commission approved without examining.
  10. In the minutes of October 9, 1979, there was no opening prayer.
  11. In the minutes of October 9, 1979, in the ordination examination of Mr. Davis, it is not recorded that he was examined in Greek and Hebrew or that he had received a seminary diploma.
  12. In the minutes of October 9, 1979, (p. 12), commission minutes do not give a roll of members present.
- F. COVENANT — with exception — July 17, 1979, October 16, 1979 and April 15, 1980 names of excused elders are not included.
- G. EASTERN CAROLINA — January 12, 1980 minutes of commission to approve two for the office of elder did not examine the elders in person due to their absence.  
— no directory nor roll of the presbytery appears  
— no standing rules of presbytery appear
- H. GULF COAST — May 12, 1979 — stated meeting — with exception — report of the Lockman-Dunkerly case was not available with the minutes.  
— with exception — no directory of churches, no roll of presbytery, no copy of standing rules
- I. LOUISIANA — June 21, 1979 — with exception — corrections made in minutes of September 14, 1979 but minutes of the meeting were not approved.  
— with exception — Directory of Presbytery not included, Roll of Presbytery not included, List of candidates not included, List of Licentiates not included, Copy of Standing Rules not included
- J. MID-ATLANTIC — May 11-12, 1979 — with exception — p. 2 records organization of Committee under (1) b are not attached.  
October 12-13, 1979 — with exception — p. 3 records of organization of committee under (1) are not attached.  
January 21-22, 1980 — with exception — p. 3 records of organization of committee under (1) f are not attached.  
— with exception — no up to date list of ministers, candidates or committees.
- K. NEW RIVER — November 9-10, 1979 — with exception — p. 4 par 4 page 3, line 2 from bottom: Executive Session is indicated, but minutes do not show action taken.  
Beginning with "Rev. Evans". What relationship does the questioning have with the executive session? Clarification of the 18th stated meeting, Page 5, is similarly needed with exception: No indication is made of compliance with G.A. directive on minutes, Page 126 III-C; Roll of ministers and churches not up to date; List of candidates and committees not up to date.
- L. NORTH GEORGIA  
August 20, 1979, with exception — Quorum not stated  
October 6, 1979, with exception — Quorum not stated  
October 20, 1979, with exception — Quorum not stated  
December 29, 1979, with exception — Quorum not stated  
January 19, 1980, with exception — Quorum not stated  
April 19, 1980, with exception — Quorum not stated  
April 26, 1980, Adjourned meeting with exception — Quorum not stated  
With exception — No Presbytery rolls  
No standing rules
- M. PACIFIC  
October 24-25, 1979 — with exception — minutes distributed but not approved.

## N. SOUTHERN FLORIDA

July 17, 1979, with exception — Page 7, Par. 15c, no reason given for waiving *BCO* 19-2 regarding 6 months requirement.

January 15, 1980, with exception — Page 5, Par. 120 and 15, regarding the examination and reception of Rev. Douglas Heck.

- (a) No record of Rev. Heck's ecclesiastical relationship
- (b) Received without call
- (c) No record of signing the ministerial obligation.

April 15, 1980 — Page 5, Par. 80. Presbytery passed a motion that the examination of candidates for licensure be conducted by the Candidates Committee contrary to *BCO* 20-4.

## O. TENNESSEE VALLEY

March 4, 1980 — with exception — minutes not approved

January 12, 1980 — with exception — minutes not approved

Teaching elders roll and directory of churches not listed

No standing rules were found.

No response to the last General Assembly.

## P. TEXAS

March 28, 1980 — called meeting — with exception — Appointing of a "borrowed session" is not in accordance with the *BCO*.

With exception — No directory of churches

No roll of Presbytery

No standing rules included.

## Q. WESTERN CAROLINAS

1. Minutes of commissions are not recorded with the minutes as required by *BCO* 16-1.
2. Standing rules of Presbytery are not included with the minutes as required by Rules for Assembly Operation 8-15, item 8(e).
3. Minutes for meetings of 5-19-79 and 8-21-79 were not approved.
4. More Ruling Elders than allowed by the *BCO* were enrolled from several churches at the meeting of 5-19-79 and from one church at the meeting of 8-21-79 and 11-17-79.
5. For the meetings of 1-16-79 and 7-21-79 the roll of Ruling Elders present is unclear as to who represented the churches, who were alternates, and who were visitors.
6. It is not noted whether absent ruling elders for meetings of 7-21-79 and 8-21-79 were excused.
7. In the minutes of 1-16-79 an expression of opinion by the clerk about the frivolity of a proposed change in the *BCO* was included contrary to the Rules of Assembly Operation 8-15, item 4c.
8. In the minutes of 5-19-79, there was no opening prayer.
9. In the minutes of 5-19-79, the reports of the Committee on Administration and the Committee on MTW were admitted to the record, but are not there.
10. In the minutes of 5-9-79, in the record of the ordination exam of Mr. Jerry Lynn, there is no record of his being examined in Hebrew and Greek and English Bible or the approval of the theological paper and exegesis paper although the approval of one or both of these papers is implied.
11. In the minutes of 5-19-79, approved recommendations No. 4 and No. 7 of the MUS committee are not recorded. Recommendation 4 apparently set up a commission but this is not stated and members are not named.
12. In the minutes of 5-19-79 calls of four ministers received are not approved or even mentioned. Mr. Munson and Mr. Neville apparently had no approved calls until 8-21-79.



13. In the minutes of the called meeting of 7-21-79, the call, its date, and its signees are not recorded.
14. In the minutes of 7-21-79, it is nowhere recorded that Mr. Weaver signed the Book of Obligation after his reception by the Presbytery.
15. At the meeting of 7-21-79, it is not noted that the required ordination questions for ministers coming from another denomination (*BCO* 14-5) were asked of Mr. Weaver.
16. In the minutes of 8-21-79, the terms of call for Mr. Munson and Mr. Neville were not recorded contrary to instructions of the Seventh General Assembly.
17. In the minutes of 11-17-79, an overture to the General Assembly was approved but not recorded.
18. In the minutes of 11-17-79, the approved actions recommended by the Committee on MUS were not recorded.

#### R. WESTMINISTER

- June 18, 1979, with exception — minutes not approved  
 July 21, 1979, with exception — minutes not approved  
 July 29, 1979, with exception — Commission to install TE Van Horn  
 Aug. 28, 1979, with exception — Commission to receive Seven Mile Ford church — minutes not approved  
 Sept. 3, 1979, with exception — minutes not approved. MUS Committee of Presbytery met as a commission to receive a church from the PCUS. No record was found that gave the commission authorization to meet as a commission.  
 Jan. 19, 1980, with exception — minutes not approved  
 Feb. 16, 1970, with exception — minutes not approved  
 April 19, 1980, with exception — minutes not approved  
     roll of ministers not found  
     roll of churches not found  
     roll of candidates not found  
     roll of licentiates not found  
     no standing rules were found

*Adopted.*

#### IV. Additional recommendations

- A. That the General Assembly suggest to the clerks of Presbyteries to number the pages of their minutes consecutively throughout the calendar year. *Adopted.*
- B. That the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business answer the question, "Must a minister have a call to a definite work to be received into a Presbytery?" and bring to the Assembly appropriate language to clarify and improve the *BCO*. *Adopted.*
- C. That the report of the committee be adopted as a whole.

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

Calvary	James C. Turner, RE
Central Carolina	Dewey Murphy, TE
Central Georgia	Ben W. Konopa, TE
Covenant	Elmo Lamb, RE
Evangel	Henry Thigpen, TE, Secretary
Grace	Dewitt Smylie, RE
Gulf Coast	George McGuire, TE, Chairman
Louisiana	Baker S. Smith, RE
Mid-Atlantic	Phillip Adams, TE
Mississippi Valley	Stanton McArthur, RE
North Georgia	Howard Bowman, RE



Southern Florida  
Tennessee Valley  
Texas  
Warrior  
Westminster

John Pascilis, RE  
Fred Manning, Jr., TE  
L. J. Canniff, RE  
Allan Story, TE  
John Hall, TE

### **MINORITY REPORT COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND CONTROL OF PRESBYTERIES**

I move as a substitute motion: The committee's exception to the January 15, 1980 Minutes of the Presbytery of Southern Florida, page 8, Paragraph 27B, be deleted from its report for the reasons given, as follows:

1. The exception implies there is a theological problem regarding baptism in the Presbytery of Southern Florida, which there is not.
2. Even if there were such a problem, it would not be the function of this committee to either investigate or make allegations which would give the impression to even a single commissioner to this assembly that there is such a theological problem.

RE John Pascalis

*Adopted.*

#### **8-73 Worship Service**

The Assembly moved to the order of the day. RE Ralph M. Langford, chairman of the Permanent Committee on Administration, introduced the morning's worship service. RE John T. Clark led in prayer, and TE Paul G. Settle preached the sermon, and closed the service with prayer, and the Assembly recessed.

## **MINUTES — THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**June 19, 1980**

### **Tenth Session**

#### **8-74 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:40 p.m. with prayer by TE Vernon N. West.

#### **8-75 Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries (continued)**

The Assembly returned to consideration of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries. Recommendation 4 A was adopted with the change of the word "instruct" to "suggest to". Recommendation 4 B was on motion deleted. Recommendation 4 C, now redesignated 4 B, was adopted. The minority report (p. 106) was adopted, deleting the recommended exception O. The January 15, 1980, minutes of the Presbytery of Southern Florida, page 8, para. 27 B. Further consideration was deferred until arrival of printed additions to act on recommendation III. [See § 8-72, p. 100, for the text of the report.]

#### **8-76 Answered Prayer**

The stated clerk noted to the Assembly the answer to the Sixth General Assembly's prayers for Robert Nicks, Jr., who had been afflicted by yellow jaundice (*Minutes, Sixth General Assembly*, 6-70). Robert's grandfather, DeWitt Smyley, Commissioner to this Assembly, had during recess introduced to the clerk a healthy little boy. The Assembly gave thanks and praise for this answered prayer.

#### **8-77 Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation**

TE L. Roy Taylor, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation, led in prayer and presented the Committee's report. [See § 8-79, p. 107, for the text of the report.]

### 8-78 Special Offering

Moderator Settle interrupted the business to report that a total of \$1,505.60 had been realized in the "retiring" offering for TE Mitchell Hall and the work in Atlanta received before and during the noon recess. RE James M. Baird, Jr., chairman of the Permanent Committee on Mission to the United States, received the offering in Mr. Hall's behalf and led the Assembly in prayer.

### 8-79 Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation (continued)

- I. Business referred to the committee:
  - A. (1) Minutes of the annual meeting of the trustees of the PCA Foundation November 10, 1979
  - (2) Minutes of the executive committee of the PCA Foundation November 9, 1979, January 11, 1980, March 20, 1980, and April 13, 1980.
  - B. (1) Report of PCA Foundation, Appendix I, p. 212.
  - (2) Supplemental report of PCA Foundation, Appendix I, p. 214.
  - (3) By Laws, Appendix I, p. 217.
  - C. Minority report, Appendix I — p. 214.
- II. Major Issue Discussed
  - A. Matter of quorum at the November 10, 1979 annual meeting of the trustees
  - B. Actions of Executive Committee having been elected without quorum November 10, 1979.
  - C. The necessity of continued existence of the Foundation.
  - D. Whether the Foundation should be incorporated.
  - E. Relation of the Foundation to the sub-committee of Stewardship Ministries and to the four major committees of the General Assembly.
  - F. Theology, Philosophy, and Practice of Stewardship, planned giving and fund-raising.
  - G. The Executive Committee's proposals, p. 212.
  - H. The Minority report, p. 214.
  - I. Committee on Stewardship Ministries Budget for the PCA Foundation, p. 213.
  - K. The meeting of the trustees of PCA Foundation June 17, 1980, at which they ratified the minutes of November 10, 1979, and subsequent actions of the executive committee *nunc pro tunc*.
  - L. The withdrawal of the report of the PCA Foundation, p. 212.
  - M. The withdrawal of the Minority Report, p. 214.
- III. Recommendations
  1. That the Assembly approve *nunc pro tunc* the minutes of November 10, 1979, of the trustees and minutes of the Executive Committee of January 11, 1980, March 20, 1980, April 13, 1980, since the trustees met properly on June 17, 1980, and ratified *nunc pro tunc* the minutes of the aforementioned meetings. *Adopted.*
  2. That the Assembly approve the minutes of June 17, 1980. *Adopted.*
  3. That the PCA Foundation be duly incorporated with articles of incorporation and bylaws submitted by the trustees (See Appendix I, pp. 215-221.) *Adopted.*
  4. That an *ad hoc* committee be appointed by the moderator of the General Assembly, two members from each of the Committees of the General Assembly, two members of the Sub-committee on Stewardship, and two members of the trustees of the PCA Foundation. The purpose of the committee will be to study the proposed plan for operation of PCA Foundation as outlined (Appendix I, pp. 212-213) for the Eighth General Assembly and to report to the Ninth General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners of PCA Foundation. That each committee and sub-committee bear the expense of its

representatives. This committee to give particular attention to the following specific issues:

- a. Whether Foundation activities be restricted to receiving, accumulation, managing, investing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc.
- b. If the Foundation should also be allowed to solicit funds, gifts, bequests, etc.
- c. To consider the relationship of the Foundation to the Sub-committee on Stewardship and to the four permanent committees.
- d. Whether the Foundation should have a full-time director, and if so, what should his qualifications and duties be. *Adopted.*
5. That the *ad hoc* committee develop and present to the Ninth General Assembly a plan to place the operation of the PCA Foundation under the rules for General Assembly operation and bylaws. *Adopted.*
6. That the Foundation continue to operate in 1980 in accordance with its present plan of operation funded by contributions of \$500.00 from each of the four permanent committees. *Adopted.*
7. That the 1981 budget be approved. *Deferred. Adopted § 8-85, p. 111.*

Salary/benefits-part-time managing director .....	\$ 6,000
Bookkeeper .....	1,200
Payroll Taxes .....	100
Rent and office services .....	1,800
Printing .....	1,400
Meetings .....	1,600
Postage .....	1,600
Telephone .....	1,000
Travel — P/T Managing Director .....	1,000
Literature (pro mat.) .....	1,000
Legal expense .....	2,000
Auditing .....	1,000
Miscellaneous .....	800
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	\$20,500

8. That the 1981 Foundation be funded by contributions from the four permanent committees according to their ratio of sharing in undesignated gifts as determined by the Eighth General Assembly. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted

TE L. Roy Taylor, Chairman

RE William Simoneau, Secretary

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners of the PCA Foundation

Calvary	William Simoneau, RE
Central Carolina	Samuel McGinn, TE
Central Georgia	Paul E. Rowland, TE
Covenant	Cecil Barnett, RE
Evangel	Roy Taylor, TE, Chairman
Grace	E. L. Caston, RE
Gulf Coast	Warren West, RE
Louisiana	Jack Hammond, RE
Mid-Atlantic	William Iverson, TE
Mississippi Valley	Robert Bailey, RE
New River	Linwood Wilkes, TE
North Georgia	William Murray, RE
Pacific	Brent Bradley, TE

Southern Florida  
Tennessee Valley  
Warrior  
Westminster

Joseph High, RE  
Fred Fowler, TE  
Joseph Sullivan, TE  
Frank Chapo, TE

### **8-80 Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries**

TE William R. Hermann, chairman, presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries, beginning with prayer.

- I. Business Referred to and Handled by the Committee:
  - A. Report and recommendations of Sub-committee for Stewardship Ministries. (Appendix H, p. 199).
  - B. Minutes of Sub-committee for Stewardship Ministries (October 27, 1979; January, 25, 1980; March 8, 1980).
  - C. The Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 1979.
- II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed.
  - A. The apparent misunderstanding that exists in Assembly's four committees concerning the main responsibility of the Sub-committee on Stewardship to raise the bulk of the funds for the permanent committees.
  - B. Committee of Commissioners questioned Committee Chairmen and/or Coordinators concerning budget requests for 1981.
  - C. The proposal of the PCA Foundation to hire a full-time director.
- III. Recommendations:
  1. That the substance of the minutes of the Sub-committee for Stewardship Ministries be approved without exception. (October 27, 1979; January 25, 1980; March 8, 1980). *Adopted.*
  2. That the asking procedure begun in 1980 be continued. *Adopted.*
  3. That the period of Sunday, October 12, 1980, through Sunday, November 2, 1980, be a special stewardship season and Sunday, November 2, 1980, be recommended as Commitment Sunday. *Adopted.*
  4. That presbyteries encourage each church to appoint a Stewardship key man. *Adopted.*
  5. That presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in their area. *Adopted.*
  6. That each church be encouraged to use the 1980 stewardship materials "Stewardship Is You." *Adopted.*
  7. That churches and presbyteries be urged to complete the report on the 1980 Assembly askings as soon as possible. *Adopted.*
  8. That the report on the statistical summaries be received as information. (See Appendix H, p. 210). *Adopted.*
  9. That the Stewardship Sub-committee be funded by the four committees. *Adopted.*
  10. That the PCA Foundation be funded by the four committees. *Adopted.*
  11. That Overture 26 be answered in the negative.  
 Grounds: Matters herein involved were dealt with by the Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries whose overall recommendations were adopted by the 1979 Assembly. *Adopted.*
  12. That the Eighth General Assembly direct its Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries to establish a uniform budget format to be used by all General Assembly committees. *Adopted.*
  13. That the Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries be commended for its work in promoting giving toward General Assembly's committee budgets, for their

educating and promoting of Christian Stewardship, for their co-ordination of budgets within the General Assembly. *Adopted.*

14. That the Audit Report be approved. *Adopted.*

15. That the annual budget requests of all agencies whose budgets must be approved by the Assembly be referred to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries for evaluation and comment rather than merely as information. *Adopted.*

TE William J. Stanway assumed the chair at 4:55 p.m.

16. Any Permanent Committee or other agency of the Presbyterian Church in America desiring for good reasons to revise a budget previously approved by the Assembly shall submit such budget revisions to the Sub-committee on Stewardship. *Adopted.*

17. That the budgets be approved as amended, and that the Eighth General Assembly urge the Committees of the PCA . . . to share the use of the computer owned by the MUS Committee. (See Appendix H, p. 201ff, for the budgets as adopted.) *[PCA Foundation budget found in § 8-79; p. 108, 209]*

18. That printing costs for the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* to be printed by the Christian Education Committee be defrayed by income generated through the sale of said books. *Adopted.*

19. The report as a whole was approved, with the following amendment:  
That the Committee on Mission to the World report to the Ninth General Assembly what approximate percentage of the support for the present short-term missionary program was raised from PCA churches. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,  
William R. Hermann, Chairman  
H. Andrew Silman, Secretary

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries

Calvary	Henry Benchoff, TE
Central Florida	James Young III, TE
Central Georgia	Larry Sandefur, RE
Covenant	Robert E. Hayes, TE
Evangel	Gilbert A. Lane, Sr., RE
Grace	William Hermann, Chairman, TE
Mid-Atlantic	William McKaig, RE
Mississippi Valley	H. Andrew Silman, Secretary, TE
North Georgia	Mitchell Hall, TE
Warrior	Richard Owen, RE
Western Carolinas	Robert Sweet, TE

*[Clerk's Note: Recommendations 17, 18 and 19 were adopted during the evening session, § 8-80. They are included here for easier reference.]*

#### 8-81 Committee on Thanks

Moderator Settle returned to the chair and announced his appointment of TE Frank R. Sanders and RE Hugh Cunningham as a Committee of Thanks.

[See § 8-105, p. 124.]

#### 8-82 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 5:05 p.m. with prayer by TE M. Wilson Smith, including special prayer requested for RE Lloyd Granburg, Midway Presbyterian Church, who was experiencing pain and complications during recovery from cancer surgery.

## MINUTES — THURSDAY EVENING

June 19, 1980

## Eleventh Session

**8-83 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by RE William DuBose.

**8-84 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business**

TE Rodney T. King, chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business, amending a previously adopted action of a partial report § 8-13, p. 26 by:

1. Editorially amending Recommendation I by changing RE Bill Busbee to RE Wilson Barbee; *Adopted.*
2. Amending Recommendation I by deleting, at their request, TE Paul Settle and RE Jack Williamson, and replacing them with TE Rodney King and RE William Joseph; *Adopted.*
3. Amending Recommendation II by replacing "at the" with "to report to the Ninth"; *Adopted.*

**8-85 Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries. On separate motions the budgets for Administration, Christian Education and Publications, Mission to the United States, Mission to the World, PCA Foundation, Ridge Haven, Stewardship, and Five in Five were adopted as amended.

RE W. Jack Williamson assumed the chair at 9:15 p.m.

On motion the report as a whole was approved.

*Adopted.*

**8-86 Time for Recess Extended**

On motion the time of recess was set as immediately following the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

**8-87 Docket Amended**

On motion the docket was amended to hear the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business immediately following the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries.

**8-88 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business Report**

The chairman, TE Rodney King, led the Assembly in prayer, and then presented the report of the Committee.

**I. BUSINESS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE**

1. Minutes of the Sub-committee on Judicial business (October 15, 1979, November 16, 1979, February 1, 1980, March 17, 1980, May 12, 1980)
2. Overtures 1,3,4,8,14,15,16,22,23,29
3. Judicial cases
  - A. Appeal (Case 1: Lockman vs Gulf Coast), p. 47. Reference, p. 51.
  - B. Complaints
    - I. Case 2: Mays vs New River Presbytery p. 48.
    - II. Case 3: Snapp and Hope vs Calvary Presbytery p. 48.
    - III. Case 4: Campbell vs Mid-Atlantic Presbytery p. 49.
    - IV. Case 5: Bogue, et al vs Presbytery of the Ascension p. 50.
4. The report of the Sub-committee on Judicial business, Appendix D, p. 156.

**II. STATEMENT OF THE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED**

1. The proper role of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business
2. The proposed changes in BCO and the proper manner of Presbytery voting on such changes.
3. The directory of worship.



4. The rotational system of church officers.
5. The proper scope of Presbytery's oversight in the probation of candidates and the appointment of teaching elders to specific works.

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the minutes of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
2. That the Sub-committee be directed to attach copies of all correspondence sent in response to inquiry to the Sub-committee to the minutes of the meeting at which that correspondence was authorized. *Adopted.*
3. That the Assembly vote on all of the proposed amendments to the *Book of Church Order*, which had received the required two-thirds vote of the Presbyteries as reported by the stated clerk. The following amendments to the *BCO* were approved by the Assembly, thus amending the *Book of Church Order*.

**Item 1:** Amend paragraph 7-2 to read as follows: The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are Elders and Deacons. Within the class of Elder are the two orders of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The Elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as Teaching Elders. The office of Deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, these offices are open to men only. *Adopted.*

**Item 2** Combine Chapters 8 and 9 as follows and renumber the following chapters accordingly:

#### **CHAPTER 8. The Elder.**

- 8-1. This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed Bishop or Pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed Presbyter or Elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed Teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.
- 8-2. He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.
- 8-3. It belongs to the office of Elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.
- 8-4. As the Lord has given different gifts to men and has committed to some special gifts and callings, the Church is authorized to call and appoint some to labor as Teaching Elders.
- 8-5. When a man is called to labor as a Teaching Elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other Elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed Ambassador. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed Evangelist. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed Preacher. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed Steward of the mysteries of God.
- 8-6. When a Teaching Elder is appointed to the work of an Evangelist, he is commissioned to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments in foreign countries or the destitute parts of the Church. The Presbytery may by separate acts from that by which it commissioned him, entrust to the Evangelist for a period of twelve months the power to organize churches, and, until there is a Session in the Church so organized, to instruct, examine, ordain, and install Ruling Elders and Deacons therein, and to receive or dismiss members.
- 8-7. As there were in the Church under the law, Elders of the people for the government thereof, so in the Gospel church, Christ has furnished others besides Ministers of the Word with gifts and commission to govern when called thereunto, which are called Ruling Elders.
- 8-8. Elders being of one class of office, Ruling Elders possess the same authority and eligibility to office in the courts of the Church as Teaching Elders. They should, moreover, cultivate zealously their own aptness to teach the Bible and should improve every opportunity of doing so. *Adopted*



**Item 3** Amend 15-1-11 to read as follows: A Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one representative elected by each Presbytery in the following manner. Each Presbytery shall be assigned a lineal number by the Stated Clerk based on its date of formation. In odd number years, odd number Presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, respectively. In even number years, even number Presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders, respectively. The term of each member shall be two years. When necessary, unexpired terms shall be filled by an Elder of the same class, Teaching or Ruling. This committee is to present all nominations for which it is responsible to the next meeting of the Assembly from a slate of men nominated by the Presbyteries. Each Presbytery shall through its representative present the Nominating Committee the name of one Ruling and one Teaching Elder for each committee of the church, utilizing the nominating forms provided for this purpose by the Stated Clerk. In addition to nominees for expired terms the Committee shall nominate for each permanent committee one Ruling and one Teaching Elder as alternates to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year. Each alternate should attend each meeting and fill any vacancies necessary to meet a quorum. In addition to the new nominees from the Presbyteries, alternates not assuming any vacancies during a year will be automatically considered by the Nominating Committee as candidates for nomination to that same committee.

*Adopted.*

**Item 4** Amend paragraph 15-1-12 as follows: Add the following to the end of the first sentence: "on the odd years and four men each on the even years."

*Adopted.*

**Item 5** Amend paragraph 15-1-14 to read as follows: "The Assembly shall elect a six-man Theological Examining Committee (three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders of three classes of two men each). This Committee shall examine all Coordinators, Associate Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and those acting temporarily in these positions who are being recommended for first time employment by Assembly Committees to the Assembly. They are to be examined in the areas of Christian Experience, Theology, the Sacraments, Church Government, and English Bible. No person will begin work or move on the field without prior examination and approval by the General Assembly's Theological Examining Committee. No person will be presented to the Assembly for election who has not met the approval of this Committee. Nominations for this Committee will be presented by the Assembly's Nominating Committee."

*Adopted.*

4. That the matter of methodology on the voting on constitutional matters be referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business for recommendation to the Ninth General Assembly. *Adopted.*
5. That the proposal to add "exhort" to "preach" throughout the proposed BCO 19-1 through 19-6 be rejected. *Adopted.*
6. The following recommendation was referred back to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business for further study. The Committee is to invite consultation from the Granada Church and other interested parties.

1. That the following perfected changes in the proposed changes for BCO chapter 6, be made (See M7GA, pp. 182ff).

6-2 Change by adding "But such may not be required" at the end.

6-3 Line 6, after "tion", add "and are sealed as members of Christ's Church, and are . . ."

6-7 As is, adding only "but in no way affecting his ordination".

6-13 In line 3, drop: "(4) Prospects for Restoration". In line 2, add "and" immediately preceding "(3)" drop the "and: that immediately follows "(13-8)". In line 3, the last sentence should be changed to read as follows: "The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually. A list of prospects for restoration shall also be maintained and reviewed annually."

6-15 Line 3, after "being non-communing members" insert "of the congregation".

6-19 Page 184, line 2, change "roll" to "list".

That the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter VI, be amended by deleting the current provisions in their entirety, and by substituting therefor the following provisions (Clerk's note: the above recommended changes have been incorporated into the following text):

#### CHAPTER 6. Church Members and Rolls

##### Church Members

6-1 The members of a particular church consist of both communing and non-communing members.

##### Communing Members

6-2 Communing members may be added by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church, in the judgment of the Session. For all received, regardless of age or how received, attendance at a church membership preparation class prior to reception is highly recommended, but such may not be required.

##### Non-Communing Members

6-3 The children of believers are, through the Covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the Church universal. They are entitled to baptism and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the

Church, with a view to their embracing Christ, and thus personally possessing all benefits of the Covenant. By baptism such children are received into the membership of the particular congregation, and are sealed as members of Christ's Church, and are to be carried on its rolls as non-communing members. Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation, nor are they to partake of the Communion until they are fully able to obey the command of self-examination given in 1 Corinthians 11:28, and have been admitted to the Lord's Supper upon profession of faith.

6-5 Members of other churches, both in our own Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and in other evangelical denominations, normally shall be received by the Church Session as communing members by means of letter of transfer from the other churches. Members so received shall be recorded by the Session as having been received by letter of transfer (See paragraph 58-6).

6-6 When a church member is unable to obtain a letter of transfer, he may be received as a communing member upon his reaffirmation of faith in Christ. When a member is so received, the Church to which he formerly belonged shall be notified, and the Session shall record him as received by reaffirmation of faith (See paragraph 58-6).

6-7 When a letter of transfer is issued for a Ruling Elder or Deacon, his relationship as an officer shall be dissolved, the congregation informed, and the transfer of membership effected without officer status, but in no way affecting his ordination.

6-8 A letter of transfer shall be issued by a Church Session only to the governing body of another Church. A member's request for a letter of transfer shall be made through the governing body of the Church which he desires to join. Letters of transfer issued for parents of baptized non-communing member children shall always include the names of these children (See paragraph 13-5).

6-9 When a letter of transfer is requested for a member whose name is under charges or under discipline, the Session in issuing the letter shall indicate thereon the disciplinary status.

6-10 A member being dismissed from one Church to another shall be under the jurisdiction of the dismissing Church until received by the other church and the dismissing Church so notified (See paragraph 47-3).

6-11 A letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only (See paragraph 47-8).

6-12 All of those being received by profession of their faith and by reaffirmation of faith are required to answer the constitutional questions found in the Directory of Worship (58-5).

### **Church Rolls**

6-13 The Session of a particular Church shall keep the rolls of the members of the church: (1) Communing, (2) Non-communing, and (3) Associate (See paragraph 13-8). The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually. A list of prospects for restoration shall also be maintained and reviewed.

6-14 The Communing Roll shall consist of those communing members who are actively participating in the life and work of the Church by attending worship services, and/or being involved in other church activities.

6-15 The Non-communing Roll shall consist of all non-communing members, i.e., all members not entitled to participate in the Lord's Supper. This Roll by its nature will consist primarily of children, being non-communing members of the congregation by right of baptism (See paragraph 6-3). Also included on this Roll will be any member no longer on the Communing Roll due to being under suspension (exclusion from the sealing ordinances of the Church) as a result of disciplinary action, or by their own request.

6-16 The Associate Roll of a particular Church shall consist of communing members in good standing of other churches of our own PCA or other evangelical denominations who, for educational, military, business, or other purposes, are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches, and within the bounds of the particular church, and who desire to be affiliated with the particular church on a temporary basis. If the home church is PCA, the home Church Session shall issue to the Church with which the member desires to affiliate a certificate of good standing, valid for two years, and subject to renewal, but will retain the member's name on its Communing Roll. The Session receiving the certificate shall place the member's name on its Associate Roll. If the home Church is not PCA, the Session of the Church being affiliated with will request from the home Church a certificate as previously described. If unable to obtain a certificate, the Session may receive the individual as an Associate Member for a two-year period on reaffirmation of faith, subject to the home Church's concurrence. The rights and privileges of Associate Members are shown in paragraph 47-4.

6-17 A church member who has permanently moved his residence beyond the bounds of his Church, so that he no longer can participate regularly in its life and work, shall be obligated to arrange the transfer of his membership to a church located within his new area in which he can be active. This provision shall not apply to lay missionaries, full-time Christian lay workers, students, and career military personnel and their families, who are serving in distant fields and who desire to remain on the Roll of their home Church. The Session may make other exceptions to this provision in special situations. A church member shall be obligated to inform his Church promptly when his mailing address is changed or his residence is moved either temporarily or permanently.

6-18 When a member permanently moves his residence beyond the bounds of the Church, if practicable the Session shall notify the governing body of a church in the member's new local area with a view of transfer of his membership. At the same time, the Session shall advise the member that it is his duty to arrange for the transfer of his membership to a church in his new local area in which he can be active. If the transfer is not effected within twelve months after the member is so advised, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Roll and notify him of the action taken (47-2).

6-19 When a member for one year willfully does not participate in the life and work of the Church or does not otherwise express a serious interest in his Church, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church Roll (47-5). No name shall be deleted in this manner until after the Session has made a diligent effort to discover the causes of the member's non-participation and to restore him to activity in the

Church's life and work. The member having his name deleted shall be notified of the action. Such names deleted will be placed on a list known as "Prospects for Restoration" for the purpose of maintaining prayerful concern for those who have gone astray.

6-20 When for one year a member has not participated in the life and work of his Church, his mailing address has not been known, and the Church has been unable to contact him, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church's Roll.

6-21 When a member whose name is on the Communing or Non-communing Rolls requests the Church Session to remove his name from the Church Roll, the Session shall remove the member without process from the Church Roll and notify the member of the action taken. The request for removal shall be in writing. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the Session shall also withdraw from him all authority to exercise his church office and notify the congregation of the action taken. No action shall be taken by the Session under this provision until the Session, after inquiry and due delay, is of the judgment that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or other temporary circumstances.

6-22 When a member whose name is on the Communing Roll renounces his membership by joining some other church, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Church Roll. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the officer relationship shall be dissolved and the congregation informed of the action taken (See paragraph 39-4).

6-23 When a particular Church is notified by a Presbytery that one of its members has been ordained by the Presbytery to the Gospel Ministry, the Church Session shall note such actions in its records and remove the member's name from the Church Roll (See paragraph 47-7).

6-24 When a Presbytery divests a Minister of his office without censure or deposes him without excommunication, it will assign him to a particular church, if possible, subject to the approval of the Session of that church. (See paragraph 47-8). If the Session approves of the assignment, the Session will so notify the Presbytery and place the individual's name on the Church Roll. If the Session does not approve of the assignment, it will notify the Presbytery and take no further action.

*Adopted.*

7. That the Assembly give initial approval to the following amendment to the *BCO*, and send it down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent:

That paragraph 15-1-11 be amended by adding the following:

In the event that a member of a Permanent Committee fails to attend more than one-half of the meetings of the Committee in any particular year, the Committee, after consultation with the member, shall by a two-thirds vote of the Committee present and voting, request that the next General Assembly declare the position vacant and elect a replacement.

*Adopted.*

8. That the proposed *BCO* chapters 18-21 be amended as follows, and that the Assembly give initial approval of these chapters as an amendment to the *BCO*, and send them down to the presbyteries for their advice and consent.

18-2 Amend Paragraph 18-2:

by changing the word "candidate" in the first line of the first paragraph to "applicant."

by deleting the second and third sentence of the third paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"An applicant for care may not be received under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of the Presbytery, since he must serve a period of at least one year of internship prior to ordination (see 19-7 and 21-4).

"An applicant for internship is obliged to be under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel; further, one who is not already under care may be taken under care, be licensed to preach the Gospel, and be placed under probation at the same meeting of Presbytery."

Grounds: The original amendment wording might imply that Presbytery would be mandated to take under care, license, and place under probation every applicant.

18-3 (p. 25 of *BCO*)

That the word "candidate" in lines 4 and 11 be changed to read "applicant."

Grounds: An applicant does not become a candidate until after completion of these steps.

18-7 Amend Paragraph 18-7:

by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following in its place:

"The Presbytery may, upon application of the candidate, give a certificate of dismission to another Presbytery. The candidate may be allowed to retain membership in his home church upon the request of his Session and the approval of both Presbyteries involved. A candidate shall, at his request, be allowed to withdraw from the care of the Presbytery."

18-8 *BCO* 18-8 (new paragraph)

"An applicant coming as a candidate from another denomination must present testimonials of his standing in that body and must become a member of a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall then fulfill the requirements of applicants listed under 19-2 as well as requirements placed upon those desiring to be licensed or placed under probation as set forth in Chapter 20 of the *BCO*."

Grounds: The changes set forth in Recommendation 10 of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business Report make no provision for receiving applicants who are candidates in other denominations.

### Chapter 19 Licensure and Probation A. Licensure.

19-1. To preserve the purity of the preaching of the Gospel, no man is permitted to preach in the pulpits of the Presbyterian Church in America on a regular basis without proper licensure from the Presbytery having jurisdiction where he will preach. A ruling elder, a candidate for the ministry, a minister from some other denomination, or some other man may be licensed for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching of the Word upon his giving satisfaction to the Presbytery of his gifts and passing the licensure examination.

19-2. Examination for Licensure.

The examination for licensure shall be as follows:

- A. Give a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel in written form and/or orally before the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery);
- B. Be tested with a written and/or an oral examination by the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery) for his:
  1. Basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined in the *Confession of Faith* and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* of the Presbyterian Church in America,
  2. Practical knowledge of the English Bible,
  3. Basic knowledge of the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in *The Book of Church Order*;
- C. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in Part B;
- D. Provide his written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and application, and present orally his sermon or exhortation before Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery.

No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of examination except in extraordinary cases; and whenever a Presbytery shall omit any of these parts, it shall always make a record of the reasons therefor, and of the trial parts omitted.

19-3. Questions for Licensure.

If the Presbytery be satisfied with the trials of the applicant, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner:

The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions, namely:

- (1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- (2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture?
- (3) Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?
- (4) Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or of any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

19-4. The applicant having answered these questions in the affirmative, the Moderator shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do license you to preach the Gospel in this Presbytery wherever God in His providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart, Amen."

Record shall be made of the licensure in the following or like form, namely: At ....., the ..... day of ....., the Presbytery of ....., received testimonial commending ....., proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for licensure, which was met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered the questions for licensure, ..... was licensed by the Presbytery to preach the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery.

19-5. When any licentiate shall have occasion to remove from the bounds of his Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires. The Presbytery into whose bounds the licentiate is moving, however, must at least examine the man concerning his Christian experience and call to preach the Gospel and his views in theology, English Bible, and church government. This Presbytery then may license him to preach within its bounds.

19-6. The license to preach the Gospel shall expire at the end of four years. The Presbytery may, if it thinks proper, renew it without further examination.

### B. Probation.

19-7. The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the Word, both concerning their gifts and concerning their ability to rule as teaching elders, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men, and that the Church may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those to whom this sacred office is to be committed. To provide for such a period of trial, a candidate for ordination must be under probation; and this probation should normally occur in the Presbytery in which he is expecting to be ordained. This period of probation shall be at least one year in length, and may be longer at the discretion of the Presbytery so as to give sufficient time for the Presbytery to judge the candidate's qualifications and service. This period of probation may occur during or after the candidate's formal theological education. When it occurs during his formal theological education, it may include an intern year in addition to his time of academic training or it may run concurrent with his academic training. The nature



of the probation period shall be determined by the Presbytery, but it should involve the candidate in the full scope of the duties of any regular ministerial calling approved by the Presbytery. It is to be both a time of practical instruction and testing by the Presbytery, and may be in any work which the Presbytery deems to be a suitable ministry to test the probationer's gifts. The probationer should be closely supervised by the Presbytery throughout this trial period.

- 19-8. An applicant for probation must be a candidate and a licentiate in the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer. He may, however, become a candidate, a licentiate, and a probationer at the same meeting of Presbytery. If an applicant for probation is already a candidate in another Presbytery, that Presbytery should dismiss him as a candidate to the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer.

- 19-9. Examination for Probation.

If the applicant for probation has been previously licensed in the Presbytery in which he is seeking his probation, the only further examination needed before he begins his period of probation is for him to give to the Presbytery a written and/or an oral statement (at the discretion of the Presbytery) of his inward call to the ministry of the Word.

- 19-10. When an applicant is approved for probation, the Moderator of the Presbytery shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do place you under the probation of this Presbytery as a means of testing your gifts for the holy ministry wherever God in His Providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen."

Record shall be made of the probation in the following or like form, namely, At ....., the .... day of ....., the Presbytery of ....., having received testimonials commending ....., having received him as a candidate for the ministry and having licensed him to preach the Gospel, placed him under probation at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

- 19-11. When any probationer shall have occasion, while his probation is in progress, to remove from the bounds of his own Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, take up his probation at the point at which it was left, and conduct it to a conclusion in the same manner as if it had been commenced by itself. Presbytery shall repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires, but it must at least examine the intern on His Christian experience and call to the ministry and his views in theology, the sacraments, and church government. In such cases, the intern shall also transfer his candidacy and should be licensed by his new Presbytery.
- 19-12. Presbyteries should require interns to devote themselves diligently to the trial of their gifts; and no one should be ordained to the work of the ministry of the Word until he has demonstrated the ability both to edify and to rule in the Church. Reports on every intern in the Presbytery should be presented at each stated meeting of the Presbytery by the committee of Presbytery charged with the oversight of interns, and these reports shall become a part of the Minutes of Presbytery. The Presbytery shall also require every intern himself to make a report to it at least once a year describing his ministerial experiences. If the intern is still in school, the Presbytery shall secure from his instructors an annual report upon his deportment, diligence, and progress in study.
- 19-13. At the end of the period of time set by the Presbytery for his internship, an intern shall have his internship either approved or disapproved. Even if it is approved, he cannot be ordained without a call to some specific work. If the internship is disapproved, the Presbytery may either extend it for another definite period of time or it may completely rescind his intern status and may revoke his licensure. If the intern shall devote himself unnecessarily to such pursuits as interfere with a full trial of his gifts, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to rescind his intern status, and to record its reasons therefor in the Minutes of Presbytery.
- 19-14. An intern who, during his internship, is to serve a congregation in the capacity of the minister of the Word must be called by the congregation in the same way that a regular minister is called. A congregation may later call such a man as its pastor. This call must be approved by Presbytery prior to the time of ordination. In the event a congregation does not desire to call such a man as its pastor as determined by a congregational vote, notice should be given as early as possible. Interns may be called to serve as assistants to ministers during their internship, by the Session of a Church with approval of the call by Presbytery.

- 19-15. Restrictions

The intern may be asked by the moderator of a Session temporarily to chair the meeting of the Session. In such cases the moderator shall supervise this activity and may overrule the intern or re-assume the chair at will. The intern is not a member of Session and may not vote in the meetings unless he has previously been ordained a Ruling Elder and elected to the Session by the congregation. Normally he shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Session and Diaconate when he has been called to work out his internship by a congregation. He shall have the right to conduct funerals. An intern may not administer the sacraments. He may serve on committees of the church he serves.

- 20-11 Amend Paragraph 20-11:

by deleting the words: "licentiate or candidate" and by substituting in their place the words: "or probationer."

- 21-2 Amend Paragraph 21-2:

by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"When a probationer has completed his probationary period to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and has accepted a call the Presbytery shall take immediate steps for his ordination."

21-3 Amend Paragraph 21-3:

by deleting the first phrase, which reads as follows:

"No Presbytery shall ordain any probationer to the office of Minister of the Word."

21-4 Amend Paragraph 21-4:

by adding as an introductory paragraph the following:

"A probationer applying for ordination shall be required to present a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved college or university, and also a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved theological seminary or authentic testimonials of having completed a regular course of theological studies, or a certificate of completion of and endorsement from a theological study program as approved by the General Assembly and one of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall also present satisfactory testimonials as to the completion and approval of his probationary period in the practice of the ministry. Ordinarily, the probationer shall have been examined in most of the following trials when he was licensed. If the Presbytery previously approved all parts of the licensure examination it need not reexamine the probationer in those areas at this time. If there were areas of weakness, which the Presbytery noted, or if any member of the Presbytery desires to do so, the probationer may be examined on particular points again.\* In all cases, he should be asked to indicate whether he has changed his previous views concerning any points in the *Confession of Faith*, *Catechisms*, and *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America."

\*Add "Additionally, the probationer shall be examined on any parts required for ordination which were not covered in his examination for licensure." Grounds: The trials for licensure and for ordination are not identical.

and by deleting the third sentence of paragraph 21-4 as it is at present, which begins: "A candidate for ordination, etc...."

21-11 Amend Paragraph 21-11:

by deleting, in the first line, the words: "candidate or licentiate" and by substituting for them the word "interns."

*Adopted.*

[Clerk's note: The numbering of these chapters has been altered, in accord with the adoption of Recommendation 3 of this report.]

It was moved that the stated clerk be instructed to send these proposed amendments to the BCO to the presbyteries as a block, and that the presbyteries be instructed that they must vote on these proposed amendments as a block, and not by dividing the issues or paragraphs.

*Adopted.*

9. That chapters 57, 58, and 59 of the BCO be adopted as constitutional and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, and that the Subcommittee on Judicial Business rewrite the Directory of Worship.

*Adopted.*

10. That the following changes be made in the Certificate of Incorporation of the PCA:

Add the word "civil" between "The" and "activities" in the first line of Article Sixth. Delete the following sentence found at the end of the first paragraph of Article Sixth of the Certificate of Incorporation: "The board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation."

*Adopted.*

11. That Overture 1 be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*  
 12. That Overture 3 be answered in the negative based upon previous actions of the General Assembly. (See M7GA, p. 105, § 7-41, item 27). *Adopted.*  
 13. That Overture 29 be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*  
 14. That Overture 4 be answered by reference to the previous action. *Adopted.*  
 15. That Overture 8 be answered in the affirmative and that it be returned to the Permanent Committee to prepare a proper amendment to the BCO. *Adopted.*  
 16. That Overture 14 be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*  
 17. That Overture 14 be found in order and that it be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*

18. That Overture 15 be answered in the negative. *Defeated.*

It was moved that Overture 15 be answered in the affirmative and submitted to the presbyteries for advice and consent. *Adopted.*

19. That Overture 16 be answered in the negative. *Defeated.*  
 It was moved that Overture 16 be answered in the affirmative, and be submitted to the presbyteries for advice and consent. *Adopted.*

20. That Overture 22 be amended by deleting "believes it to be the responsibility of the local Session to" and substituting "overtures the General Assembly to declare that the local sessions are to", be found in order, and answered in the affirmative.  
The amended overture reads:

**Whereas**, the BCO 25-1 calls for the congregations to responsibly submit names to the Church Sessions of those who are "active male members who qualify . . . etc" and

**Whereas**, the BCO no where defines what it means by "active" and

**Whereas**, every male member of congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America, while assumed to be active because there exists no "inactive list" and yet every church session knows some men to be so infrequent in the worship and work of the church as to disqualify them from the sacred offices and

**Whereas**, regular faithful attendance is both a command of the Lord of the Church and necessary for a good example to the church, and

**Whereas**, different congregations offer varying degrees of activity within the various church programs,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, by the Presbytery of Southern Florida:

"That the Presbytery of Southern Florida overtures the General Assembly to declare that the local sessions are to determine whether names submitted to it of prospective church officers are indeed "active male members who meet the qualifications of the Word." And that local sessions should consistently apply their interpretation of what it means to be "active" from year to year or so inform the congregations of any changes. Furthermore that men should not be nominated with the hopes that the high offices of Elder or Deacons will make them more faithful or interested in the Church but because they have shown unfailing interest in the worship and work by their past diligence." (See *Minutes of G.A. 1979* Page 80:3)

*Adopted.*

21. That Overture 23 be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*  
22. That the Eighth General Assembly instruct the Sub-committee on Judicial Business to handle only those questions which come from a lower church court, and not to respond to individuals, but to refer them to their appropriate church court. *Adopted.*  
23. On motion the report as a whole was adopted. *Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,

TE Rodney T. King, Chairman

TE Edwin Cunningham, Secretary

#### Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Ascension  
Calvary  
Central Carolina  
Central Florida  
Central Georgia  
Covenant  
Eastern Carolina  
Evangel  
Grace  
Gulf Coast  
Mid-Atlantic  
Mississippi Valley  
North Georgia  
Pacific  
Southern Florida  
Texas  
Western Carolinas  
Westminster

Fred Morris, RE  
H. R. Patterson, TE  
Wilson J. Barbee, RE  
Frank Boswell, TE  
Henry C. Smith, Jr., RE  
Thomas Roberts, TE  
Joseph H. Armfield, Jr., TE  
Thomas Nalls, RE  
Steve Wilkins, TE  
T. G. Melson, Jr., RE  
William Hayes, RE  
William Hughes, TE  
Ed Cunningham, Jr., TE  
William Montgomery, RE  
Thomas Rayside, TE  
Thomas Ramsay, TE  
Rodney King, TE  
John Thompson, RE

[Clerk's note: Recommendations 7-15 were adopted on Friday morning, § 8-92, and recommendations 16-22 were adopted Friday afternoon § 8-96. All are presented at this point for easier reference.]



**8-89 Assembly Recessed**

The Assembly recessed at 11:05 p.m. with prayer by TE Joseph C. Morecraft III, lifting up before the Lord Marion Mayes, critically ill and unsure of salvation.

**MINUTES — FRIDAY MORNING****June 20, 1980****Twelfth Session****8-90 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened Friday Morning at 8:00 a.m. with prayer by TE Loren V. Watson.

**8-91 Minutes Approved**

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were approved as read.

