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The following action was taken by the General Assembly:

That an Ad-Interim Committee be appointed by the General Assembly to meet with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America with instructions not to develop any plan of union, but merely to determine possible areas of agreement, difference and difficulty that might exist between the three denominations.

That this Committee be funded in the same manner as the Sub-Committee for Interchurch Relations, and

That this Committee report its findings to the 1980 General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations.

PART II
JOURNAL
MINUTES — MONDAY AFTERNOON

June 18, 1979

First Session

7-1 The Assembly Called To Order

The Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting in the sanctuary of the Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, hosted by the churches of Central Carolina Presbytery, was called to order at 1:00 p.m., June 18, 1979, by Moderator G. Aiken Taylor, who led the Assembly in an opening prayer. Following the singing of a hymn, the reading of Ephesians 4:1-13, and a season of prayer, Moderator Taylor preached the Retiring Moderator's sermon, based on the passage read. The Rev. C. Eugene Craven and the Rev. A. Dale Umbreit conducted the Communion Service with the assistance of ruling elders from the Assembly.

7-2 Report on Enrollment

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

ASCENSION PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Pennsylvania, except as indicated)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Akron, OH	Faith	Carl W. Bogue, Jr	George R. Caler
Butler	Westminster	Stuart H. Perrin Daniel H. Perrin	E Paul Summerville
Indianapolis, IN	Grace	Edward A. Steele III	James L. Kaleen, Jr.
Johnstown	Trinity	David L. Karlberg	
LaVale, MD	Koinonia	G. Dale Linder	Robert L. Youngblood
McKees Rocks	Providence	Arthur C. Broadwick F. Randall Johovich	John W. Todd, Jr.
Monroeville	Sovereign Grace	Frank D. Moser	Warren F. Diven
Pittsburgh	Covenant	K. Eric Perrin	
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Abbeville	New Hope	James L. Moss	John L. Hill
Aiken	Grace	Fred Zoeller	
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Cheraw	Faith	Philip Nicholson	Claude Vernon
Chester	Trinity	Rhett Sanders	Ed Robeson
Chester	Zion	Samuel Hoyt (2)	J. Simpson Darby
Clinton	Grace Chapel	James A. Bryant	Roscoe Bundrick
Clover	Bethel	Vernon N. West (2)	J. Wideman Jackson
Clover	Scherer Memorial	Vernon N. West (2)	J. Fred Eastep
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Columbia	Covenant	Gary Aitken	Nolan Armstrong Royce Waites Harry Yongue
Columbia	Eau Claire	H. R. Patteson	Robert W. Ilderton
Founatin Inn	Fairview	Malcolm Bonner	
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Gaffney	Salem	L. Byron Snapp	Ted Bankhead
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Kingstree	Mouzon	Karl Woodmansee (2)	
Landrum	Philadelphia	O. F. Wiesmann, SS	
Laurens	Friendship	Dwight Noe	Robert Wasson
Lexington	Lexington	Eulice D. Thomas	Jim Parler
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Locust	Carolina	Thomas Cheely	Oscar Pethel
Mooreville	Faith		Webb Hastings
Mt. Holly	Westview	C. D. Murphy	James Kimray
Stanley	First	W. Ted Smith, Jr. Phil Henderson William Laxton Charles Wilson Robert C. Wilson	Jim Abernathy

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Orlando	Orangewood	H. Charles Green, Jr.	Paul Zetterholm
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Indianola	First	Danny Ketchum	Frank Tindall
Itta Bena	Itta Bena	Charles Frost (2)	
Jackson, TN	Grace	Charles L. Skinner	Earl Jaggors
Little Rock, AR	Covenant	Robert C. Cannada, Jr.	C. G. Tarbell
Marks	Marks	Laurie Jones	Robert Carson
Memphis, TN	Eastland		L. W. Scruggs
Memphis, TN	Vanguard	James E. Moore	
Morgan City	Morgan City	Charles Frost (2)	
Munford, TN	New Life	Charles Coe	J. Richard Bibb
Osceola, AR	First	William P. Shows (2)	Arthur Rogers
Vaiden	Shongalo	Claude D. Gamble (2)	
Vaiden	Blackmonton	Claude D. Gamble (2)	
Winona	First	Harold Richardson	James H. Simpson
Water Valley	First	Tom Roberts T. J. Mercer Tom Patete James Turner Charles C. West Ford S. Williams	Barron Caulfield, Jr.

EASTERN CAROLINA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in North Carolina)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Burlington	Northside	Ronald Morrell	Walter Martin Charles Whitten
Durham	Fuller Memorial	James Edwards	Julian Watkins
Goldsboro	Antioch	J. Lewis Baker (2)	
High Point	Westminster		Willard Wilson
New Bern	Village Chapel	Denver Blevins	Bill West
Princeton	Progressive	J. Lewis Baker (2)	
Raleigh	Calvary	Warren F. Thuston	James Weaver
		Joseph Armfield, Jr. Charles Olim	

EVANGEL PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Anniston	Faith	George Mitchell	Leon Webb
Benton	Good Hope	William Mason (3)	
Birmingham	Altadena Valley	Langston Haygood	Frank B. Wall
Birmingham	Briarwood	Frank M. Barker, Jr. Kenneth Wilson	Douglas Haskew Thomas Leopard George Moss Crawford Nevins John Spencer
Birmingham	Covenant	William Hay	Francis Hare
Birmingham	Faith	Kerry W. Hurst	Hugh Gibson
Clanton	Clanton	Robert S. Allyn	
Clayton	Clayton	James Dodson (2)	
Clayton	Pleasant View	James Dodson (2)	
Clio	Pea River	Kirby Smith	
Courtland	Courtland	Marvin R. White, Jr.	
Eufaula	Friendship	Alan McCall	
Floral	First	H. Michael Sartelle	John Vaughan
Gadsden	Eastside	Hubert C. Stewart	J. D. Stallings
Gadsden	First	Robert Hornick James Spiritosanto	Ralph Langford Finis McCluney
Gadsden	Rainbow	Walter DeHart	William Morrow
Greenville	First	Warren Myers	W. Jack Williamson
Hayneville	Hayneville	William Mason (3)	
Hope Hull	Friendship	Robert Hollingsworth (2)	
Hope Hull	Providence	Robert Hollingsworth (2)	
Hueytown	Continuing	Henry S. Thigpen	Charles A. Stegall
Huntsville	Community	William Cooper, Jr.	
Huntsville	Ebenezer	Stephen L. Parker	C. O. Baker, Jr.
Jasper	First	James Barr	
Lowndesboro	Lowndesboro	William Mason (3)	
Montgomery	Covenant	James B. Sherwood	Paul Wolff
Montgomery	Eastwood		Roy Gamble
Montgomery	First	Neil Gilmour Charles G. DeBardeleben	Jack Hornady Joseph Jones

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Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Montgomery	Oak Park	James Hatch	John Baxley
Montgomery	Trinity	Robert J. Ostenson Hal McNeely	John Albritton A. Kirby Clements William Joseph John Noble
Notasulga	Woodland		George Park
Opelika	Trinity	Thomas Barnes	John M. Brown
Ozark	Ozark	Randall Yelverton	
Prattville	First	Henry L. Smith	I. B. Wicker
Troy	First	James L. Alexander John R. Buchanan David E. Crocker Dennis L. Disselkoen James L. Lyons Ronald Siegenthaler Grady Simpson Robert Watts	

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bay Springs	Bay Springs	James L. Shull	
Brookhaven	Faith	Jack Ross	William McMullen
Centreville	Thomson Memorial	Shelton Sanford	J. Wexler White
Collins	Collins	Norman A. Bagby	
Collins	Sleigo	French W. Tripp (2)	
Crystal Springs	First	Don Hendricks	
Ellisville	Ellisville	J. Steve Wilkins	
Gloster	Bethany	Eugene Case (2)	Dewitt B. Smylie
Gloster	Hoyle Memorial	Dave Johnson (2)	
Hattiesburg	Bay Street	Edward A. Jussely K. Edd Ribelin	G. O. Runnels
Hattiesburg	First	Duane Mallow	E. H. Ross, Jr.
Hattiesburg	Woodland	Gerald G. Morgan	E. W. Liner
Hazelhurst	First	Tom McClelland	Edmund Prestridge
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Odell Fish	
Leakesville	Leakesville	Steven B. Shuman	D. K. McInnis
Liberty	Liberty	Dave Johnson	E. L. Caston
Magee	Sharon	Willard A. Smith	James O. Yelverton
Metairie, LA	Grace	Richard H. Davies	
Mize	Calvary	Richard Wiman	
Monticello	Monticello	Tom Meyer (2)	
Moss Point	Moss Point	John K. Reeves	
Mt. Olive	Mt. Olive		George Calhoun
Petal	Petal	William Hermann	
Picayune	First	Billy Combs	
Prentiss	Prentiss	French W. Tripp (2)	
Roxie	Oldenburg		Harold Guice

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Slidell, LA	Trinity	James L. Long	
Taylorville	First	Charles C. Cox, Jr.	
Waynesboro	Philadelphus	M. Steve Wallace	
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.	Paul Sanders
Wesson	Wesson	Tom Meyer (2)	
Woodville	First	Eugene Case (2)	
		William H. Smith	
		James G. Spencer	
		William J. Stanway	

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elder
Cantonment	Pinewoods	John B. Findlay	Frank Oaks
Ft. Walton Beach	Westminster	C. Don Darling	James W. Thompson
Gulf Breeze	Concord	William A. Fox, Jr.	G. W. Sovereign
Madison	Madison	Nathaniel S. Heeth	Al Hughes
Milton	Westminster	Charles Gwin	
Mobile, AL	Trinity	John W. Stodghill	George K. McLeod
Panama City	Covenant	Ray B. Lanning	Jesse Bealor
Pensacola	Fairfield	Warren W. West	
Pensacola	McIlwain Memorial	Donald A. Dunkerley	O. H. Smith III Lee M. Bogan, Sr.
Robertdale, AL	Faith	Billy Davies	
Quincy	New Philadelphia	George McGuire	Robert Smith
Tallahassee	Wildwood	F. Nigel Lee	Jay Fearnside
Valparaiso	First		Tom Birr
		Danny Arciaga Arnie Maves	

LOUISIANA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Louisiana)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Alexandria	Jackson Street	Robert B. Vincent	Ellie Walton
Baton Rouge	Southeast	Gary Edwards	
Lake Charles	Bethel	Dana Stoddard	Jack Hammond
Monroe	New Life	Charles Kukal	
Opelousas	First	Ned Rutland	Tom McLeod
Ruston	John Knox		William Higgs
Shreveport	Grace	Chester Lanious Stanwood Bean	Joe Hunt

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Abington, PA	Covenant	Erwin Morrison	George Harris
Abington, PA	Gethsemane Chapel	Timothy Rott	
Baltimore, MD	Inverness	William Jones	

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Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Charlottesville	Trinity	Joseph F. Ryan, Jr.	James Mann
East Orange, NJ	Community Church of Oranges	William T. Iverson	
Fairton, NJ	Fairfield	Lawrence Roff	Patrick McHugh
Hopewell	River's Edge	Richard L. Brinkley	
Hopewell	West End	Samuel S. Cappel George Brengle	Walter Lastovica Leland Nichols
Hopewell	West Hopewell	Timothy J. Keller	Sidney J. Harrison
Lutherville, MD.	Valley	Ronald C. Harding	Brookes Smith, Jr.
Madison Heights	Faith	James F. Snyder	
Manassas	Reformed	Edwin P. Elliott Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.	Francis Elliott
Martinsburg, WV	Pilgrim		Edward Grove
Norfolk	Calvary	Leon F. Wardell	W. E. Hendricks
Petersburg	Tabb Street	James Allen	Randolph Madison
Richmond	Calvin		Daniel B. Ice
Springfield	Harvester	Ronald Bossom	James Giddens
Virginia Beach	New Covenant	Robert C. Schoof	William Hayes
West Chester, PA	Immanuel	O. Palmer Robertson Thomas D. Hudson Philip J. Adams E. Crowell Cooley Russell Flaxman Harold Kuhn Harry Miller Frank E. Smith Kenneth A. Smith	Robert Rich

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey	Bailey	G. Dewey Roberts	Chester Chatham
Brandon	Brandon	Robert Duhs	Howard Byron
Carthage	Carthage	William Dever	
Clinton	Mt. Salus	Basil P. Albert	A. D. Owings
DeKalb	Bloomfield	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
DeKalb	DeKalb	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
Delhi, LA	Delhi	Paul Lipe	
Jackson	Alta Woods	B. I. Anderson	F. G. Bratley D. G. Ford, Jr.
Jackson	First	Donald B. Patterson	Edmund Johnston Ralph H. Lord Ed Williford H. S. Williford
Jackson	North Park	Brister H. Ware	Julius Murray
Jackson	St. Paul	Michael A. Schneider	Edward O. Nalley
Jackson	Westminster	Thomas Llewelyn	
Jackson	Willowood	J. A. Herrington	
Kosciusko	First		J. Ralph Lane
Lexington	First	Howard Allen	Gordon Russell

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Louisville	First	Thomas A. Cook	Davis L. Fair
Macon	Macon	Timothy Elder (2)	
Madison	Mt. Hermon	James Allen Carter	
Pearl	Pearl	Henry J. Mueller	
Philadelphia	First	John Allen Little	Joe Turner
Preston	Pleasant Springs	Alton M. Phillips (3)	
Raymond	Raymond	Henry Bishop	
Ridgeland	Pear Orchard		Jack Treloar
Scooba	Scooba	Geren M. Baird (2)	
Shuqualak	Shuqualak	Geren M. Baird (2)	
Tchula	Tchula	John W. Long, Jr.	James B. Hutton
Terry	Wynndale	Doyle Hulse	
Union	First	Dan Faber	John Alexander
Vicksburg	Westminster	John T. Allen	Claude Thompson
Yazoo City	First	William C. Hughes	Elbert Lott
Yazoo City	Second	David Jussely	
		Jason Kyle	
		John Kyle	
		Al LaValley	
		Mark Lowrey, Jr.	
		Douglas B. McCullough	
		J. Archie Moore	
		Joseph Pipa, Jr.	
		Clayton Quarterman	
		Jack Scott	

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Charleston, WV	Faith	Norman Evans	James Miller
Charleston, WV	Kanawha Salines	John R. Dodd	William Pascavis
Charleston, WV	Rebecca Littlepage	James L. Fishel	John P. Jenkins
Charleston, WV	South Ruffner	William Fitzhenry	
Roanoke, VA	Westminster	Michael D. Bolus	Joseph Woodfield
St. Albans, WV	Covenant	Rod S. Mays	Jim Jarvis
		George B. Alder, Jr.	

NORTH GEORGIA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Georgia)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Atlanta	Chalcedon	Joseph C. Morecraft III	J. T. Melchers
Atlanta	Emmanuel	Clifford Brewton	Howard Bowman
Atlanta	North Atlanta	A. Bernhard Kuiper	Edward C. Hammond
Atlanta	Perimeter	Randy Pope	
Chestnut Mountain	Chestnut Mountain	Robert Fitler	Lloyd Strickland
Lithonia	Wee Kirk	Robert Valentine	Marvin Sims
Powder Springs	Midway	Wilson Smith	Jack Yarbrough
Riverdale	Covenant	R. Eugene Hunt	Royce Brown
Smyrna	Smyrna	Joe C. Gardner, Jr.	Raymond E. Fulton
		O.K. Houstown III	

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Stone Mountain	Grace	Edwin E. Cunningham, Jr. David Clowney Charles H. Dunahoo Mitchell Hall Terry Mercer Kennedy Smartt Tsuneyoshi Takeda	James Graden

PACIFIC PRESBYTERY

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Glendale, CA	Calvary	Kevin C. Carr	
Prescott, AZ	Prescott	Charles Turner	
Scottsdale, AZ	Trinity	Gerritt DeYoung	Robert Kelso
Unity City, CA	Community	David Brown Brent Bradley J. Philip Clark Don Esty Paul McKaughan	Robert Vinson

SOUTH FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Florida)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Boca Raton	Spanish River	P. David Nicholas Reggie M. Kidd	Kinnis Schumacher Murray Lands
Coral Gables	Granada	Leonard H. Bullock Danny Levi Michael Preg	T. Armlon Leonard Murray Luscombe Cass Sumrall
Coral Springs	First	Ross Bair John Basie	Raymond Krontorad
Delray Beach	Seacrest	Joseph A. Warner	James McOwen
Ft. Lauderdale	Bethany	David Todd William J. Colclasure	
Ft. Lauderdale	Calvary	Tom Rayside	George Bunch
Ft. Lauderdale	Coral Ridge	John Musselman	
Ft. Lauderdale	Covenant	Daniel D. Sulc	Frank Beauchamp
Lake Worth	Lake Osborne	R. Lynn Downing	William C. McKee
Miami	El Redentor	Manuel Salabarría	
Miami	Kendall	James Bland Thomas Russell	Robert Eberst Keith Leslie
Miami	Immanuel	Terry Gyger	Donald E. Boerema
Miami	LeJeune	Herbert L. Broadwater	
Miami	Pinelands		Sherrill Brown
Miami	Shenandoah	Todd W. Allen Steven Bradford	Harvey L. Anderson
Miami	Trinity	Cecil A. Brooks George Miller	Wallace Krohn
Palm City	Grace	James Bowen	

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Plantation	First	Tony Casoria David Clopton George Kuiper Charles McClure Timothy A. McKeown Kenneth Reid Vaughan Shoemaker Luder G. Whitlock	Robert E. Tritt

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Alcoa	Trinity	William Bell	Douglas Wilson
Bowling Green, KY	Westminster	Larry Sharp	
Chattanooga	Brainerd Hills	Fred Manning, Jr.	Eugene Hayes
Chattanooga	First	Ben Haden David Bryan	L. B. "Pete" Austin W. G. Davies Frank Merry T. H. McCallie John McWhortor
Chattanooga	St. Elmo	Fred Marsh	
Chattanooga	Westminster	Michael Vitullo	David Reynolds
Columbia	Zion	Taylor McGown	Robert Stoops
Cynthiana, KY	Covenant	Sam Martin	Rob Roy Norton
Harriman	West Hills	John Holmes	Robert Smith
Hixson	Hixson		Paul Hawkins John Williams, Alt.
Knoxville	Ebenezer	G. K. Howe	Oliver A. Smith
Knoxville	West Hills	Fred Fowler	
Louisville, KY	Westminster	Richard Woodson (Markert)	Charles M. Morris
Signal Mountain	Wayside	Richard R. Harris John Morrison Michael Williams	Larson Mick

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

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
College Station	Westminster	Donald Graham	John A. McIntyre
Dallas	John Knox	Charles H. Cobb, Jr.	A. R. Sanders
Dallas	Lakewood		Robert Schmitz
Greenville	Westminster	Thomas Ramsay	
Houston	Covenant		Harold Tolsma
Houston	Oaklawn	David L. Moran	L. J. Canniff
Seabrook	Westminster	John S. McNicoll	
Irving	Irving	Dale L. Smith	
Olathe, KN	Olathe Community	Robert Baxter John E. Kapple	Willis Hanlon Glen Ridenour
Tyler	Fifth Street		Robert Lewis

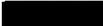
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Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Tyler	Westminster	Ray Sutton John Knox Bowling Kent Hinkson Thomas E. Hoolsema Lardner W. Moore James Pancoast	

WARRIOR PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Aliceville	First	Thomas G. Kay (2)	Marvin Baker
Boligee	Boligee	Julian Stennis (2)	
Brent	Brent	G. David Russell	
Camden	First	Fred Carr	James Lawler
Centreville	First	Joseph C. Sullivan	
Eutaw	Pleasant Ridge	Thomas G. Kay (2)	
Linden	Linden	Edward S. Solomon, Jr.	Charles Miller
Marion	Marion	F. Allan Story	Sam Colburn
Selma	Crescent Hill	Cecil Williamson	
Selma	Woodland Heights	William H. Rose, Jr.	
Sumterville	Bethel		J. D. Lavender
Sweetwater	Geneva	Julian Stennis (2)	
Tuscaloosa	Riverwood	John Robertson	
York	Covenant	Charles Young III Leonard Van Horn	

WESTERN CAROLINAS PRESBYTERY (All towns are in North Carolina)

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Asheville	Trinity	Robert Sweet	Charles E. Boyce
Black Mountain	Friendship	J. Pat McGhan	
Hazelwood	Hazelwood		William M. Green
Hendersonville	Covenant	John Neville Donald Munson	Samuel Riddle
Marion	Calvin		
Marion	Story Memorial	Rodney T. King	Harold J. Lonon William Lowry, Alt. Ben Flower, Alt. Robert Hawkins, Alt. Coy Davis, Alt.
Swannanoa	Swannanoa	Wayne Rogers	
Waynesville	Covenant	A. Boyce Spooner Thomas Hughes Jerry Lynn James A. McAlpine Morton H. Smith G. Aiken Taylor	J. T. Russell

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

Town	Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder	
Abingdon, VA	Abingdon	J. Edsel Farthing	Fred Sutherland	
Bristol, TN	Eastern Heights		Kenneth Morrell	
Bristol, TN	Edgemont	Morse UpDeGraff	Charley J. Lowry	
Cedar Bluff, Va	Covenant	John Hall		
Coeburn, VA	Coeburn	Harry F. Barnett (2)		
Coeburn, VA	Mt. Olivet	Harry F. Barnett (2)		
Greenville, TN	Meadow Creek	Stanley Hartman	Ivan Ward	
Glade Spring, VA	Seven Springs	Tom Sullivan	Jack Olinger	
Johnson City, TN	Asbury	Frank K. Chapo	Charles Linville	
Jonesboro, TN	Midway		Clinton Bowers	
Kingsport, TN	Bridwell Heights	Bruce Garris	Robert E. Lane	
Kingsport, TN	Westminster		John G. Thompson	
Newland, NC	Fellowship	Phillip O. Evaul (2)	Truman Robbins	
Newland, NC	Frank	Phillip O. Evaul (2)		
Pulaski, VA	Brookmont	Kenneth Pollock		
Pulaski, VA	Pulaski	David F. Osborne		
		Peter W. Anderson		
		Kyle Barr		
		A. Bert Edwards		
		George Felton		
Totals: Teaching Elders.....		421	Ruling Elder Commissioners.....	260
Ruling Elder Alternates.....		7	Churches represented.....	350
			Total enrollment.....	681

EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE

The following commissioners from whom requests had been received were excused for their absences:

- William M. Bratley
- Walter Cathey
- Vernon Crawford
- William Dinwiddie
- W. E. Frisbee
- Kenneth L. Gentry
- J. Reggie Hill
- John Jamison
- David Jussely
- Robert L. Mabson
- Donald L. McClurkin
- Dan McCown
- W. A. McIlwaine
- Robert Penny
- David F. Roberts
- Robert C. Smoot, Jr.
- Reuben J. Wallace
- Linwood G. Wilkes
- John Wingard

The Ruling Elder from John Knox Church,
Ruston, LA.

7-3 Election of Moderator

The following were nominated for the office of Moderator:

- Ruling Elder William F. Joseph
- Ruling Elder Kenneth G. Keyes
- Ruling Elder Robert Wasson

The nomination of Mr. Keyes was ruled out of order in that he was not a ruling elder commissioner to this Assembly.

Ruling Elder William F. Joseph was elected.

7-4 Election of Recording and Timing Clerks

On nomination by the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. and the Rev. Frank D. Moser were elected Recording Clerks and Ruling Elder Walter Lastovica was elected Timing Clerk.

7-5 Election of Assistant Clerks

The following Assistant Clerks were, on nomination by the Stated Clerk, elected:

Henry Benchoff	Calvary
Samuel B. Hoyt	Calvary
Dennis Disselkoen	Evangel
Jerry Lynn	Western Carolinas
Norman Bagby	Grace
David Moran	Texas
Roland S. Barnes	Central Georgia
David G. K. Howe	Tennessee Valley
Ronald L. Swafford	Central Florida
Chester Lanious	Louisiana
Al Saleeby	Central Carolina
David Russell	Warrior
Dewey Roberts	Mississippi Valley
Morse Updegraff	Westminster
Frank Smith	Mid-Atlantic

7-6 Report of Retiring Moderator

Retiring Moderator Taylor made his report to the Assembly:
(See Appendix M, p. 279)

7-7 Welcome from the Host Church

Moderator Joseph introduced the Rev. Dr. W. Jack Hudson, pastor of the host church, the Northside Baptist Church, who welcomed the Assembly.

7-8 Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk presented the *1978 Yearbook*, containing the statistical reports for the preceding year.

The following items of business had already been referred to committees of Commissioners as indicated. In addition other items were received and referred also as indicated:

A. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Communication 1. From the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Dr. Morton H. Smith, Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church in America

Dear Sir:

Our Committee on Inter-Church Relations has been directed by the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to explore, with all the denominations with whom we are in fraternal relationships, the possibility of mutual arrangements for prevention of duplication in church planting, in areas in which we both serve or hope to serve.

The General Synod suggested communication with the board or committee in each denomination which is charged with church extension. We would appreciate it if you would, therefore, pass this letter along to the proper agency in your Church.

Our committee recommends, as a basis for discussion, an agreement by your denomination and by our own, not to enter a town of 2,000 persons or fewer, served by the other. In the case of larger communities, we suggest that if one of our two denominations enters a city already

served by the other, that the locations be not less than one mile apart.

In addition, we recommend that the agreement include a specification that church-planting agencies of both denominations concerned, consult with and cooperate with the other, when steps are being considered to enter any city or town already served by the other.

Should your agency feel that such an agreement is useful, but that the terms should be different in any way, we would be glad to receive counter-proposals addressed to our Committee.

Sincerely yours,
 Dodd Vernon, Secretary
 Committee on Inter-Church Relations
 of the General Synod of the
 Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

See response § 7-29, III, 19; p. 91.

B. OVERTURES TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration

Overture 2. From the Presbytery of Southern Florida

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

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

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America ask the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to study this imbalance and make recommendations to General Assembly as to a solution which would be in line with the Presbyterian Church in America's Doctrine of the Parity of Elders.

Adopted at the Fall Meeting, October 17, 1978.

Earl S. Mizell
 Stated Clerk

Referred to the Permanent Committee on Administration § 7-90, 31; p. 140.

Overture 4: From the Presbytery of Westminster

Whereas, the actions of the General Assembly represent the PCA as a whole, and

Whereas, the spending of money for projects by our Assembly committees represents approval of these projects by our denomination, and,

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly adopted the following policy: "That the General Assembly instruct its committees that designated monies are to be disbursed according to the wishes of the donor provided that the gifts are for PCA work or work approved by any church court.", and

Whereas, by this action, our committees are required to spend designated money on any project the donor requests, whether or not that project is in accord with our confessional standards, and

Whereas, a reversal of this action taken by the Sixth General Assembly would not prevent the donor's sending money directly to any project or organization he chooses,

Therefore, Westminster Presbytery respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly to instruct its permanent committees not to forward any funds to projects or organizations that have not been approved by the General Assembly.

Adopted at the Stated Meeting, October 21, 1978.

Attest:
 Larry E. Ball,
 Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative § 7-90, 11; p. 138.

Overture 5. From Evangel Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Following the second sentence of Sub-section 10-2, add the following sentence: "The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting."

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

Carried over to Eighth General Assembly § 7-90,26; p. 140.

Overture 6. From the Presbytery of the Evangel

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

(1) **Organization of General Assembly Meeting.**

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

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

Attested by:
Hubert C. Stewart
Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Eighth General Assembly § 7-90, 27; p. 140.

Overture 7. From the Presbytery of the Evangel

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

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

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

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

Section IV The Assembly Arrangements

Add subsection 4-3 to read as follows:

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

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

Attested by:
Hubert C. Stewart
Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Eighth General Assembly § 7-90, 28; p. 140.

Overture 9. From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, the office of Moderator of the General Assembly is one of complexity, requiring skills for which the one elected should prepare himself; and

Whereas, it is not deemed appropriate in the Presbyterian Church in America that one should "run" for office, but rather be elected as the Lord seems to lead at the appropriate time; and

Whereas, it is possible to impose a severe burden upon a Moderator elected to office but unprepared to serve.

Now therefore, the Presbytery of Western Carolinas does overture the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to take under advisement the possibility of, 1) electing a "Moderator-in-Nomination" who shall have a year to prepare himself to serve; and 2) electing or appointing through an appropriate committee one or more Presiding Officers skilled in moderatorial procedures who may be called upon to take the chair at the pleasure of the Moderator or of the General Assembly.

Adopted, unanimously, by the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, November 18, 1978.

A. Boyce Spooner,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative § 7-90, 12; p. 138.

Overture 13. From the Presbytery of Covenant

Whereas, the meeting of General Assembly is an important aspect of the life of the church, and

Whereas, there has been a serious decline in participation by Ruling Elders, and

Whereas, current proposals by the Administration Committee of the General Assembly to further lengthen the Assembly meeting to include all Commissioners beginning on Friday, and

Whereas, such an action would place additional burdens on Ruling Elders participating, and

Whereas, it would have the further effect of removing every Teaching Elder from the pulpits of our churches and greatly increasing the cost of attending the meeting of the Assembly.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Covenant Presbytery respectfully overtures General Assembly to instruct the Committee on Administration to take the necessary action to return the meeting of the Assembly to its original Monday through Friday schedule, and further we request that they take the necessary steps to expedite the work of the Assembly during a Monday through Friday schedule.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of Covenant Presbytery, Jan. 16, 1979

Attest:

Harold L. Richardson

Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery

Answered in the negative § 7-90, 13; p. 138.

Overture 14. From the Presbytery of Covenant

Whereas, *The PCA Messenger* reported a meeting of "leaders of the church" and expressed approbation of the action of the Moderator of the Sixth General Assembly in calling such a meeting, and

Whereas, *The Presbyterian Journal* reported the meeting to be authorized by the Assembly rules, which is patently contrary to fact, and

Whereas, *The Presbyterian Journal* stated further, "The meeting held here was enlarged by special authorization of the Committee on Administration to include some 30 top leaders," and

Whereas, *The Presbyterian Journal* represented the purpose of the meeting was "to map financial strategy," and reported "in other decisions," the conference Expressed, Suggested, Agreed, Concluded, Decided," when as a matter of fact no minutes were kept and no vote was taken and,

Whereas, The Presbyterian doctrine of the parity of the elders precludes any such concept of leaders of the church, and

Whereas, The courts of the church are endowed by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to come to any decisions that must be made,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Covenant Presbytery respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly

1. To declare its displeasure that such a meeting was held, and
2. To disavow any importance that may be attached to such a meeting, and
3. To forbid the calling of any such meetings in the future.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of Covenant Presbytery, Jan. 16, 1979

Attest:

Harold L. Richardson

Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery

Answered in the negative, § 7-90, 14; p. 138.

Overture 16. From the Presbytery of North Georgia

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

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

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

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

Attest:

R. G. Valentine

Stated Clerk of North Georgia Presbytery

Answered in the negative, § 7-90, 15; p. 138.

Overture 21. From the Presbytery of the Gulf Coast

Whereas, three (3) of the Permanent Committees of the General Assembly are now located in the same area, and

Whereas, the budgeted amount for rent for all offices of the General Assembly in 1979 totals \$66,800.00, and

Whereas, there is some duplication of services to the offices being separated, and

Whereas, there is budgeted in 1979 for Committee Meetings a total of \$70,150.00, a portion of which is to be spent on motel rooms for committee members when the committees meet, and

Whereas, paying rent for leased office space may not be the wisest use of the Lord's money,

Therefore, Gulf Coast Presbytery Overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to instruct the Committee on Administration to study the feasibility of the General Assembly buying or acquiring a central office building to house all General Assembly offices and to include room space and dining areas for housing Committee members when meeting, and report back to the Eighth General Assembly.

Adopted unanimously by Gulf Coast Presbytery, January 13, 1979.

Attest:

George M. McGuire,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative, § 7-90, 16; p. 138.

Overture 26. From Warrior Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. That the Committee on Administration shall submit a budget each year based on (a) a reasonable projected income and (b) a responsible and strategic balance of the budget between the committees, and
2. That all undesignated funds shall be divided among the committees proportionate to their respective shares of the budget, and
3. That the three permanent program committees of the General Assembly and all those sent out under or by them shall seek only undesignated financial support and with the *PCA Messenger* and the Sub-Committee on Stewardship they shall positively promote undesignated giving for the whole work of the denomination, except for those works allowed support only through designated giving, and
4. That contributors sending designated support for works other than those allowed support only through designated giving be written and encouraged to send undesignated support, and
5. That the budget shall not restrict the maximum spending of any committee if its receipts should exceed the budgeted amount, but that any expenditures in excess of the budget must be for General Assembly mandated, high priority program items and not special causes, and

6. That any designated money still received shall be used as designated without in any way affecting the percentage distribution of undesignated funds, and
7. That all who work under the three permanent program committees shall be supported out of the General Fund of each respective committee except that single "sending bodies" in the sense used in the MTW *Manual* may give partial or full support which would be designated.

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

Attest:
Fred Carr
Stated Clerk

Referred to Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries. § 7-90, 17; p. 139.

Overture 28. From Grace Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Eighth General Assembly. § 7-90, 29; p. 139.

Overture 29. From Grace Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Eighth General Assembly. § 7-90, 30; p. 139.

Overture 30. From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, Church History is replete with examples of the failure of churches and men to maintain the truth in faith and practice; and

Whereas, the history of Presbyterianism in America has demonstrated the tendency of man to abuse the exercise of power and authority in a fashion contrary to its design and purpose; and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America allow for the potential undue influence by the officers of the General Assembly, and the representatives of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, and the Committee on Mission to the World, although there is not an indication of suspicion or mistrust of the Permanent Committees or their representatives; and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America provide for the membership of the representatives of the above named Permanent Committees on two Permanent Committees of the Church;

Therefore, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend Article IV (Permanent Committees), Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America so that it shall read:

The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted primarily through Permanent Committees, to wit: Committee on Administration; Committee for Christian Education and Publications; Committee on Mission to the United States; and Committee on Mission to the World. Each committee shall be composed of six Teaching Elders and six Ruling Elders divided into four classes of three men each serving four-year terms. There shall also be a Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business composed of eight members divided into four classes of two members each serving four-year terms. Each class shall be composed of one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder. The Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration. An advisory member shall be able to participate freely in the conduct of the business of the Committee, but he shall have no vote.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Amended to include the Moderator and the immediate past Moderator as advisory members, and then answered in the affirmative. § 7-90, 18; p. 139.

Overture 31. From Grace Presbytery

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

Whereas, Conveners are appointed by the Moderator; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chairman shall be the convener of the Committee.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Carried over to the Eighth General assembly. § 7-90, 32; p. 139.

Overture 32. From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, Covenant Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America has already overtured the Seventh General Assembly with respect to certain abuses evident in the concept and conduct of Moderator's Conferences; and

Whereas, the whole idea of the office of Moderator as presently constituted in the PCA General Assembly is conducive to abuses reminiscent of the situation in the ecclesiastical connection from which many of us came, the PCA view of the nature and function of the Moderator's office being largely a carry-over from the practice of that denomination; and

Whereas, the *Book of Church Order* does not envision any other function of the office of Moderator other than presiding over the business of the courts of the Church during the time of their meeting (11-3), changing, in cases of emergency and with proper prior notice given, the time and/or place of the next meeting of the court (11-3), and calling special meetings of the courts when the specified conditions have been met (cf. 14-9),

Therefore, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to answer the overture from Covenant Presbytery, in part, by declaring that the function of the office of Moderator of the General Assembly shall henceforth be limited to the expressed provisions of the *Book of Church Order*, and by directing the Committee on Judicial Business to present to the Assembly, by its next Stated Meeting, such changes in the rules of Assembly Operations as will bring them into conformity with this position.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-90, 14; p. 138.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

Overture 3. From the Presbytery of Westminster

Whereas, it has been the practice of the past General Assemblies to recognize publically certain congregations which have joined the PCA during the year prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, and

Whereas, these congregations are usually ones with large memberships and much wealth, and

Whereas, smaller congregations with less financial means are usually not recognized, and

Whereas, the Scriptures warn against showing favoritism on the basis of such things as wealth, James 2:1-4,

Therefore, Westminster Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly that if time is taken during an Assembly to recognize congregations which have united with the PCA during the year prior to the Assembly, that every effort be made to acknowledge every congregation so that no congregation be overlooked.

Adopted at the stated meeting, October 21, 1978.

Attest:

Larry E. Ball

Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative as amended. § 7-37, III, 2; p. 97.

Overture 15. From the Presbytery of North Georgia

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly was of one mind in its general consideration of the abortion issue, but was divided on the question whether abortion might be justified if deemed necessary to save a woman's life,

Therefore, be it resolved that North Georgia Presbytery request the General Assembly to revise the Assembly's statement on abortion (*Minutes*, p. 72) to read as follows:

"1. That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the intentional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth (abortion) is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment in all cases except possibly that in which it appears that no other remedy will save the life of the mother. The Assembly is divided as to whether this case would justify abortion."

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

Attest:

R. G. Valentine

Stated Clerk of North Georgia Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative as amended. § 7-37, III, 3; p. 97.

Overture 18. From the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina

Whereas, we reaffirm our denomination's stand against abortion in the General Assemblies of 1976 and 1977; and

Whereas, the deliverance of 1978 made no exceptions, but, in effect, called all abortion murder; and

Whereas, there are now countless Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, and members in our denomination who hold a view that has been denominated by the General Assembly as murder; and

Whereas, those who take this position have been called in an article in one Presbytery publication "humanists," and the statement made that "Humanism is alive and flourishing even in our part of the body of Christ," and

Whereas, a house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:24, 25); and

Whereas, the right of self defense is taught in Scripture; and

Whereas, the denial of the use of God-given means is fatalism and not Calvinism;

Be It Resolved, by the General Assembly that the 1978 stand on abortion be amended to include these words:

"An exception may be made in cases where two licensed physicians, in the jurisdiction in which they practice, determine that, to the best of their knowledge, it is an absolute medical necessity to choose between the life of the Mother and the life of the unborn child."

Adopted at the stated meeting, January 27, 1979.

Attest:

C. Gene Parks

Stated Clerk

Answered by statement. § 7-37, III, 3; p. 97.

Overture 19. From the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina

Whereas, the Scriptural view of Christian liberty is clearly stated in Romans 14:21 and 1 Cor. 8:13, and especially 1 Peter 2:16; and

Whereas, the consumption of alcoholic beverages is one of the most serious stumbling blocks in our country today;

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

Adopted at the stated meeting, January 27, 1979.

Attest:
C. Gene Parks
Stated Clerk

Not received by the Assembly § 7-33; p. 92.

Overture 33. From the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic

Whereas, we reaffirm our denomination's strong stand against abortion in the General Assemblies of 1976 and 1977; and

Whereas, the deliverance of 1978 made no exceptions, but, in effect, called all abortion murder; and

Whereas, there are now countless ruling elders, teaching elders, and members in our denomination who hold a view that has been denominated by the General Assembly as murder; and

Whereas, those who take this position have been called in an article in one Presbytery publication "humanists," and the statement made that "Humanism is alive and flourishing even in our part of the body of Christ;" and

Whereas, a house divided against itself cannot stand; and

Whereas, the right of self defense is taught in Scripture; and

Whereas, the denial of the use of God-given means is fatalism and not Calvinism;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 1978 stand on abortion be amended to include these words: "An exception may be made in cases where two physicians determine that, to the best of their knowledge, it is an absolute medical necessity to choose between the life of the mother and the life of the fetus."

Adopted at the 19th Stated Meeting of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, 11 May 1979.

Attest:
Leon F. Wardell
Stated Clerk

Answered as amended. § 7-37, III, 3; p. 97.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Overture 8. From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, membership on the permanent committees of the General Assembly requires knowledge and expertise which sometimes comes only after an extended period of service to which one is elected; and

Whereas, experience already has indicated that some committee members have reached the expiration of their terms at just the time they have become most useful to the work of the committee; and

Whereas, a too-frequent turnover in committee membership is wasteful of the Lord's money as well as of experienced leadership.

Now Therefore, the Presbytery of Western Carolinas does overture the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to change the rules under which permanent Assembly committee members are elected so as to make maximum use of talent and experience without so extending tenure as to prevent others from serving, as follows: That members of permanent Assembly committees may be elected to a second consecutive term by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly before being rotated off for at least one year; consecutive membership on any General Assembly committee being thus limited to two consecutive terms, but even so only at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

Adopted unanimously by the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, November 18, 1978

A. Boyce Spooner,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-41, III, 13; p. 103.

Overture 12. From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

We herewith overture the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America that the Assembly take steps to change the *Book of Church Order* (11-3) to allow election of presbytery moderators for periods longer than those covered by single stated meetings, but not to exceed a period of one year.

Adopted by the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas on January 16, 1979.

Attest:
A. Boyce Spooner
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-41, III, 14; p. 103.

Overture 20. From the Presbytery of Central Georgia

Whereas, the work of the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America is of the utmost importance to provide the very best qualified men to serve on permanent committees of the Church, and,

Whereas, conducting this important work requires a degree of knowledge of the structure and makeup of the committees, various requirements and desired qualities of members, and particularly the working of the Nominating Committee itself, and,

Whereas, the current procedures of having an entirely new Nominating Committee each year has proven to be less than ideally efficient in conducting the business of the Church, and

Whereas, it is still essential that the members of the Nominating Committee be elected only by the Presbyteries and with regular changes in membership, therefore:

Be it resolved, that the Central Georgia Presbytery respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to adopt the following change to the *Book of Church Order*

"Change 15-1, Principle No. 11, to read as follows: 'A nominating committee shall be comprised of one representative elected by each Presbytery in the following manner. Each Presbytery shall be assigned a lineal number by the Stated Clerk based on its date of formation. In odd number years, odd number Presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, respectively. In even number years, even number presbyteries will elect members, alternating between Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders, respectively. The term of each member shall be two years. When necessary, unexpired terms shall be filled by an Elder of the same class, Teaching or Ruling. This committee is to present all nominations for which it is responsible to the next meeting of the Assembly from a slate of men nominated by the Presbyteries. Each Presbytery shall through its representative present the Nominating Committee the name of one Ruling and one Teaching Elder for each committee of the church, utilizing the nominating forms provided for this purpose by the Stated Clerk. In addition to nominees for expired terms the Committee shall nominate for each permanent committee one Ruling and one Teaching Elder as alternates to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year. Each alternate should attend each meeting and fill any vacancies necessary to meet a quorum. In addition to the new nominees from the Presbyteries, alternates not assuming any vacancies during a year will be automatically considered by the Nominating Committee as candidates for nomination to that same committee.'"

NOTE: The following understandings and sample schedule apply to the above overture:

- 1) Since a *Book of Church Order* change requires the action of two General Assemblies, this change cannot begin until the Nominating Committee which will serve the Ninth General Assembly.
- 2) The Stated Clerk will guide the Presbyteries through the transition years following this sample:

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
PRESBYTERY No. 1	RE	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE
PRESBYTERY No. 2	TE	RE	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE	_____
PRESBYTERY No. 3	RE	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE
PRESBYTERY No. 4	TE	TE	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE	_____
PRESBYTERY No. 5	RE	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE
PRESBYTERY No. 6	TE	RE	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE	_____
PRESBYTERY No. 7	RE	RE	_____	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE
PRESBYTERY No. 8	TE	TE	TE	_____	RE	_____	TE	_____

Adopted by Central Georgia Presbytery July 8, 1978.

Walter V. Worsham,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-41, III, 24; p. 105.

Overture 22. From the First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi

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

Whereas, some persons elected by the General Assembly to the Permanent Committees have not attended or participated in the meetings or work of the committees and that without excuse, and

Whereas, the parity of ruling and teaching elders is materially unbalanced by this practice, and

Whereas, the total membership of each committee is limited and is needed to represent the Church fully, and

Whereas, the General Assembly is dependent of its Permanent Committees for accomplishing the assigned duties making quorums most necessary

Therefore, **Be It Resolved,** that the Session of the First Presbyterian, Louisville, Mississippi overture the General Assembly to direct its Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to prepare

proper changes to the *BCO* 15-1 to provide for the replacement of such inactive members.

First Presbyterian Church
for the Session
Thomas A. Cook, Moderator

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-41, III, 18; p. 104.

Overture 23. From the Presbytery of New River

That the *Book of Church Order*, paragraph 58-5, be changed in Question 2 to read as follows:

2. "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, and only Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?"

The Rationale:

The rationale for such a change lies in the felt need to express our church vows more specifically in harmony with our biblical beliefs and in clear agreement with the Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 8, "Of Christ The Mediator." Also, such clarification is needed to express precisely our belief in our Lord's Deity as the eternal Son of God, apart from the several cultic groups (e.g. Mormons) who call Him the Son of God, without any biblical understanding attached to their wording. In summary, the addition of these two words will clearly denote our Lord's eternal Deity and that "there is salvation in none other."

Passed by New River Presbytery in Session at South Ruffner Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West Virginia, this date, March 10, 1979:

Attest:
James N. Gay
Moderator
R. E. Kresge
Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-41, III, 25; p. 105.

Overture 27. From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America came into existence with the intention of establishing and/or continuing the testimony of historical Biblical presbyterianism; and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America does acknowledge the Word of God written to be the only infallible Standard of faith and practice; and

Whereas, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Bylaws of the aforesaid corporation do contain provisions which are outgrowths of secular law instead of Biblical principle, as for example a Board of Directors; and

Whereas, the existence of and provision for a Board of Directors and other such practices typical of secular law may one day pose a threat to the aforesaid intention of the Presbyterian Church in America;

Therefore, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly to direct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to review the whole matter of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America with the purpose of proposing revisions to these named documents in order that they may be brought into conformity with the Standards of our Church.

Date: May 11, 1979

Attest:
Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Answered in the affirmative as amended. § 7-41, III, 26; p. 105.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Overture 25. From Central Georgia Presbytery to the Seventh General Assembly

Whereas, the Capital Funds Program known as "The Five-in-Five Campaign" was approved by the 1977 General Assembly, and

Whereas, representatives of the General Assembly in its first year presented the program so as to permit pledges and cash gifts to be designated for specific work, and

Whereas, the 1978 General Assembly changed this in such a manner that donations may not be given through the "5-in-5" to specific works, thus breaking faith with former commitments,

Be it therefore resolved, that Central Georgia Presbytery hereby overture the General Assembly that the Assembly make it clear that any donating church, presbytery, or individual, who made his commitment prior to the 1978 General Assembly may designate its pledges and gifts for the building or land purchase, and designate the same to a PCA work of their choosing, and

That every such pledge and/or gift shall be recorded and the receipt thereof acknowledged by the M.U.S. Committee of the PCA.

Adopted by Central Georgia Presbytery April 10, 1979.

Walter V. Worsham
Stated Clerk

Answered by reference to Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly. § 7-29, III, 18; p. 91.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

Overture 10. From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America affirmed a goal of having 250 missionaries supported by our church in 1982, and

Whereas, the budget set by Mission to the World for 1979 is designed to support 230 missionaries by 1980,

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to prepare all future budgets of the Mission to the World in such a manner as to reflect accurately all costs of such projections, including anticipated inflation.

Adopted by the Presbytery, November 18, 1978

A. Boyce Spooner,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-68, III, 15; p. 132.

Overture 11. From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, the Scriptures declare that the Church is to provide for a brother in need, — I Jn. 3:17, Matt. 25:34-40, Lev. 25:35-38, and

Whereas, the Scriptures prohibit the charging of interest to a brother in need, — Lev. 25:36, Ex. 22:25, Deut. 23:19-20, and

Whereas, certain of the missionaries of our church have been placed in a position of need because of their service in foreign fields, and

Whereas, the Committee on Mission to the World has adopted the practice of charging interest on loans to needy missionaries in these instances,

Therefore, The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to instruct the Committee on Mission to the World to cease charging interest on these loans to our missionaries.

Adopted by the Presbytery, November 18, 1978

A. Boyce Spooner,
Stated Clerk

Answered in the negative. § 7-68, III, 16; p. 132.

Overture 17, A, B, C, D, E, F. From Warrior Presbytery

Whereas, the *Manual For The Mission To The World Committee* is to be reviewed and recommendations made to the Seventh General Assembly, and

Whereas, Warrior Presbytery believes certain changes in the *Manual* to be necessary;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully submits the following overtures to the General Assembly:

(Note: All references are to the *Manual* as it is found on pages 158ff. of the *Minutes of The Fourth General Assembly*.)

Overture A:

Whereas, Section II, Part I is entitled "Toward A Reformed Theology Of Missions" and intends to emphasize theology, and

Whereas, theology is that which comes from the Scriptures, either explicitly or by good and necessary inference, and

Whereas, the degree of recognition of a truth has no bearing on its theological accuracy (cf. p. 163, B. 1., first paragraph, first line, "It is more and more recognized . . ."), and

Whereas, our theology, not our identity, dictates our practice (cf. p. 163, B. 2., second paragraph, first two lines, ". . . our God-given identity . . ."), and

Whereas, "C. Propriety of Cooperative Work . . ." on p. 163 is not theology, being drawn not from the Scriptures, but from experience (cf. first paragraph, the second sentence) and opinion (cf. second paragraph, second sentence, "We believe . . ."), and

Whereas, "D. Relations to Church Councils" is not theology, being drawn not from Scripture, but from the *Minutes of The Third General Assembly*;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to:

1. Strike out "It is more and more recognized that . . ." on p. 163, B. 1., at the beginning of the first paragraph, and begin the paragraph with "Both . . .", and
2. Strike out ". . . identity as Reformed and Presbyterian . . ." on p. 163, in the second line

- of the second paragraph of B. 2. and insert "... Reformed doctrine and Presbyterian polity ...", and
- Strike out Section C. on p. 163 from the theological section and insert its two paragraphs on p. 166 under "3. Evangelical Missions" between the first and second paragraphs of that section, and
 - Strike out Section D. on p. 163 from the theological section and insert it as Section D. of the Reformed practice section on p. 167 before "Conclusion."
- Answered in the affirmative. § 7-68, III, 17, a, b; p. 132.

Overture B:

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America Assemblies have repeatedly affirmed the Biblical and historically Presbyterian position of the primacy and first priority of planting churches in the mission endeavor, and

Whereas, the MTW *Manual* is the policy statement of the PCA that directs the MTW Committee in accomplishing the declared will of the General Assembly, and

Whereas, there should be continuity of principle and practice in the *Manual*;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to: revise the MTW *Manual* as follows:

- On p. 158 at paragraph 10, strike out "It is understood ... Reformed Churches" and insert as a new paragraph the following:
Therefore, a high proportion of church-planting oriented missionaries over service-support oriented missionaries will be sent out that the primary thrust of planting and strengthening Presbyterian and Reformed churches may be realized.
(Note: as adopted by the 1975 General Assembly, cf. p. 115 of *Minutes*.)

Answered in the negative. § 7-68, III, 17, c; p. 132.

- On p. 163, B. 2., at the end of paragraph 1 insert the following
At our first General Assembly we affirmed this basic conviction in our "Address to all the Churches"

As a Church ... of that earlier (1861) ... efficiency to the test."

(Note: this quote is found in the 1973 *General Assembly Minutes* on p. 42.)

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-68, III, 17, d; p. 133.

- On p. 163, B. 2., begin the second paragraph, "Therefore, the priority and urgency ..."

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-68, III, 17, e; p. 133.

Overture C:

Whereas, the MTW Committee has adopted the following as its summary statement of purpose, and

Whereas, the summary statement is in accord with the intent of the *Manual*, and

Whereas, this statement gives a practical measure of the work of the MTW Committee;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to: revise the *Manual* as follows:

On p. 158, at paragraph 9, following the words, "Flexibility is evidenced ... fields of service" insert the following words:

The primary purpose of the Mission to the World is to plant the church of Jesus Christ in those countries where particular need and our ability to meet that need most closely coincide.

(Note: as found in the MTW report to the 1978 General Assembly, found on p. 230 in the *Minutes*.)

Answered in the affirmative as amended. § 7-68, III, 17, f; p. 133.

Overture D:

Whereas, the General Assembly in successive years has refined the cooperative agreement statement to its present form, and

Whereas, the *Manual* should be in conformity with this refinement;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to: revise the *Manual* as follows:

- On p. 159 in paragraph 2 between the words "... free presentation ..." and "... of the whole counsel of God ..." insert the words, "... and practice ..." so as to read, "... free presentation and practice of the whole counsel of God ..."
- On p. 159 in paragraph 2 strike out the words, "... Reformed view ..." and insert "... Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms ..."
- On p. 191 at C., 1., b., (1), b., which is the *Handbook*, insert the following:
Those missionaries in a cooperative agreement will include a report concerning their liberty in the full and free presentation and practice of the whole counsel of God as contained and understood in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-68, III, 17, g; p. 133.

Overture E:

Whereas, the *Book of Church Order*, Paragraph 15-1 clearly sets forth the serving aspects of the General Assembly Committees, namely, that "... they are not to establish policy, but rather execute policy established by the General Assembly ...", and

Whereas, the *Manual* acknowledges this limitation as it sets forth the work of the MTW Committee, and

Whereas, the *Manual* does not presently prescribe for the Special Projects already involving the work of the MTW Committee;

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to: revise *Manual* by inserting on p. 165 under B. Enabling Committee, as a new third paragraph the following:

In order to meet strategic opportunities which further the work of Presbyterian and Reformed Missions, the MTW Committee may give assistance as it sees fit to such Special Projects (organizations, missions, national Christian workers, etc.) as are themselves Reformed and with which MTW has direct or indirect oversight or participation with the Special Project to maintain accountability for said assistance.

Answered in the negative, § 7-68, III, 17, i; p. 133.

Overture F:

Whereas, the MTW Committee is given the responsibility for providing leadership and coordination for the PCA's obedience to the Great Commission, and

Whereas, the MTW Committee is to assist the General Assembly in evaluating the needs and resources of our mission work that MTW may act on the priorities set by the General Assembly for the most effective advancing of PCA mission work, and

Whereas, to that end MTW seeks out fields and opportunities where the PCA has ability and resources to minister, and

Whereas, MTW develops strategies for said works, and

Whereas, the MTW Committee is most knowledgeable of the demands of particular fields, and

Whereas, jurisdiction of ministry should decide who issues a particular call (i.e. a congregation, presbytery, publisher, etc.);

Therefore, Warrior Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to revise the MTW *Manual* as follows:

1. On p. 164, under A., 1., insert a new third paragraph to read as follows:

The MTW Committee is to keep Presbytery MTW Committees informed of MTW fields of service (as defined under C.1. "Mission to the World") with their particular missionary needs and strategies for these fields so that Presbytery MTW Committees and local Sessions may intelligently seek out missionaries for these MTW works.

Answered in the affirmative. § 7-68, III, 17, j; p. 133.

2. On p. 166 at C., 1., "Mission to the World" insert a new fourth paragraph to read as follows:

The MTW Committee is empowered to issue particular calls as necessary to advance work in these particular fields.

Answered in the negative, § 7-68, III, 17, k; p. 133.

Attest:

Fredrick S. Carr

Stated Clerk

C. RESOLUTIONS TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures

Resolution 1. From the Rev. William H. Rose, Jr.

Whereas, at various times in the early church, GOD'S people came together to ask the LORD for an outpouring of HIS HOLY SPIRIT upon them that the work of CHRIST might increase among them, which prayers GOD heard and answered. (Acts 1:13-14; Acts 4:29-31 among others.)

Whereas, in the great revival of 1800 in America, the General Assembly, together with various synods, Presbyteries, and local sessions set aside seasons of prayer and fasting to ask GOD for an outpouring of HIS HOLY SPIRIT, Which the LORD answered with revival all across our land: and

Whereas, the Word of GOD promises GOD'S forgiveness and mercy on a repentant and contrite people (2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 29:13; Hosea 10:12), and declares that JESUS CHRIST is the same, Yesterday, today and forever, (Hebrews 13:8); and

Whereas, this is a time of unprecedented moral and Spiritual crisis, in our land and around the world:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Presbyterian Church in America the Seventh

General Assembly meeting in Charlotte, N.C. call our sister churches to prayer and fasting about this great need.

And Be It Further Resolved, that our verse for this great need be Hosea 10:12.

Furthermore, that the time for prayer and fasting ordinarily be set at noon on Fridays at our churches or at any other time that would be best for the local church to meet at the church to pray about this.

Answered by substitute § 7-37, III, 1; p. 97.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Resolution 2. From the Rev. Garritt DeYoung representing the Sessions listed below

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

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

Therefore, the churches of Arizona-New Mexico respectfully overtures the Seventh General Assembly of the PCA at the meeting in June, 1979, to create a new Presbytery in the following manner:

1. By taking the States of Arizona and New Mexico, creating a new Presbytery entitled "The Presbytery of the Southern Rockies."
2. The remaining States of California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii would remain The Presbytery of the Pacific.
3. The Presbytery of the Southern Rockies would have four PCA churches and one mission church. the Presbytery of the Pacific would have five churches and seven mission churches.
4. That General Assembly authorize that The Presbytery of the Southern Rockies would become effective July 14, 1979.

Adopted this, the 2nd day of March 1979

Session

Sangre de Cristo Covenant Church

Wayne A. Buchtel,

Moderator

Adopted this, the 13th day of March 1979

Session

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gerritt De Young,

Moderator

Adopted this, the 11th day of March 1979

Session

Prescott Presbyterian Church

Charles E. Turner,

Moderator

Adopted this, the 8th day of March 1979

Session

Desert Springs Evangelical

Presbyterian Church

Ellis Shaw,

Moderator

Answered in the negative. § 7-29, III, 17; p. 91.

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

To the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications

6-63,II,A

Overture 7. From the Presbytery of North Georgia

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

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

Attest:
Robert G. Valentine
Stated Clerk

Answered, by reference to the Committee for Christian Education, §6-63, II. A. p. 80.

To be reported back to the Eighth General Assembly, § 7-49, p. 115.

6-45 Resolution on Theonomy

The following Resolution was introduced by the Rev. Frederick C. Fowler:

Resolution No. 4:

Be it resolved that the General Assembly appoint an Ad-Interim Committee for the purpose of studying the subject of Theonomy and to report back to the Seventh General Assembly.

The Assembly received this resolution and referred it to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures.

Answered in the affirmative. Referred to Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications, §6-63, II, D; p. 81.

See § 7-49, III, 22; p. 115.

To The Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

6-26,III.9

9. That the Assembly answer **Overture 18** (§6-11, A) from North Georgia Presbytery and **Overture 22** (§6-11,A) from Ascension Presbytery by requiring the Permanent Committee on Mission to the World to submit to the 1979 General Assembly clarifying language in these matters, and that the Mission to the World Committee be asked to provide the Assembly a written rationale explaining why participating in these projects does not violate the Manual. *Adopted as amended.*

Overture 18. From the Presbytery of North Georgia

Whereas, the *BCO*, 15-1 clearly sets forth the serving aspects of General Assembly Committees, namely, that "they are not to establish policy, but rather execute policy established by the General Assembly," and

Whereas, the *Missions Manual* exhibits both the letter and the spirit of this provision, and **Whereas**, the General Assembly has approved a "two-pronged approach of relating missionaries to fields of service," the primary thrust being "the familiar denominational pattern" and the secondary thrust being "working relationships with other evangelical missionary agencies," and

Whereas, the secondary thrust was approved only where there was a strict written agreement to insure that such missionary endeavor in no way restricted the proclamation of the whole counsel of God, and

Whereas, the clear implication is that the General Assembly wishes to exercise oversight in all mission endeavor to the extent that unbiblical compromise may be avoided, and

Whereas, we have no written agreement with, or General Assembly approval of, projects such as Acapulco Crusade, Association of Church Missions Committees, East-West Center, Evangelical Literature Overseas, and similar groups, and

Whereas, the Committee on Mission to the World is following the pre-manual precedent of funding such organizations, which has the effect of "establishing policy" and going beyond the approved "two-pronged approach" permitted in the manual, thus by-passing General Assembly oversight,

Therefore, the Presbytery of North Georgia respectfully overtures the Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to direct the Committee on Mission to the World to cease and desist such extra-manual missionary endeavors until such time as the *Missions Manual* is amended to permit such, or until the General Assembly makes other provision for such operations.

Unanimously adopted by the Presbytery of North Georgia at its Stated Spring Meeting, April 15, 1978.

Attest:
Robert Valentine, Stated Clerk

Overture 22. From Ascension Presbytery

Whereas, the *BCO*, 15-1, clearly sets forth the serving aspects of General Assembly committees, namely, that "they are not to establish policy, but rather execute policy established by the General Assembly"; and

Whereas, the *Missions Manual* exhibits both the letter and the spirit of the provision; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has approved a "two-pronged approach of relating missionaries to fields of service," the primary thrust being "the familiar denominational pattern" and the secondary thrust being "working relationships with other evangelical missionary agencies"; and

Whereas, the secondary thrust was approved only where there was a strict, written agreement to insure that such missionary endeavor in no way restricted the proclamation of the whole Counsel of God; and

Whereas, the clear implication is that the General Assembly wishes to exercise oversight in all mission endeavor to the extent that unbiblical compromise may be avoided; and

Whereas, we have no written agreement with, or General Assembly approval of, projects such as Acapulco Crusade, Association of Church Missions Committees, East-West Center, Evangelical Literature Overseas, and similar groups; and

Whereas, the Committee on Mission to the World is following the pre-manual precedent of funding such organizations, which has the effect of establishing policy and going beyond the approved "two-pronged approach" permitted in the manual, thus by-passing General Assembly oversight;

Therefore, the Presbytery of Ascension respectfully overtures the Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to direct the Committee on Mission to the World to cease and desist such extra-manual endeavors until such time as the *Missions Manual* is amended to permit such or until the General Assembly makes other provision for such operation.

Adopted by the Presbytery of the Ascension at its Stated Meeting, February 28, 1978.

Attest:

Frank D. Moser, Stated Clerk

Appendix H, p. 239.

To the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations

6-111.7

COMMUNICATION 1. From Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, California

January 18, 1978

Presbyterian Church in America

Executive Committee

P. O. Box 6287

Columbus, Georgia 31907

Attention: W. Jack Williamson, Moderator

Dear Mr. Williamson,

As the Session and governing body of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Orange County, we feel compelled to express our dismay at the type of issues which your General Assembly seems determined to discuss and debate. We refer specifically to your recent consideration of the issue of retaining U.S. troops in Korea which was debated when your assembly met in September of 1977. Regardless of the importance of this issue and regardless of the position your assembly finally agreed upon, we feel that discussion of such secular issues at a general assembly of your church organization cannot avoid weakening the foundation of the church.

The Church is a unique institution in our lives. Its overriding mission is to bring each of us to a personal awareness of Jesus Christ in our lives. If the church fails to perform this mission what other person or group of persons will perform this most important of all missions? If any church organization engages in a discussion and debate of secular issues, especially those of a partisan political nature, that church weakens its ability to perform that aforementioned vital spiritual mission for which the church is so uniquely fitted. This type of debate of such secular issues is the very trend which in recent years has so weakened the UPCUSA and the PCUS in its spiritual mission. Every such secular controversy occurring within an official church body cannot help but divide the membership and render more difficult the ability of the members of that church to unite and perform that most vital task of bringing people to Christ.

Of course, we in no way intend to imply that, as citizens of a free government, we should not engage in spirited debate on matters of public policy. Such debate is, in fact, essential to our survival as a self government. We only urge that such debate not occur in official church bodies such as your General Assembly.

Naturally, you are aware that we are not, as a church, officially united with your organization. However our minister, Dr. Ralph H. Didier, is a member. Moreover, our church supports several of your mission activities: Dr. Peter Cha, Brent Bradley and Robert Schorr. In addition your organization is asking our church to support Jack J. Myerscough in his mission to new churches. Therefore, we felt that, as a Session, we are justified in speaking with you on these matters of mutual concern.

We ask that you prayerfully consider the impact of your recent action before you continue

with what we consider to be a dangerous and destructive trend.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Ralph H. Didier
Moderator

Robert M. Hoefer
Clerk of Session

Referred to the Sub-Committee on Inter-Church Relations, § 6-11, III.7; p. 110.

Response § 7-34, p. 94.

To the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business

6-111,III.9

Overture 10. From the Presbytery of the Evangel

Evangel Presbytery overtures the Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to instruct the Permanent Theological Committee to answer the following Question:

When a congregation comes into the Presbyterian Church in America from another Presbyterian body, are the ordinations of their Elders and Deacons in this former denomination accepted as completely valid in the Presbyterian Church in America?

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting on February 4, 1978.

Hubert C. Stewart
Stated Clerk

Referred to the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, § 6-111,III.9; p. 110.

Answered by reference to newly adopted *BCO* 14-7. § 7-41, III, 16; p. 103.

Resolution No. 13 from the Rev. David G. K. Howe

Whereas the BCO (25-6 through 25-9) states that ordination to the office of ruling elder is perpetual, not to be laid aside at the pleasure of the individual, the session, or the congregation; and

Whereas the practice of rotating elders off of the session, in effect removing ruling elders from their rule, is without any warrant from the Word of God; and

Whereas the BCO contains provisions for removing ruling elders under special circumstances (age, incapacity, or offense); and

Whereas the BCO contains no provision for an automatic rotational system for removing elders; and

Whereas some of our member churches are practicing a rotational system.

