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The 144th General Synod convened May 4, 1966, at 2:00 p.m. at Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The retiring Co-Moderator, Rev. Frank Smick Jr., presided at the opening devotional service. The service opened with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress is our God," followed by the invoking of God's blessing by Dr. Wilber Wallis. The host pastor, Rev. William Leonard, greeted the delegates and guests and introduced Mr. Charles Hightman, who welcomed the Synod on behalf of the city of Colorado Springs. Mr. John Crawford, of the Navigators, welcomed the delegates and guests to Glen Eyrie. An inspiring and challenging sermon was preached by Dr. Harold S. Laird, retiring Co-Moderator, from the text Philippians 1: 20, 21. The secret of Paul's greatness as a Christian, he said, lies in the words "to me to live is Christ." Following the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" the Lord's Supper was administered by the retiring Co-Moderators, assisted by four elders. The service closed with the singing of "And Can It Be That I Should Gain."

Mr. Smick called the court to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked Dr. Richard Gray to offer the constituting prayer. The roll was called.

*Ministers Present:* George Ackley, Richard A. Aeschliman, Paul H. Alexander, Lawrence G. Andres, Willard O. Armes, Max Belz, Bryant M. Black, Wilbur W. Blakely, Wayne F. Brauning, Richard L. Brinkley, Robert B. Brown, R. Daniel Cannon, John P. Clark, Robert L. Craggs, Thomas G. Cross, L. LaVerne Donaldson, Franklin S. Dyrness, Earl R. Eckerson, Theodore H. Engstrom, Homer Fernandez, Bruce R. Fiol, David L. Gardner, George R. M. Gilchrist, Richard W. Gray, R. Laird Harris, L. Stanley Hartman, Charles B. Holliday, John P. Hoogstrate, Kenneth A. Horner Jr., Robert I. Hoyle, Ellis C. H. Johnson, W. Duke Johnson, Thomas F. Jones, Oliver C. Juliusson, Arthur L. Kay, John M. Kay Jr., R. Allan Killen, Harold S. Laird, Roger Lambert, Harold D. Larson,

William B. Leonard Jr., W. Edward Lyons, Donald J. MacNair, William A. Mahlow, Nelson K. Malikus, W. Harold Mare, William D. McColley, Finlay A. McCormick, William E. McNutt, Harry H. Meiners Jr., Werner Mietling, Robert A. Milliken, Albert F. Moginot Jr., Edward T. Noe, C. Howard Oakley, Richard N. Olson, John L. Palmer, Robert Palmer, James Perry, Eugene Potoka, Robert G. Rayburn, Roger G. Shafer, Ralph W. Shirk, Elmer B. Smick, Frank Smick Jr., George W. Smith, James A. Smith, George C. Soltau, Lynden H. Stewart, Robert W. Stewart, Max F. Stowe, David F. Sutton, Gordon R. Taylor, E. Kyle Thurman, Thomas Waldecker, Wilber B. Wallis, G. W. Williams, Raymond J. Wright.

*Elders Present:* Norman D. Anderson, Clyde R. Aument, Marion D. Barnes, Oscar H. Black, Joseph C. Brown, John Christie, John F. Ehlers, Wyman W. Goodell, Edmund A. Gorab, Herbert L. Hathaway, James S. Kiefer, David McIntyre, Paul R. Moore, Vernon C. Pierce, Charles A. Richardson Jr., Frank Rowley, Norbert H. Schmolly, McGregor Scott, Hugh A. Smith, Peter Stam Jr., Robert A. Titmus, A. E. Van Wechel.

*Ministers Absent, Excused:* David Alexander, W. M. Alling, William Barker, Gustav Blomquist, Robert A. Bonner, George R. Bragdon, Ned Brande, William J. Brooks, Malcolm D. Brown, Claude Bunzel, Gordon H. Clark, Winslow A. Collins, William B. Cordes, Andrew W. Creswell, C. Don Darling, Carl H. Derk, Gene L. Fackler, Daniel Fannon, Albert M. Fifer, Frank L. Fiol, Walter P. Fleming, Martin C. Freeland, Calvin F. Frett, C. LaRue Fritz, Linwood G. Gebb, G. Howell Gerow, Bruce E. Gordon, Charles H. Gosling, Carl T. Grayson, Darrell C. Harris, Robert Hastings, Hayes Henry, Harold D. Hight, Alvin J. House, John K. Hunt, Roger W. Hunt, John A. Ledden, Clarence A. Lutz, Horace F. MacEwen, John M. MacGregor, David A. Martin, Theodore W. Martin, James H. McClintock, Alfred Mersman, Warren E. Myers,

George G. Omerly, James L. Ransom, Kurt Ribl, Richard E. Richey, Richard Rowe, John W. Sanderson Jr., Samuel G. Shepperson, Donald Slenker, Alvin R. Sneller, George Stannard, Robert H. Swayne, A. Dale Umbreit, Leonard A. Van Horn, Samuel S. Ward, Robert A. Wildeman, Laurence H. Withington, Kenneth A. Wolf.

The following motions were made and seconded, regarding changes in the printed docket:

(1) That the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee exchange places with that of the Women's Synodical. Carried.

(2) That the Docket be moved forward, providing a Saturday morning session and other sederunts be moved forward accordingly. Lost.

(3) That the report of the Treasurer of Synod exchange places with that of the Committee on Radio, that the report of the Statistician be dropped and this time be given to the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. Carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Docket be adopted as changed.

Officers were elected as follows:

Dr. Robert Rayburn nominated Rev. William B. Leonard Jr. as Moderator. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and Mr. Leonard elected by white ballot. Dr. Rayburn escorted Mr. Leonard to the chair and Mr. Smick presented the gavel to him. The Moderator appointed Rev. Robert W. Stewart as Vice Moderator. Mr. Meiners nominated Rev. Lawrence Andres as Assistant Clerk pro-tem. Mr. Andres declined and nominated Rev. David Sutton, who declined and nominated Rev. Daniel Cannon, who declined and nominated Rev. Wilbur Blakely. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and Mr. Blakely elected by white ballot.

Upon motion, Rev. Carl A. Ahlfeldt, fraternal delegate of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and Rev. William Bierling, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church, were seated as corresponding members. Messrs. Joel Belz and Linleigh Roberts were seated as visiting brethren.

A number of communications were read and, upon motion, were referred to the Committee on Attendance and Expense. Mr. Juliusson led in prayer for those who were absent and especially for the health of Mrs. William Brooks.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the printed minutes of the 142nd Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod and of the 143rd Synod of the Re-

formed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod be approved and that those of the 29th Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church be approved at a later Synod.

Several Bills and Overtures were read, and, upon motion, referred to the appropriate committees.

*From the Southeast Presbytery:* The Southeast Presbytery, meeting in Tampa, Florida, on April 12, 1966, overtures the 144th General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to covenant with all member churches that it will not commit the local churches to a union with any council of churches against its will. That if the Synod does vote to join any council it shall always be the right of the local church to disapprove such a union and withdraw its local membership from such a union by a majority vote of the congregation. (Referred to Bills and Overtures Committee, A)

*From the Central Presbytery:* We, the Central Presbytery, meeting in St. Louis, April 1 and 2, 1966, respectfully overture the 144th General Synod as follows:

1. As Presbyterians we ought to teach our churches to have a wholesome respect for the courts of the church. Therefore, we ought not to encourage churches to act independently.

2. That in our reaction against false ecumenism so active in our day we should not reject that true ecumenism taught in the Scriptures regarding the body of Christ.

3. In keeping with Synod action of 1965, page 54, we recommend our membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod be handled by vote of Presbyteries. (B. and O., B)

*From Central Presbytery:* That the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, begin proceedings toward ecclesiastical union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. (B. and O., C)

*From Central Presbytery:* The 143rd General Synod set a precedent by allowing the Alton Church to become part of Central Presbytery though in geographical bounds of the Midwestern Presbytery. Since others in the same area for various reasons would like to be in the Central Presbytery, and since the assistant pastor of Covenant Church is already pastor of the church in Carbon-dale, Ill., which is geographically in the bounds of the Midwestern Presbytery, the Central Presbytery asks Synod to give reconsideration to the bound-

daries of Central and Midwestern Presbyteries. (Referred to Administrative Committee)

*From Central Presbytery:* Whereas the Ministerial Relief Fund is usually without adequate resources to help in times of need and emergency we hereby urge that Diaconates of local churches contribute a portion of the Deacons' Funds that are set apart for needy causes on a regular basis to the Synod's Ministerial Relief Fund so that it might be in a position to give a more favorable response to the appeals it receives. (Referred to Ministerial Relief Committee)

*From Central Presbytery:* Central Presbytery overtures Synod that it consider suggestions for electing members to Synod's agencies as follows:

- I. Suggested By-Laws for Election to Synod Agencies.
  - A. The Synod will elect its own nominating committee, choosing one man from each Presbytery, the committee to be set up in three classes so that the terms of one-third of the members of the committee expire each year.
  - B. No later than three (3) months before the meeting of Synod each agency will present to the Nominating Committee a suggested list of names for nominations to its Board.
  - C. The Nominating Committee will consider their names and may add others.
  - D. The Nominating Committee will meet no later than the beginning of the second sederunt of Synod and draw up a proposed ballot, having determined or determining by conference, correspondence, or phone the agreement of each nominee to serve on the Board if the Synod should elect him.
  - E. The Nominating Committee will as early as convenient present its nominations and open the floor for further nominations. The Committee shall then ascertain the willingness to serve of these additional nominees. Subsequently a final ballot of a different color shall be presented in toto or from time to time for vote by Synod.

II. Suggested By-Laws Governing Membership on Synod's Agencies.

- A. Consider the Boards and Agencies of the RPCES in two categories:
  1. Outreach—Boards which appeal for the financial support of the churches and develop the corporate mission of the church.

2. Service—Committees formed to carry out the directives of Synod.

B. Outreach Boards and Agencies to include: WPM, Covenant College, Covenant Theological Seminary, NPM, Christian Training, Inc., Board of Home Missions.

C. Service Committees and Agencies to include: Trustees of Synod, Nominating Committee, Administrative Committee, RP Foundation, Judicial Commission, Fraternal Relations, Chaplains, Ministerial Relief.

D. Concerning Membership on Outreach Boards and Agencies

1. Three year terms
2. Consecutive terms permissible, but length of years' service to be announced each time renomination is made.
3. Service limited to one (1) Outreach Board or Agency at a time except by permission of the Synod as demonstrated by 2/3 vote.
4. Adjustments necessary to bring item 3 into practice completed by the Synod of 1967.

E. Membership on Service Committees and Agencies

1. According to existing procedure
2. No limitation as to overlapping of individual men with membership on Outreach Boards and Agencies on these committees

III. We request that these matters be referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for immediate action.

(B. and O., F)

*From Pacific Northwest Presbytery:* To instruct the Committee on Christian Education (Publications) to prepare a brochure concerning the R.P. C.E.S. especially designed for use with new members and for folks outside the denomination. The brochure should be of sufficient length as to give a good picture of the church, its position and agencies, with emphasis on its recent history. (Referred to Christian Training, Inc.)

*From Pacific Northwest Presbytery:* To consider the election of two Boards—one for Covenant College, and the other for Covenant Theological Seminary, inasmuch as the needs and programs of these schools are quite distinct. (B. and O., V)

*From Pacific Northwest Presbytery:* That all future minutes of the Synod include the names and addresses of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries. (Referred to Stated Clerk. This normally is included, could not be included in Minutes of 143rd

Synod because information was not yet available. Will be included from now on.)

*From Presbytery of California:* The Presbytery of California, during its Stated Meeting on October 19, 1965, held a full discussion of the appointment of Synod's Administrative Committee, in terms of the letter from the Moderator dated July, 1965. It was the unanimous decision of those present that the Presbytery of California register its objections to this Committee for the following reasons:

1. We object to the manner of institution: by appointment rather than by the vote of Synod. This could conceivably be used as political patronage.
2. We object to the interpretation of the Administrative Committee regarding its being an initiating body. This function should be reserved to the Presbyteries, or to the permanent committees of Synod.
3. The institution of this Committee is a step towards the centralization of ecclesiastical power. In effect, this appointment establishes a "supreme court" that can act independently of Synod and its Presbyteries.
4. The function of the Administrative Committee if continued, should be that of an advisory board only; and the Committee should be limited specifically to tasks assigned to it by Synod.
5. The motion to establish grants the Administrative Committee power to interfere in the functions of the various Presbyteries. In our opinion, each Presbytery is a self-governing ecclesiastical unit, and is to be kept free of the overlordship of this or any other committee.
6. We further object because, in the particular manner in which the Administrative Committee was instituted, no provision has been made for Synod to review the actions of the Administrative Committee, or to rescind any specific action which proves contrary to the will of Synod.
7. In the event of a dispute between the Administrative Committee and Synod, or between the Administrative Committee and any Presbytery within Synod, no means is provided for the settlement of such dispute; nor is the supremacy of either Synod or the separate Presbyteries clearly stated. (B. and O., H)

*From Presbytery of California:* An inescapable obligation rests upon our Church to provide quality

educational materials for our youth, especially in the Sunday school. Many of us find that the materials produced by Great Commission Publications, an arm of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, are of excellent quality, and are thoroughly reformed and Presbyterian. Perhaps the major limitation to this series is that it does not, as yet, cover the entire range of ages.

A recent article in The Presbyterian Journal states that by 1968 the United Presbyterian Church will have abolished the Sunday school in their own denomination, and will cease publishing the Faith and Life Curriculum. This will leave a vacuum in many Presbyterian congregations, to be filled by whatever publications are offered them.

The Committee on Publications of the OPC reports that it lacks financial ability to extend its educational material to cover the entire range of Sunday school requirements.

THEREFORE: This Presbytery proposes to our commissioners the following steps:

1. That we encourage the use of the OPC materials in our Sunday schools, as a means of increasing support of these fine materials.
2. That this Synod propose to the Dept. of Publications of the OPC the establishment of a working agreement to secure the cooperation of the RPC, E.S. in the financing of and publication of the Sunday school curricula. The proposal would include the following:
  - a. A commitment of financial support from our Synod for a specific amount;
  - b. The placing of a member of our Synod upon the board of the Committee on Publications of OPC, on an advisory or consultative basis.
3. That Christian Training, Inc. be given the responsibility of furthering these proposals until further notice.

(Christian Training, Inc.)

*From Midwestern Presbytery:* The Midwestern Presbytery respectfully protests against the action of Synod of April 6-8, 1965, as recorded on pages 59, 60 of the printed minutes, in appointing an Administrative Committee with loosely defined and dangerous powers. These powers are contained in the vague phrase "to assist in promoting the interests of the church as a whole" and in the definite phrase "to assist in delineating the functions of the Presbytery officers and committees." These fears are aggravated by the action of the Committee in its

claim to be "an initiating body." We therefore overture the Synod not to continue this committee and in establishing future committees, to define strictly their duties and powers. (B. and O., I)

*From Midwestern Presbytery:* That General Synod set the synod meeting time during the summer months, preferably between June 15 and August 30. This is in response to an overture to Presbytery by one of its member churches. It is hoped that this will allow a better attendance of elders during this period of school vacation. (B. and O., J)

*From Midwestern Presbytery:* The following overture was adopted at our Spring meeting, March 29:

"WHEREAS the Midwestern Presbytery has heard a report submitted to the Pittsburgh Presbytery with the caption, Report of the Committee erected by Presbytery to investigate matters in the Darlington congregation, dated March 3, 1966;

And WHEREAS the charges and counter charges set forth therein are serious and disturbing—

Because the charges against the pastor are irresponsible, for they are incapable of being proved or disproved

TO WIT, He does not preach in love; His sermons are not helpful or understandable; He made no attempt to gain the confidence of or understand the people;

Which vague charges recall the personal abuse heaped on the followers of Dr. Machen when they were yet in the USA church;

And Because the charges made by the pastor are definite and doctrinal

TO WIT, He has sought to abide by the Standards of the Church and has been opposed for so doing, . . . by the non-acceptance of sound doctrine on the part of the elders (rejecting the doctrines of total depravity and salvation by grace alone)

Which charge or charges are capable of proof or disproof and are serious enough to warrant, even to demand, the most careful investigation,

AND WHEREAS the Committee and apparently the Presbytery have recommended the dissolution of the pastoral relationship without having determined whether these serious doctrinal charges are true or false,

AND WHEREAS failure to maintain discipline leads to apostasy, as we all know very well,

AND WHEREAS the doctrines of total depravity and salvation by grace alone are central and

essential to the gospel we preach,

The Midwestern Presbytery respectfully and solemnly urges the Synod to determine the truth or falsity of these charges and to impose whatever discipline the Scriptures require in the light of the facts." (Referred to Judicial Commission)

*From Midwestern Presbytery:* The Midwestern Presbytery asks the Synod for its opinion on the following:

Does the Presbytery have the prerogative to demand that the congregational minutes (ecclesiastical meeting) be included in full in the Session record which is examined by the Presbytery? In essence, it seems to be a question as to whether the Session is a court between the Presbytery and congregation or the congregation in this matter is on the level with the Session as far as its records being under examination by the Presbytery.

Further, can the Presbytery demand that a summary of such meeting be included in the Session records? (Referred to Judicial Commission)

*From Midwestern Presbytery:* We overture Synod that the present boundaries of Midwestern Presbytery be maintained, but that this Presbytery be allowed to appoint a Moderator and/or a stated supply from another Presbytery for our vacant churches. (Referred to Administrative Committee)

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* WHEREAS the Church is the kingdom of Christ, "not a democracy, nor an aristocracy, but truly a kingdom of which Christ is absolute sovereign" (Charles Hodge)\*; and,

WHEREAS the above mentioned principle involves the denial "that Church power rests ultimately in the people, or the clergy," but rather that Church power is "derived from Christ, and is exercised by others in His name, and according to the rules laid down in His Word" (Charles Hodge)\*; and,

WHEREAS the above mentioned principle lays the members of the Church "under equal obligation to resist all undue assumption of authority by those within the Church, whether it be by the brotherhood or by individual officers, or by Church councils or courts" (Charles Hodge)\*; and,

WHEREAS the moral law of God is forever binding and is to be consulted and honored in all matters of church government; and,

WHEREAS the Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, Chapter III:7:a is worded in such a way as to en-

danger the principles and obligations acknowledged above, namely in the following: “. . . the presbytery shall not *under any circumstances* refuse to dissolve the pastoral relationship if requested to do so by a *majority* vote of the congregation expressed by an orderly ballot in a legally called meeting.” And, “The presbytery shall not disregard the convictions of a *determined and unwilling minority*, but shall seek by its good offices to unify the congregation. Even if the objections to a pastor seem to the presbytery to be trivial, the presbytery shall consider that the vision of God’s people in this life is, at best, obscure (1 Corinthians 13:12), and that *it is better for a pastor to move than for a particular church to be disrupted*”; therefore,

The Pittsburgh Presbytery, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on April 12, 1966, respectfully overtures the 144th Synod, meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 4-10, 1966, to amend the form of government in the passages quoted above in the following manner:

“. . . the presbytery shall not refuse to dissolve the pastoral relationship if requested to do so by a majority vote of the congregation expressed by an orderly ballot in a legally called meeting, but only after being satisfied that the reasons for the request are not in violation of the will of Christ expressed in His Word.” And,

“The presbytery shall not disregard the convictions of a determined and unwilling minority, but shall seek by its good offices to unify the congregation in a manner agreeable to the principles of God’s Word. The Presbytery shall honor such requests only upon being satisfied that to do so will not violate principles taught in Holy Scripture. Even if the objections to a pastor seem to be trivial, the presbytery shall consider that the vision of God’s people in this life is, at best, obscure (1 Corinthians 13:12), and that it is better for a pastor to move than for a particular church to be unnecessarily disrupted.”

Consistent with this, the Pittsburgh Presbytery also overtures the 144th Synod to amend the Form of Government II:6:f by adding the words, “and the stipulations of Chapter III:7:a have been carefully observed.” (B. and O., L)

\*Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology, II:605-606

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* The Pittsburgh Presbytery hereby transmits the following appeal from the Rev. Richard N. Olson: “I respectfully appeal the actions of the Pittsburgh Presbytery on

a proposed overture dealing with the appointment of a moderator for a congregational meeting. ‘Can a moderator of a Presbytery appoint, without first seeking the approval of the Presbytery as a whole, another minister to act as moderator of a congregational meeting, when the moderator of said congregation is both present and able?’ ” (The action appealed from is that the Presbytery declined to adopt and forward this proposed overture because “without any specific direction we feel that the moderator of Presbytery, by virtue of his office, has the right of making the appointment of a moderator of a particular congregational meeting where the matter of discretion makes it necessary for the pastor not to moderate.”) (Referred to Judicial Commission)

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* A complaint from eight members of the Presbytery as follows: “Per the *Book of Discipline* of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, IX:5, the men whose names appear below hereby lodge a complaint to the Synod with respect to an action taken by the Pittsburgh Presbytery at the *pro re nata* meeting held January 21, 1966, at the Chapel Reformed Presbyterian Church, Beaver, Pa. The action being complained of is as follows:

“Mr. Olson presented the following motion: ‘Be it moved that the congregational meeting of the Darlington Reformed Presbyterian Church, held on December 28, 1965, be ruled by Presbytery as out of order, inasmuch as discussion of the motion to remove the pastor was not permitted.’ This was seconded. On a secret ballot the vote was 11 for the motion and 11 against, therefore the moderator declared it to be lost. The complaint is that the Presbytery acted in opposition to our *Form of Government*, *Roberts’ Rules of Order*, the *Westminster Standards*, and *Scriptures* when it voted against the above motion.” “The following men have signed the complaint, and their signature will be found on the attached sheet.” Rev. Richard N. Olson, Rev. Robert L. Craggs, Rev. C. LaRue Fritz, Rev. Theodore W. Martin, Rev. Robert A. Milliken, Robert T. Adams, James R. Dobbs, Frank W. Lesch. (Referred to Judicial Commission)

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* We overture Synod to issue a full explanation of the following point: “On the basis of paragraph 3, Chapter XXXIII of the *Declaration and Testimony*, binding on all Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod,



churches prior to the merger, how is it that the entire *Reformation Principles Exhibited* was removed from our standards?" (B. and O., M)

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* We overture that Synod be held each year at Covenant College, on a date suitable to the college and synod; and

Since a Presbyterian form of government should seek equal representation between teaching and ruling elders, and therefore it is vital that the dates of Synod consider *first* the ruling elders, we request that Synod confine itself within the limits of one week (Sunday-Saturday), and not Wednesday-Wednesday. Most of our elders have to make use of their vacation time for Synod. The present dates of Synod require such elders to sacrifice two weeks of vacation. We doubt if any teaching elder would do the same. (B. and O., N)

*From Pittsburgh Presbytery:* The Pittsburgh Presbytery hereby transmits the following appeal from the Rev. Richard N. Olson: "I respectfully appeal the actions of the Pittsburgh Presbytery on a proposed overture dealing with the balance of Synod. (The Overture originally came from a Session.) "The ideal representation at Synod is one teaching elder per one ruling elder. As a church, we have far too many ministers not acting as pastors, and thus the ratio at Synod is very out of balance. We, therefore, request that Synod limit the power of voting at Synod and at Presbytery to only ruling elders and those ministers presently engaged as pastors of *our* churches." (The action appealed from is that Presbytery voted not to act on this and send it as an overture to Synod.) (Referred to Judicial Commission)

*From Northeast Presbytery:* Whereas the matter of formal announcement to a given congregation in cases involving suspension, deposition, or excommunication has come to the attention of the Northeast Presbytery, and whereas some difference of opinion as to the interpretation of this is expressed among members of our Presbytery, and whereas *The Book of Discipline* of our denomination states that "... the suspension, deposition, or excommunication of an officer or other member of the church shall be announced to the church in which the officer concerned holds office, or in which the member concerned holds membership . . .", the Northeast Presbytery respectfully overtures the 144th General Synod for the exact interpretation of paragraph 11, Chapter VII of our Book of Discipline, consistent with the Holy Scriptures, the history of

Biblical Presbyterian disciplinary practice, and the simple grammatical meaning of words, phrases and sentences. (Judicial Commission)

*From Southern Presbytery:* Southern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 144th Synod that Synod should encourage cooperation in evangelism which clearly presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ and which honors the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God, the only foundation of the free offer of the Gospel to everyone; and that Synod should discourage participation in evangelism which in its methodology contradicts the doctrine of the purity of the church or gives aid and comfort to modernism through cooperation with liberals by means of mutual membership on sponsoring committees and the practice of sending referral cards to modernistic, liberal, and Roman Catholic Churches. (B. and O., O)

*From Southern Presbytery:* To clarify in the Form of Government what steps should be taken by a congregation and session respectively in approving the resignation of a pastor, the consensus of the Southern Presbytery being that it should be impossible for a Session alone to dissolve such a relationship and that the congregation itself, be required to take action. (Judicial Commission)

*From Southern Presbytery:* Whereas, "soteriology" is a technical aspect of theology taught in the last year of Covenant Seminary and whereas, we feel that a man's licensure should not be deferred until after the full three years of seminary training, we overture the 144th Synod to rule that "substance of the Gospel" is not synonymous with "soteriology" in the Form of Government. (B. and O., P)

*From Southern Presbytery:* To amend the Form of Government to specify that no call extended to a Reformed Presbyterian minister by a non-Reformed Presbyterian church or organization be accepted by such a minister without approval of his Presbytery. (B. and O., Q)

*From Southern Presbytery:* To clarify in the Form of Government whether a commission of Presbytery may install a member of Presbytery as pastor of an independent church, and the steps needed when this has been done to dissolve the pastoral relationship when necessary. (B. and O., R)

*From Rocky Mountain Presbytery:* The Rocky Mountain Presbytery, meeting on May 3, 1966,

presents the following overture to the 144th General Synod:

1. The following changes in the Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, are recommended:

Chapter II, Section 2: Add "Communicant members may be added by confession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a church not deemed heretical. For all received, regardless of age or how received, required attendance at a church membership preparation class prior to reception is highly recommended."