**8-92 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business (continued)**

TE Rodney T. King, chairman, led in prayer and continued the report the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

Recommendation 6 was adopted. Recommendation 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 were adopted. *[See § 8-88 for text 115ff.]*

**8-93 Docket Amended**

On motion the docket was amended to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

**8-94 Worship Service**

The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly moved to the worship service at 11:30 a.m. under the supervision of the Committee on Mission to the United States. TE Frank M. Barker, Jr. opened the service and led in prayer, and TE James M. Baird, Jr., chairman of the Committee preached the sermon, and concluded the service and the morning session with prayer.

**MINUTES — FRIDAY AFTERNOON****June 20, 1980****Thirteenth Session****8-95 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:00 p.m. being led in prayer by TE Robert B. Vincent, remembering particularly RE Jay L. Harris of the Sovereign Grace Church, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, who has been hospitalized after a heart attack.

**8-96 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business (continued)**

The report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business was continued. Recommendations 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 were adopted at this time. The report was adopted as a whole. *[See § 8-88 p. 111 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

The Moderator appointed RE Kenneth Ryskamp as assistant parliamentarian, due to the departure of RE W. Jack Williamson.

**8-97 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World. Recommendation 9 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. *[See § 8-25 p. 68 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

**8-98 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States. The report as a whole was adopted. The Assembly was led in prayer by TE Frank Morrison. *[See § 8-50 p. 85 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

### **8-99 Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications. On motion the report as a whole was adopted. *[See § 8-29 p. 72 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

### **8-100 Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation. The report as a whole was received. *[See § 8-79 p. 107 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

### **8-101 Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries. Supplemental material on Recommendation III was received, and this recommendation was adopted. The report as a whole was received. *[See § 8-72 p. 100 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

### **8-102 Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven (continued)**

The Assembly returned to the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven. The report as a whole was received. *[See § 8-30 p. 74 for the text.]* *Adopted.*

### **8-103 Committee of Commissioners on Administration**

RE Edward Williford, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer, and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

#### **I. Business Referred to the Committee of Commissioners**

- A. Minutes of the Committee on Administration dated June 18, 1979, June 20, 1979, September 28, 1979; January 11-12, 1980, and March 14-15, 1980.
- B. Overtures numbered 5, 13, 21, 24, 25 and 31 (pp. 30-31);
- C. Overtures carried over from the 1979 General Assembly numbered 5, 6, 7, 28, 29 and 31 (pp. 42-44) and recommendations from the 1979 General Assembly's Committee of Commissioners on Administration numbered 25-32 (p. 45);
- D. Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Administration, Appendix A, p. 128.
- E. Audit Report of the Committee on Administration, p. 130.

#### **II. Statement of Issues Discussed**

- A. The Committee of Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the Committee according to the rules in 8-13 and 8-14.
- B. The Committee of Commissioners discussed thoroughly and fairly each overture and recommendation of the Committee and handled each on its own merits.
- C. The Committee of Commissioners reviewed and studied the Audit of Kent, Nobles & Martin of the Committee on Administration.

#### **III. Recommendations**

1. That the Ninth General Assembly at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, be held on the dates June 15 through 19, 1981. *Adopted.*
2. That Overtures 5, 13 & 31 be answered in the affirmative and that the General Assembly accept the invitation to meet in Grand Rapids in 1982.  
Grounds: To facilitate fraternal relations with other members of NAPARC. *Adopted.*
3. That in view of the likelihood of surpassing 500 churches during 1980 the question of a delegated Assembly be reopened by referring the matter to the Committee on Administration for a report to the 1981 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
4. That our present Stated Clerk, the Rev. Morton H. Smith, be employed as the

- Stated Clerk through the 1981 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
5. That our present Business Administrator, Dr. Dan M. Moore, be employed as the Business Administrator through the 1981 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
  6. That the Assembly amend the "Bylaws of the General Assembly" as follows:
    - a. In Article II, Section 2 strike from the first sentence the phrase "... and ordinarily will be held during the month of September." Grounds: gives the Assembly the freedom to set the date.
    - b. In Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph E substitute the title "Sub-committee on Judicial Business". Grounds: Judicial business is properly a sub-committee.
    - c. In Article IV, Section 9 insert a new paragraph as follows:  
 "F. Other Committees  
 The Assembly may elect or appoint other committees of either a permanent or temporary character to handle particular matters of business as designated by the Assembly. The business handled by such committees shall be limited to those matters assigned by the Assembly." *Adopted.*
  7. That the "Rules for Assembly Operations" be amended as follows:
    - a. In 2-2 substitute for the second sentence the following: "Ordinarily, he shall present a retiring Moderator's sermon or exhortation." Grounds: to conform to terminology in 1-1.
    - b. In 3-8 insert the following: "... and shall be assisted in this by assistant parliamentarian(s) as appointed by the Moderator." Grounds: to bring to Bylaw status a practice of several years.
    - c. In 8-4 strike the last sentence. Grounds: stenographers' work has been satisfactorily accomplished by committees' secretaries.
    - d. In 8-11 (1) strike words following "original". Grounds: carbon copies are now unnecessary.
    - e. In 8-13-3 (F) after "ruling elders strike" "and the church represented" and insert "and the presbytery represented." Grounds: Presbyteries are represented on permanent committees.
    - f. *Renumber the present 9-2 to 9-3 and insert as a new 9-2 the following, "The expenses of the Recording Clerks of the General Assembly will be borne by the Assembly."* Grounds: A task worthy of compensation.
    - g. In 10-3 (1) insert the following "No second is necessary for a committee recommendation.", strike 10-3 (2), *and renumber 10-3 (3) and (4).* Grounds: as the recommendation of a committee it already has the support of a second and it need not be reiterated.

*Carried over to the Ninth General Assembly.*
  8. That the Assembly answer Overture 2, from the Seventh General Assembly, by referring the matter back to the Committee on Administration, to report to the Ninth General Assembly. *Adopted.*
  9. Regarding Overture 16, asking for a two-thirds vote of registered commissioners in order to adopt a position on substantive, moral, or doctrinal issues, the Committee recommends that this be answered in the negative. Grounds: the difficulty of determining a substantive, moral or doctrinal issue; and the question of the number of votes necessary to make this determination. *Adopted.*
  10. That presbyteries and not the four major committees be responsible for worship services at future General Assemblies on a regular rotating basis. *Adopted.*
  11. That the 1980 budget for the Stated Clerk's Office be amended by an increase of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of servicing the church's "historical collection." *Adopted with budget, § 8-85; Appendix H, p. 202.*

12. That the 1981 budget for the Stated Clerk's Office be amended by an increase of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of servicing the Church's "historical collection".  
*Adopted with budget § 8-85, p. 202.*
13. That the "Rules for Assembly Operations" be suspended in order that the Eighth General Assembly may try a "trial-run" on a new method of nominations and elections . . . "[See § 8-19, 2, for text.] *Adopted § 8-19, p. 66.*
14. That the Minutes of the Committee dated June 18, 1979, June 20, 1979, September 28, 1979, January 11-12, 1980, and March 14-15, 1980 be approved without exception.  
*Adopted.*
15. That Overture 21 be answered in the affirmative with the following amendment, "A cost of \$10,000 shall be included in the budget of the Committee on Administration to pay for printing. Copies of the digest shall be sold through Christian Education & Publication channels to recover costs of publication."  
Grounds: such a digest will be very helpful.  
*Adopted.*
16. That Overture 24 be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: time is limited, and, in addition to time presently set aside for prayer and devotions, commissioners are encouraged to engage in private devotions.  
*Adopted.*
17. That Overture 25 be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: see Recommendation 8.  
*Adopted.*
18. That Overture 5 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the affirmative.  
Grounds: to expedite Assembly operations. [See § 8-19, 1, p. 43 for text.]  
*Adopted.*
19. That Overture 6 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: while this Overture attempts to deal with a real problem, it complicates matters and creates new problems.  
*Adopted.*
20. That Overture 7 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: This is not a workable solution to a genuine problem.  
*Adopted.*
21. That Overture 28 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the affirmative.  
Grounds: This corrects the fact that the Stated Clerk was not to be an ex-officio member of said committee.  
*Carried over to the Ninth General Assembly.*
22. That Overture 29 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: See recommendation 7 (b).  
*Adopted.*
23. That Overture 31 (carried over from 1979) be answered in the negative.  
Grounds: The present procedure followed this year satisfactorily deals with the problem.  
*Adopted.*
24. That the Assembly amend the "Rules for Assembly Operations" by inserting a new paragraph to be number 6-2 and read as follows: "Any report requesting Amendments to the Constitution of the PCA shall be referred to the permanent sub-committee on Judicial Business for its recommendations".  
Grounds: to check a recommendation's constitutionality.  
*Carried over to the Ninth General Assembly.*
25. That personal resolution 2 from TE Harold Borchert be answered in the negative. [p. 52]  
*Adopted.*
26. That personal resolution 3 from TE Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. be answered in the negative. [p. 52]  
*Adopted.*
27. That the Committee on Administration be directed to devise a plan whereby a Committee of Commissioners' report, when all the arguments have been heard, shall be approved as a whole, pending the approval of other enabling committee reports, such as, Stewardship.  
*Adopted.*  
The report as a whole was adopted.  
*Adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Williford, Chairman  
Fred Carr, Secretary

## Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Administration

Ascension	Randall Johovich, TE
Central Carolina	William Laxton, TE
Central Florida	Rodney Whited, RE
Central Georgia	Henry Schum, TE
Covenant	Vernon Talley, RE
Eastern Carolina	William Reynolds, RE
Evangel	Neil Gilmour, TE
Grace	W. W. White, RE
Gulf Coast	John Findlay, Jr., TE
Mid-Atlantic	Edwin P. Elliott, Sr., TE
Mississippi Valley	Ed Williford, RE, Chairman
North Georgia	James Turner, RE
Southern Florida	Jack McDonald, RE
Warrior	Fred Carr, Secretary, TE
Western Carolinas	Carl Blackston, RE

**8-104 Ad Hoc Committee to Study PCA Foundation**

Moderator Settle announced the following appointees to the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the PCA Foundation:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>
Administration	James W. Lipscomb, Louisiana John Culver, Gulf Coast
Christian Education & Publications	William Huffman, Eastern Carolina Paul Kooistra, Warrior
Mission to the United States	Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant Logan Porter, Eastern Carolina
Mission to the World	Donald Comer, Central Georgia Charles Young, Warrior
Stewardship	Stuart Perrin, Ascension Gerald Sovereign, Gulf Coast
PCA Foundation	Laurie V. Jones, Covenant Steve A. White, Eastern Carolina

**8-105 Report of Committee on Thanks**

RE Hugh Cunningham led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee on Thanks. The report was on motion received.

**Report of the Thanks Committee**

“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.” II Corinthians 9:15

We give thanks to our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, for His blessings upon us during the meeting of the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. We thank Him particularly for the Holy Spirit’s control and guidance and for the demonstration of love and patience during the sessions.

We give our God thanks again for raising up the Presbyterian Church in America and for the privilege that He has given each of us of being a part of it.

We also thank

1. The Presbyterian Churches in America Ministerial Association of Chatham County, Georgia, for their invitation for the Eighth General Assembly to meet here.
2. The congregation, deacons and sessions of Savannah area churches — Hull

Memorial, Providence, Eastern Heights, Chapel-in-the-Gardens, Liberty of Sylvania, and the International Seamen's House for financial support, for use of facilities (at Hull Memorial), for arrangement of facilities at the Savannah Civic Center, for plenteous provision of meals and refreshments, for ready transportation, and for their congenial and continuous other services to the commissioners and guests of the General Assembly.

3. Central Georgia Presbytery for prayer support and particularly to five churches in that Presbytery — First of Macon, Vineville of Macon, First of Augusta, Westminster of Valdosta and Perry — for financial support.
4. The local committee for careful planning and execution of arrangements for the Assembly:

Marion Canfield, General Chairman  
 A. Dale Umbreit, Vice-chairman  
 David Bryson, Clerk  
     and the following Committee  
     Chairmen and Vice-chairmen:  
 Ralph Summers  
 Bill Brodmann  
 Mrs. Harriett Hartley  
 Mrs. Phebe Hamm  
 Jim Luce  
 Collin Smith  
 Howard Hansen  
 Morris Glidewell  
 Mrs. Jo Canfield

Mrs. Millie Smith  
 Mrs. Della Roach  
 Mrs. Vera Wood  
 Mrs. Sudie Rowland  
 Robert Craggs  
 Paul Rowland  
 Miss Dorothy Robinson  
 Mrs. Frances Moore  
 Charles Davis  
 Chester Hamilton  
 Mrs. Brenda Hall  
 Mrs. Jean Stegin  
 Mrs. Helen Davis, Pianist  
 Mrs. Jan David

and a corps of 150 workers on those committees whose loving service and patience added immeasurably to the success of the Assembly.

5. The General Assembly's Committee on Planning and Arrangements:

Marion Canfield, Chairman  
 Dan Moore  
 Morton H. Smith  
 David Bryson

Donald Comer  
 Earl Bolton  
 John Culver

6. The retiring Moderator, William Joseph, for his untiring and dedicated service through the past year.
7. The Moderator of this Assembly, Paul Settle, for the able and patient manner in which he presided over its meetings.
8. The committees, boards and other groups, their chairmen, Assembly officials and their staffs, who have labored so diligently to lead the work of our Church since its last General Assembly.
9. The Committees of Commissioners, and members of Commissions, particularly their chairmen and secretaries, whose faithful ministry for long hours before and during the Assembly brought the business to us in understandable and usable form.
10. Those who led in the Assembly worship hours: John Richards, David Bryson, John Reeves, Paul G. Settle, and James M. Baird.
11. The faithful and concerned work of Jim Lawhorn and his assistants, George Calhoun and Ed Nalley, in their efficient operation of the recording and public address systems.
12. The helpful ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schum in the operation of the overhead message center.
13. The tireless and meticulous work of recording clerks Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. and Frank D. Moser; the assistant parliamentarian, W. Jack Williamson; and the



timekeeper, Robert Eberst.

14. The secretaries and typists and the temporary clerks, whose names are listed elsewhere, whose diligent work enabled the Assembly to move forward with dispatch.
15. The wives and families of Commissioners, both those in attendance and those at home, whose prayerful support and loving patience enabled commissioners to perform their tasks with peace of heart and mind.
16. Great Commission Publications for its generous gift of 750 Trinity Hymnals to the Presbyterian Church in America for General Assembly use.
17. The Joy Singers of Trinity Church, Montgomery, for their joyful music.
18. Barry Goldstein, Sandra Levinson and their staff of the Savannah Civic Center for their efficiency in handling physical facility arrangements.
19. Mayor John P. Rousakis and the citizenry and business community of Savannah for serving as gracious hosts, and especially Dr. J. C. Metts, Jr., who was on stand-by service for the First Aid Room throughout the Assembly, and who rendered treatment to several commissioners.

RE Hugh W. Cunningham, Chairman  
TE Rhett Sanders

#### **8-106 Excuses from Part of the Assembly**

Monday — Wednesday noon, June 16-18, 1980

Gordon K. Reed

Wednesday, June 18, 1980

Russell D. Toms (10:24 a.m.)

Thursday, June 19, 1980

J. Paul Poynor (12:00 noon)

E. C. Case (3:35 p.m.)

Harris Langford (4:00 p.m.)

Richard Brinkley

John S. Ragland

Gerald Sovereign

Friday, June 20, 1980

Thomas F. Minter (8:30 a.m.)

Linwood G. Wilkes (8:30 a.m.)

William Maynor (9:00 a.m.)

Ray B. Lanning (12:00 noon)

Robert Penny (12:00 noon)

Randall Yelverton (12:00 noon)

Richard Owens (2:15 p.m.)

John W. Robertson (2:15 p.m.)

F. Allan Story, Jr. (2:15 p.m.)

A. Boyce Spooner (2:30 p.m.)

Doyle H. Hulse

Paul Lipe

Malcolm McEacham

#### **8-107 Minutes Read**

The minutes of Friday's sessions were approved as read.

#### **8-108 Assembly Adjourned**

There being no further business, the moderator at 4:35 p.m. declared the Eighth General Assembly adjourned to convene in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, June 15, 1981, and closed the Assembly with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.



**PART III****APPENDICES**

The Appendices include the Reports of the Permanent Committees as originally submitted to the General Assembly, except where the text may have been amended by the Assembly.

The recommendations in this section are those originally submitted by the Permanent Committees, and may not have been adopted by the Assembly. See the reports of the Committee of Commissioners for each of the respective committees to find the recommendations as they were adopted by the Assembly.

The budgets as approved by the Assembly are found in Appendix H, pp. 199-211.

## Part III APPENDICES

### Appendix A

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

### INTRODUCTION:

Since the duties of the Committee on Administration cover various areas of the Church's life, this report will be composed of separate narrative sections in each area of responsibility. The recommendations are all presented at the end of the report.

The Committee held three meetings during the year: September 28, 1979, January 11 and March 14, 1980, with one scheduled at the time of the General Assembly.

### I. ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS:

The Seventh General Assembly adopted the following action:

That the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America investigate the possibility of the General Assembly meeting at Geneva College in the Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, area in 1982 or later (7-34, III, 7).

The Committee has investigated the possibility of meeting at Geneva College. Arrangements can be made for such an Assembly meeting. The Committee, however, calls to the attention of the Assembly that to hold the PCA General Assembly at Geneva College at the same time that the host church, namely, the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, would be meeting at Grand Rapids, is to say the least, presumptuous on the part of the PCA, and may be an embarrassment to our host denomination. For this reason, the Committee feels that it would be preferable to consider meeting at Geneva College during a different year than 1982.

The Committee has also been aware of developments since the last Assembly in the area of interchurch relations that may also make it advisable for the Assembly to reconsider the invitation to meet in Grand Rapids in 1982.

### II. REPRESENTATION AT ASSEMBLIES:

The Fourth General Assembly adopted the following action:

That there be no change of the structure of future assemblies until the denomination's membership of churches exceeds 500 (4-74, III, B).

In view of the likelihood of surpassing this number during 1980, the Committee voted to recommend that the Eighth General Assembly consider the reopening of the question of moving to a delegated Assembly.

### III. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK:

The Office of the Stated Clerk has been successful in operating more efficiently during the past year. The *Minutes of the General Assembly* were prepared and sent to the printer in better form than previously. The result was that the *Minutes* were published at least a month earlier than the previous year.

The 1979 statistics show a total of:

Communicant members — 77,102

Non-communicant members — 9,783

Ministers — 668

Making a total of 87,553 members, with 460 churches.

The Clerk's Office is now receiving a number of local church histories on an annual basis. In addition to this, a number of churches now send weekly bulletins and newsletters. The more of this sort of material that can be gathered, the greater the value of the historical collection of the Assembly will be. In this connection, the Office has been using some part-time help to file and organize this material. The Committee is exploring the possibility of designating space at Ridge Haven for the housing of the historical collection, and hopes to be able to have a regular staff handling it.

### IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Ninth General Assembly at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, be held on the dates, June 15 through 19, 1981.
2. That in view of new developments that appear to be taking place in the relationship between this Church and the RPCES and the OPC, and that have been initiated since the Seventh General Assembly, the committee recommends that the Eighth General Assembly reopen the possibility of meeting in Grand Rapids in 1982, and further, the committee recommends that the General Assembly accept the invitation to meet in Grand Rapids in 1982.
3. That in view of the likelihood of surpassing 500 churches during 1980, the question of a delegated Assembly be reopened.
4. That our present Stated Clerk, the Rev. Morton H. Smith, be employed as Stated Clerk through the 1981 General Assembly.
5. That our present Business Administrator, Dr. Dan M. Moore, be employed as the Business Administrator through the 1981 General Assembly.

6. That the Assembly amend the "Bylaws of the General Assembly" as follows:
  - Article II, Section 2 — delete from the first sentence " . . . and ordinarily will be held during the month of September."
  - Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph E — change the title to "Sub-committee on Judicial Business."
  - Add Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph F as follows:
    - "F. Other Committees
    - The Assembly may elect or appoint other committees of either a permanent or temporary character to handle particular matters of business as designated by the Assembly. The business handled by such committees shall be limited to those matters assigned by the Assembly."
7. That the "Rules for Assembly Operations" be amended as follows:
  - In 2-2 replace the second sentence with the following:
    - "Ordinarily, he shall present a retiring Moderator's sermon or exhortation."
  - Amend 3-8 — by adding: " . . . and shall be assisted in this by assistant parliamentarian(s) as appointed by the Moderator."
  - Amend 8-4 — delete the last sentence.
  - Amend 8-11-(1) — delete after "original".
  - Amend 8-13-3(f) — after "ruling elders" replace "and the church represented" with "and the presbytery represented."
  - Amend 9 by adding 9-3 — The expenses of the Recording Clerks of the General Assembly will be borne by the Assembly.
  - Amend 10-3-(1) — no second is necessary for a committee recommendation.
  - Delete 10-3-(2).
8. Regarding Overture 2, referred by the Seventh General Assembly to the Committee, the following response is recommended:
 

That the Assembly has been careful to maintain parity between ruling and teaching elders in all its functions and committees, and that the present structure of the Assembly encourages parity, with ruling elders from vacant churches and extra ruling elders from the larger churches tending to equalize representation; therefore, further legislation designed to perfect parity is not necessary at this time.
9. Regarding Overture 16, asking for a two-thirds vote of registered commissioners in order to adopt a position on substantive, moral, or doctrinal issues, the Committee recommends that this be answered in the negative.
 

Grounds: the difficulty of determining a substantive, moral, or doctrinal issue; and the question of the number of votes necessary to make this determination.
10. That presbyteries and not the four major committees be responsible for worship services at future General Assemblies on a regular rotating basis.
11. That the 1980 budget for the Stated Clerk's Office be amended by an increase of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of servicing the Church's "historical collection".
12. That the 1981 budget for the Stated Clerk's Office be amended by an increase of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of servicing the Church's "historical collection".
13. That the "Rules for Assembly Operation" be suspended in order that the Eighth General Assembly may try a "trial-run" on a new method of nominations and elections, and that the following draft of rules be used by this Assembly for the election of its permanent committees:
  - A. The Nominations to the Assembly's Permanent Committees and Sub-committees shall ordinarily be presented by the Assembly's Nominating Committee in the *Commissioner's Handbook*. This presentation shall include a brief statement regarding each nominee.
  - B. Additional nominations shall be made in writing on forms supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include the consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. A nominee is to give consent to only one nomination. The deadline for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the second day of the Assembly. The Clerk's Office shall issue a supplement to the Nominating Committees Report during the third day's business sessions.
  - C. Elections shall be held by the "single transferrable vote method." Ballots will be provided for each position, with a list of all nominees. Each commissioner shall be asked to indicate his first, second, third, etc., choice for each post. The ballots are then counted as follows: On the first count all first choice votes are placed in separate piles and tabulated. If no nominee receives a majority, the nominee with the smallest number of votes will be declared out, and his pile of votes will be distributed according to the second choice votes. If there is still no election, the lowest nominee is again dropped, and his ballots are distributed according to the next choice on each ballot. If, after this procedure is carried out to the end, no one receives a majority, the two top nominees shall be presented to the Assembly for a final vote. The time for the elections shall be docketed as a special order. Only those Commissioners present and on the floor of the Assembly shall be eligible to vote.

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We have examined the balance sheets of the permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries, the Five in Five Fund, and the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation as of December 31, 1979, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Additionally, we have examined the financial statements of the Insurance and Annuities Trust Fund and Ridge Haven, Inc., Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America, as to which our reports are presented under separate letters. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as stated in the following paragraph.

Because of the location of properties and due to the nature of the records, it was impracticable for us to physically examine or adequately test values assigned to foreign properties and equipment carried by Committee for Mission to the World in the amount of \$161,054 as presented on Exhibit "A" as of December 31, 1979. The Committee for Christian Education and Publications did not take a physical inventory of educational materials and supplies as of January 1, 1979. Due to the nature of the inventory records, we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the beginning inventory which enters into the determination of support, revenue and expenses, and changes in fund balance for 1979.

The Committee for Mission to the World recognizes the cost of foreign property as program expense in the year the expenditure is made, with adjustments to fund balance in order to present the residual values discussed in the preceding paragraph and as described in Note "2" to the financial statements as of December 31, 1979. The Five in Five Fund does not provide for possible collection losses on unsecured loans to churches discussed in Note "15" to financial statements. The net effect of these practices on the financial statements was undetermined as of December 31, 1979.

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments as might have been required to the inventory values of foreign property and educational materials had it been practicable for us to apply additional auditing procedures, and except for the effects of expensing the cost of foreign property and not providing for possible collection losses on church loans, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph above present fairly the financial position of the previously mentioned permanent committees and sub-committees of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1979, and the results of their operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

May 8, 1980

Certified Public Accountants

## EXHIBIT "A"

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978

	PERMANENT COMMITTEES			SUB-COMMITTEES					1978
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publication	Mission To The U.S.	Mission To The World	Five in Stewardship Five Ministries	PCA Foundation	Memorandum Totals	Memorandum Totals	
<b>Assets</b>									
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 30	\$ 27,567	\$ 4,366	\$ 247,908	\$ 3,498	\$ 12,745	\$ 1,301	\$ 297,415	
Cash in savings deposits	46,717	67,211	81,326	1,013	92,615			288,882	
Investments - Note "3"	98,750		53,377	136,003		1,160,412		1,448,542	
Accounts receivable		20,755						20,755	
Program loans & advances									
Note "4"	11,256	1,659	756	54,805	292,900	1,600	9,628	372,604	
Accrued interest receivable	2,750		1,011	2,802			689	7,252	
Note receivable - Coordinator								8,609	
Note "5"		9,000						9,000	
Inventory (at cost)		54,393						54,393	
Other miscellaneous assets		1,258	880		4,086			32,688	
Property & equipment:								3,879	
United States - Note "2"	12,903	23,524	52,683	42,888	706	7,884	2,489	143,077	
Foreign - Note "2"				161,054				161,054	
Total assets	\$ 172,406	\$ 205,367	\$ 194,399	\$ 646,473	\$ 393,805	\$ 22,229	\$ 1,174,519	\$ 2,809,198	
								\$ 1,307,194	
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>									
<b>Liabilities:</b>									
Bank overdraft - Note "6"	\$ 58,384							\$ 58,384	
Accounts payable	1,213	\$ 15,801	\$ 6,955	\$ 22,675	\$ 75	\$ 1,450	\$ 153	48,322	
Notes payable - Note "9"		4,512		12,120				16,632	
Other miscellaneous liabilities	3,752	47,613	4,086	11,401	4,863	2,500		74,215	
Funds held for Conference Center - Note "7"	57,526							192,805	
Deferred income								57,526	
Total liabilities	\$ 120,875	\$ 67,926	\$ 11,041	\$ 46,196	\$ 75	\$ 6,313	\$ 2,653	\$ 255,079	
								\$ 303,501	
<b>Fund balance:</b>									
Unrestricted - Exhibit "B"	\$ 41,524	\$ 136,799	\$ 152,850	\$ 332,914	\$ 393,730	\$ 15,916	\$ 4,660	\$ 1,078,393	
Restricted - Exhibit "C"	10,007	642	30,508	267,363			1,167,206	1,475,726	
Total fund balances	\$ 51,531	\$ 137,441	\$ 183,358	\$ 600,277	\$ 393,730	\$ 15,916	\$ 1,171,866	\$ 2,554,119	
Total liabilities & fund balances	\$ 172,406	\$ 205,367	\$ 194,399	\$ 646,473	\$ 393,805	\$ 22,229	\$ 1,174,519	\$ 2,809,198	
								\$ 1,307,194	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "B"

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978

	PERMANENT COMMITTEES				SUB-COMMITTEES			1979 Memorandum Totals	1978 Memorandum Totals
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publication	Mission To The U.S.	Mission To The World	Five in Five	Stewardship Ministries	P.C.A. Foundation		
Support and revenue:									
Contributions .....	\$ 173,347	\$ 410,960	\$ 525,258	\$ 453,859	\$ 261,367	250	\$ 27,989	\$1,853,030	\$1,609,314
Legacies .....				8,455				8,455	-0-
Investment income .....	2,029	1,372	12,739	17,525	4,850	203	1,631	40,349	31,645
Program income (Literature sales net of expenses of \$102,974 and \$79,438) .....		25,405							
Other support & revenue (deficit) .....				18,286				25,405	14,633
Contributions from permanent committees .....						76,986	500	18,286	( 7,162)
Total support & revenue .....	\$ 175,376	\$ 437,737	\$ 537,997	\$ 498,125	\$ 266,217	\$ 77,439	\$ 30,120	\$2,023,011	\$1,753,700
Expenses:									
Missionary support projects & evangelism ministries .....	\$ 58,872		\$ 326,352	\$ 38,710				\$ 423,934	\$ 440,766
Administrative & other program expenses .....	91,551	\$ 276,317	132,738	394,325	\$ 19,708	\$ 79,476	\$ 31,915	1,026,030	994,687
Contributions to G.C.P., Inc. Note "g" .....		92,000	10,389	15,018				92,000	110,500
General Assembly expense .....	4,267							42,782	40,487
Contributions to sub-committees .....	7,550	22,200	21,149	26,588				77,487	105,778
Depreciation .....	1,846	3,669	5,079	5,491	126	1,014	315	17,540	15,457
Total expenses .....	\$ 164,086	\$ 407,294	\$ 495,707	\$ 480,132	\$ 19,834	\$ 80,490	\$ 32,230	\$1,679,773	\$1,707,675
Excess of support & revenue over expenses (expenses over support and revenue) .....	\$ 11,290	\$ 30,443	\$ 42,290	\$ 17,993	\$ 246,383	(\$ 3,051)	(\$ 2,110)	\$ 343,238	\$ 46,025
Other changes in fund balances:									
Inter-fund transfer to restricted funds .....				( 12,941)					
Net increase (decrease) in basis of property & equipment: United States .....									
Foreign .....				19,210				( 3,471)	
Fund balance beginning of year .....	30,234	106,356	110,560	308,652	147,347	18,967	10,241		
Fund balance end of year .....	\$ 41,524	\$ 136,799	\$ 152,850	\$ 332,914	\$ 393,730	\$ 15,916	\$ 4,660		

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "C"

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978

	RESTRICTED FUNDS				SUB-COMMITTEE			1978 Memorandum Totals
	PERMANENT COMMITTEES			Mission To The World	PCA Foundation	1979 Memorandum Totals		
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publication	Mission To The U.S.					
Support and revenue:								
Contributions .....	\$ 30	\$ 598	\$ 85,334	\$1,808,112	\$1,249,445	\$3,143,519	\$1,762,815	
Investment income .....	715	18			3,180	3,913	( 4,289)	
Total support & revenue .....	\$ 745	\$ 616	\$ 85,334	\$1,808,112	\$1,252,625	\$3,147,432	\$1,758,526	
Expenses:								
Missionary support projects and evangelism ministries .....			\$ 103,098	\$1,759,782	\$ 94,801	\$1,862,880	\$1,412,358	
Designated distributions .....						94,801	557,458	
Other miscellaneous disbursements .....		\$ 700			365	1,065	2,358	
Total expenses .....	\$ -0-	\$ 700	\$ 103,098	\$1,759,782	\$ 95,166	\$1,958,746	\$1,972,174	
Excess of support and revenue over expenses (expenses over support and revenue) .....	\$ 745	(\$ 84)	(\$ 17,764)	\$ 48,330	\$1,157,459	\$1,188,686	(\$213,648)	
Other changes in fund balances:								
Inter-fund transfers from unrestricted funds .....				12,941				
Adjustment to reclassify beginning fund balance .....				2,763				
Fund balance beginning of year .....	9,262	726	48,272	203,329	9,747			
Fund balance end of year .....	\$ 10,007	\$ 642	\$ 30,508	\$ 267,363	\$1,167,206			

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	Balance 1/1/79	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/79
Administration:				
Notebook fund .....	\$ 290	\$ 54	\$ -0-	\$ 344
College fund .....	61	5	-0-	66
Gifts to others .....	8,911	686	-0-	9,597
Total administration .....	<u>\$ 9,262</u>	<u>\$ 745</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 10,007</u>
Christian Education & Publications:				
Scholarship fund .....	\$ 726	\$ 616	\$ 700	\$ 642
Mission to the World:				
Missionary support .....	\$ 130,562	\$ 35,778	\$ 59,200	\$ 107,140
Projects .....	48,854	77,113	3,000	122,967
Field Funds - Brazil .....	3,000	-0-	3,000	-0-
Missions support reserve - PCA/Others .....	20,913	16,343	-0-	37,256
Total Mission to the World .....	<u>\$ 203,329</u>	<u>\$ 129,234</u>	<u>\$ 65,200</u>	<u>\$ 267,363</u>
Foundation:				
Gift Annuity Fund .....	\$ -0-	\$ 10,688	\$ 365	\$ 10,323
Conference Center .....	9,747	512	631	9,628
Mission to the U.S. ....	-0-	35,826	35,826	-0-
Kings Ranch for Children .....	-0-	39,412	37,337	2,075
Children's Bible Mission .....	-0-	11,007	11,007	-0-
Westminster Presbyterian Church of Kingsport .....	-0-	5,000	5,000	-0-
World Relief Commission .....	-0-	5,000	5,000	-0-
Contributed Stock for PCA Foundation programs .....	-0-	1,000,000	-0-	1,000,000
Schools and colleges .....	-0-	3,113	-0-	3,113
Retirement homes for state missions for the elderly .....	-0-	3,112	-0-	3,112
Funds held in trust for Ridge Haven and evangelical causes .....	-0-	138,955	-0-	138,955
Total Foundation .....	<u>\$ 9,747</u>	<u>\$1,252,625</u>	<u>\$ 95,166</u>	<u>\$1,167,206</u>
Mission to the U.S.:				
Organizing pastors .....	\$ 5,443	\$ 30,490	\$ 30,528	\$ 5,405
Other .....	100	9,953	10,053	-0-
TV spots .....	-0-	300	-0-	300
UP & M .....	-0-	38,329	38,329	-0-
Mobile Chapels .....	34,828	6,262	20,521	20,569
Communications .....	7,901	-0-	3,667	4,234
Total Mission to the U.S. ....	<u>\$ 48,272</u>	<u>\$ 85,334</u>	<u>\$ 103,098</u>	<u>\$ 30,508</u>
Total all funds .....	<u>\$ 271,336</u>	<u>\$1,468,554</u>	<u>\$ 264,164</u>	<u>\$1,475,726</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979NOTE "1" — **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The books of the four permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries, the Five in Five Fund, and the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation are maintained substantially on a cash basis; however, the annual financial statements of the committees and sub-committees have been prepared on an accrual basis, except that expenditures by the Committee for Mission to the World for property and equipment acquired for use in foreign countries have been recognized as program expenses in the year the expenditures were made. Expenditures for equipment acquired for the use of the committees in the United States have been capitalized and depreciation recognized as expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation of foreign property and equipment has been recognized only with respect to the value of such property included in the balance sheet as assets of the Committee for Mission to the World as described in Note "2". No provision has been made for uncollectible loans to Churches as discussed in Note "15". All contributions received are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Funds received as gifts for individuals or to support the activities of other agencies are classified as "Channel Funds" and are passed directly to the recipients without being recognized as support or expense of the designated committee.

Each committee maintains its own separate accounts and conducts its programs independently as set forth in the By-laws of the Corporation or by direction of the General Assembly. The operations of the Sub-Committees are substantially supported by the permanent committees.

NOTE "2" — **Property, Equipment and Depreciation**

(a) Equipment acquired for use in the United States:

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. An average rate of ten percent (10%) per year has been applied after allowing for estimated salvage value. At December 31, 1979, the cost for such assets less accumulated depreciation was as follows:

	COA	CEP	MTUS	MTTW	Steward- ship	Foundation
Cost .....	\$ 19,697	\$ 36,778	\$ 67,920	\$ 57,179	\$ 10,144	\$ 3,174
Depreciation .....	( 6,794)	(13,254)	(15,237)	(14,291)	( 2,260)	( 685)
Total .....	\$ 12,903	\$ 23,524	\$ 52,683	\$ 42,888	\$ 7,884	\$ 2,489

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979NOTE "2" — **Property, Equipment and Depreciation (Continued)**

(b) Property and equipment acquired by the Committee for Mission to the World for use in foreign countries:

Depreciation of foreign property and equipment has not been recognized as expense as explained in Note "1", however, a depreciation allowance has been provided in the accompanying statements in order to write off the values of these assets over their estimated useful lives, with corresponding charges being made directly to fund balance.

At December 31, 1979, the residual value of assets located in foreign countries amounted to \$161,054 as follows:

Land, buildings and equipment	\$ 190,003
Less accumulated depreciation	28,949
Residual value	<u>\$ 161,054</u>

NOTE "3" — **Investments**

The following investments were held at December 31, 1979:

**Committee on Administration:**

Marketable securities are stated at cost which is \$13,750 more than market at December 31, 1979 as follows:

Face Amount		Cost	Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
100,000	Georgia Power 11% 09RG Bonds	\$ 98,750	\$ 85,000	(\$ 13,750)

**Committee for Mission to the U.S.:**

Marketable securities are stated at cost which, at December 31, 1979, was equal to fair market value of the Committee's investment in Citizens and Southern National Bank Holding Company note in the amount of \$53,377. The maturity date of the note is January 14, 1980 with an interest rate of 14%.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979****NOTE "3" — Investments (Continued)****Committee for Mission to the World:**

Marketable securities are carried at cost. Cost exceeded market value by \$9,750 at December 31, 1979, as follows:

Face Amount		Cost	Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
100,000	Southwestern Bell 9% of 19 bonds	\$ 99,750	\$ 90,000	(\$ 9,750)
	Ready assets account	5,590	5,590	-0-
	Cash with Merrill Lynch	1	1	-0-
		<u>\$105,341</u>	<u>\$ 95,591</u>	<u>(\$ 9,750)</u>

Real estate held for investment purposes is stated at its fair market value at date of gift in the amount of \$30,000, plus closing costs of \$662. The investment represents 10 acres of land in Marietta, Georgia, received from donor in December, 1977. Investments are summarized at December 31, 1979, as follows:

Marketable securities	\$ 105,341
Real estate held for sale	30,662
	<u>\$ 136,003</u>

**Presbyterian Church in America Foundation:**

Investments at December 31, 1979, are carried at cost or fair market value at date of contribution as follows:

Fidelity Daily Income Trust "A"	\$ 10,323
Fidelity Daily Income Trust "B"	71,862
Fidelity Daily Income Trust "C"	67,852
500 Shares Liberty National Life Insurance Company	10,375
34,100 Shares of stock (value based on a purchase arrangement)	1,000,000
	<u>\$1,160,412</u>

The Foundation received a contribution of 34,100 shares of stock, together with a purchase agreement valued at \$1,000,000 at December 31, 1979. The terms of the agreement provide for payment of \$800,000 over a five year period and the balance of the purchase price to be paid by the assignment of an interest in a commercial property mortgage.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979NOTE "4" — **Program Loans and Advances**

The various Committees have made loans, advances and miscellaneous deposits in connection with carrying on their individual program activities. Some of the balances represent inter-committee receivables, however, the following committees maintain substantial balances receivable pertaining to program loans and advances which do not represent inter-committee activities:

**Mission to the World:**

As discussed in Note "14", Mission to the World has made advances to missionaries and their work at December 31, 1979.

Advances to missionaries & their work	\$ 17,075
Vehicle loans to missionaries discussed in Note "13"	36,485
Other miscellaneous advances	1,245
	<hr/> \$ 54,805 <hr/>

**Five in Five Fund:**

Church loans amounting to \$292,900 at December 31, 1979, were outstanding as discussed in Note "15".

**Presbyterian Church in America Foundation:**

The Foundation has an interest in a mortgage note receivable valued at \$9,628 at December 31, 1979. Payments due under the note are to be collected by the donor and remitted to the Foundation quarterly. No principal payments have been collected on the note, however, interest in the amount of \$631 was received in 1979.

NOTE "5" — **Committee for Christian Education and Publications****Note Receivable — Coordinator:**

The Committee loaned its Coordinator \$10,000 on November 12, 1976, to assist him in securing a place of residence. A payment of \$1,000 was made on this note in 1979, leaving a balance of \$9,000. The terms of the note state that it is due on demand but not later than five (5) years from the date of the loan. It is to bear interest at a rate of 5% per year, which is to be paid from any net gain realized from the sale of the residence, not to exceed the net gain realized and to be secured by a second mortgage on the residence. Substantially, the Committee has stated its intent regarding this loan was to provide funds to enable the Coordinator to obtain a home and that the loan was to be repaid upon termination of employment or when he no longer has need for home.

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DECEMBER 31, 1979NOTE "6" — **Committee on Administration — Bank Overdraft — \$58,384**

All available monies are deposited to a savings account in the American Federal Savings & Loan Association for the purpose of earning the maximum interest on money available to the Committee on a temporary basis. Transfer deposits are timed and made from savings to the checking account in Trust Company Bank of Columbus in order to insure that sufficient money is on hand when a check is presented for payment. The overdraft of \$58,384 actually represented an overdraft per books due to checks being written and recorded on December 31, 1979, but which did not clear the bank until later in January, 1980. Funds available to be applied to the overdraft at December 31, 1979, were held by American Federal Savings & Loan Association in the amount of \$19,313, together with a deposit in transit of \$27,399. The bank statement of the checking account with Trust Company Bank of Columbus showed a balance of \$1,144 at December 31, 1979, which was an adequate amount to cover checks clearing prior to the next deposit in January, 1980.

NOTE "7" — **Committee on Administration — Conference Center Site & Development**

The Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America approved the establishment of a permanent sub-committee for the purpose of purchasing and developing a site for a conference center. This sub-committee is to work under the Committee on Administration. In 1978, a conference center site was purchased in North Carolina and site development was initiated. The Fifth General Assembly authorized the use of the Challenge Fund together with

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gifts to the PCA Foundation to acquire a site for the conference center. As of December 31, 1979, the Committee on Administration held funds totaling \$57,526 for use in developing the conference center site. This balance resulted from transactions summarized as follows:

Funds held for Conference Center 1/1/79		\$ 192,805
Contributions		3,382
Investment earnings		7,385
Total funds available		\$ 203,572
Transfer to Conference Center bank accounts	\$ 38,500	
Expenditures on behalf of Conference Center	107,546	146,046
Funds held for Conference Center 12/31/79		\$ 57,526

NOTE "8" — **Committee for Christian Education and Publications  
Contributions to Great Commission Publications, Inc.**

Great Commission Publications, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, jointly owned by the Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Christian Education Committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as approved by the Third General Assembly in September, 1975. Contributions to the Corporation, shown as expense on Exhibit "B", amounted to \$92,000 for 1979 and \$110,500 for 1978 to support general operations of the venture. The Committee does not recognize in its financial statements the earnings and equity of this venture, however, its share of equity at June 30, 1979, showed a deficit of \$20,617.

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NOTE "9" — **Notes Payable  
Committee for Christian Education and Publications**

The Committee is obligated to Citizens and Southern National Bank at December 31, 1979, on an automobile loan as follows:

	Total Amount	Monthly Installment	Balance Due
1979 Ford LTD	\$ 6,016	\$ 251	\$ 4,512

**Committee for Mission to the World**

The Committee is obligated on two notes amounting to \$12,120 at December 31, 1979, as follows:

	Total Amount	Monthly Installment	Balance Due
IBM Corporation Mag Card II			
Typewriter	\$ 11,052	\$ 230	\$ 8,749
Chase Manhattan Service Corp.			
Telephone Equipment	6,980	177	3,371
			\$ 12,120

NOTE "10" — **Lease Agreements**

Each committee is obligated under a separate lease for their office space as follows:

**Committee on Administration** — Annual lease payable in monthly installments of \$460 for an annual cost of \$5,520, shared by the Insurance and Annuity Fund, and expires June 30, 1980.

**Committee for Christian Education & Publications** — The Committee is obligated at December 31, 1979, under two long-term leases for office space. The office space in Decatur, Georgia, is leased from Monumental Properties at an annual cost of \$18,875, payable in monthly installments of \$1,562 through October, 1979, and increasing 4% per year for the two succeeding years. The lease will expire October 31, 1981. Office space located in Montgomery, Alabama, is leased from John B. Noble, Jr., at an annual cost of \$1,474, payable in monthly installments of \$122. The expiration date of this lease is October 31, 1980.

**Committee for Mission to the United States** — Long-term lease payable in monthly installments of \$832 subject to an annual increase of 4% each October 1st, and expires September 13, 1981. Monthly amounts include \$26 added for storage room.

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**NOTE "10" — Lease Agreements (Continued)**

**Committee for Mission to the World** — Long-term lease payable in monthly installments of \$1,551 subject to annual inflationary adjustments not to exceed 6% in any year and expires October 31, 1981.

**Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries** — Lease payable in monthly installments of \$271 for an annual cost of \$3,255, and expires September 30, 1983.

Each committee is obligated under separate leases for their office equipment as follows:

**Committee for Mission to the United States** — dictaphone equipment is under a lease-purchase agreement with a monthly lease charge of \$48 for a total cost of \$1,249. The agreement expires November 29, 1980.

**Committee for Mission to the World** — Annual leases to Xerox Corporation for duplicating and communications equipment.

**NOTE "11" — Pension Plan**

The committees are participating in the "Annuity Fund for Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in America" and the "Employees Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America."

Contributions to the Plans are made in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Agreement and are charged to expense currently.

**NOTE "12" — Committee for Mission to the World — Medical Insurance Fund**

The Committee provides comprehensive medical coverage for missionary and staff personnel through a self-administered medical insurance program in coordination with the Christian Medical Society. The plan with the Christian Medical Society is a \$1,000 deductible policy underwritten by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Coverage of the first \$1,000 is provided by the Committee's medical insurance plan on the basis of \$100 deductible per year for each family member, with a maximum of \$300 deductible per family per year.

**NOTE "13" — Committee for Mission to the World — Vehicle Loans to Missionaries**

In accordance with Committee action in November, 1977, loans have been made to missionaries to finance the purchase of personal vehicles. The loans are repayable in monthly installments with interest rates based on the average return on MTW investments at the date of the loan. Eight loans were made during 1979 with varying rates of interest ranging from 8.3% to 9.78%. New loans for 1979 totaled \$23,169, resulting in a balance receivable of \$36,485 as of December 31, 1979. Principal and interest collections during 1979 amounted to \$19,816.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1979

**NOTE "14" — Committee for Mission to the World**

**Advances to Missionaries and Their Work**

In February, 1978, the Committee adopted a policy of treating work budget allotments as "advances" beginning with the first quarter of 1978. Prior to 1978, these advances were expensed directly as missionary support. Under this policy, the work budget advances are charged to expense as a quarterly accounting is received from the missionaries. On May 18, 1979, the Committee adopted the policy of establishing field accounts and appropriate phase-out of individual work budgets, however, the quarterly reporting policies adopted in 1978 remain in effect. At December 31, 1979, advances to missionaries, field accounts and projects amounted to \$17,075.

**NOTE "15" — Committee for Mission to the United States — Five in Five Fund Church Loans Receivable**

The General Assembly approved a five year, five million dollar capital funds campaign at its meeting in September, 1977. The Committee for Mission to the United States subsequently established the Five in Five Fund for the purpose of raising funds and making loans to churches for their building programs. Unsecured non-interest bearing loans of \$235,000 and

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\$48,000 were made in 1979 and 1978 respectively. Outstanding loans receivable at December 31, 1979, amounted to \$292,900 as follows:

	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Amount of Loans</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1977	1	\$ 10,000	\$ -0-	\$ 10,000
1978	4	48,000	-0-	48,000
1979	16	235,000	100	234,900
	<u>21</u>	<u>\$ 293,000</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 292,900</u>

No provision has been made for possible collection losses.