Therefore be it resolved that the Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America advise its member churches to evaluate their present practice in this regard and bring themselves unto conformity with the BCO so that churches without a rotational system will not seek to establish one and churches with a rotational system will consider adopting a plan to establish their ruling elders in a permanent capacity, in conformity with the BCO (25-6 through 25-9).

Respectfully submitted by:
Rev. David G. K. Howe
Teaching Elder
Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Postponed §6-111,IV,3; p. 119.

Answered with a statement. § 7-41, III, 27; p. 105.

To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

6-111 Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

(Clerk's Note: The following portion of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business was postponed until the Seventh General Assembly. Note that this material has been renumbered, and the recommendations printed out in full. Proposed changes by the Committee of Commissioners

as they differ from the original proposals of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business are indicated by the use of italics and footnotes.)

6-118 Reconsideration of Selected Portions of the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

At this time several portions of the report were taken up, as incorporated into §6-111. In the section of the report not taken up, the Assembly had already adopted the proposed changes to *BCO* 19-1, 19-7, and 20. The Stated Clerk was directed by the Assembly not to send these matters down to the Presbyteries until such time as all the changes to *BCO* chapters 19 and 22 had been adopted by the Assembly.

The partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business was adopted as amended.

IV. Matters Postponed until the Seventh General Assembly

1. That the Assembly approve the following Amendments to the *Book of Church Order*, which will then be submitted to the Presbyteries for their consideration:

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER TO HANDLE THE MATTER OF A YEAR OF MANDATORY LICENSURE BEFORE ORDINATION.

(See 1977 *Minutes* of the Fifth General Assembly, Paragraph 5-72, Item 12)

- 19-1 Amend Paragraph 19-1:
by changing the words "preach the Gospel" in the second line to "the ministry of the Word."
Adopted.
- 19-2 Amend Paragraph 19-2:
by changing the word "candidate" in the first line of the first paragraph to "applicant."
by deleting the second and third sentence of the third paragraph and substituting the following in its place:
"An applicant for care may not be received under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of the Presbytery, since he must serve a period of at least one year of probation prior to ordination (see 20-7 and 22-4). An applicant for probation who is not already under care must be taken under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel and may be placed under probation all at the same meeting of the Presbytery."
For the last sentence substitute: "*An applicant for probation is obliged to be under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel; further, one who is not already under care may be taken under care, be licensed to preach the Gospel, and be placed under probation at the same meeting of Presbytery.*"
Grounds: The original amendment wording might imply that presbytery would be mandated to take under care, license, and place under probation every applicant.
- 19-7 Amend Paragraph 19-7:
by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following in its place:
"The Presbytery may, upon application of the candidate, give a certificate of dismission to another Presbytery. The candidate may be allowed to retain membership in his home church upon the request of his Session and the approval of both Presbyteries involved. A candidate shall, at his request, be allowed to withdraw from the care of the Presbytery."
Adopted.
- 20 Amend Chapter 20 by deleting it entirely and by substituting the following in its place:
Adopted.

Chapter 20 Licensure and Probation A. Licensure.

- 20-1. To preserve the purity of the preaching of the Gospel, no man is permitted to preach in the pulpits of the Presbyterian Church in America on a regular basis without proper licensure from the Presbytery having jurisdiction where he will preach. A ruling elder, a candidate for the ministry, a minister from some other denomination, or some other man may be licensed for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching of the Word upon their giving satisfaction to the Presbytery of their gifts and passing the licensure examination.
- 20-2. Examination for Licensure.
The examination for licensure shall be as follows:
 - A. Give a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel in written form or* orally before the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery);
*Substitute "and/or" for "or."

- B. Be tested with a written and/or an oral examination by the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery) for his:
 1. Basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined in the *Confession of Faith* and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* of the Presbyterian Church in America,
 2. Practical knowledge of the English Bible,
 3. Basic knowledge of the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in *The Book of Church Order*;
- C. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in Part B:
- D. Provide his written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and application, and preach a sermon orally before Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery.

No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of examination except in extraordinary cases; and whenever a Presbytery shall omit any of these parts, it shall always make a record of the reasons therefor, and of the trial parts omitted.

20-3. Questions for Licensure.

If the Presbytery be satisfied with the trials of the applicant, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner:

The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions, namely:

- (1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- (2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture?
- (3) Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?
- (4) Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or of any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

- 20-4. The applicant having answered these questions in the affirmative, the Moderator shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do license you to preach the Gospel in this Presbytery wherever God in His providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart, Amen."

Record shall be made of the licensure in the following or like form, namely: At, the day of, the Presbytery of, received testimonial commending, proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for licensure, which was met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered the questions for licensure, was licensed by the Presbytery to preach the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery.

- 20-5. When any licentiate shall have occasion to remove from the bounds of his Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires. The Presbytery into whose bounds the licentiate is moving, however, must at least examine the man concerning his Christian experience and call to preach the Gospel and his views in theology, English Bible, and church government. This Presbytery then may license him to preach within its bounds.
- 20-6. The license to preach the Gospel shall expire at the end of four years. The Presbytery may, if it thinks proper, renew it without further examination.

B. Probation.

- 20-7. The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the Word, both concerning their gifts and concerning their ability to rule as teaching elders, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men, and that the Church may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those to whom this sacred office is to be committed. To provide for such a period of trial, a candidate for ordination must be under probation; and this probation should normally occur in the Presbytery in which he is expecting to be ordained. This period of probation shall be at least one year in length, and may be longer at the discretion of the Presbytery so as to give sufficient time for the Presbytery to judge the candidate's qualifications and service. This period of probation may occur during or after the candidate's formal theological education. When it occurs during his formal theological education, it may include an intern year in addition to his time of academic training or it may run concurrent with his academic training. The nature of the probation period shall be determined by the Presbytery, but it should involve the candidate in the full scope of the duties of any regular ministerial calling approved by the Presbytery. It is to be both a time of practical instruction and testing by the Presbytery, and may be in any work which the Presbytery deems to be a suitable ministry to test the probationer's gifts. The probationer should be closely supervised by the Presbytery throughout this trial period.
- 20-8. An applicant for probation must be a candidate and a licentiate in the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer. He may, however, become a candidate, a licentiate,

and a probationer at the same meeting of Presbytery. If an applicant for probation is already a candidate in another Presbytery, that Presbytery should dismiss him as a candidate to the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become a probationer.

20-9. Examination for Probation.

If the applicant for probation has been previously licensed in the Presbytery in which he is seeking his probation, the only further examination needed before he begins his period of probation is for him to give to the Presbytery a written or* an oral statement (at the discretion of the Presbytery) of his inward call to the ministry of the Word.

*Substitute "and/or" for "or."

When an applicant for licensure and probation has completed at least two years of his theological training he may request that the Presbytery give the more complete examination required for ordination (see 22-4) in the place of the licensure examination. In such cases, a candidate for the ministry would* be examined only once and would be ordained without further examination after the satisfactory completion of his probationary period.

*Substitute "may" for "would be examined only once and would..."

20-10. When an applicant is approved for probation, the Moderator of the Presbytery shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do place you under the probation of this Presbytery as a means of testing your gifts for the holy ministry wherever God in His Providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen."

Record shall be made of the probation in the following or like form, namely, At the day of, the Presbytery of, having received testimonials commending, having received him as a candidate for the ministry and having licensed him to preach the Gospel, placed him under probation at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

20-11. When any probationer shall have occasion, while his probation is in progress, to remove from the bounds of his own Presbytery into those of another, the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, take up his probation at the point at which it was left, and conduct it to a conclusion in the same manner as if it had been commenced by itself. Presbytery shall repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires, but it must at least examine the probationer on His Christian experience and call to the ministry and his views in theology, the sacraments, and church government. In such cases, the probationer shall also transfer his candidacy and should be licensed by his new Presbytery.

20-12. If a probationer in one Presbytery desires to serve in a definite work that is within the bounds of another Presbytery and yet remain under probation in the former Presbytery, he may do so with the concurrence of both Presbyteries involved. His candidacy must remain with his probation. In such cases, however, the probationer must be licensed in the Presbytery within whose bounds he will be serving. Also, the Presbytery that has him under probation should request from the Presbytery in which he serves, its report of his service before determining whether to approve or disapprove the probation.

20-13. Presbyteries should require probationers to devote themselves diligently to the trial of their gifts; and no one should be ordained to the work of the ministry of the Word until he has demonstrated the ability both to edify and to rule in the Church. Reports on every probationer in the Presbytery should be presented at each stated meeting of the Presbytery by the committee of Presbytery charged with the oversight of probationers, and these reports shall become a part of the Minutes of Presbytery. The Presbytery shall also require every probationer himself to make a report to it at least once a year describing his ministerial experiences. If the probationer is still in school, the Presbytery shall secure from his instructors an annual report upon his deportment, diligence, and progress in study.

20-14. At the end of the period of time set by the Presbytery for his probation, a probationer shall have his probation either approved or disapproved. Even if it is approved, he cannot be ordained without a call to some specific work. If the probation is disapproved, the Presbytery may either extend it for another definite period of time or it may completely rescind his probationary status and may revoke his licensure. If the probationer shall devote himself unnecessarily to such pursuits as interfere with a full trial of his gifts, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to rescind his probationary status, and to record its reasons therefor in the Minutes of Presbytery.

20-15. A probationer who, during his probation, is to serve a congregation in the capacity of the minister of the Word must be called by the congregation in the same way that a regular minister is called. A congregation may later call such a man as its permanent pastor after nine months of his probationary period.* This call must be approved by Presbytery prior to the time of ordination. In the event a congregation does not desire to call such a man as their permanent pastor as determined by a congregational vote, notice should be given as early as possible. The congregation shall be financially obligated to the probationer for a minimum of three months after the notice is given. Probationers may be called to serve as

assistants to ministers during their probation, by the Session of a Church with approval of the call by Presbytery.

*Delete "after nine months of his probationary period."

20-16. Restrictions

The probationer may be asked by the moderator of a Session temporarily to chair the meeting of the Session. In such cases the moderator shall supervise this activity and may overrule the probationer or re-assume the chair at will. The probationer is not a member of Session and may not vote in the meetings unless he has previously been ordained a Ruling Elder and elected to the Session by the congregation. Normally he shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Session and Diaconate when he has been called to work out his probation by a congregation. He shall have the right to conduct funerals, and administer wedding vows where the civil law permits. A probationer may not administer the sacraments. He may serve on committees for courts of the church.

21-1 Amend Paragraph 21-1:

by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"Before a probationer can be ordained to the office of Minister of the Word and Teaching Elder, he must receive a call to a definite work."

21-11 Amend Paragraph 21-11:

by deleting the words: "licentiate or candidate" and by substituting in their place the words: "or probationer."

22-1 Amend Paragraph 22-1:

by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"No minister or probationer shall receive a call from any work in the Church without the permission of the Presbytery which has jurisdiction over him. When a call has been presented to a Presbytery, if found in order and the Presbytery deems it for the good of the Church, the Presbytery shall place it in the hands of the one to whom it is addressed.

"Ordinarily, a minister or a probationer shall not move onto the field until received by the Presbytery having jurisdiction over the work to which he has been called."

22-2 Amend Paragraph 22-2:

by deleting the entire paragraph and substituting the following in its place:

"When a probationer has completed his probationary period to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and has accepted a call to be permanent pastor,* the Presbytery shall take immediate steps for his ordination."

*Delete "to be permanent pastor." Grounds: Probationers may not necessarily be called to labor as a pastors.

22-3 Amend Paragraph 22-3:

by deleting the first phrase, which reads as follows:

"No Presbytery shall ordain any licentiate or candidate to the office of the Gospel Ministry" and substitute the following in its place:

"No Presbytery shall ordain any probationer to the office of Minister of the Word,".

22-4 Amend Paragraph 22-4:

by adding as an introductory paragraph the following:

"A probationer applying for ordination shall be required to present a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved college or university, and also a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved theological seminary or authentic testimonials of having completed a regular course of theological studies, or a certificate of completion of and endorsement from a theological study program as approved by the General Assembly and one of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall also present satisfactory testimonials as to the completion and approval of his probationary period in the practice of the ministry. Ordinarily, the probationer shall have been examined in most of the following trials when he was licensed. If the Presbytery previously approved all parts of the licensure examination it need not reexamine the probationer in those areas at this time. If there were areas of weakness, which the Presbytery noted, or if any member of the Presbytery desires to do so, the probationer may be examined on particular points again.* In all cases, he should be asked to indicate whether he has changed his previous views concerning any points in the *Confession of Faith*, *Catechisms*, and *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America."

*Add "Additionally, the probationer shall be examined on any parts required for ordination which were not covered in his examination for licensure." Grounds: The trials for licensure and for ordination are not identical.

and by deleting the third sentence of paragraph 22-4 as it is at present, which begins: "A candidate for ordination, etc. . . ."

22-11 Amend Paragraph 22-11:

by deleting, in the first line, the words: "candidate or licentiate" and by substituting for them the word "probationers."

2. Additional amendments to the *BCO* introduced by the Committee of Commissioners:
 - 1) *BCO* 19-3 (p. 25 of *BCO*) (12-0)
That the word "candidate" in lines 4 and 11 be changed to read "applicant."
Grounds:
An applicant does not become a candidate until after completion of these steps.
 - 2) *BCO* 19-8 (new paragraph) (13-0)
"An applicant coming as a candidate from another denomination must present testimonials of his standing in that body and must become a member of a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall then fulfill the requirements of applicants listed under 19-3 as well as requirements placed upon those desiring to be licensed or placed under probation as set forth in Chapter 20 of the *BCO*."
Grounds:
The changes set forth in Recommendation 10 of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business Report make no provision for receiving applicants who are candidates in other denominations.
3. That the following Recommendation regarding **Resolution 13** (1976) (cf. § 6-11) from this Committee be substituted for the respective Recommendation of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business:

That **Resolution 13** be answered in the affirmative and further that the Sixth General Assembly direct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to prepare an amendment to the *BCO* 25-6 specifying that the rotation system is not biblical.

Grounds:

 - a. The instances authorizing the removal of an officer from active service are set forth in *BCO* 25-6 through 25-9.
 - b. A system of rotation of officers is not in conformity with the wording of the *BCO*.

(Clerk's note: The Permanent Sub-Committee's recommendation was as follows: That **Resolution No. 13** be answered in the negative for the following reasons:

 1. The matter has been thoroughly spoken to, previously, by the debate and vote of the First General Assembly at Birmingham, the taped debate being a matter of historical record; and
 2. *The Book of Church Order* (25-6 and 25-7) was deliberately worded at the First General Assembly so as to allow this system, though not recommending it, when it says:
25-6. Ordination to the offices of Ruling Elder or Deacon is perpetual; nor can such offices be laid aside at pleasure; nor can any person be degraded from either office but by deposition after regular trial; yet a Ruling Elder or Deacon may have reasons which he deems valid for being released from the active duties of his office. In such a case the Session, after conference with him and careful consideration of the matter, may, if it thinks proper, accept his resignation and dissolve the official relationship which exists between him and the church.
The Ruling Elder or Deacon, though chargeable with neither heresy nor immorality, may become unacceptable in his official capacity to a majority of the church which he serves. In such a case the church may take the initiative by a majority vote at a regularly called congregational meeting, and request the Session to dissolve the official relationship between the church and the office without censure. The Session, after conference with the Ruling Elder or Deacon, and after careful consideration, may use its discretion as to dissolving the official relationship. In either case the Session shall report its action to the congregation.
25-7. When a Ruling Elder or Deacon who has been released from his official relation is again elected to his office in the same or another church, he shall be installed after the above form with the omission of ordination.)

To the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices

6-119 Postponement of the Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices (cf. §6-83)

The Assembly postponed until the Seventh General Assembly further action on the Report on the Number of Offices. The Clerk was directed that only the text of the report currently on the floor be published in the *Minutes*.

1-10, 2-70

Overture 11. From McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida

Whereas, there is not to be any differentiation between the office of ruling elder and teaching elder (Minister of the Word), and each is given equal authority in church government according to the Scriptures * (*Book of Church Order*, III, page 20);

Whereas, the power of jurisdiction is to be equally exercised by ruling and teaching elders (ministers), but jointly in church courts (*Book of Church Order*, 1-4, 33, pages 22 and 23);

Whereas, the Minister of the Word and the ruling elder are to share equally in the governing of the church (*Book of Church Order*, 9-3, page 32);

Whereas, Christ has furnished others (ruling elders), besides the Minister of the Word, with gifts and commissions to govern when called and ordained thereto (*Book of Church Order*, 11-1, page 35);

Whereas, in all courts of the church the ruling elders possess the same authority and the same eligibility to office as the Minister of the Word (*Book of Church Order*, 11-2, page 35);

Whereas, the Session is the only court that is denied the right to elect its own Moderator;

Whereas, the office of Moderator of Session is the only office in the entire Presbyterian Church system of government to which an elder cannot be elected: and that in his own particular church;

Whereas, the requirement that the Minister be the Moderator of Session (*Book of Church Order*, 13-2, page 38) denies the ruling elder (1) the exercise of his gifts and commission to rule; (2) to share equally in the governing of the church; (3) the same eligibility to office as the Minister of the Word and differentiates between the teaching and ruling elder in matters of church government — all contrary to the *Book of Church Order*. Furthermore, the principle implies ruling elders are not capable of moderating the Session (*Book of Church Order* 15-4, page 42);

Whereas, the appointment of a moderator of a session by a presbytery when a church is without a pastor (*Book of Church Order*, 15-4, page 42) denies the session the exercise of its proper and efficient jurisdiction and governing of its church. It is subject to the convenience and/or whims of a moderator unacceptable to a session because of his theological position, personality or availability;

Whereas, the requirement that a Minister of the Word be the Moderator of Session under the *Book of Church Order* (13-2 and 15-4) places another unnecessary burden and additional responsibilities on a minister already encumbered so heavily that the minister of the Word is rendered less effective in his total ministry;

Whereas, the minister of the Word is so encumbered that he ought to have relief from the task and responsibility of Moderator of Session;

Whereas, the principal parity of the ruling and teaching elders is violated;

Whereas, there is no Spiritual grounds for the teaching elder to moderate the session, only the tradition of men;

Therefore, to rectify the inequities, to promote a more harmonious relationship in and between courts, to provide some relief to an encumbered ministry, and to maintain the parity of teaching and ruling elders, the Session of McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church overtures the first General Assembly of the Continuing Presbyterian Church to amend the *Book of Church Order* so that a session may exercise its right to elect its moderator.

(*References are the BCO copyrighted by the PCUS in 1965, 12th printing 1969, paperback edition).

Recommended to new Ad-Interim Committee, paragraph 3-33.

Postponed, §6-119; p. 124.

2-29 Constitutional Documents Committee Report — Ruling Elders Administering Sacraments

The Rev. Charles Dunahoo, Chairman of the Constitutional Documents Committee yielded the floor to the Rev. Harold Borchert, Chairman of the Ad-Interim Committee to Study the Question of Ruling Elders Administering the Sacraments, who presented the Majority Report of the Committee. Mr. Borchert in turn yielded the floor to the Rev. Basil Albert, who presented the Minority Report. (See Appendix pp. 177-179). The whole matter was referred to an Ad Interim Committee to Study the Question of the Number of Offices of the Church, and bring final recommendations on this issue to the General Assembly.

Postponed, §6-119; p. 124.

3-31 Report of Ad Interim Committee on Number of Offices

Rev. Kennedy Smartt presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Number of Offices in the ministry. Part II: Biblical and Theological issues were introduced. Part III: was then introduced — Recommendation 1 was suspended that the Assembly might move on the recom-

mentation 2. After discussion of the matter the Assembly adopted the following motion: The whole matter be committed to a new Ad-Interim Committee which shall be elected after nomination by the Nominating Committee (3-45, 3-82)

Postponed, §6-119; p. 124.

3-33 Overtures Recommitted

That the answers of administration of sacraments by ruling elders (1974 *Minutes* 2-29); right of a session to elect its own moderator (1974 *Minutes* 2-70); office of Assistant Pastor, (1974 *Minutes* 2-71); and one concerning the nature of ordination (1974 *Minutes* 2-98), be committed to the new Ad-Interim Committee for their study and answer to the Fourth General Assembly.

Postponed, §6-119; p. 124.

2-98, 3-33

Overture 4. From First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Reverend General Assembly, First Presbyterian Church, Macon, Georgia

Whereas the nature of ordination and its several facets is not clear in the *Book of Church Order*. Now, therefore, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church overtures the Second General Assembly to raise a competent committee of scholars and churchmen to study and to:

1. Affirm and declare the nature of ordination in the National Presbyterian Church to be functionary and strictly Biblical,
2. Describe the limits to which Scripture permits ordination to be used apart from the pastorate,
3. Review and clarify the concept of parity if Teaching Elders other than full time pastors are to be permitted to serve on the committees of the higher courts and have the franchise in those courts.
4. Clarify the matter of unordained personnel, their proper examination and certification, the regulation of their work and the limits of women's participation.

Rev. Eurie Hayes Smith III, Moderator

Recommended to new Ad Interim Committee — §3-33.

Postponed, §6-119; p. 123.

6-83 Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices Continued

The Second Minority Report (the Fifth General Assembly Majority Report), as amended, was received in the stead of the Sixth General Assembly Majority Report. The First Minority Report failed to be received in the stead of the Second Minority Report. Thus, the Second Minority Report was received by the Assembly for perfecting.

The process of perfecting was in progress at the time of the recess. The Assembly determined not to consider Recommendation 9 of the Report until after the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business had been heard.

(Note: Because of time considerations, neither the Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices nor the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business were completed by the Assembly. The text of the Number of Offices report is included here, to the point it reached at the end of this period of consideration. Some sections were deleted by the Assembly, and these have been included with lines through the text because the Assembly has not yet adopted the perfected report as a whole. See § 6-109 for the motion to postpone consideration.)

REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF THE NUMBER OF OFFICES IN THE CHURCH TO THE FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Ad-Interim Committee on the Number of Offices in the Church has been assigned the task of determining whether the office of Elder is one office or two. Do Ruling and Teaching

Elders have the same office, or are they separate offices? Those who hold that Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders have two distinct offices hold to the "three-office view" that the officers in the church are Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Deacons. Those who hold that there is only one office of Elder hold to what is known as the "two-office view" that the officers in the church are simply Elders and Deacons.

Closely related to this question are a number of practical questions having to do with such relationships between Pastors and Assistant Pastors, Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders and Licentiatees.

The issues are difficult and have required much study. It began when the First General Assembly (1973) appointed an Ad-Interim Committee to Study the Question of Ruling Elders Administering the Sacraments. This committee was divided when it reported to the Second General Assembly (1974), and so that Assembly appointed an Ad-Interim Committee to Study the Question of the Number of Offices in the Church. That Committee reported to the Third General Assembly (1975), but the Assembly did not act on their report, and appointed another Ad-Interim Committee on the Number of Offices in the Church and charged it, "to include in its report exegetical defenses of both the two-office and three-office views" (3-83). This new Ad-Interim Committee gave a preliminary report to the Fourth General Assembly (1976), but indicated that it had not been able to complete its work and was appointed to continue for an additional year. That year is now up. The Church has completed four years of study on the part of three ad-interim committees, including one which lasted for two years. Two members of the present Ad-Interim Committee were also members of the second Ad-Interim Committee, thus providing continuity.

Our report will consist first of a discussion of the eldership and whether it comprises one or two offices; second, a discussion of other issues referred to our Committee; and third, a number of study papers presented as appendices to this report.

I. THE OFFICE OF ELDER

The report of this Committee to the Fourth General Assembly included "A Preliminary Study of the Two-and-Three-Office Theories," which gave biblical background and historical information on the controversies over this subject, and material on the two points of view. This paper is to be found in the *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*.

Arguments exclusively for a two-office view are to be found in the report of the previous Ad-Interim Committee in the *Minutes of the Third General Assembly*.

Arguments for an exclusively three-office viewpoint are to be found in the paper, "A Brief for Church Governors in Church Government," by Edmund P. Clowney, which is included as an appendix to this report.

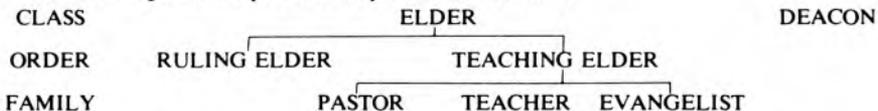
Our Committee has seen a possible solution to the dilemma in a statement by the noted Southern Presbyterian theologian, Robert L. Dabney, Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, from 1869 to 1883. Dr. Dabney wrote an article, "Theories of the Eldership," which originally appeared in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," September, 1860, and was republished in *Discussions: Evangelical and Theological, Volume II*, which was first published in 1891, and reprinted in London by the Banner of Truth Trust in 1967. In the paper, Dabney states his position thus: "There is one class of presbyters embracing two orders, the preaching elder and the ruling elder."

That statement puts Dabney on the side of the two-office view, and yet his recognition of two orders within the one class of Elder enables him to hold on to the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word by the Teaching Elder, which is the great virtue of the three-office view.

It must be recognized that Dabney is borrowing terminology from the field of biology when he uses the words "class" and "order." Biological definitions embrace narrowing classifications such as class, order, family, genus and species. Dabney's statement about two orders of Elders should not be confused with the completely different use of the same word in speaking of "holy orders" in the Roman Catholic priesthood.

The Committee has come to feel that the differences between two-office and three-office views may be reconciled by this analogy from biology. This analogy also helps us to clarify the confusion that exists when some speak also of Teacher and Evangelist as separate offices, which has been done in the Reformed tradition.

The following chart helped to clarify the situation for us:



When some talk about two offices in the Church, they are thinking on the level of "class." When others talk about three offices in the Church, they are thinking about the level of "order." When some talk about additional offices in the church, such as Pastor, Teacher, and Evangelist, they are thinking on the level of "family." This chart has put the subject into perspective for our Committee, and we would resolve the question of the number of offices in the words of Dabney:

"There is one *class* of presbyters embracing two *orders*, the preaching elder and the ruling elder."

Dr. George W. Knight, III, of Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, met with our Committee and shared with us his view, "there is one office of Elder with two functions." We find this remarkably similar to Dabney's view of one office with two orders. Someone has nicknamed this "the two-and-a-half-office view." We asked Dr. Knight to prepare a paper on his position, and that paper is presented as an appendix to this report. It contains some material that was presented in the report of the previous Ad-Interim Committee to the Third General Assembly, but it also contains a considerable amount of new material.

A Teaching Elder on this Committee, Donald A. Dunkerley, has prepared a paper, "Ministers of the Word," which defines the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word by those ordained as Teaching Elders. Although Dunkerley's paper maintains the emphasis on the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word that has been the principal value of the three-office view, Dunkerley agrees with the two-office view as defined by Dabney or Knight. His paper is presented as an appendix to our report.

A Ruling Elder on this Committee, the Chairman, Judge Robert H. Kirksey, has written a paper on the order of Ruling Elder, which is also presented as an appendix to this report.

It is important to note that in reaching the final conclusion and recommendation, two overriding factors were given high importance. One: that the Bible is not a detailed textbook of church government and that any polity must of necessity seek to allow for some diversity of views while maintaining unity in the Church; and two: that since church government is largely based on the requirement that God has sovereignly set forth to maintain good order and discipline in *all* things, the conclusions reached set forth in the Committee's view the *best* possible order and discipline for the Presbyterian Church in America today.

It is our hope that those who study the reports to previous General Assemblies and the study papers appended to this report will agree with the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

That the General Assembly affirm that the Scriptures teach that *in addition to the fundamental office of all believers, there are also special* perpetual classes of office in the Church, Elder and Deacon; and that there are within the class of Elder two orders, Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder.*
 Originally the italicized phrase read, "there are but two ordinary and."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

That the General Assembly encourage each Presbytery and Session to conduct training workshops for Elders and Deacons, stressing the areas of Scriptural requirements for the office; knowledge of the Westminster Standards and the *Book of Church Order*; and practical matters of application of shepherding the flock.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:

That the General Assembly calls the attention of each Session to the provisions of the *BCO* (25, 1-4) relative to procedures for the nomination and election of men to the Ruling Eldership and to the Diaconate, and encourage them to seek every possible way of ensuring that only those who are qualified and trained serve in these offices in the future.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:

That the General Assembly reaffirm the historic Presbyterian position expressed in *LC* 158, that none should preach the Gospel but those who are called and gifted of God; and therefore only those men who are properly ordained or licensed may preach in the pulpits of the PCA; and that Ruling Elders be allowed and encouraged to renew the historic practice of exhorting the people of God (See Rec. No. 5, paragraph D).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:

That the General Assembly give initial approval to the following changes in the *Book of Church Order*, submit them to the various Presbyteries for their approval, and resubmit them to the 1978 General Assembly for final approval and inclusion in the *Book of Church Order*:

- A. Change 7-2 to read as follows: The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are Elders and Deacons. Within the class of Elder are the two orders of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The Elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as Teaching Elders. The office of Deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, the office of Elder is given to men only.
- B. Combine Chapters 8 and 9 as follows, and renumber the following chapters accordingly:

CHAPTER 8. The Elder.

- 8-1. This office is *one of** dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed Bishop or Pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed Presbyter or Elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed Teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

*Originally the italicized phrase read, "the first in the Church, both for."

- 8-2. He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.
- 8-3. It belongs to the office of Elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.
- 8-4. As the Lord has given different gifts to men and has committed to some special gifts and callings, the Church is authorized to call and appoint some to labor as Teaching Elders.
- 8-5. When a man is called to labor as a Teaching Elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other Elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed Ambassador. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed Evangelist. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed Preacher. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinance instituted by Christ, he is termed Steward of the mysteries of God.
- 8-6. When a Teaching Elder is appointed to the work of an Evangelist, he is commissioned to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments in foreign countries or the destitute parts of the Church. The Presbytery may by separate acts from that by which it commissioned him, entrust to the Evangelist for a period of twelve months the power to organize churches, and, until there is a Session in the Church so organized, to instruct, examine, ordain, and install Ruling Elders and Deacons therein, and to receive or dismiss members.
- 8-7. As there were in the Church under the law, Elders of the people for the government thereof, so in the Gospel Church, Christ has furnished others besides Ministers of the Word with gifts and commission to govern when called thereunto, which are called Ruling Elders.
- 8-8. Elders being of one class of office, Ruling Elders possess the same authority and eligibility to office in the courts of the Church as Teaching Elders. They should, moreover, cultivate zealously their own aptness to teach the Bible and should improve every opportunity of doing so.
- 8-9. Although preaching is only the function of Teaching Elders, notwithstanding, Ruling Elders should be regularly engaged in the practice of exhorting the people of God, by taking clear and well-known truths of the Scriptures and applying them with zeal and earnestness to the lives of God's people.
- ~~C. Change 54-6 to read as follows: Only those men who are properly ordained or licensed may preach in the pulpits of the PCA. No person should be invited to preach in any of the churches under our care without the consent of the Session.~~
- ~~D. Add new Section 54-7 as follows: Although only Teaching Elders and Licentiates may preach, in the absence of a Teaching Elder or in extraordinary circumstances, a Ruling Elder or other Christian man may be invited to give an exhortation. An exhortation should not be a detailed exposition of God's Word or deal with a passage or doctrine that is regarded as difficult or especially controversial among Reformed people, but should concentrate on urging the hearers to receive Christ as Saviour and Lord or in other respects to fulfill their duty before God.~~

II. OTHER ISSUES

- A. **MODERATOR OF LOCAL SESSIONS:** Overture No. 11 to the First General Assembly from McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida, is still before this Assembly awaiting answer (See page 47 for complete text of overture). It is to be noted that this overture stems from a time when a church was *required* to have a presbytery-appointed Teaching Elder as moderator of the Session, which is no longer true in the PCA. This was the principal reason stated for submission of the overture. Now a church without a Pastor may have its Session moderated by one of its own Elders. The overture, if adopted, would reverse the present situation that a congregation, in calling a Pastor, is also electing him as moderator of Session, and a presbytery, in installing a Pastor, is also installing him as moderator of Session. It would provide that the Pastor of a church might serve as a member of Session while the Session elects a Ruling Elder from its midst to serve as moderator.

Our Committee prefers the present situation for several reasons:

1. The one example that we have in Scripture of the proceedings of a church court, the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15, indicates that this court was presided over by James, a Teaching Elder.
2. The general practice of Christian Churches from the time of the apostles until today is that local church courts are presided over by their ministers. Abandonment of this practice would not only mean giving up a practice which has proven beneficial for hundreds of years, but would put us out of step with other Christian Churches including, particularly, those of the Presbyterian and Reformed family of churches.
3. Church courts above the Session level seek to express parity with a numerical balance of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. On the Session level there is usually only one, or at most a few, Teaching Elders to a much larger number of Ruling Elders. It helps to preserve parity by giving the moderatorship to one of the minority of Teaching Elders.
4. The Teaching Elder is a member of Presbytery and has been installed by Presbytery, and his role as moderator helps to strengthen the connection with Presbytery that is an essential part of the Presbyterian system.
5. When the Teaching Elder serves as moderator of the local church's governing body, the connection between the government of the local church and the teaching of the Word of God is emphasized. Should the Teaching Elder cease to serve as moderator, there is a danger that in some places he would be regarded as the hired administrative secretary of the church Session rather than an officer of the Session. Courts above the Session level have many Minister members, but none of them is especially installed as Minister of the Word to that court, so the situation is analogous to a church without a Minister in which either a Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder can moderate.

Therefore, your Committee makes the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:

That the General Assembly answer **Overture No. 11** to the First General Assembly from the McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida, in the negative.

- B. NATURE OF ORDINATION:** This is one of the issues in which there has been consistent agreement by all the Committees. A paper by a Teaching Elder on the Committee, Chaplain Don K. Clements, which speaks to some of the central Biblical issues involved in the question is included in the Appendix. We respectfully recommend the following be adopted:

RECOMMENDATION No. 7:

That the General Assembly answer **Overture No. 4** to the Second General Assembly from the First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi, as follows:

1. In answer to request number one, we would affirm that the ordination of Elders is to a particular order within the class of Elders, either Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder. Both orders of Elder include certain functions which are listed in Scripture, among which we find: exhortation (Titus 1:9); convincing the gainsayers (Titus 1:9); keeping out heresy (Titus 1:9-11 and Acts 20:29-31); feeding the flock (Acts 20:28 and I Peter 5:2); speaking the Word of God (Hebrews 13:7); exercising government (Hebrews 13:7, 17); oversight of the congregation (Hebrews 13:17); accounting to God for the congregation (Hebrews 13:17); praying for the sick (James 5:14); and others. In addition, the order of Teaching Elder includes the additional functions of the public preaching of the Word (Acts 26:16-18; Romans 10:14; Romans 15:16; I Cor. 4:1); and administering the Sacraments (John 1:33; I Cor. 11:23); plus such things required in the contemporary pattern of church life and custom as performing marriage ceremonies and officiating at funerals.
2. In answer to request No. 2, we would again affirm that ordination is to a particular order within the class of Elders. However, since the class of Elder includes various functions, not limited to the pastorate, we would affirm that it is proper for a Teaching Elder to serve in and to be ordained upon satisfactory evidence of a call to such teaching functions as the following: Missionary, Evangelist, Chaplain (military or institutional), Church Executive or Administrator, Seminary Professor, Teacher of Bible or Religion in college, university, or Christian school.
3. In answer to request No. 3, since both historically and by definition, the concept of parity does not refer to equality of numbers but rather equality of condition, rank, and value, and, therefore, since the office of Elder is not limited to the pastorate; therefore the current practice of the church to permit Teaching Elders other than full-time Pastors to serve on committees of the higher courts and to have franchise in those courts is in keeping with the concept of parity.
4. In answer to request No. 4, we would affirm that all unordained personnel, both men and women, such as administrative assistants, directors of Christian Education, secretaries, music directors, youth workers, teachers in the local church school, Session-operated Christian Day Schools, or employees or appointees of one of the Committees of the General Assembly or other court of the Church shall be approved by, and are under the jurisdiction of, the Court of the Church or committee by which they are employed, and

under the ecclesiastical discipline of their local church. The appropriate examination, certification, and regulation of their work shall be determined and administered by the court or committee under which they will be working. In the case of a committee employee or appointee, the type of examination, certification, and regulation will be subject to the approval of the court of jurisdiction.

- C. **ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS BY RULING ELDERS:** Of all the questions before this Committee, this one has provided the most discussion in the Church and the most division among brothers. It was the lengthy discussion of the minority report on the floor of the Second General Assembly which brought the initial formation of this special Ad-Interim Committee. Papers included in the Appendix to this report, (Majority and Minority Reports of Ad-Interim Committee to the Second General Assembly and "Ministers of the Word," by Donald A. Dunkerley), present some of the basic issues involved. Your Committee finds that there is one overriding factor which forces us to the conclusion that we have reached that only Teaching Elders should be allowed to administer the Sacraments in the PCA. And that factor is the clear prohibition of any others performing these tasks by our Confessional Standards. *The Confession of Faith*, Chapter 27, Section IV, states: "There be only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord: *neither of which may be dispensed by any, but by a minister of the Word lawfully ordained*" (italics ours). In addition, Larger Catechism Question No. 176 states: "The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper agree, in that the author of both is God: the spiritual part of both is Christ and His benefits; both are seals of the same covenant; *are to be dispensed by ministers of the gospel, and by none other . . .*" (italics ours).

If the PCA were to make the major change of allowing Ruling Elders to administer the Sacraments, it would be necessary that major changes be made to our Confessional Standards. While the Standards must never be set above the Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice, yet we have certainly given strong testimony to their lasting quality and trueness to the Scriptures, and changes should only be made when there is clear and overwhelming evidence, biblically, that they are wrong. We find no such evidence in the case of administration of the Sacraments. The administration of the Sacraments, by its very nature, is a proclamation of the Word of God by example, and as practiced consistently throughout most of Reformed Church history, should only be done in conjunction with the preaching of the Word. The continuation of this practice is necessary to continue good order in the Church.

In response to the question raised by the motion from the floor at the First General Assembly concerning the administration of the Sacraments by the Ruling Elders (see 1973, 1-39, p. 34), your Committee would recommend the following:

- RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:** That the General Assembly affirm that in keeping with the Confessional Standards of the Church, only properly ordained Teaching Elders may administer the Sacraments.

- D. **LICENSURE:** Stemming from this discussion of the administration of the Sacraments, the entire question of the nature and purpose of licensure arose. There is little in writing specifically on the history of licensure, and only dedicated searching of writers and church historical documents can shed much light on the subject. By implication, the Westminster Standards, "Directories for Publick and Family Worship," and "Form of Church Government" indicate that there is a definite need and reason for the testing of the gifts of a man who may be called to preach. This testing period has developed into the current practice of licensure, whereby the Presbytery puts an official stamp on the man as he tests his gifts prior to ordination. Various Presbyterian communions in the United States utilize licensure in different ways. Some require a minimum period prior to ordination with no waivers granted. Others nearly ignore it by completing both the requirements for licensure and ordination at the same time. Even within the PCA, there is a difference in practice between the various Presbyteries at this time.

In keeping with the stress on ordaining only those men who are truly gifted and called to preach to serve as Teaching Elders in the Church, it is imperative that licensure be utilized to the fullest degree possible. This Committee does not feel it has been mandated to make broad changes in the nature of licensure especially to the extent of setting a required period. However, we do believe there is a great need for study and discussion on this issue in the Church, and we would call upon local sessions, presbyteries, and other committees to examine this matter closely, with a view to the possibility of bringing an overture to a subsequent General Assembly, thus maintaining the practice of effecting additional change from the grassroots and not simply from the top down.

At the same time, it is felt that the practice of licensing men who are not in a period of testing their gifts leading toward ordination should be discontinued. If preaching is to be limited only to those who are gifted and called to that function, then licensure must be limited to those who are seeking ordination and are testing their gifts and calling. Therefore, your Committee makes the following recommendations in this category:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9:

That the General Assembly affirm that the purpose of licensure is to test for a definite period of time the gifts and calling of men seeking ordination in the PCA, and that the practice of licensing Ruling Elders not seeking to become Teaching Elders be discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10:

That the General Assembly give initial approval to the following change to the *Book of Church Order*, submit it to the various Presbyteries for their approval, and resubmit it to the 1978 General Assembly for final approval and inclusion in the *Book of Church Order*:

Delete Section 20-2 and renumber the following sections accordingly.

E. ASSISTANT PASTORS: This is a second area in which there has been a continuity in agreement through the various committees. Especially in light of the renewed emphasis on licensure in the Church, the needs of the Church now met by "Assistant Pastors" could be more properly met by utilization of licentiates. Therefore, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11: That the General Assembly affirm that since the *Book of Church Order* states explicitly, in Section 17-2: "The government of the Church is by officers gifted to represent Christ, and the right of God's people to recognize by election to office those so gifted is inalienable. Therefore, no man can be placed over a church in any office without the election, or at least the consent, of that church;" and since the present practice of allowing for the calling to office of an Assistant Pastor merely by vote of the Session of the Church is inconsistent with this section of the *Book of Church Order*, this practice should be eliminated and that only the titles of Pastor and Associate Pastor be recognized. This does not preclude, however, the hiring of non-ordained personnel by the Session to carry out specific functions within the Church (e.g. youth ministries, Christian education directors, and administrative assistants). A Candidate for the Gospel ministry desiring to learn from working with an experienced minister of the Word may be licensed to preach by the Presbytery and may be employed by the Session, and then can serve as an unordained pastoral assistant.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 12: That the General Assembly give initial approval to the following changes to the *Book of Church Order*, submit them to the various Presbyteries for their approval, and resubmit them to the 1978 General Assembly for final approval and inclusion in the *Book of Church Order*:

1. In Section 13-4, delete the words "and Assistant."
2. Change Section 23-1 to read: "The various pastoral relations are pastor and associate pastor."
3. Change Section 23-2 to read: "The pastor and associate pastor are elected by the congregation using the form of call in 21-6. Being elected by the congregation, they become members of the Session."
4. Delete Section 23-3.
5. Renumber and change 23-4 as follows: "23-3. The relationship of the associate pastor is determined by and spelled out in the call, and regarding dissolution, must comply with Section 24-1."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 13: That the General Assembly postpone final action until the Sixth General Assembly on those amendments to the *Book of Church Order* (Paragraphs 22-5 through 22-10) initially approved by the Fourth General Assembly (4-66 and 4-71), regarding the ordination and installation of an Assistant Pastor. (See page 102).

CONCLUSION

It is the sincere hope of your Committee that the recommendations we have made above are in keeping with the teaching of Scripture and the will of God for the Church at this time. We earnestly desire that the General Assembly come to a decision on these matters and finally dismiss this Committee. May God grant us all a blessing for having pursued the study of these issues, and through it all may our eyes be lifted up to see Jesus Christ, the King and Head of His Church.

Adopted as amended. § 7-23; pp. 73-85.

Unfinished business, which is left over from the now dismissed Committee on Constitutional Documents

3-70 Report of Constitutional Documents Committee Continued (3-69)

A temporary statement was adopted to be placed at the beginning of the **Directory of Worship** until a more precise statement can be prepared by the Constitutional Documents Committee. The Constitutional Documents Committee was directed to prepare a statement on the relative authority of the Con-

stitutional documents, which is to be returned to the next Assembly.

Constitutional Documents Committee dismissed, §6-107, (4); p. 108.

Referred to the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business § 7-41, III, 22; pp. 104-105.

6-107

From the Constitutional Documents Committee Report to the Sixth General Assembly

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

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

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

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

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

Recommendations:

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

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

REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM THEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE

6-109 Postponement of the Report of the Committee to Study Divorce

The Report of the Ad-Interim Committee to Study Divorce was postponed until the Seventh General Assembly. *Adopted.*

The task given the Ad Interim Theological Committee on Divorce was two-fold:

- 1) To review and re-study Part II of the Constitutional Documents Committee Report entitled "Interpretation of I Timothy 3:2, "the husband of one wife," and report to the Sixth General Assembly;
- 2) To consider and make recommendation concerning Overture 12 from North Georgia Presbytery to the Fifth General Assembly:
 "Whereas: God's Word enjoins His people to recognize the legitimacy of divorce on the grounds of adultery, or desertion by an unbelieving partner only;
 Whereas: our civil authorities have taken it upon themselves to recognize other than Scriptural grounds for divorce;
 Therefore: be it resolved that the General Assembly appoint a committee to further investigate the practice of divorce and remarriage both within and without the PCA, to the end that specific conditions of divorce be incorporated in the *Book of Church Order*. as may be most conformable to the Word of God."

The Committee held its first meeting by way of a telephone conference call, on November 14, 1977. Teaching Elder Settle was elected Chairman, and Teaching Elder Stanway was elected Secretary. Operating procedures were established, bibliographical resources shared, and sub-committees appointed and charged with specific duties relative to the task assigned the Committee.

A second meeting was convened on January 27, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Rev. Morton Smith and The Rev. Charles Dunahoo reviewed the actions of the General Assembly and of the Constitutional Documents Committee which has prepared the original report (no. 1, above).

After a thorough discussion of the subject under consideration, the Committee adopted the following statement and recommendations for presentation to the Sixth General Assembly:

I. The Interpretation of Paul's qualification for church officers, "the husband of one wife," I Timothy 3:2 and 12; Titus 1:6.

Paul's qualification that an elder or deacon must be "the husband of one wife" has been interpreted mainly in four ways.

1. Some have held that any twice-married man is thereby disqualified for church office, and some devout scholars have translated Paul's words to read, "married only once." Nowhere in the Bible, however, is the remarriage of a widow or widower as such treated as a reflection upon that person's moral character. Consequently, this interpretation does not seem valid.
2. A second interpretation is that an elder must not be a polygamist or that he must not have more than one living wife or more than one woman living who has been his wife. Although scholars have differed in their judgment of the extent to which polygamy posed a problem for the church in Paul's day, the interpretation of Paul's words as excluding a polygamist from church office appears to be a valid one.
3. Some interpret Paul's qualification as directed against the divorce evil, which seems to have been rather common, and have understood Paul's words as disqualifying for church office a man who had divorced and remarried, or at least a man who had divorced on other than Scriptural grounds and remarried.
4. Still another interpretation is that a man called to office in the church must be a man of unquestioned moral integrity, a man who is free from any taint of sexual promiscuity or laxity, and who is strictly faithful to his one wife.

Each of the latter three of these views has certain merit as an interpretation of Paul's words, "the husband of one wife," both in the light of the immediate context (with its emphasis on the officer's being above reproach and his managing his own family well) and in the larger context of the whole Scripture. Paul's concern seems to involve this much at the very least, that the man chosen to be a church officer (whether elder or deacon) must be a man whose marital and family relationships are above reproach, and whose personal example gives no encouragement to lax morality.

II. Recommendations: The Committee accordingly recommends:

1. That the General Assembly reaffirm its commitment to the Biblical position as summarized in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XXIV, regarding the integrity of marriage according to the Divine ideal as being for life.
2. That the General Assembly affirm that the integrity of marriage is founded upon God's Word, which declares that marriage is God's institution and should be God-centered, not man-centered. Both husband and wife are the Lord's servants and submit one to the other in terms of the Lord's purposes. They are, together, the Lord's creatures, called to serve Him, with one, the husband, exercising loving headship in that calling.
3. That the General Assembly declare that the Biblical ideal for church office is exemplary conduct to the highest degree possible with regard to all of the qualifications set forth by the Apostle Paul in I Timothy and Titus 1.
4. That the General Assembly affirm that the Bible teaches that divorce is permissible in the case of sexual immorality (Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:9) or willful desertion of a believer by an unbeliever (I Corinthians 7:15). The innocent party is therefore free to remarry, since he is no longer "under bondage," once properly divorced. (See *Westminster Confession Of Faith*, XXIV-5). Anyone who is divorced in accord with Biblical principles, whether remaining single or having remarried, may serve as a church officer.
5. That the General Assembly urge church courts to exercise special care in the cases of divorced/remarried persons who are considered for ordination, that where there has been divorce and remarriage on other than Scriptural grounds, guilt must be acknowledged and repentance for sin expressed.
6. That the General Assembly remind the church that in order to be considered for church office the parties concerned in such cases must have been rehabilitated sufficiently in the confidence and respect of other Christians as to be able to fulfill in an exemplary way the requirements of church office with regard to marital and family relationships. The General Assembly reminds the church and its courts that even when such care is exercised as is urged in this and the foregoing recommendation, there may be circumstances in which it would be inadvisable, even though technically permissible, for divorced/remarried persons to serve as church officers.
7. That the General Assembly exhort sessions and presbyteries to follow Scriptural guidelines carefully in dealing with present or prospective church officers who have been divorced.
8. That the General Assembly answer Overture 12 from the Presbytery of North Georgia to the Fifth General Assembly, with regard to divorce and remarriage, by reference to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XXIV.

Teaching Elder James Campbell and Ruling Elder John Thompson are submitting a minority report so that the General Assembly will have opportunity to discuss a concept other than that espoused by the Committee as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MINORITY REPORT
AD-INTERIM THEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE**

Change I, 4 of the Committee's statement to read as follows:

Each of the latter three of these views has certain merit as an interpretation of Paul's words, "the husband of one wife," however, Paul, in the context of I Timothy 3 and Titus 1:5-9, is giving clear guidelines for the selection of officers in the Church, the household of God. In order to protect the church which is the pillar and support of the truth (I Timothy 3:15), Paul states most clearly that men who exercise leadership must have proven their ability to manage their own households (I Timothy 3:4, 12; Titus 1:6) before they can care for God's household (I Timothy 3:15). Thus, one who has difficulty managing a small family, which ends in divorce on other than Biblical grounds, has demonstrated a character weakness and character taint which is a warning to the Church that he is one unfit to manage the larger family, the Church of the Living God. Such a man may certainly know God's forgiveness upon repentance and have a secure place in the Church but he has forfeited his opportunity to serve as an officer because he would then be the husband of more than one wife.

In order to protect the Church, Paul directs (I Timothy 3:10) that potential leadership be tested by the Church and thus prove their worthiness to hold the offices of the Church. One who is divorced on other than Biblical grounds, would cast doubt on his ability to provide leadership within the Church in family counseling situations.

Paul is also concerned that the leadership of the Church be above reproach (I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6) and not open to a charge of a bad reputation by those outside the Church (I Timothy 3:7). Any church leader who had experienced mishandling of his own family and divorce on other than Biblical grounds, would open the Church to ridicule and contempt by those outside.

Change the Committee's recommendation to read as follows:

II. Recommendations:

- A. That the recommendations of the Ad-Interim Theological Committee, numbers 1 through 4 be adopted as stated;
- B. That recommendations 5 and 6 be deleted;
- C. That recommendation 7 be amended to read as follows:
 5. That the General Assembly exhort sessions and presbyteries to follow scriptural guidelines carefully in dealing with present or prospective church officers who have been divorced. That no man be considered for church office who has been divorced on other than Biblical grounds in order that the church and its leadership may be above reproach by both those outside and inside the Church.
- D. That recommendation 8 be numbered 6.

Respectfully submitted
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Committee report adopted. § 7-42; pp. 106-110.

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Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	RE George R. Caler	
Calvary	TE J. Gary Aitken	
Central Carolina	RE Jack Hagler	
Central Florida	TE Richard Fraser	
Central Georgia	RE Carl Sessions	
Covenant	TE Charles Coe, Jr.	TE John Sartelle
Eastern Carolina	TE Joseph Armfield, Jr.	
Evangel	RE William F. Joseph	
Grace	TE Vaughn Hathaway	
Gulf Coast	RE John M. Brock	
Louisiana	RE (Grace Presbyterian Church, Monte Sano)	
Mid-Atlantic	RE Patrick McHugh	
Mississippi Valley	TE Robert C. Duhs	
New River	RE James Miller	
North Georgia	TE Bernhard Kuiper	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	TE James Bland	
Tennessee Valley	RE Robert Stutes	
Texas	TE Thomas Ramsay	
Warrior	RE (Woodland Heights)	
Western Carolinas	TE A. Boyce Spooner	
Westminster	RE Robert Lane	

Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	TE Harry C. George III	
Calvary	RE Edward Wells	
Central Carolina	TE Charles Wilson	
Central Florida	RE Michael H. Hodgkinson	
Central Georgia	TE James P. Campbell	
Covenant	RE Arthur Rogers	RE Elmo Lamb
Eastern Carolina	RE Julian Watkins	
Evangel	TE Kenneth Wilson	
Grace	RE E. L. Catson	
Gulf Coast	TE F. Nigel Lee	
Louisiana	TE Stanwood Bean	
Mid-Atlantic	TE O. Palmer Robertson	
Mississippi Valley	RE James Hutton	
New River	TE William Fitzhenry	
North Georgia	RE Jack Yarborough	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	RE Kinnis Schumacher	
Tennessee Valley	TE William Bell	
Texas	RE Dave Haigler	
Warrior	TE Julian Stennis	
Western Carolinas	RE Harold J. Lonon, Sr.	
Westminster	TE Philip Evaul	

Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	RE Robert L. Youngblood	
Calvary	TE Fred Thompson, Jr.	
Central Carolina	RE Gene Hastings	
Central Florida	TE Ronald Swafford	
Central Georgia	RE Howard Hansen	
Covenant	TE Robert Cannada	TE Claude Gamble
Eastern Carolina	TE Warren Thuston	
Evangel	RE Paul Wolff	
Grace	TE William Combs	
Gulf Coast	RE Richard L. Wilcox	
Louisiana	RE Ellie Walton	
Mid-Atlantic	RE James D. Giddens	
Mississippi Valley	TE Mark L. Lowery, Jr.	
New River	RE William Pascavis	
North Georgia	TE O. K. Houstown III	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	TE David Nicholas	
Tennessee Valley	RE Eugene Hayes	

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Texas	TE Dale L. Smith	
Warrior	RE John Lavender	
Western Carolinas	TE Wayne Rogers	
Westminster	RE Ivan Ward	

Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	TE Alvin W. Smith, Jr.	
Calvary	RE Louie M. Campbell	
Central Carolina	TE R. Thomas Cheely	
Central Florida	RE Kenneth Smith	
Central Georgia	TE James H. Stewart	
Covenant	RE Richard Bibb	RE F. P. Riales
Eastern Carolina	RE Michael Littlejohn	
Evangel	TE Grady Simpson	
Grace	RE G. O. Runnels	
Gulf Coast	TE Michael Quarles	
Louisiana	TE William Frisbee	
Mid-Atlantic	TE Ronald L. Bossom	
Mississippi Valley	RE Ed Williford	
New River	TE John Dodd	
North Georgia	RE Thomas Bryant	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	RE Edward Manning	
Tennessee Valley	TE David Bryan	
Texas	RE Harold H. Donald	
Warrior	TE Charles Young	
Western Carolinas	TE Charles E. Boyce	
Westminster	TE George Felton	

Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	RE James L. Kalleen, Jr.	
Calvary	TE Vernon West	
Central Carolina	RE Craig Kendrick	
Central Florida	TE Lauris Vidal	
Central Georgia	RE G. Collin Smith	
Covenant	TE William P. Shows	TE T. J. Mercer
Eastern Carolina	TE Ronald Morrell	
Evangel	RE William Morrow	
Grace	TE Thomas Meyer	
Gulf Coast	RE Ross A. Johnson	RE John G. TerLouw
Louisiana	TE Ned Rutland	
Mid-Atlantic	RE William C. Hayes	

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Mississippi Valley	TE Basil Albert	
New River	RE Donald Post	
North Georgia	TE Robert Valentine	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	TE Leonard H. Bullock	
Tennessee Valley	RE Oliver A. Smith, Jr.	
Texas	TE Craig Van Gelder	
Warrior	RE James Lawler	
Western Carolinas	TE J. P. McGhan, Jr.	
Westminster	RE Lamar Keene	

Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	RE Warren F. Diven	
Calvary	TE Eulice D. Thomas	
Central Carolina	RE Buford Price	
Central Florida	TE James Young	
Central Georgia	RE Harry Brodmann	
Covenant	TE Charles Skinner	TE Charles Champion
Eastern Carolina	TE James Workman	
Evangel	RE Frank Walls	
Grace	TE Shelton Sanford	
Gulf Coast	RE Jesse I. Bealer, Jr.	RE Robert Smith
Louisiana	RE Jack Hammond	
Mid-Atlantic	RE William B. Russell	
Mississippi Valley	TE Dewey Roberts	
New River	RE John P. Jenkins	
North Georgia	TE Clifford Brewton	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	TE Daniel E. Sulc	
Tennessee Valley		
Texas	TE Donald McClurkin	
Warrior	RE Charles Miller	
Western Carolinas	TE [REDACTED]	
Westminster	RE Fred Southerland, Jr.	

Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	TE Samuel A. Mateer	
Calvary	RE Nolan Armstrong	
Central Carolina	TE Alfred Saleeby	
Central Florida	RE Jack Morton	
Central Georgia	TE Paul E. Rowland	
Covenant	RE Wesley Patch	RE Claude Hatcher

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Eastern Carolina	RE Thurman Swain	
Evangel	TE Hal McNeely	
Grace	RE Dewitt Smylie	
Gulf Coast	TE William A. Fox, Jr.	
Louisiana	TE Charles Kukal	
Mid-Atlantic	TE William Jones	
Mississippi Valley	RE Davis L. Fair, Jr.	
New River	TE James Fishel	
North Georgia	RE Robert Harris	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	RE Armlon T. Leonard	
Tennessee Valley		
Texas	RE L. J. Canniff	
Warrior	TE Allan Story	
Western Carolinas	RE William M. Green	
Westminster	TE Harry Barnett	

Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries

Presbytery	Commissioner	Alternate
Ascension	TE David G. McKay	
Calvary	RE J. P. Bell, Sr.	
Central Carolina	TE Samuel McGinn III	
Central Florida		
Central Georgia	TE Robert L. Jarrett	
Covenant	RE L. W. Scruggs	
Eastern Carolina	RE Glen Pierce	
Evangel	TE Neil Gilmour	
Grace	RE Wexler White	
Gulf Coast	TE John Findlay	
Louisiana	TE Gary Edwards	
Mid-Atlantic	TE Lawrence Roff	
Mississippi Valley	RE J. R. Lane	
New River	TE Norman Evans	
North Georgia	RE Ken Melton	
Pacific		
Southern Florida	RE Joseph High	
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Fowler	
Texas	RE Harold Tolsma	
Warrior	TE Edward Solomon, Jr.	
Western Carolinas	RE (Mt. Celo, Burnsville)	
Westminster	TE Thomas Sullivan	

7-9 Special Presentation

Administration Committee Chairman Ralph M. Langford, made a special report presenting commemorative plaques to former Moderators of the Assem-

bly, Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson, Ruling Elder John T. Clark, and the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor. The plaque for Ruling Elder Leon F. Hendrick had been presented previously in a special ceremony by the Rev. Donald B. Patterson and Ruling Elder H. S. Williford. Those for the Rev. Erskine L. Jackson and the Rev. William A. McIlwaine remained to be presented subsequently.

7-10 Adoption of Docket

The Stated Clerk presented the docket which was adopted with amendments as follows:

**DOCKET FOR THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Monday, June 18, 1979

- 1:00 p.m. Opening Session of the General Assembly
 Call to Order by the Moderator — Opening with prayer
 Worship Service (including a season of prayer)
 Retiring Moderator's Sermon
 Observance of the Lord's Supper
- Report on enrollment and determining of quorum
 Election of Moderator
 Election of Recording and Assistant Clerks and
 Assistant Parliamentarians
 Report of the Retiring Moderator
 Report of the Stated Clerk
 Presentation of Docket
 Recognition of new presbyteries
 Welcome of Host Church
 Fraternal Delegates bring greetings
 Reports of Committees
 Assembly's Examining Committee
 Committee of Commissioners on
 Insurance and Annuities
 Interchurch Relations
 Judicial Business
 PCA Foundation
 Review and Control of Presbyteries
 Ridge Haven
 Stewardship —
 Special Advisory Committee on Funding
 (The order of the Committee reports is to be determined
 day by day and announced at the beginning
 of each day's session.)
- 4:30 p.m. Recess
 Committees of Commissioners reconvene to approve
 final report (if necessary)
- 7:00 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes
 Worship Service (Local Arrangements Committee)
 Orientation to Assembly Operations

- 9:00 p.m. Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices
(Business carried over from previous Assemblies)
Recess at the completion of the Report on Number of Offices

Tuesday, June 19, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Minutes of Monday sessions read
Special Order — Mission to the United States Program
Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)
Report of Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the
United States
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Service (Mission to the World)
- 12:00 noon Recess for Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Report on Mission to the United States (continued)
- 5:00 p.m. Recess for dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes
- 9:00 p.m. Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Divorce
(Business carried over from previous Assemblies)
Deadline for new business
Recess at the completion of the Report on Divorce

Wednesday, June 20, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Minutes of the Tuesday sessions read
Special Order — Christian Education and Publications
Program Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)
Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Christian
Education and Publications
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Service (Administration)
- 12:00 noon Recess for lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Report on Christian Education and Publications (continued)
Report of Judicial Commission
- 7:00 p.m. Recess for dinner

Thursday, June 21, 1979

- 8:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Minutes of Wednesday sessions read
Special Order — Mission to the World Program
Presentation (maximum 45 minutes)
Report of Committee of Commissioners on Mission
to the World
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Service (Christian Education and Publications)

Whereas, we do sincerely receive and adopt these Westminster Standards, in the plain sense of the words according to the intentions of the Westminster Divines, as our statement of faith, and

Whereas, we are agreed that the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America sets forth a formulary for church organization, government, worship, and discipline, which is true to Biblical principles, therefore

Be It Resolved, 1. That we, the undersigned, do covenant together, before God, to form an Association to be known as Central Carolina Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America; 2. That this organization shall have as its purpose to glorify the Triune God in the propagation and defense of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it is defined and interpreted by the Westminster Standards; 3. That we, the undersigned, met in Stanley, North Carolina at the First Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a.m. this twenty-eighth day of October 1978 A.D. for the formation of said presbytery.

The Commissioners present then signed the Resolution of Organization and the Teaching Elders signed the Ministerial Obligation.

Teaching Elders:

Ted Smith
Dewey D. Murphy
Nick Kerley
Charles Wilson
Al Saleeby
Tom Cheely
Jack Bowling
Jack Eubanks
David Gullett

Ruling Elders:

Paul Ratchford
James Kimray
Manuel Primm
Buford Price
J. G. Houston
Jerry Plyler
R. C. Benfield
Jack Hagler

Church:

South Point
Westview
Lakeshore
Goshen
New Hope
Carolina
Faith
New Life

EASTERN CAROLINA PRESBYTERY

Whereas, we, the undersigned are agreed that the Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme Head of the Church, and

Whereas, we are agreed that His all-embracing and infallible rule for governing His Church is the sixty-six canonical books of Holy Scripture, and

Whereas, we are agreed that the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* do clearly and faithfully set forth the doctrines and system of doctrine of Holy Scripture, and

Whereas, we do sincerely receive and adopt these Westminster Standards, in the plain sense of the words according to the intentions of the Westminster Divines, as our statement of faith, and

Whereas, we are agreed that the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America sets forth a formulary for church organization, government, worship, and discipline, which is true to Biblical principles, therefore

Be It Resolved, 1. That we, the undersigned, do covenant together, before God, to form an Association to be known as Eastern Carolina Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America; 2. That this organization shall have as its pur-

pose to glorify the Triune God in the propagation and defense of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it is defined and interpreted by the Westminster Standards; 3. That we, the undersigned, met at Raleigh, North Carolina in the Calvary Church at 9:30 a.m. this 28th day of October 1978 A.D., in the formation of said presbytery.

Teaching Elders:

J. Lewis Baker
 Charles S. Olim
 Charles W. McNutt
 James G. Edwards
 Denver S. Blevens
 James K. Workman
 Joseph H. Armfield, Jr.
 Warren F. Thuston
 Ola Forbes, Jr.

Ruling Elders:

Julian E. Watkins
 Marlin Bridgers
 William Kornegay
 Logan Porter
 Edward T. Lee
 Charles Stewart
 Charles Gene Parks
 M. A. Littlejohn

Church:

Fuller Memorial
 Antioch
 Progressive
 Westminster
 Northside
 Village Chapel
 Northside
 Calvary

On motion these two new Presbyteries were received and recognized as member Presbyteries.

7-12 Fraternal Delegates

The Rev. Thomas L. Llewelyn introduced the fraternal delegates from Churches in ecclesiastical fellowship:

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod — Dr. Marion Barnes, who addressed the Assembly, and the Rev. Werner G. Mietling;

Orthodox Presbyterian Church — the Rev. Wendell L. Rockey, who addressed the Assembly, and the Rev. Douglas Felch;

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America — the Rev. Lee P. Bittner III;

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church — Rev. Kenneth C. Seawright;
 Christian Reformed Church — the Rev. Farquhar MacLeod.

Each of these last three delegates also brought greetings from their respective Churches.

7-13 Assistant Parliamentarian

The Moderator named Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson Assistant Parliamentarian.