Chapter II, Section 9, Paragraph c: Add "A minimum of 10 adult believers shall be required in order to be organized as a particular church."

Chapter II, Section 10: Add, as paragraph a, paragraph 1 of Section II of Chapter III of the Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod, and re-letter the paragraphs of this section accordingly.

Chapter II, Section 10: Add to the present paragraph b: "Ruling Elders, once ordained, shall not be divested of their office when they are not re-elected to active service on the Session, and if re-elected shall not be re-ordained. Elders not in active service shall be entitled to represent their church in the higher courts of the church when appointed by the Session or the Presbytery. Once a qualified man is elected and ordained as an elder, he remains an elder for life unless he must be removed from this office by judicial ecclesiastical discipline or as provided for in paragraph c below (paragraph d if the above recommended is adopted)."

Chapter III, Section 3: Add after "closed with prayer," "the singing of Psalm 133, to the tune of 'Martyrdom,' 'Manoah,' or other appropriate tune, and the pronouncing of a benediction."

Chapter III, Section 5: Add "The call for such a meeting shall be read from the pulpit in each congregation of the Presbytery at worship services on the two Sundays preceding the date of the meeting."

Chapter III, Section 6: Add, after the first sentence, "and additional officers if it deems it necessary."

Chapter IV, Section 6: Add "A Vice Moderator shall also be elected, to serve the same term as the Moderator."

Chapter IV, Section 7, Paragraph d: Add after

the words "After which he shall pray and return thanks," "Psalm 133 shall be sung by the commissioners to the tune of 'Martyrdom,' 'Manoah,' or other appropriate tune, he shall," delete "and." (B. and O., S)

*From Rocky Mountain Presbytery:* The Rocky Mountain Presbytery requests a clarification of Chapter II, Section 3, Paragraph 2 of the Form of Government as to whether children of the covenant are to be admitted to the Lord's Supper or be excluded until they become communicant members. (B. and O., T)

*From Rocky Mountain Presbytery:* To set a target date to work toward a union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, setting 1967 as the time to begin serious talks with that church, and that Synod authorize the Board of Covenant Theological Seminary to talk with the Board of Westminster Theological Seminary concerning a possible union of the two schools. (B. and O., U)

*From Philadelphia Presbytery:* A request that Synod give secondary financial backing to the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Warminster, Pa., for its building program in the amount of \$15,000. (Referred to Board of Trustees)

*From Philadelphia Presbytery:* A request that the Calvary Presbyterian Church of King of Prussia, Pa., be given financial aid of \$200.00 per month. (Referred to NPM)

*From Philadelphia Presbytery:* Overtures to amend the constitution as follows:

1. At Chapter 5, Section (M), second sentence to read: "The Presbytery may by a 3/4 vote of the members present at a regular meeting petition the following Synod to make an exception to the academic qualifications etc.," and to add this third sentence to the same section: "The Synod shall review the case and pass on the petition."

2. At Chapter 5, Section (H), last sentence to read: "The candidate for licensure shall be examined by the Presbytery or by a committee appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery in the English Bible, Systematic Theology, Church History, Church Polity, and in the original languages of the Scripture except that,"

3. A Chapter 5, Section (O), paragraph 2 to read: "In any case the examination for ordination shall include examinations in Systematic Theology, Church Sacraments, Apologetics, and History and Constitution of this denomination. The Presbytery

shall make certain that the candidate shall begin his service in the ministry with due appreciation for the importance of the system of doctrine taught in Scripture and as set forth in the subordinate standards of this church." (Referred to Form of Government Committee)

The Synod adjourned at 5:25 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Meiners.

#### SECOND SEDERUNT, THURSDAY, 9 A.M.

A prayer meeting from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. was conducted by the Vice Moderator.

Synod was called to order by the Moderator, who called upon Dr. Cross to lead in the constituting prayer.

Upon motion, Mr. John Shoop and Dr. Paul Schrottenboer were seated as corresponding members of Synod, and Mr. Dick Weik as a visiting brother.

The Minutes of the first sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. Pierce presented the reports of Covenant College and Seminary. Dr. Barnes presented the college's report.

#### THE COVENANT PICTURE

The Alumni are a meaningful measure of the education the school is now giving. Since 1956, 113 men and women have received degrees from Covenant College and 107 other young people have spent at least two semesters at the college. Of the degree alumni, 71% are affiliated with Reformed Presbyterian Churches, while fewer than 60% of them originally came from our churches. 47% are in full time Christian work, 18% are Christian housewives and mothers, 35% are setting a high level of performance in secular positions. This is a good record, but we believe it can and will be improved. We are constantly seeking improvement in four areas: faculty improvement, increasing number of doctorates; increasing size and quality of the library; increasing faculty salaries; stabilizing the college's financial support.

For the coming year there will be 22 on the full-time faculty, 35% of them with earned doctor's degrees. Estimated accreditation goal is 30%. Student recruitment is now going on, with a goal of 80 freshmen men for the fall semester.

To help stabilize the financial position of the college it will be necessary to increase student fees

next year. There has been a decline in total giving, while at the same time an increase in obligations. Total gifts and grants to the college in fiscal 1965 were \$142,716, of which \$110,071 was given by Reformed Presbyterian Churches. Of this \$54,808, or 50%, was given by five churches. Thirty-four of our own churches gave nothing at all, 17 gave \$1 to \$99, 16 gave \$100 to \$499, 20 gave \$500 to \$999, 18 gave \$1,000 to \$4,999 and five gave \$5,000 or more.

During the next four years Covenant College will award degrees to more men and women than it has in the past ten years. This is the challenge for the future: to pray (for summer salaries, for more men students, for further athletic facilities), to give (through the local church budget, by individual gifts, by recommending Covenant to friends who want to give), to recruit new students for this fine Christian education.

Dr. Rayburn presented the Seminary report.

#### REPORT OF COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Fathers and Brethren:

This year we come to a milestone in the history of Covenant Theological Seminary. Since the school is soon to close its tenth anniversary year, it is an appropriate time to look back over the ten years that have passed to see if the school has proved its worth to the denomination and has also rendered a significant ministry to the Church of Jesus Christ as a whole. It was a step of faith which was taken in 1956 when the Synod voted to establish the seminary as a graduate division of Covenant College. It is our conviction that God has rewarded that faith and has honored His own name through what has been accomplished in this institution.

In the past nine years a total of 83 men have graduated from the seminary. In addition to these alumni, there are a number of men who have studied for from one to five semesters in the seminary without graduating. Of the 83 alumni 54 are Reformed Presbyterians. Their areas of service are as follows:

- 26 pastors in Reformed Presbyterian churches
- 9 foreign missionaries or under appointment (6 of these are with our own World Presbyterian Missions)
- 3 Reformed Presbyterian home missionaries
- 3 Reformed Presbyterian chaplains in the armed services

- 8 teachers in Christian schools (5 in Reformed Presbyterian institutions)
- 2 wives of Reformed Presbyterian pastors and missionaries
- 3 Reformed Presbyterians serving the Lord in secular work

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The alumni outside the Reformed Presbyterian denomination are serving as follows:

- 7 pastors
- 3 missionaries
- 2 mission business management
- 4 teachers in Christian schools
- 1 chaplain
- 1 continuing graduate studies
- 11 foreign Presbyterians serving in their native countries

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An important question would immediately arise in the mind of anyone appraising the work of Covenant Seminary. This is: "Is the seminary actually serving the denomination?" If it is not there is reasonable question as to whether it can commend itself to the denomination for support. Of the total of 54 men now serving the Reformed Presbyterian Church more than half or 30 of them were not Reformed Presbyterians when they enrolled at Covenant Theological Seminary. Among this number are some of the most promising young men and some of the most successful young pastors in the denomination. It should be of special interest that one-fourth of the present pastors in our denomination have come from the only 9 classes that have graduated from the seminary. We believe that it could hardly be disputed that the seminary has faithfully served the interests of the denomination and has produced a record of success in teaching the distinctive theological and ecclesiastical position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

We are now facing a critical stage in the history of the development of both Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary. The schools which once occupied a single campus and completely outgrew it have now divided and are geographically separated by 450 miles. It has seemed wise to the board of the school to completely separate the administration of the two institutions; and now because of the problems involved in the development of the distinctive characteristics of each school, the

board is recommending that the seminary be incorporated as an entirely separate institution with its own board of trustees answerable directly to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. There are several obvious reasons why this separation is both expedient and essential.

(1) The college must secure regional accreditation at the earliest possible date, and such accreditation would be made difficult if not impossible by its having a graduate school located in the geographical area of an entirely different regional accrediting association.

(2) The financial responsibility for the seminary would needlessly delay the approval of the accrediting authorities even if the geographical problem could be overcome.

(3) The necessary credit for short-term loans which are essential for the payment of summer salaries and expenses at the college campus cannot be secured locally in Chattanooga so long as the college is responsible for the financial well-being of an institution in a distant state.

(4) It is unfair to the college administration to make it responsible for a program which is so far removed both geographically and academically from its own activity. The two schools must develop their own individuality and their own distinctive programs of education.

(5) One board of trustees cannot adequately supervise the administration and development of two widely different institutions of this kind. Each school demands the undivided attention of its board of trustees.

For the above reasons we strongly recommend that Synod vote to establish a board of trustees for Covenant Theological Seminary as a separate institution and approve the division of the liabilities and assets of the two schools so that the liabilities and assets of the St. Louis campus will become the property of the seminary while all assets and liabilities of the Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, campus continue as the sole responsibility of the college.

These are very critical days for both of our educational institutions. We believe that no more important business faces the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, at this meeting than the matter of the preservation and support of its educational institutions. In the past years our church has looked upon these schools as delightful but not necessarily essential parts of its

work. Now a crisis has been reached and important decisions must be made. We leave the problem of the college and its future in the capable hands of Dr. Barnes and the administration of that school, confident that the college is going to go ahead in a splendid way to achieve its goals; but I must ask you to turn your attention to the theological seminary and to think with me for a few moments very seriously and earnestly about this school and its future.

The first question we must ask ourselves is this: "Is Covenant Theological Seminary essential to the future of the Reformed Presbyterian denomination, or is it just a gratifying adjunct?" If for a moment we are inclined to think of it as not essential although desirable, let us ask where could we possibly expect to get the increasing number of ministers which will be needed for our expanding church in the coming years. Is there any school which we could expect to turn out young men who were enthusiastic about and committed to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod? Where would ministerial students not already committed denominationally be challenged to consider the RPC, ES? Personally, I see no hope for the growth of our church nor even for its being able to maintain the status quo unless we have a theological seminary of our own where, without apology, we can present the challenge of our doctrinal position, our denominational distinctives, and our worldwide missionary vision. I believe history would bear me out that whenever a church has neglected the training of its future ministry it has always suffered serious decline. Of course, it is not enough just to assure and protect the material resources of the school; its doctrinal purity must also be guarded carefully from year to year, for the future of any denomination is determined by the teaching in its seminary.

If we come to the decision that the seminary is essential to growth and development, or even to the maintenance of what we now have in our denomination, the next question that we must ask ourselves is, "How is such a school to be supported?" It is in this connection that I should like to bring to your attention certain facts concerning the support of Covenant Seminary. We have endeavored during this past year to get by on a very frugal budget. We have succeeded in keeping all of our expenditures down to our budgetary allowances. In spite of this fact, we are at the present

time approximately \$36,000 behind in budgeted receipts, almost all of this being a shortage in gifts and grants. During the last three months it has been necessary for the college to transfer funds to the seminary to the amount of \$7,200 in February, \$6,500 in March, and a similar amount in April. (Exact figures are not yet in hand.) Very obviously this situation cannot continue. It is not fair to the college to ask its administration to carry such a load of financial responsibility when it is fighting for its own life and for the all-important matter of accreditation which certainly depends to a large degree upon financial stability.

The expense involved in the operation of a theological seminary presents quite a different problem from that of a college. Although a college is a more expensive institution than a seminary, a much larger percentage of the cost of a college education is paid by the student's tuition and fees. It has always been necessary for the church to underwrite the education of its ministers. Many RP pastors attended seminaries a few years ago where no tuition charges were made at all. We would like you to understand the relationship between what it costs to train a young man for the ministry and what proportion of this must be provided by the church. With our present curriculum, faculty, and students, operating on the present budget, the cost of educating one man for the ministry for one year is approximately \$2,500. Of this amount the student pays about \$300 which means that the Lord's people must provide \$2,200 for every student each year that he is in preparation for the gospel ministry. The church must assume responsibility for underwriting the education of each of its future ministers to the amount of \$6,600 over a period of three years. This is not out of line with what other denominations are doing, nor are Covenant Seminary's charges out of line with those of other seminaries.

If we look at this another way it costs the school approximately \$400 a day to educate 58 students for the ministry. With our expected increase in student enrollment for next year together with the necessary increase in cost of operation, the cost of educating the individual student will be somewhat lower, but the amounts of gifts and grants needed from Christian friends will remain at approximately \$400 per day.

What then is the hope for the seminary? It is simply that the denomination which has created it



and which is so largely dependent upon it shall recognize the absolute necessity of adequately supporting it financially. A few figures will make it very clear that this has not been done in the past.

The last fiscal year is the only year that gifts and grants to the seminary have been recorded separately from the college. For this reason we have figures for only ten months which can give a clear picture of our financial situation. During the last ten months, out of a total of 112 churches in our denomination, 59 of them made no gifts whatsoever to the theological seminary. Of the 53 churches that have made gifts, ten of them have provided 68 per cent of all that has been contributed through the churches; and from these ten, four churches have provided 49 per cent, so that we could actually say that only four churches have carried half of the load of what has been provided for the seminary through the churches.

With respect to individual gifts a still more startling fact is evident. A careful check of all individual gifts made to the seminary during this period reveals that individuals belonging to Reformed Presbyterian churches have contributed \$14,000, while individuals who are not Reformed Presbyterians have contributed \$15,800, which shows that actually there is more support coming for Covenant Seminary on an individual basis from those outside the denomination than there is within.

Now, let us look at the matter of church contributions. As we have said, 53 Reformed Presbyterian churches made some contribution to the seminary during the past ten months. These range from \$9, the smallest amount, to \$2,555 which is the largest amount contributed by or through any church. Of this amount \$2,500 was contributed by a single individual in the church. The largest contribution in the regular budget of any church in the denomination is that of the Augusta Street Presbyterian Church in Greenville which has contributed a total of \$2,400 in nine months. For this stewardship we are most grateful. The total giving from the 53 Reformed Presbyterian churches in the ten-month period amounts to \$14,125, while the total giving from churches outside our denomination during the same period amounts to \$10,045, and this figure represents gifts from only seven churches. It is gratifying to know that the largest portion of these gifts came from two independent churches that have Reformed Presbyterian pastors, both of whom are vitally concerned for the future of Covenant

Seminary.

One thing seems quite apparent. If we recognize that its seminary is accountable to and dependent upon the denomination which brought it into being and which it seeks to serve faithfully, the entire denomination must begin to accept the responsibility for its support. The smaller churches simply cannot say to themselves that the larger churches must carry the burden. It must be shared by all. Those churches which are particularly mission-minded cannot say, "We want to support only foreign missions or national missions." This would mean that they would expect other churches to accept the liability for the training and preparing of the missionaries which they in turn would send to the field. There is no way in our denomination in which individual churches could be taxed to provide the support of the denomination's seminary. All of us would object to such a tax. Nevertheless we must in some way be made to realize that each individual and each church must accept the challenge of the underwriting of the education of the denomination's future ministers. We must all put our shoulders to the wheel and say that this job will be done!

Is the financial support of the seminary an impossible load for such a small denomination as ours to carry? Are we doomed to failure before we begin? Must we admit that the denomination simply is not large enough to support a seminary and will therefore have to look wistfully to other schools and hope that out of them will come a few young men who will be interested in the ministry of our denomination? I think not! I believe that the real problem lies within the hearts of all of us. The question is one of real commitment to the job which we say we see as the most important one in all the world. Allow me to prove to you that adequate support of the seminary is not an impossible goal even if it were necessary to add it to all that the church is doing at the present time.

An extensive budget has been worked out by the administration of Covenant Seminary and has been tentatively approved by the board of trustees of the college in anticipation of the proposed division of the two schools. According to this budget, the seminary could be supported adequately if it received approximately \$10,000 per month from the Reformed Presbyterian denomination. This amounts to approximately \$1 per member each month; and while giving this much to the seminary alone would

necessitate a small adjustment of the proposed benevolence standards which were presented at last year's Synod, it does not actually put them out of proportion in any undesirable way. The problem is simply that while these are acceptable standards and generally received the approval of Synod last year comparatively little has been done throughout the Synod to bring giving in line with these standards. If Covenant Seminary is to continue to exist and serve the denomination, something very definite must be done throughout the church as a whole and this very soon. As we have already pointed out, it is impossible for us to levy any kind of tax or apportionment of any kind upon our churches, but it will not be enough for us to verbally approve a program at this meeting and then return to our churches and take no immediate action on the matter of the seminary's support. Every minister and elder who is present in this Synod must make it his own personal responsibility to place the support of the seminary before his own church immediately in a striking and challenging way.

During the past years we have all tended to think of Covenant Seminary as a benevolence agency of the church. It is absolutely essential that we put this mistaken idea behind us. Webster describes benevolence as "an act of kindness or a generous gift." This is how most of us have looked upon contributions to Covenant Seminary. We must turn away from this kind of thinking and realize that we are not making generous gifts to anyone when we are supporting our own theological seminary for we are as assuredly providing for our own welfare in our own individual churches as we are for the future of our own denomination. Every church that faces the need of a pastor wants a pastor who has been properly trained, who is thoroughly committed to the theological and ecclesiastical principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. It is only through our own denominational school that we can provide for this need in every individual church. The seminary is not a benevolence agency. It is an integral part of the work and responsibility of every local church.

It is my own firm conviction that the Reformed Presbyterian churches, and by this I mean the individuals that make them up, will respond to the challenge of maintaining and developing the denominational seminary if it is clearly and forcefully presented to them as a part of their own work.

Only local pastors can do this adequately. The resources and the personnel of the seminary are certainly available to assist in this undertaking, but at this Synod the decision must be made as to whether we continue to go forward as a denomination or not.

Specific recommendations for action will follow this report. Because it was prepared before the meeting of the board, the official recommendations are not included herein, but they will be presented verbally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert G. Rayburn  
President

Upon motion, Synod recessed from 10:15 to 10:30 and reconvened with the singing of "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the Docket to complete the reports of the College and Seminary.

Mr. Pierce made the following motion, which was seconded and carried.

The board of trustees of Covenant College and Seminary recommends to Synod that the present board be divided into two representative boards (separate and distinct) using the present members as they have functioned in separate executive committees since October 14, 1965.

Mr. Pierce made the following motion, which was seconded and carried.

Whereas Covenant College and Theological Seminary has divided into two separate and distinct boards of trustees and

Whereas it is necessary to elect additional trustees to fill vacancies so created

The former board of Covenant College and Theological Seminary recommends that Synod elect, and/or reelect, trustees to bring up to six members in each class of each board so as to have eighteen on each board for 1966-67 and to elect six more to each board at the Synod of 1967 to then have full boards of twenty-four members,

and that

The present chairmen of the two executive committees, Rev. George Soltau for the Seminary and Mr. Vernon Pierce for the college, convene the first meeting of the new boards.

Mr. Pierce presented the following motion, which was seconded.

RESOLVED, that this corporation transfer all of its real estate and other assets, including personal

property, used in connection with school purposes and all located within the limits of St. Louis County, Missouri, such real property more specifically described as 12330 Conway Road, 12256 Conway Road, 12262 Conway Road, 12270 Conway Road, 12304 Conway Road, 12487 Larkwood Drive, 1429 Jaywood Drive, and 1437 Jaywood Drive, to Covenant Theological Seminary, a corporation, organized and existing under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of the State of Missouri, the condition of such transfer being that said Covenant Theological Seminary shall assume all of the outstanding liabilities now existing in connection with the said property transferred here under.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of this corporation be authorized and directed to execute such deeds, bills of sale, and other papers necessary or convenient to effect the transfer of the property described herein and to deliver the said deeds and other instruments to Covenant Theological Seminary in furtherance of this resolution.

It was moved and seconded to amend this to read "that the directors establish a proportionate sense of responsibility for the liabilities." This motion was lost. The main motion carried.

The following motion was made by Mr. Pierce, seconded, and carried.

The Covenant board recommends to Synod that in the light of the division of the Board, and for the purpose of providing an essential continuity at this critical juncture in the history of the College, service on the Board up to this time of the present Board members be not considered under the limitations of the by-law limiting tenure to two terms without a two-thirds vote of Synod.

Mr. Pierce presented the following motion, which was seconded, and carried.

Whereas Covenant College has seen the need to include on its Board of Trustees people who represent large independent churches, sympathetic to the needs and purpose of the school, or possibly people from the Chattanooga area, or other non-reformed presbyterian church members

Whereas the Board of Trustees has amended its by-laws to be compatible to the following change

The Board of Trustees makes the following recommendation to Synod

That at least 87 1/2% of the members of the College board of trustees must be members of the

Reformed Presbyterian Church and that up to three members holding similar spiritual requirements except for membership in the denomination, and who are willing to sign the college's statement of belief, may be elected by the Synod.

#### *Statement of Belief*

Having been elected by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the Board of Trustees of Covenant College, I hereby subscribe to the by-laws of said college. I heartily concur in the announced purpose of the institution and endorse the doctrinal standards of the Reformed Presbyterian denomination.

Dr. Rayburn moved that the Synod recommend to each of its pastors and sessions that an immediate hearing, preferably at a Sunday morning service, be granted to a representative of the seminary to present the challenge and the crisis facing the whole denomination with respect to the seminary. It was seconded, and carried.

Upon motion, Synod expressed a vote of thanks to the administration, boards, faculties of Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary for their labors.

Mr. Hoogstrate reported for the Nominating Committee, informing Synod that the nominees for the boards will be presented after each board reports. He then presented the nominees for the College and Seminary boards. The following nominations were made from the floor for the board of Covenant Seminary: Rev. Frank Smick, Rev. Robert B. Brown, Rev. William A. Mahlow. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. The following were elected to the Class of 1969: Rev. Max Belz, Mr. George Linder, Rev. E. T. Noe, Mr. Presley Edwards, Rev. Leonard Van Horn, Rev. Paul Alexander, Dr. Hugh Johnson, Rev. Charles Holliday, Mr. Seaborn Collins, Rev. Donald MacNair.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the election of members to the board of the College be the first business at the third sederunt.