**Kent, Nobles and Martin**  
**Certified Public Accountants**  
**551 South Hull Street**  
**Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

Board of Trustees for the  
Insurance and Annuity Fund of the  
Presbyterian Church in America  
Columbus, Georgia

We have examined the balance sheet of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1979, and the related statement of fund transactions and changes in fund balance for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America at December 31, 1979, and its fund transactions and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

March 22, 1980

Certified Public Accountants



## EXHIBIT "A"

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICABALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978

ASSETS	1979	1978
Cash on hand and in banks .....	\$ -0-	\$ 4,747.62
Cash in savings deposits .....	187,440.86	82,759.26
Accrued interest receivable .....	77,992.01	27,467.52
Dividend receivable — Note "5" .....	113,223.71	-0-
Security investments at market value — Note "2" .....	3,027,143.69	2,411,375.04
Insurance premiums receivable .....	6,980.79	3,561.62
Annuity dues receivable .....	11,755.88	3,936.86
Due from Committee on Administration .....	281.85	281.85
Equipment (@ cost less accumulated depreciation of \$2,016.71 for 1979 & \$253.00 for 1978) .....	16,698.77	16,803.00
Total assets .....	\$ 3,441,517.56	\$ 2,550,932.77
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>		
Liabilities:		
Bank overdraft .....	\$ 4,389.56	\$ -0-
Insurance premiums payable .....	145,561.64	136,406.17
Accounts payable and accrued payroll taxes .....	12,343.81	13,252.25
Annuity dues paid in advance .....	6,931.45	6,910.89
Insurance premiums collected in advance .....	8,945.07	8,561.01
Total liabilities .....	\$ 178,171.53	\$ 165,130.32
Fund balance:		
Annuity Funds:		
Minister's annuity .....	\$ 2,769,166.69	\$ 2,051,166.55
Lay annuity .....	85,287.62	66,375.36
Gift annuity .....	40,098.27	36,316.66
Total annuity funds .....	\$ 2,894,552.58	\$ 2,153,858.57
Minister's relief fund .....	259,154.09	221,740.19
Insurance fund .....	109,639.36	10,203.69
Total fund balance .....	\$ 3,263,346.03	\$ 2,385,802.45
Total liabilities and fund balance .....	\$ 3,441,517.56	\$ 2,550,932.77

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "B"

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**STATEMENT OF FUND TRANSACTIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	Ministers Annuity Fund	Lay Annuity Fund	Gift Annuity Fund	Total Annuity Funds	Ministers Relief Fund	Insurance Fund	1979 Total All Funds	1978 Total All Funds
<b>Additions:</b>								
Members' dues .....	\$ 714,871.73	\$18,366.52	\$ 2,194.66	\$ 735,432.91			\$ 735,432.91	\$ 664,861.41
Designated donations .....					\$ 63,249.99		63,249.99	56,280.34
Insurance premiums income .....						\$571,114.02	571,114.02	465,765.98
Insurance dividend .....						113,223.71	113,223.71	—0—
Investment income:								
Increase (decrease) in market								
value of investments								
held at year-end								
(Note "2") .....	(140,366.48)	( 4,559.29)	( 2,407.29)	(147,333.06)	(15,344.98)	( 8,659.39)	( 171,337.43)	( 120,597.33)
Gain realized on investment								
transactions .....	16,028.72	520.63	274.89	16,824.24	1,752.27	988.84	19,565.35	19,753.37
Interest .....	201,067.16	6,530.93	3,448.31	211,046.40	21,980.83	12,404.10	245,431.33	146,377.28
Dividends .....	15,804.24	513.34	271.04	16,588.62	1,727.73	974.99	19,291.34	18,594.91
Total additions .....	\$ 807,405.37	\$21,372.13	\$ 3,781.61	\$ 832,559.11	\$ 73,365.84	\$690,046.27	\$1,595,971.22	\$1,251,033.96
<b>Deductions:</b>								
Administrative and general								
expenses .....	\$ 63,466.97	\$ 1,734.59		\$ 65,201.56	\$ 12,346.27	\$ 26,018.88	\$ 103,566.71	\$ 86,348.39
Insurance premiums expense .....	4,636.94			4,636.94		564,591.72	569,228.66	480,226.74
Annuity benefits to members .....	21,301.32	725.28		22,026.60	16,471.53		38,498.13	9,294.12
Relief payments to ministers .....				—0—	7,134.14		7,134.14	7,140.83
Retired people — GA expense							—0—	3,422.50
Total deductions .....	\$ 89,405.23	\$ 2,459.87	\$ —0—	\$ 91,865.10	\$ 35,951.94	\$590,610.60	\$ 718,427.64	\$ 586,432.58
Net increase in funds for the year	\$ 718,000.14	\$18,912.26	\$ 3,781.61	\$ 740,694.01	\$ 37,413.90	\$ 99,435.67	\$ 877,543.58	\$ 664,601.38
Fund balance beginning of year ..	2,051,166.55	66,375.36	36,316.66	2,153,858.57	221,740.19	10,203.69	2,385,802.45	1,721,201.07
Fund balance end of year .....	\$2,769,166.69	\$85,287.62	\$40,098.27	\$2,894,552.58	\$259,154.09	\$109,639.36	\$3,263,346.03	\$2,385,802.45

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	Ministers Annuity Fund	Lay Annuity Fund	Ministers Relief Fund	Insurance Fund	1979 Totals	1978 Totals
Salaries and benefits .....	\$26,474.21	\$ 882.47	\$ 3,529.89	\$13,237.11	\$ 44,123.68	\$31,998.05
Audit .....	1,279.22	42.64	170.56	639.61	2,132.03	1,790.50
Actuary fees .....	11,429.22				11,429.22	9,691.48
Investment fee .....	7018.51				11,697.52	17,080.29
Computer expense .....	5,321.15	233.95	935.80	3,509.26	8,868.59	14,439.54
Printing and promotional .....	753.35	177.37	709.49	2,660.58		
Rent .....	1,884.27	25.11	5,508.35	376.68	6,663.49	6,820.12
Committee meetings .....	2,967.66	62.81	251.24	942.13	3,140.45	2,186.52
Postage .....	1,224.00	98.92	395.69	1,483.83	4,946.10	-0-
Legal fees .....	1,807.98	40.80	163.20	612.00	2,040.00	-0-
Miscellaneous .....	1,492.79	60.27	241.06	903.99	3,013.30	-0-
Depreciation .....	1,058.23	49.76	199.04	746.39	2,487.98	2,088.89
Travel .....	383.21	35.27	141.10	529.11	1,763.71	253.00
General Assembly .....	373.17	12.77	51.09	191.61	638.68	-0-
Totals .....	\$63,466.97	\$1,734.59	\$12,346.27	\$26,018.88	\$103,566.71	\$86,348.39

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979

- NOTE "1" — **Significant Accounting Policies**
- (a) **Method of Accounting and Financial Reporting:**  
The books are maintained on a cash basis, however, the Fund's annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.  
The financial statements include the fund transactions and resulting fund balance of the Annuity Fund for Ministers, a defined benefit pension plan of the Presbyterian Church in America, however, they do not purport to present the current value of future benefit payments.
- (b) **Allocation of Investment Income and Administrative Expenses:**  
Investment income has been allocated to the various fund groups based on the percentage that the average monthly cash basis fund balance of each fund bears to the average monthly cash fund balance totals.  
Administrative and general expenses, not directly identified with and charged to a particular fund, have been allocated to the various funds based on management's estimate of the benefit to each.
- (c) **Valuation of Security Investments:**  
Security investments are valued in the Fund's annual audited financial statements at market value.

NOTE "2" — **Security Investments**  
Except for demand deposits in a savings account, the investment assets of the fund are held as follows:

Bank administered trust fund	\$2,913,577.95
Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.	113,565.74
Total	<u>\$3,027,143.69</u>

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979

NOTE "2" — **Security Investments (Continued)**  
During the year ended December 31, 1979, the book value (cost adjusted for nominal amounts of purchase premiums and discounts) of these investments increased by \$787,106.08; however, when valued at market, the increase amounted to \$615,768.65 as follows:

	Bank Trust Fund	MLPFS, Inc.	Total
Invested funds (member's dues) . . .	\$425,000.00	\$134,865.50	\$559,865.50
Dividends and interest . . . . .	203,893.99	3,781.24	207,675.23
Realized appreciation of marketable investments . . . . .	19,565.35	-0-	19,565.35
Total increase in book value . . . . .	\$648,459.34	\$138,646.74	\$787,106.08
Less: Unrealized depreciation of marketable investments . . . . .	(146,256.43)	(25,081.00)	(171,337.43)
Total increase in funds valued at market . . . . .	<u>\$502,202.91</u>	<u>\$113,565.74</u>	<u>\$615,768.65</u>

The following table presents the aggregate market value and book value for each of the Fund's significant investment categories.

<b>Investment Categories</b>	<b>12/31/79 Market Value</b>	<b>12/31/79 Book Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>
<b>Funds held by Deposit</b>			
Guaranty National Bank:			
Cash .....	\$ 654.95	\$ 654.95	\$ -0-
Commercial notes .....	322,000.00	322,000.00	-0-
U.S. Treasury notes .....	372,031.25	398,752.49	( 26,721.24)
U.S. Government bonds .....	1,139,812.00	1,247,594.03	( 107,782.03)
Corporate bonds — debentures .....	496,156.25	620,054.69	( 123,898.44)
Corporate bonds — mortgages .....	164,642.25	213,377.41	\$ 48,735.16)
Corporate stocks .....	418,281.25	398,963.11	19,318.14
<b>Total held by bank</b>			
trust fund .....	\$2,913,577.95	\$3,201,396.68	(\$287,818.73)
<b>Fund held by MLPFS, Inc.:</b>			
Cash .....	\$ 165.74	\$ 165.74	\$ -0-
Foreign bonds .....	113,400.00	138,481.00	( 25,081.00)
<b>Total held by MLPFS, Inc.:</b>	<b>\$ 113,565.74</b>	<b>\$ 138,646.74</b>	<b>(\$ 25,081.00)</b>
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$3,027,143.69</b>	<b>\$3,340,043.42</b>	<b>(\$312,899.73)</b>

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**NOTE "2" — Security Investments (Continued)**

<b>Investment Categories</b>	<b>12/31/78 Market Value</b>	<b>12/31/78 Book Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>
Cash .....	\$ 881.92	\$ 881.92	\$ -0-
Commercial notes .....	823,000.00	823,000.00	-0-
U.S. Treasury notes .....	373,592.50	397,644.12	( 24,051.62)
U.S. Government bonds .....	225,718.75	250,000.00	( 24,281.25)
Corporate Bonds — debentures .....	485,058.00	544,489.09	( 59,431.09)
Corporate bonds — first mortgages .....	188,408.50	212,688.41	( 24,279.91)
Corporate stocks .....	314,715.37	324,233.80	( 9,518.43)
<b>Total held by bank</b>			
trust fund .....	\$2,411,375.04	\$2,552,937.34	(\$141,562.30)

**NOTE "3" — Actuarial Valuation of the Annuity Fund for Ministers**

An actuarial valuation of the Annuity Fund for Ministers was completed as of January 1, 1979, covering the financial condition of the Plan at that date and the contributions required to adequately fund the plan during the 1979 calendar year. The valuation indicated that the Plan's assets at January 1, 1979, with a 12% rate of dues in the future are adequate to finance the benefits of the official plan on an actuarially sound basis. The present value of future benefits, as of the valuation date, amounted to \$6,464,376, the present value of future normal costs \$4,822,639, resulting in an accrued liability of \$1,641,737. Plan assets at market value amounted to \$2,051,167 or an excess of assets over accrued liability of \$409,430 as of the valuation date.

**NOTE "4" — Subsequent Transfer of Bank-administered Trust Fund**

The Board of Trustees took action at its meeting on November 20, 1979, to replace the bank administered trust fund with three (3) investment managers. In accordance with this action, complete transfer of all trust fund assets were subsequently made in 1980. These funds were transferred to the following three (3) investment managers, except for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage investment which was placed under the care of the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Peter B. Cannell & Company, Inc., New York, N.Y.

J.J.B. Hilliard, W. L. Lyons, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky

Rice, Hall, James & Associates, San Diego, California

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979****NOTE "5" — Dividends Receivable — Insurance Fund**

Group health and supplemental life insurance coverage is made available, through the Fund, to employees of the Presbyterian Church in America, which is underwritten by Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. Due to a favorable experience rating the Fund earned dividends of \$109,610.00 for the extended policy year, November 1, 1977, to August 1, 1979. As the dividend was paid subsequent to December 31, 1979, earned interest of \$3,613.71 has been added to the amount receivable for a total of \$113,223.71 at that date.

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Board of Directors  
Ridge Haven, Inc.  
Conference Center of the  
Presbyterian Church in America  
Brevard, North Carolina

We have examined the balance sheet of Ridge Haven, Inc., Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1979, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balance for the year then ended. Except as set forth in the following paragraph, our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Due to the nature of the records and the lack of documentation to support accounting transactions, it was impracticable for us to extend our auditing procedures sufficiently to enable us to formulate and express, and we do not express, an opinion on the financial statements referred to above.

March 22, 1980

Certified Public Accountants

## EXHIBIT "A"

**RIDGE HAVEN, INC.  
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1978</b>
Cash in bank .....	\$ 3,075.82	\$ 2,377.15
Certificates of deposit .....	25,000.00	-0-
Petty cash .....	50.00	-0-
Funds held by the Committee on Administration (Note "3") ..	57,526.18	192,804.99
Property and equipment:		
Equipment:		
Vehicles .....	\$ 30,850.00	\$ 3,750.00
Furniture and furnishings .....	735.52	-0-
Office equipment .....	350.75	-0-
Total equipment .....	\$ 31,936.27	\$ 3,750.00
Less accumulated depreciation .....	2,857.00	-0-
Book value of equipment .....	\$ 29,079.27	\$ 3,750.00
Site development:		
Buildings .....	\$126,389.53	\$ 33,017.01
Roads and trails .....	7,816.55	3,413.32
Water system .....	8,552.03	4,037.00
Security gates .....	144.00	144.00
Total site development .....	\$142,902.11	\$ 40,611.33
Land .....	\$305,809.50	\$301,750.00
Total property & equipment .....	477,790.88	346,111.33
Total assets .....	<u>\$563,442.88</u>	<u>\$541,293.47</u>
<b>Liabilities and fund balance</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable .....	\$ 21,646.03	\$ 10,770.28
Accrued payroll taxes .....	2,096.45	851.20
Note payable (Note "2") .....	214,242.50	214,242.50
Total liabilities .....	\$237,984.98	\$225,863.98
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Appropriated for retirement of long-term debt (Note "4") ..	\$ 17,139.40	\$ 85,000.00
Invested in fixed assets .....	263,548.38	131,868.83
Available for site development and operations .....	44,770.12	98,560.66
Total fund balance .....	325,457.90	315,429.49
Total liabilities & fund balance ..	<u>\$563,442.88</u>	<u>\$541,293.47</u>

SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



## EXHIBIT "B"

**RIDGE HAVEN, INC.  
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979  
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	1979	1978
Support and revenue:		
Contributions .....	\$ 54,224.63	\$345,231.09
Investment income .....	8,897.17	16,862.26
Proceeds from sale of contributed stock .....	26,238.47	-0-
Total support & revenue ...	<u>\$ 89,360.27</u>	<u>\$362,093.35</u>
Expenses:		
Administrator's salary/benefits .....	\$16,052.52	\$ 7,268.67
Maintenance supervisor's salary/benefits .....	12,605.59	6,496.45
Other salary/benefits .....	3,595.22	4,297.90
Total personnel cost .....	<u>\$32,253.33</u>	<u>\$18,063.02</u>
Committee meetings .....	2,110.22	5,379.00
Tools and supplies .....	702.13	684.44
Blueprints .....	-0-	180.00
Vehicle maintenance & expense .....	10,162.91	1,621.11
Travel .....	3,541.78	3,435.73
Printing .....	360.06	318.18
Legal .....	-0-	2,528.47
Audit Fee .....	730.00	-0-
Utilities .....	1,830.86	356.69
Survey .....	-0-	2,242.00
Promotion materials .....	3,177.10	450.30
Office expense .....	662.09	10.20
Planner consultant .....	-0-	10,518.40
Insurance .....	2,061.90	753.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,660.26	123.32
Bank charges .....	82.82	-0-
Interest .....	17,139.40	-0-
Depreciation .....	<u>2,857.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total expenses .....	<u>79,331.86</u>	<u>46,663.86</u>
Excess support and revenue over expenses .....	\$ 10,028.41	\$315,429.49
Fund balance - beginning of year	315,429.49	-0-
Fund balance - end of year .....	<u>\$325,457.90</u>	<u>\$315,429.49</u>

SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGE HAVEN, INC.  
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**NOTE "1" — Significant Accounting Policies**

**Method of Accounting:**

The Conference Center's financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. On this basis, expenditures for equipment and site improvements have been capitalized. Provision for depreciation has been made for vehicles, furniture and furnishings, and office equipment. These assets are depreciated on the straight-line basis over a ten year period. The site development project cost has not been depreciated since much of this is still in progress.

**NOTE "2" — Note Payable**

In April, 1978, the Presbyterian Church in America purchased 710 acres of land in Transylvania County, North Carolina, on which the Conference Center is being constructed. The property was purchased with a downpayment of \$87,507.50 and an executed note for the balance of \$214,242.50. The note is secured by a deed of trust on the property and is payable in equal, consecutive, annual installments of \$30,606.07, with the first installment to become due on April 10, 1982. Interest payments are at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually with the first installment due April 10, 1979. The note may be paid in whole or in part at any time without penalty after 1978.

**NOTE "3" — Funds Held by Committee on Administration**

As of December 31, 1979, the Committee on Administration held funds available for the Conference Center in the amount of \$57,526.18. This balance resulted from transactions summarized as follows:

Funds held by COA 1/1/79 .....		\$192,804.99
Contributions .....		3,381.66
Investment earnings .....		<u>7,385.60</u>
Total funds available .....		\$203,572.25
Funds disbursed:		
Transfers to Conference		
Center bank accounts .....	\$ 38,500.00	
COA expenditures on behalf of		
Conference Center development		
& operations .....	<u>107,546.07</u>	
Total funds disbursed .....		<u>146,046.07</u>
Funds held by COA at 12/31/79 .....		<u>\$ 57,526.18</u>

**RIDGE HAVEN, INC.  
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**NOTE "4" — Fund Balance Appropriation — Mortgage and Interest Payments**

At the end of 1978, \$85,000.00 was appropriated to cover the first three years of interest payments as well as the fourth year's principal and interest payments. The Seventh General Assembly adopted a recommendation of the Board of Directors that this appropriation be reduced so as to cover only the next year's payment. For 1980 there will be one interest payment due in the amount of \$17,139.40 and accordingly this amount has been appropriated.

## Appendix B

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUNDS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

### I. GENERAL COMMENTS

Fathers and Brethren, your Board of Trustees has been pleased to serve the Presbyterian Church in America during the past year.

To facilitate business, your Board has organized sub-committees as follows:

#### **Insurance**

E.C. Cooley

Sam Chester

#### **Investments**

Seixas Milner

Robert Oldaker

L. Allen Morris

#### **Annuity Plans**

Sam Chester

Seixas Milner

Robert Sweet

#### **Relief**

Tom Barnes

James Lipscomb

Russell Flaxman

#### **Legal**

J. Edmund Johnston Jr.

Robert Sweet

### II. PROGRAM SUMMARY

Our programs continue to serve a growing number of people. The following tabulation shows the participation in our various programs during the year.

	<b>Number of Participants</b>	
	<b>Dec. 31, 1978</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1979</b>
Health Insurance	666	766
Annuity Program for Ministers	402	489
Lay Annuity Program	26	28
Supplemental Life Insurance	319	349

### III. INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE

Every year premium rates for the next year are presented to the Assembly. At the time this report is being written, firm rates are not yet available. Your Trustees are attempting to provide continuing superb coverage at very little increase in cost, even though we are facing high inflation rates, and spiraling costs of medical care.

This is the first year that we have experienced using the prescription card service, whereby prescriptions are filled for a fee of \$2.00. The reaction of the membership has been mixed. Many do enjoy the advantage of not having to fill out claim forms in order to have prescriptions paid for. There are members who are buying inexpensive prescriptions, and find that the \$2.00 is a large percentage of their total bill. The whole philosophy of our medical insurance program is to pay for large claims and let the individual pay for his own small claims. Therefore, we now see no changes in the system in place.

In a related matter our life insurance record indicates one death of an insured person during the year 1979.

### IV. LAY ANNUITY FUND

Many congregations have lay employees and are making no provisions for their retirement. The Trustees encourage and invite all commissioners to review the participation of their own congregations and consider their responsibilities to their own employees. We are pleased to announce that in early 1980 two of our larger congregations faced their responsibilities, researched the problem carefully, and took the step forward to enroll their employees in our Lay Annuity Fund.

### V. ANNUITY FUND FOR MINISTERS

The benefits of this program continue to be the best buy available to our ministers. By actual test, it has been shown that ministers buying their annuities from commercial firms are getting less for their money. The Trustees will be pleased to make an individualized test for anyone who has questions.

The Trustees encourage all ministers that are not participating in the PCA plan to review and test the adequacy of their present coverage.

A reputable tax service has recently offered an opinion that our ministers are not eligible to participate in Keogh Plans. Any minister who has such a plan is invited to correspond with the Trustees about this matter.

### VI. CHRISTMAS GIFT

This fund provides health insurance premiums for retired church servants and their families. During 1979 the number served in this manner grew from 20 to 24.

The fund also provides an income supplement for retired church servants in need. The Trustees recently voted to increase the minimum income to \$7,500.00 for couples and \$5,700.00 for individuals with all regular income included. During 1979 three couples were provided this income supplement.

The General Assembly adopted these rules for the operation of the Christmas Gift Fund:

1. Ministerial Relief Funds are discretionary funds to assist the personnel of the Presbyterian Church in America who are eligible under Guidelines adopted by the Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity

- Fund, where their regular income is insufficient to meet minimum or emergency needs.
2. The Trustees have full authority to distribute these funds under Guidelines which they adopt, as resources allow and arise from time to time, at their discretion.
  3. Relief Funds will be used to provide Medical Insurance coverage for retired ministers and lay workers, to assist in emergency situations, and to supplement income of retired personnel and their families when needed.
  4. The Trustees, within their discretion, may require evidence that the employee has made suitable efforts to provide for his retirement needs. Ordinarily participation in an Annuity Plan of the Presbyterian Church in America will answer this requirement. Other plans will be considered on a case by case basis.
  5. An annual report shall be made to the General Assembly of the use of the funds, with great discretion so that the dignity of those receiving aid is protected.

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It is requested that the assembly receive as information the following Guidelines adopted by the Trustees.

1. The need for Relief Funds is to be established and reviewed annually for each applicant.
2. The review is to include an investigation of income available to the applicant from all other sources.
3. The review is to include a listing of the applicant's capital assets. Capital assets (other than a residence occupied by the applicant) will be treated as though they produce at least a 3% annual income when computing income for the applicant.
4. Combined income from all sources including the Relief Fund shall not ordinarily exceed seventy-five percent of earned income at or near the time of retirement. This limit is to be considered for adjustment annually.
5. Ordinarily, participation in old age benefits from Relief Funds shall be limited to ministers who have been ordained at least ten years (not all service in the PCA) and lay workers who have had at least ten years of church-related employment.

In comparing the cash income to the cash expenses of this fund it is normal to question whether this fund is being over promoted. The answer to the question is that the expenses of this fund involve not only cash today but also promises of cash to those who will be retiring in the future. Each year of service for each minister and employee creates a liability which will one day come due. It is essential to build reserves so that the money will be in hand when the current employees retire. It is much better to have cash in hand to fulfill promises made than to disturb the denomination with a crisis appeal some years from now when the bill comes due. This philosophy can be contrasted with Social Security, which is concerned only with cash income and expense. Having inadequate reserves has created huge problems for Social Security. Our goal is to avoid similar problems.

## **VII. THE ECONOMY**

Inflation continues to plague the nation. The Trustees have decided to become somewhat more aggressive in seeking equity investments to help offset the effects of inflation. The Trustees enlisted the services of Mr. Donald Gally, who is a PCA member and a Congregational Trustee of the Ebenezer Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition to being one of our churchmen, he has been in the investment business for forty years. Under his leadership a change of investment advisors has been accomplished. After a nationwide search was conducted three were selected: Peter Cannell of New York City, Hilliard, Lyon of Louisville, Kentucky, and Rice, Hall, James of San Diego, California. All three of these firms have shown excellent returns in the preceding five years. We have every confidence that the investment returns will be improved in future years.

## **VIII. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The federal government in recent years has been aggressive in seeking to control the various benefit funds held by your Trustees. Many members have helped protest to the congress in this unwarranted intrusion into the business of the Church. We are still hopeful that congress will grant relief to the Church. The Trustees wish to thank those who have been helpful in dealing with congress on this matter.

On the advice of legal counsel, the Trustees have decided to file information forms which have been required by the government. These forms 5500 have now been filed retroactively for each year back to 1975.

## **IX. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the General Assembly approve the Health Insurance rates for next year.
2. That the General Assembly strongly encourage all congregations to participate in the pension plan on behalf of their ministers and lay employees.
3. That the General Assembly receive as information the Guidelines for the Relief Fund adopted by the Trustees.

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
REPORT OF THE INSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE  
TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
June 20, 1980**

"God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble" (James 4:6). As a servant of the church, we acknowledge that our changes in the insurance coverage last year have proved to be more costly than expected. We recognize that we made a mistake in our projections, and our recommendations for this Assembly should correct the problems which we are experiencing this year.

The Health Insurance plan has benefitted from good experience during our first accounting period, November 1, 1977, thru July 3, 1979. The Trustees received a dividend including interest in the amount of \$115,934.00 on April 8, 1980. This money has been invested by our Business Administrator, and the proceeds are being used to help pay the expenses of the PCA insurance office. The expenses of the PCA insurance office have been underwritten by the general giving to the Committee on Administration in the past, but we are now seeking to have the insurance plan pay its share of the cost. In order to do this, we are including \$1.00 per month in the premiums quoted below to be used for insurance administrative expenses.

We are recommending an increase in the premiums for the Health Insurance plan due to the increased claims which we are experiencing this year. A comparison of our paid claims for Medical coverage is:

Time Period	Paid Claims	Medical Premium
8/1/78 — 8/1/79	\$327,403	\$475,604
8/1/79 — 8/1/80*	572,000	441,516

\*Claims and premium estimated for June and July, 1980.

While we have experienced a large increase in claims, there have been only 4 cases where the claims were \$5,000.00 or more since August 1, 1979. This indicates that many have made use of the new benefits approved last year. In order to control these costs, we are recommending that the \$100.00 deductible be restored for outpatient services as well as hospital costs.

A comparison of monthly premiums for the past two years with our recommendation for the next six months is shown below:

Coverage for:	8/1/78 — 8/1/79	8/1/79 — 8/1/80	Effective 8/1/80
Employee only	\$32.16	\$32.16	\$41.00
Employee & 1 Dependent	79.81	64.00	80.50
Employee & More than 1 dep.	79.81	79.81	99.50

**Recommendations:**

4. We recommend that the Health Insurance Benefits be changed by extending the \$100.00 deductible per person, \$300.00 cumulative per family to all medical services except prescription drugs, additional accident care and outpatient laboratory, x-ray and diagnostic benefit, effective August 1, 1980.

5. We recommend that a \$1.00 per month administrative fee be included in the medical Insurance Premium.

6. We recommend that the Group Medical and Life Insurance premiums for six months beginning August 1, 1980, including administrative fee, be:

Employee only	\$41.00 per month
Employee & 1 Dependent	80.50 per month
Employee & more than 1 dependent	99.50 per month

7. We recommend that the Trustees be authorized to set the Health Insurance Premium for the period 2/1/81 thru 7/31/81.

8. We recommend that comparative prices be sought by our Trustees for the insurance program prior to the 1981 General Assembly.

## Appendix C

### REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations has met twice since the Seventh General Assembly. Minutes of these meetings will be reviewed by the Committee of Commissioners. The following business was deemed by the Committee to be within its prerogatives and did not need approval of the General Assembly:

1. Appointments of official and fraternal delegates were made by the Committee during the past year as follows:

To the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC): Teaching Elders Thomas Llewellyn, Morton H. Smith, G. Aiken Taylor; and Ruling Elder C. Frederick Muhl.

To the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC): Teaching Elder Carl Bogue, with Arthur Broadwick as alternate; Ruling Elder Charles Ambler Jr.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES): Teaching Elder G. Aiken Taylor with Donald R. Esty as alternate; Ruling Elder John Marshall.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPNA): Teaching Elder Morton H. Smith.

To the General Synod of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC): Ruling Elder Don Boerema.

To the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP): Teaching Elder John C. Neville Jr.

2. A letter was received from the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, seeking closer ties with the Presbyterian Church in America. The Committee answered the letter in the affirmative by offering to share with them the *Minutes of the General Assembly* and requesting of them the same.

3. The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches suggested the appointment of a representative to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Association in June. The Committee expressed regrets that it was unable to respond to the invitation.

The following business was deemed by the Committee to require the approval of the General Assembly:

1. A letter from the Korean American Presbyterian Church asks the Presbyterian Church in America to send fraternal delegates to the meeting of their General Assembly in July. After consultation with the Committee on Mission to the World,

2. An invitation from the Reformed Ecumenical Synod asks the Presbyterian Church in America to send observers to the next meeting of the RES, scheduled for July 15-25 in Nimes, France.

3. In an action growing out of the Fall meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC),

4. Through the work of the Special Ad-Interim Committee on Interchurch Relations appointed by the Seventh General Assembly (*Minutes*, p. 95), the Committee was made aware of an interest expressed by representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that the Presbyterian Church in America should extend an invitation to these bodies to unite with the PCA under the governing Standards of the PCA. The Committee further was given a copy of the Minutes of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the RPCES in which that Committee voted to recommend to the next General Synod "that the RPCES, if it receives an invitation from the PCA to be received into that denomination, accept such an invitation on the basis of the inerrancy of Scripture, the Westminster Standards as now held by the PCA, the doctrine of the purity of the Church and the existing PCA *Book of Church Order*."

After making a study of the constitutional provisions in the *Book of Church Order* covering the union and merger of Churches, the Committee has concluded that there are no constitutional impediments to the reception of other denominations, as such, into the membership of the Presbyterian Church in America. Recognizing that the Churches in view are sovereign Churches with long and honored histories, the Committee believes that any invitation extended by the General Assembly should propose as much of a mutuality of action in the reception of these Churches by the PCA as the *Book of Church Order* will permit.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the General Assembly at this time decline the invitation from the Korean American Presbyterian Church. The multiplicity of Presbyterian and Reformed groups in Korea and among Koreans in this country suggests care to avoid any suggestion of partiality.

2. That in the interest of further information about the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, the General Assembly authorize the attendance of two observers at the Nimes meeting of the RES, these persons to be selected from among PCA personnel expected to be in Europe at that time. We further suggest that the Rev. James A. Jones Jr. and the Rev. William Edgar be named as these observers.

3. That the General Assembly approve participation in a proposed NAPARC study of the science of hermeneutics. We further suggest that if this recommendation is approved, the General Assembly name the Rev. O. Palmer Robertson and the Rev. R. C. Sproul as PCA members on this study committee.

4. That the General Assembly approve and adopt the attached Letter addressed to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. We further recommend that adoption be by three-fourths of those present and voting



in the General Assembly; and that the proposal then be submitted to the presbyteries for ratification by three-fourths vote of the presbyteries, said voting to take place concurrent with consideration of the Letter by the Churches to which it is addressed.

(Letter attached)  
Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Ambler Jr.  
Donald R. Esty  
John C. Neville Jr.  
Hugh Potts  
Edward J. Robeson III  
G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman  
Morton H. Smith (Ex Officio)  
Earl Jagers (Alt.)

**LETTER**  
**To be adopted by the 1980 General Assembly**  
**Presbyterian Church in America**

To: The General Synods and General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Subject: An invitation to participate in steps designed to effect one Church among us.

Brethren:

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church.

**Whereas**, we hold to and desire to promote a common testimony to the inerrancy of Scripture, the system of doctrine contained in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*, and the doctrine of the purity of the visible Church; and

**Whereas**, we feel constrained by our commitments to seek a more perfect unity among us as members of Christ's body;

**Now Therefore**, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, in the bonds of our Lord Jesus Christ, invites you to come with us for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one Church among us. We propose, as the basis of this association, the above named principles, together with the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America.

We suggest that initial steps to this end be taken as soon as possible and that the time and place for final action be Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., in June, 1982.

Specifically, we suggest that General Assemblies and General Synods act on this invitation by or in their 1981 meetings, with constitutional ratification following, before we meet together in a ratifying General Assembly. The order of business would be approximately as follows:

1. Each General Assembly or General Synod would act upon a resolution to join with the PCA on the basis of the governing Standards of the PCA in a single Church to be called the Presbyterian Church in America. The PCA's resolution would approve "joining together the PCA, the RPCES, the RPCNA and the OPC, on the basis of the existent governing Standards of the PCA, into a continuing Presbyterian Church in America."
2. Each General Assembly or General Synod would then appoint representatives to a Committee on Presbytery Boundaries, consisting of one representative from each presbytery; the Convener to be designated by the PCA Assembly. This Committee would hold meetings between the 1981 and 1982 Assemblies.
3. Each General Assembly and General Synod would authorize its Boards, Committees and Agencies to meet jointly with the corresponding Boards, Committees and Agencies of the other bodies throughout the year, 1981-1982, for the purpose of working out details of merger and to prepare a united report to be submitted to the 1982 General Assembly when constituted. The Arrangements Committees planning for the Grand Rapid meetings would also be instructed to work together. In each case, the Convener of the joint meeting would be the chairman of the respective PCA committee.
4. In Grand Rapids, at the time and place appointed, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America would act as Convener. Clerks from each of the other Churches would certify their respective enrollments to the Convener. A resolution such as the following would be adopted: "Be it resolved that this Assembly, as presently constituted by these enrollments, is hereby declared to be and will continue as the 10th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America."
5. A Moderator would be elected. The PCA stated clerk, being the only fulltime officer occupying such a position among us, would continue in office, with additional assistants later to be determined by the General Assembly.

**Note:** If necessary, recognition would be made of any other grouping from among assembled commissioners that any dissenting parties may want to make, and an opportunity given for such meeting(s) to take place.

6. The Assembly would recess into meetings of presbyteries as determined by the Committee on Presbytery Boundaries and approved by the Assembly. Commissioners from the former Churches



would meet with those presbyteries within whose recognized boundaries they then live and/or labor. These presbytery meetings would be convened by the Moderator in office in that presbytery which bears the name agreed to by the Committee on Presbytery Boundaries—for example, Ascension Presbytery, or Rocky Mountain Presbytery. There would be no ordinary challenge to the credentials of any minister or elder properly certified. (Extraordinary challenges would be heard by the presbytery in its next meeting.) The PCA ministerial "obligation" would be subscribed to by all. Each presbytery would then elect a new Moderator and Stated Clerk and appoint a Nominating Committee to restructure presbytery committees. Each presbytery would also elect representatives to a General Assembly Nominating Committee, with each of the former Churches represented. Each presbytery would also elect nominees to each new class of Assembly committees.

**Note (1):** It is suggested that for the purposes of this step in the restructuring process, the full membership of all of the presbyteries of the constituent Churches be present in Grand Rapids. This could be accomplished by having all the presbyteries adjourn their immediately previous meetings "to meet on June , 1982, in Grand Rapids, Mich." By such action, the new presbyteries would be able fully to constitute themselves and transact necessary business.

**Note (2):** Local churches not represented by commissioners to this General Assembly would be contacted by the presbytery of jurisdiction with an invitation to attend the next meeting. At that meeting, they would be welcomed and their ministers enrolled upon signing the obligation.

7. The Assembly would reconvene to organize itself. Committees of Commissioners (Standing or Advisory Committees) would be designated according to established PCA procedure, but would receive the business of the equivalent boards and/or agencies from the other Churches—for example, Foreign Missions.
8. Meetings would be held of boards, commissions, committees, trustees and agencies where enabling resolutions would be necessary for the dissolution of existing structures and the perfecting of new ones—for example, Covenant College.
9. The Nominating Committee would present slates of nominations for all vacancies on Committees, Commissions and Agencies of the Assembly according to the *Book of Church Order*, Par. 15-1-11.
10. A special ad-interim Judicial Committee would be elected to receive and consider organizational and administrative changes to be recommended to the 1983 General Assembly. This committee would consist of the former Stated Clerks, the Moderators, and any additional personnel determined by the General Assembly.

**Note:** It would be understood that distinctives of the participating Churches—such as the worship practices of the Covenanters—would be safeguarded by this merger. Congregations and ministers would have complete freedom in such matters.

Sincerely in Christ,

\_\_\_\_\_, Moderator  
For the Presbyterian Church in America

## Extract from RPCES Interchurch Relations Report to Synod

Adopted by  
Committee on Interchurch Relations  
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod  
February 9, 1980

1. **Moved:** That we recommend that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, if it receives an invitation from the Presbyterian Church in America to be received into that denomination, accept such invitation on the basis of the inerrancy of Scripture, the Westminster Standards as now held by the PCA, the doctrine of the purity of the Church and the existing PCA *Book of Church Order*.

2. **Moved:** That if an invitation is received and accepted, particular churches should be automatically placed in presbyteries of the PCA within whose boundaries they lie, with the suggestion that the General Assembly be authorized to redraw presbytery boundaries without full constitutional process during a period of two years.

3. **Moved:** That we recommend that the agencies of the RPCES be submitted immediately upon union to the four major committees of the PCA, and that the existing board and agency heads negotiate with the appropriate committees of the PCA plans of transition and merger, to be completed within a period of three years.

### Appendix D

## REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business submits the following report:

The Committee on Judicial Business met by Conference Call, October 15, 1979, and in Atlanta, Georgia, November 16, 1979, February 1, 1980 and by Conference Call, March 17, 1980. The Committee performs duties for and reports directly to the General Assembly on matters of a constitutional nature. In other judicial matters, the Committee functions to advise the Stated Clerk as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. Serving you on the Committee this year are:

#### Teaching Elders

Byron Snapp (Secretary)	Class of 1983
C. D. (Fred) Murphy	Class of 1982
John W. P. Oliver	Class of 1981
Thomas A. Cook (Vice-Chmn.)	Class of 1980
Fred Carr	Alternates

#### Ruling Elders

Stokes V. Robertson
John Moore
Howard Lincoln
James Westlake (Chairman)
Ivan Ward

Actions taken by the Committee on Judicial Business are as follows:

### I. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

1. Recommendation 15 (p. 103), *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly* (hereafter *M7GA*) concerning perfecting proposed changes in *BCO*-6, regarding "Church Members and Rolls". The Committee studied the material presented to the last General Assembly and a report sent by TE James Campbell, a member of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business at the last General Assembly. The Committee is recommending some improvements to the proposed chapter, as presented to the Seventh General Assembly, and will again recommend the adoption of the amended chapter. See Recommendation 1.

2. Recommendation 18 (p. 104, *M7GA*) concerning replacement of inactive members on Permanent Committees of the General Assembly. See Recommendation 2.

3. Recommendation 19 (p. 105, *M7GA*) concerning teaching elders who work with non-ecclesiastical groups. See Recommendation 3.

4. Recommendation 22 (pp. 104-105, *M7GA*) concerning the temporary statement that prefaces the Directory of Worship. See Recommendation 5.

Recommendation 26 (p. 105, *M7GA*) concerning necessary changes in the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the PCA in order that they may be brought into conformity with the Standards of our Church. After reviewing the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Committee is recommending two changes. See Recommendation 6.

6. Recommendation 28 (p. 105, *M7GA*) concerning the need for "preach/exhort" to be inserted where applicable in the proposed changes in *BCO*, chapters 19-22. The Committee reviewed these chapters, making the needed amendments in the proposed chapters, as presented to the Seventh General Assembly. The Committee recommends the adoption of the chapters as amended. See Recommendation 4.

### II. OVERTURES:

1. Overture 1, dated May 11, 1979, from Grace Presbytery regarding amending the *BCO* by the addition of new paragraph 24-2 concerning unresolvable situations between churches and pastors who have done nothing worthy of discipline. See Recommendation 7.

2. Overture 3, dated October 16, 1979, from the Presbytery of Southern Florida, concerning electing elders and deacons for limited terms, if a church so desires, and to amend the *BCO* to this effect. See Recommendation 8.

3. Overture 4, dated November 17, 1979, from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, concerning amending the *BCO* 15-1-11 in order that committee alternates might fill any vacancy in his elder-category at committee meetings. See Recommendation 9.

4. Overture 8, dated January 15, 1980, from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, concerning a possible amendment to *BCO* 26-11 regarding the need of an orderly procedure in order for a church to withdraw from the PCA. See Recommendation 10.

5. Overture 14, dated November 11, 1979, from the Session of the Westminster Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, calling for a change in the *BCO* in its requirements of a number of persons needed to call a meeting of the General Assembly, and in the size of the quorum of the General Assembly. See Recommendation 11.

6. Overture 15, dated January 22, 1980, from the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic asking for a consideration of a change in the *BCO* to allow a congregation that is being organized to call a pastor at its organizational meeting. See Recommendation 12.

7. Overture 16, dated January 22, 1980, from the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic, asking for an amendment to the *BCO* to provide greater Ruling Elder representation at Presbytery meetings. See Recommendation 13.

### III. JUDICIAL CASES:

#### A. Appeals

1. Case 1, dated October 19, 1979, Appellant Victor E. Lockman appealing the action of the

Presbytery of Gulf Coast on October 13, 1979. See Recommendation 14.

#### B. Complaints

1. A complaint, dated November 22, 1979, from TE Rod Mays against the Presbytery of New River, regarding "the failure of presbytery to deal with reported scandalous activity involving one of its ministers." See Recommendation 15.

2. A complaint, dated January 28, 1980, from TE Byron Snapp and TE James Hope against Calvary Presbytery, regarding an improper use of the extraordinary clause (*BCO* 22-4) in the examination of a candidate for ordination at the January 24, 1980 meeting of Calvary Presbytery. See Recommendation 16.

3. A complaint, dated February 6, 1980, from RE James H. Campbell, *et al* against the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic in its handling of the case of TE Robert Schoof. See Recommendation 17.

4. A complaint, dated March 3, 1980, from TE Carl W. Bogue, *et al*, against the Presbytery of the Ascension for approving a minister whose views on the charismatic gifts appear to be contrary to the Constitutional Standards, and for approving a call that did not comply with *BCO* 21-1. See Recommendation 18.

#### C. References

1. A reference, dated December 4, 1979, from the Presbytery of the Gulf Coast, regarding action taken at its Adjourned Meeting on December 1, 1979, asking General Assembly to make "final disposition" (*BCO* 42-3) of the Lockman appeal. See Recommendation 14.

### IV. ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Concerning correspondence, dated October 15, 1979, from Mr. Neil MacMillan of Seacrest Presbyterian Church and a letter of response, dated October 22, 1979, from the Seacrest Presbyterian Church Session regarding whether or not a Session can remove the names of prospective officers, nominated by the congregation, from the ballot prior to their examination by the Session. The Committee answered by pointing them to the answer of the Seventh General Assembly (See *M7GA*, p. 101, Recommendation 5), that the Session does not have the authority to delete names of nominees prior to their examination. The Committee also recognized and respected the question raised by the Session in its response that *BCO* 25-1 does not define the word "active" when stating that prospective officers should be "an active male member". The Committee suggested that a proper overture to the General Assembly for clarification of the word "active" would be both timely and proper.

2. Concerning correspondence, dated November 11, 1979, from Mr. William Fitzhenry, pastor of South Ruffner Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West Virginia, regarding a question of appeal. The Committee answered that a valid judgment could not be made with the facts at hand. Response was needed from the Presbytery of New River regarding the matter. Whether it is deemed a complaint or an appeal, it in no way abrogated the authority of Presbytery under *BCO* 14-8 to dissolve the pastoral relationship.

3. Concerning correspondence, dated January 28, 1980, from Mr. Rudolph Schroeter for the pulpit committee of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Glendale, California, regarding nominating a pastor-elect by members of the congregation during a congregational meeting. Mr. Schroeter had several questions. The Committee answered each separately:

Question 1. "At a congregational meeting called to elect a pastor, if Session and pulpit committee have a nomination, may nominations be made from the floor as well?"

The Committee answered yes, but that compliance with *BCO* 21-5 is also mandatory.

Question 2. "If neither pulpit committee nor Session have a nomination, may the Session nonetheless call a congregational meeting for election of a pastor?"

The Committee responded by referral to *BCO* 26-2.

Question 3. "At a congregational meeting called to elect a pastor, if neither pulpit committee nor Session have a nomination, may nominations be made from the floor?"

The Committee answered that such nominations may be made (*BCO* 21-4), but the Committee would counsel that such procedure tends to be divisive.

4. Concerning correspondence, dated January 29 from the Stated Clerk of Warrior Presbytery, regarding Ruling Elders who are principal delegates to Presbytery being elected Moderator, the Stated Clerk had several questions. The Committee answered each separately:

Question 1. "Does the *BCO* specifically require that for a Ruling Elder to be elected Moderator of a meeting of Presbytery, he must be the elected principal delegate to Presbytery from the Session of which he is a member?"

The Committee answered in the negative.

Question 2. "In the event a principal Ruling Elder delegate to Presbytery is elected Moderator, does his alternate have voting rights?"

The Committee answered in the negative.

5. Concerning correspondence, dated October 22, 1979, from Mr. E. Crowell Cooley regarding the possibility of a mission group to elect a pastor before it is organized. The Committee answered that the Seventh General Assembly has answered this same question (See *M7GA*, pp. 103-104, 7-41, III, 17). The Committee also stated that if Mr. Cooley desired to go further, he should proceed according to the *BCO* under the proper procedure for an overture. (Also, see Overture 15.)

6. Concerning correspondence, received March 6, 1980, from Mr. Elmo Lamb, Clerk of Session, First Church, Charleston, Arkansas, asking whether a congregation may petition to be organized without complying with *BCO* 15-2. The Committee responded that the petition for organization may be made

under 15-1 but that the thirty day requirement of 15-2 must be met prior to the election of elders. If a congregation is formed without elders, then the Presbytery must assume administrative control of it by means of an administrative commission, which serves until a Session can be elected. This commission would be responsible for the examination of the elders-elect.

**V. ADVICE TO THE STATED CLERK:**

1. Concerning Overture 10, dated January 26, 1980, from the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina, regarding a form for church organization as provided in *BCO* 15-1-1. The Clerk of the General Assembly was advised to refer it to the Committee on Mission to the United States with a recommendation that they compare the form submitted with their present form and make an appropriate recommendation.

**VI. REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS:**

The Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business was directed by the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to study and review the Certificate of Incorporation of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA and the Bylaws, to determine whether any amendments are needed to make absolutely certain that ultimate and final authority in all matters, ecclesiastical and civil, is vested in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Sub-Committee on Judicial Business has carefully studied and reviewed these documents, with this thought in mind, and makes this Report of its findings and recommendations:

It is very necessary, in order to adequately and properly attend to all ecclesiastical and civil business matters, that the Presbyterian Church in America have a dual organization, that is, both ecclesiastical and corporate. However, the main concern of all members is and should be that the final authority in all matters, ecclesiastical and civil, be vested in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

We believe that, by and large, both the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws adequately provide that the ultimate authority in all matters is vested in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Bylaws, among other things, provide:

**ARTICLE II. MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION**

Section 1. The members of the Corporation shall be those duly ordained Teaching Elders (Ministers) enrolled in a Presbytery affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America, and those Ruling Elders representing local congregations, which congregations are affiliated with Presbyteries affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America who have been designated or commissioned to attend the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Such Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders shall be designated or commissioned by Presbyteries or Congregations in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the *Book of Church Order* (15-2) (See Article VI) . . .

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be at such time and such place as designated by the General Assembly . . .

**ARTICLE IV. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.**

Section 1. . . . The Moderator, the immediate past Moderator, the Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration . . .

**Section 9. The Individual Permanent Committees**

**A. The Committee on Administration.**

1. **The business affairs of the Corporation** as distinguished from the ecclesiastical matters, and those not specifically assigned to one of the other Permanent Committees by these Bylaws or an act of the General Assembly, **shall be managed by the Committee on Administration, which serves as the Board of Directors provided in the Charter of Incorporation, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the General Assembly, including all applicable provisions of the *Book of Church Order*.** (Emphasis added).

The Certificate of Incorporation provides, among other things:

**SIXTH.**—The activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. The number of directors which shall constitute the whole board shall be such as from time to time shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in, the Bylaws, but in no case shall the number be less than three. The directors need not be members of the corporation unless so required by the By-Laws. **The board of directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation to be held on such date as the Bylaws may provide,** and shall hold office until their successors are respectively elected and qualified . . . (Emphasis added).

Thus, from the above quoted provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws, it is perfectly clear that the only members of the corporation are "Such Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders (as) shall be designated or commissioned by Presbyteries or Congregations in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the *Book of Church Order* (15-2) (See Article VI)." . . .

The only Directors are the members of the permanent Committee on Administration. (Sec. 9 A. 1.)

An additional safeguard is contained in Article IV, Section 1, which provides:

"The Moderator, the immediate past Moderator, the Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration (Board of Directors)."

Still another safeguard is provided in ARTICLE VI.