7-14 Jackson Flood Relief

The Rev. Donald B. Patterson was given permission to speak to the Assembly concerning flood relief received by the Presbyterians of Jackson. The following resolution of appreciation was read to the Assembly and on motion adopted for placement in the Minutes:

A personal resolution:

It is with deep gratitude to God and to this branch of His Church that I acknowledge the expressions of loving concern sent to the families of the

PCA Churches in and around Jackson, Mississippi. As a result of a general letter to the Church at large that called attention to the disaster that had fallen upon our city over the Easter weekend, thousands of dollars have been sent our way along with clothing, food and other important items. Our hearts have been warmed and our spirits have been encouraged by such evidences of love.

A committee composed of representatives from the churches affected has established a formula by which the funds received have been disbursed. More than \$40,000.00 has come in from approximately 120 churches and 75 individuals. Clothing and food has been given to the Salvation Army for their distribution.

We are especially grateful to those who have assisted us in the heavy task of cleaning up and rebuilding. Letters and telephone calls have encouraged us to believe that many have prayed that in this instance we would be kept by God's grace. We would assure you that your prayers have been answered.

We have heard much of the Body of Christ ministering to the Body. We of Jackson have experienced this and would express our gratitude to the Seventh General Assembly meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Donald B. Patterson, Teaching Elder
First Presbyterian Church
Jackson, Mississippi

7-15 Report of Assembly Theological Examining Committee

The Rev. James C. Bland III, chairman, led in prayer and then presented the report of the Assembly Theological Examining Committee.

The Committee on Theological Examinations for our denomination met once, on August 8, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. at Hartsfield Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. The purpose of this meeting was to examine the Rev. J. Philip Clark, the nominee of the Committee on Mission to the United States for their vacant Coordinator's position. Mr. Clark successfully completed his examination in the areas of Christian experience, theology, the sacraments and church government.

Recommendations:

1. That the examination of the Rev. J. Philip Clark be approved for the position as Coordinator of our Committee on Mission to the United States. *Adopted.*
2. That the Assembly direct its Permanent Committees to have the Committee on Theological Examinations examine candidates for all positions prior to issuing them a call. *Adopted.*

7-16 Report of Committee of Commissioners on the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation

Ruling Elder William E. Morrow, Sr., chairman, presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation after leading in prayer.

I. Business referred to the Committee

The Committee of Commissioners on the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation was given the following items for consideration:

- A. Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation of February 24, 1979
- B. Audit for 1978
- C. Budget for 1980 (p. 154)
- D. Report of the Foundation to the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (p. 264)

II. Matters Discussed

- A. Mr. M. E. Howland was called upon to explain the 1980 budget (p. 154). It was noted that a correction should be made in the 1980 proposed budget total. It should read \$68,572 and not \$68,522.
- B. Mr. Tom Leopard, Mr. Pete Hollyfield, as well as Mr. M. E. Howland, were available to answer questions asked by members of the Committee.
- C. Lengthy discussion was given to the proposed plan for funding the Foundation's budget beginning in the year 1981. It was suggested that this be added to our recommendations for the Seventh General Assembly.

III. Recommendations:

- 1. That the Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation of February 24, 1979, be approved. *Adopted.*
- 2. That the 1980 budget be approved as submitted, and that the Board of Trustees be allowed to raise the 1980 budget by private solicitation. *Deferred. Adopted par 7-90, p. 138.*
- 3. That each church in the General Assembly be encouraged to participate in a Wills Seminar for the benefit of their members. *Adopted.*
- 4. That each church be encouraged to participate in the Memorial Gift Program. *Adopted.*
- 5. That beginning in the year 1981, and thereafter, the Foundation budget be included for funding as the other committees until such time the Foundation becomes self-supporting. *Adopted.*
- 6. That the Audit Report be approved. *Adopted.*

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation:

Ascension	James L. Kalleen, Jr., RE
Calvary	Vernon N. West, TE
Central Carolina	Craig Kendrick, RE
Central Florida	Lauris Vidal, TE
Covenant	William P. Shows, TE
Eastern Carolina	Ronald Morrell, TE
Evangel	William Morrow, RE, Chairman
Grace	Thomas Meyer, TE
Mid-Atlantic	William C. Haynes, RE
Mississippi Valley	Basil Albert, TE
New River	James Jaris, RE
Southern Florida	Leonard H. Bullock, TE, Secretary
Tennessee Valley	Oliver A. Smith, RE
Warrior	James Lawler, RE

Respectfully Submitted,
 William E. Morrow, Sr., Chairman
 Leonard H. Bullock, Secretary

The report was adopted as a whole.

7-17 Report of Committee of Commissioners on the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries

Following prayer, the Rev. Frederick C. Fowler, chairman, presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries.

On motion the time of recess was extended until the completion of this report.

I. Business Referred to the Committee:

- A. Report and Recommendations of Permanent Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries
- B. Minutes of Permanent Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries: February 4, 1978; March 18, 1978; October 7, 1978; and January 6, 1979
- C. The Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 1978

II. Matters Discussed

- A. Increase in non-PCA giving. In discussing the giving by the PCA in 1978, the increase of 53% in non-PCA causes was discussed. Part of the explanation was the entrance into the PCA of new churches with large non-PCA commitments.
- B. Theology of Stewardship Paper. The revised paper on the Theology of Stewardship was thoroughly examined. The Committee's suggestions related to this analysis are found under recommendation one (1).
- C. Report of the Special Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries. It was noted that this report came from a meeting of representatives of the four permanent committees seeking to deal with the problem of raising funds for the work of the denomination. Under this proposal the Stewardship Sub-Committee would be given the main responsibility for raising the bulk of the funds for the permanent committee.

III. Recommendations:

- A. That the substance of the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries be approved with notations. *Adopted.*
- B. That the report of the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries be approved with the following amendments and recommendations:
 1. That the revised paper, "A Theology of Stewardship", be resubmitted to the Committee for Stewardship Ministries to be rewritten in a style suitable for dissemination throughout the denomination. *Adopted.*

Grounds:

The Committee of Commissioners notes with appreciation the diligent study reflected in this revised paper and finds the basic views expressed to be acceptable. However, the paper's usefulness in its present form is highly questionable due to the following deficiencies:

- 1) incorrect and inappropriate Scripture references
- 2) awkward grammatical structure
- 3) lack of clarity in defining issues and views, and
- 4) lack of cohesiveness in structure

The Committee of Commissioners suggests that the final paper be written by one person (to be appointed by the Committee for Stewardship Ministries) whose theological insight and literary skill could be applied to produce a paper that would be widely read, easily understood, and broadly applied to bring all in the PCA to the practice of Biblical Stewardship.

2. That the 1980 budget be approved as submitted (p. 154). *Deferred. Adopted in par. 7-90, p. 138.*
3. That the period of Sunday, October 27, 1979, through Sunday, November 14, 1979, be a special stewardship season; and Sunday,

November 14, 1979, be recommended as Commitment Sunday.
Deferred. Adopted in par. 7-59, page 123.

4. That each presbytery appoint a stewardship "Key Man". *Adopted.*
 5. That presbyteries encourage each local church to appoint a stewardship "Key Man". *Adopted.*
 6. That presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in their area. *Adopted.*
 7. That each church be encouraged to use the 1979 Stewardship material "Stewardship in Word and Deed". *Adopted.*
 8. That churches and presbyteries be urged to submit the report in the 1979 Assembly askings as soon as possible. *Adopted.*
 9. That the General Assembly hear a report of the Special Advisory Committee for Stewardship. *Ruled unnecessary.*
- C. That the Audit Report be approved. *Adopted.*

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries

Ascension	David G. McKay, TE
Central Carolina	Samuel B. McGinn III, TE
Central Georgia	Robert L. Jarrett, TE
Covenant	L. W. Scruggs, RE
Grace	J. Wexler White, RE
Gulf Coast	John Findlay, TE, Secretary
Louisiana	Gary Edwards, TE
Mid-Atlantic	Lawrence C. Roff, TE
New River	R. Norman Evans, TE
Southern Florida	Frank Beauchamp, RE
Tennessee Valley	Frederick C. Fowler, TE, Chairman
Warrior	Edward Solomon, Jr., TE
Westminster	Thomas B. Sullivan, Jr., TE

The report as a whole was adopted pending action on recommendation B-2 and B-3.

7-18 Assembly Recessed

On motion the Assembly recessed at 4:45 p.m. and was led in closing prayer by the Rev. William J. Stanway.

At 7:00 p.m. the Assembly joined in the following joint worship service:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 18, 1979

7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship	Presbytery Choir
Invocation	Rev. W. Ted Smith, Jr.
Hymn of Praise 456	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Message in Music	Miss Virginia Orr, U.S.A.F.
Evening Prayer	Rev. Dewey Murphy
Anthem "Amazing Grace"	Presbytery Choir
Introduction of God's Messenger	Rev. John Richards
Reading of God's Word	John 6:66-69
Message from God	Rev. John W. P. Oliver

A PASSION FOR CHRIST

Hymn of Commitment 588	"Take My Life and Let It Be"
Benediction	Rev. Jack Eubanks
Postlude	

MINUTES — MONDAY EVENING

June 18, 1979

Second Session

7-19 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened Monday evening at 8:15 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Hubert C. Stewart.

7-20 Request for Excuse

The Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States was, on motion, excused to meet.

7-21 Orientation

The Rev. Morton H. Smith and Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson instructed the commissioners briefly on the operations and procedures of the Assembly.

7-22 Special Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries

Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Special Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries.

The Special Advisory Committee to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries, in compliance with the mandate of the Sixth General Assembly relating to development of systematic budgeting and funding procedures, makes the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. That the Bylaws be amended by adding Section 10 to Article IV as follows: Section 10. The Committee on Stewardship Ministries

This Committee shall operate administratively as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly. This Sub-Committee shall be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee as to continuity; but it shall not be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee under *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1-12, as it relates to nominations and service. This Committee shall consist of one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder from the active or alternate members of each of the following four permanent committees, to wit: Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, Administration, and Christian Education and Publications. These committee members shall be assigned by each of the four permanent committees, above named, and shall serve at the pleasure of such permanent committee. The Coordinators of said four permanent committees and the Director of Stewardship Ministries shall be advisory members of this Committee.

This Committee shall promote Biblical Stewardship at all levels of the church; and it shall be charged with the responsibility of developing for, recommending to, and implementing for the General Assembly systematic budgeting and funding procedures for all the General Assembly approved causes. It is recognized that it would be unwise to ask this Committee to undertake all these responsibilities at once. This Committee would assume these specific responsibilities as it is willing and able to accept the responsibility for funding them. Until this Committee assumes a specific responsibility, the four Permanent Committees will continue their responsibility in this specific area in the manner assigned by previous General Assemblies.

Such budgeting and funding procedures shall be governed by the following rules:

- (1) Committee budgets shall be divided into a "committed" and a "growth" budget. "Committed" shall include all administrative and program commitments approved by the General Assembly for this com-

mittee. "Growth" shall include those programs projected by the committee, approved by the General Assembly, and which allow for the unusual demands and opportunities which cannot be accurately envisioned during the budgeting process. Funding for such "growth" budget shall be the responsibility of the permanent committee which proposes the same.

(2) It is to be understood that the "growth" budget is not to be a part of the "committed" budget, thus giving each committee the flexibility to project a high "growth" budget not to be included in the General Assembly's "askings" of the local churches.

(3) There will be no change in processing designated funds. All of the committees will continue to receive gifts both "committed" and "growth."

(4) All funds received by any of the four committees not designated as "growth" will be assumed to be "committed".

(5) Said four permanent committees shall be encouraged to submit revised budgets, if necessary, to this Committee prior to the General Assembly each year for submission to the General Assembly for approval.

Adopted.

2. That this new Stewardship Committee supplant the prior Stewardship Committee; and that this new Committee be constituted as soon as possible after this General Assembly by the assignment of its members by said four permanent committees. That said Committee immediately embark upon its task which shall include a system for "askings" of each local church for the support of the "committed" budgets of the four permanent committees as approved by the General Assembly. That this Committee be funded in 1980 as an item in the "committed" budgets of the four permanent committees.

Adopted.

3. That Section 3, Article IV, of the Bylaws be amended by changing "the Committee on Administration" to "the Committee on Stewardship Ministries" for the submission and review of committee budgets and for recommendation of an over all budget to the General Assembly for its approval.

Adopted.

4. That in order to provide the four permanent committees with additional members so as to provide personnel for this Stewardship Committee, the *Book of Church Order* § 15-1-12 be amended so that these four permanent committees consist of four classes with even year classes of four men each and with odd year classes of three men each. The classes shall be so arranged to maintain seven Teaching Elders and seven Ruling Elders on each of said committees.

Adopted.

The report was received as a whole.

7-23. Special Order — Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices

At 9:00 p.m. the Rev. Donald A. Dunkerley presented the report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Number of Offices carried over from the Sixth General Assembly, beginning with prayer.

The Ad-Interim Committee on the Number of Offices in the Church has been assigned the task of determining whether the office of Elder is one office or two. Do Ruling and Teaching Elders have the same office, or are they separate offices? Those who hold that Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders have two distinct offices hold to the "three-office view," that the officers in the church are Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Deacons. Those who hold that there is only one office of Elder hold to what is known as the "two-office view," that the officers in the church are simply Elders and Deacons.

Closely related to this question are a number of practical questions having

to do with relationships between Pastors and Assistant Pastors, Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders and Licentiates.

The issues are difficult and have required much study. It began when the First General Assembly (1973) appointed an Ad-Interim Committee to Study the Question of Ruling Elders Administering the Sacraments. This committee was divided when it reported to the Second General Assembly (1974), and so that Assembly appointed an Ad-Interim Committee to Study the Question of the Number of Offices in the Church. That Committee reported to the Third General Assembly (1975), but the Assembly did not act on their report, and appointed another Ad-Interim Committee on the Number of Offices in the Church and charged it, "to include in its report exegetical defenses of both the two-office and three-office views" (3-83). This new Ad-Interim Committee gave a preliminary report to the Fourth General Assembly (1976), but indicated that it had not been able to complete its work and was appointed to continue for an additional year. That year is now up. The Church has completed four years of study on the part of three ad-interim committees, including one which lasted for two years. Two members of the present Ad-Interim Committee were also members of the second Ad-Interim Committee, thus providing continuity.

Our report will consist first of a discussion of the eldership and whether it comprises one or two offices; second, a discussion of other issues referred to our Committee; and third, a number of study papers presented as appendices to this report.

I. THE OFFICE OF ELDER

The report of this Committee to the Fourth General Assembly included "A Preliminary Study of the Two-and-Three-Office Theories," which gave biblical background and historical information on the controversies over this subject, and material on the two points of view. This paper is to be found in the *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*.

Arguments exclusively for a two-office view are to be found in the report of the previous Ad-Interim Committee in the *Minutes of the Third General Assembly*.

Arguments for an exclusively three-office viewpoint are to be found in the paper, "A Brief for Church Governors in Church Government," by Edmund P. Clowney, which is included as an appendix to this report.

Our Committee has seen a possible solution to the dilemma in a statement by the noted Southern Presbyterian theologian, Robert L. Dabney, Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, from 1869 to 1883. Dr. Dabney wrote an article, "Theories of the Eldership," which originally appeared in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," September, 1860, and was republished in *Discussions: Evangelical and Theological, Volume II*, which was first published in 1891, and reprinted in London by the Banner of Truth Trust in 1967. In the paper, Dabney states his position thus: "There is one class of presbyters embracing two orders, the preaching elder and the ruling elder."

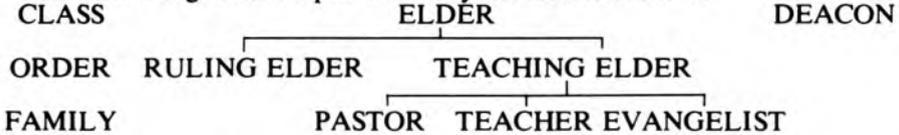
That statement puts Dabney on the side of the two-office view, and yet his recognition of two orders within the one class of Elder enables him to hold on to the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word by the Teaching Elder, which is the great virtue of the three-office view.

It must be recognized that Dabney is borrowing terminology from the field of biology when he uses the words "class" and "order." Biological definitions embrace narrowing classifications such as class, order, family, genus and species. Dabney's statement about two orders of Elders should not be confused with the completely different use of the same word in speaking of "holy orders"

in the Roman Catholic priesthood.

The Committee has come to feel that the differences between two-office and three-office views may be reconciled by this analogy from biology. This analogy also helps us to clarify the confusion that exists when some speak also of Teacher and Evangelist as separate offices, which has been done in the Reformed tradition.

The following chart helped to clarify the situation for us:



When some talk about two offices in the Church, they are thinking on the level of "class." When others talk about three offices in the Church, they are thinking about the level of "order." When some talk about additional offices in the church, such as Pastor, Teacher, and Evangelist, they are thinking on the level of "family." This chart has put the subject into perspective for our Committee, and we would resolve the question of the number of offices in the words of Dabney: "There is one *class* of presbyters embracing two *orders*, the preaching elder and the ruling elder."

Dr. George W. Knight, III, of Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, met with our Committee and shared with us his view, "there is one office of Elder with two functions." We find this remarkably similar to Dabney's view of one office with two orders. Someone has nicknamed this "the two-and-a-half-office view." We asked Dr. Knight to prepare a paper on his position, and that paper is presented as an appendix to this report. It contains some material which was presented in the report of the previous Ad-Interim Committee to the Third General Assembly, but it also contains a considerable amount of new material.

A Teaching Elder on this Committee, Donald A. Dunkerley, has prepared a paper, "Ministers of the Word," which defines the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word by those ordained as Teaching Elders. Although Dunkerley's paper maintains the emphasis on the distinctiveness of the Ministry of the Word that has been the principal value of the three-office view, Dunkerley agrees with the two-office view as defined by Dabney or Knight. His paper is presented as an appendix to our report.

A Ruling Elder on this Committee, the Chairman, Judge Robert H. Kirksey, has written a paper on the order of Ruling Elder, which is also presented as an appendix to this report.

It is important to note that in reaching the final conclusion and recommendation, two overriding factors were given high importance. One: that the Bible is not a detailed textbook of church government and that any polity must of necessity seek to allow for some diversity of views while maintaining unity in the Church; and two: that since church government is largely based on the requirement that God has sovereignly set forth to maintain good order and discipline in *all* things, the conclusions reached set forth in the Committee's view the *best* possible order and discipline for the Presbyterian Church in America today.

It is our hope that those who study the reports to previous General Assemblies and the study papers appended to this report will agree with the following recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1:

That the General Assembly affirm that the Scriptures teach that in addition to the fundamental office of all believers, there are also special perpetual classes

of office in the Church, Elder and Deacon; and that there are within the class of Elder two orders, Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder. *Adopted.*

Recommendation No. 2:

That the General Assembly encourage each Presbytery and Session to conduct training workshops for Elders and Deacons, stressing the areas of Scriptural requirements for the office; knowledge of the Westminster Standards and the *Book of Church Order*; and practical matters of application of shepherding the flock. *Adopted.*

Recommendation No. 3:

That the General Assembly calls the attention of each Session to the provisions of the *BCO* (25, 1-4) relative to procedures for the nomination and election of men to the Ruling Eldership and to the Diaconate, and encourage them to seek every possible way of ensuring that only those who are qualified and trained serve in these offices in the future. *Adopted.*

Recommendation No. 4:

That the General Assembly reaffirm the historic Presbyterian position expressed in *LC* 158, that none should preach the Gospel but those who are called and gifted of God; and therefore only those men who are properly ordained or licensed may preach in the pulpits of the PCA; and that Ruling Elders be allowed and encouraged to renew the historic practice of exhorting the people of God (See Rec. No. 5, paragraph D.). *Adopted.*

Recommendation No. 5:

That the General Assembly give initial approval to the following changes in the *Book of Church Order*, submit them to the various Presbyteries for their approval, and resubmit them to the General Assembly for final approval and inclusion in the *Book of Church Order*:

- A. Change 7-2 to read as follows: The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are Elders and Deacons. Within the class of Elder are the two orders of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The Elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as Teaching Elders. The office of Deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, these offices are open to men only.
- B. Combine Chapters 8 and 9 as follows, and renumber the following chapters accordingly:

CHAPTER 8. The Elder.

8-1. This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed Bishop or Pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed Presbyter or Elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed Teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

8-2. He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

8-3. It belongs to the office of Elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government

- and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.
- 8-4. As the Lord has given different gifts to men and has committed to some special gifts and callings, the Church is authorized to call and appoint some to labor as Teaching Elders.
- 8-5. When a man is called to labor as a Teaching Elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other Elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed Ambassador. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed Evangelist. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed Preacher. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinance instituted by Christ, he is termed Steward of the mysteries of God.
- 8-6. When a Teaching Elder is appointed to the work of an Evangelist, he is commissioned to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments in foreign countries or the destitute parts of the Church. The Presbytery may by separate acts from that by which it commissioned him, entrust to the Evangelist for a period of twelve months the power to organize churches, and, until there is a Session in the Church so organized, to instruct, examine, ordain, and install Ruling Elders and Deacons therein, and to receive or dismiss members.
- 8-7. As there were in the Church under the law, Elders of the people for the government thereof, so in the Gospel Church, Christ has furnished others besides Ministers of the Word with gifts and commission to govern when called thereunto, which are called Ruling Elders.
- 8-8. Elders being of one class of office, Ruling Elders possess the same authority and eligibility to office in the courts of the Church as Teaching Elders. They should, moreover, cultivate zealously their own aptness to teach the Bible and should improve every opportunity of doing so.
- 8-9. Although preaching is only the function of Teaching Elders, notwithstanding, Ruling Elders should be regularly engaged in the practice of exhorting the people of God, by taking clear and well-known truths of the Scriptures and applying them with zeal and earnestness to the lives of God's people.

II. OTHER ISSUES

- A. **MODERATOR OF LOCAL SESSIONS:** Overture No. 11 to the First General Assembly from McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida, is still before this Assembly awaiting answer (See page 49 for complete text of overture). It is to be noted that this overture stems from a time when a church was *required* to have a presbytery-appointed Teaching Elder as moderator of the Session, which is no longer true in the PCA. This was the principal reason stated for submission of the overture. Now a

church without a Pastor may have its Session moderated by one of its own Elders.

The overture, if adopted, would reverse the present situation that a congregation, in calling a pastor, is also electing him as moderator of Session, and a Presbytery, in installing a pastor, is also installing him as moderator of Session. It would provide that the pastor of a church might serve as a member of Session while the Session elects a Ruling Elder from its midst to serve as moderator.

Our Committee prefers the present situation for several reasons:

1. The one example that we have in Scripture of the proceedings of a church court, the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15, indicates that this court was presided over by James, a Teaching Elder.
2. The general practice of Christian Churches from the time of the apostles until today is that local church courts are presided over by their ministers. Abandonment of this practice would not only mean giving up a practice which has proven beneficial for hundreds of years, but would put us out of step with other Christian Churches including, particularly, those of the Presbyterian and Reformed family of churches.
3. Church courts above the Session level seek to express parity with a numerical balance of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. On the Session level there is usually only one, or at most a few, Teaching Elders to a much larger number of Ruling Elders. It helps to preserve parity by giving the moderatorship to one of the minority of Teaching Elders.
4. The Teaching Elder is a member of Presbytery and has been installed by Presbytery, and his role as moderator helps to strengthen the connection with Presbytery that is an essential part of the Presbyterian system.
5. When the Teaching Elder serves as moderator of the local church's governing body, the connection between the government of the local church and the teaching of the Word of God is emphasized. Should the Teaching Elder cease to serve as moderator, there is a danger that in some places he would be regarded as the hired administrative secretary of the church Session rather than an officer of the Session. Courts above the Session level have many Minister members, but none of them is especially installed as Minister of the Word to that court, so the situation is analogous to a church without a Minister in which either a Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder can moderate.

Therefore, your Committee makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 6:

That the General Assembly answer **Overture No. 11** to the First General Assembly from the McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida, in the negative. *Adopted.*

- B. NATURE OF ORDINATION:** This is one of the issues in which there has been consistent agreement by all the Committees. A paper by a Teaching Elder on the Committee, Chaplain Don K. Clements, which speaks to some of the central Biblical issues involved in the question is included in the Appendix. We respectfully recommend the following be adopted:

Recommendation No. 7:

That the General Assembly answer **Overture No. 4** to the Second General Assembly from the First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi, as follows:

1. In answer to request number one, we would affirm that the ordination of Elders is to a particular order within the class of Elders, either Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder. Both orders of Elder include certain functions which are listed in Scripture, among which we find: exhorta-

tion (Titus 1:9); convincing the gainsayers (Titus 1:9); keeping out heresy (Titus 1:9-11 and Acts 20:29-31); feeding the flock (Acts 20:28 and I Peter 5:2); speaking the Word of God (Hebrews 13:7); exercising government (Hebrews 13:7, 17); oversight of the congregation (Hebrews 13:17); accounting to God for the congregation (Hebrews 13:17); praying for the sick (James 5:14); and others. In addition, the order of Teaching Elder includes the additional functions of the public preaching of the Word (Acts 26:16-18; Romans 10:14; Romans 15:16; I Cor. 4:1); and administering the Sacraments (John 1:33; I Cor. 11:23); plus such things required in the contemporary pattern of church life and custom as performing marriage ceremonies and officiating at funerals.

2. In answer to request No. 2, we would again affirm that ordination is to a particular order within the class of Elders. However, since the class of Elder includes various functions, not limited to the pastorate, we would affirm that it is proper for a Teaching Elder to serve in and to be ordained upon satisfactory evidence of a call to such teaching functions as the following: Missionary, Evangelist, Chaplain (military or institutional), Church Executive or Administrator, Seminary Professor, Teacher of Bible or Religion in college, university, or Christian school.
3. In answer to request No. 3, since both historically and by definition, the concept of parity does not refer to equality of numbers but rather equality of condition, rank, and value, and, therefore, since the office of Elder is not limited to the pastorate; therefore the current practice of the church to permit Teaching Elders other than full-time Pastors to serve on committees of the higher courts and to have franchise in those courts is in keeping with the concept of parity.
4. In answer to request No. 4, we would affirm that all unordained personnel, both men and women, such as, administrative assistants, directors of Christian Education, secretaries, music directors, youth workers, teachers in the local church school, Session-operated Christian Day Schools, or employees or appointees of one of the Committees of the General Assembly or other court of the Church shall be approved by, and are under the jurisdiction of, the Court of the Church or committee by which they are employed, and under the ecclesiastical discipline of their local church. The appropriate examination, certification, and regulation of their work shall be determined and administered by the court or committee under which they will be working. In the case of a committee employee or appointee, the type of examination, certification, and regulation will be subject to the approval of the court of jurisdiction.

C. ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS BY RULING ELDERS: Of all the questions before this Committee, this one has provided the most discussion in the Church and the most division among brothers. It was the lengthy discussion of the minority report on the floor of the Second General Assembly which brought the initial formation of this special Ad-Interim Committee. Papers included in the Appendix to this report, (Majority and Minority Reports of Ad-Interim Committee to the Second General Assembly and "Ministers of the Word," by Donald A. Dunkerley), present some of the basic issues involved. Your Committee finds that there is one overriding factor which forces us to the conclusion that we have reached that only Teaching Elders should be allowed to administer the Sacraments in the PCA. And that factor is the clear prohibition of any

others performing these tasks by our Confessional Standards. *The Confession of Faith*, Chapter 27, Section IV, states: "There be only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord: *neither of which may be dispensed by any, but by a minister of the Word lawfully ordained*" (italics ours). In addition, Larger Catechism Question No. 176 states: "The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper agree, in that the author of both is God; the spiritual part of both is Christ and His benefits; both are seals of the same covenant; *are to be dispensed by ministers of the gospel, and by none other . . .*" (italics ours).^{7f} If the PCA were to make the major change of allowing Ruling Elders to administer the Sacraments, it would be necessary that major changes be made to our Confessional Standards. While the Standards must never be set above the Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice, yet we have certainly given strong testimony to their lasting quality and trueness to the Scriptures, and changes should only be made when there is clear and overwhelming evidence, biblically, that they are wrong. We find no such evidence in the case of administration of the Sacraments. The administration of the Sacraments, by its very nature, is a proclamation of the Word of God by example, and as practiced consistently throughout most of Reformed Church history, should only be done in conjunction with the preaching of the Word. The continuation of this practice is necessary to continue good order in the Church.

In response to the question raised by the motion from the floor at the First General Assembly concerning the administration of the Sacraments by the Ruling Elders (see *Minutes of the First General Assembly*, 1-39, p. 34), your Committee would recommend the following:

Recommendation No. 8: That the General Assembly affirm that in keeping with the Confessional Standards of the Church, only properly ordained Teaching Elders may administer the Sacraments. *Adopted.*

- D. **LICENSURE:** Stemming from this discussion of the administration of the Sacraments, the entire question of the nature and purpose of licensure arose. There is little in writing specifically on the history of licensure, and only dedicated searching of writers and church historical documents can shed much light on the subject. By implication, the Westminster Standards, "Directories for Publick and Family Worship," and "Form of Church Government" indicate that there is a definite need and reason for the testing of the gifts of a man who may be called to preach. This testing period has developed into the current practice of licensure, whereby the Presbytery puts an official stamp on the man as he tests his gifts prior to ordination. Various Presbyterian communions in the United States utilize licensure in different ways. Some require a minimum period prior to ordination with no waivers granted. Others nearly ignore it by completing both the requirements for licensure and ordination at the same time. Even within the PCA, there is a difference in practice between the various Presbyteries at this time. In keeping with the stress on ordaining only those men who are truly gifted and called to preach to serve as Teaching Elders in the Church, it is imperative that licensure be utilized to the fullest degree possible. This Committee does not feel it has been mandated to make broad changes in the nature of licensure especially to the extent of setting a required period. However, we do believe there is a great need for study and discussion on this issue in the Church, and we would call upon local Sessions, Presbyteries, and other committees to examine this matter closely, with a view to the possibility of bringing an overture to a subsequent General Assembly, thus maintaining

the practice of effecting additional change from the grassroots and not simply from the top down.

At the same time, it is felt that the practice of licensing men who are not in a period of testing their gifts leading toward ordination should be discontinued. If preaching is to be limited only to those who are gifted and called to that function, then licensure must be limited to those who are seeking ordination and are testing their gifts and calling. Therefore, your Committee makes the following recommendations in this category:

Recommendation No. 9:

That the General Assembly affirm that the purpose of licensure is to test for a definite period of time the gifts and calling of men seeking ordination in the PCA, and that the practice of licensing Ruling Elders not seeking to become Teaching Elders be discontinued. *Adopted.*

Recommendation No. 10:

That the General Assembly give initial approval to the following change to the *Book of Church Order*, submit it to the various Presbyteries for their approval, and resubmit it to the 1978 General Assembly for final approval and inclusion in the *Book of Church Order*:

Delete Section 20-2 and renumber the following sections accordingly.

Adopted.

CONCLUSION

It is the sincere hope of your Committee that the recommendations we have made above are in keeping with the teaching of Scripture and the will of God for the Church at this time. We earnestly desire that the General Assembly come to a decision on these matters and finally dismiss this Committee. May God grant us all a blessing for having pursued the study of these issues, and through it all may our eyes be lifted up to see Jesus Christ, the King and Head of His Church. (Clerk's Note: The papers referred to as being appended to this report are found in the *Minutes of the Fifth General Assembly*, where this report was first printed.)

The previous question on the report as a whole was moved and carried, and the full report was adopted as amended.

On motion the Assembly voted to amend The Rules for Assembly Operations, 1-1, by adding following the word "sermon" the words "or exhortation".

Adopted.

7-24 Assembly Recessed

On motion the Assembly recessed at 10:05 p.m. and was led in prayer by the Rev. John C. Neville.

MINUTES — TUESDAY MORNING

June 19, 1979

Third Session

7-25 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened Tuesday morning at 8:10 a.m. with the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. James E. Moore.

7-26 Minutes Approved

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

7-27 Program of the Committee on Mission to the United States

The Rev. J. Philip Clark, Coordinator of the Committee on Mission to the United States, introduced the Committee's program presentation, which con-

sisted of reports from men in various "Macedonian areas" of the Church, namely, the Rev. Messers. Manuel Salabarría, Miami, Florida; Stuart H. Perrin, Butler, Pennsylvania; Robert E. Baxter, Olathe, Kansas; G. Brent Bradley, Bakersfield, California; Charles E. Turner, Prescott, Arizona; Douglas J. Culver, Wheaton, Illinois; O. Palmer Robertson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Ruling Elder Robert Lewis, Tyler, Texas.

7-28 Personal Resolution

Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson presented the following resolution for amending The Rules for Assembly Operations by adding a new section 2-3;

"Any former Moderator attending a General Assembly shall have the privilege of the floor. Mr. Kenneth G. Keyes and the Rev. Dr. John E. Richards shall have the privilege of the floor at any General Assembly they might attend."

Adopted.

7-29 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

The Rev. Warren F. Thuston, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States, presented the Committee's report after leading in prayer.

- I. Business Referred to the Committee
 - A. Minutes of Mission to the United States dated June 16-23, 1978; July 21, 1978; November 8, 1978; February 1, 1979; April 5, 1979; and May 16, 1979
 - B. Report of Mission to the United States, p. 197
 - C. Audits of Mission to the United States and Five-in-Five Campaign
 - D. Overture 25, p. 36
 - E. Communication from the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed
 - A. Policy and Operations of MUS. When the Committee of Commissioners reviewed attachments A, B, C, and the Five-in-Five Campaign Report, it was readily seen that there has been an increasing proliferation of documents created by past General Assembly actions as policy, of which some appear to be policy and others appear to be merely operational directives which have been approved as policy. Therefore, in the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners it is desirable that the policies and operational procedures of MUS be edited and separated. In the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners, the "Progress Report from Organizing Pastor" and the "Progress Report from Treasurer" are operational procedures which should be received as information. This would provide needed flexibility for MUS to alter operational procedures that are in line with the policy manual as circumstances change.
 - B. Training Program. The Sixth General Assembly instructed MUS to revise the policy manual and include a training program. MUS submitted Attachment A as a training manual, but in the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners, the Attachment does not meet the requirements of the Sixth General Assembly for such a training program. It is the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners that Attachment A (p. 198) is neither a training program nor a training manual.
 - C. Relationship of General Assembly MUS to Presbytery's MUS. In discussing Attachment C (p. 204), it was the consensus of the Committee of Commissioners that the substance of this attachment grew out of pre-

vicious procedures and policy of the General Assembly MUS, which appeared to override the jurisdictions of presbyteries in matters regarding organizing churches within bounds of presbyteries. It is the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners that the present General Assembly MUS and its staff are properly seeking to carry out the mandates of previous General Assemblies and that such actions are in agreement with both the MUS policy manual and the *BCO*.

- D. Campus Manual. Attachment D (p. 205), "Manual for Campus Ministries, Presbyterian Church in America" completes the work dating back to the Fourth General Assembly. It is the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners that the Manual for Campus Ministries provides a philosophy and approach for our denomination at all levels: General Assembly, Presbytery, and local church.
- E. Urban, Poor and Minority Ministries. As the Committee of Commissioners reviewed the report of UPM, it became clear that UPM is seeking to carry out the instructions of the Sixth General Assembly and is properly reporting to MUS on its progress. Attachment E (p. 218), received as information, provides a good overview of the work of UPM to date.
- F. Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. It is the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners that the instructions of the Sixth General Assembly to the Chaplains Commission in the main have been followed in providing a Constitution and Bylaws for the Commission (p. 220). However, the Committee of Commissioners did discover several deviations from the instructions that the Seventh General Assembly should consider.
 - 1) Quorum. The Sixth General Assembly set the quorum at 5, while the Bylaws state that the quorum shall be more than one-half of the representative members.
 - 2) Funding. The Sixth General Assembly set a particular dollar amount of financial support, while the Constitution states that the Commissioners will ask for a set dollar amount each year.
 - 3) Membership. The Sixth General Assembly stated, "The membership of the Commissioners shall be at least two active, reserve or retired Chaplains, and the third a ruling elder, who preferably has had some military service." The Constitution does not include such a statement as to the make-up of the three PCA members of the Commission.
- G. Division of Pacific Presbytery. The overture of several sessions of Pacific Presbytery appears to have grown out of a concern for the need to overcome great geographical distances separating member churches, which hinders the effectiveness of churches bound together in a presbytery. In addition, the churches sponsoring the overture report that problems which were developed in the early days of the hasty formation of Pacific Presbytery are only slowly being solved, and that these problems could be more readily solved for these churches by a presbytery made up of PCA churches served by PCA ministers.

Many of the pastors of Pacific Presbytery serve churches that are not members of the Presbytery, nor the PCA, and thus these churches are not bound by our Standards. In the *1978 Yearbook*, Pacific Presbytery reports its membership as 8 churches and 27 ministers.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of MUS be approved as follows:

- a. Those dated November 8, 1978, and April 5, 1979, without exception.
 - b. Those dated June 16-23, 1978, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Major sections and paragraphs should have some type of consecutive numbering system to help avoid confusion in reading. (See The Rules for Assembly Operations, 8-13, 5, p. 286).
 - (2) The purposes of the various called meetings of the included dates were not listed. (See the Rules, 8-13, 3(a), p. 285).
 - c. Those dated July 21, 1978, with the following exception: the minutes of June 16-23, 1978, were approved with corrections, but the corrections were not listed. (See the Rules, 8-13, 3(e), p. 285).
 - d. Those dated February 1, 1979, with the following exception: The designations of members of the committee as ruling elders or teaching elders and the names of their churches are missing. (See the Rules, 8-13, 3(f), p. 285).
 - e. Those dated April 5, 1979, with the following exception: The designations of the members of the committee as ruling elders or teaching elders and the names of their churches are missing. (See the Rules, 8-13, 3(f), p. 285).
 - f. Those dated May 16, 1979, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) The designations of the committee members as ruling elders or teaching elders and the names of their churches are missing. (See the Rules, 8-13, 3(f), p. 285).
 - (2) The names of those opening and closing the meeting with prayer are not listed. (See the Rules, 8-13, 4(a), p. 285). *Adopted.*
2. That the Audits dated December 31, 1978, be approved. *Adopted.*
 3. That a special day of prayer and thanksgiving be set aside for Sunday, November 18, 1979, and that a special offering be taken during the Thanksgiving season to go toward the work and ministry of MUS. *Adopted.*
 4. That the Seventh General Assembly hear and act upon the recommendation from the Search Committee and the Committee on Mission to the United States in regard to the nomination of the Rev. J. Philip Clark as Coordinator of MUS. *Adopted.*
 5. That the budget for 1980 for MUS be approved as presented by the Committee on Administration. *Deferred. Adopted in par. 7-90, p. 138.*
 6. That Recommendation 4 of MUS, to approve the "Training Manual for Organizing Pastors" be replaced by the following:
 - a. That Attachment A (p. 198), entitled "Training Manual for Organizing Pastors" be approved, with the title deleted, and included as part of the operational policy manual of MUS. *Adopted.*
 - b. That Attachments A, "Progress Report from Organizing Pastor", and B, "Progress Report from Treasurer" (p. 201), be received as information and be regarded as operational procedures. *Adopted.*
 - c. That MUS prepare a revised policy manual for approval by the Eighth General Assembly, and that MUS be instructed to bring to the Eighth General Assembly for information an operation manual to be in conformity with the policy manual. These two manuals shall be extractions from all policy previously approved by all General Assemblies. Any changes in future operational procedure shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners of MUS yearly for review. Any procedures that are found not to be in conformity with the policy manual are to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly for consideration and action.

Grounds:

- 1) There has been an increasing proliferation of documents created by past General Assembly actions as policy, of which some are policy and others are merely operational directives which have been approved as policy; and
- 2) The *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, 6-51, Recommendation A, page 76, call for a training program and not a manual, but Attachment A is neither a training manual nor a training program. *Adopted.*
7. That Attachment B (p. 203) the "Guidelines for Lay Ministries" be approved as presented. *Adopted.*
8. That the *Manual for Campus Ministries* (p. 205) be approved with the following additions, and that the Assembly's gratitude be expressed to those who prepared it:
 - a. Add as a second paragraph in IX., 3:

"Since the campus fellowship is not a church, each student should be encouraged to be a responsible member of a local church in order to enjoy the benefits and to be under the discipline of that larger fellowship. In addition, it should be anticipated that some students who have not previously been baptized will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through the campus ministry. In such cases the students should be urged to be baptized and seek membership in a particular church."
 - b. In paragraph XI, A., (p. 214), the second sentence, strike the words at the end, "on a regular basis" and add the words, "on at least an annual basis."

The reason for the additional paragraph is to strengthen the Manual's teaching regarding the need for a new believer to become part of a local church. The reason for the second addition is the desire to define "regular". *Adopted.*
9. That the list of organizing pastors and UPM missionaries (Attachment H, p. 230) presently supported by the Assembly's Committee and the MUS Committees of our various presbyteries be received as information. *Adopted.*
10. That Recommendation 9, of the MUS Committee regarding the Chaplains Commission, be replaced by the following and adopted:
 - a. That the Report of the Reformed Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel (p. 218) be received as information.
 - b. That the General Assembly approve and adopt the Constitution (p. 220) with the following changes:
 - (1) In Article II, 5, add to the sentence at its end the words "through the proper committee;"
 - (2) In Article III, 2, in the second sentence, after the word "denomination" add the words "or its responsible committee;"
 - c. That MUS of the General Assembly be designated as the responsible Committee to appoint our three members of the Commission.
 - d. That the Bylaws be received as information.
 - e. That the proposed funding as recommended by the Commission for 1979 and 1980 be approved as follows:
 - (1) \$150 per year per active duty chaplain to be contributed by the PCA;
 - (2) \$10 per month contribution requested from each active duty chaplain; and
 - (3) \$5 per month contribution requested from each active duty chaplain in a pay billet.

Grounds:

- (1) The Committee of Commissioners desired our MUS to be as closely associated with the Commission as possible, so that choices of members made by MUS, in place of an annual selection by the General Assembly, would facilitate this desired association.
 - (2) The Bylaws are subject to change by the Commission itself without further approval of the General Assembly.
 - (3) The amendments bring the Constitution in line with the instructions of the Fifth General Assembly. *Adopted.*
11. That the Report of the Urban Poor and Minority be received as information *Adopted.*
 12. That Attachment C, "Relationship Between Assembly and Presbytery MUS Committees" (Appendix G, p. 204) be adopted as amended as follows:
 That the General Assembly reaffirm that the relationship between the General Assembly and Presbytery MUS Committees will reflect this agreement:
 That the Assembly MUS Committee will work with the Presbytery Committees rather than the individuals and individual works within Presbytery. All actions, appeals, reviews, etc., will be channeled through Presbytery MUS Committees.
 This recommendation was approved and for the reason that the thrust of Sections A-E are already addressed in BCO 14-7; 15-1(2), (3), (7). *Adopted.*
 13. That the Report to the Seventh General Assembly by the Five-in-Five Campaign (p. 226) be accepted as information. *Adopted.*
 14. That the Report to the Seventh General Assembly by the Five-in-Five Campaign prepared by the Rev. Donald C. Graham, Attachment G (p. 222), be received as information. *Adopted.*
 15. That the following recommendations regarding the Five-in-Five Campaign be adopted:
 - a. To acknowledge with thanks every pledge and contribution to the Five-in-Five Campaign. *Adopted.*
 - b. To express appreciation to the initial campaign committee: Mr. Robert Cannada, Mr. Charles Kimbrell, the Rev. Stuart Perrin, the Rev. John E. Richards, the Rev. Harry Schutte, Mr. William Stevenson, and Mr. Jack Williamson; also to the new Five-in-Five Campaign Committee (previously named); the MUS Committee; and the Five-in-Five Campaign Loan Committee. Each has provided important encouragement to this cause. *Adopted.*
 - c. To reaffirm the goal of the Five-in-Five Campaign as the strong purpose of this General Assembly to provide help for our beginning churches which need buildings. We find in this a demonstration of the unity of the body of Christ. We also reaffirm the practicality of the goal of Five Million Dollars. *Adopted.*
 - d. To encourage churches which have not yet pledged to the campaign by allowing them to count their five year periods to begin next year. *Adopted.*
 - e. To encourage local pastors and officer groups to assist the campaign office by providing lists of names of persons who might receive information and appeals to join the campaign as personal donors apart from their contributions to local church commitments, though possibly giving through their churches. *Adopted.*

- f. To recommend to all office groups in churches not yet pledging that they give further serious consideration to their churches' possible pledge to the campaign on the basis of the \$60 per-member-ever-five-years asking. *Adopted.*
- g. To urge as many churches as possible to present to their people the new slide and tape presentation on the campaign. *Adopted.*
- 16. That the Five-in-Five Loan Committee Activity (p. 223), and the Five-in-Five Income Statement (p. 225), and the Statement of Giving from Churches and Individuals be received as information. *Adopted.*
- 17. That Resolution 2 (p. 40), from several Sessions of Pacific Presbytery be answered in the negative.

Grounds:

To remove some of the stronger churches of the Presbytery would further hinder resolution of problems presently existing in Pacific Presbytery. Further, due to the geographic size of Pacific Presbytery, we recommend that MUS consider financial assistance to help Pacific Presbytery carry out their presbytery responsibilities. *Adopted.*

- 18. That Overture 25 from Central Georgia Presbytery (p. 36), be answered by reference to the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly* (p. 78, paragraph 9), where the matter is already enacted: "In the event funds have been contributed to the Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America, by an individual, church or presbytery, or any other party, and the donor places restrictions or designations on the use of such funds so contributed then, if such funds are accepted by the Mission to the United States, all such funds shall be administered by the Mission to the United States in accordance with the restrictions or designations placed thereon by the donor." *Adopted.*
- 19. That the communication from the Committee on Interchurch Relations of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church be answered with the information that in the PCA, the locations of existing churches and new works are the responsibility of local congregations and presbyteries, respectively, not policy determined at General Assembly level. *Adopted.*
- 20. That the General Assembly commend the Permanent Committee of MUS, the Coordinator, the Rev. J. Philip Clark, and the undermanned staff for their diligent work in carrying out with efficiency their labors in accomplishing a nearly impossible task.

Grounds:

During the past year MUS has continued through a difficult transition period, i.e., loss of coordinator, an interim coordinator, a new coordinator, movement of the office, an entirely new staff. It was the opinion of the Committee of Commissioners that the General Assembly should be aware that the great task of MUS has been hampered by its small work force. *Adopted.*

- 21. That the General Assembly amend the policy guidelines established by MUS Committee, Presbyterian Church in America, for loans to Presbyterian Church in America congregations, *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 78, paragraph 5, by inserting the following sentence as an additional paragraph at the end of paragraph 5:

This obligation is not enforceable in a civil court, but is understood to be a moral obligation. *Adopted.*

(Clerk's Note: This recommendation was adopted after the noon recess. It is placed here for easier reference.)

It was moved and seconded to receive the report of the Committee as a whole pending action on recommendation 5. *Adopted.*

7-30. Worship Service and Assembly Recess

The Assembly moved to the worship service under the direction of the Committee on Mission to the World, to recess with the benediction of the service. Ruling Elder L. B. Austin III, chairman of the Committee, began the service. The Rev. Carl W. Bogue, Jr., led in prayer, and the Rev. James H. Stewart preached the sermon based on Psalm 96 and closed with prayer and the benediction at 12:00 noon.

MINUTES — TUESDAY AFTERNOON**June 18, 1979****Fourth Session****7-31 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Ruling Elder Jack Noble.

7-32 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Chairman Warren F. Thuston continued the report of the Committee of Commissioners, presenting a new recommendation 21, which was adopted (text of the recommendation is found with the Report, p.).

The report as a whole was received pending action on recommendation 5.

7-33 Report of Sub-Committee on Judicial Business on Constitutional Questions

The Sub-Committee on Judicial Business reported through the Stated Clerk concerning Overture 19, from the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina.

The first item of business referred to the Committee to determine was the question whether Overture 19 from the Presbytery of Eastern Carolina to the Seventh General Assembly was constitutional. The Committee understood the words "in thesi" to mean a teaching or a didactic statement in theory which does not bind the conscience of the body, and therefore, on motion made and seconded the Committee found that Overture 19 is constitutional, recommended it be sent to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures, and recommended that the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures change the final phrase to read, "be the course of wisdom recommended by our denomination in this matter."

The recommendation was defeated, by vote of 132 for, 306 against.

The moderator ruled that this in effect meant the Assembly had refused to receive Overture 19.

The Sub-Committee also presented the following rewording of the *Book of Church Order* in regard to changing the size of Assembly permanent committees.

Regarding the rewording of the *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1-12, to accommodate the directions of the Assembly: the Committee recommends that the *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1-12 be amended by adding the following to the first sentence:

"on the odd years and four men each on the even years."

The Assembly voted to adopt the recommendation to amend the *Book of Church Order* and to send it down for the advice and consent of the presbyteries.

7-34 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

The Rev. Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr., chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations, presented the Committee's report after leading in prayer.

I. Items Referred to the Committee**A. Minutes of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations**

for September 25, 1978, February 27, 1979, March 22, 1979.

B. Minutes of NAPARC for October 27-28, 1978.

C. Report of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations (Appendix D, p.)

D. Communication 1 to the Sixth General Assembly (See p. 42, item 6-111, 7) from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, California, regarding discussion of "secular issues at a General Assembly of (our) church . . ."

E. Letters from:

1. The OPC, May 26, 1979, item 1, regarding a recommendation that the PCA seriously consider membership in the RES.
2. National Presbyterian Missions, Inc. of the RPCES, May 31, 1979, regarding an approval without dissenting vote by the RPCES, the continuation of discussion with the OPC and the PCA with a view to merger.
3. The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, June 1, 1979, regarding participation by a delegate of the PCA in the International Ecumenical Conference on the Virgin Mary.
4. The PCUS, June 6, 1979, regarding an ecumenical participant from the PCA to the 1980 General Assembly of the PCUS.

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed

A. The propriety of reviewing the minutes of NAPARC by the Committee of Commissioners.

This is the first year that the minutes of NAPARC have been available to the Committee of Commissioners. The Committee concluded that it should be a responsibility of the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations to review the minutes annually. The minutes of NAPARC for October 27-28, 1978, were reviewed and received as information with the finding that they contained no matters that should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

B. Several matters regarding Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Permanent Sub-Committee concerning consultation with the OPC and the RPCES about a plan of merger.

1. Which denominations should be included in such discussions?
2. Is the PCA moving too rapidly on the question of merger?
3. Is it proper to require a 3/4 vote for passing this Recommendation?

The rationale of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations regarding this requirement is that such a vote would provide any committee on merger a clear mandate to participate without reservation in consultations with the OPC and the RPCES on this question.

The Committee of Commissioners compared the matter to the vote of a congregation regarding the call of a pastor in which there is a sizeable minority averse to a particular candidate. An attempt is to be made to persuade the majority not to prosecute the matter further.

4. A concern that any failure of this Recommendation should adversely affect relationships with the OPC and the RPCES.

C. A question regarding Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Permanent Sub-Committee whether the slate of nominees represented a cross section of the age of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders and the theological perspectives of the PCA.

D. The matter of sending an ecumenical participant from the PCA to the 1980 General Assembly of the PCUS.

- E. The letter of the Chairman of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations in response to the letter from the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, California (reference p. 42, item 6-111, 7).

The committee adopted the following motion: "That the above mentioned letter be included in our report as information with reference to and reaffirmation of *WCF*, Chapter 31, Section 4."

March 27, 1979

Dr. Ralph H. Didier
Covenant Presbyterian Church
327 North Sunkist
Anaheim, California 92806

Dear Dr. Didier:

The communication from Covenant Presbyterian Church in relation to the Assembly issuing a statement concerning retaining U.S. troops in Korea has been referred by the Assembly to the Interchurch Relations Committee. As the present chairman of that committee, I want to communicate to you our complete sympathy, understanding, and essential agreement with the points made in your letter.

Personally, I believe the motion passed in a very special and emotional situation. A PCA pastor, who had been in Hungary when the Russians took over, spoke concerning the need for Christians to stand together in a time when Korea might be put in similar danger. I have known this particular pastor for almost twenty years. His theology is solid, and he is not given to social pronouncements. He identified so strongly because of his former experiences that he brought the resolution. I do not believe this resolution will begin any trends.

We appreciate your fellowship in the gospel and your support of our missionaries. I hope that someday Covenant Church may see its way clear to become a part of the PCA. Having served in the UPUSA for eight years before coming into the PCA at its inception, I have a strong desire for many Christians from the UPUSA to find in the PCA what the Church of Jesus Christ should be.

I hope to meet you at further Assemblies and share your fellowship in the gospel. Greetings in Christ's name to your Session and congregation.

Sincerely in Christ,
Thomas L. Llewelyn
Chairman, Interchurch Relations Committee

The chairman led the Assembly in prayer for Ruling Elder John Van Derveer, a committee member currently hospitalized due to a heart attack.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations of September 25, 1978, February 21-22, 1979, and March 22, 1979 be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
2. That the PCA not join the RES at this time; and that the General Assembly instruct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations to (a) assemble a bibliography of official RES documents (Con-

stitution, acts, pronouncements, committee reports, etc.) as well as historical data relative to the involvement of our sister denominations: this bibliography to be disseminated to all our churches as soon as possible after the adjournment of this Assembly; and (b) prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Eighth General Assembly concerning the advisability of membership in the RES by the PCA.

Adopted.

3. That in regard to the letter from the PCUS inviting the PCA to send an ecumenical participant to the next General Assembly, the Stated Clerk be instructed to inform the PCUS that the PCA does not authorize voting participation in other Assemblies or Synods. *Adopted.*
4. That the Assembly commend the summer National Presbyterian and Reformed Congress meetings to all its churches, and urge attendance at these meetings. *Adopted.*
5. a) That a 3/4 vote of those present and voting be required to adopt recommendation 5b. *Adopted by vote of 285-204.*
 b) That the Assembly approve the statement adopted by the joint meeting of the Fraternal Relations Committees of the OPC, the PCA, and the RPCES, and authorize the continuation of consultations with a plan of merger in view; such plan of merger not to be submitted to the General Assembly in less than five (5) years.

Recommendation 5b was amended by deleting the words added by the Committee of Commissioners: "such plan of merger not to be submitted to the General Assembly in less than five (5) years."

Following prayer by the Rev. William C. Hughes, the recommendation was then defeated by a vote of 353 for, 208 against, since a 3/4 majority had been required for passage.

(Clerk's Note: The following amendment to the Report was adopted later during the Assembly (par. 7-73) by the required two-thirds vote of those present. It is presented here for easier reference.)

c) Since Item 5b above received a majority vote, but less than 3/4, the following action is taken by the General Assembly:

- 1) That an Ad-Interim Committee be appointed by the General Assembly to meet with representatives of the RPCES, the OPC and the RPCNA with instructions not to develop any plan of union, but merely to determine possible areas of agreement, difference and difficulty that might exist between the three denominations.
- 2) That a committee be appointed by the General Assembly of three ruling elders and three teaching elders, members to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. The Assembly subsequently elected the following Committee:

Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
Carl W. Bogue, Jr., Ascension	Robert Cannada, Sr.,
Paul G. Settle, Calvary	Mississippi Valley
William J. Stanway, Grace	Edward Robeson, Calvary
	W. Jack Williamson, Evangel

- 3) That this Committee be funded in the same manner as the Sub-Committee for Interchurch Relations, and
- 4) That this Committee report its findings to the 1980 General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations. *Adopted by Vote of 418-82.*
6. That the General Assembly assert that this does not constitute a rejection of any cooperative arrangements or ventures that are presently in existence. *Adopted.*

7. That the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America investigate the possibility of the General Assembly meeting at Geneva College in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area in 1982 or later.

Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to receive the report as a whole.

On motion the report was amended in regard to Item I., E-3 as follows:

“That the communication from the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary not be received by this General Assembly.”

Adopted.

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations:

Ascension	George Caler, RE
Calvary	J. Gary Aitken, TE
Central Carolina	Jay McDaniel, RE
Central Florida	Richard Fraser, TE
Central Georgia	Carl Sessions, RE
Covenant	Charles Coe, Jr., TE
Eastern Carolina	Joseph Armfield, Jr., TE
Evangel	William F. Joseph, RE
Mid-Atlantic	Patrick McHugh, RE
Tennessee Valley	Robert Stoops, RE
Texas	Thomas Ramsey, TE
Western Carolinas	A. Boyce Spooner, TE
Westminster	Robert Lane, RE

Absent:

Gulf Coast	John M. Brock, RE
Louisiana	(Grace Presbyterian Church, Monte Sano), RE
Mississippi Valley	Robert C. Duhs, TE
New River	James Miller, RE
North Georgia	Bernhard Kuiper, TE
Pacific	
Southern Florida	James Bland, TE
Warrior	(Woodland Heights), RE

Respectfully Submitted,
Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr., Chairman

The report as a whole as amended was then received.

7-35 Committees Excused

The Assembly excused the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven and the Board of Trustees of the Conference Center to conduct business.

7-36 Plaque Presented

Moderator Joseph was granted a moment of personal privilege to present to Past Moderator G. Aiken Taylor a plaque from the First Church, Prattville, Alabama.

7-37 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

The Rev. John D. Holmes, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures, led in prayer and then presented this portion of the committee report.

I. Items Referred to the Committee

- A. Resolution 1, (p. 39) from the Rev. Wm. Rose
- B. Overture 3 (p.33)
- C. Overture 15 (p.33)

D. Overture 18 (p.33)

E. Overture 19 (p.33)

F. Overture 33 (p.34)

II. Statement of Issues Discussed

A. There were several Overtures dealing with abortion: 15 (p. 33), 18 (p. 33), and 33 (p. 34). Inasmuch as all three Overtures are in substantial accord, one of them was chosen. The Committee worked for a statement which would best reflect the General Assembly's understanding of Scripture regarding the difficult situation of the threat to the mother's life by her unborn child.

B. Overture 3 (p. 33), regarding equal recognition of all new congregations was discussed.

C. Overture 19 (p. 33), regarding total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, was discussed at length. There was substantial agreement among the members of the Committee that Chapter XX of the *Confession of Faith*, "Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience," answers Overture 19 very clearly. But there was some disagreement as to the procedure which would be best to follow in presenting the matter to the Assembly. Therefore, there is both a majority and a minority report on Overture 19.

(Clerk's Note: This item was refused for action by the Assembly, paragraph 7-33, p. 92).

D. Resolution 1, p. 39, regarding our need for revival was discussed and reworded.

III. Recommendations:

1. That Resolution 1 (p. 39) be answered by the following substitute:
Whereas, in the life of Israel under the Old Covenant, in the practice of the early church and among Reformed Assemblies of modern times, God's people have resorted to corporate prayer in times of great moral and spiritual crisis with confidence in God's promise: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14); and Whereas, this is such a time in the life of our nation and throughout the world; Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Seventh General Assembly call upon the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America to set regular times of prayer for revival and healing of our land, and for the blessings of Almighty God. *Adopted.*

2. That Overture 3 (p. 33) be answered by the following statement:
That at the beginning of each Assembly a list be read of all new congregations whose admission to a particular presbytery have been reported to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly (BCO 14-3). *Adopted.*

3. That Overtures 15 (p. 33), 18 (p. 33), 33 (p. 34), be answered by amending Overture 15 to read as follows:

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly was of one mind in its general consideration of the abortion issue, but was divided on the question whether abortion might be justified if deemed necessary to save a woman's life,

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly revise the Assembly's statement on abortion (*Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 72) to read as follows:

"1. That because Scripture clearly affirms the sanctity of human life and condemns its arbitrary destruction, we affirm that the inten-

tional killing of an unborn child between conception and birth (abortion) is clearly a violation of the Sixth Commandment in all situations except possibly that in which it appears finally that no other remedy will save the life of the mother. The Assembly is divided as to whether this situation would justify abortion.”

Adopted.

Recommendation 3 was adopted by a vote of 345 to 72.

Commissioners Thomas Roberts, Thomas Cheely, Harry George III, Frank Moser, Paul Doriani, David Howe, George Caler, Carl Bogue, Jr., and Daniel H. Perrin requested their negative votes be recorded.

It was moved and seconded to receive the report as a whole.

An amendment was moved and seconded to add to recommendation 3 following the last word of the last sentence the following sentence:

In every case where it is determined that it is an immediate medical necessity to terminate a pregnancy to preserve the life of the mother, all possible efforts are to be made to preserve the lives of both the mother and the child.

Adopted.

The following Protest to recommendation 3 was received later during the Assembly (paragraph 7-69). It was found to be temperate in language and respectful to the Court and ordered recorded in the *Minutes* without reply by vote of 266 for, 155 against. (It is included here for easier reference.)

Formal Protest

I wish to file a protest against the action of the Assembly in its revision of the Sixth General Assembly's statement on abortion.

I am opposed to the Assembly's revised statement on abortion for the following reason:

The Sixth Commandment forbids murder for whatever reason and requires the preservation of life wherever possible. The Sixth General Assembly wisely stated that abortion, which is the intentional killing of an unborn child, is always a violation of the Sixth Commandment.

While the Seventh General Assembly has been sensitive to the Sixth Commandment's call to preserve life, nevertheless, the Seventh General Assembly in its revised statement has failed to distinguish carefully between abortion, which is the intentional killing of an unborn child, and a medical procedure in which an unborn child may be prematurely removed from the mother with the intention of preserving the life of both the mother and the child.

A medical procedure which seeks to preserve both lives is certainly morally right, but abortion, which intentionally kills the unborn child, is always morally wrong.

David K. Howe, Teaching Elder

Others joining this protest are listed below:

Robert Vinson, Jr.

Stanwood Bean

Dennis Disselkoen

Paul E. Zetterholm

E. P. Elliott, Jr.

George W. Mitchell

James Bowen

David Todd

Wm. H. Dever

Steve Wilkins

James Alexander

Robert S. Hayes

Joseph C. Sullivan

Alvin G. Smith, Jr.

Baron Caulfield, Jr.

Thomas B. Sullivan, Jr.

G. Dale Linder

Harry C. George III

Thomas Roberts
 Erwin Morrison
 Robert S. Allyn
 F. R. Johovich
 James L. Hull
 Michael Sartelle
 Richard Weiman
 John C. Ropp, Jr.
 William H. Smith
 George M. Calhoun
 David G. McKay
 Sam Martin
 Byron Snapp
 Ronald Siegenthaler
 [REDACTED]
 Carl W. Bogue
 Randall Yelverton
 T. J. Mercer
 William H. Bell, Jr.
 Edward Nalley
 Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.
 K. W. Hurst

Ronald L. Swafford, Sr.
 Warren F. Diven
 Charles G. DeBardleben
 David R. Brown
 George R. Caler
 George Harris
 Ford A. Williams
 George Brengle
 Alan McCall
 Frank Moser
 Kevin Carr
 G. Brent Bradley
 C. O. Baker, Jr.
 Leon F. Wardell
 Don K. Clements
 R. Thomas Cheely
 Robert C. Wilson
 Joseph P. McGhan, Jr.
 Richard Fraser
 John K. Reeves
 Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
 Frederick T. Marsh
 Wilson Smith

7-38 Assembly Recessed

The order of the day was called for at 5:00 p.m., and the Assembly recessed and was led in closing prayer by the Rev. Edward H. Rutland.

MINUTES — TUESDAY EVENING

June 19, 1979

Fifth Session

7-39 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Ruling Elder Robert Eberst.

7-40 Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures Continued

The Assembly adopted the amendment to recommendation 3 (see 7-37) by a vote of 313 to 56.

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures:

Ascension	Paul M. Doriani, TE
Calvary	Glenn C. Alexander, RE
Central Carolina	Dewey Murphy, TE
Central Florida	Paul Zetterholm, RE
Central Georgia	Henry Hope, TE
Covenant	R. A. Carson, RE
Eastern Carolina	Walter W. Martin, RE
Evangel	Henry L. Smith, TE
Gulf Coast	George M. McGuire, TE
Louisiana	Robert Vincent, TE, Secretary
Mississippi Valley	Jack Treloar, RE
New River	Rod Mays, TE
North Georgia	Ray Fulton, RE
Southern Florida	Wallace L. Krohn, RE
Tennessee Valley	John Holmes, TE, Chairman
Texas	John McIntyre, RE

Warrior
Westminster

David Russell, TE
Edsel Farthing, TE

The report as a whole was then adopted as amended.

7-41 Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

The Rev. Kenneth D. Wilson, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

I. Business Referred to the Committee:

- A. Minutes of the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for the following dates: January 26, 1979, February 16, 1979, March 9, 1979, May 4, 1979
- B. Overtures 8, 12, 20, 22, 23, 27 to the Seventh General Assembly (p. 34-36), Overture 10 to the Sixth General Assembly (p. 43), Overture 2 to the Fifth General Assembly.
- C. Resolution 13 to the Sixth General Assembly (p. 43).
- D. Report of the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business (p. 180).
- E. Matters postponed until the Seventh General Assembly (6-111, IV, *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, pp. 43-48).