The order of the day was moved, seconded, and carried. Mr. John Crawford, of the Navigators, spoke to Synod. Upon motion, Synod recessed at 12:25 p.m., with prayer by Mr. Horner.

THIRD SEDERUNT, THURSDAY, 2 P.M.

The Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Rev. Hayes Henry to lead in the constituting

prayer.

Mr. Hoogstrate announced the results of the election for the board of the Seminary (see above). Synod proceeded to elect members to the board of Covenant College. Dr. Richard Gray, Rev. Kyle Thurman, and Mr. Elliott Nymeyer were nominated from the floor. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. The following were elected to the class of 1969: Mr. Hugh Smith, Dr. Robert Rayburn, Rev. Frank Dyrness, Mr. Donald Semisch, Dr. Samuel Elder, Rev. Carroll Stegall, Mr. Jeff Steinart, Mr. James Faull, Mr. William Shay, Mr. R. P. Robbins, Dr. James Alston, Mr. Ernest Reisinger.

Upon motion, Rev. Raymond P. Joseph, fraternal delegate of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, was seated as a corresponding member of Synod.

Rev. Carl A. Ahlfeldt spoke to Synod, bringing fraternal greetings from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Radio presented its report by tape recording. The text follows.

#### REPORT OF THE RADIO COMMITTEE

Fathers and Brethren:

Greetings in the Name of Christ.

This is George Bragdon at World Presbyterian Missions in Wilmington.

You have just heard part of a five-minute radio broadcast produced by the Radio Committee of Synod, and being released on WRBS-FM, Baltimore, Maryland. The cost of this broadcast is being covered by a local company of which an elder of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis is president.

In September, 1965, the Administrative Committee appointed the Rev. John Buswell, the Rev. Eugene Fackler and myself to comprise this Radio Committee.

In December a questionnaire was sent to all the ministers and churches of the denomination to ascertain what has been done and what is being done in the field of radio broadcasting. Over thirty replies were returned.

Sixteen or more of our churches and pastors are presently using radio. Some are broadcasting their services, some pastors are participating in a ministerial radio program. One church is broadcasting its evening service not only on the local FM station but also on a world-wide basis from HCJB, the Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador. A good num-

ber of replies to the questionnaire indicated an interest in using local radio stations as a way to witness to the local community for Christ and His Gospel.

The purpose of the Radio Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, is to offer and give help regarding the cost of a local broadcast, the kinds of equipment best suited for a particular type of radio program and how to initiate a radio broadcast. The Committee has considered making programs, similar to that which you have just heard, available to churches, using your local pastor and your church as the focal point. We seek your close collaboration and suggestions.

Radio and television broadcasting offer an effective opportunity for the minister and his church to reach a wider audience than they may be reaching today. The cost may not be as great as might be thought. Is our church doing all it can to fulfill the mandate of Christ . . . that the world may know that He is the Saviour and that knowing, men, women, boys and girls may be saved?

Respectfully submitted,  
The Radio Committee  
By George R. Bragdon

The report of the Administrative Committee was presented by Rev. Frank Smick. It was moved, seconded, and carried to take up the recommendations seriatim. A substitute motion was made and seconded, that action on these recommendations be delayed until after the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee. The vote was close, and a division of the house was called for. The vote resulted in a lost motion by a vote of 26 Aye and 62 No.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting on Lookcut Mountain in Chattanooga, Tennessee, last year voted to create an Administrative Committee. The motion from the minutes of Synod reads as follows:

"Dr. Rayburn moved that this Synod establish a temporary Administrative Committee of five members, to be appointed by the Moderator, to function between Synods, with the Moderator, the Stated Clerk, and/or an Administrative Secretary, to assist in carrying out the actions of Synod, to assist in promoting the interests of the church as a whole, to assist in delineating the functions of the Presby-

teries, officers, and committees, and also in improving the by-laws and procedures of Presbyteries and Synod's agencies, and to assist in the preparation of the docket for the next Synod. It was seconded and carried."

This Committee was duly appointed and at the first meeting, in an attempt to interpret the rather wide and general responsibilities given to it by Synod's action, the Committee passed the following motion and informed all Presbyteries and Sessions of this understanding of its task.

"It was moved, seconded and passed that this committee understands by the phrase, 'to assist in promoting the interest of the church as a whole,' that the committee is to be used, on an ad interim basis, as an initiating body, clearing house, and guiding voice for all activities and programs of Synod as a whole, not specifically assigned to other committees and officers, and also to perform the specific tasks assigned to it by Synod."

The dissemination, throughout the denomination, of this interpretation of its responsibilities brought to the committee considerable reaction from a number of people. Several spoke personally to the Moderator of their fears regarding such a committee. A number of men wrote letters expressing the idea that this could be the beginning of an ecclesiastical hierarchy. The Committee received communications from some who were so alarmed that they were making overtures through Presbyteries to Synod concerning the danger inherent in this Committee.

In the light of these charges and their inferences, the Committee would like to make several things crystal clear. First of all, no one serving on the Committee has any desire to set up a hierarchical council within our church. The whole idea of an Administrative Committee did not originate with us, and none of us asked for this job. As Moderator of the Committee, I cannot help but be somewhat amused by the charges of the "gathering of power." It has been my experience, through this past year, that there is very little authority involved here but a very lot of time consuming work. It takes but a little reflection by the Synod to realize the absurdity of the charges of an ecclesiastical hierarchy. Actually, the members of this Committee serve for one year, and to the best of our knowledge the constituency of the Committee will be, with one possible exception, completely changed the next year. Therefore, there can be no self-per-

petuating group building up power to control the Committee and ultimately the church. With these thoughts in mind, we who have served on this Committee the past year do not wish to take a defensive stance in this report. From our experience, this Committee, or one like it, is needed by our church. We have tried to make some contribution through the past year and rely upon Synod to judge the merit of our efforts, but we have no thought of attempting to defend ourselves, since membership on this Committee was thrust upon us by Synod and was not of our own doing.

Now, just a word about the need for an Administrative Committee. We feel that such a Committee can be, in the administrative field of the work of our Synod, what the Judicial Commission is in the judicial field in the work of Synod. When there are differences of opinion as to which agencies should be responsible for certain undefined areas of the work of the church, then the Administrative Committee can possibly help in settling such disputes. During the course of the year, between the meetings of Synod, there are many administrative decisions which need to be made. Our concept of the work of this Committee is not that the Committee should actually do the work of an agency, but the Committee should merely assign work to be done by the already existing agencies of our church. This is particularly relative to those areas of responsibility which are undefined, so that the Committee, in effect, would not be originating policies of Synod but merely implementing those decisions of Synod which do not, logically, fall to a specific agency. In our opinion, the Administrative power of Synod is going to fall into someone's hands whether we have an Administrative Committee or do not have an Administrative Committee. The choice is between a Committee which will attempt to do an effective job in handling Synod Administrative affairs or no committee which means that, as has been the case in the past, many things will be left undone and it will be "every man for himself." We feel that it is necessary to keep the proper alternative in mind. Some years ago, we used to hear from certain circles that there was a choice between independent agencies and Synod controlled agencies. Actually, this was not a valid description of the choice that we had before us in those days. The actual choice was between independently controlled agencies or Synod controlled agencies. And so it is now, in regard to this Administrative Com-



mittee. The choice is between a Synod controlled Committee or the control of Administrative matters falling into the hands of various individuals. Without attempting to judge anyone's motives, if there is no Administrative Committee, certain power will, quite naturally, fall into the hands of the paid secretaries of the agencies of the church. This is not to impugn their motives, for it is quite possible that these men would not even desire to be in the position of wielding such power and authority, but because these general secretaries, or presidents, are in the position of devoting their full time and efforts to the work of the agencies of Synod, and, because they have the opportunity of wide contacts and the accumulation of information not available to the average commissioner of Synod, the power of the church could well rest in their hands. We feel that it is a far safer policy to have an Administrative Committee as a system of checks and balances upon the agencies of our church and to lead and to assist these agencies in matters of Synod administration.

With these things in mind, the Administrative Committee of Synod makes the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Administrative Committee be continued, as a temporary committee for another year.
- (2) That the new Moderator and the retiring Moderator be given the authority to appoint members to this committee with the instruction that geographical concentration be considered a necessity so that this committee can function on a regular basis.
- (3) That the total number of men on the committee be seven, including the new Moderator and the retiring Moderator. Since the last Synod elected co-Moderators, we recommend that both be included on the committee, making the total membership eight for the coming year.
- (4) That this committee be allowed to employ a part-time clerk who would be paid by the Treasurer of Synod as funds permit. The Committee should give thought to the selection of a man as clerk who could possibly travel among our churches promoting the financial needs of Synod itself.
- (5) That in the event that the new Moderator should be somewhat removed from the geographical concentration of the other commit-

tee members, the Committee would authorize the expenditure, from Synod funds, for at least two trips for the Moderator to the Committee's meetings.

The membership of the Administrative Committee through the past year has been as follows: Frank Smick Jr., Harold S. Laird, Harry H. Meiners Jr., William A. Mahlow, Franklin S. Dyrness, Richard W. Gray, L. LaVerne Donaldson, William B. Leonard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Smick Jr.,  
Co-Moderator

#### Recommendation 1:

A substitute motion was made and seconded, that the vote on the recommendations be postponed until the Administrative Committee of last year bring before this Synod what it considers to be the function of this committee, that the Synod may vote upon it. The motion was lost.

Recommendation 1 was adopted

Recommendations 2 and 3 were adopted.

Synod recessed from 3:40 to 4 p.m.

In the consideration of recommendation 4 it was moved and seconded to amend this by stating that the Administrative Committee may hire part-time clerical help, funds permitting and striking out the remainder. This was carried. The recommendation, as amended, carried. Recommendation 5 was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee appointed at and ratified by the 144th General Synod submit, during the sessions of that Synod, what it considers to be its function, in order that the Synod might approve it. A substitute was moved, and seconded, that the Synod instruct the Bills and Overtures Committee to consider a re-statement of the nature, function, and duties of the Administrative Committee in the light of the overtures relative to this Committee. The substitute motion carried; the main motion, as substituted for, carried.

Mr. Horner presented the report of the Judicial Commission (in part).

For ease in following the procedures of Synod, the entire Judicial Commission report will be found together on a later page.

The Stated Clerk presented his report.

## REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Fathers and Brethren:

The Stated Clerk wishes to thank General Synod for the opportunity to serve his Lord and his church during the past year. It has been a year of challenge, a year in which new administrative procedures have had to be inaugurated, a year in which mistakes were made which we hope to rectify and are rectifying as time marches on. I wish to express appreciation for the advice and cooperation of the Assistant Clerk and the opportunity to work with him. Following is an outline of the duties performed.

The Minutes of the Uniting Synod were prepared, printed, and mailed out on September 1, 1965, to all churches and ministers. I apparently misunderstood Synod's directive on printing of these Minutes and sent only one copy to each church, minister, and agency. I request Synod to state this year how many copies should be printed, suggesting that there be enough for each minister, elder, deacon, and trustee, as well as a few extra copies. Once the type is set, it costs little more to print 1,000 copies than to print 500.

The Docket for the 144th Synod was prepared and has been distributed throughout the church in the Bulletin News Supplement.

Statistics are not very complete, for not every church submitted statistics last year and so far only two have sent them in this year. I shall try in the near future to coordinate the statistical procedures of the two uniting churches and prepare statistical forms for use this year. Last year 60 statistical reports were submitted. At the time of Synod last year we had a total of 111 churches and 235 ordained ministers. Five of these churches make up our Saharanpur Presbytery in north India, two are in Canada, the remainder in the United States. As of today we have 116 churches and 247 ministers. Two churches have been dropped from our Presbytery rolls and six new ones added. Two ministers died, six have left us or been dropped from Presbytery rolls and nineteen new men have joined us from other denominations or been ordained.

The Stated Clerk has received and acknowledged 232 contributions for Home Missions, as assigned by General Synod, and has sent a total of \$18,517.22 to the treasurer of that Board. WPM has requested me to continue handling receipts and correspondence for the support of individual children (the "adoption" program) in the Reformed Presby-

terian Children's Home, Bhogpur, India, and is paying for this service. With this and other contributions for foreign missions I have received and acknowledged 339 contributions for a total of \$17,744.21, which has been sent to WPM. I have received and acknowledged 23 contributions and sent a total of \$1,306.46 to NPM.

In November I mimeographed and distributed to all churches and ministers a report on the progress of Synod's administration, including a personal note of news and encouragement to each foreign missionary. More than one hundred copies of the two historical sketches that were read at the Uniting Service have been mimeographed and distributed to those who requested them. A list of presbytery officers has been mimeographed and distributed. I cooperated with Christian Training, Inc. to produce the Synod Directory and, in January, mimeographed a supplement giving changes.

Regarding Synod forms and certificates, identification cards for ministers have been printed and distributed to all Presbytery clerks. I have worked with the Administrative Committee on several administrative details necessitated by the union. Eight forms and certificates were prepared, submitted to the Administrative Committee (which in turn submitted them to Presbytery clerks for corrections and suggestions) and are ready to be printed when Synod funds are available. Stated Clerks of Presbyteries and of General Synod have kept in close contact in order to have accurate and up-to-date information about our denomination.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with the chairman of the Committee on Chaplains, and we have written new ecclesiastical endorsements to the Chiefs of Chaplains of the three armed services for all our chaplains in active military service.

I have worked with the Fraternal Relations Committee regarding fraternal delegates to and from sister churches, and have received, answered, and referred to that committee letters from several denominations concerning fraternal relations with us.

Requests for information about our church have come from many sources in the U.S. and several foreign countries. Questions have been answered, statistics (such as we have) provided, literature sent, our denomination made known to those who have inquired.

Copies of our Minutes have been sent to a number of sister churches, seminaries, the Historic Foundation, etc. Information has been sent to

clerks of sessions (confidentially) about eighteen ministers available and willing to candidate in their pulpits and to ministers about twenty or more churches that were seeking pastors. Several of these ministers and churches have been brought together.

The Stated Clerk has provided information to several boards and agencies that needed such information prior to the publishing of the Minutes. Letters were written and sent, accompanied by a copy of the Minutes, to the families of all men honored in last year's memorial service. Letters were written to those to whom Synod directed. Considerable correspondence of all types has been carried on during the year. Postage for the work of the Stated Clerk has amounted to \$152.25. We have tried to keep administrative expenses to a minimum, while endeavoring to serve the church efficiently and faithfully. The financial accounts agree with check book balances. We appreciate the assistance, cooperation, and encouragement of many.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry H. Meiners Jr.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 29th Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church be printed or mimeographed. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of this Synod be printed in sufficient copies to provide one for each minister, elder, deacon, and trustee. An amendment was moved, and seconded: "that they be sold for \$1.00 per copy." A further amendment was moved and seconded "that one copy be given free to each minister and one copy free to each church, and additional copies be sold at a fair price." This carried, the amended motion carried, the main motion, as amended, carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to postpone adjournment to hear the report of World Presbyterian Missions. Mr. Mahlow presented this report.

#### WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS, INC.

Fathers and Brethren:

The prayers for support of and general interest in the completion of the Great Commission in our Fellowship is a great source of strength to our missionaries, and we believe is an indication of God's blessing on the work of our Church. To "go into *all* the world," "to make disciples of *all* nations," and to witness to the uttermost part of the world

was the sacred trust given to us by our Lord and Saviour. Obedience is the path to blessing.

We shall soon be entering our tenth year as World Presbyterian Missions, though both of the uniting denominations had a much longer missionary history. To build a solid Presbyterian and Reformed missionary work, separated to the Gospel of Christ, has been a struggle fraught with testings and failures; but our testimony might be put in the words of Scripture, "They cried unto God in the battle and he was entreated of them because they put their trust in him." The Lord has been faithful and we may now rejoice in encouraging fruit on many fronts.

At the present time there are 84 missionaries and accepted candidates under the supervision of your foreign Board. Work is conducted on 11 fields. There are concrete prospects of service on at least three other fields. The number of candidates for appointment seems to be increasing. During the past fiscal year income increased on the average of nearly \$10,000 a month, and the total income is approaching the half million mark. The source of our receipts is as follows:

Reformed Presbyterian Churches	45%	
Reformed Presbyterian Individuals	22%	67%
Other Churches	15%	
Other Individuals	18%	33%
		100%

#### *To Summarize the Work of the Board:*

*Home Front:* One furlough house, one furlough apartment, three guest rooms and dining facilities are maintained for the missionaries, candidates and other servants of Christ. In addition to the General and Associate General Secretaries, the Board employs a home staff of six. World Presbyterian Press, paying its own way, employs in addition to the Manager three staff members.

In addition to the administration of the missionary work, the Home Staff provides missionary material and information in quantity to our churches, serves the Pension Fund and other denominational activities. The Headquarters building has been adequate so far for Press, recording studio, guest rooms and general offices.

*Formosa:* 2 missionaries

A good beginning has been made in the center of Hakka territory at Miaoli. Through a reading room and dorm for students, along with Sunday services and Bible studies, a good nucleus is being built up. Other Bible classes and Sunday schools

give a wide range of contacts. Our Mission is joining with four other sound Reformed missions to start the Calvin United Theological Seminary this fall to offset the inroads of liberalism and to assist the nationals in building a sound Presbyterian church.

*Korea:* 6 missionaries (2 on special assignment)

The Hunts and the Snellers are both teaching in the Seoul Seminary which is about to complete a fine new building. Property has been purchased in Taejon (a central location for work in either the north or the south), and we hope to build two residences this spring. We continue to work as the door is open with both of the denominations which we feel are true to Presbyterian and Reformed standards. Other ministries include evangelism, bookroom work, publication of Reformed literature, etc. The Chisholms have not been able to return as yet, but represent our foreign work and the denomination in general especially on the West Coast.

*Japan:* 12 missionaries

This has been a year of great change for our senior missionary, Dr. John M. L. Young. The Lord called Home his beloved wife who left behind a Christ-honoring testimony and family. After fourteen years as the President of the Japan Christian Theological Seminary, Dr. Young resigned in favor of more national participation in the work of the Seminary. The Seminary has eight new students this year and graduated four. Practically all the thirty-some graduates are in full-time Christian work. The Japan Christian Presbyterian Church continues to grow, with a second presbytery recently organized, though there are still only some 9 or 10 churches. This past year under the ministry of the Fretts a new church was started in Nagoya which has just called a Japanese pastor. Two new missionary residences have been completed this year and a third is under construction in Tokyo. The new Bible institute in Nagoya has 50 students enrolled this term from 17 different churches.

*India:* 13 missionaries

Our missionaries in North India work with two small presbyteries, one in the Roorkee area, a member of our own Synod, and one independent presbytery without connections in the USA. In addition to evangelism, church building work and Bible teaching, there is considerable institutional and specialized radio work, including the Home for the children of lepers at Bhogpur, a leper colony, a radio ministry. And in South India, the

Stroms work with two schools as well as in church work, the Stanes School for English-speaking Indians, Anglo-Indians, and Tibetans, and Hebron School for missionaries' children.

*Arabia:* 6 missionaries

After many years of "status quo," things seem on the move. Muslims have come to the missionaries just to buy Scriptures, patients come to our clinic and mothers' hospital where they must pay in preference to going to other hospitals which are free. The door seems quite open. There has been some abandonment of cruel practices at childbirth by some, practices which were almost universal in the area. God has provided additional personnel with special qualifications to fit the needs; the Kimballs and the Browns. The Sheikh of Ras al Khaima continues friendly and enlarged our land grant to a piece 300 ft. x 350 ft. Construction will begin soon on the hospital, missionary residences. Over 100 babies are born each year in our mothers' hospital (only three small rooms) . . . and the Fearnows have yet to lose one of their patients—baby or mother. Yet there has not been, to date, any concrete evidence of conversion in the life of a native of the area.

*Jordan:* 6 missionaries

On a recent visit to Jordan I was gratified to find that our missionaries are highly respected for their confrontation of Islam with the Gospel. Strategically stationed in a line extending from the extreme north to the extreme south of Jordan and located on the main road to Baghdad in the north, at the only seaport in the south, and on the new desert highway in south central Jordan, each station has its own way of contacting Muslims. Work is also done among nominal Christians (some 50 have been saved in the Aqaba area alone) and out in the villages. The TB sanatorium is now in operation at Mafraq and an X-ray has been ordered for use there.

*Kenya:* 7 missionaries

Two hundred baptized believers and 200 others who have made decisions comprise the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Eight trained pastors minister in fifteen churches. Seventeen students are studying in the Bible Institute, and wide contacts through about 1000 patients a month are made at the small clinic.

A mission station consisting of two residences with one attached apartment, a clinic, a Bible Institute chapel and classroom building, a Bible

Institute dorm and eating facility, an elaborate water-conserving system, and other outbuildings have been constructed. There seems an excellent possibility (D.V.) that the entire Akamba tribe will be reached successfully. Special greetings are sent by the Presbytery to our Synod. On the wider front, a new Africa Evangelical Association has been formed with the specific proviso that members could not be members of the World Council of Churches . . . a step toward a separated testimony not usually found among evangelicals these days. The Jack Hosmans have been assigned to Kenya.

*Grand Cayman:* 2 missionaries

The Church has carried on under the Session's leadership and has a great interest in our whole denominational program. A manse has been completed and recently the Board appointed the Harwell Williamsons as missionaries to the Island. This summer a team of young people under the sponsorship of the Christian Training, Inc. will visit the Island for evangelistic work.

*West Australia:* 2 missionaries

Miss Mary Jones and Miss Norma Henderson work under a WPM Australian Committee among the semi-aboriginals. To date all funds have come from within Australia itself. Four or five church groups, kindergarten work, summer Bible schools, and an Easter Conference of nearly 500 people comprise the nature of the work. There is a great need for an ordained man. Also, Committee members are interested in starting a separated Presbyterian denomination among the whites in Australia.

*Peru:* 15 missionaries

Bob Woodson in Ayacucho has been carrying on a good work in two areas—the Bible Institute and the University of Ayacucho. While there have been disappointingly few students at the Institute, there appears to be a growing interest and prospects are good for some new men for the training program. Because he does not wish to participate in Sunday meetings at the University, Bob will not be able to be a full-time professor of English, but he is doing teaching there and has gained some good friends among the students. Bob writes, "We have not organized (the Inter-Varsity group at the University) yet but plan to meet each week in our living room. At this moment, it appears that we will have doctrinal studies since none of the ten is really well grounded. There is a desire to witness personally as well as do something as a group."

Bob took a little group of students to Cuzco for a nation-wide I.V. Conference with some good results. They now realize that they are not alone in their witness on the campus, but that there are Christians in other places.

Mrs. Emerson is showing slow improvement following what recently has been discovered to be pleurisy. The medication and treatments are helping.

The radio station is receiving good reports from near and far across Peru of improved reception and spiritual blessing. One woman wrote in this last week to say her husband had listened to the message and given his heart to Christ, and this in the northeast jungle—well beyond the WPM area. The critical needs are for men to do the broadcasting. Three one-hour broadcasts each day tax the capabilities and energy of the one announcer, Florencio Segura, and the one technical man, Vicente Saico. Nick Cochran has his hands full with the oversight of the radio plus his regular duties in the Mission's work. Harry Marshall and Homer Emerson are also overloaded with the growing work of visitation, evangelization and translation.

The churches in Lima are doing quite well despite the fact that there is no missionary to oversee that part of the work. Our folks, going to the Coast for business or vacation trips, devote much of their time there to visits to these three or more groups and churches.

*Chile:* 12 missionaries

The Chile Mission presents today a picture of growth and one of readjustment. There is no doubt the work is expanding. The Seminary is now operating in its building which is still being repaired and renovated in order to make it more useful. The Mission has negotiated for one additional residence near the Seminary which will house one missionary family and perhaps girl students. They are hoping to find still another house for the same use.

We now have real concern for Walter Cross who recently suffered a heart problem which has not as yet been completely diagnosed. He hopes to be able to complete his teaching program which ends with the close of the school year. At that time the Crosses are due to return home for furlough. However, if the doctor says no teaching, they will probably return at once. Walter is under orders to have complete rest.