#### ECCELSIASTICAL MATTERS:

Section 1. The ecclesiastical Constitution of the Church is composed of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* as adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America. **The provisions of the Constitution shall control over any provisions of these Bylaws that may be in conflict therewith.** (Emphasis Added).

#### ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the General Assembly.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Sub-committee recommends that the Certificate of Incorporation be amended in these two respects:

1. Add the word "civil" between "The" and "activities" in the opening sentence of Article Sixth of the Certificate of Incorporation, so that the opening sentence will read: "The civil activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors."

2. Delete the last sentence of the opening paragraph of Article Sixth, which reads:

"The board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation."

This would eliminate any possible inconsistency with Article VII of the Bylaws which provides:

"These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the General Assembly."

See Recommendation 6.

#### VII. REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL VOTES:

The Clerk reports the following vote on amendments to the *BCO*, which were passed by the Seventh General Assembly and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent. The required two-thirds vote is 15. The Assembly is to vote again on those that have the necessary two-thirds vote of Presbyteries.

**Item 1:** Amend paragraph 7-2 to read as follows: The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are Elders and Deacons. Within the class of Elder are the two orders of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The Elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as Teaching Elders. The office of Deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, these offices are open to men only.

Affirmative 21 on whole      Negative 1 on last sentence only      Not voting 0

**Item 2** Combine Chapters 8 and 9 as follows and renumber the following chapters accordingly:

#### CHAPTER 8. The Elder.

- 8-1. This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed Bishop or Pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed Presbyter or Elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed Teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.
- 8-2. He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.
- 8-3. It belongs to the office of Elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.
- 8-4. As the Lord has given different gifts to men and has committed to some special gifts and callings, the Church is authorized to call and appoint some to labor as Teaching Elders.
- 8-5. When a man is called to labor as a Teaching Elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other Elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and



preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed Ambassador. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed Evangelist. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed Preacher. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed Steward of the mysteries of God.

- 8-6. When a Teaching Elder is appointed to the work of an Evangelist, he is commissioned to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments in foreign countries or the destitute parts of the Church. The Presbytery may by separate acts from that by which it commissioned him, entrust to the Evangelist for a period of twelve months the power to organize churches, and, until there is a Session in the Church so organized, to instruct, examine, ordain, and install Ruling Elders and Deacons therein, and to receive or dismiss members.
- 8-7. As there were in the Church under the law, Elders of the people for the government thereof, so in the Gospel church, Christ has furnished others besides Ministers of the Word with gifts and commission to govern when called thereunto, which are called Ruling Elders.
- 8-8. Elders being of one class of office, Ruling Elders possess the same authority and eligibility to office in the courts of the Church as Teaching Elders. They should, moreover, cultivate zealously their own aptness to teach the Bible and should improve every opportunity of doing so.

Affirmative 16                      Negative 6                      Not voting 0

- 8-9. Although preaching is only the function of Teaching Elders, notwithstanding, Ruling Elders should be regularly engaged in the practice of exhorting the people of God, by taking clear and well-known truths of the Scriptures and applying them with Zeal and earnestness to the lives of God's people.

Affirmative 13                      Negative 9                      Not voting 0  
(Note: Some Presbyteries divided this chapter as indicated.)

**Item 3** Amend 15-1-11 to read as follows: A Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one representative elected by each Presbytery in the following manner. Each Presbytery shall be assigned a lineal number by the Stated Clerk based on its date of formation. In odd number years, odd number Presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, respectively. In even number years, even number Presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders, respectively. The term of each member shall be two years. When necessary, unexpired terms shall be filled by an Elder of the same class, Teaching or Ruling. This committee is to present all nominations for which it is responsible to the next meeting of the Assembly from a slate of men nominated by the Presbyteries. Each Presbytery shall through its representative present the Nominating Committee the name of one Ruling and one Teaching Elder for each committee of the church, utilizing the nominating forms provided for this purpose by the Stated Clerk. In addition to nominees for expired terms the Committee shall nominate for each permanent committee one Ruling and one Teaching Elder as alternates to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year. Each alternate should attend each meeting and fill any vacancies necessary to meet a quorum. In addition to the new nominees from the Presbyteries, alternates not assuming any vacancies during a year will be automatically considered by the Nominating Committee as candidates for nomination to that same committee.

Affirmative 21                      Negative 1                      Not voting 0

**Item 4** Amend paragraph 15-1-12 as follows: Add the following to the end of the first sentence: "on the odd years and four men each on the even years."

Affirmative 22                      Negative 0                      Not voting 0

**Item 5** Amend paragraph 15-1-14 to read as follows: "The Assembly shall elect a six-man Theological Examining Committee (three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders of three classes of two men each). This Committee shall examine all Coordinators, Associate Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and those acting temporarily in these positions who are being recommended for first time employment by Assembly Committees to the Assembly. They are to be examined in the areas of Christian Experience, Theology, the Sacraments, Church Government, and English Bible. No person will begin work or move on the field without prior examination and approval by the General Assembly's Theological Examining Committee. No person will be presented to the Assembly for election who has not met the approval of this Committee. Nominations for this Committee will be presented by the Assembly's Nominating Committee."

Affirmative 22                      Negative 0                      Not voting 0

**Item 6** Amend Chapter 20 by deleting paragraph 2.

Affirmative 13                      Negative 9                      Not voting 0

## VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following perfected changes in the proposed changes for BCO chapter 6, be made (See M7GA, pp. 182ff).

6-2 Change by adding "But such may not be required" at the end.

6-3 Line 6, after "tion", add "and are sealed as members of Christ's Church, and are . . ."

6-7 As is, adding only "but in no way affecting his ordination".

6-13 In line 3, drop: "(4) Prospects for Restoration". In line 2, add "and" immediately preceding "(3)" drop the "and: that immediately follows "(13-8)". In line 3, the last sentence should be changed to read as follows: "The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually. A list of prospects for restoration shall also be maintained and reviewed annually."

6-15 Line 3, after "being non-communing members" insert "of the congregation".

6-19 Page 184, line 2, change "roll" to "list".

That the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter VI, be amended by deleting the current provisions in their entirety, and by substituting therefor the following provisions (Clerk's note: the above recommended changes have been incorporated into the following text):

#### CHAPTER 6. Church Members and Rolls

##### Church Members

6-1 The members of a particular church consist of both communing and non-communing members.

##### Communing Members

6-2 Communing members may be added by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church, in the judgment of the Session. For all received, regardless of age or how received, attendance at a church membership preparation class prior to reception is highly recommended, but such may not be required.

##### Non-Communing Members

6-3 The children of believers are, through the Covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the Church universal. They are entitled to baptism and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the Church, with a view to their embracing Christ, and thus personally possessing all benefits of the Covenant.

By baptism such children are received into the membership of the particular congregation, and are sealed as members of Christ's Church, and are to be carried on its rolls as non-communing members. Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation, nor are they to partake of the Communion until they are fully able to obey the command of self-examination given in I Corinthians 11:28, and have been admitted to the Lord's Supper upon profession of faith.

6-5 Members of other churches, both in our own Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and in other evangelical denominations, normally shall be received by the Church Session as communing members by means of letter of transfer from the other churches. Members so received shall be recorded by the Session as having been received by letter of transfer (See paragraph 58-6).

6-6 When a church member is unable to obtain a letter of transfer, he may be received as a communing member upon his reaffirmation of faith in Christ. When a member is so received, the Church to which he formerly belonged shall be notified, and the Session shall record him as received by reaffirmation of faith (See paragraph 58-6).

6-7 When a letter of transfer is issued for a Ruling Elder or Deacon, his relationship as an officer shall be dissolved, the congregation informed, and the transfer of membership effected without officer status, but in no way affecting his ordination.

6-8 A letter of transfer shall be issued by a Church Session only to the governing body of another Church. A member's request for a letter of transfer shall be made through the governing body of the Church which he desires to join. Letters of transfer issued for parents of baptized non-communing member children shall always include the names of these children (See paragraph 13-5).

6-9 When a letter of transfer is requested for a member whose name is under charges or under discipline, the Session in issuing the letter shall indicate thereon the disciplinary status.

6-10 A member being dismissed from one Church to another shall be under the jurisdiction of the dismissing Church until received by the other church and the dismissing Church so notified (See paragraph 47-3).

6-11 A letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only (See paragraph 47-8).

6-12 All of those being received by profession of their faith and by reaffirmation of faith are required to answer the constitutional questions found in the Directory of Worship (58-5).

##### Church Rolls

6-13 The Session of a particular Church shall keep the rolls of the members of the church: (1) Communing, (2) Non-communing, and (3) Associate (See paragraph 13-8). The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually. A list of prospects for restoration shall also be maintained and reviewed.

6-14 The Communing Roll shall consist of those communing members who are actively participating in the life and work of the Church by attending worship services, and/or being involved in other church activities.

6-15 The Non-communing Roll shall consist of all non-communing members, i.e., all members not entitled to participate in the Lord's Supper. This Roll by its nature will consist primarily of children, being non-communing members of the congregation by right of baptism (See paragraph 6-3). Also included on this Roll will be any member no longer on the Communing Roll due to being under suspension (exclusion from the sealing ordinances of the Church) as a result of disciplinary action, or by their own request.

6-16 The Associate Roll of a particular Church shall consist of communing members in good standing of other churches of our own PCA or other evangelical denominations who, for educational, military, business, or other purposes, are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches, and within the bounds of the particular church, and who desire to be affiliated with the particular church on a temporary basis. If the home church is PCA, the home Church Session shall issue to the Church with which the member desires to affiliate a certificate of good standing, valid for two years, and subject to renewal, but will retain the member's name on its Communing Roll. The Session receiving the certificate shall place the member's name on its Associate Roll. If the home Church is not PCA, the Session of the Church being affiliated with will request from the home Church a certificate as previously described. If unable to obtain a certificate, the Session may receive the



individual as an Associate Member for a two-year period on reaffirmation of faith, subject to the home Church's concurrence. The rights and privileges of Associate Members are shown in paragraph 47-4.

6-17 A church member who has permanently moved his residence beyond the bounds of his Church, so that he no longer can participate regularly in its life and work, shall be obligated to arrange the transfer of his membership to a church located within his new area in which he can be active. This provision shall not apply to lay missionaries, full-time Christian lay workers, students, and career military personnel and their families, who are serving in distant fields and who desire to remain on the Roll of their home Church. The Session may make other exceptions to this provision in special situations. A church member shall be obligated to inform his Church promptly when his mailing address is changed or his residence is moved either temporarily or permanently.

6-18 When a member permanently moves his residence beyond the bounds of the Church, if practicable the Session shall notify the governing body of a church in the member's new local area with a view of transfer of his membership. At the same time, the Session shall advise the member that it is his duty to arrange for the transfer of his membership to a church in his new local area in which he can be active. If the transfer is not effected within twelve months after the member is so advised, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Roll and notify him of the action taken (47-2).

6-19 When a member for one year willfully does not participate in the life and work of the Church or does not otherwise express a serious interest in his Church, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church Roll (47-5). No name shall be deleted in this manner until after the Session has made a diligent effort to discover the causes of the member's non-participation and to restore him to activity in the Church's life and work. The member having his name deleted shall be notified of the action. Such names deleted will be placed on a list known as "Prospects for Restoration" for the purpose of maintaining prayerful concern for those who have gone astray.

6-20 When for one year a member has not participated in the life and work of his Church, his mailing address has not been known, and the Church has been unable to contact him, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church's Roll.

6-21 When a member whose name is on the Communing or Non-communing Rolls requests the Church Session to remove his name from the Church Roll, the Session shall remove the member without process from the Church Roll and notify the member of the action taken. The request for removal shall be in writing. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the Session shall also withdraw from him all authority to exercise his church office and notify the congregation of the action taken. No action should be taken by the Session under this provision until the Session, after inquiry and due delay, is of the judgment that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or other temporary circumstances.

6-22 When a member whose name is on the Communing Roll renounces his membership by joining some other church, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Church Roll. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the officer relationship shall be dissolved and the congregation informed of the action taken (See paragraph 39-4).

6-23 When a particular Church is notified by a Presbytery that one of its members has been ordained by the Presbytery to the Gospel Ministry, the Church Session shall note such actions in its records and remove the member's name from the Church Roll (See paragraph 47-7).

6-24 When a Presbytery divests a Minister of his office without censure or deposes him without excommunication, it will assign him to a particular church, if possible, subject to the approval of the Session of that church. (See paragraph 47-8). If the Session approves of the assignment, the Session will so notify the Presbytery and place the individual's name on the Church Roll. If the Session does not approve of the assignment, it will notify the Presbytery and take no further action.

2. That the following paragraph be added to *BCO* 15-1-11:

In the event that a member of a Permanent Committee fails to attend more than one-half of the meetings of the Committee in any particular year, the Committee may, after consultation with the member, declare the position vacant by a two-thirds vote of the Committee present and voting.

3. That the *BCO* be amended as follows:

That the present paragraph *BCO* 8-7 remain unchanged, and that the present paragraph 8-8 be re-numbered 8-9, and that an additional paragraph, numbered 8-8 be added as follows:

A Presbytery may, at its discretion, appoint a Teaching Elder to work with non-ecclesiastical groups provided that he be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word, that the Presbytery be assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, and that he report, at least annually, on his work. As far as possible, such Teaching Elders shall be appointed by and be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

4. That the proposed *BCO* chapters 19-22 be amended as follows and adopted as amended (See *M7GA*, pp. 44ff.):

20-1 Line 1 - After "preach" add "or exhort".

Line 3 - After "preach" add "or exhort".

Line 5 - After "preaching" add "or exhorting".

Change "their" to "his".

20-2-D Line 1 - After "sermon" add "or exhortation".

Line 2 - Replace "preach a sermon orally" with "present orally his sermon/exhortation".

20-4 Line 4 - After "preach" add "or exhort".

Line 11 - After "preach" add "or exhort".

20-5 Line 5 - After "preach" add "or exhort".

Line 6 - After "preach" add "/exhort".

20-6 Line 1 - After "preach" add "/exhort".

(Clerk's note: the Sixth General Assembly adopted the proposed changes to BCO 19-1, 19-7 and 20. The Stated Clerk was directed by the Assembly not to send these matters down to the Presbyteries until such time as all the changes to BCO chapters 19-22 had been adopted by the Assembly. The following text includes the proposed changes of the Committee of Commissioners of the Sixth General Assembly in italics and/or marked with a star \*. The above changes of the Permanent Committee have been incorporated into the text without any special designation.)

19-1 Amend Paragraph 19-1:

by changing the words "preach the Gospel" in the second line to "the ministry of the Word."

*Adopted.*

19-2 Amend Paragraph 19-2:

by changing the word "candidate" in the first line of the first paragraph to "applicant."

by deleting the second and third sentence of the third paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"An applicant for care may not be received under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of the Presbytery, since he must serve a period of at least one year of probation prior to ordination (see 20-7 and 22-4). An applicant for probation who is not already under care must be taken under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel and may be placed under probation all at the same meeting of the Presbytery."

For the last sentence substitute: "An applicant for probation is obliged to be under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel; further, one who is not already under care may be taken under care, be licensed to preach the Gospel, and be placed under probation at the same meeting of Presbytery."

*Grounds: The original amendment wording might imply that presbytery would be mandated to take under care, license, and place under probation every applicant.*

19-7 Amend Paragraph 19-7:

by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following in its place:

"The Presbytery may, upon application of the candidate, give a certificate of dismission to another Presbytery. The candidate may be allowed to retain membership in his home church upon the request of his Session and the approval of both Presbyteries involved. A candidate shall, at his request, be allowed to withdraw from the care of the Presbytery."

*Adopted.*

20 Amend Chapter 20 by deleting it entirely and by substituting the following in its place:

*Adopted.*

**Chapter 20**

**Licensure and Probation**

**A. Licensure.**

20-1. To preserve the purity of the preaching of the Gospel, no man is permitted to preach/exhort in the pulpits of the Presbyterian Church in America on a regular basis without proper licensure from the Presbytery having jurisdiction where he will preach/exhort. A ruling elder, a candidate for the ministry, a minister from some other denomination, or some other man may be licensed for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching/exhortation of the Word upon his giving satisfaction to the Presbytery of their gifts and passing the licensure examination.

20-2. Examination for Licensure.

The examination for licensure shall be as follows:

- A. Give a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel in written form or\* orally before the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery);  
\*Substitute "and/or" for "or."
- B. Be tested with a written and/or an oral examination by the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery) for his:
  1. Basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined in the *Confession of Faith* and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* of the Presbyterian Church in America,
  2. Practical knowledge of the English Bible,
  3. Basic knowledge of the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in *The Book of Church Order*;
- C. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in Part B;
- D. Provide his written sermon/exhortation on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and application, and present orally his sermon or exhortation before Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery.

No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of examination except in extraordinary cases; and whenever a Presbytery shall omit any of these parts, it shall always make a record of the reasons therefor, and of the trial parts omitted.

20-3. Questions for Licensure.

If the Presbytery be satisfied with the trials of the applicant, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner:

The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions, namely:

- (1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- (2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture?

(3) Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

(4) Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or of any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

- 20-4. The applicant having answered these questions in the affirmative, the Moderator shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do license you to preach/exhort the Gospel in this Presbytery wherever God in His providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart, Amen."

Record shall be made of the licensure in the following or like form, namely: At ....., the ..... day of ....., the Presbytery of ....., received testimonial commending ....., proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for licensure, which was met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered the questions for licensure, ..... was licensed by the Presbytery to preach/exhort the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery.

- 20-5. When any licentiate shall have occasion to remove from the bounds of his Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires. The Presbytery into whose bounds the licentiate is moving, however, must at least examine the man concerning his Christian experience and call to preach/exhort the Gospel and his views in theology, English Bible, and church government. This Presbytery then may license him to preach/exhort within its bounds.
- 20-6. The license to preach/exhort the Gospel shall expire at the end of four years. The Presbytery may, if it thinks proper, renew it without further examination.

#### **B. Probation.**

- 20-7. The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the Word, both concerning their gifts and concerning their ability to rule as teaching elders, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men, and that the Church may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those to whom this sacred office is to be committed. To provide for such a period of trial, a candidate for ordination must be under probation; and this probation should normally occur in the Presbytery in which he is expecting to be ordained. This period of probation shall be at least one year in length, and may be longer at the discretion of the Presbytery so as to give sufficient time for the Presbytery to judge the candidate's qualifications and service. This period of probation may occur during or after the candidate's formal theological education. When it occurs during his formal theological education, it may include an intern year in addition to his time of academic training or it may run concurrent with his academic training. The nature of the probation period shall be determined by the Presbytery, but it should involve the candidate in the full scope of the duties of any regular ministerial calling approved by the Presbytery. It is to be both a time of practical instruction and testing by the Presbytery, and may be in any work which the Presbytery deems to be a suitable ministry to test the probationer's gifts. The probationer should be closely supervised by the Presbytery throughout this trial period.
- 20-8. An applicant for probation must be a candidate and a licentiate in the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer. He may, however, become a candidate, a licentiate, and a probationer at the same meeting of Presbytery. If an applicant for probation is already a candidate in another Presbytery, that Presbytery should dismiss him as a candidate to the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer.
- 20-9. Examination for Probation.

If the applicant for probation has been previously licensed in the Presbytery in which he is seeking his probation, the only further examination needed before he begins his period of probation is for him to give to the Presbytery a written or\* an oral statement (at the discretion of the Presbytery) of his inward call to the ministry of the Word.

\*Substitute "and/or" for "or."

When an applicant for licensure and probation has completed at least two years of his theological training he may request that the Presbytery give the more complete examination required for ordination (see 22-4) in the place of the licensure examination. In such cases, a candidate for the ministry would\* be examined only once and would be ordained without further examination after the satisfactory completion of his probationary period.

\*Substitute "may" for "would be examined only once and would..."

- 20-10. When an applicant is approved for probation, the Moderator of the Presbytery shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do place you under the probation of this Presbytery as a means of testing your gifts for the holy ministry wherever God in His Providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen."

Record shall be made of the probation in the following or like form, namely, At ....., the .... day of ....., the Presbytery of ....., having received testimonials commending ....., having received him as a candidate for the ministry and having licensed him to preach the Gospel, placed him under probation at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

- 20-11. When any probationer shall have occasion, while his probation is in progress, to remove from the bounds of his own Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, take up his probation at the point at which it was left, and

conduct it to a conclusion in the same manner as if it had been commenced by itself. Presbytery shall repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires, but it must at least examine the probationer on His Christian experience and call to the ministry and his views in theology, the sacraments, and church government. In such cases, the probationer shall also transfer his candidacy and should be licensed by his new Presbytery.

- 20-12. If a probationer in one Presbytery desires to serve in a definite work that is within the bounds of another Presbytery and yet remain under probation in the former Presbytery, he may do so with the concurrence of both Presbyteries involved. His candidacy must remain with his probation. In such cases, however, the probationer must be licensed in the Presbytery within whose bounds he will be serving. Also, the Presbytery that has him under probation should request from the Presbytery in which he serves, its report of his service before determining whether to approve or disapprove the probation.
- 20-13. Presbyteries should require probationers to devote themselves diligently to the trial of their gifts; and no one should be ordained to the work of the ministry of the Word until he has demonstrated the ability both to edify and to rule in the Church. Reports on every probationer in the Presbytery should be presented at each stated meeting of the Presbytery by the committee of Presbytery charged with the oversight of probationers, and these reports shall become a part of the minutes of Presbytery. The Presbytery shall also require every probationer himself to make a report to it at least once a year describing his ministerial experiences. If the probationer is still in school, the Presbytery shall secure from his instructors an annual report upon his deportment, diligence, and progress in study.
- 20-14. At the end of the period of time set by the Presbytery for his probation, a probationer shall have his probation either approved or disapproved. Even if it is approved, he cannot be ordained without a call to some specific work. If the probation is disapproved, the Presbytery may either extend it for another definite period of time or it may completely rescind his probationary status and may revoke his licensure. If the probationer shall devote himself unnecessarily to such pursuits as interfere with a full trial of his gifts, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to rescind his probationary status, and to record its reasons therefor in the Minutes of Presbytery.
- 20-15. A probationer who, during his probation, is to serve a congregation in the capacity of the minister of the Word must be called by the congregation in the same way that a regular minister is called. A congregation may later call such a man as its permanent pastor after nine months of his probationary period.\* This call must be approved by Presbytery prior to the time of ordination. In the event a congregation does not desire to call such a man as their permanent pastor as determined by a congregational vote, notice should be given as early as possible. The congregation shall be financially obligated to the probationer for a minimum of three months after the notice is given. Probationers may be called to serve as assistants to ministers during their probation, by the Session of a Church with approval of the call by Presbytery.
- \*Delete *"after nine months of his probationary period."*
- 20-16. Restrictions  
The probationer may be asked by the moderator of a Session temporarily to chair the meeting of the Session. In such cases the moderator shall supervise this activity and may overrule the probationer or re-assume the chair at will. The probationer is not a member of Session and may not vote in the meetings unless he has previously been ordained a Ruling Elder and elected to the Session by the congregation. Normally he shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Session and Diaconate when he has been called to work out his probation by a congregation. He shall have the right to conduct funerals, and administer wedding vows where the civil law permits. A probationer may not administer the sacraments. He may serve on committees for courts of the church.
- 21-1 Amend Paragraph 21-1:  
by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:  
"Before a probationer can be ordained to the office of Minister of the Word and Teaching Elder, he must receive a call to a definite work."
- 21-11 Amend Paragraph 21-11:  
by deleting the words: "licentiate or candidate" and by substituting in their place the words: "or probationer."
- 22-1 Amend Paragraph 22-1:  
by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:  
"No minister or probationer shall receive a call from any work in the Church without the permission of the Presbytery which has jurisdiction over him. When a call has been presented to a Presbytery, if found in order and the Presbytery deems it for the good of the Church, the Presbytery shall place it in the hands of the one to whom it is addressed.  
"Ordinarily, a minister or a probationer shall not move onto the field until received by the Presbytery having jurisdiction over the work to which he has been called."
- 22-2 Amend Paragraph 22-2:  
by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:  
"When a probationer has completed his probationary period to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and has accepted a call to be permanent pastor,\* the Presbytery shall take immediate steps for his ordination."  
\*Delete *"to be permanent pastor."* Grounds: Probationers may not necessarily be called to labor as pastors.
- 22-3 Amend Paragraph 22-3:  
by deleting the first phrase, which reads as follows:



"No Presbytery shall ordain any licentiate or candidate to the office of the Gospel Ministry" and substitute the following in its place:

"No Presbytery shall ordain any probationer to the office of Minister of the Word."

22-4 Amend Paragraph 22-4:

by adding as an introductory paragraph the following:

"A probationer applying for ordination shall be required to present a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved college or university, and also a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved theological seminary or authentic testimonials of having completed a regular course of theological studies, or a certificate of completion of and endorsement from a theological study program as approved by the General Assembly and one of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall also present satisfactory testimonials as to the completion and approval of his probationary period in the practice of the ministry. Ordinarily, the probationer shall have been examined in most of the following trials when he was licensed. If the Presbytery previously approved all parts of the licensure examination it need not reexamine the probationer in those areas at this time. If there were areas of weakness, which the Presbytery noted, or if any member of the Presbytery desires to do so, the probationer may be examined on particular points again.\* In all cases, he should be asked to indicate whether he has changed his previous views concerning any points in the *Confession of Faith*, *Catechisms*, and *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America."

\*Add "Additionally, the probationer shall be examined on any parts required for ordination which were not covered in his examination for licensure." Grounds: The trials for licensure and for ordination are not identical.

and by deleting the third sentence of paragraph 22-4 as it is at present, which begins: "A candidate for ordination, etc..."

22-11 Amend Paragraph 22-11:

by deleting, in the first line, the words: "candidate or licentiate" and by substituting for them the word "probationers."

2. Additional amendments to the *BCO* introduced by the Committee of Commissioners of the Sixth General Assembly:

- 1) *BCO* 19-3 (p. 25 of *BCO*) (12-0)  
That the word "candidate" in lines 4 and 11 be changed to read "applicant."

Grounds:

An applicant does not become a candidate until after completion of these steps.

- 2) *BCO* 19-8 (new paragraph) (13-0)  
"An applicant coming as a candidate from another denomination must present testimonials of his standing in that body and must become a member of a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall then fulfill the requirements of applicants listed under 19-3 as well as requirements placed upon those desiring to be licensed or placed under probation as set forth in Chapter 20 of the *BCO*."

Grounds:

The changes set forth in Recommendation 10 of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business Report make no provision for receiving applicants who are candidates in other denominations.

**Recommendations continued:**

5. That the temporary statement adopted by the Third General Assembly to preface the Directory of Worship be deleted. (The Committee feels that the effect of the deletion is not an alteration of the constitutional documents.)

6. That the following changes be made in the Certificate of Incorporation of the PCA:

Add the word "civil" between "The" and "activities" in the first line of Article Sixth.

Delete the following sentence found at the end of the first paragraph of Article Sixth of the Certificate of Incorporation: "The board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation."

7. That Overture 1 be found in order, and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business with a recommendation that it be answered in the negative in its present form. If the General Assembly desires to amend the *BCO* in this way, it is recommended that this be referred back to the Committee on Judicial Business for the proposal of particular language.

8. That Overture 3 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business with a recommendation that it be answered in the negative based upon previous actions of the General Assembly (See *M7GA*, p. 105, par. 7-41, item 27).

9. That Overture 4 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business for appropriate action without recommendation.

10. That Overture 8 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business with a recommendation that it be returned to the Permanent Committee to prepare a proper amendment to the *BCO*.

11. That Overture 14 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

12. That Overture 15 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

13. That Overture 16 be found in order and that it be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

14. That both the appeal of Mr. Lockman and the reference from the Presbytery of Gulf Coast be found in order and placed in the hands of a Judicial Commission appointed by the Eighth General Assembly. This Commission to be given the authority to make final disposition of the matter as requested by the Presbytery of Gulf Coast. It is recommended that the General Assembly keep in mind the geographical location close at hand to the Presbytery in question in order to keep the cost within reason.

15. That the complaint of TE Road Mays against the Presbytery of New River be found in order and that a Judicial Commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly.

16. That the complaint of TE Byron Snapp and TE James Hope against Calvary Presbytery be found in order and that a Judicial Commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly.

17. That the complaint of RE James H. Campbell, *et al*, against the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic be found in order, and that due to the extenuating circumstances, its lateness in being filed be excused, and the case be heard, and a Judicial Commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly.

18. That the complaint of TE Carl W. Bogue, *et al*, against Ascension Presbytery be found in order, and that a Judicial Commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly, if possible.

## Appendix E

### REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

#### INTRODUCTION

##### A. Philosophy

"For the perfecting (equipping) of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ . . . that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine . . . but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ; from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth . . ." (Eph. 4:12-16).

The PCA's permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications is attempting to follow the above instruction from the Scripture. It has kept as its purpose equipping the saints for ministry. The goals are propagating sound doctrine, encouraging interpersonal relationships and communication within the Church and beyond. We have attempted to combine the practice of truth and love, emphasizing the interdependence of each member with the other.

Because Ephesians 4:14 emphasizes God's will that His Church be highly doctrinal, and because Ephesians 4:15 underscores that truth must be combined with love, and because Ephesians 4:16 teaches that believers are part of Christ's body, hence in need of each other, Christian Education and Publications through its programs has attempted to keep these basic foundational truths before the Church.

All of our materials and programs have been provided with the hopes and desires that the PCA as a denomination and its particular churches will demonstrate the principles set forth in Ephesians 4:12-16.

##### B. Present Programs

We have worked from a firm conviction that without a solid foundation the Church will not fulfill her task. Hence, we have concentrated on building and strengthening of foundations. Growing out of this, we have made available programs for local churches and presbyteries that, we believe, assist them in growing towards the likeness of the Church that is described in Scripture.

Members of the Committee and staff have personally worked within churches and presbyteries to give instruction first to the officers of the church. We have acted from a firm conviction that the church leaders (officers) are the key to church growth. We have given special attention to the area of officer training both from a seminar level of instruction and from developing and recommending materials that we believe to be crucial to good Christian leadership.

Through our Christian Education seminars, we have helped numerous churches develop Christian Education programs that are enabling leaders and teachers to have an impact on the life of the churches as the Scripture is studied, taught and applied locally.

Because 1980 is the 200th anniversary of the modern Sunday School movement, we have given particular attention to that aspect of church training and development within the total framework of the Church School and her ministry. The modern Sunday School, statistically, continues to be the number one key in church growth and discipleship. Our instruction and materials are designed self-consciously to stimulate Christian growth, through evangelism and education.

We have given particular attention to family ministries on the basis that there has to be close interdependence of the home and the church in equipping God's covenant people. Through family and marriage seminars, conferences, resources for Christian Day Schools and devotional materials, we are attempting to place strong emphasis on the home, as God's basic unit within His creation. We have continually encouraged strong coordination between the home and the church in the training of children, youth and adults.

##### C. Future Programs

We are anxious to continue to expand our programs and resources in the near future. The area of audio-visuals continues to be a most needed area of concentration. The CE/P Committee is aware that without the prayers and support of the denomination it cannot carry out its task. As you read the details of our work contained in this report, we solicit your prayers and support. We must not delay nor fail to take advantage of God's opened door in the area of discipleship (Christian growth) through Christian Education.

#### I. CURRICULA

##### A. Adult Bible Series

The adult education series of Bible study, a six-and-one-half-year project, is now halfway completed. Publication of the accompanying family devotional materials was dropped during the past year due to lack of funds. However, the use of the Bible study materials has been most encouraging.

##### B. Adult Doctrinal Series

The Christian Education and Publications Committee presently is now preparing a six volume doctrinal series, setting forth the distinctive systematic doctrines of our Presbyterian faith. The project will be a unique approach to the study of theology using accompanying visual materials.

##### C. Diaconal Materials

A rough draft of the manual on "Diaconal Ministries" is being edited, and the publication should be available for church use this fall.

##### D. Other Materials

A Bible memory course is now available for children. "With My Whole Heart", a study for the WIC is also available. There are now nine different titles for local WIC's. The new study of 1982 will be on prayer.



A recommendation pertaining to the printing of the Presbyterian Church in America doctrinal standards follows.

We would call attention also to other materials available from the Christian Education and Publications office such as the PCA tracts, certificates and a variety of recommended materials. A full line of audio-visual equipment is also available through the bookstore.

The CE/P staff continues to review materials from other publishers in order to assist local churches in the area of resources. A quarterly bulletin with Christian Education news and ideas will be mailed to your local church. This will be a further attempt to be of assistance to churches in keeping them aware of resources available for their Christian Education programs.

**E. Great Commission Publications (GCP)**

GCP, a joint venture of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America has developed a substantial body of material for local church education. Three major projects within the past year have been the new senior high program, the final year of the Vacation Bible School materials, and several adult study books.

Working jointly with GCP, CE/P is presently developing pre-school material. If the funding of this project is realized, these materials will be offered for use in September, 1981. Mrs. Susan Hunt of the CE/P staff and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of the GCP staff are working together on this needed project.

The present program of GCP calls for the production of 16 adult studies and the revision of the Primary and Junior High materials over the next three years.

A good number of PCA churches have begun using GCP titles during the past year. A total of 58% of PCA congregations are now using this Assembly-approved material.

There are more than 350 churches outside the two parent denominations using the GCP materials. This gives us an important outreach ministry and the hopes of a greater outreach as the program grows.

The popular *Trinity Hymnal* recommended by the General Assembly has been reprinted. This edition contains the same 750 hymns, Psalter, *Westminster Confession of Faith* included in earlier editions plus the *Shorter Catechism*. More than 113,000 hymnals have been sold to date.

Your prayers and support are needed to enable us to continue to develop our GCP program. There is nothing available like this that is uniquely Presbyterian and consistent with the PCA's confessional position.

The PCA was able to contribute only \$100,000 of its budgeted \$175,000 in 1979. Because the contributions from the two denominations are used basically to meet salaries and because both churches' contributions were down in 1979, much needed editorial staff was somewhat curtailed. This meant that the projected rate of new program development was not realized. However, the sales continued to increase in 1979 thus enabling the production of the programs mentioned above.

The GCP Board of Directors is made up of 12 members, six from the PCA and six from the OPC. They are elected by each denomination's Christian Education Committee. They are:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. John Spencer (PCA Chairman) | Mr. F. Kingsley Elder (OPC)      |
| Mr. Gene Parks (PCA)            | Mr. Peyton H. Gardner (OPC)      |
| Mr. O. H. Smith (PCA)           | Mr. Robert Ashlock (OPC)         |
| The Rev. John Reeves (PCA)      | The Rev. Jim Bosgraf (OPC)       |
| The Rev. Dan Barr (PCA)         | The Rev. Don Poundstone (OPC)    |
| The Rev. David Bryson (PCA)     | The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney (OPC) |

The following is a summary statement offered to the General Assembly as a partial report of the financial status of the joint venture, prepared from the annual audit report for its year ending June 30, 1979:

<b>Financial Position:</b>	
Total assets .....	\$ 273,209
Less total liabilities .....	314,445
Equity — Fund Balance .....	(41,236)
<b>Income and fund balance:</b>	
Sales \$345,069 less cost of goods sold \$351,435 .....	(6,366)
Selling and other operating expenses .....	247,805
Net loss from operations .....	(254,171)
Contributions from PCA and others .....	205,117
Net loss for the year .....	(49,054)
Add beginning fund balance, July 1, 1978 .....	7,818
Fund balance end of year, June 30, 1979 .....	(41,236)

**II. HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A. Covenant College**

Under the present stage of the plan for joint governance of Covenant College by the RPCES and the PCA, the PCA has the privilege of having six members of the Board of thirty members.

According to the plan for joint governance, both churches were to take two votes for entrance and continuation in the plan. The RPCES has already taken its second vote (in 1979) in the affirmative. The PCA General Assembly is being asked to do so this year.

The College experienced a smaller enrollment this year (1979-80) than had been anticipated. This meant that there had to be a reworking of the budget during this past academic year, since it had been projected on the basis of incomes from a larger student body than actually attended. This year's number of PCA students

remained fairly constant with the previous year. We need to encourage more of our students to attend Covenant College, in order to help make Covenant College more closely identified with the PCA as her College.

God has blessed Covenant College with academically and spiritually capable administration and faculty. With Covenant College's philosophy of purpose and approach to Christian Education, we believe that it offers much to young people in the area of higher education. It is worthy of our prayers, utilization and financial support. The young people that are enrolled at the College are being trained to be leaders in all walks of life.

The plan for joint governance calls for a second step, when the PCA may elect nine members to the Board, as contrasted to its present six. This takes place, either when the PCA sends an equal number of students to the College as the RPCES does, or contributes \$2,500,000 to the Capital and Endowment Funds. As of the Fall of 1979, the RPCES had 147 students in the College as compared with 67 from the PCA. Thus, if the PCA would send a larger number of students to the College, the PCA may have a larger voice in the affairs of the College.

The other route by which a larger voice may be given to the PCA is through the financial route. It should be reported that to date the PCA is credited with \$759,000 toward the \$2,500,000 required for entering the second phase. One of the PCA Board members, Mr. Oliver Smith, Jr. has made a very generous gift to the College of 11 acres of land in the Knoxville, Tennessee area. The land is appraised at over \$760,000. Mr. Smith has asked that the College hold the land for a period of time, since it is anticipated that it will increase in value. When it is sold, the proceeds are to be used as an endowment to insure the operation of the chapel. The gift is to serve as a living memorial to Dr. Marion Barnes, the former President of the College, and Dr. Luder Whitlock, who introduced Covenant College to Mr. Smith.

The College continues to labor under financial strain. A challenge gift of \$250,000 has been offered to the College. The attention of our people is called to this opportunity to give to the College, and to assist it to obtain this gift. Presently, PCA support comes from either individuals or local churches. The College is not in the Assembly's budget. Therefore, we would encourage our members to consider support for the College.

### III. CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Because of the increasing interest among PCA members in the Christian Day School movement and because many PCA churches presently operate such institutions, the CE/P Committee has established a sub-committee on Christian Day Schools. It is hoped that the Committee can be a helpful resource to those churches either in a present program or those projecting future schools.

### IV. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

#### A. The PCA's Program for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry

For three consecutive years the General Assembly has endorsed the approach to theological training of the candidates for the gospel ministry known as the 3 + 1 years and 2 + 2 training program. These two approaches with suggested models are detailed in the *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly, (1979)* (pp. 190, 191). The 22-Man Sub-Committee consisting of elected representatives continues to serve the Assembly until at least seven presbyteries have submitted plans which have been approved as meeting the PCA requirements.

We continue to maintain the position of not endorsing seminaries on the Assembly level but rather have concentrated on working with presbyteries to develop their own program of theological training, using whatever institutions may be acceptable both to the presbytery and the candidate involved.

Thus far, the 22-Man Committee has approved four plans of theological training from four presbyteries: Central Florida, Evangel, Warrior and Western Carolinas. If the Assembly completes the constitutional action on the proposed requirement of the one year of licensure, each presbytery at that time will be required to develop a plan which will be submitted to the Certification Committee for approval.

We encourage the other presbyteries to follow the example of the four listed above in order to facilitate their training of ministerial candidates.

At the end of the 1978 statistical year, the Stated Clerk's office reported that there were 159 candidates distributed throughout our presbyteries in training for the gospel ministry in the PCA.

#### B. Continuing Education for Ministers

The PCA through CE/P continues to present the annual continuing education program for its ministers. The March 1979 Conference was held in Greenville, S.C. and the March 1980 conference was held in Birmingham, AL. Location for the March 1981 conference will be announced later by the CE/P office.

#### C. NAPARC Theological Education Program

The Coordinator of CE/P and the Stated Clerk have represented the PCA in the NAPARC Conference on Theological Education. The last major NAPARC Conference dealt extensively with "ministerial dropouts". In light of things learned from that Conference, we believe the approach of the PCA's 3 + 1 years and/or 2 + 2 years program will be of much help to alleviate frustrations and dropouts among the candidates.

### V. THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

#### A. Love Gift

Once again a special word of commendation belongs to the local WIC for the generous support of the Love Gift. In 1979 it was directed toward church building in Mexico and Ecuador. Their total contribution amounted to slightly over \$40,000. While this also increased the local churches reported going to World Missions, the WIC groups were the catalyst in this major undertaking.

The CE/P Committee and the entire Assembly are continually grateful for the contribution of service demonstrated by local WIC's.

#### B. Advisory Sub-Committee

Six ladies from throughout the denomination serve as an advisory sub-committee for the WIC ministry. They meet quarterly and host an annual meeting for the presidents of the presbyteries WIC organizations. The

conference for presidents was held at Stone Mountain, Ga. in March of 1980. Three-fourths of our presbyteries were represented.

The present Advisory Sub-Committee is made up of:

Mrs. Sue Fowler (Tennessee Valley)  
 Mrs. Emalyn Spencer (Evangel)  
 Mrs. Ginger Blaylock (Louisiana)  
 Mrs. Iola Magee (Grace)  
 Mrs. Emily Russell (Western Carolinas)  
 Mrs. Bea Annis (Southern Florida)

### C. Training Programs

A brief slide/tape training film for local WIC's is being prepared by the CE/P staff and will soon be made available to the Church.

## VI. FAMILY MINISTRIES

### A. Local Seminars

The CE/P staff includes family and marriage seminar programs for local churches. Several were conducted in 1979. Believing there is a growing need to minister within families, the CE/P has continued to encourage local churches in their own family ministries.

### B. Family Conference

The highlight of the year is the annual PCA Family Conference held at Covenant College. The 1979 Conference attracted families from twelve states during the July week. The 1980 Conference is scheduled for Covenant College July 14-18, 1980. Dr. Jay Adams, Dr. Palmer Robertson and Rev. Terry Gyger will be the featured speakers.

The purpose of the Conference is to give PCA families from across the Church an opportunity for fun and fellowship, as well as study in the Scriptures. Full programs for children, youth and adults are available.

July 13-17, 1981 has been set aside as 1981 Conference date.

## VII. MEDIA

### A. Denominational Magazine

The Assembly assigned to the CE/P Committee the task of publishing the official denominational magazine. It is known as *The PCA Messenger*. The publication is financed from the CE/P budget and mailed monthly to the homes of PCA members. With some 27,000 on the present mailing list, nearly 90% of the PCA families receive the *Messenger*.

The purpose of the *Messenger*, is to keep the grassroots of the PCA informed about the news of the denomination. This involves reporting the programs, actions and projections of the permanent committees and sub-committees of the Assembly.

The *Messenger* is a key to presenting the whole work of the Church. It is our hope that as the families receive the monthly publication, it will be read thereby generating prayer and support for the Assembly's programs.

Names to be included on the mailing list should be mailed to the CE/P office, Box 39, Decatur, Ga. 30031. Because this project is financed from CE/P budget, there is no subscription fee.

### B. Other Studies

The CE/P Committee is continuing to study the need for further programs in the area of news. Because the PCA is a national church there appears to be an increasing need to expand the news coverage of the PCA.

## VIII. FINANCES

The support of the CE/P budget continues to bring blessings, frustration, challenges and humility. The contributions for 1979 see-sawed each month. The year-end total was 74% of the budget, the same percentage as 1978.

While God in His providence enabled us to develop some new programs and materials, to expand the *Messenger* to a monthly schedule, cut backs were made because the budget was not fully subscribed.

Some have been consistently faithful as individuals and churches with generous support. This has brought much encouragement. We have had to deal with disappointments also in not being able to meet the approved budget. We have sought to be good stewards with your contributions. We did not attempt to spend beyond the contributions.

There are so many needs that we are aware of across the Church in numerous areas. We only regret that we have not been able to respond to requests for assistance in certain areas of program materials and training.

Please pray with us that 1980 will show an increase in prayers and support throughout the Church and that the needed staff and programs will be made possible by your help.

We offer the following proposed 1981 budget not as our attempt to project realistic goals for that year but in hopes that God will enable us to move forward to meet the challenges and needs of local churches and presbyteries.

(Clerk's note: The text of the budget is found in the Report of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries.)

## IX. OTHERS

Because 60% to 75% of each local church's program falls under the umbrella of Christian Education, the needs are many. The Assembly's CE/P Committee is constantly planning ways of offering more help to the local church.

Materials, seminars, equipment and programs are needed on a week-to-week schedule. Some things can be done locally. Outside help is needed for many others. No one church has the capability of developing a full

program consistent with the PCA's position and needs. The Committee continues to be receptive to suggestions and requests for assistance from throughout the denomination.

We want to develop some basic Bible study materials that will disciple new Christians into the faith and the Church. We are in hopes of developing more programs and resources in the area of audio-visual materials. Presently, we offer quite a storehouse of tape programs through the Mt. Olive Tape Library.

Over 100 churches and civic groups used the Assembly's slide/tape program on Abortion. More than 300 local WIC's and churches used the slide/tape program in church building in Mexico and Ecuador.

We must not miss out on the importance of the electronic media and means of evangelization and education in God's Word. Please pray for us as the Committee sets priorities. We believe that God has given us unique opportunities and open doors. You can help us by making your needs known, and by supporting our work.

## **X. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the minutes of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications be approved.
2. That the proposed budget for 1981 be approved as presented by the Stewardship Committee.
3. That the Rev. Charles H. Dunahoo be elected Coordinator for the Christian Education and Publications Committee for 1981, and that he and his staff be highly commended for the earnest and hard work during the 1979/1980 years.
4. That expressions of thanks be given to the churches using the educational program and materials produced by the CE/P and the joint venture known as Great Commission Publications.
5. That churches not using the materials be encouraged to review and evaluate carefully the possibility of using the available programs from the CE/P Committee.
6. That special prayer be given during the year for the continued development of a full program in Christian Education for local churches.
7. That churches be encouraged to utilize the "Diaconal Training Manual" produced by CE/P as directed by the Fifth General Assembly which is scheduled for publication in early September 1980.
8. That the Westminster Standards be published for the PCA in similar style as the present Book of Church Order, using the same study edition already approved.
9. That the General Assembly, with the approval of this recommendation, in accordance with the original "plan of joint governance of Covenant College," affirm its desire to continue the plan.
10. That the Assembly elect two persons to the Board of Covenant College in connection with the report of the Nominating Committee's report.
11. That Covenant College continue to be commended to our churches and to our people for support in prayer, students and finances.
12. That local churches continue to encourage their young people to participate in the Career Planning Program sponsored by Covenant College.
13. That the General Assembly continue to support the development of a CE/P scholarship fund for ministerial candidates.
14. That local churches utilize the resources from the CE/P office regarding Christian Day Schools.
15. That the General Assembly direct the Presbyteries to continue to develop their plan of education for ministerial candidates following the suggestions and guidelines contained in the *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly*, pages 189-190.
16. That the 1981 Love Gift of the WIC be designated for CE/P to be used in the developing of an audio-visual training department by the CE/P Committee, and that they be commended for the support for the 1980 Love Gift project.
17. That local WIC's be encouraged to use resources from the CE/P office in Decatur, Ga.
18. That the 1981 PCA Family Conference be held during the second week in July.
19. That the annual Continuing Education Conference for Ministers be held during either the first or second week in March 1981 and that all PCA ministers be encouraged to participate.
20. That local sessions consider assisting in the financing of their minister(s) attendance at the Continuing Education Conference.
21. That all sessions be encouraged to enroll their families on the *PCA Messenger* mailing list.
22. That all permanent committees and sub-committees of the General Assembly be encouraged to use the *PCA Messenger* as the denomination's official news organ to keep the constituents informed as to the news and developments within the PCA.
23. That the General Assembly assign responsibility for coordination of all PCA disaster relief efforts:
  - a) Within the 50 states of the USA to Mission to the United States;
  - b) Outside the 50 states of the USA to Mission to the World.

## Appendix F

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

## INTRODUCTION

Christ promised the twelve, through their spokesman, Peter, that He would build His Church and that the onslaughts of Hell would not overcome it. Ours is the comfort of the Scriptures as we labor in our assigned task of witnessing to America and gathering the fruit of our labor into a Church that is faithful to the apostolic faith and discipline.

In the year 1979, God graciously blessed the Presbyterian Church in America with both spiritual and physical growth. To that end He used all parts of the body of which your Committee was one part. We cannot evaluate spiritual growth easily, except as physical development is an expression of inner vitality, but we can in this report tell the Assembly some of the visible accomplishments.