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed:

- A. The matter of women serving as trustees of a local corporation (church).
- B. The matter of nominating, examining and electing officers.
- C. The matter of administration of the Lord's Supper to the ill or infirm.
- D. The matter of re-election of members to the Permanent Committees of the General Assembly for a second consecutive term.
- E. The matter of allowing election of Presbytery moderators to serve for periods longer than those covered by single stated meetings.
- F. The matter of "Prospects for Restoration" church roll.
- G. The matter of the proper procedure for receiving officers of a congregation that is coming from another Presbyterian body.
- H. The matter of replacing inactive members of the Permanent Committees of the General Assembly.
- I. The matter of appointing a Teaching Elder to the work of an Evangelist with non-ecclesiastical groups.
- J. The matter of examining General Assembly personnel by the Assembly's Theological Examining Committee before moving on the field.
- K. The matter of accepting into Presbytery men ordained in independent ecclesiastical bodies.
- L. The matter of when the organizing Pastor may be called as Pastor to the church he has organized.
- M. The matter of rotation systems for Ruling Elders on Sessions.
- N. The consistency of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the PCA with its Standards.
- O. The matter of amending the *Book of Church Order*, paragraph 58-5, question 2.
- P. The matter of increasing the term of office for General Assembly's Nominating Committee to two years.
- Q. The matter of licensure and probation.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business be approved as indicated:
 - a. Minutes of January 26, 1979, were approved

With exceptions:

- type of meeting not stated
- designation of Ruling Elder not noted, nor that of church represented
- quorum was not present although business conducted was written as if a quorum was present. This was not a legally constituted committee

b. Minutes of February 16, 1979, were approved

With exception:

- type of meeting not stated
- description of Ruling Elder and Teaching Elder not given
- much action was taken by the men who constituted the Judicial Business Committee before it had duly elected its officers

c. Minutes of March 9, 1979 were approved

With exception:

- type of meeting not stated
- not recorded whether the members present were Ruling Elders or Teaching Elders
- the church represented by each man was not recorded
- the copy furnished for examination was unsigned

2. That concern be directed to the Permanent Committee over the matter of keeping correct minutes, inasmuch as several of the same exceptions were noted in two successive years.

3. That answer 1 to the Rev. Laurie Vidal concerning election of a female communing member as a trustee of a church be approved, and that he refer this request to Presbytery for further advice.

The Committee answered that a trustee is not ordained and is not an officer of the church, and therefore election of a female communing member on the roll of the church as a trustee does not contravene the *BCO* 26-6 and 26-7.

4. That answer 2 to Hubert C. Stewart concerning the constitutionality of announcing in the church bulletin prior to election day the names of those who have been examined and approved by the Session for office, be amended as follows; and then answered in the affirmative:

The Committee answered that although the procedure in question is not specifically prohibited by *BCO* 25-1, it also is not provided for in that section.

Therefore, the Session is given latitude in interpreting the procedure outlined in the *Book of Church Order* 25-1 regarding announcement of officer nominees prior to the day of election.

The Session is to examine all those nominated and report to the congregation those eligible for election at the time of the congregational meeting. This is to say the Session is providing the slate for elections.

Adopted.

Grounds:

1) *Book of Church Order* 25-1 does not state that an announcement is not to be made prior to the election of officers; only that one is to be made on the day of the election.

5. That answer 3 to Stanley E. Thorson regarding nominees to church office and the proper procedure regarding these nominees be approved. (p. 180)

The Committee answered that the Session does not have the authority to delete names of nominees prior to their examination. *Adopted.*

6. That answer 4 (p. 180) to the Rev. James C. Bland regarding the procedure for giving Communion to members of the congregation who are unable to attend worship services be approved.

The Committee recommended that the following procedure be used when giving communion to members of the congregation who are unable to attend worship service:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper may be administered to those who are ill, elderly or infirm, provided that the Session authorizes an abbreviated service of worship to convene at a specified time and place, following announcement, and with the Teaching Elder and at least one Ruling Elder in attendance. *Adopted.*

7. Concerning answer 5 (p. 180) to John W. Lee regarding the nomination and election procedure of officers:

a) that 5-1, 2 be approved, and

b) that 5-3 be deleted and answered by 2. *Defeated.*

8. That answer 6 (p. 180) to James D. Hatch regarding a resolution of Evangel Presbytery calling for a fourth year of training to complete a ministerial candidate's study be approved.

The Committee answered the questions as follows:

1. With regard to the first question as to whether the resolution is in conflict with any provisions of the Book of Church Order, *BCO* 19-1 requires the Presbytery to take control of a candidate's training, and the resolution in question is not in conflict with the *BCO*.

2. In answer to the second question, the resolution would fulfill the spirit of the General Assembly actions on training of ministers.

3. With regard to the problem stated in the third paragraph of the letter, the resolution should not apply to anyone who is currently a candidate, but that any incoming candidate be advised of the requirement for an additional year of preparation. (See proposed changes to the *BCO* found in the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, pages 115-119.)

4. With regard to the possible conflict between Presbyteries, Presbyteries will have to handle each case on an individual basis during the transitional period.

5. With regard to other observations or suggestions, it is suggested that Presbyteries do not go too far ahead of the actions of the General Assembly on this matter. *Adopted.*

9. That answer 7 (p. 181) to W. W. Hunt regarding establishing an inactive roll for members who are inactive for a period of 12 months be approved.

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly refer this matter back to Central Georgia Presbytery for appropriate action. *Adopted.*

10. That answer 8 (p. 181) to David G. K. Howe regarding the necessity for an amendment to the *Book of Church Order* to require non-ordained teachers in the church to adhere to the same standards required of church officers in beliefs of faith, confessional standards and doctrine be approved.

The Committee found that *Book of Church Order* 5-1-3, 9-4, 13-5, and 58-5, question 5, adequately deals with the subject. *Adopted.*

11. That the Permanent Committee's advice to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly (p. 181) be received as information. *Adopted.*

12. That the report on constitutional votes be found in order and be received as information, and that the following proposed amendments, having received the required two-thirds vote of the Presbyteries, be enacted as amendments to the *Book of Church Order*. *Adopted.*

A separate vote was taken on each proposed amendment. Each received a majority vote, and thus, in accord with paragraph 27-2 of the *Book of Church Order*, the following amendments for the *Book of Church Order* have been enacted:

Item 2: That new Paragraph 14-7 be added as follows, and that the Paragraphs following be renumbered accordingly:

The Presbytery, before receiving into its membership any Church, shall designate a Commission to meet with the Church's Ruling Elders to make certain that the Elders understand and can sincerely adopt the doctrines and polity of the Presbyterian Church in America as contained in its Constitution. In the presence of the Commission, the Ruling Elders shall be required to answer affirmatively the questions required of officers at their ordination. (See §25-5.)

Adopted.

Item 3: That Paragraph 21-1 be amended by adding the following paragraph:

A proper call must be written and in the hands of the Presbytery prior to being acted upon by a Presbytery. It must include financial arrangements (such as salary, vacation, insurance, retirement, etc.) between those calling and the one called, and assurance that the definite work will afford the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. It shall be in accord with the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 8.

Adopted.

Item 4: That Paragraph 22-5 be amended to read:

The day appointed for the ordination having come, and the Presbytery being convened, a sermon suitable for the occasion shall be preached by a person appointed or invited by the Presbytery. The Presbytery member appointed to preside shall afterwards . . . (The remainder of the section shall continue as presently written.)

Adopted.

13. That Overture 8 (p. 34) concerning Permanent Assembly Committee members being elected to a second consecutive term by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*
14. That Overture 12 (p. 34) concerning changing the *Book of Church Order* 11-3 to allow election of presbytery moderators for periods longer than those covered by single stated meetings be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*
15. That the proposed amendments to the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter VI (p. 182) be referred back to the Permanent Committee for further study and refinement. *Adopted.*
16. That Overture 10 from the Presbytery of the Evangel (p. 43) be answered as follows:
 - a) That the *Book of Church Order* 14-7 adopted by the Seventh General Assembly clarifies the procedure for receiving Ruling Elders from a congregation that is coming from another Presbyterian body, and
 - b) That the procedure for receiving Deacons should be handled in a similar fashion by the Session of the incoming church. *Adopted.*
17. That Overture 2 to the Fifth General Assembly from Carolina Presbytery be answered in the negative.

Grounds:

That the provisions of the *BCO* 21-2 properly protect the rights of congregations against precipitous action. *Adopted.*

18. That Overture 22 (p. 35) regarding replacement of inactive members on Permanent Committees of the General Assembly be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
19. That the proposed amendment to *BCO* 8-7 (p. 184) be sent back to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for redefining and rewriting.

Grounds:

(1) The presently worded recommendation 7 is in conflict with *BCO* 8-7 in that the position of Evangelist, which includes the administering of sacraments and the organization of churches, may be in conflict with agreements made with some non-ecclesiastical groups with which our church may deem it wise to cooperate.

(2) That a more suitable term be found instead of "Evangelist", and if the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business deems it necessary, that a new section to follow *BCO* 8-7 be added, which makes provision for appointments of Teaching Elders working with such groups, but not in the capacity of Evangelist as described in *BCO* 8-7. *Adopted.*

20. Concerning the fourth recommendation of the General Assembly Theological Examining Committee found in paragraph 6-33 of the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*:

That the following amendment to paragraph 15-1-14 of the *Book of Church Order* be approved:

"The Assembly shall elect a six-man Theological Examining Committee (three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders of three classes of two men each). This Committee shall examine all Coordinators, Associate Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and those acting temporarily in these positions who are being recommended for first time employment by Assembly Committees to the Assembly. They are to be examined in the areas of Christian Experience, Theology, the Sacraments, Church Government, and English Bible. No person will begin work or move on the field without prior examination and approval by the General Assembly's Theological Examining Committee. No person will be presented to the Assembly for election who has not met the approval of this Committee. Nominations for this Committee will be presented by the Assembly's Nominating Committee."

which was referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business be answered in the affirmative, and passed down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent. *Adopted.*

21. Concerning the recommendation of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries, *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, paragraph 6-116, IV, C which was referred by the General Assembly to the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, that the General Assembly express itself on this matter as follows:
 - a) That the *BCO* 14-5 states that anyone coming from another denomination must be asked the questions for ordination, and
 - b) That Presbytery also has the authority to require an ordination that is in accord with Scripture, if deemed necessary. *Adopted.*
22. Concerning the Third General Assembly's direction to the Constitutional Documents Committee to prepare a statement on the relative

authority of the constitutional documents to replace the temporary statement which now appears at the beginning of the "Directory of Worship" paragraph 3-70, *Minutes of Third General Assembly*:

That the matter be referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for appropriate action. *Adopted.*

23. Concerning the action of the Sixth General Assembly recommending that suggestions about additions or deletions to the proof texts in the Westminster Confession of Faith be referred to the Constitutional Documents Committee (6-107-(1) *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*).

That such suggestions be referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Publications. *Adopted.*

24. That Overture 20 (p. 35) concerning increasing the term of office for the General Assembly Nominating Committee members to two years be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*

25. That Overture 23 (p. 36) concerning amendments to BCO 58-5-2 be answered in the negative. *Adopted.*

26. That Overture 27 (p. 36) asking for a study of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America be answered in the affirmative as amended. *Adopted.*

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America came into existence with the intention of establishing and/or continuing the testimony of historical Biblical Presbyterianism; and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America does acknowledge the Word of God written to be the only infallible Standard of faith and practice; and

Whereas, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Bylaws of the aforesaid Corporation do contain provisions which are outgrowths of secular law instead of Biblical principle, as for example a Board of Directors; and

Whereas, the existence of and provision for a Board of Directors and other such practices typical of secular law may one day pose a threat to the aforesaid intention of the Presbyterian Church in America;

Therefore, Grace Presbytery overtures the Seventh General Assembly to direct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to review the whole matter of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America with the purpose of proposing revisions to these named documents in order if necessary that they may be brought into conformity with the Standards of our Church.

27. That Resolution 13 (p. 43) concerning the rotation of elders be answered as follows:

This General Assembly believes that the previous General Assembly acted wisely when it adopted Chapter 25 in the BCO without legislating on the specific matter of the rotation of church officers. *Adopted.*

28. That the proposed changes to BCO, chapters 19-22 (pp. 44) be adopted as amended by the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business of the Sixth General Assembly with the following exception:

That the recommended change for 21-1 read "by deleting the first paragraph and substituting the following in its place:" (change underlined). *Referred to Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business.*

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Ascension
Central Carolina

Harry C. George, TE
Charles Wilson, TE

Central Georgia	James P. Campbell, TE
Covenant	Arthur Rogers, RE
Eastern Carolina	Julian Watkins, RE
Evangel	Kenneth Wilson, TE, Chairman
Grace	E. L. Caston, RE
Louisiana	Stanwood Bean, TE
Mid-Atlantic	O. Palmer Robertson, TE
Mississippi Valley	James B. Hutton III, RE
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North Georgia	John W. Yarborough, RE
Southern Florida	Kinnis Schumacher, RE
Tennessee Valley	William Bell, TE, Secretary
Warrior	Julian Stennis, TE
Western Carolinas	Harold J. Lonon, RE
Westminster	Philip Evaul, TE

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth D. Wilson, Chairman
William H. Bell, Jr., Secretary

The Assembly received the report as a whole as amended.

(Clerk's Note: Items 12-15 were handled on Wednesday morning (paragraph 7-51), and 16-28 on Wednesday afternoon (paragraph 7-54). The entire report is included here for easier reference.)

7-42. Ad-Interim Theological Committee on Divorce

At 9:00 p.m. the Assembly moved to the order of the day, the report of the Ad-Interim Theological Committee on Divorce carried over from the Sixth General Assembly. The Rev. Paul G. Settle, chairman, presented the report after leading in prayer.

The task given the Ad Interim Theological Committee on Divorce was twofold:

- 1) To review and re-study Part II of the Constitutional Documents Committee Report entitled "Interpretation of I Timothy 3:2, 'the husband of one wife,'" and report to the Sixth General Assembly;
- 2) To consider and make recommendation concerning Overture 12 from North Georgia Presbytery to the Fifth General Assembly:

Whereas: God's Word enjoins His people to recognize the legitimacy of divorce on the grounds of adultery, or desertion by an unbelieving partner only;

Whereas: our civil authorities have taken it upon themselves to recognize other than Scriptural grounds for divorce;

Therefore: be it resolved that the General Assembly appoint a committee to further investigate the practice of divorce and remarriage both within and without the PCA, to the end that specific conditions of divorce be incorporated in the *Book of Church Order*, as may be most conformable to the Word of God.

The Committee held its first meeting by way of a telephone conference call, on November 14, 1977. Teaching Elder Settle was elected Chairman, and Teaching Elder Stanway was elected Secretary. Operating procedures were established, bibliographical resources shared, and sub-committees appointed and charged with specific duties relative to the task assigned the Committee.

A second meeting was convened on January 27, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Rev. Morton Smith and The Rev. Charles Dunahoo reviewed the actions of

the General Assembly and of the Constitutional Documents Committee which has prepared the original report (no. 1, above).

After a thorough discussion of the subject under consideration, the Committee adopted the following statement and recommendations for presentation to the Sixth General Assembly:

I. The Interpretation of Paul's qualification for church officers, "the husband of one wife," I Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6.

Paul's qualification that an elder or deacon must be "the husband of one wife" has been interpreted mainly in four ways.

1. Some have held that any twice-married man is thereby disqualified for church office, and some devout scholars have translated Paul's words to read, "married only once." Nowhere in the Bible, however, is the remarriage of a widow or widower as such treated as a reflection upon that person's moral character. Consequently, this interpretation does not seem valid.
2. A second interpretation is that an elder must not be a polygamist or that he must not have more than one living wife or more than one woman living who has been his wife. Although scholars have differed in their judgment of the extent to which polygamy posed a problem for the church in Paul's day, the interpretation of Paul's words as excluding a polygamist from church office appears to be a valid one.
3. Some interpret Paul's qualification as directed against the divorce evil, which seems to have been rather common, and have understood Paul's words as disqualifying for church office a man who had divorced and remarried, or at least a man who had divorced on other than Scriptural grounds and remarried.
4. Still another interpretation is that a man called to office in the church must be a man of unquestioned moral integrity, a man who is free from any taint of sexual promiscuity or laxity, and who is strictly faithful to his one wife.

Each of the latter three of these views has certain merit as an interpretation of Paul's words, "the husband of one wife," both in the light of the immediate context (with its emphasis on the officer's being above reproach and his managing his own family well) and in the larger context of the whole Scripture. Paul's concern seems to involve this much at the very least, that the man chosen to be a church officer (whether elder or deacon) must be a man whose marital and family relationships are above reproach, and whose personal example gives no encouragement to lax morality.

II. Recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly reaffirm its commitment to the Biblical position as summarized in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XXIV, regarding the integrity of marriage according to the Divine ideal as being for life.
2. That the General Assembly affirm that the integrity of marriage is founded upon God's Word, which declares that marriage is God's institution and should be God-centered, not man-centered. Both husband and wife are the Lord's servants and submit one to the other in terms of the Lord's purposes. They are, together, the Lord's creatures, called to serve Him, with one, the husband, exercising loving headship in that calling.
3. That the General Assembly declare that the Biblical ideal for church office is exemplary conduct to the highest degree possible with regard to all of the qualifications set forth by the Apostle Paul in I Timothy and Titus 1.

4. That the General Assembly affirm that the Bible teaches that divorce is permissible in the case of sexual immorality (Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:9) or willful desertion of a believer by an unbeliever (I Corinthians 7:15). The innocent party is therefore free to remarry, since he is no longer "under bondage," once properly divorced. (See *Westminster Confession Of Faith*, XXIV-5). Any man who is divorced in accord with Biblical principles, whether remaining single or having remarried, may serve as a church officer.
5. That the General Assembly urge church courts to exercise special care in the cases of divorced/remarried persons who are considered for ordination, that where there has been divorce and remarriage on other than Scriptural grounds, guilt must be acknowledged and repentance for sin expressed.
6. That the General Assembly remind the Church that in order to be considered for church office the parties concerned in such cases must have been rehabilitated sufficiently in the confidence and respect of other Christians as to be able to fulfill in an exemplary way the requirements of church office with regard to marital and family relationships. The General Assembly reminds the Church and its courts that even when such care is exercised as is urged in this and the foregoing recommendation, there may be circumstances in which it would be inadvisable, even though technically permissible, for divorced/remarried persons to serve as church officers.
7. That the General Assembly exhort sessions and presbyteries to follow Scriptural guidelines carefully in dealing with present or prospective church officers who have been divorced.
8. That the General Assembly answer Overture 12 from the Presbytery of North Georgia to the Fifth General Assembly, with regard to divorce and remarriage, by reference to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter XXIV.

Teaching Elder James Campbell and Ruling Elder John Thompson are submitting a minority report so that the General Assembly will have opportunity to discuss a concept other than that espoused by the Committee as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruling Elders

Kenneth Ryskamp
Steve Fox
Henry Dekker
John Thompson
Stokes Robertson

Advisory Members

Morton H. Smith
Charles H. Dunahoo

Teaching Elders

William J. Stanway
Charles Young
James Campbell
Richard Knodel
Paul Settle, Chairman

The Rev. James M. Baird, Jr., led the Assembly in prayer following which the report was adopted by a vote of 418 to 108. The following commissioners requested their negative votes recorded:

John E. Kapple
Leonard H. Bullock

J. R. Bibb
Walter L. DeHart

Eugene Case
 Richard Wiman
 Vaughn E. Hathaway
 C. C. Sumrall
 Jack Eubanks
 Stanwood Bean
 Richard Fraser
 S. Michael Preg, Jr.
 William C. McKee
 E. Paul Summerville
 Robert L. Craggs
 Philip J. Adams
 Howard C. Hansen
 Kyle E. Barr
 Robert G. Sweet
 Herbert L. Broadwater, Jr.
 James Snyder
 George Harris
 Samuel Mateer
 Dewitt D. Smylie
 George R. Caler

Henry R. Gundlach III
 H. L. Smith
 Frank E. Coho
 Paul E. Zetterhelm
 Donald W. Ray
 H. Franklin Smith
 John W. P. Oliver
 William E. Hendricks
 Leon F. Wardell
 Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.
 Robert O. Wilcox
 Frank D. Moser
 Daniel H. Perrin
 Stuart Perrin
 J.W. Stodghill
 Robert P. Slimp
 James Pancoast
 Erwin Morrison
 K. Eric Perrin
 J. Lewis Baker

The following dissent to the adoption of this Report was received later during the Assembly (paragraph 7-56). It was found to be temperate in language and respectful to the Court, and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes without reply. (It is included here for easier reference.)

REASONS FOR RECORDING A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT ON DIVORCE

1. The ruling of the moderator regarding consideration of the minority report as a substitute motion as a whole for the majority report and the time limits imposed, therefore, upon the debate by the Rules of General Assembly Operations did not permit a full and free debate upon the merits of either report.
2. Neither the majority report nor the minority report sufficiently address the problem of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who were ordained even though they may have been divorced unbiblically.
 - a. The minority report does not take into view the provisions of the *BCO* regarding judicial action, either with or without process.
 - b. The majority report allows for the continuation of an unbiblical practice begun in our denominational predecessors. The errors of other denominations should not become precedent for our denominational practice.
3. The majority report is internally inconsistent regarding its own statement on the valid interpretation of "the husband of one wife." Item 2 of the narrative states that "the interpretation of Paul's words as excluding a polygamist from church offices appears to be a valid one." The first sentence includes in its definition of a polygamist one who has "more than one woman living who has been his wife." Certain recommendations of the majority report are contradictory of this interpretation.
4. The narrative of the majority report does not present a sufficient exegesis of "the husband of one wife" and the related subject of divorce. The report fails to address the tension between separation (living apart) and dissolution.

Although adultery is granted to be a biblical ground for divorce. It is not a teaching of Scripture that divorce in such cases is required. Neither does adultery in itself dissolve the marriage relationship, even in the light of I Corinthians 6:16. If the contrary were true, the marriage relationship would have to be reestablished, which might then be contrary to Matthew 5:31-32.

5. The argumentation based upon the present tense of the verbs—which actually are an impersonal participle and an infinitive—presented by a member of the committee in favor of the majority report, is based on faulty exegesis. This argument that the qualifications specified refer only to the present condition is contrary to the normal usage of the infinitive.

The infinitive has the idea of tense only in the sense of the “punctillar, durative, (and) state of completion” without reference to time except in the case of indirect discourse where it represents the direct. Therefore, when the present infinitive occurs, It stresses the idea of linear action without reference to time. These qualifications would apply to the past, the present, and the future.

Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.
 Eugene C. Case
 Leonard Bullock
 Fred E. Manning, Jr.
 John W. Stodghill
 Samuel G. Hoyt, Jr.
 Erwin Morrison
 K. Eric Perrin
 C. O. Baker, Jr.

The following dissent was received later in the Assembly (paragraph 7-61). It was found to be temperate in language and respectful to the Court, and was ordered recorded in the Minutes without reply. (It is included here for easier reference.)

My reason for voting against the Report rests upon the principle, that the paper is wholly inadequate as an exegetical work from which to draw these recommendations. The recommendations leave the Church with the task of evaluating particular situations and making judgments. Over even a short period of time, it will be impossible to refer to this report for theological substance to keep a consistent position in this matter.

Richard Fraser
 Central Florida Presbytery

7-43 New Business

The Rev. Frederick S. Carr presented the following resolution which was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

Whereas, reading minutes for notations of spelling, punctuation and other minor errors is very time-consuming and requires an expertise that many commissioners do not possess, and

Whereas, it is important to emphasize the primacy of reading for substance,

Therefore, be it resolved that the *Rules for Assembly Operations* be amended as follows:

1. 8-14 Guidelines for Examining Committee Minutes
 - A. Replace paragraph 4 with:
 4. The Committee shall report all *exceptions* in two categories:
 - a) *Form*: Violations of the Assembly's *Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly*.

These are important in assuring that minutes are sufficiently clear in presentation of substance.

- b) *Substance*: Violation of the standards of the Presbyterian Church in America or of deliverances of the General Assembly. This is the primary reason for reviewing minutes.
 - B. Renumber 6)b) as 6.
 - C. Renumber 6(c) as 7.
 - D. Renumber 7 and 8 as 8 and 9.
- 2. 8-16 Guidelines for Examining Presbytery Minutes. Make the same changes in paragraphs 4, and 6, through 8, as made in 8-14 with the exception that 4(a) makes reference to *Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes* rather than *Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly*.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Allan Story, Jr.
Fred Carr

Answered in the negative. § 7-90, 22; p. 139.

7-44 Assembly Recessed

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Donald B. Patterson.

MINUTES — WEDNESDAY MORNING

June 20, 1979

Sixth Session

7-45 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:10 a.m. with prayer by the Rev. David E. Crocker.

7-46 Minutes Read

The minutes of the previous day were approved by the Assembly as read.

7-47 Program Presentation of Committee for Christian Education and Publications

The Rev. Charles H. Dunahoo, Coordinator, introduced the program presentation of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. He introduced Ruling Elder Richard Chewning, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Covenant College, who greeted the Assembly and introduced Dr. Martin Essenberg, President of the College, who then addressed the Assembly. The Rev. Thomas R. Patete, Acting Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, also spoke to the Assembly, and the program was concluded with a media presentation on the work of the Committee, narrated by the Coordinator.

7-48. Special Resolution

The Rev. Ronald L. Bossom was permitted by the moderator to present a special resolution calling for reconsideration of the previous night's action on divorce and remarriage as follows:

That the General Assembly re-open the issue of marriage and divorce as it was decided last night for the single purpose of hearing and acting upon a clarifying statement which would explain the force and effect of the action taken by the Assembly in relation to the Constitution of the Church.

The Stated Clerk, in response to this report, set forth the following points

regarding the binding character of the different kinds of actions of the Assembly:

1. Constitutional changes made by the Assembly, in accord with Chapter 27 of the *Book of Church Order* are binding upon the whole Church.
2. Judicial cases, when adjudicated by the Assembly, are binding regarding the matter thus settled.
3. Review and Control of Presbyteries and of Committees are binding upon the particular Presbytery or Committee.
4. Adoption of reports on particular subjects give the consensus of an Assembly's opinion on that subject. Such opinions by our Assembly serve as a guideline or pious advice to our constituency on the subject. As such, they should be reported, studied, and taken seriously. They are not binding on the consciences of sessions or individuals who believe on Biblical grounds that another position is preferable.

Discussion was terminated by a call for the order of the day.

7-49. Report of Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications

The Rev. Rodney T. King, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

- A. Minutes of Permanent Committee Meetings of June 9, 1978; June 19, 1978; August 18, 1978; December 8, 1978; February 16, 1979.
- B. Report of the Permanent Committee (Appendix F, p. 186).
- C. Audit Report
- D. Business carried over from previous Assemblies
 1. A study of Dispensationalism (6-63, 11, A, *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 80)
 2. A definition of and recommendations regarding Theonomy (6-63, 11, D, *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 81)

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed

The Committee of Commissioners received a report from the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications regarding their work. Discussion followed regarding the financial needs of the Committee.

The Committee heard from the Rev. David Clowney on the request from the Urban Poor Minority Sub-Committee of MUS for minority scholarship policy and discussed at length the issues involved.

The Committee also discussed the issue of Theonomy.

Also discussed was the 22-Man Sub-Committee on Theological Training, its objectives and its recommendations.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications June 9, 1978, June 19, 1978, August 18, 1978, December 8, 1978, February 16, 1979 be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
2. That the Rev. Charles H. Dunahoo be elected Coordinator for the Committee for Christian Education and Publications for 1980, and that he and his staff be highly commended for their work during the year. *Adopted.*
3. That the 1980 budget as presented through the Committee on Administration be approved. *Deferred. Adopted in par. 7-90, p. 138.*
4. That the Assembly concur in the recommended class assignments for those representing the PCA on the Covenant College Board of Directors (see opening paragraph of II CE report, p. 188). *Adopted.*

5. That all churches and individual members of the PCA be encouraged to participate in the life of Covenant College, both in contributions for support and the sending of students to the College. *Adopted.*
6. That all PCA churches be informed of the availability of the career planning program for youth being developed by Covenant College in conjunction with the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. *Adopted.*
7. That PCA churches continue to utilize the educational materials and programs available through Great Commission Publications and Committee for Christian Education and Publications. *Adopted.*
8. That the Assembly commend the Women in the Church for their generous support of the 1978 Love Gift for Mission to the United States. *Adopted.*
9. That the Assembly approve the project of the Conference Center (Ridge Haven) for the 1980 Love Gift. *Adopted.*
10. That the churches and families of the PCA give consideration to attending the annual PCA Family Conference at Covenant College, July 9-13, 1979, and in July 1980. *Adopted.*
11. That sessions and pastors take seriously the opportunities available through continuing education for ministers in the PCA and support those programs by attendance, prayers, and support. *Adopted.*
12. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to include the names of the Chairmen of the Boards of Deacons in the local churches in the *Yearbook*, along with the Clerks of the Sessions. *Adopted.*
13. That the churches be encouraged to take advantage of the deacons' training manual and programs being developed, soon to be available. *Adopted.*
14. That the Assembly approve the hosting of the October 1979 NAPARC Conference on Diaconal Ministries held in Atlanta, Georgia. *Adopted.*
15. That the 22-Man Sub-Committee on Theological Training continue to work with the Christian Education and Publications Committee until at least seven presbyteries have elected men to the Certification (Accrediting) Committee hopefully before the 1980 Assembly to replace the 22-Man Sub-Committee. *Adopted.*
16. That the Assembly's Christian Education and Publications Committee continue to act as coordinator and liaison in the area of theological training. *Adopted.*
17. That the presbyteries assign the oversight of the theological training program to their Christian Education Committee and the membership candidates committee, jointly working in this area. *Adopted.*
18. That each presbytery examine its resources available to carry out the obligations of ministerial training. Such resources should take into account teaching elders, ruling elders, knowledgeable laymen in certain areas, and institutions. *Adopted.*
19. That each presbytery consider either a 3 + 1 program or a 2 + 2 program and concentrate on its development initially. *Adopted.*
20. That each presbytery prepare a general plan of theological training for its candidates plus a specific plan for each individual that takes into account the candidate's previous background, training, etc.; and that the plans be submitted to the Certification (Accrediting) Committee for Approval. *Adopted.*
21. That the guidelines for disposition of Christian Education scholarship funds be revised as follows:

Purpose: The Presbyterian Church in America Scholarship Fund

shall be established to provide financial assistance to needy students who are members of the denomination, are preparing for a church-related vocation, and meet the eligibility requirements.

Definition: Church related vocation — a minister, a director of Christian education, a missionary, or a Christian schoolteacher.

Administration

The Scholarship Fund shall be under a scholarship committee appointed by the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications. The responsibilities of the Sub-Committee will be to administer the scholarship funds on the basis of the criteria set forth by the Christian Education and Publications Committee with the exception of funds specifically designated or allocated for minority scholarships. These funds shall be disbursed by the Christian Education and Publications Committee in consultation with and concurrence of the UPM Sub-Committee of MUS.

Criteria

1. All applicants must give a clear testimony of Christian faith.
2. All applicants must first meet the basic scholarship requirements of financial need and grade average as required by the institution they wish to attend.
3. Applicants must be preparing for a church-related vocation and should be encouraged to work within the PCA.
4. Recipients will be released from any obligations to repay the scholarship funds on the basis of six months of active service in a church-related vocation for each year of scholarship aid received.
5. Applications for scholarship aid must be made through the Session of the local church or a presbytery in the case of a mission work (A standard form will be available from the Sub-Committee on Scholarship.)
6. The institution which a scholarship applicant attends must be approved by the Session and the Presbytery of the applicant.
7. The amount of each scholarship shall be set annually by the Scholarship Committee on the basis of funds available and the individual need.
8. Scholarship recipients shall be under the supervision of a Session or Presbytery, or in special cases, under the direct supervision of the Christian Education and Publications Committee in consultation with the UPM Sub-Committee of MUS.

Scholarship Fund Gifts

1. Scholarship funds may be contributed to the PCA through the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications.
 2. Memorial gifts may be made into the general scholarship fund or designated for minority scholarships. A proper acknowledgment of the gift will be sent to the family "memorialized" when requested. However, no permanent "Memorial Book" will be kept for these gifts.
 3. An individual scholarship named to honor a particular person and to be perpetuated in that name may be received, provided that the gift is in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more, and that the donor allows the scholarship to be given on the basis of the criteria set forth by the Christian Education and Publications Committee.
- Grounds:

The UPM Sub-Committee reported that the current criteria may present a barrier to minority applicants. However, the Sub-Committee thought it improper to establish a double standard. These amendments remove the potential difficulties suggested by the UPM Sub-Committee while keeping a single set of criteria.

Adopted.

22. The definition of and recommendations regarding Theonomy:
 - a. That since the term "theonomy" in its simplest definition means "God's Law". the General Assembly affirms the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter 19, and *Larger Catechism*, Questions 93-150, as a broad but adequate definition of theonomy.
 - b. That no further study of the subject of theonomy be undertaken at the General Assembly level at this time, but that individual Christians, sessions, and presbyteries having particular interest be encouraged to study the subject in a spirit of love, kindness, and patience.
 - c. That the General Assembly affirm that no particular view of the application of the judicial law for today should be made a basis for orthodoxy or excluded as heresy.
 - d. That the General Assembly encourage pastors and sessions to instruct their people in the law of God and its application in a manner consistent with our confessional standards. *Adopted.*

NOTE: The Committee for Christian Education and Publications is currently reviewing the paper on Dispensationalism and intends to have it available by the Eighth General Assembly.

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Committee for Christian Education and Publications.

Ascension	E. Paul Summerville, RE
Central Florida	Charles Green, TE
Covenant	Ford S. Williams, TE, Secretary
Grace	Richard Wiman, TE
Louisiana	William Higgs, RE
Mid-Atlantic	Daniel B. Ice, RE
Mississippi Valley	John Long, TE
New River	Joseph Woodfield, RE
North Georgia	Wilson Smith, TE
Texas	John E. Kapple, TE
Western Carolina	Rodney King, TE, Chairman
Westminster	John G. Thompson, RE

The Assembly voted to receive the report as a whole pending adoption of recommendation 3.

7-50 Docket Amended

On motion the Assembly voted by the necessary two-thirds majority to amend the docket by changing Wednesday afternoon's time for recess from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On motion the docket also was amended by the same majority to eliminate the Saturday session.

7-51 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business Continued

The Assembly returned to consideration of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

Recommendations 10-13 were adopted at this time. See paragraph 7-41, p. 102 for the text.

7-52 Worship Service and Assembly Recess

The Assembly moved to the worship service under the direction of the Committee of Administration, to recess with the benediction at the end of the service. The Rev. Frederick T. Marsh began the service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard R. Harris, followed by prayer and the benediction at 12:00 noon.

MINUTES — WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**June 20, 1979****Seventh Session****7-53 Assembly Reconvened**

Ruling Elder John W. Yarbrough opened the session with prayer following the singing of a hymn at 1:30 p.m.

7-54 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business Continued

Recommendations 14-26 were handled at this time. See paragraph 7-41, pp. 103-105, for text.

The Assembly received the report as a whole as amended.

7-55 Committee of Thanks Appointed

The moderator appointed the Rev. Thomas McClelland, chairman, the Rev. Ronald L. Bossom, and Ruling Elders Robert Kelso and John W. Yarbrough a committee of thanks.

7-56 Dissent Received

As a matter of personal privilege the Rev. Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr., read a dissent to the Assembly's vote on the matter of officers' divorce and remarriage. On motion it was deemed couched in decorous language and ordered received and spread on the minutes without answer. See paragraph 7-42, p. 109, for the text of the dissent.

7-57 Complaint of Ruling Elder James H. Campbell Against the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic.

The Rev. Thomas A. Cook led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission appointed by the Sixth General Assembly to adjudicate the complaint of RE James H. Campbell Against the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. On motion the full statement of the case and the judgment rendered were approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and ordered entered on the minutes.

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Pages 74 & 75 of the 1978 Minutes) TO ADJUDICATE THE COMPLAINT OF R.E. JAMES H. CAMPBELL AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE ATLANTIC:

The Commission convened pursuant to the call of the Convenor March 9, 1979 at 1:00 PM at the Airport Howard Johnson Motel, Atlanta, Georgia.

A quorum was present with the following in attendance:

Ruling Elders: Larry Mick, George Gulley, Robert Kirksey, Ralph Langford, Kenneth Ryskamp. Teaching Elders: Thomas A. Cook, F. Nigel Lee, John Clelland, W.F. Stanway, Russell Toms, John Holmes.

Present too were complainant James H. Campbell of 1913 Lynn Cove Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454; Respondent Leland L. Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 113-3, Disputanta, Virginia 23842, appointed by the Presbytery to defend the actions of Presbytery; and Rev. Robert C. Schoof, 143 Tower Dr., Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, a witness for the Presbytery.

Meeting was opened with prayer. On Motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. Kenneth Ryskamp was elected Chairman. On Motion duly made, seconded and carried, Thomas A. Cook was elected secretary.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Commission go into Executive session to determine which questions will be dealt with and how to deal with those questions.

The letter of January 16, 1979 from James H. Campbell complaining against the action of the Presbytery was read and considered.

The Chairman stated, and the Court concurred, that we would take the matters up seriatim, allowing first the complainant to present his case, and then have the rebuttal from the Presbytery, and allow the complainant the final word.

Motion made, seconded, carried to go out of Executive session and to ask Messrs. Campbell, Schoof and Nichols to rejoin the Commission.

For the purposes of this report there are two primary documents which will be referred to and by reference made a part of these Minutes.

The first of these is a three-page letter dated January 16, 1979 addressed to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly complaining against the action of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery taken at their winter meeting January 8 and 9, 1979 in Baltimore, Maryland signed by the complainant James H. Campbell listing four specific complaints against the action of the report to the Investigative Commission Re: Covenant Church.

The second is a two-page report by Leland Nichols, Convenor, and is the report of the Commission formed by the Presbytery 10/14/78, which by action of Presbytery was changed from an Investigative Commission to a directed Commission, and this report became a part of the records approved by the Presbytery.

The original charges this Commission was given to deal with by the Presbytery was that the Rev. Mr. Schoof allowed his son, an unordained seminary student, to read the marriage service at the wedding of Mr. Schoof's daughter Nov. 27, 1976, and this violated both the civil laws of Virginia and the *BCO* 60-1,2,6.

The Commission recommended that the Presbytery dismiss the charges brought against the Rev. Mr. Schoof on four different grounds:

- "1. There was insufficient use of personal admonition prior to lodging formal charges."
- "2. There is evidence that some of the complainants already desired the discommendation of Rev. Mr. Schoof before the issue of the wedding ever arose."
- "3. The legal opinions received on the propriety of the wedding are at variance with one another, and it would be questionable to rule as an ecclesiastical court on the matter. In any case, there was no 'deliberate violation' of civil and ecclesiastical laws, as the charges state."
- "4. The 'temporary preface' to the Directory of Worship makes it difficult for a Church Court to censure a party on the basis of a provision in that part of the *BCO*."

Elder Campbell complained against this action of the Commission as follows:

"This record contained two additional charges, filed by Mr. C. Anthony Smith, RE, concerning violations of Articles 26-2 and 57-2, *BCO*. The Commission allowed no evidence to be presented on these charges at the December 16, 1978 hearing."

He further challenges the Commission's recommendations as follows:

- "1. The Complainant challenges this application of Art. 32-5 *BCO* as this offense was 'general and public' and not 'personal and private'."
- "2. It is true that over the period of three years there has been much counseling by members of the Session with Mr. Schoof concerning the necessity of strict compliance with the *BCO* in connection with Congregational meetings and Baptisms, etc., with the use of offensive language in the pulpit, and with certain statements concerning members of the congregation. However, this evidence does not support the application of Art. 32-8, rather it does support Session's and Elders' duties as set forth in Art. 13-5 and in chapter 9, *BCO*."
- "3. The Complainant challenges this finding. Had Mr. Schoof himself not been instructed by the Clerk of Court's office, had Mr. Schoof never performed a marriage ceremony in the Commonwealth of Virginia prior to this service, had he not posted a bond to assure that he would abide by the laws of the Commonwealth, had he not known that his son, a Seminary student, was not a lawful, ordained minister, and had Mr. Schoof not known that he did not officiate at this marriage ceremony, the findings of 'no deliberate violation' could possibly be accepted. However, when any individual, even though he acts on 'legal' advice, and by so doing breaks the law, the individual is still at fault and *he* is responsible for *his* actions and own professional judgment."
- "4. The Complainant challenges this interpretation of the 'temporary preface': so referenced, and Mid-Atlantic Presbytery approval of the finding that chapters 48 through 64 *BCO* 'do not have the force of law' and is 'not obligatory in all its parts'. Article 27-1 *BCO* defines the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America as consisting of its doctrinal standards set forth in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, together with the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* and the *BCO*, comprising the Form of Government, the Rules of Discipline and the Directory for Worship; as adopted by the Church."

In accordance with the authority vested in the Commission under *BCO* 44-5 motion was made, seconded, carried to overrule the Presbytery in their finding that the investigation should be restricted to the marriage ceremony only.

Motion made, seconded, carried to direct the Presbytery to entertain the two additional items listed in the complaint letter under number 1 referred to as that of January 16, 1979 from James H.

Campbell. Those issues being Baptism and Congregational Meeting with emphasis on *BCO* 26-2 and Directory of Worship 57-2; 57-6 and *Westminster Confession of Faith* Chapter 28-Par. 3-7 but not to the exclusion of other appropriate portions of *BCO*.

With reference to Complaint No. 2: Motion made, seconded, carried to sustain the complaint on grounds 1, 2 and 3.

Motion made, seconded carried to overrule the fourth ground and further finding that the Presbytery was in error in finding the charges "inadmissible in an ecclesiastical court". Although the Directory of Worship does not have the force of law, the complainant brought to the Presbytery matters which were broader than the interpretation of the Directory of Worship. Such as possible transgressions of the Ninth Commandment which the Presbytery is directed to investigate.

Furthermore, the Presbytery is directed to take note that according to the Third General Assembly, the Directory of Worship is an approved guide and should be taken seriously as the mind of the Church agreeable to the standards.

With reference to Item No. 3, motion made, seconded, carried that we sustain complaint No. 3 as to the fact that the Commission has not dealt with additional problems brought to its attention and that though members of the Congregation had requested to testify before the Commission they had not been allowed to do so; but that we overrule the complaint with regard to the same people being appointed as the new Commissioners.

Motion made, seconded, carried that the General Assembly's Commission finds that sufficient grounds have been developed for a Judiciary Commission to conduct a trial. The Presbytery is directed to proceed with a trial. The Presbytery is directed to be more diligent in the keeping of proper records in the future.

These actions have been reported to the complainant and to the respondent, advising them that until the General Assembly has approved these, they are but the findings of the Commission.

The minutes were then delegated to the secretary to write and mail copies to all members for approval.

Motion made, seconded, carried to adjourn.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by,
Thomas A. Cook,
Secretary

Letter of Complaint

January 16, 1979

Rev. Morton H. Smith, Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church in America
P. O. Box 256
Clinton, Mississippi

Whereas, the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, at the Winter Meeting January 8-9 1979, in Baltimore, Maryland, approved the report of the findings of the Commission to the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, which action is contrary to the Book of Church Order, the undersigned hereby complains to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America of this action of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in the above entitled matter, and, for reasons in support of such complaint, states the following:

(1) The Commission stated its "Responsibility" was to hear "the original charges" and that the "original charges were that an unordained seminary student 'read' the marriage ceremony."

The Complainant appeals this determination of the Committee's responsibility as the original record of the 1977-78 hearings were received as evidence and made a part of the hearing conducted on December 16, 1978. This record contained two additional charges, filed by Mr. C. Anthony Smith, RE, concerning violations of Articles 26-2 and 57-2, BCO. The Commission allowed no evidence to be presented on these charges at the December 16, 1978 hearing. The Commission stated that the only charges to be discussed were that Mr. Schoof allowed his son to "read" the marriage ceremony, when in fact his son actually performed the marriage from beginning to end including the act of pronouncing the couple "man and wife".

(2) The Commission recommended dismissal on the grounds of insufficient use of personal admonition prior to the lodging of formal charges and cited Article 32-5.

The Complainant challenges this application of Art. 32-5 BCO as this offense was "general and public" and not "personal and private".

Ground 2. There is evidence that some of the complainants already desired the discommendation of Rev. Schoof before the issue of the wedding ever arose.

The Complainant challenges the application of Art. 32-8 as basis for this finding. It is true that over the period of three years there has been much counseling by members of the Session with Mr. Schoof concerning the necessity of strict compliance with the Book of Church Order in connection with congregational meetings and Baptisms, etc., with the use of offensive language in the pulpit, and with certain statements concerning members of the congregation. However, this evidence does not support the application of Art. 32-8, rather it does support Session's and Elders' duties as set forth in Art. 13-5 and in chapter 9, BCO.

Ground 3. There was "no deliberate violation" of civil and ecclesiastical laws.

The Complainant challenges this finding. Had Mr. Schoof himself not been instructed by the Clerk of Court's office, had Mr. Schoof never performed a marriage ceremony in the Commonwealth of Virginia prior to this service, had he not posted a bond to assure that he would abide by the laws of the Commonwealth, had he not known that his son, a seminary student, was not a lawful, ordained minister, and had Mr. Schoof not known that he did not officiate at this marriage ceremony, the findings of "no deliberate violation" could possibly be accepted. However, when any individual, even though he acts on "legal" advice, and by so doing breaks the law, the individual is still at fault and *he* is responsible for *his* actions and own professional judgment.

Ground 4. The "temporary preface" to the Directory of Worship makes it difficult for a church court to censure a party on the basis of a provision in that part of the BCO.

The Complainant challenges this interpretation of the "temporary preface" so referenced, and Mid-Atlantic Presbytery approval of the finding that chapters 48 through 64 Book of Church Order "do not have the force of law" and is "not obligatory in all its parts". Article 27-1 BCO defines the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America as consisting of its doctrinal standards set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, together with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms and the Book of Church Order, comprising the Form of Government, the Rules of Discipline and the Directory for Worship; as adopted by the Church.

At the Third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, held September 8-12, 1975 in Jackson, Mississippi, the Constitutional Documents Committee in its Recommendation No. 3 stated:

"The Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Directory of Worship (see Appendix A), and that upon its adoption the Assembly declare the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America to be fully adopted and that the suspension of paragraph 27-2 approved by the First General Assembly now be ended", and,

Recommendation No. 4. "The Committee recommends the approval of the optional forms for Particular Services (See Appendix B) with the understanding that they are to be printed with the Book of Church Order, but not be a part of the Constitution of the Church", and,

Recommendation No. 6. "The Committee recommends that the Assembly declare that Item 1-80 from the First General Assembly has been answered by the adoption of the Directory of Worship." and,

Recommendation No. 7. "The Committee recommends the approval of the 'Optional Forms' as answer to Communication 4 items 1 and 2 to the First General Assembly".

The Complainant, not having the official minutes of the Third General Assembly at hand, and recalling from memory, the undersigned having been a Commissioner to the first five General Assemblies, it is believed that the Assembly adopted Recommendations Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7. I also believe that this Commission's interpretation of the "Temporary preface" indication that the Directory of Worship is not part of the Book of Church Order, and thus not a part of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America is in error, and that the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, by approving this interpretation, has taken an official stand that it will not hold any minister responsible for any violation of the Directory of Worship (chapters 48-64) including "The Principles and Elements of Public Worship", "The Sanctification of the Lord's Day", "The Preaching of the Word", "The Administration of Baptism", "The Administration of the Lord's Supper", and The Solemnization of Marriage", and others.

(3) Further, the Commission that was established December 8, 1977 at a specially called meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic in Hopewell, Virginia, by proper motion, seconded and passed "that a new Commission be elected to handle these charges and to enquire into and redress the problems that have arisen in the congregation" (excerpt from official published minutes meeting 12/8/77).

The men of the most recent commission are exactly the same men appointed December 8, 1977.

At no time has the Commission officially reported on the problems that have been brought to its attention.

It should further be noted that though members of the Congregation had requested to testify before the Commission, at no time during the past year and one-half has any member been allowed to so testify.

In further support of this complaint, it should be noted that the Commission at its December 16, 1978 meeting limited the testimony to Mr. Schoof, Mr. C. Anthony Smith, Mr. Earl Keith (letter only, Mr. Keith not being present), and James H. Campbell. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Campbell were directed to limit their testimony strictly to the marriage service, the marriage license, and to certain articles in the BCO. However, Mr. Schoof was allowed extreme latitude in giving his testimony, including hearsay evidence, and being allowed to make unprovoked and unsubstantiated personal attacks on Capt. Campbell. (The Convenor, Mr. Leland Nichols, subsequently apologized for allowing these remarks.)

All of these factors are, in my opinion, violations of the provisions of Article 43-3 of the Book of Church Order.

The undersigned Complainant does hereby complain against the action of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery and asks that the Judicial Commission, appointed by the Sixth General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in America, be convened to adjudicate this matter.

In His Service
James H. Campbell,
Ruling Elder

cc: Rev. Leon Wardell, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
Mr. Leland Nichols, Convenor
Commission to New Covenant
Presbyterian Church.

Report of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery's Commission

- I. The *Responsibility* of the Commission
 - A. The Commission was charged to hear "the original charges" against Rev. Robert C. Schoof by complainants James H. Campbell, C. Anthony Smith, and Earl W. Keith, and to report back to the Presbytery at its 18th stated meeting".
 - B. Those charges are that Rev. Schoof, by allowing his son, an unordained seminary student, to read the marriage service at the wedding of Mr. Schoof's daughter on November 27, 1976, has violated the civil laws of Virginia and therefore the Book of Church Order, 60-1,2,6.
- II. The *Recommendation* of the Commission.
 - A. The Commission recommends to Mid-Atlantic Presbytery that the charges brought against Rev. Schoof be dismissed.
The grounds for this recommendation are as follows:
 1. There was insufficient use of personal admonition prior to lodging formal charges. BCO 32-5, 32-1, and 28-5 all indicate that formal discipline and judicial process must be preceded by sufficient efforts at personal admonition. It is our judgment that the complainants did not make repeated and sufficient efforts to personally counsel with and persuade Mr. Schoof to their point of view. Mr. Schoof was confronted only once before he was informed that charges would be made to Presbytery. Related to this, it must be noted that over 10 months had elapsed between the time of the marriage in question and the approach to Rev. Schoof with the complaint.
 2. There is evidence that some of the complainants already desired the discommendation of Rev. Schoof before the issue of the wedding ever arose. BCO 32-8 states that accusations should rarely if ever be received from parties "deeply interested in any respect in the conviction of the accused". This paragraph in the BCO also refers to people of a "maligned spirit" and "not of good character"; our commission does not seek to apply any of these other phrases to any of the complainants. The commission, however, does find a good deal of evidence that some of the complainants were quite interested in seeing Mr. Schoof discredited before the wedding of November 27, 1976 or the charge regarding it were made.
 3. The legal opinions received on the propriety of the wedding are at variance with one another, and it would be questionable to rule as an ecclesiastical court on the matter. In any case, there was no "deliberate violation" of civil and ecclesiastical laws, as the charges state.
Rev. Schoof received advice from an attorney (*before* the wedding) that his proposed way to perform the wedding was legal. Other legal opinion has contradicted that original guidance. In any case, it is our conviction that Rev. Schoof did not "*deliberately* violate" the laws of Virginia in signing the marriage registration in question, since he considered himself the "officiant" of the wedding. Perjury is a voluntary violation of an oath of truthfulness.
 4. The "temporary preface" to the Directory of Worship makes it difficult for a church court to censure a party on the basis of a provision in that part of the BCO. The third General Assembly added a preface stating that the Directory of Worship "does not have the force of law" and is "not obligatory in all its parts". The Assembly has never ruled which parts are obligatory and which are not. Mr. Campbell has contended that this preface refers to the "Optional Forms for Particular Services". But these also have an introduction stating that they are "not to be a part of the constitution" but rather "to be printed with the BCO". Therefore they are not part of the BCO, and the preface cannot refer to them.
The force of the preface makes it difficult to discipline a party on the basis of the Directory.
This final ground for our recommendation is not crucial, however, for our argument.

- B. Along with our recommendation to have the charges dismissed, the Commission wishes to note that Rev. Schoof may have acted precipitously and injudiciously in his decision to conduct the wedding as he did. We would advise Mr. Schoof to seek competent advice on measures he should take to assure that the union is above question. We also urge him to exercise care and caution in such matters in the future. These last remarks are meant to bear no judicial connotation whatsoever.
- C. The final report was approved unanimously by the Commission.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Mr. Leland Nichols, Convenor
 Rev. Robert C. Smoot, Jr.
 Dr. William Russell
 Rev. Timothy J. Keller
 Rev. William T. Iverson

7-58 Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven

After leading in prayer, the Rev. F. Allan Story, Jr., chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven, presented the Committee's report.

- I. Business Referred to the Committee.
 - A. Minutes of Board of Trustees of Ridge Haven, Inc., August 25-26, 1978, October 20-21, 1978, February 2-3, 1979
 - B. Minutes of the Executive Committee, August 25, 1978, March 9, 1979, and May 26, 1979
 - C. Audit Report — see summary on p. 163.
 - D. Report of the Board of Trustees (Appendix K, p. 265)
- II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed
 - A. Bylaws of Ridge Haven, Inc. A new set of proposed bylaws were presented by the Board of Trustees to better conform to state and local laws (see p. 268).
 - B. Recommendation 4: The Committee discussed the propriety of selling, developing, and leasing of lots, especially whether such action was merely to raise funds or could be viewed as legitimate work of the Church.
 - C. Finances: There was a general discussion about the finances of Ridge Haven, Inc., out of a concern that our Conference Center be on a sound financial base, and that our denomination continue to support this ministry.
- III. The Audit report was received and reviewed, and the Committee of Commissioners is satisfied that the Board of Trustees is taking all necessary action on the recommendation on the audits.
- IV. Recommendations:
 - 1. That the minutes of the Board of Trustees for meetings on August 25-26, 1978, October 20-21, 1978, and February 2-3, 1979, and that the minutes of the Executive Committee for meetings on August 25, 1978, March 9, 1979, and May 26, 1979 be approved without exception. *Adopted.*
 - 2. That the General Assembly hear a brief up-date on the progress of Ridge Haven by the Acting Administrator.
 Explanation:
 To hear this particular report on the progress of Ridge Haven. *Adopted.*
 - 3. That the Assembly approve the use of the term "Board of Directors" instead of "Board of Trustees" since this is the way it appears in the Articles of Incorporation. *Adopted.*
 - 4. That the Assembly approve the proposed Bylaws of Ridge Haven, Inc., as amended.
 Article V, Section 3, strike the words "third Monday in June" and insert for them "opening day of business" (p. 268).

The report of the Board of Trustees as a whole was then approved as amended. *Adopted.*

5. That the following recommendation regarding leasing of lots be approved:

Whereas, when the Fifth General Assembly authorized the Conference Center Committee to proceed with the purchase of a site, it was understood that the Committee planned to raise part of the funds needed for the development of the Center by the sale of lots to PCA members and others, and

Whereas, discussion on the floor of the Sixth General Assembly indicated that some commissioners felt that the Church should not become involved in the development and sale of real estate, but no action was taken to rescind the authority approved by the Fifth General Assembly, and

Whereas, interest already shown indicates that many PCA members would like to acquire sites adjacent to the Center, and the reason for purchasing 710 acres instead of only 200 was to develop such lots, and such lots will be in easy walking distance to the Center and will provide a significant increase in housing capacity without cost to the Center, and

Whereas, the development of the Center will increase the desirability of adjoining properties, the Board feels that the Center should benefit financially from the lease or sale of lots rather than allow this financial benefit to accrue to independent investors, and

Whereas, the former authority regarding lots was not rescinded, the Board believes it has the authority to develop and lease or sell lots, but to eliminate all doubt,

The Board recommends that the Seventh General Assembly specifically authorize the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., to develop and lease lots on the Conference Center property.

Explanation: The Church is not in the real estate business. The provision of lots is for the benefit of the Conference Center, which benefit is best preserved by the greater control which leasing allows. *Adopted.*

6. That the Assembly approve the proposed General Policies for Leasing Lots (p. 271). *Adopted.*

7. That the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., be authorized to prepare a declaration of restrictive and protective covenants for Ridge Haven, Inc., in conformity with state and local laws. *Adopted.*

8. That the following recommendations regarding reserve account be approved:

Whereas, The Conference Center Committee reported to the Sixth General Assembly that a reserve account of \$85,000 would be set up to cover the first three annual interest payments on the mortgage on the property and the fourth year's interest and principal payments, and this was approved by the Assembly, and

Whereas, with increasing inflation, costs of every kind are escalating more rapidly than the interest that could be earned on funds held in reserve, and the purchasing power of the money today will probably be much greater than it will be three years from now, and

Whereas, the adoption of this recommendation will enable Ridge Haven to use approximately \$68,000 to build roads and construct facilities this year, and in the Board's opinion be better stewardship of the Lord's money, The Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc.,

recommends that only a sum sufficient to cover the next year's payment be held in reserve. *Adopted.*

9. That the following policy concerning the use of the Center be approved:

It shall be the policy of Ridge Haven, Inc., to give primary consideration for use of grounds and facilities to PCA groups and members and other evangelical Christians. *Adopted.*

10. That the 1980 Budget of Ridge Haven, Inc. be approved.

Deferred. Adopted in paragraph 7 .

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven, Inc.:

Ascension	Samuel A. Mateer, TE
Central Carolina	Alfred Saleeby, TE
Central Georgia	Paul E. Rowland, TE
Covenant	Wesley Patch, RE
Eastern Carolina	William West, RE
Evangel	Hal McNeely, TE
Grace	Dewitt Smylie, RE
Gulf Coast	William A. Fox, Jr., TE
Louisiana	Charles Kukal, TE
Mid-Atlantic	William Jones, TE
Mississippi Valley	Davis L. Fair, Jr., RE
New River	James Fishel, TE
Southern Florida	Armion T. Leonard, RE
Warrior	Allan Story, TE
Western Carolinas	William Green, RE
Westminster	Harry Barnett, TE

Respectfully submitted,

F. Allan Story, Jr., Chairman

Hal E. McNeely, Clerk

The report as a whole was received pending the final approval of the Budget.

7-59 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries Continued

The Assembly returned to the matter referred back to the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Ministries (see 7-17, recommendation 3) and Recommendation 2 concerning the budget for 1980. Chairman Fowler presented the revised recommendations 2 and 3, which were adopted, thus completing the Committee's report pending adoption of the budget (see 7-17 for the text).

7-60 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities

On motion the Assembly amended the docket to permit presentation of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities. The Rev. William H. Rose, Jr., chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the Committee's report.

- I. Business Referred to the Committee
 - A. Minutes of the Permanent Committee
 - B. Report of the Board of Trustees (Appendix C, p. 176)
- II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed
 - A. Review of the minutes
 - B. The investment management
 - C. The report of the Trustees
 - D. The Auditor's Report

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of the Board for the following dates be approved:
October 27, 1978, and February 16, 1979. *Adopted.*
2. That the auditor's report be approved, (p. 156). *Adopted.*
3. That the General Assembly encourage all congregations to participate in the pension plan on behalf of their ministers and lay employees. *Adopted.*
4. That the following four recommendations regarding the health insurance program be approved to be effective August 1, 1979:
 - a. The deductible be removed for all outpatient services, thus the deductible will apply only to appliances, nursing care and services rendered while a bed patient is in the hospital;
 - b. The Prescription Drug Card program be added to our policy, whereby prescriptions can be purchased for \$2.00 each, the balance being paid by the presentation of a plastic PCA card;
 - c. The stop loss feature for a family be changed to \$5,000 cumulative for the family in a year, rather than two persons at \$2,500 each. The single person stop loss will remain at \$2,500 per year;
 - d. The premium structure be changed to add a third category for employees with only one dependent, at a lower premium than they now pay. The premiums for the next year, August 1, 1979 to July 31, 1980 will be:

Employee only	\$32.26 per month*
Employee and 1 dependent	\$64.00 per month
Employee and more than 1 dependent ...	\$79.91 per month

*These rates are the same as we now pay. *Adopted.*
5. That the 3% special credit benefit on the retirement annuity program be approved. *Adopted.*

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities

Ascension	Eric Perrin, TE
Central Florida	J. Emil Causey, RE
Covenant	Earl Jagers, RE
Eastern Carolina	Charles L. Whitten, RE
Evangel	David Crocker, TE
Grace	E. W. Liner, RE
Gulf Coast	C. Don Darling, TE
Mississippi Valley	Claude Thompson, RE
New River	George Alder, TE
North Georgia	Howard Bowman, RE
Tennessee Valley	Fred Marsh, TE
Texas	Donald Boerema, RE
Westminster	Kyle Barr, TE

The report as a whole was received.

7-61 Dissent Received

The Rev. Richard A. Fraser was given personal privilege to present his reasons for voting in the negative on the matter of officers' divorce and remarriage. On motion it was deemed couched in decorous language and ordered received and spread on the Minutes without answer. (For text see paragraph 7-42, p. 110).

7-62 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

Ruling Elder Warren F. Diven, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries, offered prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

On motion the Assembly voted by the required two-thirds majority of enrollees to suspend the rules requiring the reading of the report before its presentation for adoption and presentation.

Introduction

It appears to our Committee that there is cause for concern in the manner in which presbytery records are kept. The accuracy and clarity of such records are very important inasmuch as these minutes are the only record the General Assembly has of presbytery actions. It would also seem that there remains an apparent laxity in strict adherence to the *BCO* and we encourage all presbyteries to accept responsibility for the thorough recording of the proper conduct of business.

- I. Minutes recommended for approval without exception or notation. The Committee recommends that the minutes of the following Presbytery be approved without either exception or notation.
Covenant — October 18, 1977; January 10, 1978; April 18, 1978; May 30, 1978; July 17-18, 1978; September 12, 1978; October 17, 1978; December 12, 1978; January 16, 1979; April 17, 1979. *Adopted.*
- II. Minutes recommended for approval without exception but with notation. Under this category the Committee recommends the approval of the following minutes:
 - A. Ascension — June 9-10, 1978; September 26, 1978; November 17-18, 1978; January 2, 1979; February 27, 1979.
 - B. Carolina — July 15, 1978; September 30, 1978.
 - C. Central Florida — July 25, 1978; September 19, 1978; October 21, 1978; January 23, 1979.
 - D. Central Georgia — April 11, 1978; July 8, 1978; October 10, 1978; January 13, 1979.
 - E. Eastern Carolina — October 28, 1978; January 26-27, 1979.
 - F. Evangel — June 10, 1978; July 27, 1978; September 7, 1978; October 21, 1978; January 20, 1979; April 17, 1979.
 - G. Gulf Coast — May 13, 1978; August 26, 1978; September 23, 1978; October 14, 1978; January 13, 1979; February 3, 1979.
 - H. Louisiana — October 13-14, 1978; January 13, 1978; March 9-10, 1979.
 - I. Mid-Atlantic — May 28, 1978; October 13-14, 1978; January 8-9, 1979.
 - J. Mississippi Valley — June 6, 1978; August 17, 1978; October 17, 1978; December 15, 1978; February 20, 1979.
 - K. North Georgia — July 15, 1978; October 21, 1978; November 6, 1978; January 3, 1979; January 20, 1979; April 21, 1979; May 1, 1979.
 - L. Southern Florida — April 18, 1978; May 30, 1978; July 18, 1978; October 17, 1978; January 16, 1979; April 17, 1979.
 - M. Western Carolinas — January 17, 1978; May 20, 1978; August 15, 1978; November 18, 1978.
 - N. Westminster — June 10, 1978; July 15, 1978; October 21, 1978; November 18, 1978; January 20, 1979; March 10, 1979; April 21, 1979.

Adopted.

III. Minutes recommended for approval with exception.

Under this category the Committee recommends the approval of the following minutes:

- A. Central Carolina — October 28, 1978, with exception. Presbytery meeting recessed with no indication of closing prayer. Committee recommends that General Assembly bring to the attention of the Presbytery that according to *BCO* 11-5 all meetings of church courts must be opened and closed with prayer.
September 7, 1978; December 9, 1978; January 27, 1979, without exception.
- B. Grace — June 10, 1978; June 22, 1978; June 23, 1978, without exception. July 14, 1979, with exception. Examination for ordination of Duane D. Mallow, Kenneth E. Ribelin and Mark S. Wallace was conducted although these men are not listed as candidates or licentiates under care of presbytery. + +
October 13, 1978; December 1, 1978; January 12, 1979, without exception. May 11, 1979, with exception. The terms of "call" for Mr. Bob Schwanebeck are not printed in the minutes. Committee recommends that General Assembly direct Grace Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of Mr. Schwanebeck's call.
+ + The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct Grace Presbytery that in accordance with *BCO* 19-2 and 20-3 candidates must be under the care of presbytery before ordination trials and that candidates may not be taken under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of presbytery.
- C. New River — March 17-18, 1978, with exception. The terms of call for Mr. Norman Evans are not recorded. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct New River Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of Mr. Evans' call.
August 11-12, 1978, with exception. The corrective action taken according to the directive of the Sixth General Assembly is not adequate. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly advise the Presbytery to exercise proper caution in the future with respect to a particular call.
November 17-18, 1978, without exception. March 9-10, 1979, without exception.
- D. Pacific — May 26, 1978, with exception.
- (1) Names of ruling elders present are not recorded. Committee recommends that General Assembly direct Pacific Presbytery to record the names of ruling elders present at all meetings of presbytery.
 - (2) The minutes have no record of the required three-fourths vote to waive the requirement of Greek and Hebrew in the examination of Mr. Paul DiMaggio. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery to either correct its minutes or take the necessary action to be in accord with the *BCO*.
June 22, 1978, with exception.
June 23, 1978, with exception.
 - (1) The churches represented by ruling elders present are not recorded. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery to correct its minutes.
 - (2) Business was conducted in the absence of a quorum. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery not to conduct business in the absence of a quorum.