The Cranes have moved to Los Andes and the Gilchests are in Quillota. The Los Andes work,



begun by the Crosses some years ago, has never shown too much promise. However, the Mission thought that there ought to be another try before it was abandoned. Now John Crane writes to say, ". . . We are encouraged by what the Lord is doing here in Los Andes. When we were first assigned here, I can't say that we looked forward to it with too much pleasure, but we have been completely surprised by the new enthusiasm and life we have found here in these six weeks. Not only has the attendance increased but there have been continually decisions for Christ and for reconsecration of lives to the Lord which, to us, is far more important. Our greatest encouragement is with the young people. . . . Many have been coming here to fold and prepare the tract packets. . . . We expect to start the door-to-door work in earnest."

The Cranes' new truck has been sent down to them, the Auffarths have ordered a new vehicle and the Gilchrists have purchased a used vehicle in Chile.

The Lamberts will leave in about three months for language school.

There are now three missionaries under appointment but not finally assigned to a field. Also, there are promising opportunities in the New Hebrides and in Mexico should the Lord provide the means and the manpower.

After a recent visit to *Mexico*, we can report the following:

Because of the nature of the work in the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico and the close relationship with both the UPUSA and PCUS foreign boards, as well as the situation in that country regarding missionaries and missionary work, it must be understood that WPM would not be able to do much at this time, even though we were disposed and in a position to do so. Though an independent Church and national in its construction, the Church has depended on the above-mentioned Boards for much of its financial help. It is after nearly 100 years heavily underwritten for the salaries of its pastors and much of its construction of churches.

In spite of this difficulty, an invitation has been extended to our Board to supply part-time lecturers and possibly full-time professors for the Church's Seminary in Mexico City. If one or more of our men did accept this invitation, it would doubtless bring some stiff opposition from those who have been on the ground since the beginning and who feel that the Church is, in a way, their exclusive

responsibility. However, the invitation to WPM has come from the president of the Seminary, who hopes that the dangers of modernism may be exposed and counteracted and who would welcome a sincere and intellectual approach to this situation. The Mexican Church does not feel it should repudiate the Boards which have done much for it and have sent many fine, evangelical missionaries to work among them. There are weak places in the curriculum which they would be happy to see strengthened.

The Rev. Paul Gilchrist is interested in pursuing this opening to find out more about the possibilities with a view toward offering some help to the Church in Mexico.

It is quite apparent, we believe, that the greatest need in missions is still men of faith: faith to obey God and trust His promises; faith to intercede when the results are not apparent; faith to see the promises of God and thus expand the work; faith to cross new barriers for Christ. Faith is a gift of God. We thank Him for the faith He has given in the midst of the battle. May we learn to cry to Him for more faith, and know His provision and guidance because we believe His Word.

William A. Mahlow, General Secretary

George R. Bragdon, Asso. Gen'l. Secretary

#### REPORT OF WORLD PRESBYTERIAN PRESS—1966

I was impressed with the importance of the written (published) Word of God as Dr. Clowney spoke at our Newark EP Church last Sunday night . . . that the Bible is the *written* Word of God . . . and that this is the most important form in which we have it. Preaching, teaching, radio ministry, medical work—all have their very important place in the work of the Church . . .

. . . But *publishing the Word of God* is, without doubt, the most important thing that came out of the Reformation and should continue to be the most important part of the work of the Church today. However, this is not the case. In our church it is put secondary to all other ministries. Instead of asking, "How well can we equip a printing plant?" we continually talk about what can we get by with. And, I am afraid that this has been my own attitude.

Our facilities at World Presbyterian Press are really fine for doing just a little paper, prayer letters, a few brochures, etc. . . . but, two and one half years ago we began printing the *Newsletter*. We printed 6,500 copies that first issue. This

month we published 16,000. This requires from 144 to 176 thousand impressions on our little \$2500 press that is six and one-half years old and beginning to show its age. It ought to be replaced. But, when it is, the other machines in the line of production would become inadequate. The folder would be too small and the stapling machines (which only cost \$145) are already having trouble handling the larger quantity.

Our personnel remains about the same as last year with Mr. L. Perry, Mr. L. Gaunt, Mrs. R. Neel and Mrs. J. Brown. We have had a great deal of volunteer help from the churches of the Wilmington and Philadelphia areas.

The most outstanding accomplishment of the year is the four colorful Quechua booklets by Betty Smith and translated by Homer Emerson. . . . The three booklets on the Life of Christ should soon be off the press (published by World Presbyterian Press; Printed by David C. Cook). We also did a

very attractive Year Book for the Bible Fellowship Church. We have continued in our efforts to improve the appearance of the *Newsletter* and feel we have had a measure of success.

For the future we hope to have some real interest shown by some of the business men in our denomination and members of the Board so we can plan a program that will include better equipment and better use of the equipment—a program that will put more responsibility on Mr. Perry and Mr. Gaunt and permit the manager to represent the Press and Mission in a wider area, thus creating interest for this work in the churches.

I am sure I speak for the staff of World Presbyterian Press in expressing our appreciation for the opportunities we've had to serve the Lord in this part of His work and look forward to even greater accomplishments for His glory.

William J. Cross  
Manager, World Presbyterian Press

WORLD PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS, INC.

*Financial Report (condensed)*

April 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966

Balance—4-1-65		\$15, 217.50
Receipts:		
General Purposes	\$44,424.18	
Support—Missionaries	257,501.77	
Support—WAM	1,969.26	
Support—GRB	2,536.29	
Support—WJC	2,050.00	
Special Funds	108,339.62	
Personal Gifts	7,492.46	
Books and Tracts	276.77	
Sinking Fund	2,543.03	
Newsletter	185.75	
Missionary Accts. Receivable	12,367.93	
Various Misc. Receipts	36,399.42	476,086.47
Total Receipts		\$489,303.97
Expenditures		
Personal Gifts	\$ 7,607.15	
Missionary Salaries	99,370.86	
Children's Allowances	31,355.00	
Direct Expense of Missionaries	38,381.16	
Field Expense of Missionaries	36,726.00	
Special Purposes	94,670.96	
Accounts Receivable (Miss.)	11,867.68	
Salaries:		
Executive	\$10,296.50	
Clerical	18,255.80	
WJC	5,809.70	

Print Shop	12,055.05	
Miscellaneous	4,139.62	
Executive Housing and Expense	7,482.22	
General Office Expense	69,666.39	
Purchase of 19 Lehigh Road	14,500.00	
Sinking Fund	5,610.00	
	467,794.09	
Less: Withholding and Social Security	(5,762.15)	462,031.94
Balance on hand 3-31-66		\$27,272.03
Distribution of Balance:		
On Hand	\$50.00	
Savings a/c	13,634.38	
Checking a/c	13,587.65	27,272.03

Nominees for the board of World Presbyterian Missions were presented. The following men were elected to the class of 1969: Robert B. Brown, J. O. Buswell Jr., R. Daniel Cannon, George R. Johnson, Nelson K. Malkus, Robert G. Rayburn, Walter P. Smyth, Robert W. Stewart.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

*Bills and Overtures:* Harold Laird and Frank Smick (Co-Chairmen), Wilbur Blakely, LaVerne Donaldson, Robert Palmer, McGregor Scott, George Smith, Wyman Goodell, Wilber Wallis, Elmer Smick, John Christie, William McColley, Richard Gray.

*Presbytery Records:* Paul Alexander (Chairman), Daniel Fannon, Herbert Hathaway, A. E. Van Wechel, James Perry, John Clark, Earl Eckerscn.

*Attendance and Expense:* George Linder (Chairman), Peter Stam Jr., Robert Milliken, Thomas Waldecker.

*Auditing:* Robert Titmus (Chairman), Joseph Brown, Raymond Wright.

*Ways and Means:* Thomas Cross (Chairman), George Linder, Norbert Schmolly, Allan Killen, Frank Smick, Robert Brown.

Upon motion, the Synod adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with prayer by Mr. McColley.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT, FRIDAY, 9 A.M.

Following the prayer meeting 8:15 to 8:45 conducted by the Vice Moderator, the Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Rev. Gordon Taylor to lead in the constituting prayer.

The Minutes of the second and third sederunts were read and, with some corrections, were approved.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to hear the report of the Board of Pensions immediately following the report of National Presbyterian Missions.

#### NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS

##### *Financial Report (condensed)*

##### A. Annual Report 1965-1966\*

(\*A new bookkeeping and financial reporting system were established at this time to provide a more simplified report and to provide for the advancement programs of NPM. It is for this reason the financial report is only detailed from June 1, 1965, through March 31, 1966.)

Balance on hand as of 1 June 1966		\$9,204.49
Receipts		91,315.78
	Total	100,519.27
1. General Fund—undesignated gifts	\$36,978.00	
2. M. A. Pearson Memorial Mission	4,421.50	
3. Missionary Program	11,614.71	

4. Reduction-Support Program	6,924.94	
5. Miscellaneous	7,264.71	
6. Thanksgiving Thankoffering	4,391.15	
7. Transferred from Escrow Saving Account and used for the designated purposes	10,092.77	
Disbursements		95,679.95
1. General Office Expenses	3,508.98	
2. Administrative and Clerical Salaries	11,792.99	
3. NPM Missionaries Salaries	20,041.36	
4. Taxes and Pensions	1,934.86	
5. Rent and Utilities	3,275.30	
6. Travel Expenses (Ex. Dir. & Board Members)	5,517.72	
7. Reduction-Support Program	19,668.99	
NPM Commitments:		
Alabama, Muscle Shoals RPC	\$1,005.00	
California, Woodland Hills Cov. PC	1,275.00	
Canada, Edmonton Crestwood PC	1,040.00	
Colorado, Denver Emmanuel BPC	10.00	
Connecticut, Manchester PC	400.00	
Florida, St. Petersburg Grace PC	1400.00	
Illinois, Carbondale Covenant Msn.	410.00	
Indiana, Indianapolis First RPC	900.00	
Missouri, Ellisville Lafayette PC	950.00	
N. Carolina, Durham Lednum St. PC	750.00	
N. Carolina, Hillsboro BPC	150.00	
N. Dakota, Bismarck EPC	200.00	
Ohio, Aurora, Aurora PC	1,100.00	
Pa., King of Prussia Calvary PC	400.00	
Pa., King of Prussia Calvary (Bldg. Fd.)	400.00	
S. Carolina, Roebuck RPC	200.00	
S. Carolina, Greenville Shannon For.	2,030.00	
Tennessee, Chattanooga First RPC	1,025.00	
Texas, Dallas (Garland) EPC	1,375.00	
8. Miscellaneous	7,930.15	
9. Share-The-Budget/RP Reporter & RP Foun.	2,200.00	
10. Escrow (Incoming receipts deposited sav'gs acct.	9,809.60	
11. Revolving Building Fund Payable and Loans Receivable	10,000.00	
Balance on hand as of 1 April 1966		4,840.32

REPORT OF AUDIT  
15 April 1966

We have examined the financial records of the National Presbyterian Missions, Inc. for the fiscal year ending 31 March 1966.

In our opinion, the transactions have been recorded in a satisfactory manner. The bank balance,

which includes the general fund, reserve fund and loan fund was \$15,179.45 on 31 March 1966.

Melvin E. Jones, Elder  
Covenant Pres. Church  
Winston A. Lindley, Elder  
Covenant Pres. Church

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B. Assets and Liabilities  
BALANCE SHEET REPORT  
(as of 1 April 1966)

J. Assets

a. Loans Receivable:		
(1) First BPC, Huntsville, Ala.	\$3,000.00	
(2) RPC Muscle Shoals, Ala.	2,000.00	
(3) Covenant PC, Chatsworth, Calif. note 1	500.00	
(4) Covenant PC, Chatsworth, Calif. note 2	1,600.00	
(5) Manor PC, Wilmington, Del. note 1	2,811.00	
(6) Manor PC, Wilmington, Del. note 2	925.00	
(7) Grace PC, St. Petersburg, Fla.	1,000.00	
(8) Faith PC, Sarasota, Fla.	4,650.00	
(9) Calvary PC, Tampa, Fla.	2,900.00	
(10) Lafayette PC, Ellisville, Mo.	3,000.00	
(11) EPC, Bismarck, N.D. note 1	3,000.00	
(12) EPC, Bismarck, N.D. note 2	793.00	
(13) Rocky Springs, Harrisville, Pa.	1,900.00	
(14) First EPC, Nashville, Tenn.	300.00	
(15) EPC, Hurst, Texas	3,000.00	
(16) PC of Dallas (Garland), Texas	588.86	
(17) Calvary PC, Hampton, Va.	3,500.00	
	Subtotal	\$35,467.86
b. Bonds:		
(1) Covenant College Bond at Maturity 15 Jan 1975	250.00	
(2) Grace PC Bonds—		
(a) Maturity on 1 Oct 1974	500.00	
(b) Maturity on 1 Apr 1975	500.00	
(3) Bethany PC Bonds—		
(a) Maturity on 1 Dec 1966	500.00	
(b) Maturity on 1 June 1967	500.00	
(c) Maturity on 1 Dec 1967	1,000.00	
(4) Bethany PC Bonds at Maturity	1,000.00	
	Subtotal	4,250.00
c. Stocks:		
(1) International Textbook 600 shares Estimated at \$13.00 per share		7,800.00
d. Property		
(1) Baron, Okla., Camp Site estimated value	5,500.00	
(2) Bunch, Okla., property estimated value	2,500.00	
(3) Marble Falls, Tex., Investment est. value	1,000.00	
	Subtotal	9,000.00
e. NPM Deposit with Eastern Airlines		425.00
f. Savings Account (Money held in escrow for designated purposes)		10,339.13
g. Checking Account		4,841.81
	TOTAL	72,123.80
2. Assets Held in Trust (by Trustees of Synod for NPM)		32,790.77
3. Liabilities		
a. Pacific Northwest		1,624.00
b. M. A. Pearson Memorial Mission Camp site Outstanding Expenses		1,000.00
c. Loans Payable		26,050.00
	TOTAL	28,674.00
C. Separate Giving by Presbyteries		

(Directly to Churches)

1. Philadelphia Presbytery

a. Total amount given 4-1-65 to 3-31-66

8,419.90

PROGRESS REPORT ON NPM CHURCHES  
(condensed)

At the present time there are four fully supported NPM field men: New Castle, Delaware; East Peavine, Oklahoma; Nashville, Tennessee; and Hurst, Texas.

Under the pastor-church support program there are eighteen churches and pastors.

Twelve churches are benefiting from revolving building fund loans, and one church is underwritten by NPM for guaranteed bond issues.

Goals of NPM are as follows:

1. Intensify the RPC's burden for the lost in the USA.
2. Assist in organizing believers into churches.
3. Administer "Support Program" for ministers of new or small churches.
4. Administer fully-supported missionary program for establishing churches.
5. Provide "Revolving Building Fund" and guaranteed bonds for church buildings — Provide means of cosigning to increase collateral for loans.
6. Provide suggestions, plans, etc., for church building programs.
7. Administer church extension program among the Cherokee Indians.
8. Present the RPC to the public.
9. Assist in contacting and in orientation of seminary students.

During 1965 eleven new support programs were begun (in some cases carried over from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod and in some cases after organization by a Presbytery), we assisted in organization of four new churches in 1965; our file of contacts is growing. An active work of advertising the RPC, ES was carried on; the Memorial Fund program progressed with memorials established for five people; the churches were kept informed of NPM's work and challenges.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. MacNair  
Executive Director

*Orientation Program:*

*Purpose:* Provide a unified study by which new ministers will become familiar with the total Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod image and program.

*Candidates:* All ministers new to our church—including men just out of seminary.

*Program:* A suggested course of study to include: historical data about the church, along with the underlying circumstances involved in all major developments of the Church; Scriptural foundation for position of the church on non-membership in NCCC, etc.; doctrinal emphasis of the church; missionary and evangelistic emphasis of the church; distinctives of the government of the church and one's attitudes toward same; outreach of each of the agencies of the church.

*Responsibility for providing the program:* Synod appoint a committee to present the initial written program to each Presbytery by November 1, 1966.

*Administration of Program:* Each Presbytery administer the program immediately. One suggestion: Assign a minister of long standing in Presbytery to personally administer the program to the individual candidate.

*Revision and Updating:* The Synod assign the responsibility to up-date the program periodically to an appropriate committee or agency.

*New Personnel Agency Program:*

*Purpose:* Establish a bridge of contact to born-again Presbyterian ministers and elders in other communions.

*Program:* —RPCES ministers and elders be urged to present the Scriptural foundation for our denomination to born-again Presbyterian ministers and elders in other communions.

—RPCES ministers and elders make every effort to bring born-again Presbyterian ministers and elders from other communions to our Presbytery meetings and to Synod.

—Supply each of these ministers and elders with packets of material about the RPCES, the Form of Government, etc.

—Presbytery to be prepared to make unofficial contacts with any of these men as they desire. In all cases, however, thorough orientation plus reasonable evidence of agreement and commitment is necessary before any official Presbytery or Session action is taken, such as opening opportunities to candidate in RPCES pulpits is extended.

Recommendation 1 was adopted. In considering recommendation 2, it was moved and seconded to strike out the second paragraph under program.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommit this recommendation.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to assign the development of the orientation program to National Presbyterian Missions.

Mr. Hoogstrate presented the nominees for the board of National Presbyterian Missions. The following nominations were made from the floor: Theodore Engstrom, Richard Olson. Upon motion, the nominations were closed. The voting produced the election of the following men to the class of 1969: Rev. Richard Aeschliman, Rev. Daniel Fannon, Rev. Richard Gray, Rev. Robert Hoyle, Mr. Winston Lindley, Rev. Nelson Malkus, Rev. Kyle Thurman.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that Synod recess immediately following the report of the Board of Pensions.

Mr. Holliday presented the report of the Board of Pensions.

#### THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Board of Pensions has operated this past year as a joint Board of the former Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church Pension Boards. Since both of these had identical plans, no problems have been encountered. The books and finances have been joined as one and God continues to bless this effort of our denomination.

The Plan has been restudied and a change is being recommended to clarify life insurance and benefits for dependents. We now feel the Plan is ready to be formally adopted. The Plan is now in printed form and is available for all interested.

The Pension Fund has been very well received and supported by all of our churches and agencies. At present there are 208 participants. Payments have been regular and for the most part made quarterly. If payments could be made semi-annually or annually in advance, this would greatly aid the efficiency of the fund.

Subsequent to the action of the last Synod, life insurance in the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund on participants age 35 and under has been increased to \$5,000. On some over age 35 the amount has been increased beyond the standard \$2,000. There is now a total of \$480,079 in Life Insurance in force, and the Fund is absolute beneficiary on all policies.

Additional stocks have been purchased, bringing

the total in stocks now held by the Fund to \$106,497.66. We have also invested in Church bonds. The total assets have reached \$130,779.66. At present there is an appreciation on stocks of \$35,000, which together with earned income means there is approximately \$46,000 in the reserve account for the benefit of all participants. The securities have been examined by Laird and Company, they do not recommend any changes at this time. Securities purchased have been at the advice of Laird and Company.

Five persons are now drawing benefits as pensions.

The Charter has been amended to conform to the new united denomination.

The actual bookkeeping for the Fund has been done by Miss Katherine Richards of WPM at no expense to the Board of Pensions. We owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Richards and WPM.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF PENSIONS

#### *Recommendations:*

1. That the change suggested for Article XII be approved.

(QUOTE) ARTICLE XII toward the end of the first paragraph following "Any benefits paid to Direct dependents shall be charged to the deceased participant's individual account" ADD "In determining the amount of Supplementary Pension Payments in cases where benefits from Life Insurance is added to a deceased participant's account, it shall be figured on the actual cash balance in the participant's account plus life insurance premiums charged against said account in accordance with Article XI.

The total amount used to determine pension payments to dependents shall be the total credit in the participant's account at death, plus the amount received from life insurance (less amount paid at death to dependent—see Article X, paragraph 2), plus the amount received from the Reserve Account as a Supplementary Pension.

Pension payments to a dependent or dependents in a case of a participant who dies before retirement, shall ordinarily begin with the next quarterly payment of Pensions following his or her decease. However, the Board of Pensions may delay payment until definite action is taken by the Synod at its next regular annual meeting. Pension payments to dependents in such cases may in the sole discretion of the Board of Pensions or Synod, be figured



on a longer period than the ordinary ten year basis stated in Article IX." On motion this change was approved for recommendation to the next Synod for its action. (End of quote)

2. That the Pension Plan as revised to this point be officially adopted.

3. That the Rev. Robert W. Stewart be elected to the Class of 1969.

4. That the Board of Pensions be permitted to loan Covenant College \$12,000.00 at 6 percent interest on a first mortgage on two pieces of property recently acquired by the college.

Mr. Mahlow presented the treasurer's report.

PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Report of the Treasurer

Fathers and Brethren:

The Pension Fund continues to perform up to expectation.

There are now enrolled a total of 208 participants; a gain of sixty-nine over last year; this includes the members of the former Evangelical Presbyterian Church Pension Fund and the Reformed Presbyterian Church Pension Fund.

Pensions are being paid to 5 individuals.

Earnings from cash dividends and interest during year \$2,073.48

Total income from pension payments \$24,935.00

Life Insurance Coverage—Face Value \$480,079.00

Investments:

Stocks and Mutual Funds (Market Value) \$106,479.66

Loan to World Presbyterian Missions for purchase of property 9,000.00

Church bonds 15,300.00

Total

\$130,779.66

Reserve Account

\$11,623.36

The books will be audited by June 1st. Copies of the audit may be had from the Treasurer, 901 North Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19806.

The Plan is now in printed form, as amended by our Synod over the past five years. Copies are available from the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
William A. Mahlow, Treas.

Statement of Assets as of March 31, 1966

Exhibit I

Assets

Savings Accounts—Philadelphia Savings Fund Soc. \$3,603.78

Cash in Bank—Wilmington Trust Co. 1,370.50

Balance Broker's Account—Laird & Co. 47.70

Note Receivable—World Presbyterian Missions, Inc. 9,000.00

Investments Cost \$86,959.66 Market Value 106,778.73

Accrued Income 331.80

TOTAL ASSETS OF FUND

\$121,132.51

Reserves and Participants' Accounts

Accounts of Retired and Deceased Participants \$5,693.74

Reserve Account \$12,339.45

Unrealized Gain on Securities 19,819.07

TOTAL

32,158.52

Suspense Account (No Change During Year) 22.06

Participants' Account 83,258.19

Total Reserves and Participants' Accounts \$121,132.51

NOTE: The Assets of the Fund shown above do not include the cash surrender value of life insurance on participants, in effect, and on which the Fund is the owner and Beneficiary. The life insurance in effect as of March 31, 1966, totaled \$480,000.00.

In our opinion, the Statement of Assets set forth above, presents fairly the financial position of the Fund as of March 31, 1966. It is also our opinion that the Treasurer and the Committee have complied with the provisions of the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Miller, Miller & Co.

Certified Public Accountants

The recommendations of the Board of Pensions were adopted.

Synod recessed 10:50 to 11:10.

Mr. Hoogstrate presented nominations for the Board of Pensions. Upon motion, the nominations closed. The following men were elected to the class of 1969: David McIntyre, John Christie.

Dr. Rayburn introduced Robert Sharpe, who pre-

sented the report of the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION  
Fathers and Brethren:

This is the third report to Synod. The first two years we operated under the name, Evangelical Presbyterian Foundation. We are glad to report the Foundation is properly merged into the new denomination. The 1966 report is the first from The Reformed Presbyterian Foundation. During the preceding year we have been able to retain all agreements completed in the first two years and have added new annuities, deposit agreements, wills and miscellaneous gifts. Of particular interest were two gifts of diamonds for the work of WPM and the local outreach of a church. At this point I'd like to do a little promotion. The Foundation has for sale some very nice diamonds. They are priced right. If you have a prospect, please get in touch with us.

I cannot stress enough the importance of planned giving. The Reformed Presbyterian Church with all its agencies, churches and miscellaneous interests is a great undertaking for such a small group of people. Not only is sacrifice needed, but a determined effort to be wise in what we do give.