## A YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

1. The year has witnessed some change and growth in the administrative staff. An organizational chart, approved by the Committee in December, provided spaces for an Assistant Coordinator for Special Ministries, an Assistant Coordinator for Church Development and a Director of Financial Programs (including 5 in 5). The Rev. Dwight Linton was chosen to fill the position as Assistant Coordinator for Special Ministries. He has taken the place of The Rev. David Clowney who was Director of the Urban, Poor and Minority Ministries. Mr. Allen Duble was chosen as Director of Financial Programs, working part-time at least through July 1980, and he has taken the place of The Rev. Donald Graham who was Director of 5 in 5. The Committee wishes to acknowledge to the Assembly its gratitude for the selfless and fruitful service of both Mr. Graham and Mr. Clowney.

2. In March 1979, we had twenty-nine men under full or partial support and had committed the Committee to begin the support of eight other ministries in the first six months of 1979. In March of 1980, when this report was written, we were committed to the support of thirty-four men or ministries. Nine of these were special ministries (UPM). We are in the process of planting churches in 19 states. Some of these ministries, outside the bounds of any Presbytery, receive no financial support from the Assembly's Committee, but they do receive guidance, encouragement and the prayer support generated by the M-US office.

3. While evangelism and church planting are primary, the development of the Church is also accomplished by helping those evangelicals confronted by the dead-end street of denominational liberalism to find a new and mutually beneficial relationship within the PCA. Much time has been spent by your Committee in representing the PCA before these people, many of them in the north, and only now are we beginning to see positive results. We encourage the Assembly to pray for those in the midst of their struggles.

4. We believe that the worth of your Committee's efforts should be judged by the fruit of developed churches or new additions to the rolls of our Presbyteries. Through the last General Assembly, M-US had made an average expenditure of \$9,500.00 in each of forty church planting efforts which had come to self-support and organization as particular churches. In the one year, 1978, each of those forty churches returned to Assembly causes, besides other benevolent giving, an average of \$3,250. In 1979 at least 13 churches that were nurtured by the Assembly's Committee were added to our presbyteries.

5. Three hundred and three churches contributed to the Assembly's M-US program in 1979. These annual contributions ranged from \$5.00 to a high of \$49,000. Seventy-one percent of the Committee's expenditures came from churches.

6. If the 1979 expenditures of your M-US Committee were put in "apple pie order," the division of the pie would look like this: Organizing Pastors 39%, Administrative and Office 22%, Urban-Poor-Minorities 20%, Miscellaneous one-time projects (Mobile chapels, computer, etc.) 15%, Assembly and Stewardship 4%.

7. Perhaps a major shift in direction for M-US is toward regional development of the Church with the intent of establishing new presbyteries or strengthening those that are as yet unable to capitalize on their opportunities to develop the Church within their own boundaries. While we seek to strengthen the Pacific Presbytery as a whole, we see its territories as distinct regions to be developed into new presbyteries with more limited and practical boundaries. The example of a region in which we have no presbytery but where much concentrated development is required is New England. We are now in the process of developing an experienced church planting team of New Englanders, tapping the expertise of those already in the area. The student manpower of those at Gordon-Conwell and the financial ability of individuals including a friendly Foundation — all under the heading of PCA Ministries in New England. This will be our new MINE from which to extract spiritual wealth as the churches of the Assembly hold the ropes.

8. Following the approval of the Campus Ministries Manual by the Seventh General Assembly, the M-US Committee entered into association with one presbytery for the shared support of a campus ministry. Your Committee has also endorsed 4 candidates for the military chaplaincy. The list of Chaplains in the minutes of the Seventh General Assembly remains unchanged.

9. The reports of our Special Ministries Sub-Committee (UPM) and the 5 in 5 Campaign are attached as a part of this report.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Sunday, November 23, 1980, be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving for the ministries of the Assembly M-US Committee, and that a special offering be taken during the Thanksgiving



Season to go toward the work of our Ministries in New England, that place where the first American Thanksgiving was held, and which later became the center of the Great Awakening. We pray for a new awakening!

2. That The Rev. J. Philip Clark be re-elected as Coordinator of the Committee on Mission to the United States.

3. That the Assembly hear and act on the Committee's nomination of The Rev. Dwight Linton as Assistant Coordinator for Special Ministries.

4. That the budget for 1980 be approved as presented by the Sub-Committee on Stewardship.

5. That the Assembly approve the additions to the M-US Policy Manual as presented in Appendix A.

6. That the M-US Committee be granted one year to answer the request of the Seventh General Assembly that a manual of operations be prepared. The Committee does have a question as to whether the detail of an Operations Manual would profitably occupy the Assembly's time.

7. That the Assembly hear and act on the recommendations made in the special report on 5 in 5. Appendix B.

8. That the Assembly hear and act on the recommendations made in the report on Special Ministries (UPM). Appendix C.

9. That the Assembly receive the current list of Organizing Pastors, supported by the Assembly M-US Committee, as information. Appendix D.

10. That the Assembly receive and approve the report of the Reformed Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel. Appendix E.

11. That the General Assembly now hear the report of the formation of a Provisional Presbytery in the northeast, and grant that presbytery, upon the date of its formal organization, September 19, 1980, the right to choose a name and be thereafter a separate presbytery of this Assembly. The boundaries of the presbytery will include the following counties: Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Berks, Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Perry, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams and North Hampton in Pennsylvania; the counties of Mercer, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May in New Jersey; and the county of New Castle in Delaware.

The ministers, churches and mission churches of the presbytery are here named: their petitions will be provided to the Committee of Commissioners.

#### **Churches**

Fairfield Church, Fairton, NJ

Covenant Church, Abington, Pa.

Immanuel Church, West Chester, Pa.

(not voted as of April 1)

Gethsemane Chapel, West Grove, Pa.

Berith Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

West Springfield Community Church,

Mass. (Outside Bounds)

#### **Mission Churches**

Village Presbyterian Church,

Moorestown, N.J.

#### **Teaching Elders**

Timothy Rott

Harry N. Miller, Jr.

Frank E. Coho

Christian Keidel

Lawrence C. Roff

Thomas D. Hudson

George S. Clark

J. Robert Vannoy

Erwin Morrison

O. Palmer Robertson

George C. Fuller

Ray Dillard

James C. Pakala

Thomas R. Patete

Alfred LaValley

Albert C. Hitchcock

12. Finally, in light of our nation's deep spiritual need, a need which is recognized to also exist far beyond the present boundaries of the PCA or the influence of our particular churches, your Committee on Mission to the U. S. urges the Eighth General Assembly to impress upon its people, churches and presbyteries the gigantic task given to this Committee in order that there may be a great outpouring of prayer, fellowship of concern and financial support for our ministries in America.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Mission to the U. S.

James M. Baird, Chairman  
Stuart Perrin, Vice Chairman

Charles Turner, Secretary  
J. Philip Clark, Coordinator

**Appendix A**  
**REPORT ON REQUEST OF THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**FOR AN ADDITION TO THE M-US POLICY MANUAL**  
**"TRAINING OF ORGANIZING PASTORS"**

(Adopted as amended by the Eighth General Assembly)

**Explanation:** The Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States made a report to the Seventh General Assembly, which report was approved, regarding the revision of the existing Mission to the United States Policy Manual.

**Background:**

1. The Fourth General Assembly in 1976 approved a Policy Manual submitted by the Permanent Committee on Mission to the U.S. However, the Committee of Commissioners on M-US made the following recommendation which was adopted: "That the Policy Manual include a section establishing guidelines for all non-ordained personnel working for Mission to the United States in mission churches. Example: Seminary students on clinical year leaves."

2. The Permanent Committee then petitioned the Fifth Assembly in 1977: "The Committee be granted an extension of one year on the Policy Manual dealing with the establishing of guidelines for all non-ordained personnel working for Mission to the United States in mission churches. Example: Seminary students on clinical leaves." The Assembly granted the request.

3. Since the Sixth General Assembly in 1978 met at a time of transition for the Permanent Committee, that Committee of Commissioners asked for another year to prepare a revised M-US Policy Manual. The Committee of Commissioners in the Sixth Assembly placed that request on the Assembly floor, but in doing so added substantially to the assignment originated two years before: "That the M-US Committee be granted another year to prepare a revised M-US Policy Manual, and that a new M-US Policy Manual **including a training program for organizing pastors** be presented to all presbytery M-US committee chairmen for their suggestions before the final draft is prepared, and that the Permanent Committee present the revised Policy Manual to the Seventh General Assembly."

**Grounds:** A real need felt by some of the organizing pastors for more training.

4. The Committee on Mission to the United States called a meeting of those who represented M-US Committees in our various presbyteries in the spring of 1979 and requested that they work over documents to be presented to the Seventh General Assembly, including one on Training of Organizing Pastors and one on Guidelines on Unordained Personnel. The final drafts were sent to presbytery M-US committees for comment and then presented to the Seventh General Assembly. The Committee of Commissioners made the following recommendations regarding these two documents which recommendations were adopted:

5. That Recommendation 4 of M-US, to approve the "Training Manual for Organizing Pastors" be replaced by the following:
  - a. That Attachment A (p. 198, entitled "Training Manual for Organizing Pastors" be approved with the title deleted, and included as part of the operational policy manual of M-US. *Adopted.*
  - b. That Attachments A, "Progress Report from Organizing Pastor", and B, "Progress Report from Treasurer" (p. 201), be received as information and be regarded as operational procedures. *Adopted.*
  - c. That M-US prepare a revised policy manual for approval by the Eighth General Assembly for information and an operation manual to be in conformity with the policy manual. These two manuals shall be extractions from all policy previously approved by all General Assemblies. Any changes in future operational procedure shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners of M-US yearly for review. Any procedures that are found not to be in conformity with the Policy Manual are to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly for consideration and action.

**Grounds:**

- 1) There has been an increasing proliferation of documents created by past General Assembly actions as policy, of which some are policy and others are merely operational directives which have been approved as policy; and
  - 2) The Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly, 6-51, Recommendation A, page 76, call for a training program and not a manual, but Attachment A is neither a training manual nor a training program. *Adopted.*
7. The Attachment B (p. 203) the "Guidelines for Lay Ministries" be approved as presented. *Adopted.*

Thus, the mandate carried over from the Fourth Assembly, to add a section to the M-US manual on lay workers was satisfied, but the requirement to fit into the manual a section on the training of organizing pastors was not yet satisfied. It is the Permanent Committee's belief that the Assembly has, from 1976, only wanted to add a brief section to the excellent Policy Manual accepted in that year, and not to require the Committee to undertake a complete rewrite. This issue may have become confused as the original request was translated from Assembly to Assembly.



Therefore, the Permanent Committee on Mission to the United States has taken the concepts on training approved by the Seventh Assembly after review by presbytery M-US committees, and presents them to the Eighth Assembly with the request that they be inserted under the section titled "The Organizing Pastor" instead of the present very brief section C. At the same time, the very brief sub-section 4 under A should be eliminated. The section to be added would then read as follows:

C. Training of Organizing Pastors

1. General — In addition to natural attributes and spiritual gifts (A, 1 & 2 above), an organizing pastor will benefit from professional preparation for his call. Specialized preparation should begin as soon as he decides to minister in church planting and should continue after his appointment.

2. Goals — Organizing pastor is expected to develop further his knowledge and skills in areas essential to church planting, examples of which are the ability to train others in personal witnessing, discipleship, leadership training and skills, and organizational skills.

3. Methods — Continuing education for the organizing pastor is a joint responsibility of all parties:

- a. Self-study — whether through formal courses, home study, periodicals or seminars, the organizing pastor should continue studying subjects related to his call.
- b. Personal contact — guidance, counsel and instruction should be provided by the entire PCA church planting team. This team could include:
  - 1) The Coordinator of M-US and his staff
  - 2) The presbytery's Minister of Church Growth
  - 3) The chairman of the presbytery M-US committee
  - 4) A senior minister and his session in a nearby church to whom the organizing pastor is assigned for assistance and evaluation.
- c. Seminars
  - 1) The organizing pastor should attend available training seminars sponsored by M-US or other organizations.
- d. Clinical Ministry
  - 1) As indicated on an individual basis, the Committee may spend funds to place a man in a clinical ministry or supervised field work.

4. Evaluating Accomplishments

- a. The Organizing Pastor will be evaluated by the Mission to the United States according to his diligence in the various aspects of his ministry, his accomplishment of the goals and objectives outlined in this manual and the specific measurable goals for church growth mutually arrived at by the various parties involved. In addition, there will be continued evaluation of the location where the organizing pastor is ministering. It is possible that the M-US Committee may in some instances determine over time that a certain area is resistant to the Gospel and that that is the major factor why certain church growth goals have not been reached. The M-US Committee may, however, still be convinced that the organizing pastor is diligent and qualified so that, instead of eventually terminating his financial support, it may rather move him to a different place of service.
- b. The function of the Coordinator and his staff is to support, encourage and aid according to the organizing pastor's need. But he also has the responsibility to report to the Committee at regular intervals the progress or the lack of it. To evaluate progress, tools must be employed:
  - 1) A report form will be completed by the organizing pastor at least on a quarterly basis and forwarded to the Coordinator with a copy to the office his presbytery may designate.
  - 2) A companion financial report form will be completed by the organizing pastor or the session of the congregation served by the organizing pastor.
  - 3) A semi-annual report of progress will be made by at least one member of the church planting team. (Cf., Par. G., 3., & b, above).
  - 4) An annual report from the General Assembly M-US staff or a Committee member based on a personal visit to the area of ministry.
- c. The Committee on Mission to the United States will:
  - 1) Receive a summary progress report from the Coordinator on each organizing pastor twice in each year (usually in March and September), and take any appropriate action.
  - 2) Determine any resulting changes in the terms of the "Call" to the organizing pastor, and send revised call to the pastor, his presbytery, and when applicable, to the Session he serves.

**Appendix B**  
**REPORT TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**BY**  
**THE FIVE IN FIVE CAMPAIGN**  
**Prepared by E. Allen Duble**

Fathers and Brethren:

On the day that I write this brief report to the Eighth General Assembly I am struck by contrasts. In the morning I met with a group of four men who are convinced of the Lord's leading to step out on faith and claim a piece of inner-city property which offers all of the special multi-purpose requirements of an urban ministry, including day care, a thrift store, a youth ministry and more. The funds needed in 40 days are \$134,000, yet the group meeting is a modest 25 persons of extraordinary vision. Can 5-in-5 help?

In the afternoon I talked on the telephone to an organizing pastor whom M-US supported at \$500 per month to assist him on the field three years ago. He meets in a school with a group of 650 people who have bought 18½ acres of land for \$100,000 cash, and would seem to be well along the way toward a church building. However, they have been advised that construction must be underway by late summer before the School Board will renew their option on the meeting facilities. This group has found that even with their property the banks will not make a long-term loan because of today's financial climate.

On this day with barely 12 days of service for this acting director of 5-in-5, it becomes painfully clear that indeed the harvest of opportunities is ripe but the General Assembly's visionary goal is painfully short of the mark and has become greatly diminished even in its ability to perform, due to the inflationary crisis in our economy. It would be a major discouragement if it were not for our Glorious Provider who touches the hearts of His people.

On December 31, 1979, pledges on record in this office from 109 churches and 114 individuals to the 5-in-5 program total \$1,754,123. Receipts to December 31, 1979, are \$454,874. (It should be noted in passing that attrition does occur in pledges and, in fact, one pledging church has been closed at the time of this report.)

How will we then provide the 5 million dollar revolving loan fund that has been envisioned by the General Assembly? It will only be accomplished by the hearty and sacrificial giving of those churches and individuals whom God has prospered with faith and resources.

And how will we sustain and safeguard such a fund from the inroads of inflation? Will there be anything left to revolve?

It is to this last question that I plan to focus my attention and to request the counsel of a number of the leaders of the denomination in the weeks ahead. I will hope to have some special recommendations concerning that question by the time of General Assembly.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To acknowledge with thanks the tireless efforts of Donald C. Graham in his work to build the 5-in-5 program to the level it has reached in December, 1979.

2. To reaffirm the idea and the goal of the 5-in-5 program (on the basis of one dollar-per month-per member-over-five-years-asking).

3. To encourage the churches who have not yet made their pledge to this special assembly-wide program to do so prayerfully and promptly in order to facilitate the building of the church.

4. To affirm the formation of a special 5-in-5 taskforce as a sub-committee of the Mission to the U.S. Committee to achieve the 5 million dollar goal promptly and to structure a strategy to safeguard it from the erosion of inflation and the debilitating influences of the economy.

5. To consider the following change in the 5-in-5 program:

Faced with the effect of skyrocketing inflation on 5-in-5 funds, we recommend that the fund be administered as an endowment, with loans for new church development being made from the interest received on these investment funds. This would, we believe, help safeguard the value of funds contributed against great financial erosion, and fulfill the original intention of the donors.

**Appendix C**  
**REPORT TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**BY**  
**THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON URBAN, POOR, & MINORITY MINISTRIES**  
**Prepared by Dwight Linton**  
**(As amended and approved by the Eighth General Assembly)**

**INTRODUCTION**

In the early days of His ministry, our Lord quoted the book of Isaiah to explain what He had come to do, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." (Luke 4: 18-19) Later we find Jesus — amazed at the faith of a Roman Centurion — predicting that, "... many shall come from east and west, and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven ..." (Matthew 8:11)

In these two passages, we meet the challenge that our Lord has laid on us and we are amazed as we see how His words, spoken two thousand years ago, describe so accurately our present situation. Our modern society has produced the "inner city" of today with its frustrating problems and we are called to minister at that point. God, in His wisdom, has brought millions from the east and the west to our very doorstep and it is our calling to invite them in to the feast. In many cases, these peoples of diverse cultures whom God has brought to our land have settled in the inner city and are the poor to whom we must minister. Whatever the situation, we who have the knowledge of the true Gospel must share it with them, recognizing the diversity in life-style and practice that will occur while holding firmly to the unity of our precious faith. We must pray that our beloved church will catch the vision of this mission field on our doorstep, and in obedience to our Lord, carry out this ministry.

**THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Since the last General Assembly the UMP Committee has met 4 times, and has reported its progress to the M-US Committee.

It has also:

- Called the Sam Lings to work as church planters in New York City among the Chinese in Queens.
- Worked out an agreement with Wycliffe, whereby Claude and Pat Sharpe can work among the Sea Island people along the coast of Georgia and South Carolina.
- Called the Jerry Douglasses to join the Levies in the work among the Navajos in Arizona.
- Attempted to help the CE Committee to raise support for the denomination's Scholarship Fund in order to make funds available to minority candidates. At present, sufficient funds have not been raised to meet the needs of those who have applied and been approved.
- Received with regret Rev. David Clowney's resignation as part-time director of UPM, effective May 1, 1980. His duties have been assumed by the new Assistant Coordinator of M-US, The Rev. Dwight Linton.
- Proposed and received approval from M-US for a revision of its structure and a procedure for appointing its members. The members of the new UPM Sub-Committee are: Charles Dunahoo, Earl H. Russell, Jr., Manuel Salabarria, Jim Hughes, Mitchell Hall, W. B. (Pete) Gibbs, Robert D. Wilcox, Charles C. Cox, Jr., John Seery, Robert Koren.
- Continued to develop its strategy proposal for presentation to the 1981 General Assembly, and entered into a contract with the Center for Urban Theological Studies in Philadelphia to help develop this proposal.
- Continued the supervision of the current UPM workers.
- Formulated a new approach to the work in New Jersey which will be an advisory board called "Mission to Essex County." This mission will provide a more efficient way of achieving our goals in that it will incorporate leadership training and church planting in one mission with the oversight of leaders in the immediate area. This will be done under the supervision of the M-US.
- Called Michael J. Gross to work with the Navajo Bible School in Window Rock, Arizona.
- Concurred in a call to Rev. Kevin Carr to fill the pastorate of the Navajo Church in Window Rock, Arizona.

### Appendix D ORGANIZING PASTORS SUPPORTED BY M-US

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>
Lonnie W. Barnes 303 Oak Street Greenville, NC 27834	Greenville Evangelical PC (Mission)	Eastern Carolina
Stephen R. Christian 15 Harrison St. Charleston, IL 61920 217/345-3425	New Life PC P.O. Box 254 Charleston, IL 61920	Mid-Atlantic
Charles Coe 2682 Southmoore Cove Germantown, TN 38138 901/754-5904	New Life PC P.O. Box 940 Munford, TN 38058	Covenant
	Whitehaven Reformed Fellowship P.O. Box 38942 Memphis, TN 38138	
Frank E. Coho, Jr. 32 Donohue Dr. Norwalk, CT 06851 203/846-9119	Evangelical PCA P.O. Box 4109 Stamford, CT 06907	Ascension
Wayne Curles 431 Kingswood Ct. Albany, GA 31707 912/439-1925		Central Georgia
David Dively 5049 Sherwood Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102 412/325-4241	South Hills Fellowship Pittsburgh, PA Team Ministry-Alvin Smith	Ascension
Paul Doriani 1405 E. 36th St. Erie, PA 16504 814/454-2361	Erie PCA	Ascension
Donald R. Esty 12914 Beechwood Dr. Sun City, AZ 85375 602/584-2320	Covenant PCA P.O. Box 1262 Sun City, AZ 85372	Pacific
Henry R. Gundlach 2913 Big Ben Ln. Garland, TX 75042 214/495-2532	North Dallas PC 5639 Forest Ln. Dallas, TX 75230	Texas
Kent T. Hinkson 16319 Fox Crossing Ln. Spring, TX 77379 713/376-3441	Spring-Cypress PC	Texas
Eugene Hunt 213 Di Jon Court Riverdale, GA 30296 404/461-1830	Covenant PCA 7214 G. Hwy. 85 Riverdale, GA 30274	North Georgia
William P. Laxton P.O. Box 706 Mooresville, NC 28115 704/758-1706	Statesville Mission and Faith PC	Central Carolina
G. Dale Linder 605 North 3rd St. LaVale, MD 21502 301/729-8613	Koinonia PCA	Ascension
Jerry W. Lynn Rt. 2, Box 724C Morganton, NC 28655		Western Carolina

Samuel B. McGinn, III Rt. 3, Box 357-A Gastonia, NC 28052 704/867-2736	South Point PCA Rt. 3, Box 355-A Gastonia, NC 28052	Central Carolina
David McKay 17 South Second Youngwood, PA 15697 412/925-8265	PCA of Greensburg P.O. Box 337 Greensburg, PA 15601	Ascension
Richard W. Markert 2804 Arlington Rd. Louisville, KY 40220 502/458-3464	Westminster PC P.O. Box 91144 Louisville, KY 40291	Tennessee Valley
Lewis MesKimen 25870 Balustrad Dr. Sun City, CA 92381 714/679-5635	First PC of Sun City	Pacific
Timothy D. Rott Rd #1, Box 1 Lewisville Rd. Lincoln Univ., PA 19352 215/593-2681	Gethsemane Chapel Rt. 2, Box 56A West Grove, PA 19390	Mid-Atlantic
Steven K. Schoof 204 Parkway Ct. Virginia Bch., VA 23452 804/340-4838	New Life PC	Mid-Atlantic
Charles E. Turner 22 W. Antelope Ln. Prescott, AZ 86301 602/778-2538	Prescott PCA P.O. Box 248 Prescott, AZ 86301	Pacific
Charles L. Wilson 3420 Rea Rd. Matthews, NC 28105 704/542-9603 (Res) 704/365-2273 (Ch)	Alexander PCA 7031 Alexander Rd. Matthews, NC 28105	Central Carolin
Robert C. Wilson 1201 Wentworth Pl. Fayetteville, NC 28304 919/484-9794	Cross Creek Pres. Mission P.O. Box 53364 Fayetteville, NC 28305	Central Carolin
William F. Woodhall 22396 Tanager St. Grand Terrace, CA 92324 714/824-5399 714/783-1548	Mountain View PCA	Pacific
James Workman 6608 Holly Spring Rd. Raleigh, NC 27606 919/851-0245	Peace Pres. Mission Cary, NC	Eastern Carolin
<b>Specialized Ministries</b> David Clowney 919 Gilbert Street, SE Atlanta, GA 30316 404/622-7274	New Covenant Fellowship	North Georgia
Mitchell Hall 495 Hemlock Circle, SE Atlanta, GA 30316 404/627-6847	New Covenant Fellowship	North Georgia
William T. Iverson 362 Warwick Avenue South Orange, NJ 07079 201/762-4759	Millburn-Short Hills Mission	Mid-Atlantic

Wayne F. Jamison  
319 East First Avenue  
New York, NY 10003  
212/673-2256

John Seery  
18 Spruce Terrace  
Wayne, NJ 07470  
201/694-2936

Jerry N. Douglas  
P.O. Box F  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Hillman Levie  
P.O. Box F  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Samuel Ling  
5542 N. American Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Manhattan PCA Mission

Ascension

Community Church of the  
Oranges

Mid-Atlantic

Navajo Bible School & Mission

Navajo Bible School & Mission

Chinese Work in Queens, NY



## Appendix E

### DRAFT CONSTITUTION REFORMED JOINT COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

*(Italics indicates changes, many of which were requested by the Seventh General Assembly.)*

#### ARTICLE I — NAME

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

#### ARTICLE II — PURPOSES

The Commission is an agent of its member denominations (not an ecclesiastical commission in the technical sense), created by them to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. Since the primary structure for such ministries is through formal chaplaincies, the principal activity and concern of the Commission shall be involved with chaplains.

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

1. By maintaining liaison with the appropriate contact point of each member denomination, and through their various presbyteries, to:

(a) provide current information regarding criteria, policies and procedures for the appointment of ministers as chaplains.

(b) *provide a technical service to the Presbyteries by recommending qualified candidates to the chaplaincy.*

2. By maintaining cooperative relationships with the Armed Forces Chaplain Board and the leadership of military and other institutional chaplaincies by:

(a) certifying to the proper agencies the ecclesiastical endorsements and approvals granted by the member denominations through their various presbyteries.

(b) serving as a representative body for problems referred by or concerning chaplains, both individually and collectively.

3. By maintaining contact and liaison with individual chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and other institutions through regular reports, newsletters, written correspondence, and personal visits *as authorized by the Commission. Ordinarily personal visits shall be made only in consultation with the Presbytery involved.*

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

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

\* (6. is deleted and Paragraph 7 is moved up to become Paragraph 6.)

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

#### ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is made up of the following member denominations:

1. Orthodox Presbyterian Church
2. Presbyterian Church in America
3. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV — INCORPORATION

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

#### ARTICLE V — RULES OF ORDER

*The Commission shall regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, and Robert Rules of Order (current edition). \*\* (2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 under V are deleted.)*

#### ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, and shall be on a fair share basis, as recommended by the Commission. Each denomination will be responsible for all expenses incurred by its representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its sub-committees. Each denomination shall be asked to contribute a set amount per year per full time/active duty chaplain endorsed by the Commission. Each chaplain endorsed, both full and part-time, active duty and

reserve, shall be asked to contribute an appropriate amount per year, if able. Amounts of contributions will be recommended by the Commission for the approval of the member denominations annually. In addition, the Commission shall be free to receive donations from individuals and churches, both within and without the member denominations.

#### **ARTICLE VII — STAFF**

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

#### **ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS**

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

#### **DRAFT BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I — THE OFFICERS**

The Commission shall have the following officers to be elected annually: chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

#### **ARTICLE II — MEETINGS**

*The Commission shall meet each year at a time fixed by the Commission. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the chairman by petition of at least one third of the membership, representing at least two member denominations.*

#### **ARTICLE III — FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The financial policy and procedures shall be proposed by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Commission. The fiscal year for the Commission shall be the calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE IV — ELECTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

The executive staff of the Commission shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such other members as the Commission may from time to time authorize. Members of the executive staff normally shall be elected for a term of one year. Should the Commission desire, for cause, to terminate the services of such staff, or such staff desire to resign, six days notice shall be given, unless waived by mutual agreement. Non-executive personnel shall be employed by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the personnel policy approved by the Commission.

#### **ARTICLE V — DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Executive Secretary shall function *as the executive* of the Commission and shall give supervision to *all other personnel*. He shall have responsibility and authority for the general direction and oversight of the total program of the Commission. He shall be responsive and accountable to the policies and actions of the Commission at all times. He shall function as the treasurer for the Commission.

#### **ARTICLE VI — QUORUM**

For either regular or special meetings of the Commission, a quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the representative members of the Commission, with at least one representative from each member denomination present.

#### **ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws of the Commission may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a *three-fourths vote* of the voting representatives present, provided that written notice of such action shall have been sent out in connection with the notice of the meeting at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **Appendix F**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Fathers and Brethren:

Our newly formed Commission on Chaplains met on 31 July, 1979, at the Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado, with all nine members present representing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical

Synod. Changes in our Constitution and By-laws, passed last year by the General Assemblies of the OPC and PCA, were approved. As now revised, the Constitution and By-laws are presented again this year for approval.

Your Chairman attended the October 1979, and March 1980, meetings of the Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agents in Washington, D.C. with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board and the Chiefs of Chaplains and their staffs. We wrestled with the critical shortage of Chaplains in the reserve components, particularly Army, which needs some 900 additional reserve chaplains; mobilization plans for emergencies; continuing pressure from several religious sects seeking to place chaplains in the military (thus far avoided by adhering to established educational requirements); morale problems in the military, especially enlisted and junior grade officers, arising from low pay scales; shortages of minority group chaplains. We invite our ministers to consider the reserve chaplaincy program. Obligations include weekly or monthly drills, two weeks active duty per year, all with pay. Congregations should, however, be fully informed of any reserve obligations of their pastors.

**Endorsements.** All endorsements to the chaplaincy originate at presbytery level, and all information required on the Department of Defense Form 2088 (attached to this report) must be forwarded through the Assembly's M-US Committee to our chaplaincy commission which provides formal endorsement to the Armed Forces Chaplains Board and the Chiefs of Chaplains.

For your chairman this has been a year of change, challenge and hard work after 27 years of ministry in Colorado Springs, service as a chaplain in W. W. II and the Korean War, and other pastorates. But we expect soon to have office facilities when our home in Buena Vista, Colorado is completed. Please note our address and phone number at the end of this report.

During the coming year we will be sharpening up our endorsement procedures and exploring a concern for chaplain ministries to other than the military, i.e. chaplains for police, hospitals, veterans administration, national park service, nursing and retirement homes, industry. We will be guided in part by any declaration of need from our three denominations.

Again, we urge sessions, presbyteries and members of our churches to maintain contact with our chaplains and their families and with members on active duty in the military. Inflation is hurting us all, but especially our military.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Leonard, Jr., Executive Secretary,  
PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED COMMISSION  
ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL  
33625 Wapiti Circle  
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211  
(303) 395-8585

Previously submitted:

- (1) Revised Constitution and By-laws
- (2) Current Roster

Attached:

- (3) Current Statistics
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Form 2088

## Attachment 3

**CURRENT STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE DENOMINATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ARMED FORCES CHAPLAINS BOARD, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Number of Churches represented:	(OPC) 174	(PCA) 479	(RPCES) 196	Total:	849
Total Membership	16,265	84,106	27,500	Total:	127,871
Ministers	256	653	365	Total:	1,274

## Attachment 4

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**Reporting Period: 1 July 1979 - 30 June 1980**

**Funds Received:**

From Individual Chaplains	\$ 360.00
Churches	32.50
Private designated gift	70.00
Pres. Church in America (PCA)	900.00
Total:	<u>\$1,362.50</u>

**Expenditures:**

Conference Fees, Washington, D.C. (October 1979, March 1980)	\$ 70.00
Air Travel, two trips Washington, D.C.	728.00
Auto Expense	126.39
Literature	7.00
Bulk Mailing Permit & Fee	70.00
Office (designated gift)	
Office Materials	10.30
Postage	17.45
Bank Charges	9.20
Telephone	15.00
Miscellaneous (meals, airport parking, etc.)	25.00
Total:	<u>\$1,078.34</u>
Balance for reporting period:	\$ 284.16

**ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL**

To: CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

DATE

NAME OF APPLICANT

ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)

TELEPHONE NUMBER

**SECTION A - CHAPLAINS**

HAS BEEN GRANTED ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT FOR:

- ☐ APPOINTMENT AS A CHAPLAIN RESERVE OFFICER OF THE USAR/USAFR/USNR  
☐ EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DEFINITE TERM (3 YEARS)  
☐ APPOINTMENT TO THE REGULAR USA/USAF/USN  
☐ EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, INDEFINITE TERM  
☐ AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

THIS ENDORSEMENT CERTIFIES THAT

(Name)

a. IS A FULLY ORDAINED MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OF THE

(Denomination)

AND WAS ORDAINED AT

ON

19

(City, State)

(Day, Month)

b. IS PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE APPOINTED AS A CHAPLAIN, AND RECOMMENDED AS BEING QUALIFIED SPIRITUALLY, MORALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY TO REPRESENT OUR DENOMINATION.

c. IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A DENOMINATIONALLY APPROVED RELIGIOUS VOCATION.

d. HAS COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHAPLAINCY AND ORDINATION.

**SECTION B - STUDENTS**

IS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AND WILL, UPON COMPLETION OF THEOLOGICAL  
(School)

STUDIES AND FULFILLMENT OF DENOMINATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR ORDINATION HAS BEEN GRANTED ECCLESIASTICAL APPROVAL FOR:

- ☐ STAFF SPECIALIST (SEMINARIAN PROGRAM), USAR  
☐ CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM, USAFR  
☐ THEOLOGICAL STUDENT PROGRAM, USNR

**SECTION C - LAY LEADERS**

HAS BEEN GRANTED ECCLESIASTICAL APPROVAL FOR:

- ☐ MILITARY LAY LEADER  
☐ CIVILIAN LAY LEADER

THIS APPROVAL CERTIFIES THAT

IS A LICENSED

(Name)

RECOGNIZED LAY LEADER.

**COMMENTS**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ENDORSING AGENCY

SIGNATURE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

## Appendix G

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

#### I. DOXOLOGY

In giving this report to the Eighth General Assembly your Committee on Mission to the World would like to begin by giving praise to God and sincere thanks to the many congregations and individuals who have helped make possible the accomplishments herein described. "To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done."

#### II. OVERVIEW

Since the General Assembly of June 18-22, 1979, and continuing through March 1, 1980, 19 missionaries have been added to the family of Mission to the World. Others have terminated their service with Mission to the World. They are listed elsewhere in this report. Of the 19 received 14 will be involved in evangelism and/or church planting. Seven of these will serve with PCA-only ministries, and 12 will serve with other agencies with whom we have cooperative agreements. Twenty new missionaries have completed their itineration and have left for the field since the last General Assembly. The PCA now has church-planting teams in Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Ecuador and Portugal and is planting churches with another agency (The Christian Reformed Foreign Mission Board) in El Salvador. PCA missionaries are involved in church renewal and theological education in France and in theological education in Mexico and Nigeria. Christ's College in Taiwan, where 10 PCA missionaries serve on the faculty, continues to be a principal ministry.

The Twelfth Inter-Varsity Student Missions Convention was held at Urbana, Illinois, the week after Christmas, 1979. Under the leadership of PCA missionary John Kyle, the I-V Director of Missions, Urbana gathered over 17,000 young people from all over America and several foreign countries. The interest of these young people in missions was both inspiring and exciting. Many of the delegates visited the PCA/MTW booth, and almost 100 expressed positive interest in the possibility of serving overseas with MTW. About 25 are considered excellent prospects. Some of these young people were interested in PCA-only church-planting opportunities, some in opportunities at Christ's College and some in serving with other agencies in support roles. It was a most encouraging experience for all those of the MTW staff who attended. MTW was represented by the Coordinator Paul McKaughan; Kennedy Smartt, Coordinator of Church Relations; Jay Kyle, Assistant to the Coordinator; Jim Hughes, Director of Personnel; Dr. and Mrs. Donald B. Patterson; Rev. Henry Schum; and candidate Judy Hurley.

#### III. FINANCES

One of the clearest evidences of the blessing of God upon the PCA's world mission operation has been in the realm of finances. The figures for 1979 show that income was 99.3% of the budget, and expenditures 95.3%. Total income increased 28.4% over 1978. Fifty-nine percent of our missionaries had positive balances in their support account in spite of the steady increases caused by inflation and devaluation of the dollar. The other 41% of our missionaries were showing year-end deficits which totaled \$47,990.80 for PCA-only missionaries and \$32,175.36 for PCA missionaries serving under cooperative agreements with other agencies. MTW has in reserve accounts \$76,591.65 to cover the deficits of PCA-only missionaries, and \$37,256.32 to cover the deficits of those serving with other agencies. Listed below is a table showing the amount of monthly support needed of all PCA missionaries as of March 3, 1980:

	Additional Monthly Pledges Needed
Adams, Steve; Zaire	\$ 402
Akovenko, Jim; Indonesia	41
Anderson, Sid; Nigeria	720
Arciaga, Danny; Philippines	-0-
Aschmann, Rick; Mexico	-0-
Barnett, Ellen; Mexico	-0-
Boyce, Nancy; Korea	623
Boyer, Gene; France	-0-
Brown, Grace; Zambia	333
Camenisch, Glenn; Portugal	-0-
Carney, Morris; Sudan	278
Cathy, Bud; Taiwan	2,561
Clopton, David; Ecuador	248
Courtney, Tom; Mexico	-0-
Creech, Joe; Mexico	336
Dye, Dick; Mexico	168
Edgar, Bill; France	489
Ellis, Ron; Korea	92
Farlow, Joe; Taiwan	177
Farris, Ed; Mexico	-0-
F Frank, Bud; Ivory Coast	336

	Futoran, Don; Taiwan	174
F	Gahagen, Don; Bolivia	583
	Goodman, Bill; Mexico	-0-
	Hamilton, David; Ecuador	444
	Harville, Sue; France	197
	Hatch, Al; Ecuador	-0-
	Henderson, Phil; Korea	-0-
	Hipple, Elizabeth; Taiwan	582
	Hurley, Judy; Taiwan	75
F	Hutchinson, George; Germany	1,189
	Hutson, Tom; Bolivia	-0-
	Jones, Jim; France	977
	Jones, Peter; France	583
*	King, John; Papua New Guinea	859
*	Kobb, Jim; Korea	1,724
	Koren, Kathy; Taiwan	-0-
	Kyle, Jay; USA	674
	Kyle, John; International	304
	Kyle, Marc; Philippines	-0-
	Lajara, Cecilio; USA	-0-
	Lappin, Jean; Jordan	512
*	Lee, Mayetta; Ecuador	486
	Linton, David; Korea	597
	Linton, Hugh; Korea	997
F	Long, Paul; Portugal	559
*	Mahaffey, Bob; Papua New Guinea	312
*	Manapat, Galen; North Africa	48
F	Martinez, Jose; El Salvador	577
*	Mateer, Sam; Ecuador	245
	Mayo, Judy; Papua New Guinea	-0-
	McCarty, Larry; Ecuador	91
	McKeown, Tim; Ecuador	84
	McLean, Julie; Taiwan	95
	Michael, Ron; Mexico	917
	Miller, Doug; France	655
	Mounger, Marion; Taiwan	-0-
	Nantt, Gary; Korea	362
*	Nasekos, Paul; North Africa	893
	Park, Young; Korea	542
	Patterson, Jim; Colombia	-0-
	Powlison, Hugh; Guatemala	323
F	Poynor, Paul; Indonesia	-0-
	Quarterman, Clay; Portugal	-0-
	Rollo, John; Philippines	-0-
	Ropp, Jeanne; Surinam	42
F	Rusling, Van; Greece	614
	Schorr, Robert; Taiwan	88
*	Shelden, Howard; Asia Area	894
	Sledge, Charles; Taiwan	418
*	Smith, Calvin; Taiwan	1,351
	Smith, Ray; Haiti	0
	Stewart, Jim; Taiwan	2,490
	Stout, Mickey; Brazil	-0-
	Teague, Dick; Nigeria	-0-
	Thrasher, Jim; Papua New Guinea	-0-
	Toth, Andy; Mexico	430
	Travis, Ed; Indonesia	-0-
	Trinkle, Lee; Taiwan	1,053
	Weisenborn, Diane; Taiwan	-0-
	White, David; Taiwan	421
	Whitesides, Bob; Colombia	419
	Wilburn, Mary Jane; Italy	-0-
F	Williams, Don; Brazil	234
	Wilson, Jennie; Mexico	-0-
*	Wilson, Mick; Brazil	2,379
	Wood, Kent; Ecuador	318



Woodham, Michael; Ecuador	78
Wright, Sarah; Taiwan	117
Youngblood, Bob; India	69

\* Itinerating

F Furlough

The Women in the Church Love Gift in 1979 was designated for church buildings in Acapulco and Quito. The total for this gift came to \$40,122.37. An additional \$15,000 was contributed by an individual in one of our churches just as the year ended. These funds are being made available to the teams in Mexico and Ecuador.

Most churches in the PCA are involved in the support of missionaries to some extent with both funds and prayer. However, some churches are like the Macedonian church that Paul held up before the Corinthians (II Cor. 8) as an example to be emulated. The extent to which these churches are involved in giving has no apparent relation to whether they are rich or poor, large or small, city or rural, upper class or lower. Rather, the depth of their involvement in missions seems to be related to such qualities as leadership, faith, priority, commitment and direction. They are churches whose vision is turned out instead of in.

In 1979, a rural church of 153 members gave \$28,500 for PCA missionary support. A resort area church with 180 members gave \$9,000; a small town church in the deep south, with 77 members, gave about \$7,200; another, with 95 members, gave \$10,000. A church of approximately 1800 members in 1979 gave MTW \$142,000 of its almost \$200,000 total mission budget; another with 230 members gave \$9,700 of its total missions giving through MTW. One of the exemplary medium-sized churches with 334 members gave \$20,000. It is the commitment and faithfulness of churches like these — and there are many — which have enabled MTW to grow as it has.

#### IV. HOME PERSONNEL

Approximately 135 churches in the PCA have regular missions conferences, featuring special missions speakers, missionaries and candidates. By far, most of the support for MTW comes from these churches. During the past 12 months MTW Coordinator of Church Relations Kennedy Smartt and MTW Missionary-Evangelist Jimmy Lyons have conducted conferences in about 80 PCA churches. Twenty-four of these were first-time conferences. In addition, they have spoken at numerous other gatherings in the interest of world missions.

Coordinator Paul McKaughan visited MTW work overseas in Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Mexico during the past year, giving counsel, direction, oversight, encouragement and instruction to our missionaries on the field, as well as gathering information and recommendations for the permanent Committee. In addition to these trips he has represented the PCA/MTW at meetings of the National Association of Evangelicals, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the China Consultations.

One of the highlights of last year's General Assembly was the report of The Reverend Jimmy Lyons on his visit to the refugee centers in Southeast Asia. His slide program, "What Shall the King Say?", has been shown in over 50 churches, and many have written MTW for help in sponsoring refugees. Since sponsoring is handled through other agencies, MTW has no precise count on how many churches and how many refugees are involved. A conservative estimate is 20 churches who have worked with at least 20 families of refugees, but information on this is still being received in the MTW office. In one case a presbytery (Warrior) pooled their resources to sponsor four families which they settled in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

A word of appreciation needs to be expressed in this report for the very fine job accomplished by the staff of MTW: John McDavid, financial secretary; Jim Hughes, director of personnel; Allan McLean, itineration secretary; and Jay Kyle, assistant to the coordinator (still on medical leave from overseas duty). These men have all made tremendous contributions, as has the clerical staff: June Blankenship, Betty Sixto, Shirley McLean, Anne Kelley, and Charlotte Dean. Frances Jenkins replaced Louise Stout in June as receptionist, and in February, Helene Spears replaced Mary Lou Bohnsack, Paul McKaughan's very able administrative assistant. We are grateful for those who have come, but it has been with deep regret that we watched the others depart.

#### V. MISSIONARY FORCE

Space does not permit us to include all the interesting, sobering, challenging and exciting things that have happened in the lives and ministries of all our missionaries during the past year. In giving just a few highlights it needs to be made very clear that the life of the missionary on the field, like the lives of all of us who stay home, is one that is mostly routine, working "to keep body and soul together," dealing with problems (practical, mechanical, spiritual and interpersonal), and struggling to find time for prayer, Bible study and witness. It is a life threatened by discouragement, challenged by obstacles, and confronted by adversaries. At the same time it is a ministry appointed by King Jesus, blessed by His Spirit, and enriched by His presence.

Let us share with you just a few episodes from the field — some edited for brevity, some quoted almost verbatim: (The names of the missionaries are intentionally withheld.)

One missionary reports:

"Giving at the Harvest Day service at the nearby church was about double that of 1978, reflecting a large harvest. The pastor here credits the increase to improved farming practices learned through the agricultural program we were able to instigate."

Quotes a letter from one of our Bible translators:

"I've really had to lean heavily on His strength and He has enabled me to keep up with the teaching even when I was feeling very weak (malaria). The classes and hours were organized by the Indian leader — 12 women and 15 men and boys from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with (thankfully) two hours for lunch. I'm real

proud of my students! They're an eclectic group — a real challenge and I'm not even a teacher! So I ask God to make me a teacher and an excellent one, for at least this important time He has arranged! We're concentrating on learning what the written/read Word is all about. But one day we interspersed a little arithmetic class for the women because they were having a terrible time knowing how to write 'm,' when to stop making legs! (mmmmm)

"... and I thrill to see into God's wonderful power a little bit! He has kept in the Indians' hearts a desire for Him, not just a mere love for me as an old friend (tho I do treasure their love for me). God began a work in 1965 (or before) and is going to finish it. What a thrill that He is letting me in on it still! And how I pray that He will be able to use me right through to the finish of His plan for me with them. And it is only by prayer. We are on the 'front line' together up there where the real battle is!"

Another says:

"The month in Celocotitlan God really blessed. It was the first TEE lesson in the new discipleship course of study just translated into Aztec. As the 12 men studied the material in the 4½ hour session, 40 other men and women listened. There were also three adult baptisms. We are all looking forward to the next conference in Tlacosotitlan, the ancient capital of the first Aztecs in our state.

"The Verde Rico Orchard project is progressing. With the new chain saw donated by a church in Mississippi, the men have cleared 21 acres of land. The land has now been planted with corn to keep it from erosion. They will plant thousands of peach trees on it next spring. The produce from these trees will eventually help to support a pastor of their own."

A recent letter from one missionary to his supporters includes a brochure picturing the Mang-duk Church. He says:

"We are particularly proud of that new church. It was started by Mr. Ko. He is a very special friend because he lived in the TB rest home for many months recovering from a bad case of tuberculosis. During that time he was soundly converted and became a most enthusiastic Christian.

"Even before Mr. Ko was completely cured, he started going back and forth to his island home to get a church started there. After recovery he graduated from the Soonchun Bible School and has been serving as a lay minister in the church-planting ministry. The Mang-duk Presbyterian Church was his first effort. You can see the result — one more church established in a village where there was no gospel light before."

Finally, a report of a family's uniting in Christ:

"Recently the father and mother of one of our ministerial students came to our school, after the father had had surgery at the Christian hospital here. I asked our student if his parents were Christians. 'They are pagans,' he replied. The Lord began to work quickly and soon there was a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel to them. They both listened and asked questions at the end. Would they become followers of Jesus Christ? Yes, and right away! We were all amazed. Their son, who stood by silently and who had often presented the gospel to them, was speechless with joy. A few days later the pastor of the church where the parents lived said they threw out their idols and fetishes into the path, causing wonderment in the whole compound. They also wanted to join the communicants' class and become a part of the church. The pastor and I went to the parents' compound and I presented the father and mother into the hands of the pastor and elders for their shepherding. It was a public thing with all the village listening with one ear, so God will get fruit out of that, too. I spent the night in the home of the parents. Next morning the parents gave me a handsome goat which rode home behind the back seat in our car."

The PCA missionary family as of March 1, 1980, now consists of 169 missionaries and missionary candidates serving on or assigned to 23 countries. Seventy-seven of these are PCA-only and 92 are serving with other agencies under cooperative agreements. Since the last report to the General Assembly and continuing through March 1, 1980, the following missionaries completed their terms of service:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Linton resigned to pursue further study for future missionary service; Miss Elizabeth Baldwin resigned; Rev. and Mrs. Archie Moore resigned to return to the States for medical reasons; Miss Brenda Miller, Mr. Ed Smith and Mr. and Mrs. William Owens completed their terms of service.

The list of countries and active missionaries, effective March 1, 1980, is as follows:

#### **BOLIVIA:**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutson; pilot, assigned to JAARS (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

#### **BRAZIL:**

Miss Miriam Stout; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]; literacy worker, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (but serving Zaire):**

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Adams; pilot, assigned to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

#### **COLOMBIA:**

Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitesides; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **ECUADOR:**

Rev. and Mrs. David Clopton; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. David Hamilton; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hatch; administrator, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence McCarty; physical therapist and respiratory therapist, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Rev. and Mrs. Timothy McKeown; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Wood; youth ministry/music, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Woodham; church planter/evangelist.