July 6, 1978, with exception. The names of ruling elders present are not listed. The Committee recommends that General Assembly direct the Presbytery to record the names of ruling elders present at all meetings of Presbytery.

October 26, 1978, with exception. Ruling elders present are not so indicated; it would appear that a quorum was not present for this meeting and business was conducted. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery not to conduct business in the absence of a quorum.

January 25, 1979, with exception. Ruling elders present are not so indicated. It would appear that a quorum was not present. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery not to conduct business in the absence of a quorum.

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Stated Clerk or his designated representative to attend all of the stated meetings of Presbytery to assist the Presbytery in properly handling its affairs.

- E. Tennessee Valley — January 14, 1978, without exception. February 21, 1978, with exception. Terms of "call" for William Bell and Fred Manning not printed in the minutes. Committee recommends that General Assembly direct the Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of call. March 7, 1978, with exception. Terms of "call" for Eric McQuitty not printed in the minutes. Committee recommends that General Assembly direct the Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of call.

April 22, 1978, without exception.

May 9, 1978, with exception. The terms of the call for John Martin are not printed in the minutes. Committee recommends that General Assembly direct the Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of call.

July 11, 1978, without exception.

August 12, 1978; January 13, 1979; January 30, 1979, with exception. The terms of call for Peter Deison, Randy Stringer, Richard Market and William S. Martin, Jr., are not printed in the minutes. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery to secure and approve the terms of these calls.

Presbytery granted a session authority to appoint a commission for ordination. A commission for ordination must be appointed directly by the Presbytery, and this authority cannot be delegated. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly inform the Presbytery that a commission for ordination must be appointed directly by the Presbytery.

- F. Texas — April 28-29, 1978, without exception.

June 21, 1978, with exception. The minutes failed to indicate the meeting was closed with prayer. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly bring to the attention of Presbytery that according to *BCO 11-5* all meetings of church courts must be opened and closed with prayer.

August 12, 1978, with exception. The minutes failed to indicate the meeting was opened with prayer. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly bring to the attention of presbytery that according to *BCO 11-5* all meetings of church courts must be opened with prayer.

October 27-28, 1978; January 26, 1979; April 20-21, 1979, without exception.

- G. Warrior — June 13, 1978, with exception. Mr. Degges was assigned to membership in the Selma Church, and there is no record of reception of

Mr. Degges by that session. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly direct the Presbytery to obtain the record of acceptance of Mr. Degges by the session of the Selma Church.

September 12, 1978; November 14, 1978; January 16, 1979; April 17, 1979, without exception.

Adopted.

IV. Disposition of Exceptions Noted at Sixth General Assembly

- A. Central Florida — Exceptions noted in Sixth General Assembly minutes were corrected.
- B. Mid-Atlantic — Exceptions noted by the Sixth General Assembly have been corrected.
- C. Pacific — Although a committee has been appointed to review past minutes, no corrective action has been taken in accordance with the directive of the Sixth General Assembly.
- D. Southern Florida — No record was found of corrective action taken in accordance with directive of the Sixth General Assembly.
- E. Texas — No record was found of corrective action taken in accordance with directives of the Sixth General Assembly.
- F. Western Carolinas — Exceptions noted by the Sixth General Assembly have been corrected.
- G. New River — The corrective action taken with respect to Mr. Good is not deemed to be satisfactory; however, no further action at this time is recommended.
- H. No minutes were received from Calvary Presbytery.
- I. The Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business is instructed to investigate the current status of the Rev. Wayne Good, New River Presbytery (see *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 121), and report its findings to the Eighth General Assembly. *Adopted.*

Roll of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

Ascension	Warren F. Diven, RE, Chairman
Calvary	Eulice D. Thomas, TE
Central Carolina	Buford Price, RE
Central Florida	James R. Young III, TE
Grace	Shelton Sanford, TE
Gulf Coast	Jesse L. Bealer, Jr., RE
Mid-Atlantic	William B. Russell, RE
Mississippi Valley	Dewey Roberts, TE
New River	John P. Jenkins, RE
North Georgia	Clifford H. Brewton, TE
Southern Florida	Daniel D. Sulc, TE
Warrior	Charles A. Miller, Jr., RE
Westminster	Fred Sutherland, RE

The report as a whole was received as amended.

7-63 Property Information on Ridge Haven

On motion information on property available at the Ridge Haven Conference Center was permitted to be placed on a table in the "Friends" area of wing "A" of the building for those interested. *Adopted.*

7-64 Assembly Recessed

The Assembly recessed at 6:00 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Henry S. Schum.

MINUTES — THURSDAY MORNING

June 21, 1979

Eighth Session

7-65 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 1979, with the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. Don K. Clements.

7-66 Minutes Read

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were approved as read.

7-67 Program Presentation of Committee on Mission to the World

The Rev. Kennedy Smartt and the Rev. Paul McKaughan presented the program of the Committee on Mission to the World, introducing several of the missionaries serving through the Committee.

7-68 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

Ruling Elder Ed Williford, chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

I. Items Referred to the Committee

- A. The Mission to the World Minutes of 1978-1979
- B. The report of the Mission to the World to the 1979 General Assembly (Appendix H, p. 235)
- C. Overtures 10 (p. 37), 11 (p. 37), and 17 (p. 37)
- D. The proposed 1980 budget and the 1978 Audit

II. Major Issues Discussed

- A. Present Mission to the World practice of charging interest on loans to its missionaries for the purchase of cars
- B. Review of the *Manual*, for adoption by the 1979 General Assembly
- C. Missions to the World's proposed involvement in special projects
- D. Proposed changes in the *Missions Handbook*
- E. Problem of Mission to the World's handling of surpluses which arise in missionaries' designated funds
- F. The Committee of Commissioners wishes to express its appreciation to the Permanent Committee for its open and willing cooperation.

III. Recommendations

1. That the 1978-1979 Minutes of the Permanent Committee (June 19-21, 1978; September 8-9, 1978; November 16-18, 1978; February 16-17, 1979; and May 18-19, 1979) be approved with the following exceptions:
 - a. In the November 16-18, 1978, Minutes, No. 6e violates the mandate that cooperative agreements with outside organizations be written and signed (cf. p. 166, II, c, 3, *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*.)
 - b. In the February 16-17, 1979, Minutes, No. 7(4) does not state the words "in writing" (cf. exception a. above). *Adopted.*
2. That the General Assembly express its gratitude for each of our missionaries and join in prayer for God's provision of every spiritual, emotional and physical need in each of their lives. *Adopted.*
3. That the Assembly be urged to pray continually for well qualified men to answer the call to church planting ministries throughout the world. *Adopted.*
4. That the General Assembly re-elect the Rev. Paul McKaughan as Coordinator and the Rev. Kennedy Smartt as Coordinator of Church Relations for the Committee on Mission to the World. In doing so, that the

Assembly join in prayer for Paul McKaughan in his illness. *Adopted.*

The Rev. Thomas G. Kay, Sr., led the Assembly in prayer for God's provision for every spiritual, emotional, and physical need in every missionary life, and especially for the physical healing of Coordinator Paul McKaughan.

5. That the third Sunday in May 1980, be approved as a day of self-denial and prayer for world evangelization in general and our own Mission to the World missionaries in particular. *Adopted.*
6. That the General Assembly express to the Women in the Church its sincere thanks for their generous offering for church buildings in Acapulco and Quito. *Adopted.*
7. That the budget for Mission to the World for 1980, as presented to the Committee on Administration be approved, and the revision of the 1979 budget as presented to the Committee on Administration be approved.

Deferred. Adopted in paragraph 7-90, p. 138.

8. That the Assembly express its deep appreciation to Missionary-Evangelist Jimmy Lyons for his faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and Mission to the World. *Adopted.*
9. Minority Report:

The Rev. Charles R. Young III presented the following minority report of the Committee of Commissioners.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World, not agreeing with the majority, desire to express their views in the case of recommendation 9 on special projects.

Indeed the Presbyterian Church in America embraces all the other parts of the visible and true Church of Christ in arms of fellowship and cooperation, yet it is not incumbent on the PCA to give financial support to any.

The PCA Mission to the World Committee states in the Manual its commitment to adhere "without wavering to the reformed faith", and now proposes an additional statement just a few paragraphs later that, if passed, makes for a clear exception to this commitment.

The proposed statement, besides offering an inconsistency in our practice, opens a gateway for PCA funds in a way that lacks the mark of good accountability for stewardship.

Therefore, we offer a compromise proposal, which rather than allowing a broad application, would focus on special projects that would enhance *Presbyterian* and *Reformed* Missions. The projects would not themselves be with Reformed organizations, but the aim would still be consistent with PCA commitments.

Minority Substitute Recommendation 9:

In order to meet strategic opportunities which further the work of Presbyterian and Reformed Missions, the Mission to the World Committee may give assistance as it sees fit to such special projects (organizations, missions, national Christian workers, etc.) are themselves reformed *and/or* with which Mission to the World has direct or indirect oversight of or participation with a special project to maintain accountability for said assistance.

T.E. Charles Young, Warrior

R.E. Richard Bibb, Covenant

T.E. George Felton, Westminster
T.E. Ron Boosom, Mid-Atlantic

Defeated.

(Clerk's Note: Ordinarily, a motion that was lost is not shown in the Minutes, but since there were a number of Commissioners who registered their negative votes against the motion that was passed, who presumably favored the minority report, it is included in this instance as a part of the complete record of the actions of the Assembly.)

Committee Report:

That the following Manual addition be taken to the General Assembly as part of the Manual revision. The paragraph to be added following paragraph 8 of page 1 of the current Manual:

Another area of this flexible approach is to provide strategic financial help to projects which may have crucial impact upon world evangelization. The Mission to the World Committee will utilize such opportunities in limited areas where it is judged that world evangelization and/or the Reformed Faith would be significantly enhanced. The Mission to the World Committee will have the authority, after prayerful consideration and review, to approve participation in such opportunities, although they may not be generated by organizations that adhere to the Reformed Faith.

Adopted.

The following Commissioners requested that their negative votes be recorded against the adoption of Recommendation 9:

Sam Martin, Jr.	Kevin C. Carr
Steve Wilkins	James B. Hutton III
Dewey Roberts	G. Collins Smith
George Mitchell	Charles G. DeBardeleben
Robert S. Allyn	Robert Vinson
Eugene C. Case	J. R. Bibb
William H. Dever	John S. McNicell
John G. Thompson	Michael Schneider
Leonard T. Van Horn	Wayne Rogers
Joseph Morecraft III	K. W. Pete Hurst
William H. Smith	Michael Sartelle
James Bowen	██████████t
Alan McCall	John Hall
R. M. Canfield	Charles R. Coe, Jr.
Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.	Edwin P. Elliott, Sr.
William Rose	John C. Ropp, Jr.
Joseph C. Sullivan	Richard Wiman
Byron Snapp	George M. Calhoun
G. Brent Bradley	Ronald L. Swafford, Sr.
David Brown	George G. Felton, Sr.
Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.	Francis M. Elliott
David Osborne	

- That in the future, when a particular missionary's account exceeds a reasonable surplus (to be determined by the Committee on Mission to the World), funds designated toward that missionary's support may be allocated to the work budget of that particular missionary's field. Notification of the Committee on Mission to the World intent to implement this action is to be communicated to each future supporter of the missionary with the opportunity given for the supporter to redesignate his gifts.

Adopted.

11. That the Committee on Mission to the World's annual report to the Committee of Commissioners include totals of missionaries in the different functional categories used by Mission to the World (i.e., church planters, technical personnel, religious education, Christ's College, etc.). *Adopted.*
12. That the following sentence be added to the end of the last paragraph, p. 166, C. 3, *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*. "Each new cooperative agreement will be presented annually to the Committee of Commissioners with the doctrinal statements of each agency for review." *Adopted.*
13. That in the first sentence of the first paragraph on p. 167, of the *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*, strike "are" and replace it with "will be"; strike "or suggested." *Adopted.*
14. That the *Proposed Manual's* dropping of paragraph II. A. 3., titled "Training" (cf. p. 164, *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*) and replacing it with the following, 2. 02. 1 (3) in the *Proposed Manual* be approved.

The Call to a Particular Work. After the presbytery has examined and approved a man for missionary service as an ordained minister, a recommendation for missionary service should be sent to the Mission to the World Committee. With this in hand, the Committee, through its staff, shall extend an official call to a particular work to the candidate following his being approved for missionary service by the Committee. On the basis of this call, the presbytery should proceed to ordain and commission the candidate.

Referred to the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business for a constitutional judgment. Adopted, paragraph 7-74.

15. That Overture 10 (p. 37) be answered in the negative.
Grounds:
The matter has already been reflected in Mission to the World's revised budget proposal to the 1979 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
16. That Overture 11 (p. 37) be answered in the negative.
Grounds:
Mission to the World missionaries are paid on such a scale that they should not necessarily be considered in the special classification "in need", and that Mission to the World's motive in making such loans with interest, is not one of profit. *Adopted.*
The following Commissioners requested that their negative votes be recorded against the adoption of Recommendation 16:

Rodney T. King
George W. Mitchell
Alan McCall
Fred Carr
Steve Wilkins
James A. Bryant
James Bowen

17. That in Overture 17 (pp. 37-39)
 - a. 17 A.1. and 2. be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
 - b. 17 A.3. and 4. be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
 - c. 17 B.1. be answered in the negative.
Grounds:
The Manual already states clearly the high priority of the Mission to the World on church planting. (p. 163, B.1. *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*) *Adopted.*

- d. 17 B.2. be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
- e. 17 B.3. be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
- f. 17 C. be answered in the affirmative with the following amendment: the next sentence beginning, "The *primary thrust* will be in the . . ." be the beginning of what will be the new paragraph 10.
 Grounds:
 Clarification dictates this if Overture 17 C. is passed. *Adopted.*
- g. 17 D.1., 2., and 3. be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
- h. That on p. 167 of the *Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly*, first paragraph, strike "the freedom he has to minister and work in line with the General Assembly's instructions," and insert in its place "their liberty in the full and free presentation and practice of the whole counsel of God as contained and understood in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms."
 Grounds:
 This is in keeping with the consistency of Overture 17 D.3. *Adopted.*
- i. 17 E. be answered in the negative.
 Grounds:
 Cf. Recommendation 9. *Adopted.*
- j. 17 F.1 be answered in the affirmative. *Adopted.*
- k. 17 F.2. be answered in the negative
 Grounds:
 Mission to the World already has this power, as seen in Recommendation 14. *Adopted.*
- 18. That the Assembly approve the *Proposed Manual* as amended. *Adopted.*
- 19. That contracts on loans of missionaries of Mission to the World while in service be written to assure that the estates be liable for the loans plus interest. *Referred to the Permanent Committee on MTW for report back to the Eighth General Assembly.*

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World	
Calvary	Louis M. Campbell, RE
Central Carolina	R. Thomas Cheely, TE
Central Georgia	James H. Stewart, TE
Covenant	Richard Bibb, RE
Evangel	Grady Simpson, TE
Grace	G. O. Runnels, RE
Mid-Atlantic	Ronald L. Bossom, TE
Mississippi Valley	Ed Williford, RE
Tennessee Valley	David Bryan, TE
Texas	L. J. Canniff, RE
Warrior	Charles Young, TE
Western Carolinas	Charles E. Boyce, TE
Westminster	George Felton, TE

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williford, Chairman
 David Bryan, Secretary

The report as amended was received as a whole pending completion of action on recommendations 7 and 14. (Recommendation 7 was adopted in paragraph 7-87. and Recommendation 14 was handled in paragraph 7-74.)

7-69 Protest Received

As a matter of personal privilege the Rev. David G. K. Howe read a protest against the Assembly's action on the question of abortion (7-37). On motion the pro-

test was found to be in temperate language and respectful to the court and ordered recorded in the Minutes without reply by vote of 226 for, 155 against. (For text, see p. 98).

7-70. Docket Amended

The Rev. Gordon K. Reed was given permission to present a motion to amend a previously adopted action of the Assembly.

The moderator ruled that this item be docketed for the first order of business at the 1:30 p.m. session.

7-71 Assembly Worship and Recess

The Assembly moved to the worship service under the leadership of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications. Ruling Elder John C. Spencer and Teaching Elder Don K. Clements led in the service, and Teaching Elder Jack B. Scott preached the sermon and closed the session with prayer and the benediction at 12:00 noon.

MINUTES — THURSDAY AFTERNOON

June 21, 1979

Ninth Session

7-72 Assembly Reconvened

Ruling Elder Crawford Nevins opened the afternoon session with prayer following the singing of a hymn.

7-73 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations Amended

On motion the report of the Interchurch Relations Committee was amended by the addition of section 5, c, to the report (see paragraph 7-34, p. 95). Vote: 418 to 82.

7-74 Report of Sub-Committee on Judicial Business on Mission to the World Constitutional Question

The Sub-Committee on Judicial Business reported through the Stated Clerk on the matter referred to it by the Assembly (see 7-68).

Proposed language for the MTW Manual to relieve apparent conflict with BCO 21-1:

Issue — a discrepancy between the Mission to the World Manual requiring that a candidate must first be examined and approved for ordination before he receives a call from the Mission to the World Committee and the BCO 21-1 which requires that a man receive a call before he can be examined for ordination.

Proposed new wording for MTW Manual (Rec. 14 MTW Report, par. 7-68).

The call to a particular work — after the Mission to the World Committee has examined and approved a candidate for missionary service as an ordained minister, a call will be extended pending his examination and/or approval by his presbytery. Following his approval by the presbytery, the presbytery will proceed to place the call from Mission to the World in his hand and ordain and/or commission him for missionary service.

The Assembly voted to reject the Sub-Committee's recommendation.

The original recommendation 14 of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World was then adopted.

7-75 Report of Nominating Committee

On motion the docket was amended to move to the report of the Nominating Committee to the first order Thursday evening.

7-76 Presbytery Directed to Meet

On motion the Assembly voted to direct Mid-Atlantic Presbytery to meet at the end of the afternoon session to complete its judicial commission, which will try the case as earlier directed by the Assembly.

7-77 Assembly Recessed

Special prayer was requested for Ruling Elder Logan Tate and the world and national conditions which had resulted in the deaths of a newsman in Nicaragua and a truck driver in Alabama. The Rev. Rodney T. King closed the session with prayer at 5:05 p.m.

MINUTES — THURSDAY EVENING

June 21, 1979

Tenth Session

7-78 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly joined in singing a hymn and was led in prayer by Ruling Elder Marvin Baker as the commissioners returned to work at 7:35 p.m.

7-79 Report of the Nominating Committee

Ruling Elder John Clark, chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Nominating Committee after leading the Assembly in prayer.

Each Committee was presented. Nominations from the floor were allowed. Brief statements regarding each nominee were given before each election. The following were elected for the respective committees and agencies of the General Assembly:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Teaching Elders

Richard Harris, Tennessee Valley

John Sartelle, Covenant

Class of 1983

Alternates

Ruling Elders

John Culver, Gulf Coast
Jack Lonon, Western Carolinas

Robert Eberst, Southern Florida

TRUSTEES FOR INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND

Class of 1984

L. Allen Morris, Southern Florida
J. Edmund Johnston, Jr., Mississippi Valley

SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

G. Aiken Taylor, Western Carolinas

John C. Neville, Western Carolinas

Class of 1982

Class of 1981

Alternates

Charles Ambler, Central Florida

Edward Robeson, Calvary
— to replace Ligon Duncan

Earl Jagers, Covenant

SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Byron Snapp, Calvary

Fred Carr, Warrior

Class of 1983

Alternates

Stokes V. Robertson, Mississippi Valley

Ivan Ward, Westminster

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

James Hatch, Evangel
Paul Kooistra, Warrior

Class of 1983

William Huffman, Eastern Carolina

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Alternates

James Turner, Covenant Joe Treloar, Mississippi Valley

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

Class of 1983

Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast
Robert Wilcox, Central Carolina

Class of 1981

James M. Baird, Central Georgia Earl Russell, Calvary
— to replace Terry Gyger — to replace Louis Mapp

Alternates

David Nicholas, Southern Florida Fred Archer, Texas

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

Class of 1983

William J. Stanway, Grace Lloyd Strickland, North Georgia
R. Thomas Cheely, Central Carolina

Alternates

A. Boyce Spooner, Western Carolinas William Mulcay, Jr., Central Florida

ASSEMBLY'S THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Class of 1982

Robert B. Vincent, Louisiana James Peaster, Mississippi Valley

Alternates

David Osborne, Westminster Millard Tate, Eastern Carolina

TRUSTEES FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION

Class of 1983

John E. Richards, Central Georgia James Wasson, Calvary

Class of 1981

Robert Baxter, Texas
— to replace Robert McFarland

TRUSTEES FOR COVENANT COLLEGE

Class of 1982

David Bryson, Central Georgia Oliver Smith, Jr., Tennessee Valley

7-80 Special Presentation

The Rev. James L. Lyons was given permission to announce that for fifteen minutes following the evening session he would present a special report on the Indochinese "boat people".

7-81 Docket Extended

On motion the Assembly voted to extend the time for recess until the completion of the election of members of the Committee on Mission to the World.

7-82 Assembly Recessed

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Robert Ostenston.

MINUTES — FRIDAY MORNING

June 22, 1979

Eleventh Session

7-83 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. Loren V. Watson.

7-84 Minutes Approved

The Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

7-85 Program Presentation of Committee on Administration

The Rev. Harry T. Schutte preached a sermon on the subject of stewardship as the program of the Committee on Administration.

7-86 Committee Excused

The Assembly Nominating Committee was excused to conduct additional business referred to it by the Assembly.

7-87 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Administration

The Rev. B. I. Anderson led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

- A. Minutes of the Committee on Administration, July 14, 1978; August 22, 1978; November 10-11, 1978; January 26-27, 1979; March 16-17, 1979
- B. Minutes of the Board of Directors, Presbyterian Church in America, January 26, 1979
- C. Report of the Permanent Committee, including all budgets, and recommendations (Appendix A, p. 146.)
- D. Overtures 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 21, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; pp. 27-32.
- E. Audit Report
- F. Problem referred to in meeting of June 18, 1979
- G. Personal resolution from Fred Carr and Allan Story

II. Statement of Issues Discussed

- A. Reviewed the minutes of the committees and found them to be in order with several minor notations.
- B. Reviewed and discussed the budgets of each permanent Committee, noting the realistic and conservative budget projections by each permanent Committee for 1980.
- C. Each overture was fairly and thoroughly discussed and each was handled on its own merit.
- D. Reviewed and studied the Audit Report of Kent, Nobles, and Martin of the Committee on Administration and noted that the accountants previously recommended the need for overall improvement in the Committee's accounting practices and procedures. We recommend the accountants recommendations be followed closely.
- E. That several of this year's assistant clerks were mistakenly thinking that the General Assembly would pay their expenses for services rendered.
- F. The changes in the Bylaws in the personal resolution of Fred Carr and Allan Story.

III. Recommendations

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following recommendations:

- 1. That the 1980 General Assembly in Savannah, Georgia, be held on the dates June 16-20, 1980. *Adopted.*
- 2. That the General Assembly accept the invitation of the Presbytery of Southern Florida, to meet in the Coral Ridge Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in June 1981. *Adopted.*
- 3. That our present Stated Clerk, the Rev. Morton H. Smith, be employed as Stated Clerk through the 1980 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
- 4. That our present Business Administrator, Dr. Dan M. Moore, be employed as the Business Administrator through the 1980 General Assembly. *Adopted.*
- 5. That recommendation No. 5, (p. 147), be amended as follows: That immediately following this Assembly, the Stewardship Sub-Committee be requested to inform all presbyteries and local sessions of the overall budget adopted by the General Assembly, and request the presbyteries to interpret to the local sessions the "minimum" per capita response "requested" of all congregations in order to meet this challenge. *Adopted as amended.*

6. That all committees and agencies of the Assembly be directed to preserve all of their records, until such time as a suitable place of depository for historical records is provided by the Assembly. *Adopted.*
7. That the revised 1979 Budget for Mission to the World be approved (p. 152) noting that the reduction was attributed to a certain number of missionaries returning from the field, and an efficient use of available funds. *Adopted.*

7-88 Acting Moderator

The moderator called Ruling Elder Robert Wasson to assume the chair.

7-89 Special Prayer

The Rev. Gordon K. Reed led the Assembly in prayer for Mr. Bert Mason of the Brevard, North Carolina, mission church, who had been severely injured in an automobile accident.

7-90 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Administration Continued

8. That the percentage of undesignated gifts for 1980 be the same as 1979, which is as follows: 30% Committee for Christian Education and Publications; 30% Mission to the United States; 30% Mission to the World; 10% Committee on Administration. *Adopted.*
9. That the budgets be approved with one minor mathematical correction. Each committee's budget was considered and adopted separately. See Appendix A, pp. 147-155 for the budgets.
10. The report as a whole was adopted with the following corrections in statistics: 73,665 communicants, 8,430 non-communicants, total: 82,095; 613 ministers, grand total: 82,708. (p. 146). *Adopted.*
11. That Overture 4 from Presbytery of Westminster (p. 27) be answered in the negative.
Reason: The policy set by the Sixth General Assembly deals with designated funds in a sufficient manner. *Adopted.*
12. That Overture 9 from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas (p. 28) be answered in the negative.
Reason: Request (1) answered in Overture 6.
Request (2) answered by Recommendation 7. *Adopted.*
13. That Overture 13 from Covenant Presbytery (p. 29) be answered in the negative.
Reasons: That said "current proposals" have not in fact occurred. That such problems can be handled when the docket is adopted by General Assembly. *Adopted.*
14. That Overture 14 from Covenant Presbytery (p. 29) and Overture 32 from Grace Presbytery (p.32) be answered in the negative.
Reason: The Third General Assembly (see *Minutes*, p. 78, no. 17, 1-6) clearly authorized, and endorsed semi-annual moderator's conferences, and that the 1979 conference was in full accord with those procedures. *Adopted.*
15. That Overture 16 from the Presbytery of North Georgia (p. 29) be answered in the negative.
Reason: The Assembly would have difficulty defining "substantive moral or doctrinal issues".
Referred to the Permanent Committee on Administration.
16. That Overture 21 from the Presbytery of the Gulf Coast (p. 30) be answered in the negative.

Reason: That it is not feasible at this time in the denomination's growth to enter such a study. *Adopted.*

17. That Overture 26 from Warrior Presbytery (p. 31) be referred to the Special Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries, whose report addresses the issue raised in the Overture. *Adopted.*
18. That Overture 30 from Grace Presbytery (p. 31) be answered in the affirmative as amended: following "one ruling elder" insert *the moderator, the immediate past moderator . . .* (For alternates see BCO 15-1-11.) *Adopted.*
19. That in view of the misunderstanding which had occurred despite the action of the Sixth General Assembly, the expenses of the assistant clerks, who have not been paid by their local churches or presbyteries, be paid by the Assembly this year, but no more in the future, and that the presbyteries be billed for those expenses. *Adopted.*
20. That the Assembly pay the expenses of its recording clerks each year (two at present). *Adopted.*
21. That the minutes of the June 18, 1979 meeting be approved. *Adopted.*
22. That the personal resolution from Fred Carr be answered in the negative.

Reasons: The present rules 8-14 6. (a) and 8-16 6. (a) are sufficient if followed by the committee. *Adopted.*

23. That the Seventh General Assembly instruct the Assembly Arrangements Committee for the Eighth General Assembly to docket all matters regarding possible changes in the "Rules for Assembly Operations" prior to any regular reports, and at a time when, in the best judgment of the Arrangements Committee, it is presumed two-thirds of the enrolled commissioners would be present. *Adopted.*
24. That because of the need for congregations to understand as quickly and as fully as possible what the Seventh General Assembly has accomplished, and, because of the difficulty even commissioners have in accurately assimilating, recalling and documenting major decisions of the Assembly as they report to congregations, and as sessions attempt to follow the lead of the General Assembly, and, because realistically, the Minutes of the General Assembly are largely not effective in communicating to the churches the Assembly's actions due to their detailed treatment, therefore, the information be presented in the earliest issue of the *Messenger* rather than directly by the Stated Clerk. *Adopted as amended.*

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

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

25. That the Assembly amend the "Rules for Assembly Operations" as follows:
 Add new paragraphs 6-2 and 6-3:
 6-2 Any report requesting amendments to the Constitution of the PCA or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly shall be referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for its recommendation.
 6-3 The report of the Assembly's Nominating Committee may be amended by nominations from the floor, which shall be received in the following way:

1. Such nominations shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Office of the Stated Clerk, and shall be submitted to the Stated Clerk.
 2. Nominations shall indicate the consent of the nominees to serve, if elected.
26. That Overture 5 (p. 27) from Evangel Presbytery be answered in the affirmative. Note the obvious error (Sub-section 8-11 and Sub-section 10-2).
Reason: To expedite Assembly Operations.
27. That Overture 6 from Evangel Presbytery (p. 28) be answered in the affirmative.
28. That Overture 7 from Evangel Presbytery (p. 28) be answered in the negative.
Reason: That this was not a workable solution to a genuine problem.
29. That Overture 28 from Grace Presbytery (p. 31) be answered in the affirmative.
Reason: This corrects the fact that the Stated Clerk was not to be an ex-officio member of said committees.
30. That Overture 29 from Grace Presbytery (p. 31) be answered in the negative.
Reason: The present procedure of appointing an assistant parliamentarian is satisfactory.
31. That Overture 2 (p. 27) referred from Judicial Business be referred to the Permanent Committee on Administration.
32. That Overture 31 from Grace Presbytery (p. 32) be answered in the negative.
Reason: The present procedure followed this year satisfactorily deals with the problem.

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Administration

Ascension	George Fox, RE
Calvary	Gaynor Philips, TE
Central Florida	Russell Toms, TE
Central Georgia	Neal Ham, RE
Eastern Carolina	Denver Blevins, TE
Evangel	Doug Haskew, RE
Grace	Don Hendricks, RE
Gulf Coast	James W. Thompson, TE
Mid-Atlantic	Leland Nichols, RE
Mississippi Valley	B. I. Anderson, TE
North Georgia	Joseph A. Gardner, Jr., TE
Southern Florida	Todd Allen, TE
Texas	John McNicoll, TE
Warrior	Marvin Baker, RE
Western Carolinas	James McAlpine, TE

Respectfully submitted,

B. I. Anderson, Chairman
Don Hendricks, Clerk

The report as a whole was received.

(Clerk's Note: Recommendations 23 and 24 were adopted at later points in the Assembly (par. 7-92 and 7-95). They are included here for easier reference.)

7-91 Docket Amended

On motion the docket was amended to substitute the opening service and sermon for the worship service, in order to delete the 11:30 a.m. worship service. The noon recess was set for 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

7-92 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Administration Continued

Recommendation 23 was adopted at this time (p. 139).

7-93 Assembly Recessed

The Assembly was recessed with prayer at 12:15 p.m. by Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson.

MINUTES — FRIDAY AFTERNOON**June 22, 1979****Twelfth Session****7-94 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Todd W. Allen.

7-95 Report of Committee of Commissioners on Administration Concluded

Recommendation 24 was added to the report at this time.

The report as a whole was received.

7-96 Five-in-Five Report

The Rev. Donald C. Graham presented a brief report on the Five-in-Five Campaign.

The Assembly voted to reconsider the budget of the Five-in-Five Campaign.

The Five-in-Five Campaign budget was amended by being increased by \$25,000 to be used as expenses for fund raising. The money is to come out of the Five-in-Five Campaign Funds.

7-97 Board of Directors

The minutes of the Board of Director's meetings of January 26, 1979 and June 20, 1979 were presented. On motion they were received with the following addition to those of January 26, 1979; add after the word "from" in the first sentence the following: "individual committee members who had attended." (See Appendix B for minutes of the Board of Directors.)

7-98 Report of Nominating Committee Concluded

The report of the Nominating Committee on the Ad-Interim Committee on Interchurch Discussions was received, and the Committee elected. (See paragraph 7-34, III, 5c, p. 95.) The moderator was asked by the Assembly to name the Convener. He designated the Rev. Paul G. Settle to be Convener after the close of the Assembly.

The report of the Nominating Committee as a whole was received.

7-99 Report of the Committee on Thanks

The Rev. Thomas McClelland presented the report of the Committee on Thanks as follows after prayer.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17.

"We give thanks to our gracious and Sovereign God for all His goodness and mercy bestowed upon the Presbyterian Church in America in

every aspect of its life, work and witness in the world.

"In particular, we acknowledge the Lord's blessing on our Seventh General Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina, and, as an Assembly, we express our thanks to the following:

1. The congregation of the Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, their Pastor, Rev. W. Jack Hudson, and their Officers and Staff, for the use of their facilities and their kind hospitality.

We also want to thank the Pastor, Rev. Jack Eubanks, the Session and the congregation of the New Life Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, for the use of their facilities to accommodate the meetings of Committees of Commissioners at the opening of the General Assembly;

2. The General Chairman, Ted Smith, and the local arrangements committees chaired by:

Bob Wilcox	Dewey Murphy
Sam McGinn	Jack Eubanks
David Gullett	Tom Cheely
Evan Holyfield	Terry Wilcox
Charles Wilson	Jim Mitchell
Al Saleeby	Bob Wilson
Kathy Cheely	Fred Murphy
Martha Mitchell	Ray Varnell
	Jerry Pylar

and the local groups of Women in the Church and of the Central Carolina Presbytery and other volunteers from local churches; some of whom have sacrificed a week's vacation to serve the Assembly;

3. The General Assembly's Committee on Planning and Arrangements:
 - Ted Smith, Chairman
 - Morton Smith
 - Gene Craven
 - Frank Moser
 - Terry Gyger
 - Don Clements
 - Dan Moore
4. The retiring Moderator, Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, for his service through the past year and for his ministry of the Word which set the tone of the Seventh General Assembly;
5. The Moderator of this Assembly, William F. Joseph, for his years of service to the Lord and his calm and masterful leadership of the Assembly;
6. To the members of the Committees of Commissioners, and especially their chairmen, whose long hours of faithful work before and between the Assembly's sessions and whose patience in presenting their reports contributed to the success of the Assembly;
7. To all the other committees that labored to carry on the work of the Church between Assemblies, and especially to our Coordinators, Dan Moore, Charles H. Dunahoo, J. Philip Clark, Paul McKaughan and Kennedy Smartt;
8. To the Stated Clerk, Morton H. Smith; the Recording Clerks, Edwin P. Elliot, Jr. and Frank D. Moser; the Assistant Parliamentarian, W. Jack Williamson; the Time-keeper, Walter Lastovica;
9. To the pool of secretaries and typists and the temporary clerks

whose diligent work enabled the Assembly to move forward with dispatch;

10. To the representatives of the news media who have faithfully covered the proceedings of the Assembly;
11. To those who led in the ministry of music, Rev. Lawrence Roff, Rev. John Allen, Virginia Orr, and Mrs. Dan Moore;
12. To those who led in the worship hours, Rev. John W. P. Oliver, Rev. James Stewart, Rev. Richard Harris, Rev. Jack Scott, and Rev. Harry Schutte;
13. The faithful and concerned work of George Calhoun and his assistants who efficiently operated the recording and public address system and the vital and mirthful ministry of the Rev. Henry Schum at the overhead projector;
14. The AM Multigraphics of Charlotte, who had donated the use of the printing equipment and the supplies for this Assembly;
15. The Assistant Clerks who have served so ably. (See 7-5 p. 26.)
16. Last, but not least, our thanks to Mrs. Kathy Cheely for her help in arranging the hospitality for the wives of the commissioners.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
 Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McClelland, Chairman
 John W. Yarbrough, Secretary
 Ron Bossom
 Robert Kelso

On motion the report was received as amended.

7-100 Minutes Read

The minutes of the Friday sessions were read and approved.

7-101 Excuses from Part of the Assembly

The following commissioners filed excuses for absence from a portion of the Assembly as indicated:

Thursday, June 21

J. Simpson Derby (8:00 A.M.)
 George Fox (8:00 A.M.)
 Robert LaMay (8:00 A.M.)
 Carl Wilson (10:45 A.M.)

Friday, June 22

Tom Barnes (8:00 A.M.)
 Lawrence Roff (8:00 A.M.)
 F. Patrick McHugh (8:00 A.M.)
 George Brengle (8:00 A.M.)
 James D. Hatch (10:00 A.M.)
 Bob Allyn (11:00 A.M.)
 Tom Russell (12:00 noon)
 James Gidden (12:00 noon)
 Ron Bossom (12:00 noon)
 John Robertson (2:45 P.M.)
 F. Allen Story (2:45 P.M.)

7-102 Assembly Adjourned

There being no further business, the Moderator declared the Assembly adjourned to convene in Savannah, Georgia, June 16, 1980, and led the Assembly in a closing prayer. The Rev. John D. Holmes led the Assembly in singing the Doxology and the Rev. Michael D. Bolus, Sr., pronounced the apostolic benediction.

Note: Following the Assembly, the Moderator made the following appointments as requested by the Assembly and prescribed in the Bylaws, Article 4, Section 7:

Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss Areas of Agreement, Differences and Difficulties with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America — Rev. Paul G. Settle, Convener
Committee for Christian Education and Publications — Ruling Elder John C. Spencer, Convener
Committee on Mission to the United States — Rev. James M. Baird, Convener

PART III**APPENDICES**

The Appendices include the Reports of the Permanent Committees as originally submitted to the General Assembly, except where the text may have been amended by the Assembly.

The recommendations in this section are those originally submitted by the permanent committees, and may not have been adopted by the Assembly. See the reports of the Committee of Commissioners for each of the respective committees to find the recommendations as they were adopted by the Assembly.

**Part III
APPENDICES**

Appendix A

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION
TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Introduction:

Since the duties of the Committee on Administration cover various areas of the Church's life, this report will be composed of separate narrative sections in each of the area's responsibility. The recommendations are all presented at the end of the report.

The Committee held four meetings during the year as follows: July 14, 1978, November 10, 1978, January 26-27, 1979, and March 16-17, 1979.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Sixth General Assembly directed that the reading and approval of the Minutes of the last day's transactions be entrusted to the Committee on Administration. This was accomplished by the Committee at the July 14, 1978, meeting.

II. Assembly Arrangements

The Sixth General Assembly accepted the invitation of the PCA congregations of Savannah, Georgia, to meet in that city in June of 1980. It is highly desirable to have some expression of the Assembly on these meetings a year or more in advance, since this makes planning easier.

III. Budgets

One of the chief functions assigned to the Committee on Administration by the First General Assembly (par. 1-67, page 51) is to review the budget requests of all the Assembly's Committees, and to make recommendations regarding them to the General Assembly. We understand it to be our responsibility both to evaluate the requests from the Committees, and to attempt to predict the potential giving of the Church. The experience of the past five years as a new denomination is giving us the better base on which to make projections and to recommend reasonable budgets.

We remind the Assembly of the fiscal policy adopted by the Third General Assembly: (1) "That the budget adopted for a particular year by the General Assembly be the spending limit for each Committee." (2) "That each Committee be allowed to rearrange its budget within the total approved each year."

IV. Report of the Stated Clerk

When the present Stated Clerk was called to this office, it was stipulated that he be involved in writing and teaching for the Church (*Minutes of the Fifth General Assembly*, par. 5-79). With the purchase of property for an Assembly Conference Center in Western North Carolina, and the desire to include a Theological Center at this Conference Grounds, the Clerk felt it would be desirable to locate his office near the Conference Grounds. This met the approval of the Committee on Administration, and the office was moved from Clinton, Mississippi, to Brevard, North Carolina, at the end of November, 1978. Due to the limited available office space in Brevard, the Clerk is renting a portion of his home to the Church at the present time. When the facilities at Ridge Haven develop, it may be desirable to have the office located there, at least during the summer months. The historical files of the Church should be placed there in the future, when a suitable building can be provided for their safe-keeping.

The 1978 statistics show a total of 73,665 communicant members, 8,430 non-communicant members, making a total of 82,095 members, with 440 churches and 613 ministers. The members and ministers make a grand total of 82,708.

V. The Effect of Joint Governance of Covenant College on PCA Giving Patterns

The Sixth General Assembly directed that "a report be prepared by the Committee on Administration concerning the financial base of the PCA, and how this commitment has affected our Permanent Committees."

Covenant College has prepared the following information for us:

	Cash Gifts	Land Gifts
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1976.....	\$10,178	\$47,600
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977.....	40,960	88,400
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978.....	73,330	13,550

Notes:

- All land gifts have come from two individuals. It appears that these individuals would give their gifts to the College regardless of the denominational endorsement.
- Five PCA congregations have Covenant College in their annual budget. The gifts of these five congregations average \$522.00 per congregation per year.

These facts lead to an impression that the joint governance of Covenant College will have only a minor effect on PCA giving to our Permanent Committees at this time.

VI. Guidelines on Budgeting

The Sixth General Assembly "directed the Committee on Administration to draft and present to the General Assembly, Presbyteries, and Sessions of the PCA guidelines for the consideration, the evaluation, and adoption of budgets." The Committee believes that the report of the Special Advisory Committee appointed by the Stewardship Committee on funding the total program of the Church will provide the guidelines for the Assembly level. Regarding guidelines for the sessional level, the Committee commends to the Assembly and to the Sessions of the denomination the seminars on this subject that are provided by the Stewardship Committee. It is our understanding that tapes of these seminars are available to local churches. This leaves the area of Presbytery financing not dealt with. If the Assembly feels that special study and guidelines for Presbyteries should be provided, the Committee will seek to do so by the next Assembly.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1980 General Assembly in Savannah, Georgia, be held on the dates June 16-20, 1980.
2. That the General Assembly accept the invitation of the Presbytery of Southern Florida, to meet in the Coral Ridge Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in June 1981.
3. That our present Stated Clerk, the Rev. Morton H. Smith, be employed as Stated Clerk through the 1980 General Assembly.
4. That our present Business Administrator, Dr. Dan M. Moore, be employed as the Business Administrator through the 1980 General Assembly.
5. That immediately following this Assembly, the Stewardship Sub-Committee be requested to inform all local sessions of the over-all budget adopted by the General Assembly, and interpret to them the per capita response required by all congregations in order to meet this challenge.
6. That all committees and agencies of the Assembly be directed to preserve all of their records, until such time as a suitable place of depository for historical records is provided by the Assembly.
7. That the Assembly authorize the Committee on Administration to prepare a Manual for the Moderator of the General Assembly.
8. That the revised 1979 budget for Mission to the World be approved.
9. That the percentage of undesignated gifts for 1980 be the same as 1979, which is as follows: 30% Christian Education and Publications; 30% Mission to the United States; 30% Mission to the World; and 10% Administration.
10. That the budgets be approved as follows:

(Note: These budgets are the amended budgets as adopted by the Assembly)

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
1980 BUDGET REQUESTS SUMMARY**

	1978 Expense	1979 Budget	1980 Proposed Budget	% of Increase From From		% of Total
				1978	1979	
Committee Budget:						
Mission to the World ...	\$1,754,361	\$2,303,845	\$2,482,518	42%	8%	55%
Mission to the U.S.	634,568	585,802	713,772	13%	21%	16%
Christian Ed. & Pub.	390,693	554,101	545,553	48%	(2%)	12%
Administration	162,418	222,319	223,410	38%	0%	5%
Total Committed	\$2,942,040	\$3,666,067	\$3,965,253	35%	8%	88%
Growth Budget:						
Mission to the World ...	0	0	\$396,644	NA	NA	9%
Mission to the U.S.	0	\$200,000	150,000	NA	(25%)	3%
Christian Ed. & Pub.	0	0	18,000	NA	NA	0%
Total Growth	0	\$200,000	\$564,644			12%
Total Budget:						
Mission to the World ...	\$1,754,361	\$2,303,845	\$2,879,162	64%	25%	64%
Mission to the U.S.	634,568	785,802	863,772	36%	10%	19%
Christian Ed. & Pub.	390,693	554,101	563,553	44%	2%	12%
Administration	162,418	222,319	223,410	38%	0%	5%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,942,040	\$3,866,067	\$4,529,897	54%	17%	100%

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
OPERATIONS			
Office of Moderator	\$ 214.95	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Office of Committee on Administration			
Meetings	30,980.22	30,000	25,000
Contingencies	—	10,000	10,000
Share of General Assembly	4,525.05	3,000	3,000
Share of Auditor	2,161.05	2,000	2,500
Legal Expense	105.00	—	1,000
Stewardship	8,332.22	10,000	12,002
Foundation	2,500.00	—	—
Equipment	—	4,000	2,000
Staff Training	—	—	1,000
Office Expense	4,654.83	4,000	5,000
Postage	2,249.39	2,500	2,500
Telephone	3,992.41	4,500	5,000
Rent	3,178.92	4,000	4,000
Travel	4,902.13	4,000	6,000
Office Staff: Salaries	(1.5) 10,865.27	(2) 16,312	(2) 17,945
Office Staff: Benefits	1,704.18	2,778	3,000
Computer	19.77	8,000	8,000
Associate Coordinator:			
Salary and All Benefits	—	(.5) 11,950	(.5) 12,000
Consultant Salary	(1) 21,927.51	(1) 24,468	(1) 25,683
Annuity (12%) & Insurance	3,722.49	3,747	4,082
FICA	1,070.85	1,404	1,588
Sub Total	<u>\$106,891.29</u>	<u>\$146,659</u>	<u>\$151,300</u>
Office of Stated Clerk			
Office Expense	\$ 2,046.50	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Postage	999.49	1,400	1,500
Telephone	2,210.98	2,000	2,500
Office Rent	3,575.00	5,000	2,400
Travel	1,189.27	2,000	2,000
Equipment	—	1,000	1,000
Historical Files	—	2,000	1,000
Printing	6,511.96	8,000	8,000
Office Staff: Salaries	(1) 6,932.59	(1) 8,156	(2) 17,945
Office Staff: Benefits	1,609.22	1,389	3,000
Assistant to Stated Clerk	(.5) 4,586.66	(1) 12,000	—
Stated Clerk Salary	(1) 14,994.91	(1) 16,240	(1) 18,237
Housing	7,500.00	8,500	8,500
Annuity (12%) & Insurance	3,155.09	3,475	3,028
	<u>\$ 55,311.67</u>	<u>\$ 73,160</u>	<u>\$ 71,610</u>
Publication of Abortion Report		\$ 1,500	
Total	<u>\$162,417.91</u>	<u>\$222,319</u>	<u>\$223,410</u>

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
Operations:			
Continuing Education Staff.....	\$ 633.71	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Travel Staff.....	5,722.30	11,000	13,000
Coordinator Salary (78 Sal. & Allow.).....	15,411.72	17,977	18,527
Housing.....	8,000.04	8,000	8,500
Insurance & Annuities.....	2,341.04	2,238	2,738
Magazine Editor (78 Sal. & Allow.).....	4,744.99	21,500	21,500
Insurance & Annuities.....	598.04	2,790	2,893
Administrative Manager (78 Sal. & Allow.).....	17,500.04	18,100	21,500
Insurance & Annuities.....	1,695.31	1,922	2,893
Writer/Consultants Salaries.....	15,120.00	16,700	17,632
Housing Allowance.....	6,380.00	6,000	6,930
Insurance & Annuities.....	3,658.00	3,554	3,906
Writer/Consultant (78 Sal. & Allow.).....	8,763.03	—	—
Housing Allowance.....	4,061.97	—	—
Insurance & Annuities.....	2,257.29	—	—
Office Salaries.....	22,842.72	35,200	43,300
Church Relations Consultant.....	—	21,950	10,000
Insurance & Annuities.....	—	—	1,379
Assistant to Coordinator.....	—	—	7,500
Insurance & Annuities.....	—	—	—
Equipment.....	3,720.15	4,000	4,000
Office & Printing Supplies.....	4,158.24	4,000	4,000
Postage.....	2,601.52	2,500	2,700
U.P.S.....	3,950.09	4,000	4,500
Rent.....	21,877.38	21,800	21,000
Telephone.....	7,054.09	7,000	7,500
Vehicle Maintenance & Insurance.....	1,972.19	2,000	2,500
Books (Library).....	—	1,000	1,000
Promotion.....	—	12,000	4,000
Insurance (Annuities).....	—	2,000	3,150
Insurance (Health — Office Staff).....	409.92	1,000	2,500
Insurance (Office).....	906.07	800	1,000
Legal and Accounting.....	2,054.18	4,000	3,000
Repairs and Maintenance.....	—	900	1,000
Printing.....	2,094.94	10,000	8,000
Subscriptions.....	184.65	1,500	1,800
Payroll Taxes.....	3,265.59	5,000	5,000
CE Committee Meetings.....	8,235.77	8,500	8,500
Contingency Fund.....	8,158.61	8,000	4,000
Stewardship Ministries.....	28,700.00	30,000	33,605
General Assembly Costs.....	22,691.20	8,000	12,000
PCA Foundation.....	8,750.00	—	—
Computer Service.....	—	—	11,400
Sub-Total.....	\$250,514.79	\$308,931	\$330,353
Programs: Committed			
Leadership Training.....	2,250.00	3,000	2,500
Family Ministries.....	1,934.16	6,000	4,000
Women in the Church.....	1,978.94	3,000	3,000
Great Commission Publications.....	102,500.00	175,000	150,000
Resources.....	—	1,000	1,000
Seminary Education.....	5,050.85	6,000	4,000
Messenger.....	26,464.31	49,670	50,200
Printing — 11 x 3,588.....	39,475	—	—
Postage & Computer Service.....	10,725	—	—
Abortion Presentation.....	—	1,500	—
Annual Ministers Conference.....	—	—	500
Sub-Total.....	\$140,178.08	\$245,170	\$215,200

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
Programs: Growth			
Information Services	—	—	5,000
Diaconal Ministries	—	—	3,000
Youth Ministries	—	—	10,000
Sub-Total	—	—	\$18,000
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$390,692.89</u>	<u>\$554,101</u>	<u>\$563,553</u>

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE U.S.

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
OPERATIONS			
Coordinator Salary	\$ 28,202	\$ 16,332	\$ 17,225
Housing	5,000	5,400	5,700
Utilities	2,500	2,700	2,850
Annuity & Insurance	2,197	3,783	3,990
Total Coordinator	<u>\$ 37,899</u>	<u>\$ 28,215</u>	<u>\$ 29,765</u>
Administrative Personnel:			
Assistant Coordinator Salary	14,100	14,328	15,113
Housing	5,000	5,400	5,700
Annuity & Insurance	3,231	3,396	3,504
	<u>\$ 22,331</u>	<u>\$ 23,124</u>	<u>\$ 24,317</u>
Business Manager Salary	15,110	17,145	16,789
Annuity & Insurance	691	855	386
	<u>\$ 15,801</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,175</u>
Field Representative Salary	8,487	8,868	—
Housing	4,500	4,500	—
Annuity & Insurance	2,286	2,463	—
	<u>\$ 15,273</u>	<u>\$ 15,831</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Office Expense:			
Office Salaries & Benefits	\$ 30,451	\$ 32,334	\$ 38,900
Travel/Administrative Staff	11,427	15,000	15,000
Supplies & Printing	12,907	9,000	15,000
Postage	7,373	8,000	12,000
Telephone	9,651	11,000	11,000
Office Move	8,214	—	—
Rent	9,287	10,000	9,760
Service Bonds & Equipment	2,553	3,000	4,000
Computer	—	—	12,000
Committee Meetings & Work	13,039	15,750	17,000
Audit	2,482	2,500	2,750
Other	2,055	—	2,000
Sub Total	<u>\$109,439</u>	<u>\$106,584</u>	<u>\$139,410</u>
Intra Committee Expenses:			
GA Expenses	7,298	6,500	10,500
Stewardship Ministries	16,548	16,548	36,105
PCA Foundation	5,000	—	—
Sub Total	<u>\$ 28,846</u>	<u>\$ 23,048</u>	<u>\$ 46,605</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$229,589</u>	<u>\$214,802</u>	<u>\$257,272</u>

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Committed:			
Presbytery Co-Sponsored	\$ 45,166	\$ 6,000	\$ —
Organizing Pastors	228,328	(25) 270,000	(25) 300,000
Urban, Poor & Minorities	90,826	71,000	110,000
Travel & Training	2,777	14,000	19,000
Student Workers	2,942	—	—
Advertising	2,676	10,000	5,000
Builders Guild Expense	9,146	—	—
Other	23,118	—	—
Chaplains	—	—	1,500
Campus Ministries	—	—	21,000
Sub Total	<u>\$404,979</u>	<u>\$371,000</u>	<u>\$456,500</u>
Growth:			
Organizing Pastors	—	—	(8) 100,000
Urban, Poor & Minorities	—	—	(2) 38,000
Travel & Training	—	—	4,000
Other	—	—	8,000
Sub Total	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
SUMMARY:			
Operation	\$229,589	\$214,802	\$257,272
Program: Committed	404,979	371,000	456,500
Growth	—	200,000	150,000
TOTAL BUDGET	<u><u>\$634,568</u></u>	<u><u>\$785,802</u></u>	<u><u>\$863,772</u></u>

MISSION TO THE WORLD

OPERATIONS	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
Personnel Expense			
Coordinator Cash Salary	\$ 14,404.26	\$ 16,678	\$ 17,951
Coordinator Housing Allowance	7,800.00	7,800	7,800
Coordinator Benefits	3,445.74	3,737	4,014
Coordinator of Church Relations			
Cash Salary	12,543.52	13,897	15,346
Coordinator of Church Relations			
Housing Allowance	6,800.00	6,800	6,800
Coordinator of Church Relations			
Benefits	3,099.44	3,300	3,500
Missionary-Evang. Cash Salary	13,751.24	15,036	16,410
Miss.-Evang. Housing Allowance	3,600.00	3,600	3,600
Miss.-Evang. Car Allowance	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Miss.-Evang. Benefits	2,978.56	3,170	3,400
Director of Personnel Cash Salary	16,641.04	18,020	19,281
Dir. of Pers. Benefits	2,770.83	3,000	3,150
Financial Secretary Cash Salary	17,928.60	19,033	20,365
Financial Secretary Benefits	2,926.96	3,100	3,260
Office Staff	(7.5) 65,838.39	(8.5) 81,200	(9.5) 86,884
Office Staff Benefits	8,048.74	10,546	11,600
Temporary Employees	712.22	1,650	1,815
Employer FICA	6,125.87	7,794	8,984
Communications Consultant	2,100.00	3,000	3,300
Sub Total No. 1	\$ 192,515.41	\$ 222,361	\$ 238,460
Travel and Meetings			
Committee Meetings	\$ 9,203.73	\$ 9,900	\$ 10,900
Coordinator Travel	3,580.50	4,000	4,400
Coordinator of Church Relations Travel	4,713.45	5,500	6,100
Candidate Secretary Travel	765.83	600	700
Missionary-Evangelist Travel	4,432.77	5,100	5,600
Financial Secretary Travel	1,189.66	1,000	1,100
Other Staff Travel & MTW Car	1,918.60	2,200	2,400
Other Committeemen Travel	804.47	1,500	1,700
Sub Total No. 2	\$ 26,609.01	\$ 29,800	\$ 32,900
Office Related Expense			
Rent	\$ 19,710.90	\$ 18,900	\$ 19,900
Telephone	14,343.62	12,800	14,100
Office Supplies	4,826.00	5,500	6,000
Office Stationery and Forms	3,251.20	3,900	4,200
Missionary-Evangelist Office Expense	799.92	900	1,000
Mailing Service Expense	504.90	700	800
Postage and UPS	7,507.98	9,000	9,900
Equipment Purchases	7,510.64	8,000	8,800
Equipment Rental and Maintenance Fees	9,065.73	10,300	11,300
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	767.48	900	1,000
Computer Supplies and Forms	858.23	800	900
Computer Services	14,087.70	14,300	15,700
Computer Equipment Rental	1,801.28	2,100	2,300
Literature for Distribution	600.54	1,000	1,100
Publicity	19,181.31	18,700	20,600
Auditing Fees	4,293.15	4,700	5,200
Membership Fees, Subscriptions	4,425.52	4,700	5,200
Miscellaneous	3,248.53	6,966	2,825
Sub Total No. 3	\$ 116,784.63	\$ 124,166	\$ 130,825
Discretionary Funds	\$ 148.00	\$ 15,030	\$ 10,000
General Assembly Expense	\$ 15,539.76	\$ 16,700	\$ 18,400
Stewardship Programs & PCA Foundation (Foundation Expense for '78 Only)	\$ 37,709.04	\$ 26,770	\$ 34,305
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 389,305.85	\$ 434,827	\$ 464,890

PROGRAM EXPENSE

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
Committed:			
Missionaries — persons	154	*180	*180
Support Accounts	\$1,155,864.56	\$1,486,110	\$1,634,720
Work Budgets	76,299.69	150,000	150,000
Sub Total No. 1	<u>\$1,232,164.25</u>	<u>\$1,636,110</u>	<u>\$1,784,720</u>
Projects	\$ 94,661.60	\$150,000	\$150,000
National Workers	9,940.00	11,000	11,000
Sub Total No. 2	<u>\$ 104,601.60</u>	<u>\$ 161,000</u>	<u>\$ 161,000</u>
Other Program Expenses			
Candidate Expense	\$ 10,398.29	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Mission Consultant	844.82	3,000	3,000
Field Trips and Evaluation	17,046.05	15,600	15,600
Foreign Property00	38,308	38,308
Legal Fees00	3,000	3,000
Sub Total No. 3	<u>\$ 28,289.16</u>	<u>\$ 71,908</u>	<u>\$ 71,908</u>
Sub Total Committed	<u>\$1,365,055.01</u>	<u>**\$1,869,018</u>	<u>\$2,017,628</u>
Growth:			
Missionaries — persons			*30
Support Accounts			\$ 272,452
Work Budgets			50,000
Sub Total No. 1			<u>\$ 322,452</u>
Projects			\$ 50,000
National Workers			1,100
Sub Total No. 2			<u>\$ 51,000</u>
Other Program Expenses			
Candidate Expense			1,200
Mission Consultant			300
Field Trips and Evaluation			4,400
Foreign Property			16,692
Legal Fees			500
Sub Total No. 3			<u>\$ 23,092</u>
Sub-Total Growth			<u>\$ 396,644</u>
SUMMARY			
OPERATION	\$ 389,305.85	\$ 434,827	\$ 464,890
PROGRAM: Committed	1,365,055.01	1,869,018	2,017,628
Growth			396,644
TOTAL MISSION TO THE WORLD	<u>\$1,754,360.86</u>	<u>***\$2,303,845</u>	<u>\$2,879,162</u>

*230 was the figure approved at the 1978 General Assembly.

**\$2,286,128 in Program Expense was the figure approved at the 1978 General Assembly. At the Mission to the World Committee meeting of February 16, 1979, the budget was revised as printed above. Program Expenses were re-allocated, as compared to the original 1979 budget, with major reductions in the number of missionaries, missionary support accounts and missionary work budgets.

***\$2,720,955 was approved at the 1978 General Assembly. The total has been revised downward by \$417,110.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1980 BUDGET PROPOSAL
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
SALARIES			
Director	\$18,475.80	\$15,400*	\$21,421.40*
Assistant Director	17,884.20	17,884	18,200.00
Secretary	5,638.00	7,600	8,400.00
Taxes	2,746.45	2,500	3,500.00
Annuity/Insurance	4,727.58	—	3,918.60
Office Supplies	2,022.82	1,850	2,500.00
Printing	943.64	3,000	3,000.00
Shipping	942.58	2,000	2,000.00
Rent	3,255.00	3,500	3,255.00
Telephone	2,825.74	2,000	6,000.00
Meetings	3,399.97	3,000	4,000.00
Travel	8,188.98	12,000	12,000.00
Training	822.37	1,000	1,000.00
Promotion	909.50	—	1,200.00
Regional Conference	3,136.12	5,500	3,000.00
Stewardship Materials	4,330.65	5,500	5,000.00
Network	801.18	4,000	2,000.00
Seminars	488.96	—	3,000.00
Contingency	4,291.06	2,500	5,000.00
	<u>\$85,830.60</u>	<u>\$89,234</u>	<u>\$108,395.00</u>

*70% of Package — 30% paid by Foundation

PCA FOUNDATION

	1978 Actual	1979 Budget	1980 Budget
SALARIES			
Director	\$ —	\$ 6,600	\$ 7,522
Counselor	15,519.96	17,280	19,000
Part time Counselor	—	4,400	—
Secretary	1,620.25	3,600	3,600
General & Administrative			
Office Supplies	924.39	1,350	1,500
Printing	1,022.46	1,500	1,500
Meetings	117.50	3,000	2,000
Consultant	2,015.72	1,200	1,500
Advertising	614.56	3,000	1,000
Telephone	563.44	4,000	3,000
Travel	7,619.90	13,300	12,000
Postage/UPS	319.29	1,600	1,000
Brochures/Booklets	1,160.65	3,000	3,000
Legal/Accounting	585.92	100	1,000
Training	675.21	3,300	1,000
Wills Clinics	756.22	3,000	2,000
Insurance/Annuity	1,560.00	1,000	750
Auto Insurance	—	400	400
Equipment	1,284.98	—	4,000
Contingency	273.50	— 1,000	—
	<u>\$37,823.48</u>	<u>\$73,330</u>	<u>\$68,522</u>

**FIVE IN FIVE BUDGET
Operations**

	Actual 1978	Estimate 1979	Estimate 1980
Director's Support	\$ 6,624.94	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
Director's Travel	1,489.56	2,500.00	3,000.00
Committee Travel	123.31	800.00	800.00
Secretarial	386.25	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Expense	347.49	500.00	500.00
Printing — Publicity	3,546.21	3,500.00	—
Telephone	—	360.00	480.00
Employee FICA	23.37	240.00	250.00
Contingency and Equipment*	—	5,000.00	6,529.00
Fund Raising Expenses	—	—	25,000.00
Totals	<u>\$12,541.13</u>	<u>\$28,400.00</u>	<u>\$52,059.00</u>
		Grand Total	\$93,000.13

As an operational budget, the above does not include any monies received or anticipated in the general fund-raising endeavor of the Five in Five Campaign, including Building Fund Phaseout in 1978, \$10,000, nor a reported amount of \$13,740 in 1978 received from the Clover churches in Calvary Presbytery and returned to Calvary Presbytery for their distribution according to their own Expansion Fund plan.

The authorization for The Five in Five Campaign at the 1977 General Assembly found a simplified proposed budget included in the plans. It set a two year goal in expenditures of \$68,000. Since the Director of the campaign carried this activity from his desk as Interim Coordinator for M-US during most of 1978 and is only in a half-time position as Director for the last three months of 1978 and in 1979, it may be considered that the total budget anticipated for the three years, given above, is not exceeding the original understanding of the General Assembly on the final cost of the campaign.

*It will be obvious that the campaign hardly could anticipate using so large amounts as are included for Contingency and Equipment but therein have been distributed the balance for the anticipated expenditures which, in some instances, may be considerably on the high side. All this does allow for considerable expansion of the campaign if it is deemed practical in the future.