Gifts of securities are very important to this denomination. Last year I made a survey of two organizations with which I work and learned the receipt of stock gifts in 1965 was 300 to 400% greater than the amount received in 1964. If you own securities investigate the benefits of giving stock in addition to or instead of cash. We in the Foundation stand ready to assist you.

Anybody you know retiring soon? You may be able to do them a favor by helping them pre-plan their pension. Here is what I mean. Suppose this person, age 65, has \$20,000 accumulated to his credit in a pension fund, a life insurance policy or profit-sharing fund. One insurance company would pay \$148.20 a month for as long as he lives. When he dies the company would retain what is left. If this Reformed Presbyterian would elect an income for life but guarantee ten years' payments in any event, he would receive \$138.20 for as long as he lives. Let us assume he lives only two years. If he named the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation, your local church or one of the agencies as a second beneficiary, the policy would continue to pay \$138.20 a month for eight years. The total would be

\$13,267.20. The cost to him would be only \$244.80. If such a plan is not elected the insurance company would retain the balance left in the contract. This is not generally what a person wants. Isn't this a way to practice good stewardship?

During the last year we have emphasized will making and review. It would be interesting and helpful to know how many present have reviewed or made a will since last Synod. How many know of estates that remain unsettled in the courts because of poor will planning. Ask yourself in privacy . . . "Am I Christian who is saved but not ready to die?"

A few years ago, a lady told me, "All I own belongs to the Lord." Five years have passed and she has not made a will. She will tell you that all her property belongs to God. . . . But does it? As things stand at present, it does not and cannot belong to the Lord.

We can make Double Duty Dollars out of your money. Through your will you can instruct the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation to provide a guaranteed income for a loved one and make a gift to the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This is a survivorship annuity.

We would be glad to hear from you and have a talk about what can be accomplished with a piece of paper and a drop of ink. It can be for God's glory.

Are you a WILLing Christian?

We want to do something different this year. Will you talk back to us? Give it to us straight—loud and clear. We have survey forms which are being passed out at this time. Will you take a few minutes and complete this for us. Tell us off, but don't sign it. Keep the second page and fill out names and addresses of people you believe the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation can serve.

We need your help. We want to serve you. We need to hear from you.

Attached to this report are the following:

Copy of new gift annuity rates

Copy of financial statement

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Sharpe

*Summary of Receipts and Disbursements*

Year Ending September 30, 1965\*

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

Contributions from Agencies	\$9,650.00
Gift Portion of Annuities	5,720.16

Income from Trust Agreements	1,382.28
Miscellaneous Gifts	325.50
Total	\$17,077.94
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	
Paid to Agencies and Others	\$4,375.02
Publication Expense	1,602.42
Salaries	7,165.78
Office Supplies and Postage	481.81
Travel	726.85
Miscellaneous Expense	681.25
Total	\$15,033.14
Net Receipts Over Disbursements	2,044.80

\*From Certified Public Accountant's Audit. Complete statement available upon request.

Mr. Hoogstrate presented the nominations for the Foundation. Upon motion, the nominations were closed and a white ballot cast for these nominees: William Gerstung, Robert Palmer, Vernon Pierce, Elmer Smick, William Alling.

The order of the day was moved, seconded, and carried. Mr. LeRoy Eims, of the Navigators, spoke to Synod, and this was followed by a question and answer period with Mr. Eims, Mr. Rodney Sargent, and Mr. John Crawford.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned with prayer by Mr. Eims.

#### FIFTH SEDERUNT, FRIDAY, 2:15 P.M.

The Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Dr. Elmer Smick to lead in the constituting prayer. The minutes of the fourth sederunt were read and approved, as corrected.

Dr. Paul Schrottenboer brought greetings from the Reformed Ecumenical Synod and spoke of the work of the RES.

Frank Smick presented the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee.

#### BILLS AND OVERTURES, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OVERTURES (see *Overtures at beginning of Minutes*)

A. By the nature of Presbyterian church government, local churches do not vote themselves into union in councils, etc., and therefore cannot vote themselves out. Synod action except in matters of doctrinal standards, form of government, book of discipline have no coercive power. Any local church may choose not to support any agency, council or affiliation which the Synod joins or recommends.

B. Part 1 and 2—Affirmative

Part 3—In keeping with Synod's action as list-

ed on page 54 of 1965 minutes, we recommend that any action regarding joining R.E.S. be submitted for 2/3 approval of Presbyteries.

C & U—Part 1. That Synod proceed immediately to explore the desirability of union with OPC.

D and K. Synod appoint temporary committee to review Presbytery bounds of Midwestern and Central presbyteries and report back with recommendations to 144th Synod.

E. Affirmative.

F. To refer to administrative committee for study.

G. Affirmative.

H and I. That the administrative committee perform the specific tasks assigned by Synod and that it be an expediting body, clearing house and steering agency for programs and activities not specifically assigned to other committees and officers.

J and N. The committee declines to give recommendations of Synod's meetings and that matter be decided at the time specified on docket.

L, S and P. That the moderator appoint a committee to study changes and additions to F.O.G.

M. In view of the great amount of work done by committees involved in formulating the plan of union, committee recommends that the 144th Synod reaffirm its confidence in the work that was done in considering the Reformed Principles as historical documents instead of part of the standards.

O. In reference to cooperative evangelism, conditions vary so greatly that sessions should determine the extent of their participation.

Q. In as much as F.O.G. outlines procedures to be followed by ministers desiring to labor out of bounds no action by Synod is required.

R. Assuming that Presbytery has granted approval of laboring out of bounds, individual pastors may participate in such installations, but it is not proper for presbyteries to install pastors or dissolve pastoral relations in such situations.

T. That reference be made to the minutes of the 27th General Synod of the EP Church, page 49, where this question is answered at length.

U. Part 2—The Committee observes that this proposal is premature.

V. No answer required.

Upon motion, recommendations A, B (1, 2, and 3) were approved and adopted. In the consideration of recommendations C and U, Part 1, it was moved, seconded, and carried to postpone action on this until after the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee. Upon motion, recommendation

D and K was approved and adopted, the committee to be appointed by the Moderator. Recommendations E, F, and G were approved and adopted, recommendation H and I was recommitted, recommendation J and N was approved and adopted. In consideration of recommendation L, S, and P, it was moved and seconded to amend it to read "and that we postpone final adoption of the Form of Government until the 145th Synod, and that this committee send its recommendations to the commissioners one month prior to Synod." Carried. The motion, as amended, carried.

It was moved and seconded that in the future all overtures to Synod be in the hands of the Stated Clerk sixty days prior to Synod and in the hands of Synod commissioners within thirty days before Synod. An amendment was moved and seconded "that any exception to this rule be admitted by a 2/3 vote of Synod." The amendment carried. It was moved and seconded to amend the motion to read "thirty days and two weeks." This amendment carried and the motion, as amended, carried.

Upon motion, recommendation M was approved and adopted. Rev. Robert Milliken voted No on recommendation M and requested that his negative vote be recorded. In consideration of recommendation O, a substitute motion was made and seconded: "that the original overture be the Bills and Overtures Committee's answer." It was moved and seconded to amend by adding "official." The Moderator declared the motion lost. A division of the house was called for, which resulted in 29 Aye and 49 No, so the amendment was lost. A further amendment to the substitute motion was made and seconded: "that Synod accept what has been stated in the Plan of Union regarding cooperation with others."

Upon motion, Synod recessed 3:55 to 4:45 p.m.

The second amendment to the substitute motion was lost. It was moved, seconded, and carried to commit the entire matter to the Resolutions Committee. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Resolutions Committee report on this matter no later than Monday.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the docket be amended to proceed immediately to the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee and follow it with the report of the Women's Synodical.

Mr. Ward presented the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee.

## REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the union of the EP and RP Churches to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, has resulted in renewed vision and vigor in the new denomination. While there are the expected problems being encountered as the agencies and presbyteries are uniting, in general the union has been effected with remarkable success and good will for which we are thankful to the Lord. The Committee considers the unity we have experienced to be a very precious thing, and cautions against anything that might disturb this unity.

Fraternal Delegates have been sent to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Covenant-er), the Christian Reformed Church, and the Presbyterian Church in Mexico. An observer was sent to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Besides the meeting of the Committee here at Synod, the Committee met in conjunction with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the OP Church on March 18 and 19 of this year. The Committee would report concerning our contacts with the OP Church that the majority of the members of the Committee feel that the two churches should recognize the importance and advantage of moving toward organic union. The Committee finds that the subordinate doctrinal standards of the two churches are virtually identical with the exception of the revisions in the Larger Catechism made by our church to clarify eschatological liberty in regard to the millennium, and these revisions seem to be acceptable to the OP men. The Committee finds that the principles of the Form of Government, Worship and Discipline of the two denominations are essentially the same, both being in the line of historic Presbyterianism, and further that a composite standard could be worked out based on the existing standards. The Committee finds also that the question of the "Christian Life" in matters of particulars, attitudes and methods of approach, still remains a problem which, although apparently not insoluble, demands further study. The Committee discovered that the OP Church at its Ninth General Assembly (1942) did make an extensive statement on the principles which should govern the Christian life in our day.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Because of the basic doctrinal and practical agreement discovered, that the General Synod commission its Fraternal Relations Committee to join with the corresponding OP Committee in exploring possible bases of union between our two groups.

2. That the General Synod delay considering membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod for another year to allow further study, but that we take part this summer in the regional conference of the RES churches.

3. That although we lament the division recently occurring in the conservative Presbyterian Church in Korea, yet because of the stand taken by both the Koryu and Hoptong groups, that we extend Christian fellowship and fraternal relations to both of these churches.

4. That the Fraternal Relations Committee be authorized to carry on fraternal relations with the following churches and only these: (1) Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter), (2) Orthodox Presbyterian, (3) Associate Presbyterian, (4) Christian Reformed, (5) Koryu Church, (6) Hoptong Church, and that Synod authorize the Fraternal Relations Committee to send Fraternal Delegates to such foreign evangelical churches as may seem warranted.

5. That the Fraternal Relations Committee be made a permanent committee of 12 members arranged in 3 classes, one class to be elected to serve one year, one class for two years and one class for three years, and that hereafter one class be elected each year.

6. That Synod send to the Independent United Presbyterian Church of West Pakistan fraternal greetings and encouragements and that when possible a representative of the RP Church be sent to visit the church, and that further contacts be pursued.

Upon motion, the recommendations were taken up seriatim. Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. On recommendation 4, it was moved and seconded to amend this by striking out the words following "Hoptong Church." Motion lost.

It was moved, seconded, but lost to amend the docket for the order of the day and have a session of business Saturday afternoon.

Recommendations 4, 5, and 6 of the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee were adopted.

Miss Mary Edwards presented the report of the Women's Synodical Society.

#### REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY

The Women's Synodical Society met at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 5, 1966, in the King James Room of Glen Eyrie Castle. Nine Presbyteries were represented by eighteen delegates and one officer; and with representatives of the local churches to the number of about sixty or seventy.

Business consisted of a reading of the Minutes of the August 7, 1965, meeting in Harvey Cedars (copy may be obtained from president) and the audited report of the Treasurer.

By motion made by Mrs. E. B. Smick, seconded by Mrs. H. S. Laird, the Society voted rejection of the recommendation of 1964. This vote, and written report from one or two local churches, not here represented, showed that the consensus of the women was to continue the Women's Synodical Society according to the present constitution (copy may be obtained from president).

Officers were then elected, as nominated by the Nominating Committee; so that now the Executive Committee consists of:

President—Miss Mary R. Edwards, elected 1965; Vice President—Mrs. Charles B. Holliday, elected 1966; Recording Secretary—Mrs. John Foster, elected 1966; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John W. Buswell, elected 1965; Treasurer—Mrs. McGregor Scott, elected 1965; National Presbyterian Missions Chairman—Mrs. Richard W. Gray, elected 1966; Foreign Missions Committee Chairman—Miss Katharine B. Richards, elected 1965; Fellowship Committee Chairman—Mrs. Wilber B. Wallis, elected 1965; Outlook Committee Chairman—Mrs. Gordon D. Shaw, elected 1966.

Respectfully submitted to the Elders,  
Mary R. Edwards, President, 1965-66

*Treasurer's Report, Women's Synodical Society*  
July 1965 - April 1966

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1965	\$144.48
Offering Synodical Meeting	62.42
Women's Missionary F'wship, McLean, Va.	10.00
Mrs. Theodore Engstom (for slides)	4.80
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Afton, Mo.	5.00
Women's Mis. Soc., EPC Seattle, Wash.	10.00
Central Presbyterial	5.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$241.70

## DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Dorothy Horner—Postage for letters sent out for Synodical	21.80
Covenant College—To close out Desk Fund	5.50
Mrs. Marie C. Wallis—Expenses of Fellowship Chairman (letters sent to churches)	8.05
Mrs. Marie C. Wallis—Slides, Fellowship Committee	4.80
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$40.15</b>
Balance on hand July 1965	\$144.48
Total Receipts	97.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>241.70</b>
Total Disbursements	40.15
Balance April 1966	\$201.55

She was given a rising vote of thanks by the commissioners.

It was moved and seconded to amend the docket, to recess, and to convene at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The vote being close, a division of the house was called for, with a result of 39 Aye and 37 No. The chair ruled the vote too close and a recount was called for, with the result of 37 Aye and 45 No. It was moved and seconded to recess, to meet tonight after the evening service. Lost. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of Christian Training be the first order of business on Monday morning. It was moved, seconded, and carried to convene 8 a.m. Monday.

The report of the Archivist was given by Dr. Stam. He then resigned and nominated Dr. Laird Harris to this position. It was moved, seconded, and carried to close the nominations and cast a white ballot.

### REPORT OF ARCHIVIST

During the past year, your Archivist has received a very few items to add to the records of our Church, but our collection of such materials thus far remains very small, and I am sure that many of us have in our personal files much more as well as more significant material than is in the Church Archives. It is hoped that we may gradually get into the habit of passing on to our Church Depository material which may be significant as part of the past record of our Church, while it may no longer be needful or active in our own files. This applies both to individuals, and even more to Sessions and Presbyteries.

Many denominations have very extensive and important collections of historical material, even to extent of using entire buildings and employing sev-

eral full time workers to take care of them, and while we are still small and our records very few, they may be very important in later years as a record of the history and development of our Church, so that we should be building them up at this time while the material is available in our individual and church collections.

Your Archivist has served in this capacity for the past 15 years or so—going back to Bible Presbyterian times, but now that he is moving away from St. Louis, and since the records are kept at Covenant Theological Seminary, it is important that he be replaced at once by some one who is conversant with the history of our Church and is resident in the St. Louis area. Several of our seminary faculty would be thus qualified, and I would urge that a successor be elected at this time, so that the proper custody of the records may be continued and further developed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Stam Jr., Archivist

The Commissioners, upon motion, gave a rising and applauding vote of thanks to Dr. Stam for his faithful labors during the past fifteen years.

The Moderator appointed Messrs. Armes, Brinkley, Engstrom, Buswell, and Ells to the temporary Committee on Presbytery Boundaries.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. Rayburn.

### SIXTH SEDERUNT, MONDAY, 8 A.M.

The Moderator called the court to order and asked Mr. Dick Weik to lead in prayer. It was moved, seconded, and carried to amend the docket to hear the Committee on Ministerial Aids and Benefits, Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund, Board of Trustees, and Magazine Committee before Christian Training.

Dr. Dyrness presented the report of the Trustees of Synod. Upon motion, the recommendations were taken up seriatim, and all ten were adopted.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Trustees has held four meetings since the last Synod, and has sought faithfully to carry out the work entrusted to it by Synod.

Attorney Donald Semisch of Willow Grove, Pa., has been retained as legal counsel for the denomination. This has proved most beneficial. Under his direction the charters of the Board of Trustees,

World Presbyterian Missions, National Presbyterian Missions and the Board of Pensions were amended. Also his services were offered to the other boards and agencies of the Church for this purpose. He filed for tax exempt group ruling, having discovered that the tax exempt status of the denomination had formally been sought and obtained on a non-group basis. He performed various services for a number of the boards and agencies, including review of agreements and similar matters. He has pointed out that the Form of Government on page 11 is inaccurate in recording the action of last year's union. At the time of union, two methods of handling the legal matter were discussed. It was decided, with the advice and consent of legal counsel that some of the former corporations should remain dormant rather than be dissolved. Mr. Semish suggests that all of the corporations no longer active should be controlled by the Trustees of the denomination, that Trustees be automatically elected each year as directors of the dormant corporations, and the same officers preside. Minutes should be placed in the respective minute books showing date of meeting, election, etc. In this manner all dormant boards are kept current.

The treasurer's report shows total capital funds now held by the Board of Trustees to be \$240,570.21 plus a trust fund in the Provident National Bank of \$49,690.40. The total investment income for the year was \$12,134.00 which has been disbursed to the Boards. Church bonds totaling \$7,000 were purchased from Bethany Church of New Castle, Del. A loan of \$10,000 has been voted for the First Church of Indianapolis, Ind., and a guaranteed backing for an additional \$15,000 loan. The first mortgage for Calvary Church, Warminster, Pa., did not require backing, but a backing up to \$15,000 will be required for an additional loan.

The treasurer's accounts have been audited for the year 1965-66 by Miller & Miller, a CPA firm of York, Pa., and is herewith submitted. All securities have been reviewed by Laird & Co. and no changes are recommended by them at this time.

The Board has adopted a policy that normally its securities will be used to back loans of individual churches, rather than making loan directly. This will enable the Trustees to use the assets more effectively for a larger number of churches. The trustees in conjunction with National Presbyterian Missions has a plan to present to make backing of

loans possible between Synods where no Synod action has been taken.

Our attorney carefully investigated the legacies which are the source of the various capital funds and states, "These funds must be held in accordance with the expressed intention of the donor under Will and Trusts. In order to expend principal it would be necessary to petition the Orphan's Court requesting permission to do so. This would require notice to the heirs of the donor, or evidence that none can be found, and reasons justifying the expenditures." In 1930 an attempt was made to use the capital funds for operational purposes and a similar statement was made by an attorney at that time.

We have, as directed by the 1965 Synod, studied the matter of the Cedarville College loan of \$2,894.16, to ascertain if this money is capital or income. In the minutes of the 124th Synod, pages 55 and 56 it is made clear that this money is a part of capital funds of the Board of Education, which would now be the Board of Christian Training, Inc.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That all amounts of capital funds shown in the Audit for 1965-66 be formally established as such by action of Synod.

2. That the \$2,894.16 received from Cedarville College be declared as Capital Funds for the Board of Christian Training, Inc.

3. That the income from the money received from Cedarville College be used to reduce the \$2,000 debt on the Advocate, and that 10% of all earned income on other capital funds be applied quarterly for this same purpose until this debt of the Advocate at time of Union be cleared.

4. That the Form of Government page 11 be corrected in keeping with the actual action of the uniting Synod of 1965.

5. That henceforth all Trustees of Synod shall automatically be elected as directors of the dormant corporations of the two former denominations, and the same officers preside.

6. That the plan for assisting churches in connection with new construction, as presented by National Presbyterian Missions and the Board of Trustees be approved.

7. That the resignation of Mr. A. F. Moginot Sr., of the class of 1968, and Mr. Henry P. Allen Jr., of the class of 1967 be accepted.



8. That approval be given to the request of Calvary Church, Warminster, Pa., that the Board of Trustees give backing for a loan over and above their first mortgage for an amount of \$15,000.

9. We request the Administrative Committee of Synod to arrange meetings of the various boards and agencies of the denomination to meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., in November.

10. That the Administrative Committee be requested to make recommendations to the various boards and agencies regarding a standard to follow in helping with the travel expenses of members for the November meetings.

*A Plan for Securing Synod's Assistance  
in a Local Building Program presented by  
National Presbyterian Missions and Board of  
Trustees of Synod*

I. Request submitted to NPM with copy to  
Presbytery.

A. Supporting data required:

1. Copies of church's corporation action:
  - a. adopting the specific building program proposed
  - b. authorizing the Trustees of the church's corporation to make the request.
2. Completed "Church-Status Report" (C-SR) of NPM (for NPM and Synod Trustee's use as background data for all of the remaining material requested).
3. Financial
  - a. Cost of total proposed building program, based on bonafide bids. (Note: Be sure to include interior furnishings and landscaping).
  - b. Amount of capital gifts in hand towards cost.
  - c. Professional assessment evaluations of land, proposed building plus all other collateral to be used to underwrite the loan.
  - d. Proposed Building Fund Budget and evidence of ability to carry out its obligations.
  - e. Survey of response from local banks and building and loan societies up to this point.
  - f. Optional: Evaluation by approved Bond company; this replaces d and e.
  - g. Response of Presbytery with financial assistance, if any.
4. Mechanical Data

- a. Evidence of zoning approval by city council.
- b. Plot plan of entire area, with at least rough sketch giving location of all future buildings on the site.
- c. Finished drawings of floor plans and of standard elevations of proposed building.
- d. Major specifications of proposed building.
- e. Proposed interior furnishings.
- f. Proposed landscaping.
- g. Proposed program of maintenance, and its financing.

5. Spiritual

- a. Short history of the church.
- b. Frank expression of any major disturbances of the peace and unity of the church within the past ten years.
- c. Length of time the pastor has been installed plus a short resume of his pastoral experience.
- d. If a "mission" of another congregation, a statement by the pastor of the parent church and session as to plans and progress towards acceptance as a church in Presbytery.
- e. Location of other evangelical churches in relation to proposed building.

II. NPM's Responsibility

- A. Assist as necessary in order to complete the entire file.
- B. Within two months after receipt of the entire file, the Executive Committee shall survey all data, with special emphasis on:
  1. "C-SR"
  2. Evaluation of the proposed building relative to the church needs now and anticipated, and relative to community in which located.
  3. All spiritual data.
- C. Executive Committee be prepared to personally visit and investigate the spiritual stability of the church. NOTE: Before conducting such a visit, the Presbytery will be informed and invited to assist. Also, the investigation is to be considered highly confidential, and in no case is to go beyond the point of investigating.
- D. The Executive Committee must make a recommendation to the Trustees of Synod of each request placed before it. The request shall be specifically documented.

- E. The Executive Committee shall send a copy of its recommendation to the church and Presbytery.

### III. Synod's Trustees' Responsibility

- A. Each positive recommendation from NPM shall be considered by the entire Board of Trustees within at least two months of receipt from NPM. The Board of Trustees shall be notified in writing of each negative recommendation of NPM.
- B. For each positive NPM recommendation, the Trustees will survey all data, with special emphasis on:
1. "C-SR"
  2. Financial data
  3. Mechanical data
  4. Terms of NPM's recommendations
- C. Make any recommendations it deems advisable to the church in order to assure the best possible security for the church and the Synod's funds. The Trustees may use professional legal and financial advice for all its suggestions and decisions. Any expense shall be added to the loan.
- D. The Trustees, when satisfied, may obligate Synod's funds to assist a Synod church, but are mandatorially limited by any guidelines imposed on it by the Synod and must take care to guard against insecure investments.
- E. The Trustees shall be limited to a policy of "first come, first served" and shall never accumulate obligations against its fund beyond 75% of the total assets.

### IV. Appeals

- A. If a church is not satisfied with the decision of NPM, they may appeal directly to Presbytery for a reevaluation of the situation. Upon receipt of a request from a Presbytery or Synod, NPM will be obligated to review the case within a period of two months and to relay to the Synod's Trustees, the requesting Presbytery, and the church involved, its decision.
- B. If a church is not satisfied with the decision of the Trustees of Synod, they may appeal through the Presbytery to Synod. The Trustees are obligated to present its conclusions in detail to Synod and will, of course, be obligated to carry out any specific directions of Synod.