#### **EL SALVADOR:**

Rev. and Mrs. Jose Martinez; church planter, assigned to Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions.

#### **FRANCE:**

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Boyer; evangelist/professor, Reformed Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. William Edgar; professor, Reformed Seminary.

Miss Susan Harville; Christian educator.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Jones; evangelist/discipler in church renewal.

Dr. and Mrs. Peter R. Jones; professor, Reformed Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Miller; evangelist/discipler in church renewal.

#### **GREECE:**

Mr. and Mrs. L. Van Rusling; administrator, assigned to Greater Europe Mission.

#### **GUATEMALA:**

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Powlison; evangelist/student worker.

#### **INDONESIA:**

Mr. and Mrs. James Akovenko; pilot, assigned to JAARS (Wycliffe Bible Translators).

\*Mr. and Mrs. Jakub B. Susabda; professor, assigned to South East Asia Bible College.

Mr. Edgar W. Travis; teacher/translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **ITALY:**

Mrs. Mary Jane Wilburn; administrative assistant, assigned to Greater Europe Mission.

#### **IVORY COAST:**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Bud) Frank; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **JORDAN:**

Miss Jean Lappin; nurse, assigned to World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.

#### **KENYA:**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carney; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **KOREA:**

Miss Nancy Boyce; teacher, assigned to Korea Christian Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ellis; church planter.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Henderson; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. David Linton; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Linton; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Gary Nantt; church planter/evangelist.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyung Young Park; professor, assigned to Presbyterian General Assembly Reformed Seminary.

#### **MEXICO:**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aschmann; translators, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Miss Ellen Barnett; Christian educator.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Courtney; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Creech; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dye; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farris; translators, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Rev. and Mrs. William Goodman; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Toth; church planter/Theological Education by Extension.

Miss Jennie Wilson; Christian educator.

#### **NIGERIA:**

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Anderson; professor, assigned to Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Teague; agriculturist, assigned to Sudan Interior Mission.

#### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:**

Miss Judy Mayo; teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thrasher; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **PHILIPPINES:**

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Arciaga; director, assigned to Translators Committee of the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollo; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **PORTUGAL:**

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Camenisch; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Long; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Quartermann; church planter/evangelist.

#### **SURINAM:**

Miss Jeanne Ropp; teacher, assigned to Worldteam.

#### **TAIWAN:**

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Farlow; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. Donald Futoran; teacher, Christ's College.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hipple; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Mrs. Judy Hurley; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Miss Kathy Koren; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Miss Julia McLean; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Miss Marion Mounger; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schorr; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Rev. Charles Sledge; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Rev. and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle, III; evangelist/pastor.  
 Miss Diane Weisenborn; Christian educator.  
 Rev. and Mrs. David White; teacher, Christ's College.  
 Mrs. Sarah Wright; teacher, Christ's College.

#### INTERNATIONAL:

Rev. and Mrs. Jayson Kyle; assistant to the coordinator, Mission to the World.  
 Rev. and Mrs. John E. Kyle; administrator, assigned to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Cecilio Lajara; theological educator, assigned to Logoi, Inc.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Youngblood; administrator, assigned to World Evangelical Fellowship.

#### VI. CANDIDATES

As of the date of this report, the following missionary candidates were involved in deputation:

#### BRAZIL:

Rev. and Mrs. Michael "Mick" Wilson; trainer in discipleship, assigned to O.C. Ministries, Inc.

#### ECUADOR:

Miss Mayetta Lee; medical technologist, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Sam Mateer; church planter/evangelist.

#### FRANCE:

Rev. and Mrs. [REDACTED]; evangelist/discipler in church renewal, assigned from World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh S. Wessel; evangelist/discipler in church renewal; assigned from World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.

#### FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRY:

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### HAITI

Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Miedema; medical doctor, assigned to Worldteam.

#### INDONESIA:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shelden; linguistic consultant, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### KOREA:

Rev. and Mrs. James Kobb; church planter/evangelist.

#### NORTH AFRICA:

Mr. Galen Manapat; evangelist, assigned to North Africa Mission.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Nasekos; evangelist, assigned to North Africa Mission.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Mr. John W. King; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahaffey; computer technician, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### PHILIPPINES:

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Kyle; literacy worker, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### PORTUGAL:

Rev. and Mrs. William R. Hermann; church planter/evangelist.

#### TAIWAN:

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Cathey; church planter/evangelist.      Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Smith; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. James Stewart; church planter/evangelist.

#### ASSIGNMENTS PENDING:

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gahagen  
 Dr. and Mrs. George Hutchison  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Michael (candidates)  
 Rev. and Mrs. Paul Poynor

\* Last year's General Assembly in approving the minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World, noted an exception in the case of Jakub and Esther Susabda serving in an Indonesian Bible School, because there was no written cooperative agreement between MTW and the agency under which the Susabdas are serving. (See Assembly minutes, 1979, p. 128, 7-68, III under "Report").

The Committee on Mission to the World was not asked for an explanation by the Assembly at that time, but feels such an explanation is needed:

1. Mr. Susabda is a graduate of Reformed Seminary, 1978, who has returned to his homeland to teach in a Bible school there. He asked to be received by MTW in order to receive the prayer support of the PCA.
2. Mrs. Susabda lacks only one year before completing her work on an M.D. (medical doctor) degree. She is currently working on that.
3. The family is supporting itself or being supported by friends and family in Indonesia.
4. If the school where Mr. Susabda is teaching signed an agreement with MTW (a foreign organization), it

would seriously jeopardize its privilege of operation in a country that is extremely wary and defensive toward outsiders intruding into the religious life of its people. (Missionaries are being expelled.)

5. MTW sent one of its own missionaries to see the administrator of the school and secured from him verbal concurrence to all the terms of our cooperative agreement.
6. The administrator, not understanding why MTW was so insistent upon a signature (which he felt would bring the government down upon his school), wondered if MTW was not trusting a Christian brother, and why MTW was making so much to do about supporting a Christian brother, Jakub Susabda, with its prayer.
7. MTW's only financial commitment to Jakub Susabda is to channel such funds as are specifically designated for his support.

#### VII. COÖPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

PCA missionaries are now serving with 18 other agencies under cooperative agreements approved by the permanent Committee on Mission to the World. These other agencies are as follows:

Christian Reformed World Missions  
 Greater Europe Mission  
 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship  
 La Faculte De Theologie Reformee/Aix-en-Provence, France  
 Logoi, Inc.  
 Mission Aviation Fellowship  
 North Africa Mission  
 Overseas Crusades Ministries, Inc.  
 Presbyterian General Assembly Theological Seminary/Seoul, Korea  
 South America Mission, Inc.  
 Sudan Interior Mission  
 Translators Committee of the Philippines  
 World Evangelical Fellowship  
 World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.  
 World Radio Mission Fellowship  
 Worldteam  
 Wycliffe Bible Translators

All of the above have been reported to previous General Assemblies with the exception of World Evangelical Fellowship, Overseas Crusade Ministries, Inc. and North Africa Mission. These three are hereby reported to this General Assembly. (See Exhibits A, B and C.)

#### VIII. WORLD RELIEF

This past Easter PCA families were being asked to bring one day's pay as an offering for world hunger and refugee relief. This report is being written before the results of that offering are in, but many PCA churches were approaching this opportunity conscientiously and prayerfully. The final total of the offering for 1979, channeled through World Relief, was \$58,738.40.

#### IX. DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The Day of Prayer for world evangelization on the third Sunday in May, gave PCA members an opportunity to request prayer boxes from MTW. These boxes had cards with pictures, as well as biographical and job information on all PCA missionaries. This project was very favorably received by those congregations that heard and responded. Unfortunately, that did not prove to be large number of churches or individuals. However, the program is still being offered, and the number of prayer partners is still growing.

#### X. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

##### TEACHING ELDERS

**1983**

William J. Stanway  
 R. Thomas Cheely

**1982**

Donald B. Patterson

**1981**

Joseph C. Morecraft, III  
 G. Allen Fleece

**1980**

Eugene Craven

**Alternates**

A. Boyce Spooner

##### RULING ELDERS

Loyd Strickland

Donald Comer  
 Gerald Sovereign

Walter Lastovica

L. B. "Pete" Austin, III  
 Hugh Brown

William T. Mulcay, Jr.

#### XI. STRATEGY

It is the plan of the Committee on Mission to the World to maximize the PCA's resources by bringing us to the forefront of what God is doing in the world today. There are five areas that we consider strategic with respect to what God is doing in the world:



1. Unreached Peoples
2. Third World Missions
3. Teams
4. "The whole counsel of God"
5. Student Involvement and Short-term Non-professional Missionaries.

To further clarify number 1, more and more today, reaching unreached peoples means reaching city dwellers. It is estimated that by the year 2,000 86% of the world's population will live in cities, and one in four will live in a city of one million or more. Even as we plan on reaching blocks of people such as the Hindu people and the Islamic people, we must consider cities as our prime target location.

Concerning number 5, we note that there has been a great deal of talk concerning a new student volunteer movement in our generation. While we have been talking, God has been touching the hearts and calling out young people to the point where there may be as many as 10,000-15,000 people involved in short-term programs — many of them young people. This fact was further impressed on us at Urbana as one saw the activities around booths such as Youth With a Mission, Operation Mobilization, Wycliffe Bible Translators (which has a good short-term program), Cornelius Corps of Greater Europe Mission, and many others.

The point has come in missions where we should perhaps stop praying for another student volunteer movement and start to create the structures that will enable us to incorporate large numbers of young people whom the Lord has called and commissioned to do His work worldwide.

The present strategy of Mission to the World can be divided into two major and two minor areas. First, in the area of church planting we can say that our primary purpose is to send and equip teams to plant churches in responsive unreached urban centers. We further commit ourselves to the formation of presbyteries committed to the whole counsel of God and participation with us as partners in world evangelization.

The second major area is the sending out of technical personnel under agencies who can insure proper supervision and development of these personnel in order that they might in turn aid in the growth and development of the church worldwide.

There are two minor areas which we should continue to emphasize. The first is the constant probing of new areas where we can make a strategic impact with our church planting ministry. The second is sharing our financial abundance with national brethren in projects that will have a crucial impact on world evangelization.

By God's grace and with His continued enabling power, the Presbyterian Church in America through its Committee on Mission to the World will continue to have an increasingly strategic part in fulfilling these goals and others that He might place before us. To God be the glory. Great things He shall do.

## XII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly express its gratitude for each of our missionaries and join in prayer for God's provision of every spiritual, emotional and physical need in each of their lives.
2. That the General Assembly give praise to God for His provision of an increasing number of church-planting candidates during 1979, and continue to pray that God will "send forth laborers into His harvest."
3. That the General Assembly re-elect the Rev. Paul McKaughan as Coordinator and the Rev. Kennedy Smartt as Coordinator of Church Relations for the Committee on Mission to the World.
4. That the Assembly express its appreciation to Missionary-Evangelist Jimmy Lyons and the entire MTW staff for their faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and Mission to the World.
5. That the third Sunday in May, 1981, be approved as a day of self-denial and prayer for world evangelization in general and our own Mission to the World missionaries in particular.
6. That the budget of Mission to the World for 1981, as presented by the Stewardship Committee, be approved.
7. That the changes to the MTW manual as presented to the Committee of Commissioners receive provisional approval.
8. That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Mission to the World to create a structure that will enable students and those who are non-career missionaries to respond to God's call to short-term work worldwide.

## Exhibit A

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION TO THE WORLD MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORK WITH WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

- (1) World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) accepts the services offered by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Youngblood and Mission to the World (MTW) of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- (2) WEF, in consultation with MTW, will assign Dr. and Mrs. Youngblood as a member of the administrative staff of the Theological Commission of WEF with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities extended by WEF.
- (3) WEF will provide the facilities and necessary equipment and supportive fellowship for the realization of this professional work initially to be located at New Delhi, India.
- (4) Dr. and Mrs. Youngblood will be directly responsible to the Executive Secretary of the Theological Commission while on the field.
- (5) WEF will be responsible for securing any necessary visas or work permits or other residential arrangements to enable them to undertake their professional duties.

- ( 6 ) WEF, in consultation with MTW, may make the services of Dr. and Mrs. Youngblood available to other commissions of WEF or to other related theological associations such as Asia Theological Association.
- ( 7 ) Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America. Discipline by either agency may not commit the other agency to the same action.
- ( 8 ) The Mission to the World missionary will have liberty in the full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view, as contained in the Westminster Confession and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, recognizing that he must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
- ( 9 ) While on furlough the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. After the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by Mission to the World to the possible needs for the missionary to have additional training or study.
- (10) The missionary shall not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
- (11) Dr. and Mrs. Youngblood will be under the hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by the Mission to the World Committee. Other financial arrangements shall be determined by World Evangelical Fellowship, in consultation with the Committee on Mission to the World.
- (12) This agreement may be rescinded at the request of either party upon receipt of acknowledgement by the other.

World Evangelical Fellowship

Mission to the World (PCA)

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1979.

### WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

#### WEF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dr. Hudson T. Armerding (USA), President  
 Mr. Brian Bayston (Australia)  
 Mr. C. Lal Rema (India)  
 Dr. Petros Octavianus (Indonesia)  
 Dr. Claude Noel (Haiti)  
 Mr. Gordon Landreth (Great Britain)  
 Mr. Samuel Odunaike (Nigeria)

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We believe in the HOLY SCRIPTURES as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct . . . ONE GOD, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit . . . our LORD JESUS CHRIST, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His personal return in power and glory . . . the HOLY SPIRIT, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ . . . the UNITY OF THE SPIRIT of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ . . . the RESURRECTION of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

#### Exhibit B

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION TO THE WORLD MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORK WITH OVERSEAS CRUSADES, INCORPORATED

THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT RELATE TO THE CATEGORY OF A **MEMBER MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP**.

- ( 1 ) The missionary will have dual membership status with both the Mission to the World and Overseas Crusades, Inc.
- ( 2 ) The appointment of the missionary will be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
- ( 3 ) In the event that one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials will be shared with the understanding that the materials will be kept confidential by that agency.
- ( 4 ) The missionary candidate will participate in the full candidate and training program of Overseas Crusades, Inc.



- ( 5) Time will be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation work under the coordination of the Mission to the World within Presbyterian Church in America churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
- ( 6) Overseas Crusades, Inc., will supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
- ( 7) The Mission to the World will be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
- ( 8) Overseas Crusades, Inc., will be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
- ( 9) Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- (10) The Mission to the World missionary will have liberty in the full and free presentation of the gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view, as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, recognizing that he must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
- (11) While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Overseas Crusades, Inc.
- (12) While on the field, the missionary will be an integral part of the field staff sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of the Overseas Crusades, Inc.
- (13) The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with the Mission to the World and also with the Overseas Crusades, Inc., U.S. Director.
- (14) While on furlough, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by the Mission to the World to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by Overseas Crusades, Inc. Progress and activity information during furlough will be provided for Overseas Crusades, Inc.
- (15) While on furlough, the missionary will be expected by Mission to the World to carry on a deputation ministry for the Mission to the World within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America congregations. Each agency will assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be within the Presbyterian Church in America under Mission to the World coordination.
- (16) The missionary will not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
- (17) The financial relationship of the missionary with Overseas Crusades, Inc., will be the same as that for all other members including the assessment and support quotas, except that during any portion of furlough under Mission to the World, the quota may be set by that agency. Mission to the World will receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Presbyterian Church in America and transfer them to Overseas Crusades, Inc., monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. Overseas Crusades, Inc., will inform the Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
- (18) The hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by the Mission to the World will be available to the missionary by mutual agreement of both agencies.

SIGNED:

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Vice-President, Administration, Overseas Crusades, Inc.

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President, Overseas Crusades, Inc.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman, Committee on Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America

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Coordinator, Committee on Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### What Does O.C. Believe?

Every member of the O.C. family subscribes to this Statement of Faith:

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is infallible and authoritative in the original writings.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right Hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Spirit are essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life eternal.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, composed of all who are regenerated through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Exhibit C

#### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION TO THE WORLD MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORK WITH THE NORTH AFRICA MISSION

THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT RELATE TO THE CATEGORY OF A MEMBER MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP.

- ( 1 ) The missionary will have dual membership status with both the Mission to the World and the North Africa Mission.
- ( 2 ) The appointment of the missionary will be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
- ( 3 ) In the event that one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials will be shared with the understanding that the materials will be kept confidential by that agency.
- ( 4 ) The missionary candidate will participate in the full candidate and training program of the North Africa Mission.
- ( 5 ) Time will be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation work under the coordination of the Mission to the World within Presbyterian Church in America churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
- ( 6 ) The North Africa Mission will supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
- ( 7 ) The Mission to the World will be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
- ( 8 ) The North Africa Mission will be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
- ( 9 ) Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- (10) The Mission to the World missionary will have liberty in the full and free presentation of the gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view, as contained in the Westminster Confession and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, recognizing that he must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
- (11) While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of the North Africa Mission.
- (12) While on the field, the missionary will be an integral part of the field staff sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of the North Africa Mission.
- (13) The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with the Mission to the World and also with the North Africa Mission's U.S. Director.
- (14) While on furlough, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by the Mission to the World to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by the North Africa Mission. Progress and activity information during furlough will be provided for the North Africa Mission.
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Africa Mission monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The North Africa Mission will inform the Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.

- (18) The hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by the Mission to the World will be available to the missionary by mutual agreement of both agencies.

SIGNED:

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U.S. Director, North Africa Mission

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Chairman, American Council, North Africa Mission

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman, Committee on Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America

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Coordinator, Committee on Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **NORTH AFRICA MISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Reverend Eric Crichton, Lancaster, PA  
Dr. Milton Fisher, Upper Darby, PA  
Norman Linker, Wyncote, PA  
Greg Livingston, Havertown, PA  
William Millsaps, Norristown, PA  
Rev. E. H. Morgan, Princeton, NJ  
Dennis Pryce, Haverford, PA  
Rev. William Saal, Springfield, PA  
Dr. Francis Steele, Broomall, PA  
Miss Anne Swank, Upper Darby, PA  
William Woodward, Haddon Heights, NJ

#### **NORTH AFRICA MISSION STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1. The full inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; their authority, sufficiency, and inerrancy, not only as containing, but as being in themselves the Word of God; and the need of the teaching of the Holy Spirit for a true and spiritual understanding of the whole.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His real and perfect manhood; the authority of His teaching, and the infallibility of all His utterances; His work of atonement for the sin of mankind by His vicarious suffering and death; His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven; His present High-priestly intercession for His people; and His lordship over His church as its Supreme Head.
5. The justification of the sinner, solely by faith, on the ground of the merits and vicarious suffering, death, and bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
6. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in conviction of sin, regeneration, and sanctification, as well as in ministry and worship.
7. The resurrection of the body; the judgment of the work by our Lord Jesus Christ; the eternal blessedness of the righteous; and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
8. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.

## Appendix H

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Sub-committee for Stewardship ministry is operating this year under new guidelines and responsibilities which were approved by the last General Assembly. These guidelines include the following:

The committee continues to operate as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. It is considered as a permanent sub-committee as to continuity, but it is not considered as a permanent sub-committee as it relates to nominations and service.

The committee shall promote biblical stewardship at all levels of the church; and it shall be charged with the responsibility of developing for, recommending to, and implementing for the General Assembly systematic budgeting and finding procedures for all the General Assembly approved causes.

These responsibilities will be undertaken as the committee is able and willing to accept the responsibility for funding them. Until such responsibility is accepted, the four permanent committees will continue their responsibility in the manner assigned by previous General Assemblies.

Such budgeting and funding procedures are governed by the following rules:

- (1) Committee budgets shall be divided into a "committed" and a "growth" budget. "Committed" shall include all administrative and program commitments approved by the General Assembly for this committee. "Growth" shall include those programs projected by the committee, approved by the General Assembly, and which allow for the unusual demands and opportunities which cannot be accurately envisioned during the budgeting process. Funding for such "growth" budget shall be the responsibility of the Permanent Committee which proposes the same.
- (2) It is to be understood that the "Growth" Budget is not to be a part of the "Committed" Budget, thus giving each committee the flexibility to project a high "growth" budget not to be included in the General Assembly's "askings" of the local churches.
- (3) There will be no change in processing designated funds. All of the committees will continue to receive gifts both "committed" and "growth".
- (4) All funds received by any of the four committees not designated as "growth" shall be assumed to be "committed".
- (5) Said four Permanent Committees shall be encouraged to submit revised budgets, if necessary, to this committee prior to the General Assembly each year for submission to the General Assembly for approval.

The committee to immediately embark on a system of "askings" of each local church for the support of the "committed" budget of the four permanent committees. The committee will be funded as an item in the "committed" budget of the four permanent committees.

This committee will now review the budgets of the Committees and recommend an overall budget to the General Assembly for its approval.

#### I. 1979 GIVING

A total of \$3,506,826.00 was received by the four permanent committees of the General Assembly in 1979. This was the largest annual total yet for our PCA agencies. The 1978 combined income of the four committees was \$2,959,706.00.

The Committee of Mission to the World received \$2,200,000.00 in 1979, for 99% of its approved budget. The Committee for the Mission to the United States received \$623,000.00 (79%). Christian Education and Publications received \$412,000.00 (75%), and the Committee for Administration received \$176,000.00 (79%). These increased percentages show a steady growth in the giving of our people to PCA causes, even in the midst of inflation and yearly increased budgets by the Assembly. We believe the efforts of the Stewardship Committee on behalf of the four committees are certainly reflected in the increase of our churches.

The committee rejoices in the fact that total benevolent giving in 1979 increased 24.5% with the percentage of disbursements allocated for PCA causes increasing by 36.3%. Non PCA causes increased 24.2%. Per capita giving to all causes increased from \$458.29 to \$505.04. An increase of 10.2%.

#### II. STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

The establishment of a stewardship network to facilitate communication of important information between the program committees and the presbyteries is closing the communication gap in these presbyteries that have Stewardship Chairman. These presbytery "Key Men" receive a monthly update of vital information concerning the four committees. These men in turn are responsible for communicating this information to the local congregations and appropriate presbytery committees. The Key Man serves as a catalyst and as an advocate for the General Assembly causes on the presbytery and local church level. As of this date, we have a Stewardship Key Man in every presbytery within the denomination with the exception of one presbytery.

#### III. PRESBYTERY ASKINGS

At the direction of the General Assembly the Sub-committee for Stewardship Ministries calculated the per capita contributions to the four permanent committees that would be necessary to meet their committed 1980 budgets. This information was distributed to each local church and the presbyteries with the request that

each church indicate the amount it plans to give to the work of the General Assembly. A summary of the response of these churches is attached to this report.

#### **IV. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

One of the most effective methods of keeping our pastors and sessions informed as to the financial status of the four permanent committees has been the quarterly financial reports. These reports list income, percent of income to budget, expenses (both program and administration expenses), and balance on hand for each of the four committees.

#### **V. STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS**

To assist local church officers, pastors and members in the preparation and implementation of an effective stewardship program in the local church, your sub-committee continues to conduct Stewardship Seminars. These one day seminars (usually held on a Saturday) consist of at least two general sessions and six workshops. These seminars are a proven method of assisting local churches and the Assembly in the area of stewardship. We have many letters on file in our office attesting to the success of these meetings. Time and time again our records show that after the Stewardship Seminar the giving of the participating church to General Assembly causes increases and in some cases there is a significant increase. Nearly 75 churches have participated in these seminars since their inauguration in March of '78.

#### **VI. STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS**

The Sub-committee continues to make stewardship materials available to our churches. In 1979, we distributed over 132,000 pieces of literature in the form of tracts, pledge cards, and brochures to our people. This was an increase of 43% over 1978. This year the Sub-committee introduces a new packet of material based upon the theme "Stewardship Is You". Samples of these materials have been mailed to our churches and they may be ordered from the stewardship office.

#### **VII. 1980 CALENDARS**

Your Sub-committee continues its efforts to publicize and assist in the coordination of Assembly, presbytery and committee events through the publication and distribution of the Stewardship calendar. This year the calendar contains printed dates (when information was available) of all presbytery meetings as well as the regular meetings of the four permanent committees. This calendar was distributed to: each minister and clerk of session in the denomination, each member of the General Assembly's permanent committees and each committee staff person.

#### **VIII. SPEAKER'S BUREAU**

The Sub-committee further served the church through its Speaker's Bureau. This is a pool of laymen who are available for special messages on stewardship. These laymen filled the pulpit of several of the churches across the denomination proclaiming God's stewardship message of time, talents and treasure. This service is provided without cost to any church which desires a stewardship speaker.

#### **IX. CASSETTE-NEWS**

A special cassette-news tape was issued to each of our churches following the last General Assembly. Written by one of the recording clerks, the cassette summarized the actions of the General Assembly. These cassettes were distributed without charge to all our churches.

#### **X. REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

Your Sub-committee organized and held "Vision 1979-80" Conferences in: Hattiesburg, MS and Pittsburgh, PA. These are meetings where the four coordinators of the permanent committees present their activities and plans. The conferences have been extremely well received and have provided the opportunity for the leadership in local churches to gain first-hand information from the committee coordinators. The open forum question and answer sessions have proven to be an important part of the "Vision 79-80" Conference.

#### **XI. STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

Your Sub-committee summarized and distributed the giving patterns of each of our churches and grouped them according to size of membership. This information based upon the 1979 statistical reports indicated what each church had received in total contributions, what amount was given to PCA causes (including presbytery) and what was given to non denominational causes.

#### **XII. BUDGETS**

Operating under the new guidelines the committee reviewed each of the budgets of the other committees.

The guidelines used to review the budgets of these committees were as follows:

- (1) Review the history of giving for each committee.
- (2) Project from that history what could be expected for the coming year.
- (3) Add a faith percentage to the figure derived in step #2.

Attached to this report are copies of these budgets which we are submitting to the Assembly for its approval.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the 1981 budgets be approved as submitted.
2. That the period of Sunday, October 12, 1980, through Sunday, November 2, 1980, be a special stewardship season and Sunday, November 2, 1980, be recommended as Commitment Sunday.
3. That presbytery encourage each local church to appoint a stewardship Key Man.
4. That presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in their area.
5. That each church be encouraged to use the 1980 stewardship materials "Stewardship Is You".
6. That churches and presbyteries be urged to complete the report on the 1980 Assembly askings as soon as possible.

7. That the report on the statistical summaries be received as information.
8. That the Stewardship Sub-committee be funded by the four permanent committees.
9. That the PCA Foundation be funded by the four permanent committees.
10. That the asking procedure begun in 1980 be continued each year.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
1981 BUDGET REQUESTS SUMMARY**

	1979 Expense	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
<b>COMMITTED BUDGET</b>			
Mission to the World .....	\$2,195,070	\$2,478,822	\$3,231,516
Mission to the U.S. ....	625,030	713,772	801,041
Christian Ed. & Pub. ....	421,165	543,948	572,733
Administration .....	162,869	230,208	255,498
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED</b> .....	<u>\$3,404,134</u>	<u>\$3,966,750</u>	<u>\$4,843,287</u>
<b>GROWTH BUDGET</b>			
Mission to the World .....	0	\$396,644	\$394,119
Mission to the U.S. ....	0	\$150,000	180,000
Christian Ed. & Pub. ....	0	18,000	18,000
<b>Total Growth</b> .....	<u>0</u>	<u>\$564,644</u>	<u>\$592,119</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
Mission to the World .....	0	\$2,879,162	\$3,607,610
Mission to the US .....	0	863,772	981,041
Christian Ed. & Pub. ....	0	561,948	590,733
Administration .....	0	222,208	255,498
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,404,134</u>	<u>\$4,535,090</u>	<u>\$5,434,882</u>



COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
OPERATIONS			
Office of Moderator . . . . .	160.79	\$500	\$500
Office of Committee on Administration			
Meetings . . . . .	21,081.07	31,000	35,000
Contingencies . . . . .	3,975.27	10,000	10,000
Share of General Assembly . . . . .	904.00	3,000	3,000
Share of Auditor . . . . .	3,160.05	2,500	3,000
Legal Expense . . . . .	105.00	1,000	1,300
Stewardship . . . . .	7,049.45	10,800	12,550
Foundation . . . . .	500.00	-0-	2,050
Equipment . . . . .	647.76	2,000	2,000
Staff Training . . . . .	-0-	1,000	1,000
Office Expense . . . . .	3,571.01	5,000	4,000
Postage . . . . .	1,039.27	2,500	1,000
Telephone . . . . .	3,372.99	5,000	4,000
Rent . . . . .	2,302.27	4,000	3,000
Travel . . . . .	3,942.82	6,000	7,000
Office Staff: Salaries . . . . .	(1½) 10,559.11	(2) 17,945	(2) 18,000
Office Staff: Benefits . . . . .	2,202.03	3,000	3,800
Computer . . . . .	6,927.48	8,000	8,000
Associate Coordinator:			
Salary and All Benefits . . . . .	-0-	(½) 12,000	(½) 13,000
Administrator Salary . . . . .	(1) 24,124.71	(1) 25,683	(1) 27,112
Annuity (12%) & Insurance . . . . .	4,090.29	4,082	4,453
FICA . . . . .	1,403.77	1,588	1,768
Sub Total . . . . .	\$101,119.14	\$156,098	\$155,033
Office of Stated Clerk			
Office Expense . . . . .	2,371.94	\$2,500	\$3,000
Postage . . . . .	826.81	1,500	1,500
Telephone . . . . .	2,841.68	2,500	3,000
Office Rent . . . . .	2,600.00	2,400	2,600
Travel . . . . .	3,459.48	2,000	5,000
Equipment . . . . .	892.90	1,000	1,000
Historical Files . . . . .	-0-	3,500	6,000
Printing . . . . .	9,779.87	8,000	20,000
Office Staff: Salaries . . . . .	(1) 8,516.69	(2) 17,945	(2) 18,000
Office Staff: Benefits . . . . .	2,246.13	3,000	3,800
Assistant to Stated Clerk . . . . .	-0-	-0-	5,000
Stated Clerk Salary . . . . .	(1) 16,686.61	(1) 18,237	(1) 19,126
Housing . . . . .	8,500.00	8,500	9,000
Annuity (12%) & Insurance . . . . .	3,028.39	3,028	3,439
	\$61,750.50	\$74,110	\$100,465
Total . . . . .	\$162,869.64	\$230,208	\$255,498



## COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget Proposed
Operations:			
Continuing Education Staff .....	298	1,000	1,200
Travel Staff .....	5,769	13,000	13,000
Coordinator — Salary .....	17,977	18,527	19,143
Housing .....	8,000	8,500	10,000
Insurance & Annuities .....	2,355	2,738	2,422
Assistant to Coordinator — Salary .....	3,125	7,500	8,500
Insurance & Annuities .....	-0-	-0-	-0-
Magazine Editor .....	18,975	21,500	23,220
Insurance & Annuities .....	3,356	2,893	2,475
Administrative Manager .....	19,400	21,500	23,220
Insurance & Annuities .....	3,356	2,893	2,930
Writer/Consultants Salaries .....	14,300	17,632	21,202
Housing Allowance .....	7,200	6,930	7,484
Insurance & Annuities .....	5,002	3,906	4,637
Office Salaries .....	38,697	43,300	45,000
Church Relations Consultant .....	-0-	10,000	10,000
Insurance & Annuities .....	-0-	1,379	-0-
Sub-Total .....	147,809	183,198	194,433
Equipment .....	3,180	4,000	4,000
Office & Printing Supplies .....	6,417	5,000	7,000
Postage .....	5,352	2,700	6,000
U.P.S. ....	5,911	4,500	6,000
Rent .....	22,477	21,000	23,000
Telephone .....	8,160	7,500	8,500
Vehicle Maintenance & Insurance .....	1,999	2,500	4,000
Books (Library) .....	63	1,000	-0-
Promotion .....	-0-	4,000	6,000
Insurance (Annuities) .....	-0-	3,150	-0-
Insurance (Health-Office Staff) .....	265	2,500	1,000
Insurance (Office) .....	2,991	1,000	1,000
Legal & Accounting .....	2,538	3,000	4,000
Repairs & Maintenance & Misc. ....	2,922	1,000	2,500
Printing .....	1,249	8,000	5,000
Subscriptions .....	403	1,800	1,500
Payroll Taxes .....	5,154	5,000	7,000
CE Committee Meetings .....	10,965	8,500	9,000
Contingency Fund .....	-0-	4,000	4,000
Computer Service .....	-0-	11,400	12,000
Sub-Total .....	80,047	101,550	111,500
Programs: Committed			
Leadership Training .....	2,950	2,500	3,000
Family Ministries .....	3,308	4,000	6,000
Women In the Church .....	2,221	3,000	3,000
Great Commission Publications .....	100,000	150,000	125,000
Resources .....	-0-	1,000	2,000
Seminary Education .....	-0-	4,000	1,500
Messenger .....	52,523	50,200	70,000
Printing—11 x \$3.588 .....	39,475		
Postage & Computer Service .....	10,725		
Abortion Presentation .....			
Annual Ministers Conference .....	364	500	500
Sub-Total .....	161,367	215,200	211,000
Assembly Assigned Expenses:			
Stewardship Ministries .....	22,200	30,000	37,650
General Assembly Costs .....	9,743	12,000	12,000
PCA Foundation .....	-0-	2,000	6,150
Sub-Total .....	31,943	44,000	55,800
TOTAL COMMITTED .....			572,733

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget Proposed
Programs: Growth			
Information Services .....	-0—	5,000	5,000
Diaconal Ministries .....	-0—	3,000	3,000
Youth Ministries .....	-0—	10,000	10,000
Sub-Total .....		18,000	18,000
GRAND TOTAL .....	<u>\$421,166</u>	<u>\$561,948</u>	<u>\$590,733</u>

## COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE U.S.

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget Request
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
Coordinator Salary .....	-0-	\$15,775	\$17,575
Housing & Utilities .....	-0-	10,000	10,000
Annuity & Insurance .....	-0-	3,990	3,990
Total Coordinator .....	<u>\$28,215</u>	<u>\$29,765</u>	<u>\$31,565</u>
Administrative Personnel:			
Assistant Coordinator Salary .....	-0-	\$15,113	\$16,473
Housing .....	-0-	5,700	6,213
Annuity & Insurance .....	-0-	3,504	3,820
	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$24,317</u>	<u>\$26,506</u>
Business Manager Salary .....	\$16,389	\$16,789	\$20,617
Annuity & Insurance .....	386	386	768
	<u>\$16,775</u>	<u>\$17,175</u>	<u>\$21,385</u>
Field Representative Salary .....	-0-	-0-	-0-
Housing .....	-0-	-0-	-0-
Annuity & Insurance .....	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<u>\$400</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Office Expense:			
Office Salaries & Benefits .....	\$27,119	\$38,486	\$49,000
Travel/Administrative Staff .....	9,734	15,000	15,000
Supplies & Printing .....	8,415	15,000	15,000
Postage .....	6,933	12,000	10,000
Telephone .....	6,559	11,000	10,000
Office Move .....	2,949	-0-	-0-
Rent .....	9,597	9,760	10,470
Maintenance Contracts .....	1,923	4,000	5,500
Computer .....	30,849	12,000	12,000
Community Meetings & Work .....	10,071	17,000	17,000
Audit .....	2,564	2,750	3,025
Other .....	7,255	2,000	3,000
Office Total .....	<u>\$123,968</u>	<u>\$138,996</u>	<u>\$149,995</u>
Intra Committee Expenses:			
GA Expenses .....	\$6,718	\$10,500	\$11,550
Stewardship Ministries .....	21,148	32,519	37,650
PCA Foundation .....	-0-	2,000	6,150
Sub Total .....	<u>\$27,866</u>	<u>\$45,019</u>	<u>\$55,350</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS .....	<u>\$197,224</u>	<u>\$255,272</u>	<u>\$284,801</u>

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget Request
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES:</b>			
Committed:			
Presbytery .....	\$3,370	\$2,000	\$2,000
Organizing Pastors .....	236,622	300,000	331,500
Urban, Poor, & Minorities .....	125,250	110,000	120,000
Travel & Training .....	19,931	19,000	19,500
Student Workers .....	1,000	-0-	-0-
Advertising .....	10,865	5,000	10,000
Other .....	27,736	-0-	9,740
Chaplains .....	2,732	1,500	2,500
Campus Ministries .....	300	21,000	21,000
Sub Total .....	<u>\$427,806</u>	<u>\$458,500</u>	<u>\$516,240</u>
Growth:			
Assistant Coordination for Church			
Development w/Travel .....	-0-	-0-	\$38,000
Organizing Pastors .....	-0-	100,000	90,000
Urban, Poor & Minorities .....	-0-	38,000	40,000
Travel & Training .....	-0-	4,000	4,000
Other .....	-0-	8,000	8,000
Sub Total .....	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>
SUMMARY:			
Operation .....	\$197,224	\$255,272	\$302,826
Program: Committed .....	427,806	458,500	516,240
Sub Total .....	<u>\$625,030</u>	<u>\$713,772</u>	<u>\$819,066</u>
Growth .....	-0-	\$150,000	\$180,000
TOTAL BUDGET .....	<u>\$625,030</u>	<u>\$863,772</u>	<u>\$981,041</u>

**FIVE IN FIVE BUDGET**

	1979 Actual	1980 Revised	1981 Proposed
Director's Support .....	\$11,375	\$25,000	\$31,565
Director's Travel .....	1,122	10,000	15,000
Committee Travel .....	-0-	800	1,000
Secretarial .....	1,985	5,000	6,000
Office Expense .....	1,260	500	500
Printing-Publicity .....	3,021	5,000	6,000
Telephone .....	538	480	500
Taxes .....	122	250	2,000
Other .....	1,506	5,029	2,000
Fund-Raising Expenses .....	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTALS .....	<u>\$20,929</u>	<u>\$52,059</u>	<u>\$64,565</u>

**MISSION TO THE WORLD**

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
Personnel Expense			
Coordinator Cash Salary .....	\$16,424.14	\$17,575	\$18,876
Housing Allowance .....	7,800.00	7,800	7,800
Benefits .....	3,990.86	4,390	4,889
Sub Total No. 1 .....	<u>\$28,215.00</u>	<u>\$29,765</u>	<u>\$31,565</u>
Coordinator of Church Relations Cash Salary ....	13,897.60	15,967	17,675
Housing Allowance .....	6,800.00	6,800	6,800
Benefits .....	3,551.54	3,906	4,297

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
Missionary Evangelist Cash Salary .....	15,035.84	17,000	18,620
Housing Allowance .....	3,600.00	3,600	3,600
Car Allowance .....	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Benefits .....	3,424.10	3,766	4,143
Director of Personnel Cash Salary .....	18,434.17	20,218	21,734
Benefits .....	3,269.00	3,596	3,956
Financial Secretary Cash Salary .....	19,635.84	21,600	23,220
Benefits .....	3,424.58	3,766	4,143
Office Staff .....	(9) 83,155.56	(9½) 98,825	(10) 113,658
Benefits .....	11,049.36	12,753	14,879
Temporary Employees .....	366.15	1,815	1,942
Employer FICA .....	7,453.61	8,733	9,842
Communications Consultant .....	-0-	3,000	3,300
Sub Total No. 2 .....	\$194,097.35	\$226,345	\$252,809
Travel and Meetings			
Committee Meetings .....	10,622.09	9,350	10,285
Coordinator Travel .....	4,933.00	4,400	4,840
Coordinator of Church Relations Travel .....	5,159.72	7,000	7,700
Coordinator of Overseas Ministries Travel .....	-0-	2,000	2,200
Missionary Evangelist Travel .....	5,894.25	5,600	6,160
Director of Personnel Travel .....	1,663.01	3,000	3,300
Financial Secretary Travel .....	1,478.73	1,600	1,760
Other Staff Travel & MTW Car .....	2,441.25	2,200	2,420
Other Committeemen Travel .....	150.66	1,100	1,210
Sub Total No. 3 .....	\$32,342.71	\$36,250	\$39,875
Office Related Expenses			
Rent .....	\$19,073.60	\$23,200	\$24,712
Telephone .....	14,984.85	16,200	17,820
Office Supplies .....	4,992.15	6,100	6,710
Office Stationery and Forms .....	7,501.54	4,300	4,730
Mailing Service Expense .....	729.64	800	880
Missionary Evangelist Office Expense .....	900.00	1,000	1,100
Postage and UPS .....	7,609.76	9,100	10,010
Equipment Purchases .....	9,744.37	8,800	9,680
Equipment Rental and Maintenance Fees .....	6,972.95	8,500	9,350
Equipment Repairs and Supplies .....	806.44	900	990
Computer Supplies and Forms .....	844.41	900	990
Computer Services .....	23,320.35	18,000	19,800
Computer Equipment Rental .....	2,427.90	2,600	2,860
Literature for Distribution .....	1,153.88	1,700	1,870
Publicity .....	24,874.17	25,900	28,490
Auditing Fees .....	4,618.06	5,200	5,720
Membership Fees, Subscriptions .....	3,653.39	4,000	4,400
Miscellaneous .....	5,026.15	6,300	6,817
Sub Total No. 4 .....	\$139,233.61	\$143,500	\$156,929
Discretionary Funds .....	-0-	3,556	-0-
General Assembly Expense .....	11,653.04	16,000	17,400
Stewardship Programs .....	26,587.72	34,305	37,650
PCA Foundation .....	-0-	-0-	6,150
TOTAL OPERATIONS .....	\$432,129.43	\$489,721	\$542,378
Committed:			
Missionaries - Persons .....	163	163	189
Personal Support .....	\$1,507,736.76	\$1,733,897	\$2,249,541
Work Budgets .....	101,692.91	101,693	186,500
Sub Total No. 1 .....	\$1,609,429.67	\$1,835,590	\$2,436,041

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
Projects .....	119,297.11	119,297	150,000
National Workers .....	11,040.00	11,040	12,100
Sub Total No. 2 .....	\$130,337.11	\$130,337	\$162,100
Other Program Expenses			
Coord./Overseas Ministries Cash Salary .....			17,675
Housing Allowance .....			6,800
Benefits .....			4,297
Sub Total No. 3 .....			\$28,772
Candidate Expense .....	9,294.15	9,294	16,200
Mission Consultant .....	25.00	25	3,000
Field Trips and Evaluation .....	13,854.76	13,855	25,000
Sub Total No. 4 .....	\$23,173.91	\$23,174	\$44,200
Sub Total Committed .....	\$1,762,940.69	\$1,989,101	\$2,671,113
Growth:			
Missionaries - Persons .....		26	21
Personal Support .....		276,573	249,949
Work Budgets .....		14,948	50,000
Sub Total No. 1 .....		\$291,521	\$299,949
Projects .....		50,000	50,000
National Workers .....		1,100	1,200
Sub Total No. 2 .....		\$51,100	\$51,200
Other Program Expenses			
Coord./Overseas Ministries Cash Salary .....		15,967	
Housing Allowance .....		6,800	
Benefits .....		3,906	
Sub Total No. 3 .....		\$26,673	
Candidate Expense .....		4,200	1,620
Mission Consultant .....		3,000	300
Field Trips and Evaluation .....		10,000	3,200
Foreign Property .....		13,846	37,850
Sub Total No. 4 .....		\$31,046	\$42,970
Sub Total Growth .....		\$400,340	\$394,119
SUMMARY			
OPERATION .....	\$432,129.43	\$489,721	\$560,403
PROGRAM: Committed .....	1,762,940.69	1,989,101	2,671,113
Growth .....		400,340	394,119
TOTAL MISSION TO THE WORLD .....	\$2,195,070.12	\$2,879,162	\$3,607,610

**MISSION TO THE WORLD**  
**Short-Term Program**  
**(Proposal B)**

	Jul.-Dec. 1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
OPERATIONS		
Personnel Expense		
Coordinator Cash Salary .....	\$ 5,830	\$12,826
Housing Allowance .....	3,000	6,000
Benefits .....	1,294	2,847
Sub Total No. 1 .....	\$10,124	\$21,673

	Jul.-Dec. 1980 Budget	1981 Proposed Budget
Administrative Assistant Cash Salary .....	5,110	11,242
Benefits .....	886	1,949
Financial Secretary Cash Salary .....	-0-	18,826
Benefits .....	-0-	2,847
Office Staff .....	-0-	(1) 9,600
Benefits .....	-0-	1,905
Employer FICA .....	313	2,432
Sub Total No. 2 .....	\$ 6,309	\$48,801
Travel and Meetings .....		
Committee Meetings .....	300	700
Coordinator Travel .....	500	1,000
Financial Secretary Travel .....	-0-	300
Other Staff Travel & MTW Car .....	100	200
Sub Total No. 3 .....	\$ 900	\$ 2,200
Office Related Expenses .....		
Rent .....	600	2,400
Telephone .....	1,700	3,500
Office Supplies .....	1,200	2,000
Office Stationery and Forms .....	1,500	1,000
Postage and UPS .....	975	2,500
Equipment Purchases .....	3,100	3,000
Equipment Rental and Maintenance Fees .....	200	200
Equipment Repairs and Supplies .....	100	150
Computer Supplies and Forms .....	100	200
Computer Services .....	1,500	3,000
Literature for Distribution .....	100	200
Publicity .....	2,000	5,000
Miscellaneous .....	500	700
Sub Total No. 4 .....	\$13,575	\$23,850
Discretionary Funds .....	500	500
Services Provided by MTW .....	2,772	6,100
TOTAL OPERATIONS .....	\$34,180	\$103,124
Committed:		
Missionaries — Persons .....		30
Personal Support .....		\$358,000
Sub Total No. 1 .....		\$358,000
Emergency Support .....		10,000
Sub Total No. 2 .....		\$ 10,000
Sub Total Committed .....		\$368,000
Growth:		
Missionaries — Persons .....	30	50
Personal Support .....	\$72,000	383,000
Sub Total No. 1 .....	\$72,000	\$383,000
Emergency Support .....	10,000	
Sub Total No. 2 .....	\$10,000	
Sub Total Growth .....	\$82,000	\$383,000
SUMMARY		
OPERATION .....	34,180	103,124
PROGRAM: Committed .....	-0-	368,000
Growth .....	82,000	383,000
TOTAL SHORT-TERM PROGRAM .....	\$116,180	\$854,124

### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES BUDGET

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
<b>Director</b>			
Salary .....	\$15,325.72	\$20,654	\$22,113
Annuity/Ins. ....	-0-	2,886	3,087
<b>Assistant Director</b>			
Salary .....	15,336.48	17,205	18,928
Annuity/Ins. ....	-0-	2,795	3,072
<b>Secretary</b>			
Salary .....	8,527.44	8,015	9,700
Insurance .....	-0-	385	500
Annuity/Insurance .....	5,015.64	-0-	-0-
Taxes .....	2,404.20	3,500	4,000
Office Supplies .....	1,399.43	2,500	3,000
Printing .....	2,294.10	3,000	3,500
Rent .....	3,255.00	3,255	3,255
Telephone .....	2,894.91	6,000	4,000
Meetings .....	2,093.30	4,000	3,500
Travel .....	8,419.48	12,000	12,000
Training .....	-0-	1,000	1,000
Promotion .....	-0-	1,200	1,500
Regional Confs. ....	-0-	3,000	3,000
Stewardship Materials .....	6,765.61	5,000	6,000
Network .....	616.60	2,000	2,000
Seminars .....	2,337.03	3,000	3,000
<b>Implement G.A.</b>			
Mandate .....	-0-	-0-	11,400
Contingency .....	2,580.69	5,000	3,945
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<u>\$81,382.22</u>	<u>\$108,395</u>	<u>\$125,500</u>

### PCA FOUNDATION BUDGET 1981

	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
<b>SALARIES</b>			
Director .....	\$3,821.92	-0-	\$6,000
Field Rep. ....	12,000.00	-0-	-0-
Secretary/Bookkeeper .....	1,050.00	\$1,800.00	1,200
Taxes .....	1,034.25	-0-	100
			<u>\$7,300</u>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
Insurance/Annuity .....	\$1,538.10	-0-	-0-
Rent .....	1,551.00	\$1,551.00	\$1,800
Printing/Promo. Material .....	1,327.28	900.00	2,400
Meetings .....	823.68	-0-	1,600
Telephone .....	575.86	-0-	1,000
Travel/Promotion .....	5,961.47	-0-	1,000
Postage/UPS/Office Supplies .....	685.34	-0-	1,600
Legal/Accounting .....	982.75	-0-	2,000
Auditing .....			1,000
Contingency .....	537.68	1,749.00	800
	<u>\$31,924.33</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			<u>\$20,500</u>

### RIDGE HAVEN CONFERENCE CENTER BUDGET

	1979 Actual	1980	1981
<b>I. MANAGEMENT:</b>			
Administrator's salary and benefits (full time)	\$1,701.88	\$30,000	\$30,000



	1979 Actual	1980	1981
Maintenance Supervisor's Salary & Benefits	9,782.28	12,600	13,200
Part time workers	1,138.00	6,000	12,000
Committee expenses	1,510.09	4,000	4,000
Conference Center Vehicles	5,548.21	16,000	7,500
Tools	702.13	1,000	1,000
Utilities (Maintenance Supervisor's Home)	1,814.68	1,500	1,500
Insurance on Center & Vehicles	2,262.90	2,500	3,600
Contingency	15,933.90	7,500	10,000
TOTAL	\$49,953.77	\$81,100	\$82,800
<b>II. PROMOTION:</b>			
Minister of Church Relations	-0-	-0-	\$15,000
Promotional Materials, Phone, Programs	\$3,177.10	\$9,000	6,000
Travel Expenses	3,124.27	4,500	6,000
Secretary	1,559.70	4,600	7,200
TOTAL	\$7,861.07	\$18,100	\$34,200
<b>III. PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON MORTGAGE</b>	\$17,139.40	\$17,130	\$17,130
<b>IV. DEVELOPMENT</b> (As funds become available)			
<b>V. PROGRAM</b> (To be covered by program fees)			
TOTAL	\$73,394.54	\$116,330	\$134,130

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

#### TALLY SHEET

22 Presbyteries

493 Churches Reporting

Total Undesignated \$ 574,047

Total MTW: \$1,029,529

MUS: 374,026

CE: 292,449

AD: 131,675

\$2,401,726

75 Churches 0 amount

Comments:

	Total Including Undes.	Committed Budget	Percent
*MTW	\$1,201,743	\$2,482,518	48%
MUS	546,240	713,772	77%
CEP	464,663	545,553	85%
ADM	189,080	223,410	85%
	<u>\$2,401,726</u>	<u>\$3,965,253</u>	

\* Does not include Mission Conference pledges

**PRESBYTERY SUMMARY**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Undesignated</b>	<b>COA</b>	<b>CEP</b>	<b>MUS</b>	<b>MTW</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ascension	\$ 3,770	\$ 2,675	\$ 6,875	\$ 21,550	\$ 39,160	\$ 74,030
Calvary	93,616	8,471	21,823	29,526	79,426	232,862
Central Carolina	840	450	2,200	1,500	20,042	25,932
Central Florida	5,100	2,148	3,413	5,542	19,048	35,251
Central Georgia	144,199	—	—	—	15,000	159,199
Covenant	7,000	3,565	4,858	8,962	19,465	43,850
East Carolina	—	1,600	3,575	6,950	44,900	57,025
Evangel	87,014	39,990	114,193	90,185	181,634	513,016
Grace	14,430	6,950	13,686	20,342	44,498	99,906
Gulf Coast	5,850	6,166	11,168	17,624	36,394	77,202
Louisiana	11,586	3,320	5,966	11,560	10,080	42,512
Mid-Atlantic	15,210	2,925	4,100	22,920	97,671	142,846
Miss. Valley	56,546	19,347	27,348	33,196	162,777	299,214
New River	7,050	265	1,775	1,510	1,815	12,415
North Georgia	—	8,893	20,720	27,687	46,865	104,165
Pacific	10,167	272	1,133	7,572	16,235	35,379
South Florida	38,200	9,850	25,510	36,844	112,745	223,149
Tenn. Valley	19,102	2,900	4,800	8,680	21,225	56,707
Texas	24,600	1,817	1,867	2,017	27,310	57,611
Warrior	26,267	829	3,837	1,737	7,377	40,047
West Carolina	600	2,105	6,190	6,390	7,790	23,075
Westminster	2,900	7,117	7,412	11,732	17,172	46,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$574,047</b>	<b>\$131,675</b>	<b>\$292,449</b>	<b>\$374,026</b>	<b>\$1,029,529</b>	<b>\$2,401,726</b>

**1978/1979 COMPARISONS**

	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	73,665	4.7	
1979	77,102		
	<b>FAMILY UNITS</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	30,106	6.7	
1979	32,152		
	<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>PER CAPITA</b>	<b>PER FAMILY</b>
1978	\$33,759,726	458.29	1121.36
1979	\$38,939,405	505.04	1211.10
			15.3
	<b>TOTAL G.A. CAUSES</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	3,390,649	17.4	
1979	3,981,625		
	<b>FIVE IN FIVE</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	166,540	67.7	
1979	279,265		
	<b>NON PCA MISSIONS</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	2,997,996	24.2	
1979	3,726,020		
	<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	
1978	8,186,970	23.8	
1979	10,136,067		

## Appendix I

### REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Presbyterian Church in America Foundation was established by the Fourth General Assembly. Ostensibly it operates as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. However, the Fourth General Assembly which adopted the Charter and Bylaws for the Foundation took no action to amend the Bylaws of the General Assembly to properly set out the relationship of the Foundation to the denomination. Such an amendment would have been required in order to give the Foundation the proper nexus with the General Assembly. It is anticipated that the report of the Committee on Administration to the Eighth General Assembly will contain necessary Bylaw amendments to properly delineate the status of the Foundation. Heretofore the Foundation has been operating autonomously, reporting directly to the General Assembly with its affairs governed by an eight-man Board of Trustees set out and established by the Charter and Bylaws of the Foundation. Each trustee is elected by the General Assembly to serve for a four-year term. Although the Bylaws of the Foundation state that "the terms shall begin with their election by the General Assembly and shall end with the election of their successor by the General Assembly", the Foundation as a matter of practice has considered its trustees to serve for calendar year terms. Therefore, a trustee elected at the Seventh General Assembly in June, 1979, would have his term begin January 1, 1980, and continue through December, 1983.