11. That the Assembly amend the "Rules for Assembly Operations" as follows:
(required vote — two-thirds of the total enrollment of commissioners):
Add new paragraphs 6-2 and 6-3:
 - 6-2 Any report requesting amendments to the Constitution of the PCA or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly shall be referred to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for its recommendation.
 - 6-3 The report of the Assembly's Nominating Committee may be amended by nominations from the floor, which shall be received in the following way:
 1. Such nominatons shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Office of the Stated Clerk, and shall be submitted to the Stated Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the docketed time for the report of the Nominating Committee.
 2. Nominatons shall indicate the consent of the nominees to serve, if elected.
 3. The Stated Clerk shall reproduce copies of the nominations for distribution to the Assembly as soon as possible after they are received.
12. That the Assembly amend the "By-laws of the General Assembly" as follows:
Article II, Section 2. Delete from the first sentence "and ordinarily will be held during the month of September."
Article IV, Section 1. Amend the next to last sentence dealing with the Committee on Judicial Business to read as follows: "There shall also be a Sub-Committee on Judicial Business composed of eight members divided into four classes of two members each serving four year terms." This is in accord with the action of the Fourth General Assembly (4-71-IV), and also brings the language of the sentence into consistency with other references to this as a sub-committee.
Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph E. Change the title to "Sub-Committee on Judicial Business."
Article IV, Amend by adding a new section "F" as follows:
F. Other Committees
The Assembly may elect or appoint other committees of either a permanent or temporary character to handle particular matters of business as designated by the Assembly at the time of the appointment. The business handled by such committees shall be limited to those matters assigned by the Assembly.
13. That the following Sub-Committees be heard when they are ready to report:
Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations
Sub-Committee on Judicial Business
Trustees on Insurance and Annuities
Sub-Committee on Stewardship

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Langford,
Chairman

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Board of Trustees for the
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Columbus, Georgia

We have examined the balance sheet of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1978 and the related statement of fund transactions and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America at December 31, 1978, and its fund transactions and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Certified Public Accountants

March 24, 1979

EXHIBIT "A"

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1978**

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
Cash on hand and in banks.....	\$ 4,747.62	\$.00
Cash in savings deposits.....	82,759.26	113,175.02
Accrued interest receivable.....	27,467.52	21,004.64
Security investments at market value		
Notes "1(c)" and "2".....	2,411,375.04	1,611,564.64
Insurance premiums receivable.....	3,561.62	7,562.48
Annuity dues receivable.....	3,936.86	13,828.75
Due from Committee on Administration	281.85	—0—
Equipment (at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$253.00)	16,803.00	—0—
Total assets.....	<u>\$2,550,932.77</u>	<u>\$1,767,135.53</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:		
Bank overdraft.....	\$ —0—	\$ 114.01
Insurance premiums payable.....	136,406.17	33,588.25
Accounts payable and accrued payroll taxes.....	13,252.25	716.34
Annuity dues paid in advance.....	6,910.89	6,602.43
Insurance premiums collected in advance.....	8,561.01	4,913.43
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$ 165,130.32</u>	<u>\$ 45,934.46</u>
Fund balance:		
Annuity funds:		
Minister's annuity.....	\$2,051,166.55	\$1,447,928.39
Lay annuity.....	66,375.36	45,657.39
Gift annuity.....	36,316.66	31,555.13
Total annuity funds.....	<u>\$2,153,858.57</u>	<u>\$1,525,140.91</u>
Minister's relief fund.....	221,740.19	179,227.69
Insurance fund.....	10,203.69	16,832.47
Total fund balance.....	<u>\$2,385,802.45</u>	<u>\$1,721,201.07</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance.....	<u>\$2,550,932.77</u>	<u>\$1,767,135.53</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**STATEMENT OF FUND TRANSACTIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977**

	Ministers Annuity Fund	Lay Annuity Fund	Gift Annuity Fund	Total Annuity Funds	Ministers Relief Fund	Insurance Fund	1978 Total All Funds	1977 Total All Funds
Additions:								
Members' dues.....	\$ 642,018.94	\$ 19,106.58	\$ 3,735.89	\$ 664,861.41	\$ 56,280.34	\$465,763.98	\$ 664,861.41	\$ 573,580.85
Designated donations							56,280.34	49,407.84
Insurance premiums income.....							465,763.98	313,801.18
Investment income:								
Increase (decrease) in market value of investments held at year-end (Note "2")..	(96,875.71)	(3,182.23)	(1,928.76)	(101,986.70)	(11,626.09)	(6,984.54)	(120,597.33)	(56,041.32)
Gain realized on investment transactions...	15,867.86	521.23	315.92	16,705.01	1,904.31	1,144.05	19,753.37	12,328.69
Interest	117,584.76	3,862.50	2,341.09	123,788.35	14,111.42	8,477.51	146,377.28	93,793.21
Dividends	14,937.27	490.66	297.39	15,725.32	1,792.63	1,076.96	18,594.91	9,583.66
Total additions	\$ 693,533.12	\$ 20,798.74	\$ 4,761.53	\$ 719,093.39	\$ 62,462.61	\$469,477.96	\$ 1,251,033.96	\$ 996,454.11
Deductions:								
Administrative & general expenses.....	\$ 80,450.96	\$ 12.09	\$ 80,463.05	\$ 5,885.34			86,348.39	\$ 40,924.98
Insurance premiums expense	4,120.00		4,120.00			\$476,106.74	480,226.74	359,362.12
Annuity benefits to members	5,724.00	68.68	5,792.68	3,501.44			9,294.12	4,465.98
Relief payments to ministers							7,140.83	2,199.33
Retired people — GA expenses.....							3,422.50	2,176.80
Total deductions	\$ 90,294.96	\$ 80.77	\$ —	\$ 90,375.73	\$ 19,950.11	\$476,106.74	\$ 586,432.58	\$ 409,129.21
Net increase (decrease) in funds for the year	\$ 603,238.16	\$ 20,717.97	\$ 4,761.53	\$ 628,717.66	\$ 42,512.50	(\$ 6,628.78)	\$ 664,601.38	\$ 587,324.90
Fund balance beginning of year	1,447,928.39	45,657.39	31,555.13	1,525,140.91	179,227.69	16,832.47	1,721,201.07	1,133,876.17
Fund balance end of year	\$2,051,166.55	\$ 66,375.36	\$ 36,316.66	\$2,153,858.57	\$221,740.19	\$ 10,203.69	\$2,385,802.45	\$1,721,201.07

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "C"

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICASCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Ministers Annuity Fund	Lay Annuity Fund	Ministers Relief Fund	1978 Totals	1977 Totals
Salaries and benefits	\$30,402.07			\$30,402.07	\$15,944.32
Payroll taxes	1,595.98			1,595.98	799.12
Audit	1,790.50			1,790.50	968.50
Actuary fees	9,691.48			9,691.48	7,821.35
Investment fee	17,080.29			17,080.29	1,266.03
Computer expenses	14,439.54			14,439.54	5,712.19
Miscellaneous	2,076.80	\$ 12.09		2,088.89	1,057.27
Printing and promotional ...	934.78		\$5,885.34	6,820.12	5,048.17
Rent	2,186.52			2,186.52	2,308.03
Depreciation of equipment ..	253.00			253.00	—0—
Totals	<u>\$80,450.96</u>	<u>\$ 12.09</u>	<u>\$5,885.34</u>	<u>\$86,348.39</u>	<u>\$40,924.98</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
DECEMBER 31, 1978

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE "1" — Significant Accounting Policies:

(a) Method of Accounting and Financial Reporting:

The books are maintained on a cash basis, however, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.

The statements include the fund transactions and resulting fund balance of the Annuity Fund for Ministers, a defined benefit pension plan of the Presbyterian Church in America, however, they do not purport to present the current value of future benefit payments.

(b) Allocation of Investment Income and Administrative Expenses:

Investment income has been allocated to the various fund groups based on the percentage that the average monthly cash basis fund balance of each fund bears to the average monthly cash fund balance totals.

Administrative and general expenses, not directly identified with and charged to a particular fund, have been allocated to the Ministers Annuity Fund.

(c) Valuation of Security Investments:

Security investments are valued in the Fund's annual audited financial statements at market value.

NOTE "2" — Security Investments:

Except for demand deposits in a savings account, the investment assets of the Fund are held by a bank-administered trust fund.

During the year ended December 31, 1978, the book value (cost adjusted for nominal amounts of purchase premiums and discounts) of these investments increased by \$920,407.73; however, when valued at market, the increase amounted to \$799,810.40 as follows:

Contributions (Members' dues invested)	\$750,000.00
Dividends and interest income	150,654.36
Realized appreciation of marketable investments	19,753.37
Total increase in book value	\$920,407.73
Less: Unrealized depreciation of marketable investments	(120,597.32)
Total increase in funds valued at market	<u>\$799,810.40</u>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following table presents the aggregate market value and book value, respectively, for each of the Fund's significant investment categories held by Deposit Guaranty National Bank:

Investment Categories	12/31/78		Unrealized
	Market Value	Book Value	Appreciation (Depreciation)
Cash	\$ 881.92	\$ 881.92	\$ —0—
Commercial notes	823,000.00	823,000.00	—0—
U.S. Treasury Notes	373,592.50	397,644.12	(24,051.62)
U.S. Government Bonds	225,718.75	250,000.00	(24,281.25)
Corporate Bonds — Debentures	485,058.00	544,489.09	(59,431.09)
Corporate Bonds — First Mortgages	188,408.50	212,688.41	(24,279.91)
Corporate Stocks	314,715.37	324,233.80	(9,518.43)
	<u>\$2,411,375.04</u>	<u>\$2,552,937.34</u>	<u>(\$ 141,562.30)</u>

Investment Categories	12/31/77		Unrealized
	Market Value	Book Value	Appreciation (Depreciation)
Cash	\$ 976.40	\$ 976.40	\$ —0—
Commercial notes	19,000.00	19,000.00	—0—
U.S. Treasury Notes	394,734.00	396,993.25	(2,259.25)
U.S. Government Bonds	245,624.50	250,000.00	(4,375.50)
Corporate Bonds — Debentures	438,312.50	444,423.49	(6,110.99)
Corporate Bonds — First Mortgages	206,122.50	211,989.00	(5,866.50)
Corporate Stocks	306,794.74	309,147.47	(2,352.73)
	<u>\$1,611,564.64</u>	<u>\$1,632,529.61</u>	<u>(\$ 20,964.97)</u>

NOTE "3" — Actuarial Valuation of the Annuity Fund for Ministers:

An actuarial valuation of the Annuity Fund for Ministers was completed as of January 1, 1978 covering the financial condition of the Plan at that date and the contributions required to adequately fund the plan during the 1978 calendar year. The valuation indicated that the Plan's assets at January 1, 1978, with a 12% rate of dues in the future are adequate to finance the benefits of the official plan on an actuarially sound basis. The present value of future benefits, as of the valuation date, amounted to \$5,215,131, the present value of future normal costs \$4,254,192 resulting in an accrued liability of \$960,939. Plan assets at market value amounted to \$1,447,928 or an excess of assets over accrued liability of \$486,989 as of the valuation date.

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Board of Trustees
 Ridge Haven
 Conference Center of the
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 Brevard, North Carolina

We have examined the balance sheet of Ridge Haven, Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1978, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balance for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as stated in the following paragraph.

Due to the nature of the records, it was impracticable for us to perform all the testing procedures we considered necessary on approximately \$13,000 of operating expenses as presented on Exhibit "B" of the accompanying financial statements.

In our opinion, subject to the effects of any adjustments that might have been required had it been practical to extend our tests of operating expenses of \$13,000 as described above, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of Ridge Haven, Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1978, and results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Certified Public Accountants

March 24, 1979

EXHIBIT "A"

RIDGE HAVEN
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1978

ASSETS

Cash in bank.....		\$ 2,377.15
Funds held by the Committee on Administration (Note "3").....		192,804.99
Property and equipment:		
Land.....	\$ 301,750.00	
Permanent residence.....	33,017.01	
Vehicle.....	3,750.00	
Roads and trails.....	3,413.32	
Water System.....	4,037.00	
Security gates.....	144.00	
	<u>346,111.33</u>	
Total assets.....		<u>\$541,293.47</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.....		\$ 10,770.28
Accrued payroll taxes payable.....		851.20
Note payable (Note "2").....		<u>214,242.50</u>
Total liabilities.....		\$225,863.98
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Appropriated for retirement of long-term debt (Note "4").....	\$ 85,000.00	
Available for site development and operations.....	<u>230,429.49</u>	
Total fund balance.....		<u>315,429.49</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance.....		<u>\$541,293.47</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGE HAVEN
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

Support and revenue:		
Contributions from PCA Foundation		\$ 211,556.12
Contributions from Challenge Fund		113,681.85
Contributions — Other		19,993.12
Investment income		16,862.26
Total support and revenue		\$ 362,093.35
Expenses:		
Administrator's salary and benefits	\$ 7,268.67	
Maintenance supervisor's salary and benefits	6,496.45	
Other salary and benefits	4,297.90	
Total personnel cost	\$ 18,063.02	
Committee meetings	5,379.00	
Tools and supplies	684.44	
Blueprints	180.00	
Vehicle repairs	1,158.86	
Travel	3,435.73	
Gas	462.25	
Printing	318.18	
Legal	2,528.47	
Utilities	356.69	
Survey	2,242.00	
Promotion	450.30	
Postage	10.20	
Planner consultant	10,518.40	
Insurance	753.00	
Miscellaneous	123.32	
Total expenses		<u>46,663.86</u>
Excess support and revenue over expenses		\$ 315,429.49
Fund balance — beginning of year		<u>—</u>
Fund balance — end of year		<u>\$ 315,429.49</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGE HAVEN
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1978**

NOTE "1" — Significant Accounting Policies:**Method of Accounting:**

The Conference Center's financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. On this basis, expenditures for equipment and site improvements have been capitalized. No provision for depreciation has been made for 1978, since most of the site improvements were either still in progress at December 31, 1978, or were placed in use near the end of 1978.

Substantially all financial support for the Conference Center is received by the Committee on Administration and then either routed to the Conference Center, disbursed on its behalf, or held by the Committee for the Center.

NOTE "2" — NOTE PAYABLE:

In April, 1978, the Presbyterian Church in America purchased 710 acres of land in Transylvania County, North Carolina, on which the Conference Center is to be constructed. The property was purchased with a downpayment of \$87,507.50 and an executed note for the balance of \$214,242.50. The note is secured by a deed of trust on the property and is payable in equal, consecutive, annual installments of \$30,606.07, with the first installment to become due on April 10, 1982. Interest payments are at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually with the first installment due April 10, 1979. The note may be paid in whole or in part at any time without penalty after 1978.

NOTE "3" — Funds Held by Committee on Administration:

As stated in Note "1", substantially all funds for the Conference Center are received and accounted for by the Committee on Administration. As of December 31, 1978, the Committee on Administration held funds available for the Conference Center in the amount of \$192,804.99. This balance resulted from transactions summarized as follows:

Contributions from the PCA Challenge Fund.....		\$ 113,681.85
Contributions from PCA Foundation.....		211,556.12
Other contributions.....		3,840.00
Investment earnings.....		<u>16,824.12</u>
Total funds available.....		\$ 345,902.09
Funds disbursed:		
Transfers to Conference Center		
bank accounts.....	\$ 8,484.26	
COA expenditures on behalf of Conference		
Center development and operations.....	<u>144,612.84</u>	
Total funds disbursed.....		153,097.10
Funds held by COA at 12/31/78.....		<u>\$ 192,804.99</u>

NOTE "4" — Fund Balance Appropriation:

During 1978, \$100,000.00 was set aside and subsequently changed to \$85,000.00 for the purpose of retiring indebtedness on the Conference Center property. The appropriation is to cover the first three years of interest payments as well as the fourth year's principal and interest payments.

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The Board of Directors
Presbyterian Church in America
Columbus, Georgia

We have examined the balance sheets of the permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries, the Five in Five Fund, and the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation as of December 31, 1978, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Additionally, we have examined the financial statements of the Insurance and Annuities Trust Fund and Ridge Haven, a conference center of Presbyterian Church in America as to which our reports are presented under separate letters. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as stated in the following paragraph.

Because of the location of properties and due to the nature of the records it was impracticable for us to physically examine or adequately test values assigned to certain properties and inventories carried by Committee for Mission to the World and Committee for Christian Education and Publications as of December 31, 1978 as follows:

Committee for Mission to the World—Foreign property, presented on Exhibit "A" in the amount of \$141,844.

Committee for Christian Education & Publications — Inventories of education materials and supplies presented on Exhibit "A" in the amount of \$32,688.

The Committee for Mission to the World has recognized the cost of foreign property as program expense in the year the expenditure is made, with adjustments to fund balance in order to present the residual values discussed in the preceding paragraph and as described in Note "2" of the financial statements as of December 31, 1978. The Committee for Christian Education & Publications does not recognize, in its financial statements, earnings or equity of Great Commission Publications, Inc., a joint venture described in Note "8" to the financial statements. The net effect of this practice was not determined as of December 31, 1978, however, the Committee's share of such earnings and equity amounted to \$3,909.00 at June 30, 1978. The Five in Five Fund does not provide for possible collection losses on unsecured loans to churches discussed in Note "13" to financial statements.

In our opinion, subject to the collection of all loans to churches and the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required to foreign property and educational materials inventory values had it been practicable for us to apply additional auditing procedures, and except for the effects of expensing the cost of foreign property and non-recognition of earnings and equity in joint venture as discussed in the preceding paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the previously mentioned permanent committees and sub-committees of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1978, and the results of their operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Certified Public Accountants

April 9, 1979

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1978
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977**

	Permanent Committees				Sub-Committees			1977	1976
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publications	Mission to the U.S.	Mission to the World	Five In Five	Stewardship Ministries	PCA Foundation	Memo- random Totals	Memo- random Totals
Assets									
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 30	\$ 37,440	\$ 1,255	\$ 80,420	\$ 1,755	\$ 12,007	\$ 11,943	\$ 144,850	\$ 161,004
Cash in savings deposits	43,688	26,070	88,222	1,000	59,795			218,775	462,723
Investments — Note "5"	202,870		50,814	220,375	25,407			499,466	301,847
Accounts and deposits									
receivable — Notes "14" & "15"	789	15,216	966	46,602	58,000	1,600	9,728	132,901	41,076
Accrued interest receivable	4,756		776	3,077				8,609	4,355
Note receivable — Coordinator — Note "9"		10,000						10,000	10,000
Inventory (at cost)		32,688						32,688	23,746
Other miscellaneous assets			823		2,871		185	3,879	21,159
Property & equipment:									
United States — Note "2"	13,343	18,501	24,810	41,209		8,899	7,420	114,182	101,193
Foreign — Note "2"				141,844				141,844	152,941
Total assets	\$ 265,476	\$ 139,915	\$ 167,666	\$ 534,527	\$ 147,828	\$ 22,506	\$ 29,276	\$ 1,307,194	\$ 1,280,044
Liabilities and Fund Balance									
Liabilities:									
Bank overdraft — Note "6"	\$ 25,217							\$ 25,217	\$ 41,298
Accounts payable	2,945	\$ 25,106	\$ 5,752	\$ 4,283	\$ 465	\$ 3,266	\$ 673	42,490	41,982
Note payable — Note "16"				16,551			2,198	18,749	5,372
Other miscellaneous liabilities	4,931	7,727	3,082	1,712	16	273	1,624	19,365	4,341
Funds held for conference center — Note "11"	192,805							192,805	—
Channel funds	82						1,543	1,625	3,041
Deferred income for 1979							3,250	3,250	—
Total liabilities	\$ 225,980	\$ 32,833	\$ 8,834	\$ 22,546	\$ 481	\$ 3,539	\$ 9,288	\$ 303,501	\$ 96,034
Fund balance:									
Unrestricted — Exhibit "B"	\$ 30,234	\$ 106,356	\$ 110,560	\$ 308,652	\$ 147,347	\$ 18,967	\$ 10,241	\$ 732,357	\$ 659,718
Restricted — Exhibit "C"	9,262	726	48,272	203,329			9,747	271,336	524,292
Total fund balances	\$ 39,496	\$ 107,082	\$ 158,832	\$ 511,981	\$ 147,347	\$ 18,967	\$ 19,988	\$ 1,003,693	\$ 1,184,010
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 265,476	\$ 139,915	\$ 167,666	\$ 534,527	\$ 147,828	\$ 22,506	\$ 29,276	\$ 1,307,194	\$ 1,280,044

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Permanent Committees			Sub-Committees			1977 Memo- random Totals	
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publications	Mission to the U.S.	Mission to the World	Five In Five	Stewardship Ministries		PCA Foundation
Support and revenue:								
Donations & contributions	\$124,748	\$384,091	\$535,562	\$393,472	\$169,233	\$ 130	\$ 2,078	\$1,609,314
Investment income	3,197	1,275	9,114	16,570	780	543	166	31,645
Program income (Literature sales net of expenses of \$79,438 and \$50,716)		14,633		(7,253)				14,633
Other support & revenue (deficit)		90				80,271	25,000	(7,163)
Contributions from permanent committees								105,271
Total support & revenue	\$127,945	\$400,089	\$544,676	\$402,789	\$170,013	\$ 80,944	\$ 27,244	\$1,753,700
Expenses:								
Missionary support, projects & evangelism ministries	\$ 57,383	\$344,468	\$ 38,915	\$ 38,915				\$ 440,766
Administrative & other program expense	93,034	\$227,591	187,135	330,192	\$ 37,126	\$ 87,334	\$ 32,275	994,687
Contributions to G.C.P., Inc. Note "8"		110,500						110,500
General Assembly expense	3,737	13,431	7,473	15,846				40,487
Contributions to sub-committees	10,832	35,689	21,548	37,709				105,778
Depreciation	1,731	2,551	3,882	5,472		999	822	15,457
Total expenses	\$166,717	\$389,762	\$564,506	\$428,134	\$ 37,126	\$ 88,333	\$ 33,097	\$1,707,675
Excess of support & revenue over expenses (expenses over support & revenue)	(\$ 38,772)	\$ 10,327	(\$ 19,830)	(\$ 25,345)	\$132,887	(\$ 7,389)	(\$ 5,853)	\$ 46,025
Other changes in fund balances:								
Inter-fund transfer from restricted funds — Note "10"				25,801				15,000
Net decrease in basis of property & equipment:								
United States		(1,532)						
Foreign				(11,097)				478
Inter-fund transfer of equipment								
Adjustment to reclassify beginning fund balance				(1,096)				(462)
Fund balance beginning of year	69,006	98,039	130,390	320,389	14,460	26,356	1,078	75,581
Fund balance end of year	\$ 30,234	\$106,356	\$110,560	\$308,652	\$147,347	\$ 18,967	\$ 10,241	\$1,416,339

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Permanent Committees				Mission to the World	PCA Foundation	1978		1977	
	Adminis- tration	Christian Education & Publications	Mission to the U.S.	Mission to the World			Memo- randum Totals	Memo- randum Totals		
Support and revenue:										
Donations	\$ 3,840		\$ 94,360	\$1,370,859	\$ 82,200	\$1,551,259	\$1,342,449			
Investment income	17,777	\$ 35			1,485	19,297	12,580			
Loss realized on liquidation of securities					(23,586)	(23,586)	—			
Conference center funds	211,556					211,556	—			
Total support and revenue	\$233,173	\$ 35	\$ 94,360	\$1,370,859	\$ 60,099	\$1,758,526	\$1,355,029			
Expenses:										
Missionary support projects and evangelism ministries		\$ 5	\$ 74,977	\$1,337,381	\$ 2,015	\$1,412,358	\$1,075,969			
Administrative expenses			305			2,325	6,526			
Youth Ministry Manual						—	32,018			
Contributions to PCA Foundation	\$345,902				211,556	—	15,000			
Conference center expenses	33					557,458	—			
Other miscellaneous disbursements	\$345,935	\$ 5	\$ 75,282	\$1,337,381	\$213,571	\$1,972,174	2,106			
Total expenses	(\$112,762)	\$ 30	\$ 19,078	\$ 33,478	(\$153,472)	(\$ 213,648)	\$ 223,410			
Excess of support and revenue over expenses (excess over support and revenue)										
Other changes in fund balances:										
Inter-fund transfers to unrestricted funds				(25,801)	(15,000)					
Adjustment to reclassify beginning fund balance				1,031	462					
Fund balances beginning of year	122,024	696	29,194	194,621	177,757					
Fund balances end of year (Note "17")	\$ 9,262	\$ 726	\$ 48,272	\$ 203,329	\$ 9,747					

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

	Balance 1/1/78	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/78
Administration:				
Capital Challenge	\$ 113,682	\$ 232,220	\$ 345,902	\$ —0—
Coordinator's auto fund	32	—0—	32	—0—
Notebook fund	261	29	—0—	290
College fund	55	6	—0—	61
Gifts to others	7,994	917	—0—	8,911
Total Administration	\$122,024	\$233,172	\$ 345,934	\$ 9,262
Christian Education & Publications:				
Scholarship fund	\$ 691	\$ 35	\$ —0—	\$ 726
Love gift	5	—0—	5	—0—
Total Christian Education & Publications	\$ 696	\$ 35	\$ 5	\$ 726
Mission to the World:				
Missionary support	\$131,337	\$ 44,763	\$ 45,538	\$130,562
Projects	43,198	20,200	14,544	48,854
Field Funds — Brazil	3,700	—0—	700	3,000
Missionary support reserve PCA/Others	16,386	4,527	—0—	20,913
Total Mission to the World	\$194,621	\$ 69,490	\$ 60,782	\$203,329
Foundation:				
Conference Center	\$177,757	\$ 60,561	\$ 228,571	\$ 9,747
Total Foundation	\$177,757	\$ 60,561	\$ 228,571	\$ 9,747
Mission to the U.S.:				
Organizing pastors	\$ 14,746	\$ 53,212	\$ 62,415	\$ 5,543
New York & Deland work	50	2,750	2,800	—0—
Builders Build Aid	5,576	3,570	9,146	—0—
Other ministry funds	119	—0—	119	—0—
Mission Chapels	—0—	34,828	—0—	34,828
Communications	8,703	—0—	802	7,901
Total Mission to the U.S.	\$ 29,194	\$ 94,360	\$ 75,282	\$ 48,272
Total all funds	\$524,292	\$ 457,618	\$ 710,574	\$271,336

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
DECEMBER 31, 1978**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE "1 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The books of the four permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries, the Five in Five Fund, and the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation are maintained substantially on a cash basis; however, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, except that expenditures by the Committee for Mission to the World for property and equipment acquired for use in foreign countries has been recognized as program expenses in the year the expenditures were made. Expenditures for equipment acquired for the use of the committees in the United States have been capitalized and depreciation recognized as expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation of foreign property and equipment has been recognized only with respect to the value of such property included in the balance sheet as assets of the Committee for Mission to the World as described in Note "2". No provision has been made for uncollectible loans to Churches as discussed in Note "13". All contributions received are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Funds received as gifts for individuals or to support the activities of other agencies are classified as "Channel Funds" and are passed directly to the recipients without being recognized as support or expense of the designated committee.

Each committee maintains its own separate accounts and conducts its programs independently as set forth in the By-laws of the Corporation or by direction of the General Assembly. The operations of the Sub-Committees are substantially supported by the permanent committees.

NOTE "2" — Property, Equipment and Depreciation:

(a) Equipment acquired for use in the United States:

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. An average rate of ten percent (10%) per year has been applied after allowing for estimated salvage value. At December 31, 1978 the cost for such assets less accumulated depreciation was as follows:

	COA	CEP	MUS	MTW	Steward- ship	Founda- tion
Cost.....	\$18,291	\$28,136	\$35,105	\$50,078	\$10,144	\$ 8,460
Depreciation	(4,948)	(9,635)	(10,295)	(8,869)	(1,245)	(1,040)
Total	<u>\$13,343</u>	<u>\$18,501</u>	<u>\$24,810</u>	<u>\$41,209</u>	<u>\$ 8,899</u>	<u>\$ 7,420</u>

(b) Property and equipment acquired by the Committee for Mission to the World for use in foreign countries:

Depreciation of foreign property and equipment has not been recognized as expense as explained in Note "1", however, a depreciation allowance has been provided in the accompanying statements in order to write off the values of these assets over their estimated useful lives, with corresponding charges being made directly to fund balance.

At December 31, 1978, the residual value of assets located in foreign countries amounted to \$141,844 as follows:

Land, buildings and equipment.....	\$167,202
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>25,358</u>
Residual value.....	<u>\$141,844</u>

NOTE "3" — Pension Plan:

The Committees are participating in the "Annuity Fund for Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in America" and the "Employees Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Contributions to the Plans are made in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Agreement and are charged to expense currently.

NOTE "4" — Lease Agreements:

Each committee is obligated under a separate lease for their office space as follows:

Committee on Administration — Annual lease payable in monthly installments of \$447 for an annual cost of \$5,366, shared by the Insurance and Annuity Fund, and expires June 30, 1979.

Committee for Christian Education & Publications — The Committee is obligated at December 31, 1978 under two long-term leases for office space in Decatur, Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama, respectively. The office space in Decatur is leased at an annual cost

of \$18,750 payable in monthly installments of \$1,562, and the lease will expire October 31, 1981. Office space in Montgomery is leased at an annual cost of \$1,474 payable in monthly installments of \$123 and the lease will expire October 31, 1980.

Committee for Mission to the United States — Long-term lease payable in monthly installments of \$775 subject to an annual increase of 4% beginning October 1, 1979 and each October 1st thereafter, and expires September 13, 1981.

Committee for Mission to the World — Long-term lease payable in monthly installments of \$1,551 subject to annual inflationary adjustments not to exceed 6% in any year and expires October 31, 1981.

Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries — Lease payable in monthly installments of \$271 for an annual cost of \$3,255 and expires September 30, 1979.

Each committee is obligated under separate leases for their office equipment as follows:

Committee for Mission to the United States — Dictaphone equipment is under a lease purchase agreement with a monthly lease charge of \$48 for a total cost of \$1,249. The agreement expires November 29, 1980.

Committee for Mission to the World — Annual leases to Xerox Corporation for duplicating and communications equipment.

NOTE "5" — Investments:

The following investments were held at December 31, 1978

Committee on Administration:

Marketable securities are stated at cost which is \$2,836 less than market at December 31, 1978 as follows

<u>Face Amount</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
101,000	Philadelphia Electric (11% Bond due 1980)	\$104,283	\$101,126
126,000	Fidelity Bank (7-3/4% Bond due 1996)	98,587	104,580
		<u>\$202,870</u>	<u>\$205,706</u>

Committee for Mission to the World:

Marketable securities are carried at cost. Cost exceeded market value by \$3,031 at December 31, 1978 as follows:

<u>Face Amount</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
90,000	U.S. Treasury bills due Jan., Feb. & Mar., 1979	\$ 88,186	\$ 88,186	\$ -0-
97,000	Philadelphia Electric 11% 80RG	100,152	97,121	(3,031)
	Ready Asset Account	1,375	1,375	-0-
		<u>\$189,713</u>	<u>\$186,682</u>	<u>(\$ 3,031)</u>

Real estate held for investment purposes is stated at its fair market value at the date of gift in the amount of \$30,000, plus closing costs of \$662. The investment represents 10 acres of land in Marietta, Georgia received from donor in December, 1977.

Presbyterian Church in America Foundation:

The Foundation was the holder of 250 shares of stock in two corporations at December 31, 1977 which were valued at an estimated liquidation value of \$116,995. Liquidation procedures were completed in 1978 from which distributions of \$93,369 were received, resulting in a loss of \$23,586 as follows:

Estimated liquidation value	\$116,955
Distribution received	93,369
Loss of liquidation	<u>\$ 23,586</u>

Claims receivable of \$904 were excluded from distributions received in 1978, however, the Foundation's interest in a mortgage note receivable valued at \$9,628 is included. Payments due under the note are to be collected by the donor and remitted to the Foundation quarterly.

NOTE "6" — Committee on Administration — Bank Overdraft — \$25,217:

All available monies are deposited to a savings account in the American Federal Savings & Loan Association for the purpose of earning the maximum interest on money available to

the Committee on a temporary basis. Transfer deposits are timed and made from savings to the checking account in Trust Company Bank of Columbus in order to insure that sufficient money is on hand when a check is presented for payment. The overdraft of \$25,217 actually represented an overdraft per books due to checks being written and recorded on December 31, 1978, but which did not clear the bank until later in January, 1979. Funds available to cover the overdraft at December 31, 1978 were held by American Federal Savings & Loan Association in the amount of \$23,086 together with a deposit in transit of \$20,602. The bank statement of the checking account with Trust Company Bank of Columbus showed a balance of \$21,796 at December 31, 1978, which was an adequate amount to cover checks clearing prior to the next deposit in January, 1979.

NOTE "7" — Committee on Administration — Conference Center Site & Development:

The Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America approved the establishment of a permanent Sub-Committee for the purpose of purchasing and developing a site for a conference center. This sub-committee is to work under the Committee on Administration. In 1978, a conference center site was purchased in North Carolina and site development was initiated. The Fifth General Assembly authorized the use of the Challenge Fund together with gifts to the PCA Foundation to acquire a site for the conference center. As of December 31, 1978, the Committee on Administration held funds totaling \$192,805 for use in developing the conference site.

This balance resulted from transactions summarized as follows:

Balance from Challenge Fund		\$113,682
Funds received from PCA Foundation		211,556
Other contributions		3,840
Investment earnings		16,824
Total funds available		<u>\$345,902</u>
Transfer to Conference Center bank accounts	\$ 8,484	
Expenditures on behalf of Conference Center development & operations	144,613	<u>153,097</u>
Funds held by Conference Center 12/31/78		<u>\$192,805</u>

NOTE "8" — Committee for Christian Education and Publications Contributions to Great Commission Publications, Inc.:

Great Commission Publications, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, jointly owned by the Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Christian Education Committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as approved by the Third General Assembly in September, 1975. Contributions to the Corporation, shown as expense on Exhibit "B", amounted to \$110,500 for 1978 and \$109,200 for 1977 to support general operations of the venture.

NOTE "9" — Committee for Christian Education and Publications Note Receivable — Coordinator:

The Committee loaned its Coordinator \$10,000 on November 12, 1976 to assist him in securing a place of residence in Montgomery, Alabama. The note is due on demand within a period not to exceed five years from the original date of the note, or upon termination of employment. It is to bear interest at a rate of 5% per year, which is to be paid from any net gain realized from the sale of the residence, not to exceed the net gain realized and to be secured by a second mortgage on the residence.

It was necessary for the Coordinator to sell the Montgomery residence and acquire a new residence in Decatur, Georgia as a result of the relocation of the Committee offices in 1978.

NOTE "10" — Presbyterian Church in America Foundation Appropriation of Restricted Funds for Operations:

A Challenge Gift of \$20,000 was offered to and accepted by the Fifth General Assembly in September, 1977. The gift was to support the 1978 Foundation budget and was contingent upon the Assembly's commitment of \$25,000 to the Foundation during 1978. A transfer of \$5,000 from this gift was made in November, 1977 to the unrestricted fund to support 1977 operations. The remaining balance of \$15,000 was transferred to the unrestricted fund to support 1978 operations.

NOTE "11" — Committee for Mission to the World — Medical Insurance Fund:

The Committee provides comprehensive medical coverage for missionary and staff personnel through a self-administered medical insurance program in coordination with the Christian Medical Society. The plan with the Christian Medical Society is a \$1,000 deductible policy underwritten by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Coverage of the first \$1,000 is provided by the Committee's medical insurance plan on the basis of \$100

deductible per year for each family member, with a maximum of \$300 deductible per family per year. The cash transactions and changes in the fund for 1978 and 1977 are summarized as follows:

	1978	1977
Income from premiums, etc.	\$ 41,173	\$ 20,169
Benefits and expenses paid.....	(51,577)	(10,823)
Transfers.....	-0-	(1,022)
Net increase (decrease)	(\$ 10,404)	\$ 8,324
Beginning balance January 1	23,805	15,481
Ending balance December 31	<u>\$ 13,401</u>	<u>\$ 23,805</u>

NOTE "12" — Committee for Mission to the United States — Appropriation of Unrestricted Funds:

On December 29, 1977, the Committee adopted a policy to place all gifts of \$10,000 or more into a separate fund for the support of specific ministries or to be used for special one-time projects. In its meeting of December 14, 1978, the Committee approved the return of the appropriated funds to unappropriated fund balance account.

NOTE "13" — Committee for Mission to the United States — Five in Five Fund Church Loans Receivable:

The General Assembly approved a five year, five million dollar capital funds campaign at its meeting in September of 1977. The Committee for Mission to the United States subsequently established the Five in Five Fund for the purpose of making loans to churches for their building programs. Unsecured non-interest bearing loans of \$48,000 and \$10,000 were made in 1978 and 1977 respectively. No provision has been made for uncollectible loans in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE "14" — Committee for Mission to the World — Vehicle Loans to Missionaries:

In accordance with Committee action in November, 1977, loans have been made to missionaries to finance the purchase of personal vehicles. The loans are repayable in monthly installments with interest rates based on the average return on MTW investments at the date of the loan. Eight loans were made during 1978 with varying degrees of interest, ranging from 5-1/2% to 8.3%. Loans for the year totaled \$29,451 on which \$4,121 was paid, leaving a balance receivable of \$25,330 as of December 31, 1978.

NOTE "15" — Committee for Mission to the World — Advances to Missionaries and their Work:

In February, 1978, the Committee adopted a policy of treating work budget allotments as "advances" beginning with the first quarter of 1978. Prior to 1978, these advances were expensed directly as missionary support. Under the new policy, the work budget advances are charged to expenses as an accounting is received from the missionaries. This change resulted in an unexpended balance in work budget advances of \$12,820 and is included with other advances to missionaries on Exhibit "A" as of December 31, 1978.

NOTE "16" — Committee for Mission to the World — Notes Payable Office Equipment:

The Committee is obligated on two notes amounting to \$16,551 at December 31, 1978 as follows:

	Total Amount	Monthly Installment	Balance Due
IBM Corporation			
Mag Card II Typewriter.....	\$ 11,051	\$ 230	\$ 11,051
Chase Manhattan Service Corp.			
Telephone Equipment.....	6,980	177	5,500
			<u>\$ 16,551</u>

NOTE "17" — Committee for Mission to the World — Restricted Fund Balance Missionary Support:

The credit balance carried in this account represented the combined total of unexpended missionary support after reduction for support account deficits recorded for certain missionaries. Subsidiary ledger balances for individual missionaries totaling \$130,561 at December 31, 1978 are summarized as follows:

	Support Account Balances		
	<u>Unexpended</u>	<u>(Deficits)</u>	<u>Net</u>
Balance per books 12/31/78	<u>\$228,755</u>	<u>(\$ 81,933)</u>	\$146,822
Application of work budget advances as to 12/31/78			(14,776)
Accounts payable chargeable to support accounts as of 12/31/78			<u>(1,485)</u>
Net missionary support to restricted fund balance			<u>\$130,561</u>

**NOTE "18" — Restatement of Beginning Unrestricted Fund Balances:
Presbyterian Church in America Foundation:**

Memorial gifts in the amount of \$3,041 were incorrectly included as unrestricted income for 1977, resulting in an overstatement of income, an understatement of liabilities and overstatement of fund balance of \$3,041 for the year. The comparative totals for 1977 and the beginning fund balance for 1978 presented in this report, have been restated in order to properly recognize memorial gifts of \$3,041 as a channel fund liability.

Committee for Mission to the United States — Five in Five Fund:

A gift made to the Five in Five Fund which was designated for a specific church in 1977, was incorrectly treated in the prior period's financial statements. The gift was recognized as a contribution to the fund and as a loan made to the church. This treatment resulted in an overstatement of church loans receivable, revenue and fund balance of \$7,500 at December 31, 1977. The 1977 totals and the beginning fund balance for 1978 in the accompanying financial statements have been restated to properly recognize the gift as a channel fund received and disbursed.

Appendix B
MINUTES
Board of Directors
Presbyterian Church in America
January 26, 1979

The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church in America convened a called meeting at 9:58 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 1979, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at the Atlanta, Georgia, airport. Chairman R. Langford declared the meeting in session.

A quorum was present, the attendance being as follows:

Teaching Elder Members

Norman A. Bagby
Don K. Clements
Richard R. Harris
Robert L. LaMay
James W. Lipscomb
Frank D. Moser, Secretary
Gordon K. Reed
Paul G. Settle
Morton H. Smith
G. Aiken Taylor

Others

Charles H. Dunahoo
Milton H. (Pappy) Howland
Robert B. Logan
Arthur H. Matthews
John McDavid
Paul McKaughan
Dan M. Moore

Ruling Elder Members

L. B. (Pete) Austin III
Richard Ayres
John T. Clark
Robert Eberst
Ralph M. Langford, Chairman
James E. Wilkerson Jr.
H. S. Williford

The meeting was called "to hear and act upon recommendations from the Fall, 1978, Moderator's Conference concerning proposed changes to the schedule for the 1979 General Assembly".

On motion the Board voted to set the time of the convening of the Seventh (1979) General Assembly at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 1979.

There being no other business properly to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank D. Moser,
Secretary

MINUTES

**Board of Directors
Presbyterian Church in America**

June 20, 1979

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church in America was held at 10:03 p.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 1979, in the Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Ruling Elder Ralph Langford. Teaching Elder Don K. Clements led the Board in prayer.

A quorum was present, attendance being as follows:

Members:

TE Norman A. Bagby, Jr., Collins Presbyterian, Collins, MS
 TE Don K. Clements, Navy Chaplain
 RE Robert Eberst, Kendall Presbyterian, Miami, FL
 TE Richard R. Harris, Wayside Presbyterian, Signal Mountain, TN
 TE Robert L. LaMay, Church of the Living Word PCA, Volant, PA
 RE Ralph M. Langford, Moderator, First Presbyterian, Gadsden, AL
 TE Frank D. Moser, Secretary, Sovereign Grace, Monroeville, PA
 TE Gordon K. Reed, Director, Ridge Haven
 TE G. Aiken Taylor
 RE H. S. Williford, First Presbyterian, Jackson, MS

Visitors:

RE Dan M. Moore, Westminster Presbyterian, Columbus, GA
 RE John E. Spencer, Briarwood Presbyterian, Birmingham, AL

On motion the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 1979, were approved.

On motion the Board of Directors voted to adjourn and was led in prayer by H. S. Williford at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank D. Moser, Secretary

Appendix C

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

I. General Comments

Fathers and Brethren, your Board of Trustees has been pleased to serve the Presbyterian Church in America in carrying out those assignments to the conclusions given herein. We have had two meetings during the year.

To facilitate business, your Board has organized sub-committees as follows:

Insurance

E. C. Cooley

Sam Chester

Investments

Seixas Milner

Robert Oldaker

J. A. Durrenberger

Relief

Tom Barnes

James Lipscomb

Russell Flaxman

Legal

J. Edmund Johnston, Jr.

Robert Sweet

II. Program Summary

Our programs continue to serve a growing number of people. The following tabulation shows the participation in our various programs during the year.

	Number of Participants	
	Dec. 31, 1977	Dec. 31, 1978
Health Insurance	562	666
Annuity Program for Ministers	373	402
Lay Annuity Program	23	26
Supplemental Life Insurance	289	319

III. Insurance Premium Rate

Every year premium rates for the next year are presented to the Assembly. At the time this report is being written, firm rates are not yet available. Your Trustees are attempting to provide continuing superb coverage at very little increase in cost even though we are facing high inflation rates and spiraling costs of medical care. We are pleased to report that so far this year, the cost of medical treatment has been less than projected a year ago. In a related matter, our life insurance record for the year has been excellent. No deaths of insured persons occurred in 1978.

IV. Lay Annuity Fund

Many congregations have lay employees and are making no provisions for their retirement. The Trustees encourage and invite all commissioners to review the participation of their own congregations and consider their responsibilities to their own employees.

V. Annuity Fund for Ministers

The Trustees stand ready to counsel ministers regarding insurance and annuity. We are particularly interested in the needs of the young ministers because of the blandishments of insurance salesmen seeking to lure our ministers to buy competing products. Honest competition is good, and your annuity fund welcomes the opportunity to make a thorough comparison with any competing program. It should be noted that these salesmen are not able to make a thorough comparison because they do not understand our program. Any comparison made by such salesmen can not be complete. Any complete and honest comparison must be done by the PCA Insurance Office. During 1978, such comparisons have been made and in each case our program was shown to provide a greater return for the same dollars invested than the competition.

In summary, the benefits of this program continue to be the best buy available to our ministers. Again, we urge each session to allow us to show you a comparison with whatever other program you might consider for your minister.

VI. Christmas Gift

The income for the year 1978 was \$66,707, a considerable increase over the \$55,940 for 1977. The Fund provides health insurance for retired church servants and their families, without cost to them.

During 1978, the number served in this manner grew from 14 to 20. The Christmas Gift Fund also provided a minimum income of \$6,800 for couples and \$4,800 for individuals, with all regular income included. During 1978, the first two couples were provided this income supplement.

VII. The Economy

The uncertainty of the economy continues to be a cause of concern to your Trustees. In this time of confusion, many self-styled prophets have blossomed. These prophets have projected a wide range of future scenarios. For instance, *Gold Newsletter* predicts explosive inflation. On the other hand, Thomas Hold predicts surprising deflation. James Dines pre-

dicts that there will be no hyperinflation but deflation. Harry Browne says, "The basic approach to gold, silver and foreign currencies that I have relied on for so many years must now be abandoned — not because it didn't work, but because it served its purpose and that approach must now be replaced with something else."

Gary North, in his Oct/Nov 1978 *Tentmakers*, even questions the whole idea of having a pension. He raises three major objections.

First, he shows the case of a member whose pension was reduced to zero by a three-week lay off out of a thirty-year career. We are pleased to report that this case can not happen in our fund. All members are fully vested after two years of service.

The second case is that of pensions purchased at the expense of conscience; meaning that a pastor's pension could be used as a lever forcing him to take certain theological positions.

We are pleased to report that this case can not happen in our fund. The vested funds can only be used for the benefit of the members and their families on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The third problem North raises is that of inflation. He reports that between 1958 and 1977 the Consumer Price Index rose at a compound rate of 4% per year, and that more recent years have shown a higher rate of inflation. The question is where do we go from here? Is it possible that double digit inflation will be present for the indefinite future? The Trustees will have a real challenge in meeting or exceeding the rate of inflation. The magnitude of this problem shows the importance of having competent, astute, and interested members of the Trustees. We trust that the commissioners will recognize their responsibility to locate and elect suitable men as Trustees.

North raises questions about the social security program. He seems to feel that this is a group problem. The Trustees feel that this is an individual decision. Let each minister examine his option (to opt out of the program in his first 24 months) and make his own decision.

Finally, North states "that pensions encourage men to retire". He holds up the example of Moses who conveniently stayed on the payroll until he was 120 years old and died, leaving no dependents. Few of our people would find this to be a suitable plan. Most would want to retire at some age.

The Trustees do not require anyone to retire. What the Trustees are offering to our members is the opportunity to choose to retire with dignity. If this be sin, then we plead guilty.

VIII. Recommendations

1. That the General Assembly approve the Health insurance rates for the next year.
2. That the General Assembly encourage all congregations to participate in the pension plan on behalf of their ministers and lay employees.

Appendix D

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Members:

TEACHING ELDERS

Thomas Llewelyn, Chairman
Robert Korn
Donald Esty
William Frisbee, Alternate
Morton Smith, Ex officio

RULING ELDERS

W. D. Carmichael (resigned)
Hugh Potts
Ligon Duncan (resigned)
Frank Horton, Alternate
— replaced Mr. Carmichael

The Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations held two meetings — in Jackson, Mississippi, September 25, 1978, in St. Louis, Missouri, February 21-22, 1979, and a meeting by conference call, March 22, 1979.

At our first meeting, we elected the Chairman and received the resignation of Ruling Elder W. D. Carmichael. Mr. Frank Horton, Alternate, was designated to fill Mr. Carmichael's place on the Committee. We made plans for our full Committee to be present in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 21-22, 1979, to "discuss the factors involved with and the possibility of working toward a merger of the PCA with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, with the understanding that the discussions do not imply commitment to ultimate merger." (*Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, p. 120, par. 6-112).

The Rev. Thomas Llewelyn, the Rev. Morton Smith, and Ruling Elders Walter Lastovica and Frank Horton were named as representatives to the meeting of NAPARC, which met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 27-28, 1978. The Council issued an invitation to the NAPARC Churches to hold concurrent assemblies and synods at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1982. The Committee will recommend that we participate in Recommendation 4.

The second meeting of the Committee was held at St. Louis, Missouri, on February 22-23, 1979, along with the Interchurch Relations Committees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. We spent the morning sharing the statistics of our respective denominations. It may be interesting to note that the two Churches with whom we are speaking have 308 churches, 622 ministers, 30,039 communicant members, 41,378 total membership (communicant and non-communicant, not including ministers).

The Joint Committees adopted the following motion:

"It is the opinion of the Joint Committees of the Fraternal Relations Committees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, that as Presbyterian Churches, committed to a common faith as set forth in the Westminster Standards, and to the Presbyterian form of government, and to a common testimony to the purity of the Church, we have a basis for merger of the three Churches. We, therefore, recommend to the respective Committees that they each recommend to their Churches the continuation of consultations with a plan of merger in view."

After approval by the Joint Committees, the motion was then considered by each of the three delegations. It was approved by all of the delegations. Your Sub-Committee is not uniform in the extent of its commitment toward such a plan. We are united, however, in desiring to know the mind of the PCA Assembly on this matter. We believe that we should proceed on this course only if there is a real mandate expressed by the Assembly to do so. For this reason, we are recommending the continuation in the consultation, but also are requesting that a three-fourths vote of those present and voting be required for passage.

If the Assembly desires us to proceed, we feel that we need the help of a special sub-committee to continue this consultation with continuity, and we ask for this help in Recommendation 3.

At the St. Louis meeting the resignation of Ruling Elder Ligon Duncan was received and acted upon. He stated that he could not serve for health reasons. We accepted his resignation.

The following have been asked to serve as fraternal delegates to the Churches indicated:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Rev. Gordon Reed

Christian Reformed Church

No representative since the meeting is at the same time as our Assembly. A letter of greeting has been sent from the Chairman of the Committee.

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Rev. Eric Perrin and a R. E. from Ascension Presbytery

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

Rev. Robert Korn and Ruling Elder Ligon Duncan

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America

Rev. Alvin W. Smith, Jr. and a R.E. from Ascension Presbytery

The Committee authorized the Chairman to respond in behalf of the Committee to Communication 1 to the Sixth General Assembly from the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Orange, California.

Finally, in Recommendation 1, we commend to the Assembly and urge attendance at the three National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship Congress meetings this summer.

July 9-14 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 16-21 Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania

July 23-28 Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Assembly commend the summer National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship Congress meetings to all its churches, and urge attendance at these meetings.
2. That the Assembly approve the statement adopted by the joint meeting of the Fraternal Relations Committees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and authorize the continuation of consultations with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, with a plan of merger in view. The Committee recommends a 3/4 vote of those present and voting be required to adopt this motion.
3. In the event that the Assembly adopts Recommendation 2, the Committee recommends that a Special Sub-Committee of seven be named to represent the PCA in future consultations with a plan of merger in view. This Special Sub-Committee to consist of the Chairman of the Interchurch Relations Committee and three Ruling Elders and three Teaching Elders selected from the following nominees:

TEACHING ELDERS

James Baird
Gordon Reed
Richard Fraser
G. Aiken Taylor
Paul G. Settle

RULING ELDERS

W. Jack Williamson
Thurston Futch
L.B. Austin III
William Stevenson
Kenneth Ryskamp
Richard Ayres

4. That the Assembly accept the invitation of NAPARC to hold its 1982 meeting at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, concurrently with the other NAPARC Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Llewelyn, Chairman

Appendix E

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS
TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

The Permanent Committee on Judicial Business submits the following report:

The Committee on Judicial Business convened in Atlanta, Georgia, January 26, 1979; February 16, 1979; and March 9, 1979. The Committee performs duties for and reports to the General Assembly on matters of a constitutional nature. In other judicial matters, the Committee functions to advise the Stated Clerk as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. Serving you on the committee this year are:

Teaching Elders

Rev. C. D. Murphy
Rev. John W. P. Oliver
Rev. Thomas A. Cook
Rev. John P. Clelland
Rev. Russell D. Toms

Class of 1982
Class of 1981
Class of 1980
Class of 1979
Alternates

Ruling Elders

John Moore
Judge Ernest E. Mason
James Westlake
R. Larson Mick
Howard Lincoln

At the February 16, 1979 meeting, the resignation of Judge Ernest E. Mason was received with regret.

Actions taken by the Committee on Judicial Business are as follows:

I. ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE

1. Concerning correspondence from Rev. Laurie Vidal, Faith Presbyterian Church, dated December 10, 1978, regarding whether a woman could serve as a trustee of a church, the Committee answered that a trustee is not ordained and is not an officer of the church, and therefore election of a female communing member on the roll of the church as a trustee does not contravene the *BCO* 26-6 and 26-7.

2. Concerning correspondence from Hurbert C. Stewart, Stated Clerk of Evangel Presbytery, dated November 22, 1978, regarding constitutionality of announcing in the church bulletin prior to election day the names of those who have been examined and approved by the Session for office, the Committee answered that although the procedure in question is not specifically prohibited by *BCO* 25-1, it also is not provided for in that section. The procedure in question is not the best procedure. *BCO* 25-1 provides for the Session to examine nominees and then [the Session] to report to the congregation on election day those eligible for election. The Session also is to recommend on election day the number of officers to be elected. The congregation then determines the number of officers to be elected.

3. Concerning correspondence from Stanley E. Thorson, Chairman of the Administration Committee of Kendall Presbyterian Church, dated October 24, 1978, regarding nominees to church office and the proper procedure regarding these nominees, the Committee answered that the Session does not have the authority to delete names of nominees prior to their examination.

4. Concerning correspondence from Rev. James C. Bland, Senior Minister of Kendall Presbyterian Church, regarding the procedure for giving communion to members of the congregation who are unable to attend worship service, the Committee recommended that the following procedure be used when giving communion to members of the congregation who are unable to attend worship service:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper may be administered to those who are ill, elderly or infirm, provided that the Session authorizes an abbreviated service of worship to convene at a specified time and place, following announcement, and with the Teaching Elder and at least one Ruling Elder in attendance.

5. Concerning correspondence from John W. Lee dated October 30, 1978, with regard to the nomination and election procedure of officers, the Committee answered the questions in the letter as follows:

1. That names of eligible male members of the congregation which are submitted to the Session are deemed to be prospective officers under *BCO* 25-1.

2. That pursuant to *BCO* 25-1 all nominees shall be examined by the Session.

3. Under *BCO* 25-1 names properly submitted for nomination cannot be ignored by the Session but "shall be examined" by the Session. The names of those nominees who, after examination, are deemed eligible shall be reported to the congregation on election day. On election day, the number of officers to be elected shall be determined by the congregation after hearing the Session's recommendation.

6. Concerning correspondence from James D. Hatch, dated September 29, 1978, regarding a resolution of Evangel Presbytery calling for a fourth year of training to complete a ministerial candidate's study, the Committee answered the questions as follows:

1. With regard to the first question as to whether the resolution is in conflict with any provisions of the Book of Church Order, *BCO* 19-1 requires the Presbytery to

take control of a candidates's training, and the resolution in question is not in conflict with the *BCO*.

2. In answer to the second question, the resolution would fulfill the spirit of the General Assembly actions on training of ministers.

3. With regard to the problem stated in the third paragraph of the letter, the resolution should not apply to anyone who is currently a candidate, but that any incoming candidate be advised of the requirement for an additional year of preparation. (See proposed changes to the *BCO* found in the minutes of the Sixth General Assembly, pages 115-119.)

4. With regard to the possible conflict between Presbyteries, Presbyteries will have to handle each case on an individual basis during the transitional period.

5. With regard to other observations or suggestions, it is suggested that Presbyteries do not get too far ahead of the actions of the General Assembly on this matter.

7. Concerning correspondence from W. W. Hunt, Clerk of the Session of the Perry (Georgia) Presbyterian Church, dated October 16, 1978, regarding establishing an inactive roll for members who are inactive for a period of 12 months, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly refer this matter back to Central Georgia Presbytery for appropriate action.

8. Concerning correspondence from David G. K. Howe, of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated March 1, 1979, regarding the necessity for an amendment to the *Book of Church Order* to require non-ordained teachers in the church to adhere to the same standards required of church officers in beliefs of faith, Confessional Standards and doctrine, the Committee found that *Book of Church Order* 5-1-3, 9-4, 13-5, and 58-5, question 5, adequately deals with the subject.

II. ADVICE TO STATED CLERK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Concerning Overture No. 2 to the Seventh General Assembly from Presbytery of Southern Florida, the Clerk of the General Assembly was advised to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration for study.

2. Concerning Overture No. 20 to the Seventh General Assembly from the Central Georgia Presbytery requesting a change in procedures to give some continuity to the makeup of the Nominating Committee, the Committee found that Overture No. 20 was in order and advised the Clerk of the General Assembly to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business, without recommendation.

3. Concerning Overture No. 6 to the Seventh General Assembly from Evangel Presbytery, and Overture No. 9 to the Seventh General Assembly from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, both of which requested changes in the Rules of Tenure of the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Committee found that both overtures were in order and advised the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to refer them to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration with an advisement to that Committee that such a change regarding the tenure of the moderator of Presbytery would require an amendment to the *BCO*.

4. Concerning Overture No. 16 to the Seventh General Assembly from the Presbytery of North Georgia, which dealt with resolutions stating Assembly positions on substantive, moral or doctrinal issues, the committee found the overture to be in order, but did not mean the matter to be a constitutional question. The Committee advised the Clerk of the General Assembly to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration, for consideration with a recommendation that the Committee of Commissioners on Administration consider changing the percentage of votes required to pass such a resolution to be two-thirds of the commissioners who *are present and voting*.

5. Concerning Overture No. 19 to the Seventh General Assembly from Eastern Carolina Presbytery, the Committee found Overture 19 to be in order and advised the Clerk of the General Assembly to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures.

6. Concerning the postponed material of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business of the Sixth General Assembly, the Committee on Judicial Business advised the Clerk of the General Assembly to refer said postponed material to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business of the Seventh General Assembly for action by it.

7. An Overture from Teaching Elder Richard Fraser regarding proposed changes in the Rules of discipline to the Seventh General Assembly is not properly before the Court because it has not been acted on by Presbytery as required by the Rules of Assembly Operation V, 5-8.

8. That Overture 23 from the Presbytery of New River be found in order and be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

III. REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL VOTES

The Clerk reports the following vote on amendments to the *Book of Church Order*, which were passed by the Sixth General Assembly and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent. The required two-thirds vote is 15. The Assembly is to vote again on those that have the necessary two-thirds vote of Presbyteries.

Item 1: "That the Committee for Christian Education and Publications be known formally as the "Committee of Mission for Christian Education and Publications," and that Paragraph 15-1-12 be so amended.

Affirmative 13 Negative 7 Not reporting 2

Item 2: That new Paragraph 14-7 be added as follows, and that the Paragraphs following be renumbered accordingly:

The Presbytery, before receiving into its membership any Church, shall designate a Commission to meet with the Church's Ruling Elders to make certain that the Elders understand and can sincerely adopt the doctrines and polity of the Presbyterian Church in America as contained in its Constitution. In the presence of the Commission, the Ruling Elders shall be required to answer affirmatively the questions required of officers at their ordination. (See §25-5.)

Affirmative 20 Negative 0 Not reporting 2

Item 3: That Paragraph 21-1 be amended by adding the following paragraph:

A proper call must be written and in the hands of the Presbytery prior to being acted upon by a Presbytery. It must include financial arrangements (such as salary, vacation, insurance, retirement, etc.) between those calling and the one called, and assurance that the definite work will afford the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. It shall be in accord with the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 8.

Affirmative 18 Negative 2 Not reporting 2

Item 4: That Paragraph 22-5 be amended to read:

The day appointed for the ordination having come, and the Presbytery being convened, a sermon suitable for the occasion shall be preached by a person appointed or invited by the Presbytery. The Presbytery member appointed to preside shall afterwards ... (The remainder of the section shall continue as presently written.)

Affirmative 20 Negative 0 Not reporting 2

Respectfully submitted:

James Westlake, Chairman

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Overture No. 8 to the Seventh General Assembly be answered in the negative because it is not in accord with the *BCO* 15-1-12.

2. That Overture No. 12 from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas be found in order and that it be answered in the negative.

3. Concerning Overture No. 4 from the Presbytery of Southern Florida to the Sixth General Assembly, regarding a study of the desirability and need for changes in that part of the *Book of Church Order* which deals with types of church members and more specific and complete procedures regarding church membership, the committee makes the following recommendation:

That the *Book of Church Order*, Chapter VI, be amended by deleting the current provisions in their entirety, and by substituting therefor the following provisions:

CHAPTER 6. Church Members and Rolls

Church Members

6-1 The members of a particular church consist of both communing and non-communing members.

Communing Members

6-2 Communing members may be added by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church, in the judgment of the Session. For all received, regardless of age or how received, attendance at a church membership preparation class prior to reception is highly recommended.

Non-Communing Members

6-3 The children of believers are, through the Covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the Church universal. They are entitled to baptism and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the Church, with a view to their embracing Christ, and thus personally possessing all benefits of the Covenant.

By baptism such children are received into the membership of the particular congregation, and are to be carried on its rolls as non-communing members. Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation, nor are they to partake of the Communion until they are fully able to obey the command of self-examination given in I Corinthians 11:28, and have been admitted to the Lord's Supper upon profession of faith.

6-5 Members of other churches, both in our own Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and in other evangelical denominations, normally shall be received by the Church Session as communing members by means of letter of transfer from the other churches. Members so received shall be recorded by the Session as having been received by letter of transfer (See paragraph 58-6).

6-6 When a church member is unable to obtain a letter of transfer, he may be received as a communing member upon his reaffirmation of faith in Christ. When a member is so received, the Church to which he formerly belonged shall be notified, and the Session shall record him as received by reaffirmation of faith (See paragraph 58-6).

6-7 When a letter of transfer is issued for a Ruling Elder or Deacon, his relationship as an officer shall be dissolved, the congregation informed, and the transfer of membership effected without officer status.

6-8 A letter of transfer shall be issued by a Church Session only to the governing body of another Church. A member's request for a letter of transfer shall be made through the governing body of the Church which he desires to join. Letters of transfer issued for parents of baptized non-communing member children shall always include the names of these children (See paragraph 13-5).

6-9 When a letter of transfer is requested for a member whose name is under charges or under discipline, the Session in issuing the letter shall indicate thereon the disciplinary status.

6-10 A member being dismissed from one Church to another shall be under the jurisdiction of the dismissing Church until received by the other church and the dismissing Church so notified (See paragraph 47-3).

6-11 A letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only (See paragraph 47-8).

6-12 All of those being received by profession of their faith and by reaffirmation of faith are required to answer the constitutional questions found in the Directory of Worship (58-5).

Church Rolls

6-13 The Session of a particular Church shall keep the rolls of the members of the church: (1) Communing, (2) Non-communing, (3) Associate (See paragraph 13-8), and (4) Prospects for Restoration. The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually.

6-14 The Communing Roll shall consist of those communing members who are actively participating in the life and work of the Church by attending worship services, and/or being involved in other church activities.

6-15 The Non-communing Roll shall consist of all non-communing members, i.e., all members not entitled to participate in the Lord's Supper. This Roll by its nature will consist primarily of children, being non-communing members by right of baptism (See paragraph 6-3). Also included on this Roll will be any member no longer on the Communing Roll due to being under suspension (exclusion from the sealing ordinances of the Church) as a result of disciplinary action, or by their own request.

6-16 The Associate Roll of a particular Church shall consist of communing members in good standing of other churches of our own PCA or other evangelical denominations who, for educational, military, business, or other purposes, are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches, and within the bounds of the particular church, and who desire to be affiliated with the particular church on a temporary basis. If the home church is PCA, the home Church Session shall issue to the Church with which the member desires to affiliate a certificate of good standing, valid for two years, and subject to renewal, but will retain the member's name on its Communing Roll. The Session receiving the certificate shall place the member's name on its Associate Roll. If the home Church is not PCA, the Session of the Church being affiliated with will request from the home Church a certificate as previously described. If unable to obtain a certificate, the Session may receive the individual as an Associate Member for a two-year period on reaffirmation of faith, subject to the home Church's concurrence. The rights and privileges of Associate Members are shown in paragraph 47-4.

6-17 A church member who has permanently moved his residence beyond the bounds of his Church, so that he no longer can participate regularly in its life and work, shall be obligated to arrange the transfer of his membership to a church located within his new area in which he can be active. This provision shall not apply to lay missionaries, full-time Christian lay workers, students, and career military personnel and their families, who are serving in distant fields and who desire to remain on the Roll of their home Church. The Session may make other exceptions to this provision in special situations. A church member shall be obligated to inform his Church promptly when his mailing address is changed or his residence is moved either temporarily or permanently.

6-18 When a member permanently moves his residence beyond the bounds of the Church, if practicable the Session shall notify the governing body of a church in the member's new local area with a view of transfer of his membership. At the same time, the Session shall advise the member that it is his duty to arrange for the transfer of his membership to a church in his new local area in which he can be active. If the transfer is not effected within twelve months after the member is so advised, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Roll and notify him of the action taken (47-2).

6-19 When a member for one year willfully does not participate in the life and work of the Church or does not otherwise express a serious interest in his Church, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church Roll (47-5). No name shall be deleted in this manner until after the Session has made a diligent effort to discover the causes of the member's non-participation and to restore him to activity

in the Church's life and work. The member having his name deleted shall be notified of the action. Such names deleted will be placed on a roll known as "Prospects for Restoration" for the purpose of maintaining prayerful concern for those who have gone astray.

6-20 When for one year a member has not participated in the life and work of his Church, his mailing address has not been known, and the Church has been unable to contact him, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the Church's Roll.

6-21 When a member whose name is on the Communing or Non-communing Rolls requests the Church Session to remove his name from the Church Roll, the Session shall remove the member without process from the Church Roll and notify the member of the action taken. The request for removal shall be in writing. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the Session shall also withdraw from him all authority to exercise his church office and notify the congregation of the action taken. No action should be taken by the Session under this provision until the Session, after inquiry and due delay, is of the judgment that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or other temporary circumstances.

6-22 When a member whose name is on the Communing Roll renounces his membership by joining some other church, the Session shall remove the member's name from the Church Roll. If the member is a Ruling Elder or Deacon, the officer relationship shall be dissolved and the congregation informed of the action taken (See paragraph 39-4).