### Board of Trustees Balance Sheet—March 31, 1966

Assets	
Cash	
Checking Acct—Lancaster Co., Farmers National Bank, Quarryville	6,290.13
Philadelphia Savings Fund Society	14,339.22
Roosevelt Savings Bank, Brooklyn, New York	5.00
Roosevelt Savings Bank—No. 2 Account	17,267.58
Waterville Savings Bank, Waterville, Me.	4,798.84
Stocks and Bonds (Schedule attached, Mar Val. 86,948.00)	42,700.77
	88,283.21
Mortgages Receivable	
Bethel Church, Sparta, Illinois	4,000.00
First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	22,330.60
Duanesburg, N.Y. Chu. 1st Mtg. Manse	1,805.21
Duanesburg, N.Y. Chu 2nd Mtg Manse	2,063.93
Duanesburg, N.Y. Chu 2nd Mtg Church	5,942.81
William Booth, Phila.	989.61
Charles J. Scavetti, Phila.	2,966.15
William Thompson, Phila.	2,255.01
Michael Panunto, Phila.	3,167.25
Daniel Miller, Phila.	3,189.20
L. Caputo, Phila.	2,507.23
M. A. Dunlavey, Phila.	1,734.04
James S. Young, Phila.	597.06
Alexander Davis, Phila.	3,442.91
Wm. P. Green, Darlington, Pa.	2,827.64
Robert P. Esterly, Phila.	6,065.25
Lena B. Merrigan, Phila.	1,871.62
William Loh, Phila.	1,205.68
Stewart F. Becker, Phila.	3,498.61
	72,459.81
Notes Receivable	
Third Church, Philadelphia	4,062.65
Beechwood Church, Havertown, Pa.	4,272.21
Manchester Church, Manchester, Conn.	7,733.75
Lansdale, Pa., Church, Church	6,092.00
Lansdale, Pa., Church, Manse	2,826.31
Calvary Church, King of Prussia, Pa.	10,000.00
	34,986.92
Accounts Receivable, Lamb Fund—Student Loan	500.00
TOTAL	\$238,930.71
Liabilities	
Reserve—Work in Southwest United States	4,798.84

Capital Funds	234,131.87
Total	238,930.71
Equity in the Assets is as follows:	
Home Missions	
Foreign Missions (Excludes John Buchanan Trus t)	11,151.47
Church Extension	66,864.15
Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund	37,589.61
Board of Education (Cedarville College Funds)	113,000.00
Robert Young Bequest	3,025.48
	7,300.00
	238,930.71

NOTES

The following Asset was turned over too late to be included in this report:

Home Missions—J. T. Reeves & Co. Bankers-Savings Account 1,639.50

The following Asset (Foreign Missions), under the Will of John Buchanan cannot at this time be turned over to the Board of Trustees:

4970 Units Common Trust Fund, Provident National Bank (Original cost \$49,690.40—Market Value March 1, 1966 \$71,170.40).

The income from this (\$2,752.72 for the year ending March 31, 1966) is being received by the Board of Trustees and is included in the Quarterly income distribution.

*Schedule of Stocks and Bonds*

STOCKS	Shares	Book Value	Market Value 3-31-66
American Telephone and Telegraph	366	25,414.13	20,587.00
Associated Dry Goods Corp.	130	5,274.38	6,289.00
Chase General Co.	500	25.00	125.00
Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co.	42	1,118.25	1,150.00
Detroit and Canada Tunnel Corp.	200	3,100.00	3,562.00
First Penna. Banking and Trust Co.	437	13,984.00	13,520.00
Griess—Pfleger Tanning Co.	175	1,750.00	2,275.00
Incorporated Income Fund	185.432	1,807.36	1,891.00
Incorporated Investors	66	501.36	537.00
Keystone Custodian Fund B-4	165	1,813.81	1,879.00
National City Lines	200	5,050.00	7,275.00
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	24	601.50	573.00
Proctor and Gamble Co.	24	2,031.00	1,584.00
Puritan Fund, Inc.	230	2,222.09	2,742.00
James Talcott, Inc.	114	2,593.50	1,981.00
Wellington Fund	104	1,549.63	1,538.00
Westgate—Calif. Corp.	48	468.00	396.00
		69,304.01	
BONDS	Face Value		
Bethany Pres. Church 6% Cpn.	7,000.	7,000.00	7,000.00
U.S. Savings—Series K due 8-1-66	5,000.	5,000.00	4,969.00
U.S. Treas. 2½% 1967/72 due 12-15-72	8,000.	6,979.20	7,075.00
Total		88,283.21	86,948.00

*Receipts and Disbursements—4-1-65 to 3-31-66*

Cash Balance, April 1, 1965 47,787.68

RECEIPTS

Capital Funds	2,836.37
Mortgage and Note Payments	11,887.62
Mortgage and Note Interest	5,036.39
Dividends and Bond Interest	3,044.21

Bank Interest	1,681.72	
Trust Fund Interest	2,775.44	
Penna. Railroad Bond Matured	2,000.00	
Taxes Collected re Mortgages (Escrow Acct)	1,997.22	31,258.97
		79,046.65

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Home Missions (Dist. of Earned Income)	282.87	
Foreign Missions (Dist. of Earned Income)	4,715.59	
Church Extension (Dist. of Earned Income)	1,237.64	
Christian Education (Dist. of Earned Income)	272.00	
Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund (Dist. of Earned Income)	4,265.25	
Legal Expense—D. A. Semisch, Retainer	125.00	
Insurance—Fidelity Bond (2 Years)	216.00	
Audit—Miller, Miller & Co.	710.00	
Commissions Paid (Mortgage Collections)	96.88	
Travel and Telephone	89.60	
Taxes Remitted (Escrow Account)	1,997.22	
Bonds Purchased—Bethany Pres Church	7,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	16.80	
Miscellaneous Capital Returned—Adjustments	1,332.07	
R. Craggs—(Lamb Fund Aid)	500.00	
First Reformed Pres. Church—Indianapolis	13,488.96	36,345.88
Cash Balance, March 31, 1966		
	42,700.77	

Mr. Linder presented the report of the Committee on Ministerial Aids and Benefits. The recommendation was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL WELFARE AND BENEFITS

Fathers and Brethren:

During the year from April 1, 1965, to May 2, 1966, your committee received \$959.59, specifically designated for ministerial benefits, and disbursed \$857.09 to specific needs brought to its attention.

We have met and discussed various insurance proposals presented to Synod. In view of immediate need for such a program, we are recommending the plan presented by Dr. Dyrness at the 143rd Synod. This plan may be made effective with no minimum participation in either the medical care or the life insurance portion. In addition, it may be offered to all ministers, elders, deacons, and trustees and full-time workers of the denomination at very reasonable cost.

Dr. Dyrness will describe the plan to you and we urge your serious consideration. We further recommend that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in-

surance office handle the administration of premium collections for insurance purposes. As an alternative, we suggest the Quarryville Presbyterian Home as administrator.

Recommendation: We move that Synod direct this committee to look into and recommend to the Sessions of our individual churches a program of minimum remuneration for pastors of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Linder, Chairman

The Health and Life Insurance Plan was presented by Dr. Dyrness. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve and adopt the Inter-County Hospitalization Plan and the Presbyterian Ministers Fund life plan.

#### *Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.*

The following is an outline of proposed Hospitalization and Surgical benefits for your group which has been developed with rates tailored particularly for your group.

*Eligibility*—All ministers, elders, deacons, and other

persons regularly employed by the church and denominational agencies, whether full or part-time may participate in the group plan.

Participants and their dependents who enroll during the initial enrollment period will be entitled to immediate coverage, including Hospitalization and Surgical benefits for conditions known to exist at time of application.

*Benefits*—These are outlined fully in the accompanying brochures. Essentially the plan will pay full semi-private room accommodations with unlimited extras (see brochure) in addition Blue Shield med-surg "B" will pay for medical and surgical charges specific amounts up to \$300.00.

*General Information*—

1. Non-cancellable
2. Immediate hospital benefits
3. Extended benefits to any recognized hospital—world wide.
4. Full semi-private room accommodations in accordance to admitting charges—world wide.
5. Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc. with head-quarters in Glenside, Pa., serve approximately 200,000 subscribers in the Pennsylvania area, organized in 1937, it is the oldest non-profit independent plan serving the Philadelphia area.
6. Inter-County Hospitalization has been selected by the Social Security Administration to serve as Financial Intermediator for Medicare for some 50 hospitals.

Inter-County has some 1000 groups, the largest being Lukens Steel Company, providing coverage for their personnel for some ten years.

*In addition*—We have provided group hospital benefits for the Quarryville Presbyterian Home since 1954 with very satisfactory experience.

Also the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with some 150 people enrolled with very good claims experience and acceptance.

Mr. L. W. Roberts, Committee on Hospitalization, Orthodox Presbyterian Church writes: "Both Inter-County and Blue Shield are highly reputable and are able to provide practically world-wide coverage and service. Our experience with their service has been excellent. Claims have been handled promptly and efficiently, and we believe with complete satisfaction to the claimants. Because of this we can give this plan and the organizations behind it our unqualified endorsement. Coverages are generous by comparison with other plans and the cost

lower than any similar plan on which we have information."

Respectively submitted,  
A. Shaubach, Manager,  
Inter-County Hospitalization Plan  
Lancaster Area

Mr. Mahlow presented the report of the Magazine Committee. Upon motion, the recommendations were adopted.

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN REPORTER TO THE GENERAL SYNOD  
Fathers and Brethren:

The Reformed Presbyterian Reporter appeared eleven times during the past Synodical year, instead of the scheduled ten. It operated with all due economies and as of April 1 had a balance of \$143.58. This figure does not include the bill for the May issue, nor any receipts after April 1.

The editor has presented his resignation to the Magazine Committee as of this Synod's meeting.

The editor wishes to thank the churches who have contributed to the support of the magazine, and the writers who have worked without remuneration. Special thanks are due my colleagues at Covenant College—the Rev. William S. Barker, the Rev. Leonard S. Pitcher, and the Rev. Charles W. Anderson. Dr. J. Oliver Buswell has been very faithful in sending in book reviews, as has also Dr. Charles Pfeiffer.

Mrs. Raymond Dameron has served the magazine faithfully as treasurer. Mrs. Herbert Arnold of Walker, Iowa, deserves also a word of thanks for her faithfulness in bookkeeping.

Very truly yours in Christ,  
John W. Sanderson Jr.

Recommendation by the Magazine Committee: We move that we continue to commit the production of a Synod magazine to a magazine committee and that the committee this year be composed of all the former editors of the *Reporter*, *Advocate*, and *Witness* who are members of Synod, and that we approve the appointment of Rev. Max Belz as editor and publisher under the supervision of this committee.

Several communications were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. David McIntyre presented the report of the Trustees of the Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund.

REPORT OF THE LAMB AND THEOLOGICAL  
FUND BOARD

Fathers and Brethren:

The Lamb and Theological Fund has sought earnestly to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to it by Synod.

Word has come from the India Presbytery that Messrs. Samuel Joseph and Aiyub Masih did not qualify for the Lamb Fund Aid-loan for 1965. The checks sent for them are being returned and will be added to the balance in our account.

A number of those who in past years have been given Lamb Fund Aid have fulfilled in part of whole Synod's requirement to have their obligation for this aid-loan reduced or cancelled as follows:

	Total aid	Reduction	Balance
John Morton	1,450.00	1,450.00	None
Daniel Cannon	1,200.00	1,200.00	None
Roger Hunt	1,900.00	1,040.00	860.00
Lester Shape	400.00	400.00	None
Wayne Brauning	400.00	400.00	None
Darrell Harris	200.00	200.00	None
Robert Craggs	1,800.00	360.00	1,440.00
Bruce Gordon	375.00	225.00	150.00
Charles Eckardt	1,350.00	1,350.00	None

A letter received from one of these men expresses the thought of all those who have been receiving this assistance, ". . . I am grateful to God for the assistance given me from the Lamb Fund and trust the Lord will continue to bless its ministry." None of us knew the Lamb Family and others whose consecration and dedication for the work of the Lord made possible the Fund which year by year has enabled this assistance to be given those desirous of going into the ministry of our denomination. As a Synod may we never be guilty of forgetting the ministry of those who have gone on before.

The Capital assets of the Lamb and Theological Fund have been made a part of the Capital Funds administered by the Trustees of Synod. The earned income and distribution for the past year is as follows:

*Receipts*

Bank Balance	507.58	
Interest	10.95	
Received from Trustees	7,127.65	7,646.18

*Disbursements*

Student aid-loans to the following:

Robert Craggs	425.00
Seth Dymess	500.00

Frank Sargent	500.00	
Samuel Joseph—India	225.00	
Aiyub Masih—India	225.00	
Charles Eckardt	200.00	
Mack Weiford	500.00	
	2,575.00	
Real Estate Taxes	22,294.90	
Miscellaneous	12.98	4,882.88
Bank Balance March 31, 1966		2,763.30
		7,646.18

We urge the local churches and Presbyteries to be most careful in endorsing applicants for Lamb Fund aid-loans.

Recommendation: That the following be approved by Synod for Lamb Fund aid-loan for the 1966-67 school year in the amount of \$400.00 each, if they take a full scholastic load, upon meeting the requirements of the plan, funds permitting.

Stephen E. Smallman, Augusta Street Church, Greenville, S.C., Southeast Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Joseph Jarrell Little, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Levittown, Pa., Philadelphia Presbytery, Reformed Episcopal Seminary; Ralph John McMechen, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Duaneburg, New York, Northeast Presbytery, Barrington College; Arthur E. Scott, Covenant Church, Cherry Hill, N.J., Northeast Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; John Henry Barnes, Covenant Church, St. Louis, Mo., Southern Presbytery, Covenant College; Charles Eckardt, Quarryville, Pa., Philadelphia Presbytery; William Swenson, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Wash., Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Frank P. Crane, Covenant Church, St. Louis, Mo., Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Rochne Myers McCarty, St. Louis, Mo., Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Jules David Winscott, Hazelwood Church, St. Louis, Mo., Central Presbytery, Westminster Seminary; Walter Leroy Gienapp, Cono Center Church, Walker, Iowa, Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Robert Fiol, Covenant Church, St. Louis, Mo., Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary; Robert Wildeman Jr., Bethel Church, Central Presbytery, Covenant Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Trustees of the Lamb  
and Theological Seminary Fund

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the location of each man applying for aid be listed, and that Mr. David Hein be added to the list for aid.

It was moved and seconded that all applicants be referred back to the Trustees for their further consideration and report back to this Synod. An amendment was moved and seconded, that only those men who have real need be recommended by their presbyteries for aid. An amendment to this amendment was made and seconded, adding "subject to the approval of legal counsel." A further amendment was made and seconded, that the presbyteries submit to the Trustees with the name of each approved candidate a statement as to his educational background and have endorsement of each applicant. It was moved and seconded to divide the motion between the original motion and the amendments. This was ruled out of order. The original motion was carried without the amendments. It was moved and seconded to reconsider the original motion and amendments, which was ruled out of order. It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommit the original motion and amendments.

Rev. Arthur Kay presented the report of Christian Training, Inc.

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.

Fathers and Brethren:

During the past year, your servants on the board and staff of Christian Training, Inc. have become increasingly aware of the responsibility to encourage and assist in the training programs of individuals, families, churches, and Christian schools. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to teach and to reproduce teachers; he associated this work with spiritual strength and endurance (II Timothy 2:1-3). Backed by your continued prayers and encouragement, we are going to progress in this work of the church.

#### *Acting General Secretary's Activities*

In addition to his duties as National Youth Director of RPYF, the Rev. Arthur L. Kay has continued to administrate the over-all work of C.T.I. and manage the Evangelical Book Store. During 1965-66 he traveled extensively, participating in missionary conferences, seminars, S.S. staff meetings, and presbytery meetings. Like other agency administrators, he has supplied vacant pulpits, preached for vacationing pastors, and represented the denomination before independent groups, some desiring to affiliate with our Synod.

During 1965-66 nearly every presbytery was visited, including first-time trips for C.T.I. to the

Great Plains, Pacific-Northwest, and California Presbyteries.

#### *Distinctive Publications*

During this year, we have mailed out information on C.T.I.'s work, family worship materials, and many distinctive publications. *William the Baptist*, *Biblical Church Government*, *Westminster Confession of Faith Study Manual*, *Meaningful Church Membership*, and *Simple Salvation Studies* have been profitably used by many of our churches. The above-mentioned Study Manual (Williamson) is highly recommended as a thorough, recent work on the Confession; you may not agree with the author's position on some matters, but you will find his content, questions, and answers most helpful and thought-provoking.

#### *A Valuable Service*

The Evangelical Book Store, (mail-order literature and supply house) is operated by C.T.I. and provides efficient, fast, and personal service for ordering your needs. Profits go directly into the work of C.T.I. We appreciate the increasing number of churches using this service and urge others to follow their lead. When we serve you, you support our work.

We also were privileged to publish the "Form of Government" of our Synod and to prepare and distribute an attractive "Directory of Churches and Ministers" as directed by the Administrative Committee.

#### *Great Commission Publications*

During this year, Mr. Kay has been invited to sit in on meetings of the staff preparing Sunday school materials. Work is progressing on the Intermediate Department, with the Senior High and Primary materials now available. Use of these materials is recommended by C.T.I.

#### *Christian Training, Inc. to Move*

We will be moving again soon. Recently, we were informed that 907 N. Broom is going to be demolished in order to build a school. Our new street address will be: Christian Training, Inc., Airport Rd. and Edinburgh Drive, Newcastle, Delaware 19720. Our new mailing address will be: Christian Training, Inc., Box 5050, Wilmington, Delaware 19808.

Actually, we now need more space and at this new location we will have full use of a six-room home with full basement for C.T.I., R.P.Y.F., and Evangelical Book Store activities.



### *General Secretary*

Continue to pray with members of our board for direction in calling God's man to this position. A man is needed who can coordinate a synod-wide program that will provide motivation for the use of available materials and techniques. The Rev. Robert Palmer, present NPM missionary at Bethany Presbyterian Church (Newcastle, Del.), has been granted permission by his session and NPM to devote some time to counselling in this field beginning next September. Mr. Palmer has had extensive training and experience in Christian education. Support him with your prayers as we make use of some of his time and talent.

#### *Worthy Goals for 1966-67*

1. Encourage individual and family devotions.
2. Encourage organized Bible study.
3. Be involved in the operation, support, or planning for a Christian school.
4. Participate enthusiastically in the synod-wide Sunday school contest, October 2 to November 6. Theme: "Seafaring with Christ." Pray for lasting results. Last year's winners:
  - Division I—Bowling Green, Ky.
  - Division II—Huntsville, Ala.
  - Division III—Covenant, St. Louis, Mo.
5. Start or strengthen your own local Christian Education Committee, officer-training program, teacher-training course, and membership-training class.
6. Include Christian Training, Inc. in your church budget.
7. Use materials and services that Christian Training, Inc. provides.
8. Use Rally Day for a special emphasis on Christian Education. Receive a special offering for the work of Christian Training, Inc. on that day.
9. Share ideas and materials used in your program with others. Christian Training, Inc. is glad to serve as a "clearing-house" for this.
10. Pray for one another in this work that involves every local church and mission station.
11. Benefit from the Robert Young Bequest.

#### *Conclusion*

Training in the Word of God is desperately needed, and the opportunity is before us. We need more foreign missionaries—we need more churches established in this post-Christian nation—we desperately need increased faithful support for our College, and especially our Seminary.

The source of supplying that need is as close to us as the young adults and children in our local churches and homes. Moses gave God's message to Israel, replete with warnings and promises; you can't help but see in Deuteronomy the great stress on home training. ". . . Thou shalt teach them (God's Words) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Respectfully,  
Arthur L. Kay  
Acting General Secretary  
Christian Training, Inc.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR

##### Fathers and Brethren:

There is an increasing urgency about work with young people because the greater part of our population is under 25 years of age and there is an increase of social, psychological, and educational pressures being exerted by dedicated forces that are satanic. Young minds are easily impressed by people who mean business and too often those who expound the "new morality" and "the dead God" philosophy outstrip Christian teachers and leaders in their dedication to this task.

Youth work demands the best advisors and teachers. The very future of our Church will be determined by our faithfulness in taking hold of covenants and instructions that involve the next generation. Young people need godly adults who know how to love young people as they are and where they are in life. Too often prayerless and spiritually weak adults harshly judge needy and seeking teenagers and children.

The value of our present activities cannot be measured by the hundreds that attend camps, conferences, and retreats or by the few that go on to Covenant College and Covenant Seminary. We need to face up to the thousands that slip through our grasp because we half-heartedly conduct "meetings" instead of "whole-heartedly" studying and applying new means of contacting and reaching the nearest and most productive mission field in the world.

Reformed Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, an arm of Christian Training, Inc., desires to serve in the following ways:

1. Visit local churches and groups of churches to train youth advisors.

2. Prepare, in cooperation with the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanter), youth kits to be used in weekly training hours. These are now available on a subscription basis.

3. Encourage national, regional, and local leadership conferences for young people. We need to appeal to teen-agers as future leaders, and encourage them to think and speak their thoughts.

4. Sponsor the *Student Summer Service* program. During the summer of 1966 we expect to have teams of college and high school young people serving at U.S. mission stations, churches, and at WPM's Grand Cayman Island church.

5. Conduct camps and retreats that employ new methods of group dynamics to encourage involvement on the part of youth.

6. Publish "Presby-Teen," an RPYF periodical prepared by young people under Mr. Kay's direction.

7. Produce lists of "good reading" for youth on many subjects.

8. Conduct the 1966 Horn Creek Leadership Conference that has been such a blessing in the past. The next National RPYF Conference after this, is scheduled for 1969. Your youth work will gain if you have representatives at Horn Creek this year.

9. We will again send congratulations and encouragement to this year's high school graduates. Pastors are urged to submit lists as soon as possible.

Where there is confidence in the Word of God and dedication on the part of Christian adults there are definite results. Please continue to pray for and support this work.

Respectfully,  
Arthur L. Kay  
National Youth Director

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.  
Period Covered: 3-1-65 - 2-28-66

Bank Balance, February 28, 1965		\$1,482.95	
Total Receipts, 3-1-65 - 2-28-66 (12 months)		14,484.56	
INCOME		\$15,967.51	\$15,967.51
Total Expenditures, 3-1-65 - 2-28-66 (12 months)			13,393.44
Bank Balance, 2-28-66			\$2,574.07
A. Youth Work and General Fund—Receipts and Expenditures			
<i>Receipts:</i>	<i>Youth Work</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	
Personal Gifts	\$1,262.50	\$600.75	
Churches and Related Organizations	3,711.17	7,219.97	
	4,973.67	7,820.72	\$12,794.39
<i>Expenditures:</i>			
Salary and Expenses	4,973.67	3,262.35	
Secretarial Services		3,276.14	
Office Rent		600.00	
Pension Payments		120.00	
Gift Receipt Blanks		46.00	
Incorporation Costs		21.00	
Meeting Expenses		138.92	
Sunday School Contest Trophies		42.16	
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation		100.00	
	\$4,973.67	\$7,606.57	12,580.24
		Balance 2-28-66	\$214.15
B. Other Receipts and Expenditures			
1. Robert Young Bequest Fund			
<i>Receipts:</i> Interest transfer from Bd. of Education, RPC General Synod in June 1965	\$665.71		

Additional interest, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters	191.88		
	<u>857.59</u>		
<i>Expenditures:</i> For Catechisms	15.70		
Balance 2-28-66	<u>\$841.89</u>		841.89
2. Miscellaneous			
<i>Receipts:</i> Hilltop Camp Registrations	\$597.50		
Rally Day Offerings	115.08		
Rev. R. H. Cox pension payments	120.00		
	<u>\$832.58</u>	\$832.58	
<i>Expenditures:</i> Hilltop Camp Costs	677.50		
Rev. R. H. Cox pension costs	120.00		
	<u>797.50</u>	797.50	
Balance 2-28-66		\$35.08	35.08
Total Balance 2-28-66			<u>\$1,091.12</u>
Bank Balance 2-28-65			1,482.95
Bank Balance 2-28-66			<u>\$2,574.07</u>
FINANCIAL REPORT—PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT			
Period Covered: 3-1-65 - 2-28-66			
Bank Balance, February 28, 1965		\$2,534.36	
Total Receipts, 3-31-65 - 2-28-66		18,184.89	
Income		<u>\$20,719.25</u>	\$20,719.25
Total Expenditures, 3-1-65 - 2-28-66			17,226.10
Bank Balance, 2-28-66			<u>\$3,493.15</u>

*Receipts:* From Churches for Sunday School Supplies, etc. \$18,184.89

*Expenditures:*

To Publishers and Vendors of Church and S.S. Supplies	\$14,014.59
For Utilities	437.12
For Office Expense	1,234.39
Final Payment on WPM Loan	105.00
Printing of <i>William the Baptist</i>	747.50
Printing of Directories	166.10
Printing of "Form of Government"	470.45
Tracts	25.70
Gift from Individual to Christian Training, Inc.	4.00
Return of Prepayment for Unpublished Booklet	12.25
Sunday School Contest	9.00
	<u>\$17,226.10</u>

*Outstanding Indebtedness as of February 28, 1966*

Borrowed to maintain our credit standing:

\$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert B. Wood, Treasurer

*Audit of Christian Training, Inc.*

March 1, 1965, to February 28, 1966

Balance March 1, 1965		\$1482.95
	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
March	\$1262.42	\$915.44
April	1278.87	1127.24
May	1722.34	1477.65
June	1658.38	1053.28
July	987.50	933.39
August	775.33	910.03
September	1009.43	1074.59
October	1131.48	1479.75
November	1743.50	1079.58
December	1199.72	1024.05
January	636.96	1194.33
February	1078.63	1124.11
Totals	\$14484.56	\$13393.44
Balance, February 28, 1966		\$2574.07
Bank Balance as of February 28, 1966		\$2874.07
Less: Outstanding Checks--		
133--Arthur Kay		\$250.00
134--John Ledden		50.00
300.00		
Balance per books, February 28, 1966		\$2574.07

The books, bank statement, and financial report for year March 1, 1965, to February 28, 1966, have been audited and found correct.