Prior to the 1981 budget request, the Foundation has raised its operating funds outside of the General Assembly budget. In 1979 because of difficulties in raising the funds necessary to continue its operations on a full scale basis, the trustees curtailed operations effective October 1, 1979, reduced its staff, adopted a revised budget for the remainder of 1979 and the calendar year 1980. It was determined at the time that a total of \$8,000 would be needed to operate for the remainder of 1979 and 1980 on the curtailed basis. At that time, the Executive Committee of the Foundation's trustees presented the situation to each of the four General Assembly's permanent committees. Each Committee was requested to contribute \$2,000 to sustain the operations of the Foundation through the calendar year 1980. Subsequent to the annual meeting of the trustees held November 10, 1979, at which this plan was approved, certain designated gifts were received by the Foundation, were held for temporary periods and invested with substantial earnings. These earnings together with the subsidies received from the four General Assembly committees have permitted the Foundation to continue in operation through the time of the 1980 General Assembly and the Lord willing through the remainder of 1980.

The trustees at their annual meeting on November 10, 1979, decided that the future operation of the Foundation beginning in 1981 would require employment of a new full-time director. The trustees felt that such a director would need to have considerable skills in fund raising. To this end a proposed 1981 budget of \$89,000 was adopted. This proposed budget, a copy of which is attached to this report, was submitted to the Sub-committee on Stewardship. The Sub-committee on Stewardship subsequently took action to reduce the budget of the Foundation, particularly the compensation package for the director, as indicated by the report of the Sub-committee on Stewardship.

A search committee of the Foundation was appointed with the following responsibilities:

- A. Prepare job description for the proposed new director.
- B. Prepare profile of the man to be chosen for this position.
- C. Be prepared to recommend such a man by the next meeting of the Trustees providing the General Assembly approves the proposed budget and mode of operations.

The search committee has been active in carrying out its responsibilities and has prepared such a profile and job description for the proposed new director. It has also prepared a proposed "Plan for Operation", a copy of which is attached. Depending on approval of its budget and plans by the General Assembly, the search committee will begin an active search for a full time director immediately following the Eighth General Assembly, with the goal of employing someone for the position beginning January 1, 1981.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the proposed 1981 budget of \$89,000 as requested by the Board of Trustees be approved;
2. That the approved budget for 1981 be allocated to each of the four General Assembly Committees in the ratio of their sharing of undesignated gifts to the General Assembly as set out by the Eighth General Assembly;
3. That the Bylaw changes proposed by the Committee on Administration affecting the Foundation be approved.
4. That each church in the Assembly be encouraged to utilize the services of the Foundation in promoting planned and deferred giving within their membership;
5. That the General Assembly consider that coordination and supervision of all fund raising be assigned to the Foundation as proposed in the attached "Plan for Operations."

#### PLAN FOR OPERATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION FOR 1981

It is anticipated that the PCA Foundation will be the primary organization responsible for planned giving programs for the entire denomination. Planned giving would include deferred and capital fund giving.

It is further proposed for consideration by the General Assembly that all fund raising come under the supervision of the Foundation with the Director responsible for coordinating the efforts carried on within and by each General Assembly Committee or any other arm of the church including Ridge Haven. The Sub-Committee for Stewardship would be dismantled and the functions it now serves transferred as follows:

1. Education in Christian Stewardship including the development of materials for use by the local church to the Committee on Christian Education and Publications;
2. Receiving, compiling and transmitting information relative to per capita giving to the Committee on Administration;
3. Review and approval of Committee budgets to the Committee on Administration.

The Foundation will continue to operate for the balance of 1980 on a curtailed basis under the part-time direction of Mr. M. E. Howland, Director of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship. A full-time director would be employed to be effective January 1, 1981. Prior to his employment date, it is anticipated that a survey would be made of the potential for deferred and planned giving within the constituents of the PCA and its friends at large in the Christian community. An outside consulting service would be utilized for this purpose. From this survey, five year goals for the program of the Foundation would be set accordingly. The setting of these goals would be coordinated with the new director and would receive his agreement prior to adoption by the Foundation trustees.

It is anticipated that the office of the Foundation would be moved to Atlanta, Georgia near the offices of the three General Assembly committees already situated in Decatur, Georgia. As the Foundation would be responsible for all capital funds drives, (and possibly all fund raising) it would be necessary that the Foundation office have good communication with the General Assembly Committees. Attorneys for the Assembly and the Foundation are located in Atlanta.

The Director would operate in an office of 350-500 square feet of floor space, allowing room for a private office, a secretarial office, a file room and expansion room for an assistant. He would be provided with a leased automobile and an adequate telephone and travel budget to accomplish the goals of the organization.

It is anticipated that a portion of the budget of the Foundation would be covered by direct gifts received for the support of the Foundation as well as earnings made on temporary investments of gifts received by the Foundation designated for other PCA agencies or for other donees authorized by the charter of the Foundation. The balance of the Foundation's budget would be incorporated in the budgets of the four operating committees of the Assembly on a pro-rata basis, based on the sharing of undesignated gifts set by each General Assembly. The budget anticipated for 1981 and requested of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship is \$89,000.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION FOR 1981

<b>PERSONNEL:</b>	
Director - Salary .....	\$35,000
Annuity .....	4,200
Insurance .....	1,000
Total Personnel .....	<u>\$40,200</u>
Secretary/Bookkeeper - Salary .....	14,000
Payroll Taxes .....	3,000
Total Personnel .....	<u>\$57,200</u>
<b>GENERAL/ADMINISTRATIVE:</b>	
Travel and Promotion .....	\$12,000
Office Rental .....	3,000
Printing and Promotional Material .....	3,000
Advertising .....	3,000
Telephone .....	3,000
Legal and Accounting .....	2,200
Postage and Office Supplies .....	2,000
Trustee Meetings .....	1,600
Miscellaneous .....	2,000
Total General & Administrative .....	<u>\$31,800</u>
Total Budget .....	<u>\$89,000</u>

### MINORITY REPORT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Word of God sets forth very clearly that the stewardship of time, talents, and possessions is the responsibility of every individual Christian. The basis of stewardship is the blessing of God as recognized by grateful hearts. David, in his prayer which he offered when the materials for the temple had been gathered, gives us the expression of grateful stewardship. "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers. Our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thy holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hath pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee." I Chron. 29:13-17.

Since the basis of stewardship is the blessing of God, the responsibility of teaching and encouraging stewardship must rest with the individual congregation, and thus the admonition of Scripture must be obeyed. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly nor of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work: Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." I Cor. 9:7,8,11. The instructions of Scripture will preclude any attempt on the part of the church to be a financial institution.

Attention of the Assembly is called to certain irregularities in the operation of the Board.

1. The meeting of the Board held November 10, 1979, was held without a quorum; therefore, all actions taken at that meeting are null and void.
2. Notice for the meeting included these words, "As you are aware, we are running a deficit in our operating funds. Therefore, we trust that you will be able to make your own arrangements to cover your travel expense." This definitely contributed to the fact that there was not a quorum present. The undersigned do not believe that the Assembly expects committee members to do the work of the Assembly at their own expense.
3. The report printed in the Handbook was never presented to the Board for consideration and is, therefore, not properly before the Assembly.
4. Recommendations 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the supplement to the handbook were never considered by the Board.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the budget for the Foundation be set at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for 1981.
2. That the operation of the Foundation be placed under the Assembly's Committee on Administration (similarly to that of the Board of Insurance and Annuities) and that the budget for the Foundation be added to that of the Committee on Administration.
3. That the By-laws of the Corporation be amended to restore the review of the several budgets of the committees to the Committee on Administration, Section 7-22, par. 3 to read "the Committee on Stewardship Ministries" to "Committee on Administration."
4. That the Foundation be relieved of any responsibility for promoting planned giving.
5. That the General Assembly reaffirm the statement of purpose of the Foundation as it is found in the Manual, *Minutes of Fourth General Assembly*, p. 198, Article 1, Purpose: The first sentence which reads, "The Foundation is established to receive, accumulate, manage, invest, and disburse capital funds entrusted to it."

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

#### Additional Recommendations:

6. Amend the Rules for Assembly Operations Section 8-1 of Article VIII to delete item 12 under the heading of "Committees".
7. Amend the Rules for Assembly Operations Section 9-1 of Article IX to delete item (5) now reading "Stewardship" and renumber (6) and (7) to (5) and (6).
8. That the By-Laws be amended to delete Section 10, of Article IV.
9. That the second sentence of Section 3 of Article IV of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:  
"The budget for each Permanent Committee, Ridge Haven and the PCA Foundation shall be submitted to the Committee on Administration, which shall consider the requests of each submitting committee or organization as it relates to the budget requests of the other Committees, including its own and shall recommend budgets for each submitting committee or organization and its own budget to the General Assembly."

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## VII.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the directors or officers of the Corporation or to other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation.

contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### VIII.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute any assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or other conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, in accordance with such requirements. All remaining assets shall be distributed to such organizations and institutions as are selected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, provided, however, that such selection shall include only organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and whose purposes and activities are not inconsistent with the purposes of this Corporation.

#### IX.

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 2500 Peachtree Center, Cain Tower, 229 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30043 and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be Henkel & Lamon, P.C.

#### X.

The name and address of the incorporators is Thomas F. Leopard, 3001 US Highway 280, South, Birmingham, Alabama 35243 and W. Jack Williamson, Box 467, Greenville, Alabama 36037.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation this 1st day of August, 1980.

J. Austin Thompson, Jr.  
For: Henkel & Lamon, P.C.  
Attorneys for Incorporator



## ARTICLE I

## MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members.

## ARTICLE II

## DIRECTORS

## 2.1 General Powers

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Directors shall in all cases act as a Board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of this Corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the laws of Georgia.

## 2.2 Specific Powers

- Special Powers**
- a. The Board of Directors shall have the power to solicit, receive and accept gifts, devises, or bequests of all forms of property, both real and personal, tangible and intangible, or the income therefrom, outright or in trust, from any individual, corporation or other organization, subject to such retained interest and other conditions which may be agreed upon by the transferor and the Board or specified in the instrument of conveyance.
  - b. Except as limited by any instrument of conveyance or agreement between the transferor and the Board of Directors, and except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of Section 2.2 hereof, the Board shall exercise complete and exclusive discretion with respect to the investment, reinvestment, disposition, and control of any property, or income therefrom, transferred or conveyed to the Corporation.
  - c. The ultimate disposition or distribution of any property or income received by the Corporation, other than transfers which are required by any instrument of conveyance or other agreement between the transferor and the Board of Directors, of which represent the exercise of the authority of the Board to manage and invest such property and income, shall be determined in the manner ordered and directed by resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.
  - d. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for such purposes as are consistent with the purposes of the Corporation as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, on such terms and from such sources as the Board considers proper, and to mortgage or pledge any property held or administered by the Corporation for uses not inconsistent with the purpose for which the money borrowed is to be spent.
  - e. The Board of Directors shall have the power to loan money for such purposes as are consistent with the purposes of the Corporation as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, on such terms and subject to such security as the Board considers proper.
  - f. The Board of Directors shall have the power to combine any separate fund or property with any other fund or property for convenience of administration and investment, and for such purposes to hold such several funds in one or more common accounts in which separate funds have undivided interests.
  - g. The Board of Directors shall have the power to employ agents, employees, counsel, and such other personnel as the Board considers necessary, and to delegate to them such powers as the Board considers proper.
  - h. The Board of Directors shall have the power to pay all reasonable costs, charges, and expenses incurred in the administration of the property of, and income received by, the Corporation, including compensation to persons referred to in paragraph (g) of Section 2.2.

### 2.3 Number, Term, and Qualifications

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be eight (8). Each member of the Board of Directors must be either a Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder, or Deacon in the Presbyterian Church in America. At least two of the Directors shall be Teaching Elders and at least four shall be Ruling Elders or Deacons. Each Director shall be elected for a term of four (4) years; provided, however, that the initial Board of Directors shall be elected for the following terms: Two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year; two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years; and two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. No Director shall be eligible for reelection to the Board until one year after his or her term expires; provided, however, that if a Director has served for a term of less than four (4) years, he or she shall be eligible for immediate reelection at the end of such term. There shall be no limit on the number of terms which a Director may serve. The members of the Board of Directors shall, upon assuming office, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The Managing Director of the Corporation shall serve as an additional member of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity only and shall not have the right to vote.

**2.4 Election of Directors**

Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in accordance with the Bylaws, the Rules for Assembly Operation, and the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America. Nominations for the Board of Directors shall be presented to the General Assembly by the nominating committee of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**2.5 Vacancies**

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors by reason of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Director, the vacancy shall be filled at the next subsequent annual or special meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in accordance with the election procedures set forth in Section 2.4.

**2.6 Removal**

Any Director may be removed from office prior to the expiration of his or her term, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**2.7 Compensation**

Directors shall not receive salary for their services as Directors; but, by resolution of the Board, expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each meeting of the Board. A Director may serve the Corporation in a capacity other than that of Director and receive compensation for the services rendered in that other capacity, and no individual shall be precluded from serving the Corporation in another capacity or receiving compensation therefore by reason of being a Director.

**2.8 Officers of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall appoint by a majority vote a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary from among the members of the Board to serve as Officers of the Board. These Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and shall have such duties as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board or by these Bylaws.

**2.9 Executive Committee**

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and one other Director appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall serve as the Executive Committee of the Board to perform the duties of the Board during such time when the Board is not in session. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be submitted for ratification at the next subsequent meeting of the Board, or the actions may be submitted to the individual members of the Board for ratification by mail. Any action of the Executive Committee which the Board fails to ratify shall be declared void *ab initio*. No ratification shall be required, however, if the power to take such action was previously delegated to the Executive Committee by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**2.10 Other Committees**

The Board of Directors shall appoint from among its members and others such committees as the Board may deem necessary or advisable for the proper operation of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE III****MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS****3.1 Place of Meetings**

The meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the registered office of the Corporation, or at any place within or without the State of Georgia that a majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation or the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America may from time to time by resolution designate, or that may be designated in any notice of a meeting.

**3.2 Annual Meetings**

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at least annually, and no notice of such meeting, other than that provided by these Bylaws, shall be required.

**3.3 Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman, or by any three or more Directors, or by direction of the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**3.4 Notice**

Written notice of each annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors, setting forth the time, place, and date of the meeting, shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days before the time appointed for the meeting. Such notice shall be given either by hand delivering a copy or sending a copy through the United States Mail. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, addressed to the Director at his address as shown in the records of the Corporation, with first class postage thereon prepaid.

**3.5 Waiver of Notice**

Notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who signs a written waiver of notice either before or after the meeting; and a Director's waiver shall be deemed the equivalent of giving proper notice. Attendance of a Director at a meeting shall of itself constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, and a waiver of any and all objections to the place of the meeting, the time of the meeting or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except where a Director states at the beginning of the meeting any such objection or objections to the transaction of business.

**3.6 Quorum**

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in attendance shall be the act of the Board of Directors and all resolutions adopted and all business transacted by the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at the meeting. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any of those present. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

**3.7 Presumption of Assent**

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be presumed to have concurred in any action taken at the meeting, unless his dissent to such action shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting, or unless he shall submit his written dissent to the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment of the meeting, or shall forward such dissent by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of the Corporation within 24 hours after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who, being present at the meeting, failed to vote against such action.

**3.8 Action by Consent**

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, which may be in the form of minutes of a meeting, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

**ARTICLE IV****OFFICERS****4.1 Titles of Officers**

The Corporation shall have a Managing Director and a Secretary. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Directors. One person may be elected to more than one office, except that the offices of Managing Director and Secretary may not be held by the same person.

**4.2 Election**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, which term shall commence on the day of election at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until his death, resignation, or removal from office.

**4.3 Removal and Vacancies**

Any Officer elected by the Directors may be removed by the Directors whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of an Officer shall not, of itself, create contract rights. A vacancy in any office occurring for whatever reason may be filled by the Directors for the unexpired portion of the term at an annual or special meeting of the Board.

**4.4 Managing Director**

The Managing Director shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and, subject to the control of the Directors, shall supervise and control the business and affairs of the Corporation. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Corporation authorized by the Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. He shall (i) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation, (ii) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever, and (iii) deposit all such moneys in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors. If required by the Directors, the Managing Director shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Directors shall determine. He shall, in general, perform all other duties incident to the office of Managing Director and such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**4.5 Secretary**

The Secretary shall maintain custody of the corporate records and the Seal of the Corporation and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall serve as the Secretary, unless a Secretary shall have been duly elected by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE V****ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS**

The Ecclesiastical Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America is composed of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* as adopted by the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church in America, and the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America. The provisions of the Ecclesiastical Constitution shall take precedence over any provisions of these Bylaws which may be in conflict therewith.

## ARTICLE VI

### INDEMNIFICATION

#### 6.1 Determination of Indemnification Right

- a. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that a person did not act in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- b. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.
- c. Any indemnification under paragraph (a) or (b) of Section 6.1 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of those members who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- d. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of Section 6.1 or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- e. The provisions of this Article shall also apply to members of any committee or subcommittee of the Corporation.

#### 6.2 Payment

A disinterested majority of the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall be authorized to pay to any person entitled to indemnification under this Article all actual expenses incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding during the pendency thereof, upon the receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article.

#### 6.3 Intent

It is the intention of the Corporation that this Article of the Bylaws of the Corporation and the indemnification hereunder shall extend the maximum indemnification possible under the laws of Georgia, and if any one or more words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Article should be held unenforceable for any reason, all remaining portions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any annual or special meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII  
APPROVAL OF BYLAWS**

Neither these Bylaws nor any amendment or alteration hereto shall become effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of the General Assembly at any annual or special meeting.

**ARTICLE IX  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**9.1 Seal**

The Seal of the Corporation shall be in such form as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, and shall initially be in the following form:

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.  
CORPORATE SEAL  
GEORGIA**

In the event it is inconvenient to use such a seal at any time, the signature of the Corporation, followed by the word "SEAL" enclosed in parentheses or scroll, shall be deemed the Seal of the Corporation. The Seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary and affixed by him or any assistant secretary on such papers as may be directed by law, by these Bylaws, by the Managing Director, or by the Board of Directors. The presence or absence of the Corporate Seal on any instrument, or its addition thereto, shall not affect the character, validity, or legal effect of the instrument in any respect.

**9.2 Registered Office**

The initial address of the registered office and name of the registered agent of the Corporation are stated in the Articles of Incorporation. The registered office and registered agent of the Corporation may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Corporation may establish offices at such other place or places both within and without the State of Georgia as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

**9.3 Headings**

The Article and Section headings contained herein are for convenience and reference only, and shall in no manner be construed as a part of these Bylaws.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, Inc., formed and existing under the laws of Georgia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the bylaws of this Corporation as submitted to, read to and adopted by unanimous consent at the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1980.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of this Corporation, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1980.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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Secretary



## Appendix J

### REPORT OF RIDGE HAVEN CONFERENCE CENTER TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Ridge Haven, your Conference Center is in the process of moving from a concept to a reality. The rate of this development, albeit slow, has accelerated significantly during this past year. The limited facilities we have been able to develop are in full use with a schedule of activities extending even into the next calendar year.

We are still a long way from having a fully developed Conference Center, and we desperately need the opportunity to present this cause in all of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America. The response to our presentation so far has been encouraging, but the failure of large numbers of our churches to honor our request for such presentations has been disappointing. The obvious difference between interest and disinterest is the degree of co-operation which we receive from the pastors.

During the past year we have been the recipient of a number of contributions and within the past few months have been informed of one large gift that will amount to approximately one million dollars over a period of five years.

At the present time we have built a mini-lodge which will accommodate forty people comfortably. It is a home with cooking and meeting facilities as well as both private and dormitory space for sleeping. The picnic shelter is complete with lights and water and tables for forty. We are continuing some of the basic work now, such as road, sewerage, water, and electricity for the entire complex. Since all our utilities will be underground, it is necessary to get them in place before too much building is done. The engineering studies on the dam will soon be complete, and we hope to have the dam built this summer.

Plans are underway to begin work on another guest house and the family camping area this summer. We would like to have two houses, the lake, the utilities, and some camping space finished by fall.

The architects are working on the drawings for the Phase One Lodge which will become part of the Study Center eventually. If sufficient funds were available we could begin construction of that building this coming year. The rate of development of the Conference Center from this point on will depend upon the gifts of congregations and individuals within the Presbyterian Church in America, since we may only proceed as the money is in hand. We hope that enough people in the Church will show an active and generous interest in Ridge Haven to enable us to build and maintain a Conference Center which will serve the Lord and His Church.

#### II. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PCA

The Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., recommends that the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America:

1. Hear the Report of Ridge Haven, Inc.
2. In order to clarify the method of filling unexpired terms of members of the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., that a section 3 be added to Article V, *Directors*, of the Bylaws (page 268-269, *Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly of the PCA, 1979*) to read:
  3. Vacancies. A vacancy on the board of directors because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the directors for the unexpired portion of the term subject to the approval of the next General Assembly.
- and that the other sections in Article V be renumbered appropriately.
3. Approve Harrison R. King, ruling elder, Second Church, Greenville, S.C., to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Rogers, '82, who resigned.
4. Approve Royce G. Waites, ruling elder, Northeast Church, Columbia, S.C., to fill the unexpired term of George Gulley, '82, who resigned.
5. Approve Gordon K. Reed, teaching elder, Calvary Presbytery, to fill the unexpired term of Pat Williams, '83, who resigned.
6. Approve an annual appeal for funds for Ridge Haven, Inc., in the *MESSENGER* since Ridge Haven is the only major ministry in the PCA not in the general budget.
7. Authorize the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation to borrow up to \$400,000.00 pledging the \$800,000.00 note (payable in 5 equal annual payments plus 6% interest) and the 50% interest in the Woodlawn Plaza Shopping Center mortgage due May 1, 1982, as collateral to provide Ridge Haven, Inc., with funds that will enable it to proceed with construction of the first major building (Phase I Lodge) at the earliest possible date.
8. Elect Edward J. Robeson, III, as Administrator of Ridge Haven, Inc., to serve in this capacity in accordance with the Bylaws and the Job Description prepared by the Board.
9. Express great appreciation to Gordon Reed for serving as Acting Administrator of Ridge Haven, Inc.
10. Approve the amended budget for 1980. (See Attachment A.)
11. Approve the amended budget for 1981. (See Attachment A.)
12. Approve the Report as a whole.

**Attachment A**  
**RIDGE HAVEN CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**BUDGET REVISIONS**

	<b>1980</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>I. MANAGEMENT</b>		
Administrator's Salary & Benefits (full time)	\$30,000	\$30,000
Maintenance Supervisor's Salary & Benefits	12,600	13,200
Part time Workers	6,000	12,000
Committee Expenses	4,000	4,000
Conference Center Vehicles	16,000	7,500
Tools	1,000	1,000
Utilities (Maintenance Supervisor's Home)	1,500	1,500
Insurance on Center & Vehicles	2,500	3,600
Contingency	7,500	10,000
Total	81,100	82,800
<b>II. PROMOTION</b>		
Minister of Church Relations	—	\$15,000
Promotional Materials, Phone, Programs	9,000	6,000
Travel Expenses	4,500	6,000
Secretary	4,600	7,200
Total	18,100	34,200
<b>III. PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON MORTGAGE</b>	17,130	17,130
<b>IV. DEVELOPMENT</b> (As funds become available)		
<b>V. PROGRAM</b> (To be covered by program fees)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$116,330	\$134,130



### **Appendix K**

#### **MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY'S THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

The Theological Examining Committee met December 27, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. members present were: The Rev. James Bland, Mr. George Calhoun, Mr. Da De Lange, The Rev. David Osborne, alternate voting as principal. After convening with prayer, the committee proceeded to examine The Rev. Dwight Linton, Assistant Coordinator designate for The M-US committee, in the areas of personal experience, theology, the sacraments, and church government. Following this, a motion was unanimously passed sustaining The Rev. Linton's satisfactory examination. A second motion was passed, recommending to the Assembly that The Rev. Linton be approved as Assistant Coordinator to M-US.

The meeting was adjourned with a season of prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
David Osborne, Clerk

The Assembly's Theological Examining Committee met March 13, 1980, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. Members present were: The Rev. James Bland III, The Rev. Douglas J. Culver, The Rev. Bob Vincent, Mr. George Calhoun, and the Rev. David Osborne (alternate). After Bob Vincent opened the meeting with prayer, the committee proceeded to examine Mr. Ed. Robeson, administrator-designate for Ridge Haven, in the areas of personal experience, theology, sacraments, and church government. Following this, a motion was unanimously passed sustaining Mr. Robeson's satisfactory examination.

In addition, the committee passed a motion recommending to the Assembly that Mr. Robeson's examination be approved for the position as Administrator of Ridge Haven.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with a season of prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
David Osborne, Clerk

## Appendix L

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Nominating Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 1980, at 10:15 A.M. in the Eastern Airlines Conference Room #40 at the Atlanta Airport. Ruling Elder Ed J. Robeson of Calvary Presbytery, Convenor of the Committee, opened the meeting with a season of prayer led by himself and several other members of the Committee.

The Committee elected Mr. Robeson as Chairman, and Teaching Elder R. Norman Evans as Secretary.

A quorum was determined with the following Presbyteries represented as listed:

Presbytery	Name
Ascension	Dale Linder, TE
Calvary	Ed Robeson, RE
Central Carolina	Al Saleeby, TE
Central Florida	Mike Hodgkinson, RE
Central Georgia	—
Covenant	Arthur Rogers, RE
Eastern Carolina	Willard Wilson, RE
Evangel	Hubert Stewart, TE
Grace	George Gulley, RE
Gulf Coast	George McGuire, TE
Louisiana	Joe Hunt, RE
Mid-Atlantic	Leon Wardell, TE
Mississippi Valley	Henry Fair, RE
New River	Norman Evans, TE
North Georgia	Raymond Fulton, RE
Pacific	Don Esty, TE
Southern Florida	Terry Gyger, TE
Tennessee Valley	Richard Harris, TE
Texas	Ray Sanders, RE
Warrior	Allan Story, TE
Western Carolina	J. T. Russell, RE
Westminister	Leonard T. Van Horn, TE

Following a brief introduction by each member of the Committee the business of the day was begun with the following matters discussed:

First, the standing rules of the Committee adopted by the Fifth General Assembly (See Minutes of Fifth General Assembly, 5-35, p. 64).

Second, the specific statement in the *Book of Church Order*, 15-1 (9), regarding proportionate representation of Presbyteries on the General Assembly's Committees.

Third, the question of placing in nomination a Presbytery's nominee when no biographical data form has been given the Committee.

Regarding this third item a motion was made and carried that each Presbytery nominee be considered eligible even though no data form was available at that time.

The Committee then proceeded to elect nominees from the various Presbyteries as follows:

## I. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

### A. Present Personnel:

#### Teaching Elders:

Richard Harris, Tennessee Valley	Class of 1983
Paul G. Settle, Calvary	Class of 1982
James W. Lipscomb, Louisiana	Class of 1981
Gordon Reed, Calvary	Class of 1980
Frank Moser, Ascension	Alternates
Robert LaMay, Ascension	
John Sartelle, Covenant	

#### Ruling Elders:

John Culver, Gulf Coast
Jack Lonon, Western Carolinas
H.S. Williford, Mississippi Valley
Ralph Langford, Evangel
Richard Ayres, Louisiana
James Wilkerson, Grace
Robert Eberst, South Florida

## B. To be elected:

Two Teaching Elders	Class of 1984	One Ruling Elder
One Teaching Elder	Alternates	One Ruling Elder

## C. Nominations:

John Sartelle, Covenant Tom Meyer, Grace	Class of 1984	Mike Hodgkinson, Central Florida
George Fuller, Ascension	Alternates	Charles Lowry, Westminster

## Biographical Sketch for Comm. on Administration nominees:

- Teaching Elders: John Sartelle, — Served as Alternate for this Committee, 1979-1980  
 — Active over the years in several Presbytery Committees
- Tom Meyer, — Director of Finance, Personnel & Student Affairs at Reformed Seminary, Jackson
- (Alt.) George Fuller, — Director, National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship  
 — Dean, Westminster Seminary
- Ruling Elders: Mike Hodgkinson,  
 (Alt.) Charles Lowry, — Occupation in Real Estate and Finances  
 — Conducts prayer breakfast on national level for Society of Industrial Realtors  
 — Past president of Virginia chapter of Society of Industrial Realtors

## II. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

## A. Present Personnel

## Teaching Elders:

James Hatch, Evangel  
 Paul Kooistra, Warrior

Class of 1983

## Ruling Elders

William Huffman, Eastern Carolina

Daniel F. Barr, Westminster

Class of 1982

Donald R. Kimsey, Central Florida  
 John Spencer, Evangel, ChairmanDavid H. Bryson, Central Georgia  
 Michael Schneider, Jr., Miss. Valley

Class of 1981

O. H. Smith, III, Gulf Coast

John K. Reeves, Grace

Class of 1980

R. H. Miller, New River  
 George Parron, Mid-Atlantic

Alternates

James Turner, Covenant

Joe Treloar, Mississippi Valley

## B. To be elected:

One Teaching Elder

Class of 1984

Two Ruling Elders

One Teaching Elder

Alternates

One Ruling Elder

## C. Nominations:

Harris Langford, Central Georgia

Class of 1984

David Brewer, Ascension  
 Joe Treloar, Mississippi Valley

Alternates

Eugene Hunt, North Georgia

Earl Ross, Pacific

## Biographical Sketch for Comm. for CE and P nominees:

- Teaching Elders: Harris Langford, — Present Co-ordinator of CE, First Presbyterian Day School, Macon, Georgia  
 — Past service (3 years) on GA CE Comm. as assistant and later associate Co-ordinator

- (Alt.) Eugene Hunt, — Served as Alternate on this GA Committee, 1975-1976  
 — Active on North Georgia Presbytery CE Comm. for several years
- Ruling Elders: David Brewer, — area Director of 'Young Life' for 3 years  
 — Has produced manuals, slide presentations, etc. on areas within CE  
 — Addressed NPRF on area within CE
- Joe Treloar, — Principal of the Christian Day School at the First Presbyterian, Jackson
- (Alt.) Earl Ross,

### III. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

#### A. Present Personnel

##### Teaching Elders

Class of 1983  
 Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant

Class of 1982  
 Stuart H. Perrin, Ascension  
 Charles W. McNutt, Eastern Carolina

Class of 1981  
 James M. Baird, Jr., Central Georgia

Class of 1980  
 Frank M. Barker, Evangel  
 Charles E. Turner, Pacific

Alternates  
 David Nicholas, Southern Florida

##### Ruling Elders

Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast  
 Robert Wilcox, Central Carolina

E. L. (Lew) Luttrell, Texas

Earl Russell, Calvary  
 Logan Porter, Eastern Carolina

Earl Bolton, North Georgia

#### B. To be elected:

Class of 1984  
 Two Teaching Elders

Alternates  
 One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

One Ruling Elder

#### C. Nominations:

Class of 1984  
 David Nicholas, Southern Florida  
 Fred Marsh, Tennessee Valley

Alternates  
 John Neville, Western Carolina

Robert Vinson, Pacific

Stephen Fox, Evangel

Biographical Sketch for MUS Committee nominees:

Teaching Elders: David Nicholas

Fred Marsh, — Experience with 'Men in Action' (Miami) prior to pastorate  
 — Trained in 'Evangelism Explosion' (Coral Ridge)  
 — Chairman, Presbytery MUS Committee  
 — Member, Sub-Comm. of CE on Diaconal Ministries, 1978

(Alt.) John Neville,

Ruling Elders: Robert Vinson,

(Alt.) Stephen Fox, — President of Walker Printing Co.  
 — Served on GA Ad-Interim Comm. on Divorce  
 — Presently serving Presbytery MUS Committee

## IV. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

## A. Present Personnel:

**Teaching Elders**

R. Thomas Cheely, Central Carolina  
W. J. Stanway, Mississippi Valley

Class of 1983

Donald B. Patterson, Mississippi

Class of 1982

G. Allen Fleece, Central Georgia  
Joe Morecraft, North Georgia

Class of 1981

Eugene Craven, Calvary

Class of 1980

## Alternates

Boyce Spooner, Western Carolinas

**Ruling Elders**

Loyd Strickland, Northern Georgia

Gerald Sovereign, Gulf Coast  
Donald Comer, Central Georgia

Walter Lastovica, Mid-Atlantic

L.B. Austin, III, Tenn. Valley, Chairman  
Hugh Brown, Evangel

William Mulcay, Jr., Central Florida

## B. To be elected:

One Teaching Elder

Class of 1984

## Alternates

One Teaching Elder

Two Ruling Elders

One Ruling Elder

## C. Nominations:

Charles Young, Warrior

Class of 1984

## Alternates

Jack Ross, Grace

Ashton Stewart, Mid-Atlantic  
Harry Musser, New River

George Fox, Ascension

## Biographical Sketch for Comm. on MTW nominees:

- Teaching Elders:** Charles Young, — Special interest and studies in World Missions  
— Both pastorates served has increased in missions giving, with annual missions conference  
— Presently chairman of Presbytery MTW Committee
- (Alt.) Jack Ross, — Served in original writing of MTW Manual  
— Serves church with exceptional missions giving  
— Member of Presbytery MTW Committee since its beginning
- Ruling Elders:** Ashton Stewart, — Physician, Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine Service at VA Medical Center, Martinsburg WV  
— 22 years on the field in Mid-East as Physician
- Harry Musser, — Vice President, West Virginia Engineering Co.  
— Has served on previous GA MTW Committee  
— Chairman of Presbytery MTW Committee
- (Alt.) George Fox,

A motion was made that in the remaining elections the man obtaining the highest vote be considered the 'Principle' for the respective Committee and the next highest vote receiver be considered the 'Alternate' for that Committee. In the case of two 'Principles' to be elected the third highest vote receiver becomes the 'Alternate'. MOTION FAILED

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:25 and reconvened at 1:15. The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. Don Esty.

## V. SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

## A. Present Personnel:

**Teaching Elders**

G. Aiken Taylor, Western Carolinas

Class of 1982

**Ruling Elders**

Charles Ambler, Jr., Central Florida

	Class of 1981	
Thomas Llewelyn, Miss. Valley		Ed Robeson, Calvary
	Class of 1980	
Donald R. Esty, Pacific		Hugh Potts, Mississippi Valley
	Alternates	
John C. Neville, Western Carolinas		Earl Jagers, Covenant
B. To be elected:		
	Class of 1983	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder
	Alternates	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder
C. Nominations:		
	Class of 1983	
John Kyle, Mississippi Valley		Don Boerema, Southern Florida
	Alternates	
Carl Bogue, Ascension		Henry Dekker, North Georgia
Biographical Sketch for Sub-Comm. on Interchurch Relations nominees:		
Teaching Elders: John Kyle,	— Presently Director of Foreign Missions Dept. of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship	
	— First Co-ordinator of GA MTW Committee	
	— Past field worker and executive for Wycliffe Translators	
(Alt.) Carl Bogue,	— Fraternal delegate to CRC GA, 1976	
	— Fraternal delegate to OPC GA, 1977	
	— NAPARC participant on Conference on Offices, 1977	
	— Member both Ad Interim Comm. with NAPARC churches	
Ruling Elders: Don Boerema,		
	(Alt.) Henry Dekker, — Regional Zone Manager for southern states in Mitsubishi Electric	
	— Served on Ad Interim Committee on Divorce	

## VI. SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

### A. Present Personnel

#### Teaching Elders:

	Class of 1983
Byron Snapp, Calvary	
	Class of 1982
C. D. Fred Murphy, Central Carolina	
	Class of 1981
John W. P. Oliver, Central Georgia	
	Class of 1980
Thomas A. Cook, Mississippi Valley	
	Alternates
Fred Carr, Warrior	

### B. To be elected:

	Class of 1984
One Teaching Elder	
	Alternates
One Teaching Elder	

### C. Nominations:

	Class of 1984
Fred Carr, Warrior	
	Alternates
Ed Steele, Ascension	

#### Ruling Elders:

Stokes V. Robertson, Jr., Miss. Valley
John Moore, Covenant
Howard Lincoln, Central Georgia
James Westlake, North Georgia, Chmn.
Ivan Ward, Westminster

One Ruling Elder
One Ruling Elder

William Buiten, Southern Florida
Stanley Wales, Texas

### Biographical Sketch for Sub-Comm. on Judicial Business nominees:

Teaching Elders: Fred Carr,	— Presently the Alternate to this GA Committee
	— Stated Clerk of Presbytery for 3 years

(Alt.) Ed Steele,

Ruling Elders: William Buiten,

(Alt.) Stanley Wales,

VII. TRUSTEES FOR THE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND

A. Present Personnel

	Class of 1984	
Allen Morris, Southern Florida		J. Edmund Johnston, Miss. Valley
	Class of 1983	
Robert G. Sweet, Western Carolinas		Sam Chester, Tennessee Valley
	Class of 1982	
James Lipscomb, Louisiana		Seixas G. Milner, North Georgia
	Class of 1981	
Russell Flaxman, Mid-Atlantic		E. Crowell Cooley, Mid-Atlantic
	Class of 1980	
Thomas Barnes, Evangel		Robert Oldaker, Ascension

B. To be elected:

Class of 1985  
Two members, either Teaching or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1985

Tom Leopard, Evangel

Tom Lowe, (Deacon), Westminster

Biographical Sketch for Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Nominees:

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|--------------------|---|
| Tom Leopard,       | — Occupation as Church Administrator of the Briarwood PCA, Birmingham   |
|                    | — Presently on Trustees of PCA Foundation (term to expire at end 1980)  |
|                    | — Previous experience as corporate controller of O'Neal Steel, Inc., with experience in group insurance and administration of pension and profit sharing programs |
| Tom Lowe (Deacon), | — Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Sullivan Co., with charge of Commercial Lending Division  |
|                    | — Active Deacon and Church Treasurer (Eastern Heights PCA, Bristol, Tenn.)  |

VII. ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

A. Present Personnel

Teaching Elders

Robert Vincent, Louisiana

Douglas J. Culver, Ascension

James Bland, III, Southern Florida,  
Chairman

David Osborne, Westminster

Class of 1982

Class of 1981

Class of 1980

Alternates

Ruling Elders

James Peaster, Mississippi Valley

George Calhoun, Grace

Dan de Lange, Southern Florida

Millard Tate, Eastern Carolina

B. To be elected:

One Teaching Elder

One Teaching Elder

Class of 1983

Alternates

One Ruling Elder

One Ruling Elder



## C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Norman Evans, New River

Millard Tate, Eastern Carolina

Alternates

Ronald Harding, Mid-Atlantic

Robert Cato, Mississippi Valley

Biographical Sketch for Theological Examining Comm. nominees:

Teaching Elders: Norman Evans, — Pastor and 1976 graduate of Reformed Seminary, Jackson  
 — Solid commitment to Scripture and historic Reformed faith as expressed in Westminster Standards

(Alt.) Ronald Harding, — Pastor, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

— Th.M. from Westminster Seminary and completing resident work for Ph.D.

Ruling Elders: Millard Tate,

— Presently serving as Alternate for this GA Committee

— Astute RE and student of Theology, with personal library in Theology rivaling most ministers

— On Presbytery Examining Committee for several years

(Alt.) Robert Cato,

## VIII. TRUSTEES FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION

## A. Present Personnel:

Class of 1983

John E. Richards, Central Georgia

James Wasson, Calvary

Class of 1982

James E. Moore, Covenant

Steve A. White, Eastern Carolina

Class of 1981

Laurie V. Jones, Covenant

Robert Baxter, Texas

Class of 1980

W. J. (Jack) Williamson, Evangel

Thomas Leopard, Evangel

## B. To be elected:

Class of 1984

Two Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders

## C. Nominations:

Class of 1984

Andy Trotter, Tennessee Valley

Robert Brown, Pacific

Biographical Sketch for PCA Foundation nominees:

Andy Trotter,

Robert Brown,

It was noted and discussed that a vacancy will be occurring in the Judicial Business Committee with the resignation of Rev. Fred Murphy as of the 1980 General Assembly. Notice of this is to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk, with action deferred until the 1980 Assembly.

## IX. COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## A. Present Personnel:

## Teaching Elders

Class of 1982

David Bryson, Louisiana

Class of 1981

Morton Smith, Western Carolinas

Class of 1980

Frank Barker, Evangel

## Ruling Elders

Oliver Smith, Jr., Tennessee Valley

W. Jack Williamson, Evangel

William Hall, Central Florida

## B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

Two Teaching or Ruling Elders

## C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Jerre Tipton, RE, Tennessee Valley

Ralph Langford, RE, Evangel

Biographical Sketch for Covenant College Board of Trustees nominees:

Jerre Tipton,

Ralph Langford,

These two nominees for the Covenant College Board of Trustees were selected by the Committee from a slate already approved by Covenant College, as previously directed by the General Assembly in its agreement with the College.

## X. TRUSTEES FOR RIDGE HAVEN

No nominations are needed until 1981. See Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly, 6-34, Recommendation 7, page 70.

The list of nominees for the various Committees, as elected by the Nominating Committee to be presented to the 1980 General Assembly, were read and approved as read.

It was further suggested that a brief biographical statement be given for each nominee to be presented by this Committee to the General Assembly. These brief statements are included in the Minutes of the Committee as a supplement to aid the General Assembly in its election of members to its various Committees.

A motion to adjourn was entered and carried (3:30 P.M.) and the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Hubert Stewart.

R. Norman Evans  
Secretary

Special Note: Thanks are expressed to the Rev. Hubert Stewart for the special chart he prepared and supplied the Committee listing the membership of the Assembly's Committees by Presbyteries.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- I. Business referred to the committee
  1. To replace the nomination of Fred Carr on the Judicial Business Committee for the class of '84
  2. To replace the nomination of Jerre Tipton on the Board of Trustees for Covenant College.
- II. Recommendation:
  1. Judicial Business Committee, Principle, TE, Vaughn Hathaway to replace the nomination of Fred Carr.
  2. Covenant College Trustee, Robert Butterfield, RE, to replace the nomination of Jerre Tipton.