6-23 When a particular Church is notified by a Presbytery that one of its members has been ordained by the Presbytery to the Gospel Ministry, the Church Session shall note such actions in its records and remove the member's name from the church Roll (See paragraph 47-7).

6-24 When a Presbytery divests a Minister of his office without censure or deposes him without excommunication, it will assign him to a particular church, if possible, subject to the approval of the Session of that church. (See paragraph 47-8). If the Session approves of the assignment, the Session will so notify the Presbytery and place the individual's name on the Church Roll. If the Session does not approve of the assignment, it will notify the Presbytery and take no further action.

4. Concerning Overture No. 10 from the Presbytery of the Evangel to the Sixth General Assembly (page 34 of the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*) concerning the proper procedure for receiving Ruling Elders of a congregation that is coming from another Presbyterian body, the following action was taken: That proposed change to *Book of Church Order* 14-7, adopted by the Sixth General Assembly, paragraph 6-111, III, paragraph 19, will, if adopted, clarify the procedure for receiving Ruling Elders from a congregation that is coming from another Presbyterian Body. The Committee makes the following recommendation:

That the procedure for receiving Deacons should be handled in a similar fashion by the Session of the incoming Church.

5. That Overture No. 2 to the Fifth General Assembly from Carolina Presbytery be answered in the negative. Grounds: That the provisions of the *BCO* 21-2 properly protect the rights of congregations against precipitous action.

6. That Overture 22 to the Seventh General Assembly be found in order and properly before the Court, inasmuch as it was previously considered, but not adopted, by Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and that it be answered in the affirmative.

7. Concerning the instruction from the Sixth General Assembly to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to prepare amendments to the *BCO* defining what constitutes a valid ministry for a Teaching Elder from which a call to a definite work may be received, the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business makes the following recommendation:

That the *Book of Church Order* 8-7, to which reference is made in the proposed amendment to *BCO* 21-1 which was approved by the Sixth General Assembly (paragraph 6-111, III, Recommendation 12) be amended by adding the following sentences:

Also, a Presbytery may, in its discretion, appoint a Teaching Elder to the work of an Evangelist with non-ecclesiastical groups provided that he be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word, that the Presbytery be assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church and that he report, at least annually, on his work. As far as possible, such Evangelists shall be appointed by and be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

8. Concerning the fourth recommendation of the Assembly Theological Examining Committee found in paragraph 6-33 of the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, which was referred to the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, the Committee makes the following recommendation:

That Recommendation 4 of the Assembly Theological Examining Committee, found in paragraph 6-33 of the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly* should be answered in the affirmative.

9. Concerning the recommendation of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbytery, paragraph 6-116, IV, C, which was referred by the General Assembly to the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, the Permanent Committee on Judicial

Business recommends that the General Assembly express itself on this matter as follows:

That the *BCO* 14-5 states that anyone coming from another denomination must be asked the questions for ordination, and that Presbytery also has the authority to require reordination if deemed necessary.

10. That the General Assembly refer the matter of paragraph 3-70 to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business for appropriate action.

11. That the matters referred to in paragraph 6-107 of the *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, recommendation (1), be referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Publications for appropriate action.

Appendix F

**REPORT OF THE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

INTRODUCTION

"But seek you first His Kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

"Everyone therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock" (Matt. 7:24).

Our Lord sets the priority for us in all that we do, "to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness." Everything else is secondary to that task. To seek first His Kingdom and righteousness, we must build our lives upon the rock. The rock or foundation is the proper confession of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16).

To confess Him properly, one must *know* Him as He reveals himself in His Word. To confess Him properly, one must also *glorify* Him and *serve* Him. This means that sinful man is absolutely dependent upon His free and sovereign grace for redemption from sin.

In addition to His redemption, God has revealed His will for man's life in the Scriptures. The Bible is God's holy and inerrant Word that speaks with absolute authority, when it speaks. It teaches a way of life that involves even the smallest details. "Do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). "Whatever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23b).

Christian education is that thrust of God's Great Commission of teaching the believers "to do all things whatsoever I have commanded" (Matt. 28:20). It is no small task, especially against a contemporary scene that is so immersed in humanism of all types. If it is true that culture is religion externalized, then our religious culture is anti-God in so many areas.

Some Christians have not always been equipped or trained for battle; hence, we have seen a Christianity in isolation. Christians have retreated from the world and not challenged the anti-Christian principles that have captured so many vital areas of our lives.

Christian education deals with knowledge, the knowledge of the truth revealed in God's Word. Knowledge is not an end itself, but rather must produce discipleship, Godly living.

The church's role in Christian education is to teach God's covenant children how to know God and glorify Him.

The church has the responsibility of discipling men unto a life of complete commitment to Christ in all areas of life. It must not allow people to believe that life can be divided into sacred and secular areas. God's Word must rule in all areas of life and reality.

The Committee for the Mission of Christian Education and Publications in the PCA is attempting to follow the instructions of our Lord in its work. The challenge, like that of world evangelization and church planting, is overwhelming. Humanly speaking, we are aware of the impossibility of our task; however, ours is the Sovereign God who equips us for His assigned work.

The Committee and staff of Christian Education and Publications are pleased to have an opportunity to serve our Lord and the General Assembly in seeking to make our church more like the church described in the Great Commission of Matthew 28.

We are pleased with the increased support of the Mission of Christian Education and Publications by the denomination. We have delighted in our opportunity to be involved in several Missions Conferences during the past year, an indication of a growing awareness of our God-given task.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to serve numerous PCA churches, sessions, pastors, Directors of Christian Education, with training programs in Christian Education and Family Conferences.

The availability of materials in order to meet the needs of our churches has been a major part of our work. Through the production of our own Christian Education materials in areas where none unique to our needs are available, plus location of other available materials, we have served PCA churches on a daily basis during the past year.

The stock of Christian Education materials in our bookstore has grown in many areas. We see this part of our program as an important addition to our overall task. Evangelistic tracts and materials, Bible study aids, devotional materials, officer training, family living, and doctrinal studies are among the materials available from our office.

The move to Decatur, Georgia, has given us more flexibility, better stewardship, and a more efficient operation. It has enabled us better to serve the other program committees in projects, mailings, and coordinated programs demonstrating the oneness of our task.

After a period of real financial crisis in 1978, we are deeply grateful to God for the obvious growth in our denomination regarding the understanding of God's role for Christian Education.

We have been pleased, also, to serve the Assembly in a number of important areas of education, training and counseling. We continue to need His strength and wisdom. We need your

prayers and support. We believe that God is seeking to build a great denomination in the PCA, but we know our faithfulness to Him, His Word and one another will ultimately determine our future.

To make you more aware of the details of the work of Christian Education and Publications, we offer the following summary of our work and ask you to give us your guidance and wisdom as we seek for your concurrence in the proposed recommendations.

- I. Curriculum
- II. Higher Education
- III. Women in the Church
- IV. Theological Sub-Committee
- V. Family Ministries
- VI. Continuing Education
- VII. Media
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I. CURRICULUM

The full curriculum will be presented in two parts. The first will be the special projects of the PCA in development. The second area will be the joint venture with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Great Commission Publications.

A. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

The *Adult Education Series*, the projected six-year study of the Bible, now has seven quarterlies and leader's guides available. A family devotional program is also available. In the 1-1/2 years of the project's availability, more than 170 churches are using the materials either in Sunday School or weekday Bible studies.

The Committee is in the process of developing a doctrinal series and electives that will make good, well-rounded materials available for our churches.

The Bible study guide, *Women in the Bible*, by Georgia Settle is being well received. The new WIC study presently being prepared by Emalyn Spencer, author of *A Woman That Feareth The Lord*, will be available in early fall. We continue to carry a good supply of women's study materials.

A new study guide by Harris Langford, *The Barley Field Incident*, primarily for youth or women's studies has also been produced.

Churches continue to look to us for various needs in the church's life: sessional record books, attendance books, certificates of various types, recommendations of available materials. We are able to assist our churches in almost all of their needs in their training programs.

B. GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS (GCP)

Tom Patete, PCA Teaching Elder, is now the Executive Director of GCP. We are pleased to report not only an increase in sales, but also the availability of new materials. Initially there had been grades 1-12 of Sunday School material. In December 1978, a new senior high series was produced and is being well received.

The new VBS (Vacation Bible School) materials, *Sail*, was used in over 370 churches last year. The second year of the three-year cycle VBS material is being used this summer. Several showings and workshops of the new VBS material were given in the South, North, and Mid-Atlantic areas.

With the Christian Education and Publications staff, GCP is in the process of developing some pre-school material which should be available for field testing in the near future.

An adult study on *Discovering the Fullness of Worship* has been well received and favorably reviewed. There is also a new leader's guide for *Fruit of the Spirit* by John Sanderson.

GCP has given us a partnership in a ministry to more than 750 churches at home and abroad. The popular *Trinity Hymnal* continues to be used in more and more churches. Weekly church bulletins prepared by GCP are being used throughout the church.

Though falling behind in the projected 1978 budgeted figure, the PCA was able to meet \$110,000 of its committed support. The budget for 1980 will reflect a more realistic amount in both denominations.

The Board of Directors of GCP at present are:

Mr. Ed Robeson (PCA)
Mr. John Spencer (PCA)

Mr. Gene Parks (PCA)
The Rev. Michael Schneider (PCA)
The Rev. David Bryson (PCA)
The Rev. John Reeves (PCA)

F. Kingsley Elder (OPC)
The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney ((OPC)
Mr. Peyton H. Gardner (OPC)
Mr. Robert Ashlock (OPC)
The Rev. Roger Schmurr (OPC)
The Rev. Donald Poundstone (OPC)

Your committee for Christian Education and Publications were able with the Assembly's help to contribute \$110,000 to the Great Commission Publications Joint-venture with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The abbreviated statement is offered to the Assembly as a partial report of the financial status of the joint venture prepared from the annual audit report for its year ended June 30, 1978:

Financial position:	
Total assets	\$252,211
Less total liabilities	<u>244,393</u>
Equity — Fund Balance.....	<u>7,818</u>
Income and fund balance	
Sales \$300,206 less cost of goods sold \$289,103	11,103
Selling and other operating expenses	<u>241,064</u>
Net loss from operations.....	(229,961)
Contributions from PCA and others.....	184,445
Net loss for the year.....	(45,516)
Add beginning fund balance, July 1, 1977.....	<u>53,334</u>
Fund balance end of year, June 30, 1978.....	<u>7,818</u>

II. HIGHER EDUCATION

Report of the Trustees on the Covenant College Board

The Sixth General Assembly approved the first step toward a plan of joint governance of Covenant College. Included in this first phase was the expansion of the Board of Trustees of the College from 24 to 30, and the inclusion of six members of the PCA elected from a slate nominated by the RPCES. Since there were already four PCA members on the Board, this involved only the election of two new members last year — namely, the Rev. D. James Kennedy and the Rev. Morton H. Smith. The Assembly failed to designate classes for these two men, and thus the Board, by the process of drawing straws, designated the classes as follows: D. James Kennedy, class of 1979; Morton H. Smith, class of 1981. This action of the Board should be confirmed by the General Assembly.

The present PCA Board members are divided into the following classes:

	Class of 1981	
Morton H. Smith		W. Jack Williamson
	Class of 1980	
Frank M. Barker		William H. Hall
	Class of 1979	
D. James Kennedy		
Luder G. Whitlock, Jr.		

The PCA Board members serve on the following major Committees of the Board:
Executive Committee:

Nominations:	Luder G. Whitlock, Jr.
Academic Affairs:	W. Jack Williamson
	William Hall
	Morton H. Smith
	William Hall
Spiritual Life and Student Affairs:	Luder G. Whitlock, Chairman
	Frank M. Barker
Development	W. Jack Williamson, Chairman
	D. James Kennedy

In addition to these major committees, each man is assigned to one or more special committees.

In line with the concern of the PCA over the doctrinal commitment of the faculty and staff, the Board has asked the Academic Dean to report on any reservations to the doctrinal position of the College held by faculty members to the Board of Trustees. Each particular case is to be considered individually by the Board.

The College is having the sort of financial problems that most private colleges have these days. The Board has encouraged a minimum of deficit spending. This has meant a cutback in some areas of faculty and staff, as well as in the library budget. A fuller support of the College in the financial area could relieve the tensions experienced in these decisions. Not only is the support of the College in finances needed, but also in PCA student attendance.

Your Committee reminds the Assembly of the fact that the next step toward equal joint governance of the College depends on the PCA contributing \$2,500,000 to the capital and/or endowment funds, or sending an equal number of students to the College as the RPCES. We encourage our constituency to participate in the life of Covenant College in both of these areas of opportunity and responsibility.

The College is also working with the Christian Education and Publications Committee of the PCA in developing a career training program which will be available to the youth of our church to assist them in seeking to know God's will for their lives in career planning.

III. THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

In their unique contribution to the overall ministry and service of the church, the WIC has generously supported the 1978 Love Gift for portable church buildings for the Mission to the U. S.

Committee. Their contributions were an all-time high of \$39,000.

The WIC is presently supporting with the 1979 Love Gift church buildings in Ecuador and Mexico. The Mission to the World slide/tape program on this work is available from the Christian Education and Publications office in Decatur, Georgia.

The Christian Education and Publications Committee, in giving supervision and direction to the WIC work, has an advisory sub-committee to assist them. The Advisory Sub-Committee members presently are:

Mrs. Fred Fowler (Sue), Chairman, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Mrs. John Spencer (Emalyn), Birmingham, Alabama
 Mrs. Charles Annis (Bea), Boynton Beach, Florida
 Mrs. Sam Neill (Rose), Leland, Mississippi
 Mrs. Don Tufts (Shirley), Pineville, Louisiana
 Mrs. J. T. Russell (Emily), Waynesville, North Carolina

The PCA Women in the Church are constantly ministering and serving in local and denominational ministries. At the Annual Meeting of the presidents of the presbyterials, much time is spent discussing and sharing ways in which the women can be a part of the church's ministry.

They deserve much commendation for their faithful and willing service, plus their generosity.

IV. THEOLOGICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with the instructions from the 1978 General Assembly found on page 219 of the Assembly *Minutes* the Committee sent the following letter to all presbyteries in March:

"The purpose of this letter is to elicit a written response from each presbytery in the matter of its plans and intentions with regard to implementing the Uniform Curriculum adopted by the Sixth General Assembly as a part of its obligations in preparing candidates for the Gospel ministry for ordination. Specifically, the material requested is needed in order that this Sub-Committee may carry out the injunction to give preliminary approval to presbytery training programs so that the presbyteries may be able to elect representatives to the certification committee (*Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, Item III. 13. 61, p.87).

"Please review actions taken by the Sixth General Assembly which are pertinent to this matter: *Minutes*, Appendix G, Section IV. Theological Sub-Committee on Uniform Curriculum (pp. 214-17); the Report on the Committee of Commissioners, Recommendations III. 9. - III. 13. (pp. 86-7). Part IV of the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business contains material regarding necessary changes to the *Book of Church Order* to implement a mandatory year of licensure and probation before ordination (pp. 115-19). This material should also be studied as it is integrally related to the concept of ministerial training.

"As you study the Uniform Curriculum which has been adopted and compare it with the stipulated course requirements set forth by any of the four recognized seminaries, you will observe that the Uniform Curriculum is broader in scope than the graduation requirements of these seminaries. In addition, upon examination, many seminary graduates are found to be weak in some particulars to such a degree that remedial studies are indicated. These two conditions illuminate the fact that each presbytery is going to have to plan for some academic instruction, as well as practical instruction, to be carried out during the period of supervised probation.

"Another factor to be considered is that the Uniform Curriculum must now be met unless an individual is to be ordained under the extraordinary clause (cf. minutes, item III. 13.4, p. 87). However, a presbytery cannot certify that a candidate has met the Uniform Curriculum requirements until the presbytery program itself has been approved by the Certification (Accrediting) Committee. Presbytery programs will initially gain certification by the 22-man Theological Education Sub-Committee. This preliminary approval will give the presbytery the right to place a man on the Certification (Accrediting) Committee, which becomes the permanent overseer of quality and uniformity in regard to each presbytery's program.

"To gain this initial approval, presbytery must present a written plan to this Sub-Committee. To assist you in drafting this preliminary plan, some guidelines have been approved by this Sub-Committee. These are designed to help you understand your options and to indicate some of the categories to which consideration must be given in preparing your plan. These guidelines include typical models of the 3 + 1 and 2 + 2 plans, as well as some planning criteria. Enough detail should be included in your submittal to allow this Sub-Committee to determine the adequacy and the quality of your activities in the preparation of probationers for ordination."

The Committee also recommends that each presbytery supervise this program through joint efforts of the Christian Education Committee and a membership/candidates committee.

The introductory portion has explained the direction and purpose of this suggested guideline paper. It is suggested only because each presbytery may wish to include a different type plan altogether which would then be submitted to the 22-man Sub-Committee for tentative approval or the Certification (Accrediting) Committee which will finally replace the 22-man Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee has suggested three possible models for each presbytery to consider in developing its own program. If the *Book of Church Order* is changed to require the one-year mandatory training period of probation then every presbytery will be required to have its particular plan.

A. Model One — Three plus One.

The first suggestion of a model will deal with the 3 + 1 plan. This indicates that a candidate has received his M.Div. from a particular seminary but then is required to have one year of probationary training under the presbytery that would seek to ordain him at the end of that period or at some later period.

The presbytery would have the responsibility to examine the candidate in the required areas of training. If he is found to be deficient in any area, e.g. English Bible, then during that year the presbytery would have the responsibility to work with him in that particular area as well as in the pastoral areas.

The candidate could be assigned to a supervising pastor or pastors having expertise in certain areas. Remuneration for this year of probation is left to the discretion of the presbytery and candidate. He could work as a licentiate in serving pastorless churches, or as an assistant to another pastor.

During this year there are eight areas that would need particular attention from the presbytery. They are:

1) **English Bible.** He would be given opportunities to apply his knowledge in supervised, live teaching situations. Knowledge of the original languages is assumed because of his M.Div. degree.

2) **Devotional Life.** The licentiate should have regular times of prayer with his supervising pastor/pastors. The pastors should disciple the licentiate in his personal devotional life and his family's, as well.

3) **Worship.** The licentiate should have training in leading and preaching in worship services. He should be critiqued by the supervising pastor. Instruction in baptism, Lord's supper, weddings and funerals must be given.

4) **Evangelism.** The candidate should have an opportunity to observe supervising pastors in personal evangelism and be given opportunities to participate in personal evangelism and other expressive methods of evangelism.

5) **Missiology.** He should study the area of church growth both at home and throughout the world. He should demonstrate a working knowledge of the mission programs of the PCA.

6) **Presbyterian Polity.** The candidate should be given opportunity to sit in on major committees of Presbytery, and attend General Assembly. He should be developing a working knowledge of the *Book of Church Order* as he attends the meetings of the courts of the Church. *Robert's Rules* is another area in which the licentiate is to demonstrate a working knowledge. He is to be exposed to good church administration during this year and take responsibility in developing administrative abilities.

7) **Counseling.** He should be given opportunities to sit in on counseling situations and give some opportunity under direction to do some actual counseling.

8) **Christian Education.** The candidate should during this year also have an opportunity to work with the Sunday School program, to participate in teacher training courses, in instructing the youth in catechism and having some input with the youth work.

B. Model Two — Two Extension plus Two Serving.

If the Presbytery has allowed a man to go the 2 + 2 route, i.e. two years of academic training at an established institution, then he would receive two years of tutorial training. We suggest one of two methods in fulfilling the 2 + 2 program. First:

The presbytery may allow a candidate first to attend an extension seminary in his area or some other approved area. During this time he remains closely connected to the local church and could even continue employment in other areas. Then after two years, he would attend a resident seminary.

Those already using this method do something like this:

YEAR ONE

First Quarter

Bible Content
Greek Grammar
Church History
Reformed Theology

Second Quarter

Bible Content
Greek Grammar
Church History
Reformed Evangelism

Third Quarter

Bible Content
Greek
Church History
Personal Life

YEAR TWO

First Quarter

Bible Content
N. T. Interpretation
Polity
Pastoral Care
Hebrew

Second Quarter

Bible Content
History of Reformation
Principles of Preaching
Hebrew

Third Quarter

Bible Content
Teaching Bible Courses
Pastoral Administration
Hebrew

The last two years of resident training would follow this general course direction, as adapted from the 1977-78 *Catalogue of Reformed Theological Seminary*.

1) Courses listed in the RTS Catalogue in Junior Year.

YEAR THREE

First Quarter

Hebrew Exegesis
Advanced New Testament
Interpretation
Church History
Evangelism Clinic

Second Quarter

Hebrew Exegesis
Prophets
New Testament Introduction
Educational Ministry
Preaching Clinic

Third Quarter

Old Testament Theology I
New Testament History
Missions
Ministry of Teaching
Pastoral Counseling Clinic

YEAR FOUR

First Quarter

Old Testament Theology
Introduction II
Systematic Theology
History of Christianity
in America

Second Quarter

Old Testament
Introduction I
Poets
New Testament Theology
Systematic Theology
Ethics I

Third Quarter

Old Testament
Theology II
Systematic Theology
Ethics II

C. Model Three — Two Seminary plus Two Tutorial.

This approach would allow a man to attend a resident seminary for the first two years and possible work towards a Master of Religious Arts, such as is available at Westminster Theological Seminary, or the Master of Theological Study at CTS, or equivalent at RTS or TPTS. The Presbytery would then pick up the third and fourth years of tutorial training.

It could work like this. On page 215 of the 1978 *Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, where the approved curriculum is located:

Under Scripture:

- I. Bible Content
- II. Languages
- III. Methods of Interpretation
- IV. Supervised Practical Opportunities

To be taught by:

- Presbytery
- Seminary
- Seminary
- Presbytery

Under Doctrine:

- I. Church History
 - A. Survey of Church History
 - B. American Church History
 - C. History of Reformation
 - D. Presbyterian Church History
- II. Apologetics
- III. Theology and Ethics
 - A. Systematics
 - B. Ethics
- IV. Polity
- V. Practical Theology

- Seminary
- Presbytery
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- except possibly
- Christian Education
- and Missiology

As the presbytery picks up the third and four years of tutorial training it could follow this progression:

Third Year

Prophetic Books
General Epistles & Revelation
The Reformation
Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
Sermon Content
Pastoral Theology
Poetic Books
Modern Age
Doctrine of Christian Life
Church Mission and Ministry
Sermon Delivery

Fourth Year

Bible Content (English)
Supervised Practical Opportunities
American Church History
Presbyterian Church History
Theology of the Church
Theology of Westminster Standards
Polity and Parliamentary Procedure
Practical Theology
Personal Theology
Pastoral Administration

The Sub-Committee has met with the presidents of the above four seminaries and reviewed these plans. A general spirit of cooperation and encouragement was given to the Committee in its assignment and execution of it.

Not only do the seminaries have the regular three-year M. Div. degree program that would continue to be used, but several of them have a two-year degree program that would meet the 2 + 2 approach, if that is the method desired.

The Committee offers as its recommendations the following: see numbers 16-21.

V. FAMILY MINISTRIES

In seeking to minister to families, the Christian Education and Publications staff continues to make materials and seminars available to the local churches. Several churches have utilized the training and materials available during the past year.

The Annual PCA Family Conference continues to prove a worthwhile ministry to the family. Last year's conference was attended by over 300. Held at Covenant College, families come together to hear about world and home missions ministries, Christian education and family ministries. The evening preaching of the Word by Nigel Lee on the family was well received and most helpful.

The 1979 conference, July 9-13, at Covenant College will again feature programs for the entire family. Nine seminars will again be offered with MUS, MTW, CE/P and Stewardship leading them. Philip Clark, MUS Coordinator, will be the evening preacher.

A July 1980 conference is already being planned.

VI. CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville, South Carolina, was the host of the Fourth Annual Continuing Education Program for PCA ministries. In the past, the conference has featured outstanding men, such as Jay Adams, Robert Rayburn, R. C. Sproul, Joel Nederhood, and Edmund Clowney. This year's speakers are no exception — Palmer Robertson and Luder Whitlock.

More than 60 PCA ministers attended this year's conference. The conference continues to offer solid and practical teachings, good fellowship, and opportunities for updates on various programs and ministries.

A March conference is projected for next year. We encourage local sessions now to consider placing the conference in the budget and use that money to send the pastor, because both the church and the pastor have much to gain from such a program of continuing education.

VII. MEDIA

The *PCA Messenger*, the official denominational magazine, is now being mailed to over 24,000 PCA homes on a monthly basis. The acquiring of Mr. Arthur Matthews as editor, a PCA Ruling Elder from Washington, D. C., formerly with the *Presbyterian Journal*, the Billy Graham Association, and *Christianity Today*, was an answer to prayer. The results of his efforts on the staff are already obvious.

The *Messenger* is sent to the homes of those requesting it. More than 85 percent of the PCA homes are now receiving the monthly publication.

The Committee staff continues to seek to use this area of the media as a means of keeping the PCA membership aware of the news, programs and ministries of the PCA through its Assembly's program committees, as well as news from presbyteries and local churches of general interest.

We encourage all readers to use the *Messenger* not only for information, but also for the call to prayer for the work of the Lord through the PCA in the world.

Names to be added to the mailing list should be sent to the office of Christian Education and Publications, 4319 Memorial Drive, Suite F, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

VIII. DIACONAL MINISTRIES

The 1978 General Assembly assigned the Christian Education and Publications Committee the responsibility of developing a training program in diaconal ministries. The first phase of that assignment is underway. A training manual in diaconal ministries is being prepared.

The Committee has arranged for the services of Rev. Fred Marsh of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who is representing the PCA in the NAPARC diaconal ministries committee, to assist in the project. The plans are to have the manual of training prepared before the 1980 General Assembly.

Various PCA ministers will be contributing writers. The manual will present a range of diaconal needs locally, nationally, and internationally.

The second phase of the training program being developed will involve training seminars throughout the church and possibly in some cases in cooperation with the National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship diaconal seminars.

We believe, together with the overall assembly, that diaconal ministries is a subject and an area that has not received the emphasis which the Word of God places upon it.

Plans are being made to host the fall meeting of NAPARC's diaconal ministries committee in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

IX. FINANCES

The Christian Education and Publications Committee received 74% of its 1978 budget. This was a great encouragement especially having dropped to 64% during the summer months. Those who have been faithful in supporting this area of the Church's mission have given us much to thank God for in this area.

We have known all along that God's grace is sufficient for our every need and have felt confident that the Church would stand to see the importance of the work in Christian Education and Publication. We have attempted to use God's money wisely in providing programs and materials that would cause His Church to grow and prosper in the faith.

During the closing months of 1978 and into the first few months of 1979 we are optimistic that God is laying our work upon more and more hearts. We hope that the 1979 budget is not unrealistic. We and the General Assembly seemed to concur in its direction.

We encourage you to continue your prayers and support of your programs of ministry and mission developed and being made available through your Committee.

We submit the following budget to you for 1980 with the prayers that God has led us in this matter and that you will give us the benefit of your wisdom and support and we submit it to you of the General Assembly.

X. SPECIAL STUDIES

The Sixth General Assembly referred two matters to the CE & P Committee for study, namely, Dispensationalism (6-63, II, A, p. 80) and Theonomy (6-63, II, D, p. 81). The Committee has approved the content of a lengthy paper on Dispensationalism by the Rev. Grover Gunn, a PCA pastor. The Committee plans to make this paper available in the near future.

The results of the study of Theonomy is found in Section XI, appended to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Minutes for the Committee on Mission of Christian Education and Publications be approved.
2. That the Rev. Charles H. Dunahoo be elected Coordinator for the Mission of Christian Education and Publications for 1980 and that his staff be highly commended for their work during the year.
3. That the 1980 budget as presented through the Committee on Administration be approved.
4. That the Assembly concur in the recommended class assignments for those representing the PCA on Covenant College Board of Directors (see opening paragraph of II).
5. That all churches and individual members of the PCA be encouraged to participate in the life of Covenant College, both in contributions for support and the sending of students to the College.
6. That all PCA churches be encouraged to utilize the career planning program for youth being developed by Covenant College in conjunction with the Mission of Christian Education and Publications Committee.
7. That PCA churches continue to utilize the educational materials and programs available through Great Commission Publications and Mission of Christian Education and Publications.
8. That the Assembly commend the Women in the Church for their generous support of the 1978 Love Gift for Mission to the United States.
9. That the Assembly approve the project of the Conference Center (Ridge Haven) for the 1980 Love Gift.
10. That the churches and families of the PCA give consideration to attending the annual PCA Family Conference at Covenant College, July 9-13, 1979, and in July 1980.
11. That sessions and pastors take seriously the opportunities available through continuing education for ministers in the PCA and support those programs by attendance, prayers, and support.
12. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to include the names of the Chairmen of the Board of Deacons in the local church in the Yearbook along with the Clerks of the Session.
13. That each presbytery be instructed to add the names of the Chairmen of the Board of Deacons to its *Minutes* and reports.
14. That the churches be encouraged to take advantage of the deacons' training manual and programs being developed, soon to be available.
15. That the Assembly approve the hosting of the October 1979 NAPARC Conference on Diaconal Ministries held in Atlanta, Georgia.
16. That the 22 Man Sub-Committee on Theological Training continue to work with the CE/P Committee until at least seven presbyteries have elected men to the Certification (Accrediting) Committee hopefully before the 1980 assembly to replace the 22 Man Sub-Committee.
17. That the Assembly's CE/P Committee continue to act as coordinator and liaison in the area of theological training.
18. That the presbyteries assign the oversight of the theological training program to their Christian Education Committee and the membership/candidates committee, jointly working in this area.
19. That each presbytery examine its resources available to carry out the obligations of ministerial training. Such resources should take into account teaching elders, ruling elders, knowledgeable laymen in certain areas, and institutions.
20. That each presbytery consider either a 3 + 1 program or a 2 + 2 program and concentrate on its development initially.
21. That each presbytery prepare a general plan of theological training for its candidates plus a specific plan for each individual that takes into account the candidate's previous background, training, etc. And that the plans be submitted to the Certification Control Committee for approval.

XI. REPORT ON THEONOMY

The task appointed to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications by the Sixth General Assembly is not that of making a detailed study of theonomy. The original resolution presented on the floor of the Assembly asked "that the General Assembly appoint an Ad-Interim Committee for the purpose of studying the subject of theonomy and to report back to the Seventh General Assembly." (*Minutes of Sixth General Assembly*, page 74) The matter was referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures, and its recommendation was adopted by the Assembly: "That this matter be referred to the General Assembly Committee on Christian Education and Publications for a definition of Theonomy and that the Christian Education and Publications Committee make recommendations to the Seventh General Assembly on this matter." (*Minutes of Sixth General Assembly*, page 81) The Committee therefore sees its assignment as two-fold: first, defining theonomy; and second, recommending proper disposition of this matter.

There is no single well-defined school of thought known as "Theonomy." The term simply means "God's law." Great difficulties arise in defining the term in our present theological climate because it has been used in a great variety of ways by thinkers as liberal as Paul Tillich and as conservative as Herman Ridderbos.

The Psalmist proclaimed, "Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalms 119:97) Every true Christian loves the law of God, and in that general sense should hold to some view of theonomy. The extremes which Biblical Christians must always avoid are antinomianism and legalism. Antinomianism means being "against the law;" legalism is seeking to be saved by keeping the law. We are not saved *by* law keeping but *for* law keeping.

The Reformers designated four "uses" of the law: convicting men of sin and driving them to Christ; restraining evil through the fear of punishment; providing a way of life and sanctification for God's people; and providing a basis for social and political righteousness. Reformed Christians today are generally agreed in the application of the law in the first three areas. It is the fourth area — social and political righteousness — where controversy has arisen lately.

In some recent books and articles in our Reformed circles, the term "theonomy" has come to be associated with the view that Jesus Christ did not come to abrogate any of the Old Testament law but to confirm it in exhaustive detail. The most distinctive feature of this position is in the area of social ethics — namely, that the civil laws of every nation are to be based on the model judicial law given to Israel through Moses as explicating natural revelation. Human law, according to this position, is not to be based upon general principles from the laws of nature and custom or upon the will of the majority, but upon the law of God. Elements of this point of view appear in the writings of some Puritans, some of whom were members of the Westminster Assembly.

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* in Chapter XIX speaks of a three-fold division of the law of God: the moral, the ceremonial, and the judicial. Clearly, the *Confession* teaches that the moral law of God, as summarized in the Ten Commandments, is always binding upon all people; it is an expression of God's will and character which never changes (XIX, 1-2). The *Confession* also says that the ceremonial law with its sacrifices, rites, and ceremonies is no longer to be observed in its Old Testament form, since it has reached its final and fulfilled form in Christ (XIX, 3).

The difficulty in current discussion relates to the third division, the judicial law. Is our attitude toward it to be the same as our attitude toward the moral law or our attitude toward the ceremonial law — i.e., must we continue to observe the judicial law of the Old Testament?

The *Confession* (XIX, 4) states, "To them (Israel) also, as a body politic, he gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the state of that people, not obliging any other now, further than the general equity thereof may require."

Current discussions of XIX, 4 center upon whether the emphasis should be placed upon the words "expired" or "general equity." There are principles in the laws of Israel which have legitimate application today. The New Testament applies such principles to specific situations, and the *Larger Catechism's* prooftexts on the Ten Commandments demonstrate how to apply the principle of general equity today (c.f., I Cor. 9:9, Matt. 15:3-6; Rom. 1:32, etc. and 99-150).

There are also aspects of these laws which were related directly to the land of Israel and cannot be applied any longer in a directly literal way.

Some, however, would insist that the underlying principles of all the Old Testament case laws are permanently valid and that wherever a situation allows, the literal case law still applies. The point being made is that decisions must be reached on an exegetical basis and not on a subjective basis. That is, the choice as to which case laws still apply must be made on the basis of principles derived from the Bible itself and not merely on a personal, emotional basis.

Those not agreeing with this approach cite as reasons for discontinuing the civil case laws: the progression of God's revelation and the change of emphasis from theocracy of the Old Testament to a more pointed division between church and state in the New Testament.

In light of this discussion, we believe that an Ad-Interim Committee to study theonomy as the original resolution suggested should *not* be appointed. There are any number of interesting divergent views held in different areas of theology, all within the Reformed position. We do not believe it to be a wise use of the Assembly's time and money to appoint committees to study every issue which might be of particular interest. It is also our understanding that such questions would best come before the Assembly only as court of final appeal — that is, if presbyteries are unable to handle such questions on their own, or if a particular case before them has been appealed to the Assembly.

Our approach toward this issue, as with all, should be to test all things by Scripture. We believe that no final decision can be made until the church as a whole has studied the teaching of Scripture in this area over a period of years. It is our conviction that discussions concerning theonomy should not divide brethren in the PCA.

It is our belief that the complex issue of the place of the judicial law has never been fully and systematically explored, and therefore many questions remain unanswered. We would suggest that this issue be studied by individual Christians, and by sessions and presbyteries which have a particular interest in the subject. Such studies and their application should be undertaken in a spirit of Christian love, kindness, and patience.

Our suggestion is that the General Assembly consider this subject a matter of liberty at this time, as was done by the Second Assembly in the matter of the cessation of charismatic gifts. Since varying views have been held by Reformed people in the past on this subject, no particular view of the application of the judicial law for today should be made a basis for orthodoxy or excluded as a heresy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That since the term "theonomy" in its simplest definition means "God's Law," the General Assembly affirms the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter 19, and *Larger Catechism*, Questions 93-150, as a broad but adequate definition of theonomy.
2. That no further study of the subject of theonomy be undertaken at the General Assembly level at this time, but that individual Christians, sessions, and presbyteries having particular interest be encouraged to study the subject in a spirit of love, kindness, and patience.
3. That the General Assembly affirm that no particular view of the application of the judicial law for today should be made a basis for orthodoxy or excluded as heresy.
4. That the General Assembly encourage pastors and sessions to instruct their people in the Law of God and its application in a manner consistent with our confessional standards.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Recommendation 22:

That the guidelines for the disposition of Christian Education Scholarship Funds be revised as follows: (additions are in bold face type) **Purpose:**

The Presbyterian Church in America Scholarship Fund shall be established to provide financial assistance to needy students who are members of the denomination and are preparing for a church related vocation within the P.C.A., **or who fit the eligibility requirements spelled out in the minority scholarship funds proposal.**
Definition: Church related vocation — a minister, a director of Christian Education, a missionary, or a Christian school teacher.

Administration

The PCA scholarship fund shall be under a scholarship committee, appointed by the permanent Committee on Christian Education. The responsibilities of the Subcommittee will be to administer the scholarship fund on the basis of the criteria set forth by the Committee on Christian Education and Publications, **with the exception of funds specifically designed or allocated for minority scholarships. These shall be disbursed under the supervision of the UPM subcommittees of M-US, according to the guidelines set forth in its Proposal Regarding Minority Scholarship Funds. The UPM Subcommittee shall advise the Scholarship Subcommittee of its actions regarding minority scholarship funds.**

The balance of the guidelines as set forth in paragraph 14 on page 85 of the Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly would remain the same.

PROPOSAL REGARDING MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADOPTED BY THE UPM SUB-COMMITTEE APRIL 3, 1979

Minority scholarship funds shall be made available through the denomination's scholarship fund which is administered by Mission for Christian Education. The UPM Sub-Committee

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tee will raise these funds, select minority scholarship recipients, and authorize disbursal of funds according to the following guidelines:

1. Eligibility Requirements
 - A. A clear testimony of Christian faith.
 - B. Evidence of calling to the gospel ministry from personal experience and the testimony of others.
 - C. Demonstrable financial need.
 - D. Acceptance for preministerial study in an approved institution or program.
 - E. During 1979 and 1980, membership in a PCA congregation will be required. This requirement will be reevaluated in 1980 in the light of our findings on UPM strategy.
2. Requirements for Disbursal of Funds
 - A. Candidates must be selected and approved by the UPM Sub-Committee.
 - B. Scholarship recipients should communicate with the UPM Sub-Committee at least twice yearly regarding their progress in learning and personal experience in ministry.
 - C. Institutions to be attended must be approved by the UPM Sub-Committee in consultation with the Mission for Christian Education.
 - D. Scholarship recipients shall be under the supervision of a session or presbytery or in special cases under the direct supervision of the UPM Sub-Committee. This policy will be reevaluated in 1980.
3. Financial Limits
 - A. Scholarships shall be granted to eligible recipients according to need. The minimum individual grant shall be \$1,000 per year, and the maximum shall be \$3,000 per year. Funds which offset charges set by the institution attended shall ordinarily be paid directly to that institution term by term, and credited to the student's account; any other funds shall be paid directly to the student.

Appendix G

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

INTRODUCTION

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16).

God has graciously given to your Committee on Mission to the United States a servant's task, that of helping the Church to grow. We believe that God would have His Church grow and we are committed to that end. However, we have another goal, as do all your Committees, that the world will recognize Christ in our midst by the love that we have one for another.

A YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

1. The year has witnessed many changes in our Administrative Staff. The Committee continued to support The Rev. Larry C. Mills through June 1978. The Rev. Donald C. Graham became the Interim-Coordinator in January and remained in office until September 1978. The Search Committee named in last year's report chose a new Coordinator in July and the Committee on Mission to the United States called The Rev. J. Philip Clark in the same month, using the authority granted it by the Sixth General Assembly. Following a satisfactory examination before the Assembly's Theological Examinations Committee, Mr. Clark assumed the office of Coordinator in September 1978. In August M-US suffered the loss of its Assistant Coordinator, The Rev. Tom Hughes, who moved on to establish Wilderness Journey in Brevard, North Carolina. Continuing to receive M-US support through December, Mr. Hughes was available for special assignments. There was also a change in Business Managers, Mr. Paul McDade being replaced by Mr. Andrew Moore in August. Your Committee would like to express the gratitude of the Assembly to these men all of whom have given so sacrificially of themselves to serve Christ and His Church.

2. Other personnel were affected by your Committee's decision to encourage presbyteries to take full financial responsibility for their Ministers of Church Growth, Presbytery Evangelists or M-US Coordinators. In November the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery assumed the support of The Rev. E. Crowell Cooley, and in January 1979 the Ascension Presbytery began to fully support The Rev. Harry George. The Rev. Jack Myerscough in the Pacific Presbytery, and an area representative, was discontinued by your Committee at the turn of the year. Mr. Robert Wilcox, now working in the Presbyteries of Central Carolina and Central Georgia will no longer receive Assembly support after the end of June 1979.

3. On September 21, 1978, the offices of the Committee were moved from Jackson, Mississippi to Decatur, Georgia, according to permission granted by the Sixth Assembly. The Committee now occupies a portion of the offices formerly occupied by your Committee on Mission to the World.

4. In March 1978, the date of our last report to the Assembly, we were supporting, in whole or in part, thirty-five men and ministries. In March 1979, we had twenty-nine men under full or partial support and had committed the Committee to begin the support of eight other ministries in the first six months of 1979.

5. The calls for help from men and churches who have remained until now in denominations that are predominantly liberal, or who have had a brief and unsatisfactory experience with independency, are coming with increasing frequency. Several of these men and some churches have been added to presbyteries of this Assembly during the year past. Others in such widely scattered places as St. Louis, Missouri; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Charleston, Illinois; and Denver, Colorado are patiently working through their problems and preparing hopefully to enter into fellowship with us in the near future. In several places small groups meet weekly for prayer and Bible study awaiting that day when your Committee can provide an organizing pastor. For these we need especially to pray.

6. Your Committee has made a special effort to improve its communications and cooperation with our presbyteries. To that end Presbytery Evangelists and such Presbytery M-US Committee representatives as would care to come, were invited to a two day consultation in Atlanta on February 15 and 16. That consultation completed the work already begun on the Training Manual for Organizing Pastors ordered by previous Assemblies (Attachment A), The Guidelines for Lay Ministries also ordered by previous Assemblies (Attachment B) and it recommended guidelines for Assembly-Presbytery cooperation in the work of M-US (Attachment C).

7. A Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries has completed the Manual ordered by previous Assemblies, and it is attached (Attachment D). The following named Committee members should be thanked for accomplishing this time consuming and most difficult task: The Rev. Frank Barker, Dr. Milan Cotten, Mr. William F. Joseph, The Rev. Mark Lowrey, The Rev. Joseph F. Ryan, and The Rev. Paul Settle.

8. The Sub-Committee on Urban, Poor, and Minority Ministries has met three times since the last Assembly. The large part of its time has been spent in working out a strategy for the inner-city. Its conclusions will be presented in the form of a Manual to the Eighth General Assembly. The

UPM Directorate has itinerated some of its missionaries believing that these men are committed to a long term in the same way that missionaries ministering abroad are committed. The UPM missionaries are especially recommended to our churches for their regular designated support. The Report of the UPM Sub-Committee is attached (Attachment E.).

9. While the Sixth General Assembly charged your Committee on Mission to the United States with the examination and endorsement of prospective Military Chaplains through the Presbyterian and Reformed Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel, we have had little activity to date except to pay to the Commission the prescribed annual contribution for our denomination. The Report of the Interchurch Committee is attached (Attachment F.).

10. The Five in Five Campaign continues its unique ministry under the able direction of its Coordinator, The Rev. Donald Graham. He is again to be commended for his tireless efforts in behalf of this capital funds program even while he is serving as an organizing pastor in Byran-College Station, Texas. Since the report to the Assembly is prepared in the month of March we would prefer to wait until after the end of May to give a current report of Five in Five activity including donations received, loans made and the total pledges toward our five million goal in five years. We will make that report as a special handout, which will be designated as Attachment G. We will recommend that the Five in Five Campaign be continued through the year 1980, operating on the unspent portion of the original budget. The Loan Committee should be given special recognition for their even handed distribution of funds and these Committee members are, RE William C. Swain, RE W. Calvin Wells, Jr., TE S. Michael Preg.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a special day of prayer and thanksgiving be set aside for Sunday, November 18, 1979, and that a special offering be taken during the Thanksgiving Season to go toward the work and ministry of M-US.

2. That the Seventh General Assembly hear and act upon the recommendation from Search Committee and the Committee on Mission to the United States in regard to the nomination of The Rev. J. Philip Clark as Coordinator of M-US.

3. That the budget for 1980 for Mission to the United States be approved as presented by the Committee on Administration.

4. That the Training Manual for Organizing Pastors together with the organizing pastor report forms be approved as an addition to the M-US Operating Manual.

5. That the Guidelines For Lay Ministries be approved as presented.

6. That the *Manual for Campus Ministries* be approved and that the Assembly's gratitude be expressed to those who prepared it.

7. That the Five in Five Capital Funds Program be continued through the year 1980.

8. That the list of organizing pastors and UPM missionaries (Attachment H) presently supported by the Assembly's Committee and the M-US Committees of our various presbyteries be received as information.

9. That the Report of the Reformed Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel be heard and acted upon (Attachment F).

10. That the Report of the Urban Poor and Minority Ministries be heard and acted upon (Attachment E).

Attachment A

TRAINING MANUAL FOR ORGANIZING PASTORS

Published by the Committee on Mission to the United States for the Presbyterian Church in America

Background: The Sixth General Assembly ordered its Committee on Mission to the United States (M-US) to prepare a training manual for organizing pastors. This Training Manual builds on the M-US Operating Manual providing specific information needed by the M-US Committee, presbyteries, organizing pastors and organizing churches as they help establish particular churches. The Manual applies to all organizing pastors even if no M-US or presbytery financial support is being received. Interested individuals should study the M-US Operating Manual as well as this Training Manual to fully understand the policy and procedures for organizing churches.

INTRODUCTION: Policy is presented in six sections.

I. STRATEGY

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORGANIZING PASTORS

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

V. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

VI. EVALUATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. STRATEGY FOR CHURCH PLANTING

A. General — The strategy for reaching the United States and Canada is published in the M-US Operating Manual. (See 4th General Assembly Minutes pp 132-139.)

- B. Concept For Planting a Particular Church — The PCA may initiate a church planting effort or it may offer support to an effort initiated by others. Denominational assistance may or may not include financial support.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- A. Growth — It is taught and demonstrated in Scripture that God expects His Church to grow. A church growing both root and fruit is essential to the Biblical model. Its growth is not only measured by its numerical increase, but by growth in discipleship, depth of commitments and sacrifices in time, talents and treasure. A group starting with a reasonable number of seed families should be expected to come to a place where it can support its own pastor within a period of three years.
- B. Organization — The cohesive unity of the church, marked by love, truth and righteousness is the Biblical ideal. A Biblical church is one in which the people are involved in worship, learning, fellowship, and ministry and where the Word is truly preached, the sacraments properly administered and Biblical discipline faithfully exercised, directed by trained leadership.
- C. Building — In our times a church can hardly be thought of as full grown until it has a meeting place, usually a church building capable of providing space for worship, education and fellowship. Planning for the site and the facility should begin with the beginning of the fellowship.
- D. The Committee will, in summary, be looking for evidence of healthy progress in growth, organization and provision of a facility.

III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORGANIZING PASTORS

- A. The one considered for the ministry of organizing pastor must:
1. Have sensed the call of God to this particular type ministry,
 2. Have unique qualifications for this particular type ministry as follows:
 - a. **His Natural Attributes**
 1. Socially and educationally acceptable to the people he seeks to reach.
 2. Outgoing personality — must be able to meet new people easily, and engage in conversation about spiritual things with all classes of people.
 3. Sincerely interested in people and have a deep concern for their personal problems. He must have the ability to apply spiritual truths for their solution. He must be willing to give time and energy to help others. He should constantly trust God to give him needed insight into the problems of the people and manifest his deep concern for them (I Thessalonians 2:5-9).
 4. Self-starter — must have "hustle", and be committed to the work to the extent of working hard, long hours, and steadily, without supervision.
 5. Self-discipline — refers to above, plus all personal habits.
 6. Good health and physical condition.
 7. Home interview — His home life should come under scrutiny. Is his marriage healthy? Does he manage his children well? Are they in subjection to him? Is his home "exemplary"?
 8. Financial condition — Any outstanding debts? Credit rating?
It is obvious that perfection can be found in no man. However, the possession of the attributes listed above will place the minister in a much better position to win his hearers to Christ.
 - b. **His Spiritual Attributes**
 1. Man of God — a deep sense of calling.
 2. Compassion for the lost — a deep and abiding motivation (Luke 15).
 3. Man of prayer (Col. 1:9-11, Col. 2:1-3, Eph. 3:14-18, I Thess. 1:2-3).
 4. Man of vision — he will see opportunities where others see only obstacles. He is highly motivated and will persevere despite discouraging setbacks. His vision is backed by a solid sense of call, i.e., that God has called him to this work, and will see him through.
 5. Maturity, through former experience.
 6. Preaching gifts.
 3. Have evidence of the following ministerial skills:
 - a. Personal witnessing
 - b. Organizational ability
 - c. Pastoral care
 - d. Ability to lead and communicate in large and small groups
 - e. Understanding of financing
 4. Have completed the educational requirements for ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America,
 5. Have had two years of experience in a pastoral ministry, however, this may be waived.
- B. He must be ordained, approved by a Presbytery for this ministry.

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. Before applying the applicant is advised that he must:
 1. Understand and be in basic agreement with the goals and PCA strategy for organizing churches before accepting the call.
 2. Understand and adhere to the qualification standards, the application procedures and the continuing education and evaluation requirements of the denomination.
- B. An application to the Committee on M-US should normally be received six months prior to the pastor's availability, allowing time for the Committee's investigation and prayerful consideration of the man in relation to the need.
- C. Before presentation to the Committee for possible appointment, the Staff will thoroughly familiarize the applicant with the need and the Committee's goals in relation to that need. The relationship of the organizing pastor to the Committees and the Courts of the church they serve must be fully understood and agreed upon.
- D. The Application Form for organizing Pastor, Appendix A to the M-US Operating Manual as approved by General Assembly is supplied with this Manual.

V. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. General — In addition to natural attributes, spiritual gifts and managerial skills, an organizing pastor will benefit from professional preparation for his call. Specialized preparation should begin as soon as he decides to minister in church planting and should continue after his appointment.
- B. Goals — The organizing pastor is expected to further develop his knowledge and skills in the following areas:
 1. Ability to train others in personal witnessing
 2. Leadership training
 3. Counseling abilities
 4. Organizational skills
 5. Development of body life
 6. Efficient time management
 7. Finances, both personal and church
 8. Promotion and public relations
 9. Strengthening of inter-personal relationships
 10. Church growth concepts
- C. Methods — Continuing Education for the organizing pastor is a joint responsibility of all parties:
 1. Self Study — Whether through formal courses, home study, periodicals or seminars, the organizing pastor should continue studying subjects related to his call.
 2. Personal contact — Guidance, counsel and instruction should be provided by the entire PCA church planting team. This team could include:
 - a. The Coordinator of M-US and his Staff,
 - b. The Presbytery's Minister of Church Growth,
 - c. The Chairman of the Presbytery M-US Committee,
 - d. A senior minister and his session in a nearby church to whom the organizing pastor is assigned for assistance and evaluation.
 3. Seminars
 - a. The organizing pastor should attend continuing education seminars provided by the Committee on Christian Education and Publications and those sponsored by our approved seminaries. However, these might not always be designed to meet his most pressing needs.
 - b. The Committee on Mission to the United States should once in each year, bring all organizing pastors and their wives to a four to five day seminar on the particular needs of the organizing pastor and his wife. The frequency and length of these seminars will depend upon the Committee's ability to financially support them.
 - c. The Committee will also recommend Evangelism Explosion, Church Growth and other available institutes and seminars.

VI. EVALUATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A. The organizing pastor will be evaluated by the Mission to the United States according to his accomplishment of the goals and objectives in II. above and the specific measureable goals for church growth mutually arrived at by the contracting parties.
- B. The function of the Coordinator and his Staff is to support, encourage and aid according to the organizing pastor's need. But he also has the responsibility of reporting to the Committee at regular intervals the progress or the lack of it. To evaluate progress tools must be employed:
 1. A form (updated and attached as Attachment A) will be completed by the organizing pastor within the first two weeks of each quarter and forwarded to the Coordinator with a copy to the office his presbytery may designate.
 2. A companion form will be completed by the treasurer of the congregation served by the organizing pastor (attached as Attachment B).

3. A semi-annual report of progress from one of the following as applicable:
 - a. The pastor who is providing oversight,
 - b. The Presbytery Minister of Church Growth, or
 - c. The Presbytery M-US Chairman.
- C. The Committee on Mission to the United States will:
 1. Receive a summary progress report from the Coordinator on each organizing pastor twice in each year (usually in March and September),
 2. Suggest any remedial action that might be dictated by the report,
 3. Determine any resulting changes in the terms of the "Call" to the organizing pastor of an unorganized congregation and send the revised call to the pastor and his presbytery,
 4. Notify the organized church pastored by an "organizing pastor" and their presbytery of any changes in the Committee's financial support.

**Attachment A — Progress Report from Organizing Pastor
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
P. O. Box 1703
Decatur, GA 30031
(Send copy to your Presbytery M-US Chairman)

IMPORTANT! THIS REPORT IS DUE _____

PROGRESS REPORT

Covering 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Quarter _____
(circle one) (year)

TO: THE COMMITTEES ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES, ASSEMBLY AND
PRESBYTERY

FROM ORGANIZING PASTOR _____

NAME OF CHURCH OR MISSION _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

CHURCH — _____ HOME — _____

DATE YOUR MINISTRY BEGAN IN THIS PLACE _____

NUMBER OF FAMILY UNITS AT BEGINNING _____

NUMBER OF FAMILY UNITS NOW _____

NUMBER OF COMMITTED ADULTS AT BEGINNING _____

NUMBER OF COMMITTED ADULTS NOW _____

AVERAGE SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE IN THIS QUARTER _____

AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN THIS QUARTER _____

NUMBER COMMUNING AT LAST COMMUNION _____

NUMBER OF PROFESSIONS OF FAITH IN THIS QUARTER _____

NUMBER OF BAPTISMS: ADULT _____ INFANT _____

PROGRESS TOWARD ORGANIZATION:

STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED WITH _____ MEMBERS.

STATEMENT OF COVENANT NOW HAS _____ NAMES.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS NOW HAS _____ MEMBERS.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS HAS _____ MEMBERS.

ALREADY ORGANIZED WITH _____ MEMBERS,

AND _____ ELDERS.

NAME OF PRESENT MEETING PLACE _____

WHAT ARE YOUR BUILDING PLANS? _____

WHAT IS YOUR EVANGELISM PROGRAM? _____

WHAT SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING REGULARLY? _____

HOW MAY M-US BE OF HELP? _____

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER? _____

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS? _____

MINISTER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED:

- FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S M-US COMMITTEE..... \$ _____
- FROM PRESBYTERY
- FROM LOCAL GROUP
- FROM OTHER SOURCE

OTHER COMPENSATION ITEMS (NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE):

- ANNUITY
- MEDICAL INSURANCE
- MANSE
- AUTO
- UTILITIES
- OTHER

TOTAL ANNUAL SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL \$ _____

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

**Attachment B — Progress Report from Treasurer
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

P. O. Box 1703

Decatur, GA 30031

(Send copy to your Presbytery M-US Chairman)

IMPORTANT! REPORT DUE _____

FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD _____ DATE _____

PROGRESS REPORT

FROM: TREASURER _____

TO: THE COMMITTEES ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES, ASSEMBLY AND PRESBYTERY

NAME OF CHURCH OR MISSION _____

MAILING ADDRESS:
STREET NO. OR P.O. BOX _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHURCH OR WORK:

AVERAGE MONTHLY COLLECTIONS AND RECEIPTS FROM LOCAL GROUP FOR THE THREE MONTHS: \$ _____

RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES (DO NOT INCLUDE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S M-US COMMITTEE, PRESBYTERY OR OTHER SOURCES USED ONLY FOR PASTOR'S SUPPORT)..... _____

AVERAGE MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES OF CHURCH OR WORK:

RENT, UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE, ETC. _____

PASTOR'S COMPENSATION FROM THE CHURCH EXCLUDING ANYTHING PROVIDED BY M-US, PRESBYTERY OR OTHER SOURCES _____

BENEVOLENCE DISBURSEMENTS..... _____

FUNDS ON HAND:

GENERAL FUND \$ _____

BUILDING FUND _____

TOTAL CASH IN BANK \$ _____

DATE _____

LOANS AND OTHER LIABILITIES (\$500 OR MORE):

_____ \$ _____

VALUE OF ASSETS (\$500 OR MORE):

LAND \$ _____

BUILDINGS \$ _____

OTHER..... \$ _____

PLEASE ATTACH ANY BUDGETS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE ABOVE FINANCIAL DATA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE FINANCIAL PICTURE OF THE WORK.

Attachment B

GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE RELATIONSHIP OF MISSION TO THE U.S. WITH ALL UNORDAINED AND LAY WORKERS (AS REQUESTED BY THE 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

- A. Definitions
1. There shall be two categories of personnel:
 - a) Unordained men preparing for the Gospel Ministry
 - b) Lay workers with special skills and training necessary to the support of our mission as defined by the General Assembly. (Page 44, *Minutes of the First General Assembly*)
 2. Those in the first category (1.a. above) are fulfilling a dual role in their ministries with M-US.
 - a) They are receiving training necessary to their future ministries.
 - b) They are supplementing and supporting the ministries of others.
 3. Those lay men and women (1.b. above) may be doing any one of the following:
 - a) Providing program support either to a ministry of M-US or to a mission with which M-US has a cooperative agreement
 - b) Serving as a lay missionary in an evangelistic or teaching capacity where ordination is not necessary.
 - c) Ministering in what might be called a Diaconal ministry.
 4. In this context we will speak of "unordained" and "lay worker" as representing the two categories (1.a and b).
- B. Support
1. The support of the unordained will be looked upon as bare maintenance. Basic living needs will be met. It is understood that the support of such personnel must be a cooperative effort of M-US, the Presbytery and the local church. The primary benefit to the unordained is the training and experience received.

2. The support of the lay worker will not be materially different from that of the organizing pastor, except that education and experience will be considered.
- C. Supervision and Assessment
1. The unordained will always be assigned under the supervision of an organizing pastor, a minister of the PCA in the vicinity of his service, a presbytery evangelist, a member of the M-US staff, or the Presbytery M-US Committee.
 2. The minister charged to supervise will also be asked to make assessments of the unordained worker's ministry and progress at regular intervals.
 3. The lay worker will be supervised and evaluated according to the procedures already in force or those that will be later established to affect organizing pastors and UPM missionaries.
- D. Ministries for the Unordained
1. The unordained may be theological students on summer vacation or students who are participating in a clinical year. They may also be men who are in a second year of post-M.Div. training under the more direct responsibility of Assembly or Presbytery M-US Committee.
 2. They might be used in any of these ways:
 - a) To survey an area, gathering data, developing interest and ministering from house to house, in hope that a PCA church will be established.
 - b) Participate in a team ministry with an evangelist, organizing pastor, a UPM missionary, or other unordained men and lay workers.
 - c) Serve as a short-term assistant to the pastor of an established church as a part of the training process.
 - d) Serve as a short-term assistant of an evangelist in a mission church.
 - e) Work in some specialized ministry of benefit to the PCA, as in a summer conference, youth ministry, rehabilitation center, etc.
- E. Ministries for the lay worker are mentioned under A.3. above.
- F. Cooperation
1. The Committee on M-US will cooperate with those seminaries approved by the Assembly in giving practical experience of benefit to the PCA as well as the unordained.
 2. The Assembly's Committee will cooperate with presbyteries and local churches in assigning the unordained so as to support their ministries.
- G. Qualifications for Employment
1. Only those unordained or lay workers that are members of a local PCA church or mission will be eligible for employment under these guidelines.
 2. Before appointment to a ministry the unordained and lay worker must have a positive recommendation from the session of the local church. In addition, the unordained should have a letter of recommendation from the applicable department of the seminary in which he is enrolled or from which he has been graduated.

Attachment C

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ASSEMBLY AND PRESBYTERY MUS COMMITTEES (As amended by the General Assembly.)

That the General Assembly reaffirm that the relationship between the General Assembly and Presbytery MUS Committees will reflect this agreement:

That the Assembly MUS Committee will work with Presbytery Committees rather than with individuals and individual works within Presbytery. All actions, appeals, reviews, etc., will be channeled through Presbytery MUS Committees.

- A. Where funds are requested from the General Assembly MUS Committee, a strategy for each Presbytery will be developed between the General Assembly and the Presbytery MUS Committees in advance of making definite plans for definite works and men in the Presbytery.
- B. Plans for each man and each work will be made in writing by both the General Assembly and Presbytery Committees prior to taking any definite action.
- C. Only such specific places or works as have been planned in writing in advance as mission areas by a Presbytery shall be discussed with a candidate, formally, as possible places of service.
- D. The supervising party, the mechanics of administration and the goals for the work shall be agreed upon by both General Assembly and Presbytery Committees in advance. The work shall be evaluated according to a schedule and standards agreed upon by both Committees.
- E. All works yet unorganized or individual churches outside the bounds of any Presbytery will be supervised directly by the Assembly M-US Committee regardless of the Presbytery membership of the evangelist or organizing pastor or the source of funding.

The above recommendations are presented in the spirit and with the desire of working

together in church planting in the most effective way possible, and with deep appreciation for the work of the Committee.

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Attachment D

**MANUAL FOR CAMPUS MINISTRIES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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PART 1

PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Presbyterian Church in America acknowledges before God and men its responsibility to minister to those who attend colleges and universities, as well as those who teach and work within such institutions. The nature and mission of the Church demand such a ministry and define the nature and purpose of our work. The following pages set forth the nature and mission of the Church and discuss the tasks of the Church as they are related to Campus Ministry.

I. NATURE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The church upon earth consists of all those who credibly profess faith in Christ as Savior and Lord (I Cor. 1:2, Acts 2:47, Acts 8:12) as well as their children (Gen. 17:7; Acts 2:39, 16:31). In the Old Testament this church is given visible expression and concrete organization under the worship and government of the covenant nation. In the New Testament, also, this church, though no longer identified with a nation, is a concrete and visible institution organized under the ordinances and government given by Christ. Our Lord used the term "church" only twice, and in both instances He conceived of an organization which carries on a definite ministry on earth (Mt. 16:18, 19; Mt. 18:15-20). The references to the church in the Acts and the epistles confirm that the church is such a visible and recognizable entity. Thus we find numerous references to the church in households, to the church in cities, to the church in a region, and to a universal, visible church.

This visible church belongs to Christ, who loved it and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25). As Head of the Church, Christ gives to the visible church its task and defines its mission (Mt. 28:18-20), which is primarily two-fold. First, the church is to proclaim the gospel to the whole world (Mt. 28:19-20, Lk. 24:47, Acts 1:8, I Thess. 1:8). Second, the church is to gather the people of God into a community of faith in which they may be built up to maturity in Christ (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 20:28, 32; Eph. 4:12-16). These two responsibilities are but two aspects of one all-encompassing mission (Mt. 28:18-20).

Christ not only has given to the visible church its mission, but also has equipped it to carry out that mission by giving to it the ministry of the Word and the sacraments (Mt. 28:18-20). He also has equipped the church with certain men, especially pastor-teachers, to be Christ's servants in enabling the church to fulfill its task (Eph. 4:11-16). He has given gifts to the whole church corporately as well as to certain individuals. These gifts are to be used for the fulfillment of the church's task (Eph. 4:7-16, Rom. 12:4-8, I Pet. 4:10-11). In addition, Christ has equipped the church with a government or organization so that the church may take the gospel to the world and nurture all of God's people (Mt. 16:19; Acts 13:1-3, 14:23, 15:2, 4, 6, 22; I Tim. 3:1-13, 15; Titus 1:5-9).

In summary, *The Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America states that "the church, with its ordinances, officers and courts, is the agency which Christ has ordained for the edification and government of His people, for the propagation of the faith, and for the evangelization of the world" (Part I, chapter 3-5). (See also the *Book of Church Order* Preface and Part I, 2 and 3; and *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, chapter 25).

II. TASKS OF THE CHURCH AS RELATED TO CAMPUS MINISTRY

A. EDIFICATION AND GOVERNMENT OF HIS PEOPLE

SINCE THE CHURCH IS THE PRIMARY EARTHLY INSTITUTION OR ORGANISM TO WHICH God has entrusted the nurture and spiritual government of His people, it is the church's responsibility to carry out the pastoral care and oversight of its members and to ensure that their spiritual welfare is encouraged, enhanced, and promoted.