4-16-66

C. O. Dehner

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Christian Training be allowed to have a speaker at the 145th Synod. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this recommendation be referred to the newly elected Administrative Committee. It was further moved, seconded, and carried that Synod instruct the Administrative Committee to make room for a presentation of Christian training, as provided by Christian Training, Inc., if at all feasible.

Christian Training, Inc. presented the following responses to overtures from presbyteries referred to it, which, upon motion, were adopted by Synod:

1. We recommend that Synod answer the overture from the Pacific Northwest Presbytery by directing Christian Training, Inc. to prepare a brochure concerning the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod especially designed to use with new members and those outside our de-

nomination.

2. We answer the overture from the California Presbytery by stating that we are already recommending the use of Great Commission Publications by our churches, and that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church already has invited representatives of Christian Training, Inc. to sit in on planning meetings regarding materials. Also, because of heavy financial commitments within our own Synod, we cannot now help financially in the publication of the OPC materials.

Mr. Hoogstrate presented the nominees for the Trustees of the Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund. Dr. Wilber Wallis and Mr. McGregor Scott were nominated from the floor. Ralph Ruth, James Scott, McGregor Scott, and Franklin Dyrness were elected to the Class of 1969.

Mr. Hoogstrate then presented the nominees for Christian Training, Inc. James Kiefer, George Soltau, John Long, and Leonard Pitcher were nominated from the floor. Charles Anderson, John Clark, Richard Gray, James Kiefer, Howard Oakley, George Smith, George Soltau, and Robert Webber were elected to the Class of 1969.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the final report of the Nominating Committee be the first business after lunch.

At this time Rev. Raymond P. Joseph brought fraternal greetings from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

Rev. Frank Smick presented the remainder of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. Upon motion, the Committee's answers to overtures Q and R were adopted. It was moved and seconded that the Committee's answer to overture T be adopted. A substitute motion was made and seconded, that baptized covenant children should not participate in the Lord's Supper until they become communicant members. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this subject be referred to the Committee on the Form of Government. Upon motion, the Committee's answers to overture U, part 2 and overture V were adopted.

Mr. Linder presented the report of the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD TREASURER

Mr. Moderator, Fathers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report that, after several months of touch and go in meeting the financial needs of Synod, the Lord has provided sufficient funds to pay all outstanding and current indebtedness of this

Synod, except applications for commissioners' expenses.

Whereas only thirty-six churches contributed to the expenses of Synod in the past, seventy-one churches contributed this year. I have received replies from thirty-four churches indicating a willingness to provide for the expenses of their commissioners to Synod.

In view of the steady progress being made in the adoption of the 75c per member plan adopted by Synod last year, I would recommend a continuance of this plan as a program to our churches.

I would also recommend that the treasurer, at his option, be permitted to make a special appeal to the churches to enable individuals to contribute to the needs of Synod.

I would also recommend that agencies of Synod contribute in some way to the expense of running Synod, since Synod is indeed their sounding board and their authority.

I would urge the adoption of a budget of \$7,500 for Synod, which can be financed adequately by the 75c per member plan. If your church is not now participating, talk to your Session and encourage the church to participate.

In correspondence with Mr. Meiners I have learned that the former Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod was unable to meet approximately \$500 of expenses which were owed to him personally. Mr. Meiners asked me not to bring this officially to Synod. I recommend that the united Synod meet this debt if and as funds are available.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Linder, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT for year ending May 2, 1966

Income:

Balance April 1, 1965  
\$1,579.58

Receipts:

Ministerial Welfare	\$959.59
Income 143rd General Synod	728.12
Individual and Church Support	5,112.53
Agency reimbursement of treasurer's bond	100.80
Income from sale of minutes	79.00
Total income April 1, 1965	
Total income April 1, 1965 to May 3, 1966	6,980.04

Total Funds Available for Fiscal Year \$8,559.62

Expenditures:

143rd General Synod	
1,442.61	
Commissioner's Expenses	927.77
J. T. Bayly, speaker's expenses	185.75
Covenant College, clerical help and supplies	103.69
Printing, uniting programs	72.25
Advertising	50.00
Legal Expenses, uniting documents	103.15
Ministerial Welfare	
857.09	
Minutes Expense	
1,500.82	
Printing & Binding 1964 minutes EPC	213.00
Printing and Mailing minutes 143rd Synod, RPCES	670.82
Printing and Mailing minutes 142nd Synod RPCNAGS	617.00
Miscellaneous Printing	
36.63	
Forms of Government to OPC	21.12
Statistical Forms	15.51
Fraternal Relations Travel Exp.	
5.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	
73.80	
Stationery, stencils, envelopes, etc.	23.80
Postage (appeal letters)	50.00
Salaries, Pensions, Social Security	
3,234.00	
Rev. Harry Meiners	2,062.50
Mrs. H. Meiners	825.00
Pension, H. Meiners & R. Hastings	270.00
Social Security to Jan. 1—H. Meiners	76.50
Office Rental	
400.00	

Total Expenditures Apr 1, 1965 - May 3, 1966 7,549.95

Balance Checking Account May 3, 1966 1,009.67

Respectfully submitted,  
George Linder, Treasurer

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod continue the 75c per member plan and the treasurer contact the churches that have not contributed. Upon motion, Elder Horace Crosby, (98 years

of age) was seated as a corresponding member of Synod.

Upon motion, Synod recessed at 12:45 p.m. with prayer by Hugh Powlison.

#### SEVENTH SEDERUNT, MONDAY, 2:00 P.M.

The Moderator called the court to order and asked Mr. Oakley to offer the constituting prayer. The final report of the Nominating Committee was presented. On all but the Committee on Chaplains, there were no nominations from the floor. Rev. Daniel Fannon was nominated for the Committee on Chaplains. The following men were elected to the Class of 1969:

*Fraternal Relations Committee:* Dr. Marion Barnes, Dr. J. Oliver Buswell Jr., Dr. Gordon H. Clark, Dr. Thomas Cross, Dr. Richard Gray, Dr. Frank Dyrness, Dr. R. Laird Harris, Rev. Kenneth Horner, Rev. Donald J. MacNair, Rev. Edward T. Noe, Dr. Robert Rayburn, Rev. Samuel Ward.

*Ministerial Relief and Benefits:* Franklin Dyrness, Charles Eckardt, George Linder.

*Trustees of Synod:* O. Black, F. Dyrness, P. Edwards, C. Eckardt, D. MacNair.

*Judicial Commission:* Regular—L. Harris, K. Horner; Alternates—W. Mahlow, J. Sanderson.

*Treasurer:* George Linder.

*Chaplains:* G. Bragdon, L. Donaldson, A. Glasser, W. Leonard.

*Board of Home Missions:* R. Brinkley, M. Freeland, C. Stewart, D. Sutton.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Nominating Committee be instructed to include on the major boards and committees, as nearly as possible, representatives of all the Presbyteries.

At this time Rev. William Bierling brought fraternal greetings from the Christian Reformed Church, speaking of contemporary matters facing his church, with some statistics of the church.

Upon motion, Rev. James Miller was seated as a visiting brother.

Mr. Ward presented the report of the Board of Home Missions. Upon motion, the recommendation was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The work of the Board of Home Missions is concentrated in the Children's Home and Boarding School in Breathitt County, near Jackson, in Kentucky.

God has been good in adding Rev. and Mrs. Ned

Brande to the staff of Houston Mission. Mr. Brande, a graduate of Covenant Seminary, teaches grades 4-8 as his main responsibility, but also acts as housefather to the older boys. Mrs. Nancy Brande, a registered nurse and graduate of Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis in cooperation with Covenant College, helps Mrs. McNutt cook and with the general housework.

The Lord has also added Miss Linda Kanallagan from near Alton, Illinois, to the staff. She helps with the general housework and acts as housemother to the younger children.

Miss Norma Kunz, a graduate of Kansas City Bible College and Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, teaches the lower grades. She has taught four years. We praise God for her dedication to the Lord and her personal witness to the children.

We point out an urgent need for another couple to help in the work. A woman to help with the housekeeping and housemother responsibilities; the man to perform maintenance work and to be overseer of the boys' work.

There are 23 children living in the dormitory, plus five McNutt boys, making a total of 28, and six staff workers. The Mission has been given custody of eleven of these children. This is a definite increase and we are expecting this to continue to increase. The Superintendent has made a contact with the Juvenile Court of Breathitt County that should give us custody of more children.

We expect to cooperate with Christian Training, Inc. in the Student Summer Service program. We will have at least six workers for the summer. We expect to use these girls to lighten the load of the full-time workers as well as certain improvement projects for the dorm and school. There will also be groups from at least two churches who will come for a week of work at improvement projects.

The Superintendent has, according to the instruction of the Home Board, presented the work of the Mission in 32 churches this past year, 22 of these had never had such a presentation. He also spoke in Covenant Seminary and John Knox College, Wilmington, Delaware. He feels that this has been beneficial in many ways, two of which are a wider base of prayer support and some increase in the number of churches giving to the Mission. However, we need to pray that the Lord will give an added burden for the needs of the Board of Home Missions to our churches.

During the year, Sunday school worship services were held each Sunday. We thank God for the provision of Rev. Ned Brande to minister to the church while the pastor was away. The staff meets regularly for discussion, Bible study and prayer. We have seen real spiritual growth in many of the children.

The school has continued to stress memorization of Bible verses. There are 18 who have earned a week at Camp Nathaniel. This represents learning 200 verses. Pray for these children for we know that God's word will not return unto Him void, but will bear fruit as the Lord of the Harvest waters it. Margaret Hensley memorized the Shorter Catechism and part of Psalm 119.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the remodeling of the kitchen. Two men, Mr. Al Hocanson from Darlington, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Al Mitchell from Lexington, Kentucky, spent eight working days of their vacation here doing this very needed job. The cooks are happy to have plenty of drawers and cupboard space for the first time. We all want to thank these men for their labor of love.

Please pray for the Student Summer Service workers coming in the summer, and the new children who will be coming for the next school year. Pray that we will be full to overflowing this year.

This work is supported by the gifts of churches and individuals as the Lord leads them to give. All the members of the Board are pastors or elders who serve without remuneration. We urge the churches to consider this part of our denominational outreach when they plan their benevolence programs.

Those who would like to know something of the history of Houston Mission are referred to the Minutes of the Synod of 1965, page 49.

We make one recommendation. That Synod commend the superintendent to the churches as a representative of the work of Houston Mission so that the people of the denomination may give and pray more intelligently.

In His Service,

William E. McNutt, Superintendent  
Samuel S. Ward, President of the Board

P.S. All contributions for Houston Mission should be given to the local church treasurer, or sent to the Rev. Harry Meiners, 1818 Missouri Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

Rev. John Buswell reported for the Committee on Presbytery Boundaries. Upon motion, the recommendation was adopted.

*Committee:* Ted Engstrom, John W. Buswell, Richard Brinkley, Raymond Wright, James Perry, Borden Ellis.

WHEREAS the boundary line between the Midwestern and the Central Presbyteries has been drawn along the Mississippi River, and

WHEREAS this boundary line divides a geographical cluster of churches in the greater St. Louis-East St. Louis area, and

WHEREAS the churches in the area including Iowa, North Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana, though they might be made a separate Presbytery, yet desire at this time to have affiliation with other churches in these two presbyteries,

THEREFORE the Temporary Committee on Boundaries recommends the merging of these two Presbyteries for the next few years, with the name Midwestern Presbytery.

MOVED that the Moderators, Vice-Moderators, and Clerks of the two Presbyteries get together at this Synod to work out arrangements and procedures for merger.

The final report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented: The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that the duties of the Administrative Committee of Synod be defined as follows:

That this Committee function between Synods, with the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, to assist in carrying out the actions of Synod, to assist in promoting the interests of the church as a whole by being an expediting body, a clearing house, and a guiding voice for all activities and programs of Synod not specifically assigned to other agencies, committees, and officers. Upon motion, this recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Horner presented the report of the Judicial Commission. He stated the functions of the Commission and asked if Synod wants to make the decisions on the matters referred, or have the Commission make the decisions. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod ask the Commission to make the final decisions on these matters rather than have them debated and decided on the floor of Synod.

Upon motion, the petition from members of the Darlington congregation was referred to the Judicial Commission.



The Judicial Commission presented its final report.

1. Reply to Overture from Northeast Presbytery concerning announcement of censure. It is our opinion that the words "shall be announced to the church" do require some form of notification to the congregation when an officer or a member is given one of the mentioned forms of censure. It is our opinion further, however, that whereas this would seem to be called for in the case of an officer, because of his office, it might not always be deemed expedient in the case of private members, and that consideration should be given to some modification in this provision in the new Book of Discipline now being prepared. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod)

2. Reply to Overture from Midwestern Presbytery regarding congregation minutes being included in session minutes. There is nothing in the Form of Government that would require inclusion of congregational meeting minutes in the sessional record book. We recognize, however, that such minutes are vital information in the affairs of the church, and we recommend that our churches make provision whereby these minutes will be included in some manner in the minute book, preferably in a separate section under the title Congregational Meetings. Otherwise, the Presbytery would not be able in some instances to oversee the work of our churches adequately. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod.)

3. Reply to Overture from Southern Presbytery regarding dissolution of pastoral relationship. Dissolution of the pastoral relationship is in the hands of the Presbytery. According to the Form of Government, Chapter 5, Par. 7, Section i, the congregation must be cited to appear by its commissioners, and it is our opinion that these commissioners may not speak for the congregation without congregational action. This procedure is consistent with the calling of a pastor, which also must be by congregational action. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod.)

4. Our Form of Government does not specifically cover the case of the appointment of a Moderator for a divided congregation when the pastor is both present and able to act. The F.O.G., Chap. II, sect. 6 covers only the case of a vacant congregation. This situation requires a Moderator duly appointed by the Presbytery. The F.O.G. II, 10, f allows a

session to elect any minister of this denomination to moderate a particular meeting of the session. It is suggested that our Form of Government committee should give attention to specifying the procedure in the case envisaged in the overture.

Presbyterian precedent suggests that in cases where a congregation is seriously divided over some issue involving the pastor, another minister of this denomination should be asked to moderate the particular congregational meeting. The important thing is to have a moderator in which all factions of the church would have confidence. Therefore a Moderator agreed upon in advance by all parties should be satisfactory. If the Moderator of the Presbytery can use his good offices to nominate such a man and the pastor and session would agree to the appointment, it would be in line with Presbyterian precedent, we believe. A pastor should not moderate a seriously divided congregational meeting if the division involves himself.

The Commission recommends that our Form of Government Committee propose additions to our F.O.G. in line with these principles. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod.)

5. Reply to the overture of the Midwestern Presbytery on Darlington Church. The matters of the Darlington congregation have been the subject of a complaint and judicial decision which involved the matters brought up in this overture.

The Judicial Commission has conferred with members of the Presbytery holding varying views on the situation. The Presbytery of Pittsburgh voted on January 21 to investigate the congregation by committee and reported on March 3, 1966, as stated in the overture. The committee diligently investigated both the members and the session and gave particular attention to rumors of doctrinal laxity of the session. The members of the Committee of the Presbytery did not find evidence that the elders are any of them guilty of departure from our Standards in the matters named in the overture or in any other significant doctrinal matter. The Commission believes that no trial or further investigation is necessary although it is to be remembered that the courts of the church are always open to consider such matters, if others have evidence that the Committee of Presbytery did not uncover. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod.)

6. Reply to petition submitted to Synod by 54 members of Darlington Church, dated April 28,

1966. To those who signed the petition dated April 26, 1966, asking Synod to investigate the Darlington situation and asserting that the Presbytery erred in the action which it took regarding Rev. Robert L. Craggs, we reply that this matter came before the Synod meeting at Glenn Eyrie, May 4 to 10, in the form of a complaint from members of Presbytery and an overture from the Midwestern Presbytery which also requested an investigation. The Synod committed the matter to its Judicial Commission for investigation and decision.

After investigating the matter through questioning representatives of both sides at the Synod meeting, the Commission found it necessary to refuse to sustain the complaint. A full report is found in the published decision. The Commission also prepared the reply to the overture from Midwestern Presbytery, which was in turn adopted by Synod. This reply as adopted by synod is found in paragraph 5 above.

We submit this to you also as Synod's answer to your petition. Be assured of our continued prayers that God will iron out the difficulties in the church and make it a vibrant and faithful witness for the Lord in spite of, and perhaps partly because of, the trials which it has recently endured. (Upon motion, this was adopted by Synod.)

Rev. Frank Smick reported, on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, that the subject of union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has been answered by the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee and adopted by the Synod; he moved, and it was seconded, that this be the Synod's decision. A substitute motion was made and seconded, that we proceed with union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on the basis of the standards of the 1936 formation of the Presbyterian Church of America.

The order of the day was called for, and Synod recessed from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.

A second substitute motion was made and seconded, that we encourage our Fraternal Relations Committee in its talks with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, working toward a plan of union. This was carried. The substitute motion, becoming the main motion, was carried.

Upon motion, Messrs. Seth Dyrness and Hugh Powlison were seated as visiting brethren.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that a letter

of condolence be sent to Rev. David Alexander, whose father recently died in Ireland. The Moderator called upon Rev. Kenneth Horner to lead in prayer for the Alexander family.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to convene at 7:30 this evening. Upon motion, Synod recessed and was led in prayer by Rev. Leonard Van Horn.

#### EIGHTH SEDERUNT, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the Synod to order and asked Mr. Brinkley to lead in prayer. Several missionaries spoke to Synod, and a speaker from Young Life. The Moderator announced the following appointments to the Committee on the Form of Government: J. O. Buswell Jr., Harold Mare (Chairman), David Gardner, Robert Rayburn, Richard Gray, John Sanderson, Harry Meiners.

Rev. Paul Alexander presented the report of the Committee on Racial Questions. Synod was led in prayer by Dr. Elmer Smick for patience and wisdom during the discussion of this report. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod go into a committee of the whole. The Moderator relinquished the chair and asked Mr. Noe to serve as chairman of the committee of the whole. The committee spent the next two or more hours in a very thorough study and discussion of the report, and made several amendments. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the committee adopt the statement, as amended, and arise and report.

#### REPORT ON RACIAL QUESTIONS

God commands all men everywhere to repent of their sin, trusting in Jesus Christ, the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. The church is entrusted with the proclamation of this saving message to all nations, for God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. This thesis lies on the face of the New Testament, in fulfillment of the promises of the Old. This is what the New Covenant is all about.

The question is, are we acting in consistency with the universality of God's offer and the demand laid upon the church to be faithful in making God's saving grace known to all? Does not the church have the responsibility to make the Gospel known to all within her reach regardless of educational, vocational, economical, cultural, national, or racial distinction, in accord with the parting command of

our Saviour and Lord: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20a, ASV)? This command, not only to preach the gospel, but to make full disciples of all nations, compels us to give due consideration to the following passages of Scripture with regard to the racial question.

Acts 17:22-34. This passage has been used to support both segregation and integration. Verse 26 is used on the one hand to support the unity of the human race ("of one blood all nations") and on the other hand to support a division of the human race ("hath determined . . . the bounds of their habitation"). The word "blood" does not actually appear in the Greek text, so the phrase is better translated "hath made of one (stock, or forefather) the whole race of men," or "every nation of mankind." The expression about the bounds of habitation is parallel to God's determining of "the times before appointed" and thus is expressing God's sovereign governance of geography as well as history. Whatever happens in human affairs, the turning points that divide epochs and the fluctuations of territory, is all determined by the living and true God. Paul, in speaking to Athenians who believed themselves superior to other peoples, is here emphasizing the unity of mankind, all of whom are called to repent because all will be judged by one, even Christ. There is a single Creator and Lord (24) and thus we are all in the same situation, (27-29) and there is one redemption for all (30-31).

Genesis 9:18-27. The so called Hamitic curse is often applied to the modern race problem. It has not been demonstrated exegetically, linguistically, or historically that negroes are descended from Ham; even if they were, the curse applies specifically to Canaan, father of those who later lived in the Promised Land. Whatever we take the "Hamitic curse" to mean, if it is relevant at all to the modern race situation, it is as a curse to be counteracted by the gospel and Christian love. The curse the Jews pronounced on themselves at Calvary did not prevent Paul from wishing himself accursed for them. This is the Christian attitude. Jesus became a curse for us, who were under the Edenic curse.

Genesis 10:32-11:9. It has been argued from the Tower of Babel account that God opposes unifica-

tion of mankind, including world government and the ecumenical movement, with which racial integration is often associated. It should be pointed out that the division of Genesis 11 was not at first racial, but linguistic. The descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth were actually intermixed geographically. More important, the Lord's apparent reason for dividing the people was because of their evil motives in developing a concentrated civilization (4, 6). Pentecost is an example of God's overcoming this very language barrier when the motive for association and unity was honoring to God. One of the biggest tasks of the missionary effort is to get over this obstacle of language; so again the gospel overcomes such divisions.

Luke 10:25-37. The parable of the Good Samaritan is an illustration by Christ of the summary of the second table of the law, the Old Testament verse most quoted in the New Testament, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The Samaritan occupied in Jewish society somewhat the position that the Negro and other minority racial groups have had in American society, and for good reasons—as given in the account of their origin and religious practice in II Kings 17:24-41 and Ezra 4:1-3. The continued mutual distrust and enmity between Jew and Samaritan is reflected in the New Testament in the account of the woman at the well in John 4. Yet to illustrate the meaning of "love thy neighbor," Jesus uses the Samaritan here pictured as neighbor to the wounded Jew. Samaria is also specifically included in the Great Commission (Acts 1:8), and in Acts 8 Philip the Evangelist, who also testified of Jesus to the Ethiopian eunuch, started the work there. Since the commandment to "love thy neighbour as thyself" is the very essence of the Christian life at the level of our relations with our fellow man, it is of particular significance that Jesus uses the most despised of peoples as an example of this command. To the Jew of the Old Testament the application was specifically made to the "stranger" (Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19), to whom the Negro and other minority racial groups in America might be said to be analogous.

James 2:1-9. This passage quotes the command "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," calling it the royal law, and applies it to the area of church attendance. Respect of persons in this area is regarded as inconsistent with the Christian faith and as actual sin. The first verse indicates that respect

of persons cannot be held in combination with faith in the Lord of glory, before whom all human distinctions pale into insignificance. (Compare I Corinthians 1:27-29 " . . . that no flesh should glory in his presence.") James accuses the Christians of despising those whom God has chosen (5-6a). Verses 2 and 3 give a practical example of what respect of persons is: a distinction on the basis of race would seem to be no different from the distinction here made on the basis of wealth with regard to the main point of respect of persons. Verse 4 shows there is something wrong in the heart of the one who so discriminates. Deuteronomy 1:16-17 shows that God operated without respecting persons or, literally, "acknowledging faces," and in Deuteronomy 10:17-19 the concept of regarding not persons is directly connected with the command to love the stranger. God's way of dealing with man is not according to any racial or social distinction (Romans 2:6-11, Ephesians 6:5-9, Colossians 3:23-25). But not only is respect of persons inconsistent with the Christian faith; it is also actual sin, as James says in verse 9. Peter, like many Jews of his time, had such a prejudice to overcome (Acts 10:34-35); but even though he recognized the principle, he still found it difficult to apply in practice, and Paul had to rebuke him publicly at Antioch, as indicated in Galatians 2:11-14. Although it takes time for human blind spots to be recognized and changed, it is important that the church recognize sin as sin. A cardinal principle of the gospel is involved here in the basic equality of all sinners before God (Romans 3:23) and of all believers in Christ (Colossians 3:11, Galatians 3:28). The guiding principle for Christians in such matters is the mind of Christ, which includes each esteeming other better than himself (Philippians 2:3-5).