## Biographical Data:

V. Hathaway

— Knowledgeable in matters of *BCO* and Confessional Standards, Chairman, Presbytery Committee on Ministers and Candidates

R. Butterfield

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### SUPPLEMENT TO THE HANDBOOK GIVING BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Committee on Administration	— Mike Hodgkinson, Central Florida Former Business Administrator of Granada PCA retired; previously supervisor of Walgreen Drug Stores in S.E.U.S. and Caribbean
Biographical Data:	
Committee on CE/P	— Earl Ross, Pacific President of Tachaclete Co. of Los Angeles; President, Calvary Christian School
Biographical Data:	
Committee on M-US	— P. David Nicholas, South Florida Chairman, M-US Committee for 5 years, Presbytery of Southern Florida Alternate, GA M-US Committee, 1 year; Gave leadership for the starting of 10 churches; pastor and organizing pastor of Spanish River Presby- terian Church
Biographical Data:	
Committee on M-US	— Robert Vinson, Pacific Teacher/Developer of pilot education program in Union City, CA school system; active member Pacific Presby- tery Committee on Ministers and Candidates
Biographical Data:	

Committee on MTW	— George Fox, Ascension
Biographical Data:	Retired from US Forest Service; previously active in Mississippi Valley Presbytery and now in Ascension Presbytery
Committee on Inter-Church Relations	— Dan Boerema, South Florida
Biographical Data:	Previous service on GA CE/P Committee; presently representing PCA at CRC General Synod as fraternal delegate
Committee on Judicial Business	— William Buiten, South Florida
Biographical Data:	Business executive, active service in Granada Church and on presbytery level
Committee on Judicial Business	— Stanley Wells, Texas
Biographical Data:	Medical doctor in Kansas
PCA Foundation	— Robert Brown
Biographical Data:	Brought his church from independency into the PCA, minister 40 years in RPCES
Covenant College Trustees	— Ralph Langford, Evangel
Biographical Data:	Chairman of GA Committee on Administration; Managerial responsibilities, 35 years with Coca Cola

## NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

### Committee on Administration

#### Class of 1984

RE Henry Auter, Grace	(to replace Mike Hodgkinson)	<b>Nominated by:</b> Billy Combs
RE Robert C. Eberst, So. Fla.	(to replace Mike Hodgkinson)	Cecil A. Brooks

### Committee for Christian Education & Publications

#### Class of 1984

TE George Kuiper, So. Fla.	(to replace Harris Langford)	W. C. Swain
Alternate:		
TE James Turner, Covenant	(to replace Eugene Hunt)	R. C. Cannada, Jr.

### Trustees for Insurance and Annuities

#### Class of 1985

TE Charles C. Cox, Grace	(to replace Thomas Lowe)	Robert Sweet
RE John W. Todd, Jr., Asc.	(to replace Thomas Lowe)	Eric Perrin
RE Raymond H. Mathisen, So. Fla.	(to replace Tom Leopard)	W. C. Swain

### Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations

#### Class of 1983

TE Robert Duhs, Miss. Valley	(to replace John Kyle)	B. I. Anderson
TE Don K. Clements, Cen. Georgia	(to replace John Kyle)	James G. Luce

### Sub-committee on Judicial Business

#### Class of 1984

TE Joseph A. Warner, So. Fla.	(to replace Fred Carr)	William G. Hay
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### Committee on Mission to the United States

#### Class of 1984

RE Wm. Azczepanski, So. Fla.	(to replace Robert Vinson)	W. C. Swain
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### Committee on Mission to the World

#### Class of 1984

TE Robert J. Ostenson, Evan.	(to replace Charles Young)	Frank M. Barker, Jr.
W. Jack Williamson, Evan.	(to replace Harry Musser)	L. B. Austin III
RE Murray V. Lands, So. Fla.	(to replace Ashton Stewart)	W. C. Swain
TE Morse UpdeGraff, Westmin.	(to replace Charles Young)	Thomas Cheely

### Trustees for PCA Foundation

Class of 1983		
RE Tom Leopard, Evan.	(to replace John E. Richards)	John E. Richards
RE Ralph Mittendorf, So. Fla.	(to replace Robert Brown)	W. C. Swain
RE John Allbritton, Evan.	(to replace Robert Brown)	Tom Leopard

Covenant College Board of Trustees

Class of 1983		
RE William Hall, Cen. Fla.	(to replace Ralph Langford)	David H. Bryson

Biographical sketch — Administration:

Henry Auter	— recently retired from service with NASA — ability in administration and management responsibilities — highly respected in community — leading elder, followed unanimously in entering PCA — served on presbytery level
Robert C. Eberst	— retired Radar Air Traffic Controller, FAA — retired part owner of insurance agency — Bus. Adm., Kendall Church since 1977 — served on Assembly's Administration Committee 1979 and 1980 — Moderator, Presbytery of South Florida

Biographical sketch — Christian Education:

George Kuiper	— 25 yrs. publishing and bookselling — 5 yrs. sales and general manager of publishing house — member CE&P Committee, So. Florida Presbytery
James Turner	— minister to youth 2 yrs. — presently minister to students, Univ. of MS — 7 yrs. on CE&P Comm. of presbytery

Biographical sketch — Insurance & Annuities:

Charles C. Cox	— 22 yrs. Life & Health Insurance — CLU, Agent and Manager — member of Estate Planning Council — taught Life Insurance at Univ. of Miami
John W. Todd, Jr.	— Exec. Vice Pres., U.S. Steel Corp., Retired — former Trustee, PCA Foundation
Raymond H. Mathisen	— highly respected attorney — specializing in Trusts & Estate — has served on Presbytery's MUS Committee

Biographical sketch — Interchurch Relations:

Robert Duhs	— pastorates in Vicksburg, Biloxi, MS churches; Le Jeune, Miami; and presently Brandon, MS
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Biographical sketch — Judicial Business:

Joseph A. Warner	— instrumental in formation of standing rules of presbytery — has served in a presbytery of unparalleled growth — given guidance and insight to problems before presbytery — keen interest and ability in knowledge of BCO
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Biographical sketch — Mission to the United States:

William Azczepanski	— Moderator of So. Florida Presbytery — member of Presbytery's MUS Committee
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Biographical sketch — Mission to the World:

Robert Ostenson	— three pastorates characterized by strong missionary emphasis — present pastorate has started annual World Mission Conference
W. Jack Williamson	— Former Moderator of General Assembly — member of Christ's College Board — expert on MTW missions in Taiwan — former member of MTW Comm. - also vice-chairman

Murray V. Lands

- initiated annual missions conference in his church
- great zeal for and interest in world missions

Biographical sketch — PCA Foundation:

Tom Leopard

- a C. P. A. and a Business Manager
- has served several years as a Trustee

Ralph H. Mittendorf

- Chairman, Presbytery of So. Florida Steering Committee for 1981 General Assembly, meeting in Ft. Lauderdale

Biographical sketch — Covenant College:

William Hall, M.D.

- present member of Covenant College Board of Trustees
- has been approved by Covenant College

### Appendix M

## REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AREAS OF AGREEMENT, DIFFERENCES AND DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVANGELICAL SYNOD AND THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

The Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America took the following action:

"That an Ad-Interim Committee be appointed by the General Assembly to meet with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America with instructions not to develop any plan of union, but merely to determine possible areas of agreement, difference and difficulty that might exist between the (four) denominations."

The following were elected by the General Assembly to serve on this Committee:

#### Teaching Elders

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The Committee met at Covenant College on September 14, 1979 with the following representatives of the several denominations:

#### Teaching Elders

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Covenant College  
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

Dr. R. Laird Harris  
Covenant Theological Seminary  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dr. James Hurley  
Immanuel Evangelical Presby. Church  
Goldenrod, Florida

Donald J. MacNair, Exec. Director  
National Presbyterian Missions  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dr. Mark E. Pett  
Liberty Reformed Presby. Church  
Randallstown, Maryland

#### The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

#### Ruling Elders

Dr. Marion D. Barnes  
Covenant College  
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

### The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dr. Edmund P. Clowney  
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Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Dr. Norman Shepherd  
Westminster Theological Seminary  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Dr. Bruce C. Stewart  
Reformed Presby. Theol. Sem.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. R. Paul Wright, M.D.  
Overland Park, Kansas

Dr. John H. White  
Geneva College  
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

James M. Wright  
Orlando Reformed Presby. Church  
Orlando, Florida

Mr. Settle presided over the meeting and presented to the various denominational representatives a list of areas of concern compiled by the PCA representatives. The particular matters which were considered in the joint meeting were the following:

1. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.
2. Eschatology.
3. The status of the Proposed Revision of the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.
4. The inerrancy of the Scriptures.
5. Justification by faith alone.
6. The Peniel Bible Conference, its view of Divine guidance and the OPC position on the matter.
7. Membership in the Masonic order.
8. Charismatic gifts.
9. Christian liberty.
10. The regulative principle in worship.
11. The comparatively large number of ministers in the OPC and RPCES as compared with the number of ministers in the PCA

It was agreed by the members of the PCA Ad-Interim Committee that there are no serious obstacles in the way of further cooperative endeavors among the four denominations. There are certain differences between the RPCNA and the other three denominations with regard to the application of the regulative principle of worship, the ordination of women to the office of deacon and certain other matters. There is some diversity of emphasis among the other three denominations, but the Committee feels that these are not insuperable obstacles.

All four denominations accept the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* as their doctrinal standards. The RPCNA does hold its distinctive views as constitutional positions which are different from those of the other denominations involved in this discussion.

The question was raised in the joint meeting of the various denominational representatives as to whether or not the PCA would be receptive to the idea of inviting the RPCES, for example, to come into the PCA under terms of the PCA *Book of Church Order* without the necessity of prolonged negotiations to develop a plan for denominational merger. (See BCO 15-6). There was discussion of the organizational structure of the PCA and the provision for receiving congregations from another denomination on a congregation by congregation basis. So far as any proposal for action was concerned, the PCA Ad-Interim Committee recognized that its function was strictly a fact-finding function and it could go no further than that. Such a proposal might be initiated by presbytery overtures or through recommendation of the Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations of the Committee on Administration.

It is evident to the PCA Ad-Interim Committee that the OPC and the RPCES have worked through their areas of difference and have come to agreements, and also that they are willing to be flexible on many minor points. The PCA has a certain diversity within the framework of Scripture and the Westminster standards, and those denominations through their representatives seem willing to accept the PCA on this basis.

The Ad-Interim Committee adopted unanimously a motion that our report reflect the foregoing concepts.  
Paul G. Settle, Chairman                      W. J. Stanway, Secretary



## Appendix N

### RULES FOR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS

#### As Amended by the Eighth General Assembly

#### I. Organization of a General Assembly's Meeting

**1-1** The General Assembly shall be called to order at the designated time by the Moderator, and shall begin with a worship service, including a season of prayer, a sermon or exhortation by the retiring Moderator, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**1-2** The Stated Clerk shall present a report on the enrollment of Commissioners, and declare if a quorum is present. If it is present, then the Assembly shall be declared to be properly constituted for the transaction of business.

**1-3** The first order of business shall be the election of a Moderator. There shall be only one nominating speech not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.

**1-4** If more than one Commissioner is nominated, election shall be by ballot, on ballots provided by the Stated Clerk. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk shall gather and count the ballots, and report the tabulation to the Stated Clerk. If no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be called on the two nominees who received the highest number of votes on the first ballot. The Moderator shall declare an election when a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast by the commissioners present and voting.

**1-5** As soon as a Moderator shall have been declared elected he shall assume his constitutional duties as Moderator.

#### II. The Moderator

**2-1** The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except when he may temporarily invite another Commissioner to act as the presiding officer.

**2-2** The Moderator shall call the succeeding Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a successor has been elected. Ordinarily he shall preach a retiring Moderator's sermon. If the Moderator is unable to act the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator has been elected.

#### III. The Stated Clerk

**3-1** The Stated Clerk shall be elected in connection with the annual report of the Committee on Administration which shall present a nomination. It is understood that further nominations are in order. A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of the Assembly meeting, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly.

**3-2** The Stated Clerk shall perform the duties assigned by the *Book of Church Order* and by the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and such other duties as are assigned by action of the Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall administer these duties under supervision of the Committee on Administration.

**3-3** The Stated Clerk shall prepare and distribute, with the cooperation of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, a *Handbook for Commissioners* prior to the meeting of the Assembly to all commissioners. This *Handbook* shall be mailed so as to reach commissioners one month prior to the convening of the Assembly. Items received too late for inclusion in the *Handbook* shall be mailed to commissioners in the form of a supplement, if possible, or be distributed to them at the time of registration.

**3-4** The Stated Clerk shall assemble the items of business to come before the Assembly and refer each item to the proper Committee. If the Clerk has questions regarding reference, he is to consult with the Committee on Judicial Business before making reference.

**3-5** The Stated Clerk shall keep the *Minutes* of the General Assembly. He shall publish them annually with statistical reports of the Church and reports of the agencies of the Assembly, and give certified extracts therefrom when the business of the Assembly requires. He shall prepare and supervise the printing of the *Minutes* in cooperation with the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. The costs shall be borne by the General Assembly.

**3-6** The Stated Clerk shall have the privilege of the floor in all matters pertaining to his office, shall have the privilege of the floor to present necessary information on business before the meeting concerning the work and report of any committee on which he serves, and at such times when the Moderator, the Coordinators, Chairmen of Assembly Committees (or their designated representatives), or any commissioner may request that he clarify matters before the court.

**3-7** The Stated Clerk shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations, and shall serve as a member of or an advisory member of any such other committees as the General Assembly may direct.

**3-8** The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

#### IV. The Assembly Arrangements

**4-1** A brief worship service shall be included in each morning session.

**4-2** The first order of the day, except the opening day, at the beginning of the business session, and during the day as may be necessary, shall be the presentation of a docket listing the business which is to be considered that day.

#### V. Communications and Overtures

**5-1** A communication to the General Assembly is formal correspondence received by the Stated Clerk from other churches, from interchurch agencies to which this Church may be related, from committees of this Church on matters which can not be included in regular reports, and from organized bodies outside the Church proper having business with the General Assembly.

**5-2** Ordinarily, communications from individuals shall not be received by the General Assembly, unless they originate with persons who have no other access to the Assembly. If the Assembly desires to receive and consider any such communications, other than as information, the Stated Clerk shall recommend reference to the proper Assembly Committee. Letters, telegrams, or telephone calls from communicants or congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America are not proper communications, and are not to be received by the Assembly.

**5-3** The Stated Clerk shall recommend to the Assembly reference for all proper communications.

**5-4** An overture ordinarily is the request of a presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter.

**5-5** Upon receipt the Stated Clerk shall refer to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business all overtures requesting amendment of the *Book of Church Order* or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly and all complaints, appeals, or references from lower courts. All other overtures shall be referred by the Clerk to the appropriate Committee of Commissioners. All overtures shall be printed in the *Handbook* with reference for consideration indicated.

**5-6** All overtures requiring reference to the Committee on Judicial Business shall be delivered by at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly to the Stated Clerk in order to be referred to the Committee. No overture requiring reference to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business received later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly by the Stated Clerk shall be referred or considered by the General Assembly convening in that year.

**5-7** All other overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly in order to be included in the *Handbook* for the next meeting of the General Assembly. Overtures received after the *Handbook* is printed, and at least one (1) month (31 days) prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be reported to the Assembly by the Stated Clerk, together with reference. No overtures received by the Stated Clerk less than one month prior to the opening of the meeting of the General Assembly shall be referred to or considered by the General Assembly convening in that year. No bill or overture shall be accepted for consideration upon the floor of General Assembly subsequent to the final published date set by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for the publication of the *Commissioners Handbook* for the General Assembly unless said matter receive  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the assembled commissioners.

**5-8** No overture will be considered by the General Assembly until it first has been presented to a presbytery. If approved by the presbytery, it will come before the Assembly as the overture of that court. An overture requested by an individual communicant, a teaching elder, or a session, but rejected by the presbytery, may be presented to the Assembly, provided the fact that it was rejected by the presbytery is clearly stated with the overture.

## **VI. Reports to the General Assembly**

**6-1** The Board of Directors, the Permanent Committees, Ad Interim Committees, and all other agencies of the Assembly shall make annual reports, which shall be transmitted to the Stated Clerk by at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. These reports shall be referred to the proper Committee of Commissioners by the Clerk.

## **VII. New Business**

**7-1** Any matter presented in any form which has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be treated as new business.

**7-2** New business must be presented to the Assembly before the close of the second day of business.

**7-3** All new business presented by members of the court must be in written form, and if received shall be referred to the proper Committee of Commissioners.

**7-4** The Committee on Judicial Business shall be available as a reference committee, to assist the Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.

**7-5** The appropriate committee shall receive and consider all such references, deliberate and report to the Assembly in compliance with the directions of these Rules.

**7-6** The Committee on Judicial Business shall serve as a Constitutional Committee. All matters introduced as new business, if received, and touching on constitutional matters, including requested rulings by the Moderator on questions of order involving constitutional questions, shall be referred in writing to the Committee on Judicial Business for consideration.

**7-7** The Committee on Judicial Business shall consider each such constitutional matter referred to it, and make recommendation directly to the Assembly.

## **VIII. Committees of Commissioners**

**8-1** All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Committees of Commissioners, except reports of Ad Interim Committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following Committees of Commissioners shall handle the matters indicated:

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Reports of</b>	<b>Overtures, resolutions or communications</b>
1. Administration	Permanent Committee	Touching Administrative matters
2. Bills and Overtures		Of general nature
3. Christian Education and Publications	Permanent Committee	Touching Christian Education and Publications

4. Insurance and Annuities	Sub-Committee	Touching insurance and annuities
5. Interchurch Relations	Sub-Committee	Touching comity, cooperation, relations to other churches
6. Judicial Business	Permanent Committee	Touching Constitution
7. Mission to the United States	Permanent Committee	Touching home missions
8. Mission to the World	Permanent Committee	Touching world missions
9. PCA Foundation	Trustees	Touching PCA Foundation
10. Review and Control of Presbyteries	Presbytery Minutes	
11. Ridge Haven	Sub-Committee	Touching Ridge Haven
12. Stewardship	Sub-Committee	Touching Stewardship

**8-2** Each Presbytery shall, prior to the meeting of the Assembly, elect one of its commissioners to each of the Committees of Commissioners, dividing them as to ruling and teaching elders by a formula established by the Stated Clerk. In the event that Presbytery does not have sufficient teaching elders to supply the Committees thus assigned, the Presbytery may, at its own discretion, elect ruling elders to these Committees. In the event that Presbytery is not able to supply members for all the Committees, the Presbytery may select the Committees to which they wish to appoint representatives. Commissioners serving on Permanent Committees or Sub-Committees of the Assembly or the staffs thereof are not eligible to serve on any Committees of Commissioners.

**8-3** The Conveners of the Committees shall be designated by the Moderator.

**8-4** The Committee may be scheduled to meet prior to the opening session of the Assembly to handle the business referred by the Stated Clerk, as published in the *Handbook*. The Assembly shall provide a stenographer for each Committee, who shall record the actions of the Committee, and prepare the Report of the Committee under the direction of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

**8-5** The Committees of Commissioners shall proceed as follows:

(1) At the proper time each Committee shall assemble in its assigned room, elect a chairman and a secretary, review material in hand, appoint sub-committees as may be necessary, and begin its work.

(2) Each Committee shall be available to reconvene to consider additional references that may come from the floor of the Assembly.

Meetings of a Committee of Commissioners shall ordinarily be open to the public as non-participating visitors, to the extent made possible by the physical facilities of the available meeting room. If such visitors desire the Committee to consider a proposal on some item of business that is before the Committee, this must be presented in writing. No new items of business, not referred to the Committee by the Assembly, may be considered by the Committee. The Chairman and representatives of the Permanent Committee, and the Coordinator and appropriate staff members shall be available for consultation with the Committee of Commissioners reviewing their work. After the Committee of Commissioners has received input from the Permanent Committee, Coordinator, staff members and visitors, it should then go into executive session as it frames and adopts its report to the General Assembly. It must be in executive session when it actually adopts the report. The Committee of Commissioners may invite other persons for consultative purposes, when this is felt necessary to the Committee's performance of its business.

**8-6** The report of the Committee of Commissioners shall be brief and concise. It shall include the following:

(1) A list of all items referred to and considered by the Committee.

(2) A statement of the issues discussed.

(3) A report of all recommendations contained in an agency or Committee report under consideration. (If any of the recommendations contained in a report were not approved, this shall be reported with reasons. New recommendations may be added, with words of explanation. Amendments to original recommendations shall be reported and explained.)

(4) A statement of the division of the vote on every official recommendation made to or by the Committee.

(5) Reference to overtures by number with brief statement of content and recommended answer.

(6) Reference to communications by number with brief statement of content and recommended answer.

(7) Only such portions of narrative sections of the printed reports as are necessary to make the report of the Committee of Commissioners intelligible.

(8) A note that the audit of the reporting Committee has been received and that the Committee is taking any necessary action on any recommendation of its audits.

**8-7** The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall be granted the privilege of the floor of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners to present the report of the Permanent Committee to the Assembly. No report printed in the *Handbook* shall be read in full to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners shall present the recommendations of the Committee of Commissioners to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall have the privilege of defending the position of the Permanent Committee on any recommendations in which the Committee of Commissioners differ from the Permanent Committee's report.

**8-8** Minutes of the Permanent Committee shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners for review. Copies of the Minutes shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the members of Committees of Commissioners one month prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

**8-9** Informational presentation of some special aspects of the work reported by a Committee of Commissioners shall be limited to five minutes.

**8-10** Any recommendation affecting the Budget of the Assembly or the Coordination of the program of the church shall be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

**8-11** The completed report of a Committee of Commissioners shall contain the full text of the report and shall be handled as follows:

(1) Typed, double spaced, original and two carbon copies, by Assembly stenographers.

(2) Proofread and signed by the Chairman of the Committee; and then delivered to the Stated Clerk when duplicated copies are available for the commissioners.

(3) Docketed by the Program Committee (Moderator, Stated Clerk) for consideration by the Assembly.

(4) Presented to the Assembly by the Chairman or his designate, by reading through the entire text of the report from the original typed copy. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting. Any change ordered by the Assembly shall be noted and included by the Chairman with the assistance of the Stated Clerk on the original copy.

(5) The report, as adopted by the Assembly, shall be filed with the Recording Clerk for the permanent record.

**8-12** No partial report of a Committee of Commissioners shall be presented without the consent of the Assembly.

### **8-13 GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING MINUTES OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The Minutes of Assembly Committees should be kept either in a lock-type record book, with numbered pages, or be printed, mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced.
2. The Minutes should be typewritten or printed, or reproduced from typewritten masters, and should be neat and legible.
3. The opening paragraphs of the Minutes should contain the following information (which need not, however, be divided into numbered or separate items):
  - (a) The kind of meeting: regular, called, adjourned regular, or adjourned called;
  - (b) The name of the Committee;
  - (c) The date and time of the meeting, and the place;
  - (d) The name of the Chairman, and if someone other than the regular Secretary served as a Clerk Pro-tem, his name should be indicated;
  - (e) If the Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at that meeting, a record of their having been read and approved by this session should be indicated, including the date of the Minutes being so approved;
  - (f) The names of those present at the meeting should be recorded, indicating whether they were teaching elders or ruling elders, and the church represented in each case. The names of alternate ruling elders and their respective churches should also be included, and the names of visitors should be included.
4. The contents of the Minutes should include the following items:
  - (a) The names of persons leading in opening and closing prayers at all sessions;
  - (b) In the event of a called meeting, the portion of the call stating the purpose of the meeting should be recorded verbatim in the Minutes;
  - (c) The Minutes should record the actions of the Committee, including all motions adopted and business transacted, together with such additional information as the Committee deems desirable for historical purposes. Ordinarily in Church Courts motions that are lost are not included in the record unless an affirmative vote for the lost motion is recorded, in which case the lost motion must be shown. Each main motion should normally be recorded in a separate paragraph. Subsidiary and procedural motions may be recorded in the same paragraph with the main motion to which they pertain. Main motions may be recorded in the same paragraph, if they are closely related and pertain to the same item of business.
5. It may be desirable to number these paragraphs consecutively, and to give a title over each paragraph indicating succinctly the content of business included. This is not mandatory, but is desirable for the later reading of the Minutes. For historical purposes, some notes as to the kind of extent and kind of debate may be included, but Minutes should never reflect the secretary's opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done.
6. The Minutes of the Committees should appear in the Minute book in the order in which the meetings occur. When a previous action of the Committee is cited, the date shall be given, and the volume and page and paragraph number.
7. The Minutes of each meeting should be signed by the Secretary.
8. The Coordinator, if there be one, and if not, the Chairman, shall be responsible for the custody of the Minutes of the Committee. He is responsible for the presentation to the General Assembly for approval of all Minutes of the Committee which have been approved by the Committee not previously approved by the General Assembly. All other Minutes of the Committee to which specific reference is made in the Minutes submitted to the General Assembly for approval shall be submitted for purposes of information.
9. A copy of the **Guidelines for Keeping Committee Minutes** should be kept with the Minutes of the Committee.
10. An up-to-date copy of the bylaws and manual of the Committee, if such exist, should be kept with the Minutes.

8-14 GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINING COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of Assembly Committees shall be examined for conformity to:
  - (a) The primary and secondary standards of the Church, as to substance of the actions recorded;
  - (b) the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly**, as to form, structure, and minimum content, and;
  - (c) appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
- 2. Each set of Committee Minutes should be read by at least two members of the Committee of Commissioners.
- 3. The Committee may divide its work so that two or more members examine them primarily as to form, and two or more members may examine them primarily as to substance.
- 4. The findings of the Committee with respect to the Minutes of each Permanent Committee shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate:
  - (a) **Notations:** typographical errors, misspellings, improper punctuation, non-prejudicial statements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category. Also failures to provide proper or sufficient information or identification, prejudicial misstatements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category.
  - (b) **Exceptions:** violations of the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly** and actions which in substance appear not to conform to the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in America, or to be out of accord with the deliverances of the General Assembly, should be reported under this category.
- 5. The Committee shall prepare a report concerning the Minutes of the Permanent Committee. The filling out of a form, designed for the purpose for each Committee, shall meet the requirement for this section. After action by the Assembly, one copy of the report shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the Permanent Committee. A second copy shall be retained by the Stated Clerk in a permanent file. A third copy shall be kept in the records of the Committee, which shall be maintained in a suitable binder. The custody of the records of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Stated Clerk in the period between the General Assemblies.
- 6. Notations and exceptions in the Committee's reports shall be disposed of as follows:
  - (a) Notations shall normally be sent to the Committees by the Stated Clerk without being read before the General Assembly or recorded in its Minutes.
  - (b) Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its *Minutes*, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
  - (c) The Assembly shall adopt an appropriate motion with respect to the Minutes of each Permanent Committee, the following being examples:
    - (1) That the Minutes of the Committee of ..... be approved without exception (show dates of Minutes being approved);
    - (2) That the Minutes of the Committee of ..... be approved with the exceptions noted (show dates of Minutes being approved).
- 7. The Permanent Committee shall take note in their minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Committee to rectify them. Committees shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions.
- 8. Reports to the Assembly from the Permanent Committees concerning disposition of exceptions taken by the Past Assembly shall normally be referred to the Committee.

8-15 GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING PRESBYTERY MINUTES

- 1. The Minutes of Presbytery should be kept either in a lock-type record book, with numbered pages, or be printed, mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced.
- 2. The Minutes should be typewritten or printed, or reproduced from typewritten masters, and should be neat and legible.
- 3. The opening paragraphs of the Minutes should contain the following information (which need not, however, be divided into numbered or separate items):
  - (a) The kind of meeting: stated, called, adjourned stated, or adjourned called;
  - (b) The name of the Presbytery;
  - (c) The date and time of the meeting, and the place;
  - (d) The name of the Moderator, and if someone other than the regular Stated Clerk served as a Clerk Pro-tem, his name should be indicated;
  - (e) If the Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at that meeting, a record of their having been read and approved by this session should be indicated, including the date of the Minutes being so approved;
  - (f) The names of those present at the meeting should be recorded, indicating whether they were teaching elders, or ruling elders, and the church represented in each case. The names of alternate ruling elders and their respective churches should also be included, and the names of visitors should be included.
  - (g) Excuses for teaching elders and churches, and unexcused teaching elders and churches should be noted.
- 4. The contents of the Minutes should include the following items:
  - (a) The names of persons leading in opening and closing prayers at all sessions.
  - (b) In the event of a called meeting, the portion of the call stating the purpose of the meeting should be recorded verbatim in the Minutes.



- (c) The Minutes should record the actions of the Presbytery, including all motions adopted and business transacted, together with such additional information as the Presbytery deems desirable for historical purposes. Ordinarily in Church Courts motions that are lost are not included in the record, unless an affirmative vote for the lost motion is recorded, in which case the lost motion must be shown. Each main motion should normally be recorded in a separate paragraph. Subsidiary and procedural motions may be recorded in the same paragraph with the main motion to which they pertain. Main motions may be recorded in the same paragraph if they are closely related and pertain to the same item of business. It may be desirable to number these paragraphs consecutively, and to give a title over each paragraph indicating succinctly the content of business included. This is not mandatory, but is desirable for the later reading of the Minutes. For historical purposes, some note as to the extent of and kind of debate may be included, but Minutes should never reflect the clerk's opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done.
- 5. All points of order and appeals, whether sustained or lost, together with the reasons given by the Chair for his ruling, should be included. This is for the sake of any case that may be carried to a higher court. The complete record of the Presbytery's actions should be recorded for this purpose.
- 6. Additional guidelines, adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order*:
  - (a) The names of the mover and the seconder of a motion should not be entered into the Minutes unless ordered by the Presbytery.
  - (b) When a count has been ordered, or the vote is by ballot, the number of votes on each side should be entered.
  - (c) The proceedings of a committee of the whole should not be entered in the Minutes, but the fact that the assembly went into the committee as a whole, and the committee report should be recorded.
  - (d) When a question is considered informally, the same information should be recorded as under the regular rules, since the only informality in the proceedings is in the debate.
  - (e) Committee reports that are adopted by the Presbytery may be handled in either of two ways. They may be entered directly into the record at the time when they are presented, and it should be reflected as the report of a committee adopted by the Presbytery. The other way by which they may be handled is to give the report as an appendix, to which reference is made by motion in the body of the Minutes.

Reports and other matters that are received as information should be retained by the Clerk of the Presbytery, but need not be printed with the Minutes, unless so directed by the Presbytery.
- 7. The Minutes should be signed by the Clerk.
- 8. At least once a year the Minutes of Presbytery should include, in addition to the Minutes themselves, the following items:
  - (a) A directory of the Presbytery, including a listing of all of the regular Committees of Presbytery.
  - (b) A roll of the Presbytery, including a list of all teaching elders, with their addresses; and of all churches, with the name and address of the Clerk of Session, and the address of the church.
  - (c) A list of all candidates under care of the Presbytery, including the addresses.
  - (d) A list of all licentiates of the Presbytery, including the addresses.
  - (e) An up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.
- 9. The Stated Clerk is responsible for the custody of the Minutes of the Presbytery. He is responsible for the presentation to the General Assembly for approval of all Minutes of the Presbytery which have been approved by the Presbytery not previously approved by the General Assembly.
- 10. A copy of the **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes** should be kept with the Minutes of the Presbytery.

#### 8-16 GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINING PRESBYTERY MINUTES

- 1. Presbytery Minutes shall be examined for conformity to:
  - (a) the primary and secondary standards of the Church, as to substance of the actions recorded,
  - (b) the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes**, as to form, structure, and minimum content, and
  - (c) appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
- 2. Each set of Presbytery Minutes should be read by at least two members of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries.
- 3. The Committee may divide its work so that two or more members examine minutes primarily as to form [4(a)], and two or more members may examine them primarily as to substance [4(b)].
- 4. The findings of the Committee with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate:
  - (a) **Notations:** typographical errors, misspellings, improper punctuation, non-prejudicial statements of fact, and other minor variation in form, may be reported under this category. Also failures to provide proper or sufficient information or identification, prejudicial misstatements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category.
  - (b) **Exceptions:** violations of the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes** and actions which in substance appear not to conform to the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in America, or to be out of accord with the deliverances of the General Assembly, should be reported under this category.
- 5. The Committee shall prepare a report concerning the Minutes of each Presbytery. The filling out of a form, designed for the purpose for each Presbytery, shall meet the requirement for this section. After

action by the Assembly, one copy of the report shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the Presbytery. A second copy shall be retained by the Stated Clerk in a permanent file. A third copy shall be kept in the records of the Committee, which shall be maintained in a suitable binder. The custody of the records of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Stated Clerk in the period between the General Assemblies.

6. Notions and exceptions in the Committee's reports shall be disposed of as follows:
  - (a) Notations shall normally be sent to the Presbyteries by the Stated Clerk without being read before the General Assembly or recorded in its *Minutes*.
  - (b) Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its *Minutes*, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
  - (c) The Assembly shall adopt an appropriate motion with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery, the following forms being examples:
    - (1) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of ..... be approved without exception. (Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
    - (2) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of ..... be approved with the exceptions noted. (Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
7. The Presbyteries shall take note in their Minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Presbytery to rectify them. Presbyteries shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions.
8. Reports to the Assembly from the Presbyteries concerning disposition of exceptions taken by the past Assembly shall normally be referred to the Committee without being read before the Assembly. The Committee shall examine such reports and shall report to the Assembly its judgment as to the suitability of the disposition that has been made. Committees shall also present recommendations concerning all exceptions taken by previous Assemblies or Committees that have not been disposed of suitably.

#### IX. Assembly Expenses

9-1 The expenses of the following Permanent Committees shall be borne by that particular Committee:

- (1) Administration
- (2) Christian Education and Publications
- (3) Mission to the United States
- (4) Mission to the World
- (5) Stewardship
- (6) PCA Foundation
- (7) Trustees of Insurance and Annuities Fund

9-2 All other expenses of the General Assembly shall be divided between the four major Permanent Committees on the percentage basis of distributing undesignated gifts.

#### X. Parliamentary Procedure

10-1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules, *Revised Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.

10-2 The Chairman shall lead the Assembly in a brief prayer before making his report. The entire report of each Committee of Commissioners, including narrative, shall be read before any comment. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting. When a minority of a Committee wishes to present a minority report, the member reporting for the minority shall have the privilege of presenting the minority report and moving it as a substitute for the portion of the majority report affected.

10-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted upon separately.

- (1) The Chairman moves the adoption.
- (2) Motion to adopt is seconded from the floor.
- (3) The Moderator asks: Is there objection or question?
- (4) Hearing no objection or question, the Moderator states: It is adopted. (The above procedure is known as the "Short Form of Voting.")

10-4 Procedure in debating a question:

(1) The Chairman or his designate may answer questions concerning the report addressed to him through the Moderator.

(2) The chairman shall have an opportunity to make the final statement in debate.

(3) No Commissioner may speak on the same question more than once until all desiring to speak have done so.

(4) Debate on the main motion shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended. When a main motion has been debated for ten (10) minutes, the Moderator shall put the question to the Assembly: "Does the Assembly desire to extend the time an additional five (5) minutes?" A simple majority will decide the question. If the majority decides not to extend debate, the Moderator will call the question. If an amendment of a substitution is on the floor, the question of extending time on the main motion shall be repeated after the vote on the amendment or substitute. If time is extended, the question of extension will again be put every succeeding five (5) minutes until the motion is concluded. Each Commissioner shall be limited to three (3) minutes on the same question unless the Court by a simply majority grants additional time.

(5) Debate shall be free and open, with equal time being given to proponents and opponents in so far as possible.



**10-5 Special Provisions**

(1) The Assistants to the Stated Clerk shall have the privilege of the floor when requested by the Moderator to render some specific service to the court.

(2) All motions shall be presented in writing and read before being voted upon.

**XI. Amendment or Suspension of Rules**

The Rules of the General Assembly may be amended or suspended only by a two thirds vote of the total enrollment of Commissioners. A motion to amend is debatable. A motion to suspend is not debatable.

**Appendix O**  
**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**As Amended by the Eighth General Assembly**

**FIRST.**—The name of this corporation is Presbyterian Church in America.

**SECOND.**—Its registered office in the State of Delaware is to be located at 229 South State Street, in the City of Dover, County of Kent. The registered agent in charge thereof is The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., at 229 South State Street, Dover, Delaware.

**THIRD.**—The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the general Corporation Law of Delaware.

All assets of the corporation shall be principally and directly dedicated exclusively to religious and educational work. The corporation shall not engage in business activities for profit and no part of any net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, save and except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes, and no member, director or officer of the corporation, or private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of secular propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of such Code and regulations.

Upon the dissolution or liquidation or other winding up of this corporation, all of its assets, principal and income, subject to the payment of its debts, shall be distributed to an organization which is exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**FOURTH.**—The corporation shall not have any capital stock, and the conditions of membership shall be as stated in the By-Laws.

**FIFTH.**—The names and places of residence of the incorporators are as follows:

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>RESIDENCES</b>
W. Jackson Williamson	701 Fort Dale Road Greenville, Alabama 36037
Leon F. Hendrick	1424 Pinehurst Jackson, Mississippi 39202
Gordon Kennedy Reed	105 River Street Greenville, South Carolina 29601
Cecil Williamson, Jr.	221 Cone Drive Selma, Alabama 36707
Harry Norval Miller, Jr.	52 Adams Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Morton Howison Smith	5422 Clinton Boulevard Jackson, Mississippi 39209
Donald Bray Patterson	4611 Trawick Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39222

**SIXTH.**—The civil activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. The number of directors which shall constitute the whole board shall be such as from time to time shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in, the By-Laws, but in no case shall the number be less than three. The directors need not be members of the corporation unless so required by the By-Laws. The board of directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation to be held on such date as the By-Laws may provide, and shall hold office until their successors are respectively elected and qualified. The By-Laws shall specify the number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum. The board of directors may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole board, designate one or more committees, which to the extent provided in said resolution or resolutions or in the By-Laws of the corporation shall have and may exercise all the powers of the board of directors in the management of the activities and affairs of the corporation and may have power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; and such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be stated in the By-Laws of the corporation or as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the board of directors. The directors of the corporation may, if the By-Laws so provide, be classified as to term of office. The Corporation may elect such officers as the By-Laws may specify, who shall, subject to the provision of the Statute, have such titles and exercise such duties as the By-Laws may provide.

This corporation may in its By-Laws confer powers upon its board of directors in addition to the foregoing, and in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by the Statute, provided that the board of directors shall not exercise any power of authority conferred herein or by Statute upon the members.

**SEVENTH.**—Meetings of members may be held without the State of Delaware, if the By-Laws so provide. The books of the corporation may be kept (subject to any provision contained in the Statutes) outside the State of Delaware at such place or places as may be from time to time designated by the board of directors.

**EIGHTH.**—The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the Statute, and all rights conferred upon members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

**We, The Undersigned**, being each of the incorporators hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to Chapter I of Title 8 of the Delaware Code, do make this Certificate, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set our hands and seals this 21st day of September, A.D. 1973.

W. Jackson Williamson

Leon F. Hendrick

Gordon K. Reed

Cecil Williamson, Jr.

Harry Norval Miller, Jr.

Morton Howison Smith

Donald B. Patterson

#### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BUTLER

**Be It Remembered** that on this 24th day of September, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, W. Jackson Williamson, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

John A. Taber  
Notary Public

My commission expires: April 11, 1974

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HINDS

**Be It Remembered** that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Leon F. Hendrick, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E. H. Williford  
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

**Be It Remembered** that on this 17th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina, Gordon Kenworthy Reed, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Barbara A. Bolt  
Notary Public

My commission expires: July 15, 1981.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

**Be It Remembered** that on this 9th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, Cecil Williamson, Jr., one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

J. M. Williams  
Notary Public

My commission expires: March 3, 1976

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

**Be It Remembered** that on this 8th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, Harry Norval Miller, Jr., one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Louise McCarty Sansom  
Notary Public

My commission expires: September 14, 1974

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

**Be It Remembered** that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Morton Howison Smith, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E. H. Williford  
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

**Be It Remembered** that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Donald Bray Patterson, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

**Given** under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E.H. Williford  
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

**Appendix P**  
**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (A CORPORATION)**  
**As Amended by the Eighth General Assembly**

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION.**

**Section 1.** The name of this corporation shall be Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation).

**Section 2.** The registered office in the State of Delaware is to be located at 229 South State Street, in the City of Dover, County of Kent. The registered agent in charge thereof is The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., at 229 South State Street, Dover, Delaware. The official business address of the Corporation is the office of the Business Administrator.

Other offices for transaction of business shall be located at such places as the General Assembly or its Permanent Committees shall designate.

**ARTICLE II. MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION**

**Section 1.** The members of the corporation shall be those duly ordained Teaching Elders (Ministers) enrolled in a Presbytery affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America, and those Ruling Elders representing local congregations, which congregations are affiliated with Presbyteries affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America who have been designated or commissioned to attend the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Such Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders shall be designated or commissioned by Presbyteries or Congregations in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the *Book of Church Order* (15-2) (See Article VI.). Such individuals shall be the members of the corporation until the next annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America at which time the members of the Corporation shall be those individuals designated or commissioned as hereinabove set forth to attend such annual General Assembly.

**Section 2.** The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be at such time and such place as designated by the General Assembly. Each General Assembly shall have the power to designate the time and place for more than one annual General Assembly, and shall also have the power to authorize the Committee on Administration to designate the time and place of the next General Assembly.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called in accordance with the *Book of Church Order* (15-3).

**Section 4.** A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Assembly shall be that prescribed in the *Book of Church Order* (15-5).

**Section 5.** The Moderator shall call all meetings to order and shall preside until his successor has been selected and takes office. If the Moderator is unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator has been elected.

**Section 6.** Proxies shall not be allowed at General Assembly meetings.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Corporation shall be the Moderator, the Clerk, the Business Administrator-treasurer, and such assistant clerks and treasurers as may be deemed desirable by the Committee on Administration. The officers, with exception of the assistant clerks or assistant treasurers, shall be elected by the General Assembly as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and the Rules for Assembly Operation. In the event that the Stated Clerk or the Business Administrator is unable to act, the Committee on Administration shall be authorized to appoint a provisional Clerk or a provisional Business Administrator to serve until a regular Clerk or Business Administrator may be elected by the next General Assembly.

**Section 2.** The Moderator shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and the Rules of Assembly Operation. The Moderator, unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly, shall have no authority to and shall not be expected to perform any functions for the Corporation other than those specifically set forth in these Bylaws or those set forth in the *Book of Church Order*, and the Rules for Assembly Operation.

**Section 3.** The Clerk shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and Rules of Assembly Operation. He shall be immediately responsible to the Committee on Administration. The Clerk shall prepare and forward all notices required by law or by these Bylaws, and shall have general charge of the corporate books and records. He shall sign such instruments as may be required, and perform the duties incident to the office of Clerk, and such duties as may be assigned by the Moderator, the Committee on Administration, or the members of the Corporation in General Assembly.

**Section 4.** The Business Administrator-treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and securities belonging to the Corporation, and not otherwise designated to one of the three program Committees. He shall receive deposit and disburse such funds as directed by the General Assembly, including any provisions set forth in the *Book of Church Order*. He shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Corporation, not only of these funds in the custody, but by means of monthly reports from the other Committees of their funds also, on a uniform form, which he shall provide. He shall prepare or have prepared such reports of the financial condition of the Corporation as be required, and, in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Business Administrator-treasurer. He shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Committee on Administration.

#### ARTICLE IV. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

**Section 1.** The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted primarily through Permanent Committees, to wit: Committee on Administration; Committee for Christian Education and Publications; Committee on Mission to the United States; and Committee on Mission to the World. Each committee shall be composed of six Teaching Elders and six Ruling Elders divided into four classes of three men each serving four-year terms. There shall also be a Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business composed of eight members divided into four classes of two members each serving four-year terms. Each class shall be composed of one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder. The Moderator, the immediate past Moderator, the Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration. An advisory member shall be able to participate freely in the conduct of the business of the Committee, but he shall have no vote.

**Section 2.** The power and authority of the Permanent Committees shall be those set forth in these Bylaws or by direction of the General Assembly.

**Section 3.** The Permanent Committees shall, unless specifically directed otherwise by the General Assembly, be authorized to operate from separate locations with separate offices and separate staffs. The budget for each Permanent Committee, including specifically the compensation to be paid the chief administrative officer of each Permanent Committee, shall be submitted to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries, which shall consider the requests of each Committee as it relates to the budget requests of other Committees, to needs, and to opportunities, and shall recommend an overall budget to the General Assembly, for its approval. All funds received by the Corporation that are designated for the benefit of any particular Permanent Committee shall be disbursed by the Business Administrator to the proper Committee. There shall be no equalization of funds so designated. Any funds received by the Corporation not designated as being for the benefit of a particular Permanent Committee shall be distributed by the Business Administrator as directed by the General Assembly.

**Section 4.** Each Permanent Committee, by resolution adopted by a majority of its Committee members, may designate the place, date, and time for regular meetings of the Committee, which should be held at least quarterly. Written or printed notice of such resolution should be given to all Committee members within a reasonable time after the adoption thereof. Notice of the time, place or purpose of such regular meetings of the Permanent Committee shall not be required to be given.

**Section 5.** Special meetings of the Permanent Committees may be called at any time or place by the Chairman of the Committee, or by a majority of the Committee members. Written notice stating the place, date, and hour of such special meeting shall be delivered by the Chairman of the Committee to each Committee member at least ten days prior to the date of such meetings, and such notice should specify the purpose of such special meetings. Attendance of a Committee member at such a meeting will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. The act of the majority of the Committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.

**Section 6.** A majority of a Permanent Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7.** The Chairman and the Secretary of each Permanent Committee shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Committee following the General Assembly. The election of the Chairman and Secretary shall not take place until after 10 days notice of the proposed meeting has been given to all newly nominated members and all continuing members. The incumbent Chairman and Secretary shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected and assume their duties. In the event that the Chairman is rotated off of a Committee, the Moderator of the General Assembly shall name a Convener of the Committee, who shall preside over the Committee until a Chairman is elected and assume his duties.

**Section 8.** In the event any administrative personnel employed by a Committee and approved by the General Assembly is unable to act, such Committee may employ a provisional replacement, who has been examined and approved by the Assembly's Theological Examining Committee, and who shall serve until the next General Assembly.

**Section 9.** The Individual Permanent Committees

A. The Committee on Administration.

1. The business affairs of the Corporation as distinguished from the ecclesiastical matters, and those not specifically assigned to one of the other Permanent Committees by these Bylaws or an act of the General Assembly, shall be managed by the Committee on Administration, which serves as the Board of Directors provided in the Charter of Incorporation, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the General Assembly, including all applicable provisions of the *Book of Church Order*.

2. The Committee on Administration shall hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the annual General Assembly meeting, at a time and place to be determined by the Committee. Notice shall not be required to be given of the time or place of the annual meeting of the Committee, other than that which shall be included in the *Commissioner's Handbook* for the General Assembly.

B. The Committee for Christian Education and Publications.

The affairs of the Church in the areas of Christian education and publications are assigned to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

C. The Committee on Mission to the United States.

The affairs of the Church involved in its extension in the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the United States, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

D. The Committee on Mission to the World.

The affairs of the Church in the area of world missions outside of the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the World, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

E. The Committee on Sub-committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee shall advise the Assembly on all constitutional matters, and between Assemblies shall function as advisory to the Stated Clerk and the Committee on Administration. The Committee shall not be separately funded but administratively will operate as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly.

F. Other Committees

The Assembly may elect or appoint other committees of either a permanent or temporary character to handle particular matters of business as designated by the Assembly. The business handled by such committees shall be limited to those matters assigned by the Assembly.

**Section 10.** The Committee on Stewardship Ministries

This Committee shall operate administratively as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly. This Sub-Committee shall be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee as to continuity; but it shall not be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee under *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1 (12), as it relates to nominations and service. This Committee shall consist of one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder from the active or alternate members of each of the following four Permanent Committees, to wit: Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, Administration, and Christian Education and Publications. These Committee members shall be assigned by each of four Permanent Committees, above named, and shall serve at the pleasure of such Permanent Committee. The Coordinators of said four Permanent Committees and the Director of Stewardship Ministries shall be advisory members of this Committee.

**ARTICLE V. FISCAL MATTERS.**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. The General Assembly shall annually designate the auditors of the Corporation on recommendation from the Committee on Administration, which auditing firm shall make an audit of the financial affairs of the Corporation and of each Permanent Committee promptly following the close of each fiscal year. The expenses of such audit shall be prorated among the Corporation and each Permanent Committee.

**Section 2.** All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, savings and loan institutions, trust, or other depositories as the Permanent Committees by resolution may select.

**Section 3.** All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers of the Corporation as the Committee on Administration shall designate. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of any of the Permanent Committees shall be signed by such representative of the Committee as the Committee by resolution shall designate.

**ARTICLE VI. ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS.**

**Section 1.** The ecclesiastical Constitution of the Church is composed of: the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* as adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America. The provisions of the Constitution shall control over any provisions of these Bylaws that may be in conflict therewith.

**ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the General Assembly.



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- 23 Line 25 remove the parentheses from the name Markert
- 29 Overture 16 Referred to Committee on Administration
- 81 Recommendation No. 5 adopted.
- 83 Recommendation No. 7 adopted.
- 109 Line 4, Column 2 should read Paul E. Zetterholm
- 183 Under 6-13, line 2 change 13-8 to 47-4
- 284 Item 8-5, paragraph (2), Delete from the first line of the second paragraph:  
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