I Corinthians 6:15-17, 7:16, 30. These verses relate to the subject of intermarriage, especially the last verse and the last clause: "only in the Lord." While we are aware that our findings are open to revision on the basis of further study, it is striking that in all of Paul's discussion of marriage this is the one principle that is stressed in regard to whom one should marry. This is not to say that marriage to any Christian is necessarily expedient, but the only marriage clearly prohibited is that of a believer to an unbeliever. We can find no explicit Scriptural principle against inter-cultural marriage of believers. One cause for hesitation, however, would seem

to be involved in the wisdom of marriage between diverse cultures and in the concern for the children of such a union being born into a prejudiced society, and we recognize that there may be further causes.

I John 4:20-21, 3:16-19. These verses are included for the sake of application of the principles which have been set forth above. The basis for the love of our neighbour is the knowledge that he bears the image of God, his creator (Genesis 9:6). For that very reason John argues that if a man does not love his brother he cannot claim to love God. The passage in the third chapter shows that this love for our brother must be manifest not in words only, but in action. We believe that this means that we must offer the right hand of fellowship in a genuine sense to brothers in Christ of other ethnic groups. If we know that it is the Lord's will that in heaven believers from every nation shall worship Him together (Revelation :9-10, 7:9-10), then let us sincerely mean it when we pray the petition: "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

In summary, then—the Bible maintains the unity of the human race before the one redeemer and judge, Jesus Christ; if the "Hamitic curse" applies at all to the Negro, it is as something to be counteracted by the gospel; the confounding of tongues at the Tower of Babel was because of sin and in no way prevents unity for the glory of God—in fact Pentecost indicates the opposite; the Good Samaritan points us "love thy neighbour" as the essence of the Christian life and shows that this includes the most despised member of the human race; James' admonition against respect of persons rules out any discrimination in the matter of church attendance as contrary to the faith and as sin; and genuine love for God (and genuine salvation) is revealed in a genuine love for all the brethren.

We look upon our approach to the Negro, whether Christian or unbeliever, in a spirit of repentance, and we exhort one another to greater obedience to the Great Commission to make disciples and to Christ's commandment to His disciples of whatever race, "That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

We move that this statement be adopted by Synod and sent to our church sessions for study.

The Committee and Synod heartily invite the comments and suggestions of our members and

friends who may study this Report. Address your remarks to Committee Chairman: Rev. Will Barker, 215 Pied Piper Trail, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 37350.

Upon motion, the Synod adopted the amended Report on Racial Questions. Upon motion, the Synod recessed at 12:30 a.m. and was led in prayer by Rev. Lynden Stewart.

NINTH SEDERUNT, TUESDAY, 9:00 A.M.

The Moderator called the Synod to order. A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Harold S. Laird, who read I Corinthians 15:51-57 and read the following memorials.

*Memorial*

On June 14, 1965, while waiting for a bus on which to return home from work, Raymond A. Heist was taken into the presence of his Lord.

"Ray," as he was affectionately known to his many friends and fellow Christians, was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Missouri, from its inception and for many years served faithfully as an elder, a Sunday school superintendent, and president of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Heist is survived by his wife and sons, Alfred and Stephen. Their loss of a loving husband and father is shared by the many friends who looked to him for guidance and counsel.

*A Memorial to Elder Max P. Dailey*

The Apostle John wrote in the Revelation, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me. Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them." (Revelation 15:13)

The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church keenly feels the loss of Elder Max P. Dailey. He faithfully served his Saviour and his church in many capacities until the Lord called him Home, August 7, 1965.

Respectfully submitted, the Session, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania  
Roger Hunt, moderator  
Fred Hall, clerk  
Ralph Cozad  
Howard Blair

Rev. David McKinney was called to be with the Lord in January, 1966, at the age of about 88. He served in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in

Roorke, India, for about twenty years as a ruling elder, and minister of the Leper Asylum Church for about eight years.

The Christians of the Roorkee area will miss the counsel and guidance of this experienced saint of God, but we abide in the assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod has suffered a great loss in the Home-going on January 15, 1966, of our beloved brother in Christ, the Reverend Flournoy Shepperson Sr., D.D.

Dr. Shepperson was among those who very early sensed the rising tide of unbelief in his own Presbyterian denomination and took a strong stand against it. It was under his leadership that there was formed a new Presbyterian church in his own city of Greenville, South Carolina, completely separated from apostasy, which church has grown to be one of the largest and most influential churches of our Synod.

Dr. Shepperson was an able and faithful preacher of the Word of God. He possessed a sense of humor that often brightened and enlivened his messages. This he did not lose even in that period of ill health that preceded his death. Many of us can testify to the rich blessing of his ministry from our own pulpits. Those of us who knew him intimately can also testify to his deep devotion to his Lord and to the consequent blessing always experienced in fellowship with him.

We are all aware of the fact that our loss is his great gain. We know that for him to depart this earthly life was to immediately be with Christ, which is far better. We believe that he could honestly echo the words of the great apostle, "to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Dr. Shepperson is survived by a daughter, Miss Fanelle Shepperson, and by three sons, the Rev. Flournoy Shepperson Jr., the Rev. Samuel G. Shepperson, (both members of our Synod), and Mr. George Shepperson. Their loss is shared by us all.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." This is the last promise of God that Jean Young shared with her husband before the Lord took her home to be with Him on January 25, 1966. Thus World Presbyterian Missions lost one of its

veteran missionaries, wife of the Rev. Dr. John M. L. Young. She is also survived by her children, Ruth Young Bellar, Donald, Peter, John, Bruce, Stephen, and Kathy Young.

Absent from the body, she is present with the Lord. While still present in the body she had been used by God to present a tremendous Christian testimony. Her final illness and death were also greatly used by God—her steadfast witness in the hospital made an impact on many who treated her and knew her, it was a challenge and a blessing. She did not preach the Gospel; she lived it and many were richly blessed by her life that showed forth the reality of the Christian faith.

The Synod wishes to express its prayerful concern for Dr. Young and his family and the promise of us all to uphold this outstanding Christian family in prayer during the coming months and years. May God richly bless each one in His service.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Peter Stam Jr. for the bereaved families.

The constituting prayer was offered by Mr. Van Horn. It was reported that Dr. Buswell is progressing in his work on the Book of Discipline and that it would have been completed for this Synod had he not been taken ill. It was moved, seconded, and carried that greetings from the Synod be sent to Dr. Buswell and a letter was sent, bearing the signatures of all commissioners.

Mr. Linder presented the report of the Ways and Means Committee:

1. We recommend that the Ways and Means Committee and the Attendance and Expense Committee be merged under the name "Attendance and Expense Committee," and that all duties of both present committees become the duties of the merged committee.

2. We recommend that one half of one percent of all Synod agencies' total receipts be allocated to Synod's treasury for the expenses of Synod.

3. We recommend the following Synod Budget.

Salary, Stated Clerk	\$3,750.00
Office space	400.00
Pension, Stated Clerk	120.00
Travel	250.00
Social Security, Stated Clerk	150.00
Printing of Minutes	800.00
Office supplies and postage	200.00
Clerical expense, Administrative Committee	100.00

Travel of Fraternal Delegates	200.00
Miscellaneous	280.00
	\$6,250.00
Travel of Commissioners to Synod	1,250.00
Total	\$7,500.00

Upon motion, all three recommendations were adopted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod express its gratitude to Rev. Robert Hastings for his years of faithful service as Stated Clerk and present to him a purse of \$50.00 as a love gift.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod thank Mr. Linder for his faithfulness as treasurer.

Progress on proportionate giving showed that several of the churches have adopted and are following this suggested plan for supporting the work of the denomination. It was agreed that we should continue to work toward this goal.

The Committee on History of the Reformed Presbyterian Church reported that it is still working on this project and is making progress, but that nothing is yet ready for publication.

Mr. Leonard presented the report of the Committee on Chaplains.

#### Report of Committee on Chaplains

IN THESE DAYS of growing national emergency ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, are serving in all parts of the world as chaplains in the active duty military forces, and in the reserve programs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol. At the present time we have nine active duty chaplains, three active in the ready reserve program, two retired chaplains, and three serving in the Civil Air Patrol. Several of our ministers, some in process of ordination, have applied for chaplaincy commissions and are expected to be accepted shortly. With the steady increase in the size of our military forces, there are shortages in chaplain applicants and billets are now available.

Throughout the year there has been much correspondence between the chairman and the chaplains on duty, prospective applicants for the chaplaincy, seminary students and some ministers from other denominations seeking possibly to serve in the military with our denomination. There has been much correspondence with the Armed Forces Chaplain Board of the Department of Defense, and the Chiefs of Chaplains. All active duty and reserve chaplains have been newly endorsed to this Board and to the Chiefs of Chaplains since our merger in

1965. In addition, samples of proper ecclesiastical endorsements and application procedures have been prepared and forwarded to Clerks of Presbyteries. The services are specific in what information they require. The endorsement originates with the Presbytery and then is forwarded to the offices of the Committee on Chaplains and the Stated Clerk of Synod for their endorsement. Every applicant should be ordained or in process of ordination when application is made. Seminary students should look into the possibility of applying for the chaplains probationary program while still in seminary.

Moved, seconded, carried that Bragdon as Assistant to the Chairman of the Committee take some of the responsibilities of the Chairman during the coming year, particularly in representing our denomination in Washington for chaplaincy matters. MSC that a separate listing of "Chaplains" be included in our next church directory.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Rev. George Bragdon be asked to serve as chairman of the Committee on Chaplains during the coming year. It was moved, seconded, and carried to include separate listing of chaplains in the next church directory.

Two invitations for the 1967 Synod were read, one from Covenant College and one from Harvey Cedars Bible Conference. It was moved, and seconded, that the invitation from Covenant College be accepted. This was carried. It was moved, and seconded that Synod be held the third Tuesday in May. A substitute motion was made and seconded, that Synod meet 9:00 a.m., May 16, 1967, through May 19 and that the question of a regular time for Synod be put in the hands of the Administrative Committee. This was carried and, as a substitute for the main motion, carried.

The Committee on Presbytery Records presented its report.

Upon motion, both recommendations were adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS

The following Presbytery Minutes were submitted and examined:

*Central Presbytery*—Minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions: page 140: The Rev. Mr. Miladin was not enrolled as a member of Presbytery after ordination. Minutes were unsigned by the Clerk. Page 151: Minutes were unsigned by Clerk Pro Tem.

*Pacific Northwest Presbytery*—Minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions: The call of meeting should precede the minutes of the meeting.

*California Presbytery*—Minutes were read and approved with the following comments: Minutes were neat and orderly. Exceptions: omission of call to meetings and spelling and typography needs attention.

*Northeast Presbytery*—Minutes were received, read, and approved. They were neat and orderly.

*Philadelphia Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions: Legal book was not included, but properly numbered pages indicated the existence of such. Page 133: Docket referred to but not included with the minutes. (Note: No sessions—either stated or pro re nata—included either the call to meeting nor docket of same.) Page 142: Moderator did not sign minutes. Page 143: Only three Sessional records were examined. Page 147: Not opened with prayer. Page 148: Adjourned session not closed with prayer. August 9 not opened with prayer. Page 160: Sessional records examined for three churches.

*Rocky Mountain Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions: Page 140: No inserted call for meeting of May 20, 1965. No indicated call for meeting (pro re nata) of August 12, 1965. Page 143: Miscellaneous business seems irregular at a pro re nata meeting. No inserted call for meeting of November 9 and 10, 1965. Page 144: paragraph 1, reporting of a Wednesday evening worship service without any intervening business sessions. Notation of minutes indicates a correction which does not appear on page 144 regarding Mr. David Hein. Page 144: No itemized docket. Page 148: Signature of Moderator is missing. (Note: No report that Session records of particular churches were examined.)

*Pittsburgh Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions:

I. June 5, 1965 (1) No insertion of call of meeting. (2) No insertion of members absent with or without excuse.

II. July, 1965 (1) No inserted call for pro re nata meeting before convening, roll call, etc.

III. September 10, 1965 (1) No inserted call of meeting. (2) page 19: regarding Mr. Sutton, no official notification issued to members of Presbytery regarding the installation of Mr. Sutton. (3) page

21: Communion service out of place according to the approved docket.

IV. February 17, 1966 (1) Business recorded on page 37 is in reverse order of the call of the meeting.

*Southeast Presbytery*—

1. Date of sending out calls is never noted so that there is no way of determining whether this was done within constitutional limits.

2. Listing of delegates to May 31, 1965, pro re nata meeting does not specify which men are elders and which are ministers.

3. Minutes unsigned by Moderator in several places.

4. Inadequate identification of certain corresponding members and visiting brothers throughout minutes. Churches from which each comes should be specified.

5. Time of adjournment not noted for Fall, 1965, stated meeting.

6. No accounting is made for presbyters without excuse at the April 12 Spring, 1966, stated meeting and none of the pro re nata meetings make such an accounting.

*Philadelph<sup>h</sup>ia Presbytery (Old RPC)*—The minutes were read and approved and found to be in order.

*Southern Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions: page 76: No evidence of who was present at Tuesday evening sederunt. Page 86: No attendance listed in afternoon sederunt. Number of occasions throughout in which minutes are not signed by Moderator. Page 102: Lines of discontinuance and initialing left out. (Note: No record of Session minutes being examined.) Otherwise all in good order.

*Midwestern Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with following exceptions:

1. No statement of call in any of the minutes.

2. Minutes unsigned by Moderator on pages 25, 27, 39.

3. Sederunts not clearly marked, though lasting into evening. Pp. 20-25 example.

4. Page 39: Lines of discontinuance missing and uninitialed. Otherwise all in good order.

*Great Plains Presbytery*—The minutes were read and approved with the following exceptions:

1. Dockets are not included in the records. Motions are made to do such and such about a given matter on the docket but there is no indication as to the substance of that item.

2. No record of closing with prayer at the first recess on October 27 meeting and other recesses.

3. No record made of presbyters absent without excuse.

4. Poor spacing between docket items.

*Southwest Presbytery*—The minutes were read and not approved.

1. Mimeographed minutes pasted into the book is illegal.

2. No signature of Moderator anywhere in the book.

3. Recommend that Synod refuse approval of the minutes in this form and instruct the Clerk to have the minutes typed onto the pages of the minutes book.

Recommendations of the Committee:

1. That Synod approve, with exceptions, the records of all Presbyteries except Southwest.

2. That Synod not approve the minutes of the Southwest Presbytery and instruct the Clerk of that Presbytery not to paste mimeographed minutes on the pages of the minutes book, but to type the minutes directly on the pages of the book according to the previous instructions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Alexander, Chairman

Rev. Robert W. Stewart presented the report of the Resolutions Committee.

*Resolution No 1*

WHEREAS the Gospel is unto all the world, and whereas in II Timothy 2:2 we are admonished to commit the things which we have heard that are confirmed as eternal truth, to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also,

AND WHEREAS then in our group evangelism and personal evangelism we have a responsibility before the Lord to guide new converts to spiritual situations where they can best grow to full maturity in the inspired Word of God and in the Lord, so that they too and as soon as possible shall also spread the Gospel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 144th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, urge our membership to study simple and effective methods of personal evangelism, including a helpful system of follow-up Bible study, under truly responsible leadership;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage, wherever and whenever it proves pos-



sible, those leading broad evangelistic campaigns, to consider the spiritual benefits of limiting sponsorship, platform seating of ministers, and assignment of convert cards to a general plan that will not contradict the doctrine of the purity of the church.

*Resolution No. 2*

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 144th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting May 4-10, 1966, at the Glen Eyrie headquarters of The Navigators in Colorado Springs, Colorado, through the planning and arrangements of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, extend to the church and to its pastor, the Rev. William B. Leonard, our sincere appreciation for all the hospitality extended to us during these important days of church deliberations and fellowship and to the Navigators for all their work and labor of love in taking care of our needs both physical and spiritual.

*Resolution No. 3*

BE IT RESOLVED that we the 144th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting May 4-10, 1966, at the Glen Eyrie headquarters of the Navigators in Colorado Springs, Colorado, commend Mr. J. Howard Pew, Chairman of the Board of Sun Oil Company for his lead article in the May 1966 issue of the *Reader's Digest*, entitled "Should the Church 'Meddle' in Civil Affairs?"

*Recommendations:*

1. The resolutions committee recommends that a new 6-member resolutions committee be appointed by the moderator for one year.
2. The resolutions committee further recommends that the matter of Bible reading in the public schools be referred to this new committee for study and a report at the 145th Synod.

Upon motion, Resolutions 1 and 2 were adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Resolution 3 be adopted and an explanatory statement, as follows, go in a letter to Mr. Pew and that the Moderator send Mr. Pew a telegram containing the text of the resolution. "We would point out that Covenant Theological Seminary, our official training school for future ministers, is fully committed to the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and that we as a church seek to herald the mind of Christ by expounding the timeless truth contained in the Scriptures so that one by one individuals might be

added to the body of Christ by personally trusting in His substitutionary atonement for sin through His blood shed on the cross." It was also moved, seconded, and carried that this resolution be sent to the Sessions of our local churches to be released in news media.

Upon motion, recommendation 1 was adopted. Recommendation 2 was amended, upon proper motion, to include that a study be made of the teaching in the public schools of the Bible as literature. The recommendation, as amended, was adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a third recommendation be adopted, forming a committee consisting of John Sanderson, Charles Anderson, Leonard Van Horn, Paul Alexander, Robert Milliken, William Leonard, and Robert Webber to prepare a Biblical study of the Reformed principles of evangelism, especially relating it to such things as cooperation in mass evangelism, follow-up of converts, the free offer of the Gospel, and whatever else they deem relevant. Mr. Sanderson is to serve as chairman.

Reports were made on conferences, camps, and homes. Rev. Art Kay reported on the National Reformed Presbyterian Youth Fellowship leadership camp at Horn Creek Ranch last summer and its challenge to young people, and plans for the 1966 camp. Dr. Dyrness gave a report on the work of the Quarryville Presbyterian Home and its expansion program, and also on the work of the Quarryville Camp. Mr. Holliday reported the Pittsburgh Presbytery's past summer camps for youth at Lake Erie and plans for this summer's camp with Rev. Gordon Taylor as speaker. Mr. Noe reported on the work of Versailles Camp.

REPORT OF VERSAILLES CAMP

Versailles Camp, using excellent Indiana State Park facilities in the Southeastern part of Indiana and with an adult staff from some of the churches of three adjacent presbyteries held its 18th annual week-long recreational and Gospel challenge program the last week of July in 1965. Camp was full: 120 campers plus staff; and we sought to present all the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ on the lives of boys and girls.

Rev. Harold Rapp of St. Louis was the chapel period speaker of the week. In addition to the morning class teachers, the cabin counsellors did an excellent job of follow-up work and we believe there were many life decisions at camp. It was

good to have Mr. Rapp back at Versailles Camp again. He was business manager for Versailles our first two years, but then the St. Louis area churches developed their own camp program, and subtracted their campers from us.

The Huntsville, Alabama, churches and others in that region are starting an excellent camp program there this August, subtracting more campers from Versailles. We will miss them, and yet it seems that again in 1966 we will have a full camp. It is actually a thrill to see a rise in the Christian Camp movement in our churches and presbyteries, as it is the Director's opinion that a camp program of at least seven days is an indispensable part of our Christian education offering to the young. Several young men now in college and seminary testify that the challenge for them as individuals to enter the ministry came in chapel or cabin at Versailles Camp, for instance; and this is just one part of the Camp effort.

Camp speaker for camp this August is Rev. Leonard Van Horn. Please back us up in prayer.

Mr. Titmus reported for the Auditing Committee.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee reports that the financial records of the treasurer of Synod for the year ending May 2, 1966, have been audited and found to be in order.

The books and financial report of Christian Training, Inc. for the year ending February 28, 1966, have been audited by C. O. Dehner and found correct.

The financial statement of the Board of Trustees of Synod has been examined by Miller, Miller and Co., certified public accountants, and found to be correct as of March 31, 1966. As part of the above audit the capital funds of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Lamb and Theological Seminary Fund, Board of Education, and Robert Young Bequest were found in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph C. Brown  
Robert A. Titmus, Chairman

The Attendance and Expense Committee reported that the excuses of 57 men were found in order, 96 ministers were absent without excuse. Excuses of five men arriving late were found in order, as were the excuses of 23 men leaving early. Seventy-nine ministers and twenty-four ruling elder

delegates were present, representing some sixty-one churches. Nine commissioners submitted claims for travel expenses for a total of \$762.92. 85% of this was paid, or \$650.30. The committee recommends payment of \$75.00 to the two ladies who so generously assisted in the clerical details of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Linder, Chairman

At this time a prayer meeting was held, in which many commissioners took part.

The Minutes of the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth sederunts were read and approved. The roll was called.

#### FINAL ROLL CALL

*Ministers present:* Paul H. Alexander, Lawrence C. Andres, Max Belz, Bryant M. Black, Richard L. Brinkley, Robert B. Brown, William H. Chisholm, John P. Clark, Robert L. Craggs, L. LaVerne Donaldson, Franklin S. Dymess, Earl R. Eckerson, Theodore H. Engstrom, Daniel Fannon, Bruce R. Fiol, Philip R. Foxwell, David L. Gardner, George R. M. Gilchrist, Richard W. Gray, Charles B. Holliday, Ellis C. H. Johnson, W. Duke Johnson, Arthur L. Kay, John M. Kay Jr., Harold S. Laird, Roger Lambert, William B. Leonard Jr., W. Edward Lyons, William E. McNutt, Harry H. Meiners Jr., Werner Mietling, Robert A. Milliken, Edward T. Noe, C. Howard Oakley, Richard N. Olson, Robert Palmer, James Perry, Eugene Potoka, Roger G. Shafer, James A. Smith, George C. Soltau, Lynden H. Stewart, Robert W. Stewart, Max F. Stowe, David F. Sutton, Gordon R Taylor, Leonard Van Horn, Thomas Waldecker, G. W. Williams, George W. Smith.

*Elders Present:* Norman D. Anderson, Clyde R. Aument, Marion D. Barnes, Joseph C. Brown, Wyman W. Goodell, George Linder, David McIntyre, Paul R. Moore, Charles A. Richardson Jr., Frank Rowley, Norbert H. Schmolly, McGregor Scott, Peter Stam Jr., Robert A. Titmus, A. E. Van Wechel.

*Ministers Absent, Excused:* George Ackley, Willard O. Armes, John W. Buswell, Wilbur W. Blakeley, Wayne F. Brauning, Thomas G. Cross, Homer Fernandez, R. Laird Harris, Darrell C. Harris, L. Stanley Hartman, Hayes Henry, John P. Hoogstrate, Oliver C. Juliusson, Harold J. Larsen, Donald J. MacNair, William A. Mahlow, Nelson K. Malikus, W. Harold Mare, Albert F. Moginot Jr., John L. Palmer, Elmer B. Smick, Frank Smick Jr., Kyle

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*Elders Absent:* Oscar H. Black (excused), John Christie (excused), John F. Ehlers, Borden Ells, Edmund A. Gorab, Herbert L. Hathaway, James S. Kiefer, Vernon C. Pierce, Fiedl Roybal, Robert Sharpe, Hugh A. Smith (excused).

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Synod adjourn.

The Moderator declared the Synod dissolved and called for a Synod to meet May 16, 1967, at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. He led in prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the delegates joined in singing Psalm 133.

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