1. Edification

a. Biblical Imperative

At creation, God established the family and its importance. Subsequently, He confirmed His everlasting covenant with Abraham and his descendants "to be (his) God and the God of (his) descendants after (him)" (Genesis 17). The importance of the family in God's redemptive plan is seen in God's explicit instructions throughout Scripture (e.g., Deut. 6, Eph. 5), which remind us, as individuals and as a church, of our covenantal responsibility to raise our children in the most holy faith.

b. Means Ordained

For building up the body of Christ and preparing the saints for the work of service, Christ has given to His church "some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Eph. 4:11-12). Thus, those called as pastor-teachers and others in the body of Christ work beside parents, as well as with and through them, in the task of Christian nurture.

c. Content and Extent

In nurturing our children, we must fulfill our Lord's directive to teach them to obey everything that He has commanded (Mt. 28:20). We are to follow the example of the Apostle Paul, who did not shrink from declaring the "WHOLE PURPOSE OF God" (Acts 20:27). The content of our teaching, then, is the whole range of Biblical truth, and its application is to every aspect of life.

d. Responsibility to College Students

The college years, when young people are moving through late adolescence into adulthood, are crucial for education in the faith. Yet, for the student, these years are heavy with pressure from without and within. Much that is set forth as final truth is taught without consideration of God's truth and often is in open contradiction to God's written Word. Within this context, students are formulating beliefs, patterns, relationships, and life-styles that will be foundational and directional for the rest of their lives. This is a time of change, of trying out different areas of study and new ways of thinking and living. It is a time of inner turmoil, of struggling with some of the most far-reaching decisions of life — decisions involving career, marriage, and the development of a value system. Separated from parents, and influenced more than ever by peers and teachers, each student is seeking to establish his own identity as a person and to understand his purpose in life.

Therefore, it is imperative that the church carry out its covenantal responsibility to edify members of the household of God within the university community. During the years when young people are largely separated from the influences of home and the local church, the church must fulfill in a special way the vow many of its members have taken to assist the parents in Christian nurture (BCO 57-5). The church must go to the campus with a Christian view of God and the world, as revealed in His written Word. The church, through campus workers called to that field of labor, must build up students in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. Only as students are equipped with a Biblical world-and-life view will they be able to evaluate the philosophies, ideologies, and practices which confront them on the university campus and throughout life. Only as they are guided into the whole counsel of God will they be enabled to reach "maturity" and experience "the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-16).

In its constitution, our church acknowledges that it does not make up the whole body of Christ, but that the visible church includes "all those who make profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," regardless of their

denomination. Therefore we recognize that other denominations and groups will be involved in ministries to those within colleges and universities. The presence of other ministries, however, does not in any way negate the responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Presbyterian Church in America must carry out its responsibility to edify God's people in the university world upon as many campuses as practically feasible, and especially where significant numbers of our PCA covenant youth are located. If it does not, the void may be filled in the lives of students by individuals or organizations whose teaching, practice, and philosophies are in contradiction to God's holy Word.

2. Government

Christ has commanded the church not only to edify God's people but also to provide spiritual oversight, government, and discipline for their encouragement and correction. As Christ has given to His church various offices, He has with them delegated the responsibility for seeing that the church remain true to its mission and to God's Word. It is the church's task to provide oversight of all of its members, and, through its courts, to support and oversee those called and sent by God and the church to shepherd His flock. It is the church's duty to sound a clear call away from error and false teaching, as well as to proclaim clearly the Word of truth. The church's oversight must extend to church members and officers serving God on the university campus. In this melting pot of ideologies and mores, where subtle errors often gain their first foothold, it is especially incumbent upon the church to provide leadership, supervision, correction, and encouragement for its people.

B. EVANGELIZATION AND PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

1. Biblical Imperative

Our Lord, as Head of His Church, after claiming all authority in heaven and on earth, said, "therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:18-20). It is from the church that the gospel is proclaimed and it is to the church that the redeemed sinner is joined. As the church goes into the world (including the university world), the Lord has commanded it to make disciples, baptizing and teaching. Those saved by God are to be joined to the visible church as they are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Therefore, the Presbyterian Church in America acknowledges before God and man a responsibility to go to those who are in colleges and universities, to proclaim to them the good news of Jesus Christ, who is the only solution to the sin of man and the only Mediator between man and God.

2. Reasons to Evangelize the College Campus

The college campus is today a strategic target for evangelization, for at least two reasons. The university world is the marketplace of ideas, where great value is placed upon the wisdom, philosophies, and traditions of men. As these worldly concepts are taught without reference to the absolute truth of Scripture, the church is responsible to teach the message of the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. We must converse, reason, and dispute with the philosophers and philosophies of our day, as the Apostle Paul did long ago in Athens. The student, entering upon his college career, faces challenges to his previously held thoughts and values. At the same time he is struggling to formulate his own understanding of life. The church must be there, at this crucial period in the student's life, holding forth God's truth and God's solution to the problems of the world. If we do not go, others will take our place, and either participate in the harvest God has provided or fill men's minds with the philosophies of our time.

For a second reason, the college campus today is important for the fulfillment of Christ's command to teach all nations. Our colleges and universities comprise students from around the globe. World evangelization includes going to other countries, but today other countries are coming to colleges and universities within our own country, and within walking distance of many of us. Therefore our failure to go to the university world, today more than ever, means that we not only fail to go to "our Jerusalems" and into "our Judeas and Samarias," but that we fail to go to the ends of the earth as well, since they have been brought to our very doorsteps. The church, then, should recognize and capitalize on the fact that some countries which have placed restrictions on the entrance of American missionaries nevertheless allow people from their country to come to our schools for education.

If the church neglects its responsibility to the university world, some of those who believe may not rightly be joined to the visible church. They may be denied or have a distorted appreciation of certain means of grace (such as the sacraments and discipline) and thereby have a misconception of what it means to be a disciple of

Jesus Christ. Our task is great. We go to proclaim the good news, to make disciples, to see those whom God calls to Himself united with the visible church, and to teach them all that Christ has commanded.

III. CONCLUSION

The Presbyterian Church in America accepts its responsibility to plant churches throughout the geographical limits of our land as well as in other subcultures of our society. We also affirm our responsibility to send campus workers to the subculture of the university world. Our two-fold mission is to carry out our covenantal duties to nurture and edify members of the household of God and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost.

PART 2

PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH OF PCA CAMPUS MINISTRY

I. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Presbyterian Church in America affirms its responsibility to send campus workers to the university world (see Part 1, "Philosophy of the Church's Ministry to Colleges and Universities"). Our two-fold mission is to carry out our covenantal duties to nurture and edify members of the household of God and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost.

II. DOCTRINAL COMMITMENT OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

The doctrinal basis for the campus ministry is the system of truth set forth in the Westminster Standards (*Confession of Faith* and the *Larger* and *Shorter Catechisms*) of the Presbyterian Church in America. We believe that the doctrines summarized therein are those taught in God's Word. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are our absolute authority, and from them we derive not only our doctrinal standards but also our principles of discipling.

Staff personnel must subscribe to the Westminster Standards. Students who are members of the executive body of a campus fellowship group are not required to subscribe to the Standards, but are, like non-ordained members in a local church, expected only to make a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They must also approve of the purpose and objectives of the ministry and subscribe to a basic statement of Christian doctrine.

III. CAMPUS SERVED

Normally, each campus staff member will work on one campus, and will not itinerate from campus to campus.

IV. CAMPUS STAFF

A. SENT BY THE CHURCH

The campus staff member is under the guidance and supervision of the church and is sent by the church not as its representative only, but primarily as a servant of God bearing the name of Jesus Christ. The term "church" here may mean either a local church or churches, a presbytery or presbyteries, or church(es) and presbytery(ies) working together to carry out their responsibilities (see Part 2, XI).

B. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

The campus staff member's primary responsibility is to minister to the students on campus. This responsibility is worked out particularly in two areas:

1. Equipping students for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:12).

The staff member is not to carry on a ministry alone, but is to equip the students to live out their obligations to God on the campus and in all of life, and to involve them in the total ministry as far as possible. This implies a teaching and discipling ministry in various personal contacts.

2. Setting the Biblical direction for the work and providing goal-oriented leadership.

The staff member is to see that the work is carried out in a manner consistent with the doctrinal basis as set forth above. The staff member, as a shepherd, must provide the leadership necessary to see that the work is carried out in line with the purpose and objectives as set forth in this paper.

C. THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING NECESSARY

The staff member must have a basic understanding of doctrine, as set forth in the Westminster Standards. This does not mean that he must have received formal theological training in a seminary. He must, however, possess sufficient knowledge and understanding to have a "theological perspective" or frame of operation that will enable him to offer a balanced teaching ministry and to deal correctly and effectively with the philosophies set forth in the university world.

D. CAMPUS STAFF MEMBER'S ROLE

The staff member is sent by the church to teach, equip, and shepherd students on the university campus. This does not mean, however, that he is to carry out formal discipline, which is a matter for the local church. In dealing with students who are church members, the staff member does have a responsibility to the local church. If special problems arise, the campus staff member may work with the pastors and/or sessions of local churches in the Christian nurture and training of a student who belongs to their congregation.

V. STUDENTS SERVED

A. STUDENTS' CHARACTERISTICS

Students attending college today are in their late adolescence and moving into adulthood. Within the university context, students are formulating beliefs, patterns, relationships, and life-styles that will be foundational and directional for the rest of their lives. This is a time of change, of trying out different areas of study and new ways of thinking and living. It is a time of inner turmoil, of struggling with some of the most far-reaching decisions of life — decisions involving career, marriage, and the development of value systems. Usually separated from parents and home church, and influenced more than ever by peers and teachers, each student is seeking to establish his own identity as a person and to understand his purpose in life.

B. STUDENT INITIATIVE

In starting a group and in carrying out an ongoing ministry on a campus through a fellowship group, the staff member will seek out students who show "initiative." The student initiative to be sought is a "heart response" rather than "activity orientation." What is sought is spiritual initiative, that is, a desire to grow in the faith. Student initiative is not to be measured by activity production (setting up of meetings, contacting of speakers, attendance at certain functions, etc.), but by true heart responses (prayer, concern for sin, fruit of the Spirit, hunger after righteousness and the Scriptures, concern for those of the household of God and for the lost around them, etc.).

C. STUDENTS' ACADEMIC TRAINING

The student is at college to prepare himself for his future years in some field of labor. The staff member must see that the student does not lose sight of his major calling at that point in his life, which is his academic training. In this connection, and in light of the student's characteristics at this age, the staff member will seek to help the student determine before God what his calling is. He will help the student develop a Biblical world-and-life view by which he can evaluate the philosophies, ideologies, and practices which confront him, particularly in his own field of study, on the university campus and throughout life.

D. STUDENT LEADERSHIP

If the group is to function on campus in a manner that will enable students as individuals and as a group to reach others, the campus staff member must seek out and develop those students who show not only spiritual initiative but also leadership ability and potential. These students must be trained and encouraged to develop and use the abilities and gifts God has given to them.

VI. CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A. A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The campus ministry is carried on for and through students who participate in a Christian fellowship. By its very name the campus Christian fellowship group claims that its unity and focus are faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It must be emphasized that the campus ministry is not carried out as a social organization. Its only rallying point, initially, is the Lord Jesus Christ. Justification of individuals by the accomplished and applied work of Christ is the only sufficient cornerstone for a campus work and group. We presuppose, therefore, that the campus staff member works primarily with Christian students whom he is teaching and training in the Christian life, especially in the context of the college or university campus. This in no way bars association with non-Christians, and the exclusion of non-Christians from group activities is never suggested. Just the opposite is the case, since one of the purposes of the ministry is to reach non-Christian students for Christ.

B. NOT THE CHURCH

The campus Christian fellowship group is not the church. While the church includes persons from all age groups, the campus group generally includes only those from the ages of eighteen to the mid-twenties. Thus the group is not made up of a cross-section of society, nor does it have officers (deacons or elders). Therefore it is not proper for a campus group to administer the sacraments.

C. THE EXECUTIVE BODY

A structure is essential if the student group is to function effectively in building up students in the faith and reaching out to those around them who are lost. The staff member will have the responsibility to appoint to an executive body those students who show spiritual initiative, insight, and leadership ability. This executive body (core group or board), under the staff member and with the staff member, will make the decisions relevant to the ministry of the group on the campus, as they carry out the ministry in line with the purpose and objectives set forth in this paper. The students who make up the executive body must approve of the purpose and objectives of the ministry and subscribe to a basic statement of Christian doctrine.

VII. SCOPE OF THE MINISTRY

A. A TEACHING MINISTRY

The primary responsibilities of the campus staff member are set forth in Part 2, IV, B. As noted, equipping and leading imply a teaching ministry. Teaching should take place at various levels — large groups, small groups, and one-to-one (see VIII below). Students may be involved in leading Bible studies or meetings, but such student leaders should first be learning from the regular teaching of the Word. This teaching should take into consideration the needs of the students peculiar to their environment and age group. Bearing in mind the changes through which the students are going and the development of new thoughts and ideas, the staff member will seek to provide the students with a Biblical frame of reference from which to evaluate all of life, including interpersonal relationships and careers.

B. A MINISTRY TO ALL STUDENTS

The campus staff member will make efforts to contact Presbyterian students and involve them in the ministry. For various reasons, however, it is recognized that not all Presbyterian students will be involved in the ministry. Moreover, although the ministry is a work of the Presbyterian Church in America, the campus staff member will not work with Presbyterian students only. As a servant of God, his primary responsibility also includes any students, regardless of their religious or denominational backgrounds, who show an interest in the ministry carried out on the campus. The staff member also has a responsibility to evangelize and lead the group in evangelization on the campus.

VIII. GENERAL APPROACH TO THE MINISTRY

The campus ministry will be carried out on three levels. These levels serve as a structural framework for the ministry. The place, function, and purpose of each, as well as their differences and how they interact, must be understood and kept in mind by the staff member. The three levels and some of the various forms they can take will now be given.

A. LARGE GROUP

1. Teaching and praise time

Regular large group meetings will provide times for the campus staff member to offer solid Bible study and instruction for the students. These meetings will also include time for singing, sharing of needs and concerns, and prayer.

2. Times of celebration

Periodically, it is appropriate for the students to gather for the purpose of giving thanks and praise to God for His blessing in their lives and that of the group. This will be a time for sharing, singing, and prayer.

3. Group activities

Social outlets for the group should be provided. These activities offer a time for Christian students to have fun together. They also provide an opportunity for non-Christian friends to observe and to participate, as Christians, enjoy life to the glory of God in a setting that the non-Christian would not consider "religious."

B. SMALL GROUPS

1. Staff-led

The staff member should be leading small groups, which will take on a number of different forms. They may be Bible studies, topical studies in some area of particular interest to the students (Evangelism, How to Study the Bible, etc.), or book studies. Usually it is best if the students participating in such small group studies have done prior preparation.

2. Student-led

Students should be encouraged to lead small groups. To do so properly they will need training and direction. These small groups may be dormitory Bible studies that are either evangelistic or for Christian growth.

3. Prayer Groups

Students should be encouraged to gather regularly to pray for their own needs, the needs of the campus, and the ongoing of the church and the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

4. Executive body

The campus staff member should meet regularly with the student leaders for special planning, preparation, training, evaluation, and prayer.

C. ONE-TO-ONE

1. Discipling

The staff member, in obedience to the Lord's command to make disciples, should be working closely with selected students. This will involve him directly on a one-to-one basis in teaching, encouraging, correcting, rebuking, leading, modeling, and sharing. Individual attention is essential to establish within the student the basics of the faith, as well as to teach him all that Christ has commanded. At the same time, we should recognize that one-to-one contact is only one part of what

is involved in discipling. Discipling also takes place whenever a staff member or student teaches others what Christ has commanded.

2. Contacting new students

As members of the campus fellowship come in contact with other students, new students will be participating in the ministry at various levels. The campus staff member will be aware of such new students and will seek to be in touch with them where feasible. Some contacts will be of an evangelistic nature. Others, with Christian students, will aid the staff member and group in meeting the spiritual needs and welfare of these members of the body of Christ.

3. Counseling

The staff member will have opportunities to provide counseling and guidance to students, either as they seek him out for help, or as he is aware of their needs and problems. Such opportunities will vary and can cover such areas as career (major field of study and classes to take); dating, sex, and marriage-related concerns; relationship with parents, friends, and contacts; self-image and personality development; and relating faith to academic work and all of life.

IX. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF MINISTRY

A. PURPOSE

Our two-fold mission is to carry out our covenantal duties to nurture and edify members of the household of God and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost. We may restate this mission by explaining that it is our task to equip Christian students to serve and to reach non-Christian students for Christ.

1. Equipping students to serve

Christ has given to the church certain officers for building up the body of Christ and preparing the saints for the work of service. In nurturing its members of college age, the church must fulfill our Lord's directive to teach them to obey everything that He has commanded. The church must aid students in their spiritual growth by helping them understand what it means to obey the Lord in every aspect of life, and, especially at this time, as students on a college campus. It must teach students what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Part of this responsibility involves recognizing, encouraging, and seeking to strengthen student initiative, with a view toward developing responsible student leaders who can serve Jesus Christ and His church not only on the campus, but also throughout life.

2. Reaching students for Christ

Our Lord, as Head of His Church, commanded, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:18-20). It is from the church that the gospel is proclaimed and it is to the church that the redeemed sinner is joined. As the church goes into the world, including the university world, the Lord has commanded it to make disciples, baptizing and teaching. The gospel must be proclaimed in the marketplace of ideas. We must converse, reason, and dispute with the philosophers and philosophies of our day, as the Apostle Paul did long ago in Athens. As college students are formulating an understanding of life, we must be there, holding forth God's truth and God's solution to the problems of the world.

B. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the campus ministry is to equip Christian students for the service of the Lord and to reach non-Christian students for Christ. The focal point of this two-fold purpose is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the purpose of the ministry that sets it off from social organizations. The rallying point is Christ alone. This introductory stipulation must be emphasized in order to make plain that justification by the accomplished and applied work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only sufficient cornerstone for a campus ministry and is the acknowledged foundation upon which the following objectives are built.

1. Growth in grace

The campus ministry aims to help students acquire the skills necessary for employing the means of grace which God has provided for Christian growth. This includes, for example, training in Bible study, memorization of and meditation on Scripture, development of a prayer life, understanding of worship, and dependence on the Holy Spirit for mortification of sin and growth in righteousness. As students grow in grace they will be better able to reach out to others whom God is calling to Himself.

2. Evangelism and missions

The campus ministry must proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the university community. A vital part of this evangelistic effort is equipping students to share the gospel. This involves helping students see and grasp opportunities to share their faith, helping them better to understand their faith and to answer questions that non-Christians ask, and training them to use various means to reach

those around them who are lost. While giving students practical training in the task of evangelism, we seek to develop in them a dependence upon the Holy Spirit to draw others to trust in Christ as Savior and serve Him as King. The student's responsibility in the local situation must be clearly held before him. In addition, the students must be informed about needs and opportunities throughout the world and encouraged to participate in the worldwide mission of the church by praying, giving, and considering where God would have them serve.

3. Fellowship and service

Because Christians are united to Christ, they are also united to other believers. Through fellowship, Christians are to learn to minister to each other's needs and reach out in sacrificial service to those around them. As Christians learn to participate in each other's gifts and strengths, the body of Christ is built up. This means that the campus ministry must help students identify and develop their God-given gifts and encourage them to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit. Only in such a context can they share in each other's joys and sorrows and bear with each other's weaknesses. Only in such a context can they rightly follow Christ's example by showing love for one another, ministering to one another, and giving of themselves in sacrificial service to those around them.

Since the campus fellowship is not a church, each student should be encouraged to be a responsible member of a local church in order to enjoy the benefits and to be under the discipline of that larger fellowship. In addition, it should be anticipated that some students, who have not previously been baptized, will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through the campus ministry. In such cases the students should be urged to be baptized and seek membership in a particular church.

4. Biblical world-and-life view

The ministry must go to the campus with a Christian view of God and the world, as revealed in His written Word. The revealed truth of God is the integrating principle for all knowledge. Only as students are equipped with a Biblical world-and-life view will they be able to evaluate the philosophies, ideologies, and practices which confront them on the university campus and throughout life. Students must be taught to think and act according to Biblical principles, which provide them with a frame of reference for all of life.

X. FLEXIBLE METHODOLOGY

A. FACTORS AFFECTING METHODS

The purpose and objectives of the campus ministry do not dictate a particular method or methods. In working to accomplish the purpose of the ministry, different methods can be used and are appropriate. All methods employed, however, must be consistent with the basic doctrinal standards to which the work is committed. At least three factors will cause variation in the methodology to be used. Because these factors change, methods that may be used one year may not be used another year. Methods may be varied even within a given school year. The three factors are as follows:

1. Staff member

Each staff member brings with him certain gifts and abilities and a certain personality. These factors, combined with his previous experiences in life and his maturity and experience in the Christian life, will affect the method(s) to be used at a particular time.

2. Personality of the college or university

All colleges and universities have certain similarities, but there are also many differences from school to school, which give each institution its own personality. Some of the factors that affect and determine the personality of a school at a particular point in time are: the types of students attending, the particular emphases of the school, the professors, the educational opportunities offered both within and outside the classroom, the physical layout of the campus, its size and location, and the rules and regulations affecting students and organizations on the campus.

3. Status of the campus Christian group

The composition of the group of students involved in the ministry will have much to do with the methods that may be used on a campus at any particular time. The number of students involved, their spiritual maturity, their leadership ability, and other factors, all come into play at this point.

B. EXAMPLES OF VARIATION IN METHODOLOGY

1. Small group studies

Small groups may take various forms, each having a distinctly different purpose and objective. Small groups can be action groups, evangelistic Bible studies, Bible studies for Christian growth, share groups, fellowship groups, or discussion groups.

2. Evangelistic efforts

Many methods are legitimate means for evangelism — for example, large group meetings with speaker, multi-media presentations, singing groups, evangelistic Bible studies, dorm discussions, book tables, literature distribution, “knocking on doors,” individual contacts and relationships with roommates, individuals “down the hall” or in a class, or with friends or acquaintances in day to day activities.

These examples should help to show various methods that can be used while remaining within the framework of the philosophy of the ministry and while taking into consideration the three factors (mentioned above) that determine what method should be used in a specific situation at any one point in time.

XI. STRUCTURE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUB-COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The General Assembly’s Mission to the United States Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries to implement the philosophy and approach set forth in this Manual. The Sub-Committee, working with the Coordinator of the GA MUS Committee, will employ a Coordinator of Campus Ministries, who will be responsible for the day-to-day execution of the Sub-Committee’s supervision of campus work. The sub-committee will report to the MUS Committee on at least an annual basis. Its responsibilities will be as follows:

1. To supervise campus ministry in the PCA in accordance with the policy manual and in cooperation with presbytery MUS committees and local churches.
2. To inform local churches, presbyteries, and the church-at-large of the campus ministry — its purpose, progress, and needs.
3. To work with the Coordinator of the GA MUS Committee to obtain a Coordinator of Campus Ministries and to oversee his work.
4. To assist churches and presbyteries by providing advice, resources, training, and supervision for the carrying out of a campus ministry.
 - a. To assist churches and presbyteries in determining the need for a campus ministry within their boundaries, informing the proper bodies, and determining priorities for new works.
 - b. To assist churches and presbyteries in promoting and raising prayer support and funding for a campus ministry.
 - c. To assist churches and presbyteries in determining the qualifications for campus staff members and to assist them in finding and training staff members who meet these qualifications.
5. To organize new works on campuses that are in strategic locations that fall outside the bounds of any presbytery.
6. To determine job descriptions for and to employ campus staff members, administrative staff, campus intern staff members, and part-time staff members, as needed in cooperation with the permanent GA MUS Committee, presbytery(ies), and/or church(es).

B. COORDINATOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Coordinator of Campus Ministries is responsible to the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries. The Coordinator, working under the Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries, is responsible for the day-to-day execution of the Sub-Committee’s supervisory plan for campus work. His primary duties fall into three categories:

1. Administration and Assistance

The Coordinator will administer the PCA campus ministry in consultation with presbyteries and local churches. He will assist presbyteries and churches in carrying out the ministry according to the principles and policies set forth in this Manual.
2. Development

The Coordinator will supervise the development of new campus works. He will assist in the recruitment, training, and replacement of staff members for new and established ministries. He will develop resource materials for the implementation of this Manual.
3. Public Relations and Finances

The Coordinator will be responsible for informing the presbyteries, local churches, and friends of the ministry of the purpose, progress, and needs of the work. He will assist the Church, at the General Assembly, presbytery, and local levels, in promotion and in obtaining financial support for the work.

C. PRESBYTERIES AND CHURCHES

Local church(es) and presbytery(ies) can work together or separately to carry out a campus ministry.

The calling and sending body for a staff member is either a local church, a presbytery, or the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries. The calling and sending body is the commissioning, ordaining, or installing body, as the case may require. In the

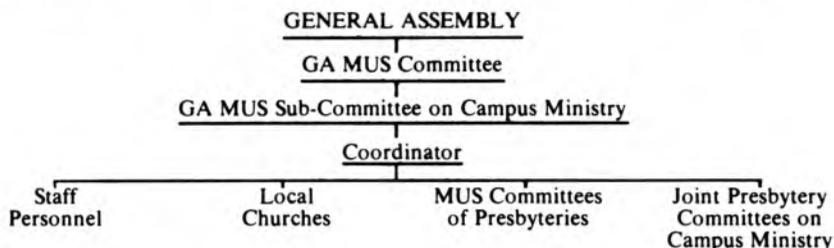
case of an unordained staff member, the local church will be the commissioning body. The calling and sending body assumes a particular responsibility for prayer and financial support. The sending body, in consultation with the GA Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries, provides training and oversight for the ministry.

A presbytery involved in a campus ministry within its bounds should carry out this work through its MUS Committee.

It is possible for, and, in some situations, advantageous for presbyteries to join together in a ministry to campuses within their bounds. This is particularly true when a state comprises more than one presbytery, since the people of one state often feel a special responsibility for colleges and universities in that state. In such cases, the most effective and efficient approach is the creation of a joint committee, composed of members appointed by the MUS Committee of each presbytery. The joint committee will then work through the MUS Committee of each presbytery in the operation of the campus ministry. Their responsibilities will be in line with those listed for the GA Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries (see above).

D. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Lines of administrative responsibility may be shown by the following organizational chart:



PART 3 DEVELOPMENT OF A CAMPUS MINISTRY BY A LOCAL CHURCH

I. DEVELOPING A COLLEGE MINISTRY WITHOUT PAID STAFF

A local church desiring to develop a college ministry without paid staff can obtain assistance from the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries, which can provide advice, resources, and training. Additional information may be obtained from the GA MUS Committee.

The appropriate sessional committee should see that the following suggested steps are implemented.

- A. Choose a mature male or married couple, with a heart for college students, to lead a program.
- B. Begin to develop a roll of students currently associated with the church, and make contact with them.
- C. Begin a college age Sunday School class, with a male teacher who is Biblically sound and as exciting and relevant to students as possible.
 1. Develop a Sunday School roll. Place emphasis on drawing new students.
 2. Begin to develop programs that spin off of the Sunday School, such as:
 - a. Monthly lunch after church
 - b. Some type of social
 - c. Spring retreat
 - d. Adopt-a-student
 - e. Service projects
- D. Strive to develop student leaders who can share responsibility for group activities and the generation of enthusiasm and group identity.
- E. Teach and train students, using as a guideline the four objectives of the PCA Campus Ministry: growth in grace, evangelism and missions, fellowship and service, and a Biblical world-and-life view (see Part 2, IX).
- F. As the group grows, begin a weekly fellowship group for students. A meeting in someone's home appeals to the student. A possible format would be:

Singing	15-20 minutes
Testimony	5 minutes
Announcements	5 minutes
Speaker	20 minutes
- G. Begin to use leaders to develop discipleship program for students. It is often advantageous to have separate groups for men and women.

H. Continue to develop depth and breadth to the ministry, according to the gifts, abilities, and means within the local church.

II. DEVELOPING A COLLEGE MINISTRY WITH PAID STAFF

The appropriate committee of the session should seek out and recommend to the session a qualified campus worker (see Criteria in Part 2, IV), who will work under them to implement the program. Assistance can be obtained from the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries (see Part 2, XI). The sessional committee should carefully consider the advantages of its campus ministry being a part of the PCA campus ministry through association with the program of the GA MUS Sub-Committee on Campus Ministries, which can provide advice, resources, training, and supervision. Additional information may be obtained from the GA MUS Committee.

The following steps are suggested avenues for the development and expression of a campus ministry by a local church.

- A. Determine the purpose of the ministry (see Part 2, IX).
 1. To share the gospel (to reach students for Christ).
 2. To build disciples (to equip students to serve).
- B. Develop a strategy for the campus.
 1. Spend time on the campus and with the students to determine the spiritual climate and the needs of that particular campus.
 2. On the basis of the information gathered, develop a *strategy* (plan of action) for accomplishing the major purpose of the ministry (see A above).
 3. Determine *objectives* that will enable you to carry out your strategy and move toward the fulfillment of your purpose (Part 2, IX).
 - a. Note that various *methods* may be used. For example:
 - (1) In sharing the gospel (evangelism) — dormitory parties and/or discussions; evangelistic programs given in campus organizations (e.g., sororities and fraternities); evangelistic messages to campus fellowship meetings; everyday contacts of Christian students; and others.
 - (2) In building disciples — group Bible studies; prayer groups; group and individual instruction in use of the means of grace and in how to disciple others; fellowship activities; building relationships with students by spending time one on one.
 - b. Make the developing of spiritual leaders one of your primary objectives.
 - (1) Spend quantity and quality time with students who are potential leaders.
 - (2) Provide leadership training to give direction and vision to the student leaders.
 - (3) Build a ministry that encourages students to share leadership responsibilities.
 - (4) If possible, find a leader in each organization and each dorm to represent and develop the ministry in his particular area.
- C. Use the resources of the local church.
 1. Challenge the people in the existing church program to help in the ministry on campus.
 2. Involve the students in the programs and activities of the church.
 3. Have the church support the ministry with prayer and counsel.
 4. Use the church as a resource for speakers, music, and materials that are needed for student functions.
- D. Be aggressive. Take the gospel and the ministry to the students. Do not expect the students to come to you.

PART 4

THE LOCAL CHURCH WORKING WITH PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

I. RECOGNIZE THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH CAMPUS GROUPS

Churches located in college communities with no PCA work on campus can have a ministry. Students attending the local church will often be participating in some campus Christian group. The church should reach out to include under its pastoral care and influence individuals working on the staff and students participating in the programs of such para-church organizations.

A. SEE THE CHURCH AS AN INFLUENCE FOR REFORMED THINKING.

Many participants in para-church organizations, including staff people, have never had a meaningful experience in a church. Many were converted outside the church, often through the organization of which they are now a part. Our goal should not be to pull them away from that group in which they have found a source of personal discipleship and ministry.

By seeking to include such people in the life of the church, however — especially in its worshipping opportunities — we may begin or continue the process of deepening

their commitment to Biblical teaching and help to foster in them a meaningful concept of the church. As they grow, they will bring Biblical and Reformed content to bear on their ministries.

B. SEE PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AS EXTENSIONS OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY.

Students and staff do not need to leave their service in a para-church group in order to identify with a congregation. The local church should see the para-church organization as an aid in reaching out into the university sub-culture. Slowly, help the staff people worshipping in the church to appreciate a higher view of Christ's Church than they may have had. Send students to them for counsel and discipleship. Remind them that new converts and other Christians need to be an integral part of a local church and encourage them to guide students into the church. Affirm and encourage those students who are involved in discipleship and evangelism ministries with a para-church group.

C. VIEW THE CHURCH AS A PASTOR OF PARA-CHURCH STAFF PEOPLE.

Para-church staff are leading others into discipleship to Christ, yet they are often unpastored themselves. Our churches should extend a loving and pastoral hand to all such people. Pastors need to be available as a warm source of spiritual encouragement and nurture. Pastors should be alert to the fact that many para-church staff have had little formal training and therefore need and welcome guidance in their own Biblical and theological studies and development.

II. EMPHASIZE YOUR CHURCH'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE WORSHIP, TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FAMILIES FOR STUDENTS.

The local church has the opportunity to meet certain needs of college students. Some of these are:

A. NEED FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

Para-church groups will not ordinarily hold meetings on Sunday morning. If students are not in church, they are probably in bed. Provide the best possible service of worship, teach on the meaning and centrality of worship, and guide students to see that without corporate worship they are missing an important element in the Christian experience.

B. NEED FOR INSTRUCTION

Welcome students to participate in any teaching form existing in your church. Work especially on an adult curriculum which is appealing as well as doctrinally sound. Provide a college class taught by a person or persons who can apply Biblical truths to the life situations of the students.

C. NEED FOR FULL-ORBED FELLOWSHIP

Emphasize and encourage contacts between students and families. Most students long for time with others than their own peer group. Our churches can provide such relationships in ways which the para-church groups cannot. Perhaps develop an "adopt-a-student" plan, in which willing families care for students away from home by inviting them home for Sunday meals, special picnics, or other occasions. Certainly any student left at college during a vacation (especially family-oriented times such as Thanksgiving and Christmas) should be "adopted" by a family.

III. SEE YOUR CHURCH AS A UNIFYING FORCE FOR CAMPUS CHRISTIANS.

Worship should bring together those who may not be together for other reasons. Through activities of the church, Christian unity can be expressed among those working in different groups. Invite staff people to a monthly luncheon together. Do the same with the student leaders of the campus Christian groups (even if they do not all attend your church). Be sure that students and staff people know of special conferences and speakers in your church. If people experience the unity that should exist in Christ's Church, they will have a better picture of the church.

IV. OVERSEE CHURCH MEMBERS DESIRING TO BECOME CAMPUS STAFF WORKERS WITH PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

If a member of a local church desires to join the staff of a para-church organization, the church should consider him/her for financial support. In such cases, the church session is encouraged to carry out its responsibility to exercise oversight (BCO 9-4, 13-5). The session should consider the following:

A. The session is encouraged to examine and determine the individual's qualification and fitness for such a position.

B. The session should become familiar with the purpose, objectives, and doctrinal standards of the organization.

C. The session, in approving one of its members for labor with an organization, assumes a particular responsibility for his prayer and financial support.

V. CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM PARA-CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS DESIRING LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT.

Staff people from para-church organizations may contact local churches concerning prayer and financial support. In such cases, the session and its appropriate committee (e.g.,

mission committee) may take the matter under advisement. Suggestions A and B (above) should help the session in its consideration of such a request. Requests by para-church staff members for financial support are matters for local church consideration.

Attachment E REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON URBAN, POOR, AND MINORITY MINISTRIES

M-US appointed the following members to this advisory sub-committee: Mr. Earl Bolton, David Clowney, Bob Fidler, Terry Gyger, Mitchell Hall, Jim Hughes, Bill Iverson, Wayne Jamison, Don Sherow, Charles Dunahoo and Philip Clark.

David Clowney has served as part time Director at the request of the M-US Committee. The Committee is seeking a full-time Director.

The Sub-Committee has met three times since the last Assembly, and reported its actions to the M-US Committee. By Committee action and through its Director, it has carried out the following actions in fulfillment of its Assembly mandate:

- A. The Director has visited the various PCA-UPM ministries and attempted to assist and supervise them to some degree.
- B. UPM missionaries are being itinerated throughout the denomination in order to acquaint churches with their ministry and to raise prayer support and pledged financial support. Both missionaries and churches have experienced real blessing through this itineration.
- C. The Sub-Committee has set goals and is outlining areas of study, with the expectation of presenting to the 1981 Assembly a strategy for urban, poor, and minority ministry for the PCA in the 1980's.
- D. The Sub-Committee is preparing materials to help us "encourage, assist, and train our churches in beginning outreach ministries to blacks, other minorities, and the poor in and around their communities, in order to initiate contact and confirm the PCA's interest in fulfilling the great commission in these sectors of society." Several Sub-Committee members and inner city workers are available to visit churches which want such encouragement, assistance and training; interested churches should contact David Clowney, UPM Director, through the M-US office.
- E. We propose that minority scholarship funds be made available to qualified recipients through the denomination's preministerial scholarship fund, established under Mission for Christian Education by the Fourth General Assembly. Our goal for 1980 is to raise \$20,000 of such funds, to be disbursed according to the guidelines of the Scholarship Fund.
- F. The Sub-Committee has as yet done little to "study and report on the feasibility of a Mini-Training Centers program which would have as its purpose the equipping of minority Christians who have potential as leaders (pastors, teachers, counsellors) in English Bible, Reformed Doctrine, Homiletics, English grammar, and other subjects." We will be conducting this study during 1979 and 1980, and will report our findings to the 1981 Assembly.

Attachment F REPORT TO CHURCHES FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL, THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION AND LIST OF CHAPLAINS

Fathers and Brethren:

As I come to the first report of the newly formed "PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL," it is with thanksgiving to God for the progress made by your commission and the prospects for the future in His sovereign grace and mercy.

Since our last General Assemblies/General Synod meetings in Grand Rapids in June, 1978, authorizing the establishment of this commission, we have met twice: at St. Louis on the campus of Covenant Theological Seminary, September 21, 1978, and again on January 10, 1979, at Reformed Theological Seminary at Jackson, Mississippi. Representing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church were E. M. Dortzbach and D. T. Prutow; the Presbyterian Church in America, Thomas G. Birr, D. K. Clements, and J. C. Pakala; the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, R. A. Bonner, W. B. Leonard, Jr., and John M. MacGregor.

Your Commission immediately applied for recognition as the endorsing agent for our three denominations and has now been officially recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, Washington, D.C. We have been excellently received, and for this we rejoice! Chairman MacGregor represented us in Washington at the meetings of all denominational endorsing agents with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board and the Chiefs of Chaplains in October 1978, and Execu-

tive Secretary Leonard attended the March 1979 meetings. Two new chaplains have been endorsed for active duty, Russ Barrett and David Dare, both Army and from the RPCES, and they have reported for active duty. This brings our total of active duty chaplains represented to twenty-one, including two from the OPC, six from the PCA, and thirteen from the RPCES. (Roster attached) The Commission represents a combined membership of 113,650.

A major accomplishment in our two meetings has been the preparation of a Constitution and By-laws, also attached to this report and awaiting approval at our 1979 meetings of our respective denominations. The next meeting of the Commission is set for July 31, 1979 at the Park Hill OPC, Denver, Colorado — James Bosgraf, host Pastor. It is anticipated that your Executive Secretary will then become an employee of the Commission with a modest stipend covering expenses at least beginning possibly in the fall of 1979 or winter of 1980. I will then be serving as Executive Director and will be replaced by another member representing the RPCES on the Commission. By the summer of 1980 my schedule is expected to allow at least half-time for the Commission.

Denominational Nominating Committees are requested to provide for the election or reelection of three members from each denomination to represent that denomination on the Commission.

All Chaplains, Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly Stated Clerks are urged to keep your commission informed of all current data: addresses, changes of station, promotions etc. for all chaplains represented by the Commission.

Finances: Denominational Budgeting for 1979-1980 is asked to include in its planning the guidelines outlined in Article VI in the proposed constitution, and Article III of the By-Laws, and the *Minutes* of the January 10, 1979 meeting of the Commission: \$150 per year per active duty chaplain contributed by the respective denomination represented by that chaplain; \$10 per month contribution from every active duty chaplain and \$5 per month from every reserve chaplain in a pay billet. Funds for the support of the Commission from the denominations and from individual chaplains may be forwarded to the Commission in any way approved by the member denominations. The Commission is being incorporated in the State of Colorado as a non-profit, religious corporation, representing our three denominations, and will be able to provide tax-exempt receipts as necessary. If your Commission is to serve effectively it must be financed by its member denominations.

Your Commission and its Executive Secretary are working to provide services in the following areas:

(1) to provide guidelines and information for ministers and theological students applying to the chaplaincy, whether military, hospital, police, industrial, educational, prison, Veteran Administration, National Parks, Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes, Campus/College, Merchant Marines etc.

(2) to sharpen our procedures for endorsement to the chaplaincy by including in addition to presbytery endorsement, personal interviews with the Commission or its delegated representatives, on-the-field visits of applicants with active duty chaplains

(3) regular and informed representation in Washington to the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, and the Chiefs of Chaplains, and the Veterans Administration

(4) personal visits of the Executive Secretary with our chaplains in the field, both in the continental United States and overseas when required or feasible, a regular newsletter from the Commission

(6) coordinate contacts with and support of all our people serving in the armed forces and their families

MOTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

(1) That the General Assembly/General Synod approve and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Commission as presented

(2) That the proposed funding of the Commission by the respective denominations be approved, and individual chaplains be encouraged to follow the proposed support guidelines

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Leonard, Jr.
Executive Secretary

PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED
AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Committee on Mission to the United States, at its regular meeting on April 6, 1979, voted to approve the draft constitution of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel for referral to the 7th General Assembly with the following suggestion: That ARTICLE II — Meetings read "There shall be one meeting of the Commission each year . . ." and ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP (last paragraph) read "Each member denomination, or its responsible committee shall elect three representatives . . ."

The M-US Committee believes that it should elect, or appoint, the Assembly's representatives.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION
(As amended by the General Assembly)

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSES

The Commission is an agent of its member denominations (not an 'ecclesiastical commission in the technical sense), created by them to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. Since the primary structure for such ministries is through formal chaplaincies, the principal activity and concern of the Commission shall be involved with chaplains.

In carrying out its mission, the Commission functions in the following ways:

1. By maintaining liaison with the appropriate contact point of each member denomination, and through their various presbyteries, to:
 - (a) provide current information regarding criteria, policies and procedures for the appointment of ministers as chaplains
 - (b) process applications for ecclesiastical endorsement when applicant is approved by his presbytery and by this Commission for appointment to the chaplaincy
2. By maintaining cooperative relationships with the Armed Forces Chaplain Board and the leadership of military and other institutional chaplaincies by:
 - (a) certifying to the proper agencies the ecclesiastical endorsements and approvals granted by the member denominations through their various presbyteries
 - (b) serving as a representative and counseling body for problems referred by or concerning chaplains, both individually and collectively
3. By maintaining contact and liaison with individual chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and other institutions through regular reports, newsletters, written correspondence and personal visits
4. By establishing and maintaining methods of liaison with individual congregations of the member denominations to assist them in providing adequate ministry to their members while they are separated from the particular church during periods in the Armed Forces and other institutions
5. By keeping member denominations informed on significant developments, trends, issues and problems concerning chaplains and members of the Armed Forces and other institutions, and reporting annually on the activity of the Commission to each member denomination through the proper committee.
6. By promoting the testimony of the Reformed faith to and through the chaplaincy
7. By promoting the ministry of the chaplaincy to the member denominations and their particular churches

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is made up of the following member denominations:

1. Orthodox Presbyterian Church
2. Presbyterian Church in America
3. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

Any member denomination may withdraw from the commission by act of its General Assembly/Synod. Any denomination seeking membership in the Commission shall:

1. Submit a letter of application for membership to the Commission no later than 1 January of the year in which it desires membership.
2. Be approved by vote of all current member denominations at their General Assembly/Synod

Each member denomination or its responsible committee shall elect three representatives to serve as voting members of the Commission, with qualifications and terms to be set by the member denominations.

ARTICLE IV — INCORPORATION

The Commission shall be incorporated under the Corporation laws of the State of Colorado relating to non-profit, religious corporations.

ARTICLE V — AUTHORITY

The Commission shall have the authority to:

1. Regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, and Robert's Rules of Order (current edition)
2. Elect necessary officers and staff personnel, to remove them for cause, and to fill all vacancies
3. Constitute such departments and such standing and special committees as are provided for in the By-Laws, or as may be necessary or convenient for carrying out the work of the Commission
4. Buy, acquire, and receive by gift, demise, or bequest property, real, personal and mixed
5. Hold, sell, and dispose of property, real and personal
6. Secure, appropriate and administer funds for its work
7. Make By-Laws in harmony with its Articles of Incorporation and Constitution

ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, and shall be on a fair share basis, as recommended by the Commission. Each denomination will be responsible for all expenses incurred by its representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its sub-committees. Each denomination shall be asked to contribute a set amount per year per full time/active duty chaplain endorsed by the Commission. Each chaplain endorsed, both full and part-time, active duty and reserve, shall be asked to contribute an appropriate amount per year, if able. Amounts of contributions will be recommended by the Commission for the approval of the member denominations annually. In addition, the Commission shall be free to receive donations from individuals and churches, both within and without the member denominations.

ARTICLE VII — STAFF

The Commission shall have as its chief operating officer an Executive Secretary, and may hire such other personnel as it may determine.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendment by the Commission to each of the member denominations and by subsequent approval of each member denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod.

DRAFT BY-LAWS**ARTICLE I — THE OFFICERS**

The Commission shall have the following officers to be elected annually: chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

ARTICLE II — MEETINGS

There shall be two meetings of the Commission each year at a time fixed by the Commission. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the chairman or by petition of at least one third of the membership, representing at least two member denominations.

ARTICLE III — FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The financial policy and procedures shall be proposed by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Commission. The fiscal year for the Commission shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE IV — ELECTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

The executive staff of the Commission shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such other members as the Commission may from time to time authorize. Members of the executive staff shall normally be elected for a term of one year. Should the Commission desire, for cause, to terminate the services of such staff, or such staff desire to resign, six days notice shall be given, unless waived by mutual agreement. Non-executive personnel shall be employed by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the personnel policy approved by the Commission.

ARTICLE V — DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary shall function as the chief employed executive of the Commission and shall give supervision to all other employed personnel. He shall have responsibility and authority for the general direction and oversight of the total program of the Commission. He shall be responsive and accountable to the policies and actions of the Commission at all times. He shall function as the treasurer for the Commission.

ARTICLE VI — QUORUM

For either regular or special meetings of the Commission, a quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the representative members of the Commission, with at least one representative from each member denomination present.

ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Commission may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a two-thirds vote of the voting representatives present, provided that written notice of such action shall have been sent out in connection with the notice of the meeting at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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REPORT TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By
THE FIVE IN FIVE CAMPAIGN
Prepared by Donald C. Graham

The high goal of gaining a revolving fund of Five Million Dollars to provide interestless loans to our new congregations needing church edifices finds itself at this assembly with more than 100 congregations pledged to this cause — still more who are giving without pledging. Although the original vote to conduct the campaign was by an overwhelming majority, a modest minority of our churches has committed itself to the campaign. As might be expected, reaction to appeals has been mixed from those of high enthusiasm and a few which are obviously resistive. We record our thanks to Almighty God and to the brethren for our progress but, naturally, we could wish the response at this time would have been larger. It might be well for this assembly to review its own action and again state its intention whether or not to carry forward the campaign with vigor.

Obviously there are just so many times that an officer group can be reminded of the Five in Five need, and it is hoped that requests have been properly timed. The Director has presented the cause to ten presbytery meetings or rallies and his associates to several other such meetings. He has also spoken to many congregations across the assembly. Only a limited appeal has been made thus far in the area of personal pledges, and it is hoped that this appeal can be enlarged with the cooperation of pastors and local officers. There are possibly 20,000 PCA members in churches with limited enough income as to make difficult their participation. Nonetheless, many in this category have responded generously and sacrificially.

For nine months last year, the Director's first responsibility was diverted to his work as Interim-Coordinator of the M-US Committee curtailing thereby his efforts for the Five in Five Campaign. As he left the M-US office, he felt constrained in the providence of God to limit his Five in Five labors to half-time endeavor due to his accepting a call as organizing pastor of a church at Bryan/College Station, Texas. The campaign must be pursued with enlarging vigor. Our commitment as an Assembly to our beginning churches presses us to greater and not any less faithfulness in this cause of helping them gain their first buildings.

The campaign has sought to avoid many of the fund-raising tactics which are common but which seem inappropriate to our endeavor as a holy and dedicated stewardship before the Lord. However, this places the greater responsibility upon the individual consciences of good men who will accept the high calling of the campaign as of heavenly origin because it is Christ's own cause. Surely no less a view of the matter will suffice. We hope to provide more frequent reports in news bulletins to tell of the ways the funds are being used and of churches which are rallying to the need.

The Loan Committee includes: Mr. William C. Swain, Chairman (Retired Bank President), 911 Advana Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33146; the Rev. S. Michael Preg, Secretary, (formerly in industry and now Assistant Pastor, Granada Presbyterian Church, Coral Gables, Florida) 950 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33134; Mr. W. Calvin Wells, Jr. (Attorney), Post Office Box 131, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. These brethren seek to carry their important function with concern for the needs of the churches and with alacrity. The M-US committees of presbyteries and the Decatur M-US office have input to these decisions which, finally, must rest with the Loan Committee. Our new congregations should be encouraged to present applications for loans as needed, thinking of Five in Five not as the chief lending agency but as encouraging their fiscal situation so as to be enabled to apply to local lending agencies for their main mortgages.

The original Five in Five Campaign Committee during the past year has requested that it be dissolved, understanding that its chief function was to draw up guidelines for loans and set the campaign's business in its initial operation. A subcommittee on the permanent M-US Committee composed of the Rev. Terry Gyger, Chairman; the Rev. Henry Lewis Smith; and ruling elder E. L. Luttrell is now carrying out the responsibilities of the Five in Five Campaign Committee.

The progress of the campaign thus far and an analysis of the churches not yet subscribing indicate that the Five Million goal is not an impossible dream. We should pray, believe, and labor diligently for its attainment, trusting God for His gracious provision as we are faithful. It will mark the greatest victory of its sort by any denomination involved in separation. The success of the campaign will not only provide encouragement for local congregations receiving aid but to the entire denominational witness for Christ which is ours across America and around the world.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To acknowledge with thanks every pledge and contribution to The Five in Five Campaign.
2. To express appreciation to the initial campaign committee: Mr. Robert Cannada, Mr. Charles Kimbrell, The Rev. Stuart Perrin, The Rev. John E. Richards, D.D., The Rev. Harry Schutte, Mr. William Stevenson, and Mr. Jack Williamson; also to the new Five in Five Campaign Committee (previously named); The M-US Committee; and the Five in Five Campaign Loan Committee. Each has provided important encouragement to this cause.
3. To reaffirm the goal of The Five in Five Campaign as the strong purpose of this General Assembly to provide help for our beginning churches which need buildings. We find in this a demonstration of the unity of the body of Christ. We also reaffirm the practicality of the goal of Five Million Dollars.
4. To encourage churches which have not yet pledged to the campaign by allowing them to count their five year periods to begin next year.
5. To encourage local pastors and officer groups to assist the campaign office by providing lists of names of persons who might receive information and appeals to join the campaign as personal donors apart from their contributions to local church commitments, though possibly giving through their churches.
6. To recommend to all office groups in churches not yet pledging that they give further serious consideration to their churches' possible pledge to the campaign on the basis of the \$60 per-member-over-five-years asking.
7. To urge as many churches as possible to present to their people the new slide and tape presentation on the campaign.

FIVE IN FIVE LOAN COMMITTEE ACTIVITY JULY 1, 1978 — MAY 31, 1979

1. **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Melbourne, Florida.** Requested \$10,000 loan to purchase church building and land for \$33,000. Offered and sent \$8,000 loan.
2. **COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH — West Springfield, Massachusetts.** Requested \$20,000 to purchase house and land for \$70,000 and construct church building for \$50,000. Offered and sent \$20,000 loan.
3. **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Riverdale, Georgia.** Requested \$10,000 loan to purchase land for \$55,000. Requested additional \$20,000 loan to construct building for \$120,000. Offered and sent \$30,000 loan.
4. **COMMUNITY P.C.A. — Union City, California.** Requested \$10,000 loan (revised per telecon) to purchase land and building for \$90,000. Offered and sent \$10,000 loan.
5. **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Metairie, Louisiana.** Requested \$85,000 loan for building construction. Church owns land (\$38,000) and has Building Fund balance of \$1,576. Committee requested (11-9-78) revised application for lesser amount which would utilize local financing for balance. No reply to date.

6. **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Stone Mountain, Georgia.** Requested \$10,000 loan to purchase land for \$57,000. Requested \$20,000 loan to construct building for \$176,500 additionally. Offered and sent \$30,000 loan.
7. **SOUTH POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Gastonia, North Carolina.** Church had been offered a gift of \$7,500 prior to Five in Five Campaign. Referred back to M US Committee for action (2-2-79)
8. **WILLOWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Jackson, Mississippi.** Requested \$10,000 loan to construct building for \$45,000. Church obtained funds from another source and withdrew request (12-6-78)
9. **DESERT SPRINGS EVANGELICAL CHURCH — Tucson, Arizona.** Requested \$10,000 loan to purchase land, residence and church building for \$250,000. Offered and sent \$10,000 loan.
10. **IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — West Chester, Pennsylvania.** Requested \$30,000 loan to purchase land and building for \$200,000. Offered \$20,000 due to amount of church's building fund and low Five in Five balance. Church is revising their plans and asks that we hold loan for them (3-23-79).
11. **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Seabrook, Texas.** Church has already received \$10,000 loan prior to Five in Five Campaign. Requested additional \$10,000 loan to construct building for \$70,000. Offered and sent \$10,000 loan. (Note covers total \$20,000).
12. **PINEWOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Cantonment, Florida.** Requested \$15,000 loan to construct building for \$45,000. Offered and sent \$15,000 loan.
13. **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Warner Robins, Georgia.** Requested \$60,000 to construct building for \$150,000. Committee requested revised application for lesser amount. Revised application submitted for loan of \$30,000 on February 1, 1980. Committee is processing this new request.
14. **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Jacksonville, Florida.** Church given a gift of \$7,500 by M-US prior to Five in Five. No further Loan Committee action required.
15. **KNOLLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Sylacauga, Alabama.** Requested \$20,000 to purchase land for \$24,000 for future (4-5 years building.) Church recently purchased (\$90,000) temporary building. Loan not offered due to 4-5 year delay in use, availability of "outside" loan and low fund balance.
16. **FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Gainesville, Florida.** Requested \$20,000 loan for land purchase and building construction (\$145,000 - \$180,000). Committee requested more detailed information concerning building and financing plans. Church is developing same (their letter of 3-20-79).
17. **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.** Requested \$20,000 loan to construct building for \$125,000. Offered and sent \$20,000 loan.
18. **IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Miami, Florida.** Requested \$10,000 loan to pay back temporary Presbytery loan for funding of land and construction for \$650,000. Offered and sent \$10,000 loan.
19. **JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Dallas, Texas.** Requested \$15,000 loan to purchase building and land for \$145,000. Offered and sent \$15,000 loan.
20. **IRVING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Irving, Texas.** Requested \$38,000 to purchase land for \$48,000. Offered \$10,000 due to amount of congregation contribution and low Five in Five balance.
21. **PERIMETER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Atlanta, Georgia.** Requested \$30,000 loan to purchase land and construct building for \$300,000. Committee review in process.
22. **FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — Mooresville, North Carolina.** Requested \$20,000 loan to construct building for \$62,100. Committee review in process.

It has been a joy for the three of us on the Loan Committee to work together over the past year in serving our Church and the Lord of the Church. It has certainly been exciting to see Him raising these new churches and buildings up all over our country. Our prayer is that our people would continue to make these funds available through the Five in Five Campaign as the need is great.

In Christ,
S. Michael Preg, Jr.

**MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
FIVE IN FIVE FUND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
INCOME STATEMENT
MAY 1979**

CONTRIBUTION INCOME	May	Year to Date	Campaign to Date
Individuals	\$ 606.48	\$ 13,073.10	\$ 62,084.58
Churches	13,216.40	90,170.29	229,036.60
Interest Income	— 0 —	1,171.84	1,951.70
EXPENSES			
Director's Support	\$ 958.33	\$ 4,666.66	\$ 14,208.25
Director's Travel	564.01	802.43	2,483.33
Secretary Salary	— 0 —	1,182.00	1,568.25
Employer FICA	— 0 —	72.46	95.74
Office Expenses	67.59	167.38	1,369.51
Campaign Materials	— 0 —	746.30	4,514.21
Telephone	89.50	319.10	319.10
Postage	84.81	188.21	188.21
Equipment Purchase	— 0 —	832.50	832.50
Other Travel	82.62	82.62	205.93
Audit Expense	— 0 —	— 0 —	380.68
Sub Total	\$ 1,846.86	\$ 9,059.66	26,165.82
Builder's Guild Aid to Churches	— 0 —	— 0 —	\$ 10,000.00 ¹
Assistance to Calvary Presbytery	— 0 —	— 0 —	13,740.00 ²
Total Expenses	\$ 1,846.86	\$ 9,059.66	\$ 49,905.82
Surplus (Deficit to Fund)	\$ 11,976.02	\$ 95,355.57	\$243,167.06
Fund Balance Beginning:			
January 1, 1979		\$147,811.49	
May 1, 1979	\$231,191.04		
Fund Balance Ending:			
May 31, 1979	<u>\$243,167.06</u>	<u>\$243,167.06</u>	<u>\$243,167.06</u>

**FIVE IN FIVE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
MAY 31, 1979**

Assets		
Investments — Commercial paper		\$ 25,406.99
Citizens and Southern Operating Account		5,315.91
Funds At Interest		21,966.29
Receipts Not Transferred From General Fund		2,477.87
Church Loans Receivable		188,000.00
Total		<u>\$243,167.06</u>
Fund Balance		
Restricted		3,740.00
Loans Outstanding		188,000.00
Loans Committed		30,000.00
Unrestricted		\$21,427.06
		<u>\$243,167.06</u>

**MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
FIVE IN FIVE FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1979**

¹Builder's Guild aid given 3/78 to close out Builder's Guild Program

²Donated by Calvary Presbytery for use in Calvary Presbytery and returned to Calvary Presbytery Restricted for:

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Bakerfield CA.....	\$ 500.00
Grace Presbyterian Church, Metairie LA.....	1,000.00
Use in Central GA Presbytery	2,240.00
	\$3,740.00

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Houston (Seabrook) TX	\$ 20,000.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Melbourne FL	8,000.00
West Springfield Covenant Presbyterian Church, MA.....	20,000.00
Community Presbyterian Church, Union City CA.....	10,000.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Riverdale GA.....	30,000.00
Desert Springs Evangelical, Tucson, AZ	10,000.00
Grace Presbyterian Church, Stone Mountain GA	30,000.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh PA.....	20,000.00
Pinewoods Presbyterian Church, Cantonment FL	15,000.00
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Miami FL.....	10,000.00
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX.....	15,000.00
	\$188,000.00

**REPORT OF PLEDGES TO THE FIVE IN FIVE CAMPAIGN
AS OF JUNE 13, 1979**

Including gifts of churches not pledging if gifts are at least 10% of five year asking. Asking is \$60 per member spread over five years. Based on membership in 1977 Year Book unless we have been informed otherwise. See page for further notes.

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Asking</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Given</u>
May 31				
ASCENSION PRESBYTERY (IL, OH, PA)				
Butler, PA	Westminster	\$ 22,920	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000
Pittsburgh, PA	Covenant	3,540	1,000	-
CALVARY PRESBYTERY (SC)				
Alcolu	New Harmony	5,280	7,500	-
Andrews	Myrtle Beach Chapel			300
Blair	Salem	8,100	12,000	-
Chester	Trinity	9,900	10,000	-
Chester	Zion	4,620	12,492	221
Clover	Bethel	17,580	21,492	17,892
Clover	Scherer	9,600	6,480	1,680
Columbia	Covenant	74,100	75,000	1,518
Columbia	Eau Claire	19,800	21,000	525
Greenville	Reedy River (w/ Men of Cov)	9,120	15,000	1,842
Greer	Fulton (w/ Men of Cov)	8,960	23,900	460
Kingstree	Bethel	3,420	750	-
Landrum	Philadelphia	1,680	180	153
Manning	New Covenant	11,100	12,000	-
McConnells	Olivet (w/ WIC Circles)	8,760	4,854	335
Roebuck	Roebuck	8,100	17,500	-
Spartanburg	Powell	6,180	13,000	1,050
York	Temple	5,760	400	60
CAROLINA PRESBYTERY (NC)				
Burlington	Northside	31,080	6,000	1,000
High Point	Westminster	3,080	3,000	100

CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

Gainesville	Faith	2,570	300	300
Haines City	Grace	1,560	1,500	350
Ocala	Grace	4,440	-0-	500
Wauchula	Faith	9,660	-0-	2,855

CENTRAL GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

Augusta	First (w/ SS)	48,600	50,000	2,028
Columbus	Westminster	2,040	2,880	-0-
Garden City	Chapel in the Gardens	18,300	12,000	2,250
Macon	First	60,000	100,000	5,000
Macon	Vineville	24,660	15,253	2,240
Martinez	Westminster	6,960	10,000	2,000
Perry	Perry	18,420	64,924	10,556
Savannah	Eastern Heights	4,560	1,520	78
Savannah	Hull Memorial	12,450	1,000	-0-
Savannah	Providence	2,880	3,000	300
Sparta	Sparta	720	-0-	800
Sylvania	Liberty	4,320	6,780	1,765
Valdosta	Westminster	7,080	4,560	500
Waynesboro	First	6,960	8,000	1,640

CENTRAL GEORGIA PRESBYTERY has given

1,000

COVENANT PRESBYTERY (AR, MS)

Carrollton, MS	Carrollton	4,560	4,560	1,535
Clarendon, AR	First	5,280	2,400	-0-
Columbus, MS	The Presbyterian Church	19,680	-0-	2,067
Houston, MS	Houston	3,960	4,800	-0-
Little Rock	Covenant	3,480	3,924	900
Marks, MS	Marks	5,040	4,800	-0-
Osceola, AR	First	11,160	11,100	-0-
Sardis	Sardis	5,640	4,080	817

EVANGEL PRESBYTERY (AL)

Anniston	Faith	4,620	5,300	-0-
Birmingham	Briarwood	120,000	110,000	16,652
Birmingham	Faith	6,840	7,200	2,130
Gadsden	First	38,040	40,000	2,760
Jasper	First	5,520	4,200	1,680
Montgomery	First (w/ SS & Circle)	31,440	35,000	7,382
Montgomery	Austin Bible Class of Trinity		900	90
Prattville	First	24,360	40,000	8,211

GRACE PRESBYTERY (LA, MS)

Biloxi, MS	Grace Mission		960	128
Magee, MS	Sharon	6,540	6,000	2,400
Metairie, LA	Grace	2,700	1,680	221
Picayune, MS	First	7,080	6,000	245
	GRACE PRESBYTERY has given			200

GULF COAST PRESBYTERY (AL, FL)

Gonzalez, FL	Pinewoods		1,500	75
Mobile, AL	Trinity	2,820	3,000	570
Panama City, FL	Covenant	8,160	8,160	1,228
Pensacola, FL	McIlwain (w/ SS)	41,220	50,000	4,917

LOUISIANA PRESBYTERY

Alexandria	Jackson Street	12,540	13,080	200
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MID-ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY (MD, PA, VA, WV)

Charlottesville, VA	Trinity	8,220	3,000	750
Madison Heights, VA	Faith	3,540	500	100
Virginia Beach, VA	New Covenant	5,880	3,000	200

ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY has given

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY (LA, MS)

Brandon, MS	Brandon	13,380	10,000	900
Carthage, MS	Carthage	7,260	-0-	900
Delhi, MS	Delhi	9,000	9,000	3,600
Isola, MS	Isola		3,500	3,500
Jackson, MS	Alta Woods	36,960	35,000	-0-

Jackson, MS	First	119,460	125,000	9,167
Macon, MS	Macon	5,700	6,000	1,300
Pearl, MS	Pearl	11,700	5,000	-0-
Philadelphia, MS	Carolina	4,440	4,440	500
Philadelphia, MS	First	8,400	8,400	2,380
Prairie Point, MS	Center Point	480	480	96
Union, MS	First	4,020	3,600	760
NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY (VA, WV)				
Charleston, WV	Kanawha	8,580	8,400	-0-
Charleston, WV	Rebecca Littlepage	5,940	2,400	-0-
Roanoke, VA	Westminster	28,620	29,520	-0-
St. Albans, WV	Covenant	6,900	7,020	-0-
NORTH GEORGIA PRESBYTERY				
Smyrna	Smyrna	30,600	32,500	-0-
PACIFIC PRESBYTERY (AR, AZ, CA, NM, WA)				
Bellevue, CA	Bellewood	14,580	10,000	-0-
Glendale, CA	Calvary	12,720	12,000	-0-
Prescott, AZ	Prescott	2,580	2,280	222
SOUTHERN FLORIDA PRESBYTERY				
Boca Raton	Spanish River	30,120	50,000	-0-
Cape Coral	Ft. Myers		1,560	-0-
Coral Gables	Granada	77,160	104,000	35,201
Delray Beach	Seacrest	22,980	10,000	-0-
Fort Lauderdale	Covenant	17,400	20,000	6,231
Miami	Key Biscayne	29,280	25,000	-0-
Miami	Kendall	49,800	7,200	55
Miami	Lejeune	7,800	7,200	480
Miami	Shenandoah (w/ WIC & SS)	33,660	37,500	8,278
TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY (KY, TN)				
Bowling Green, KY	Westminster	1,980	1,500	-0-
Chattanooga, TN	Brainerd Hills	6,240	6,180	917
TEXAS PRESBYTERY (KS, TX)				
Bryan/College Sta., TX	Westminster	3,660	3,660	-0-
Greenville, TX	Westminster	1,560	2,400	-0-
Longview, TX	Pineview		1,240	100
Olathe, KS	Community			500
Tyler, TX	Fifth Street	26,820	2,000	1,406
WARRIOR PRESBYTERY (AL)				
Aliceville	First	12,840	15,000	5,792
Boligee	Boligee	2,760	700	-0-
Eutaw	Pleasant Ridge	1,860	200	100
Linden	Linden	3,450	-0-	556
Selma	Crescent Hill	27,600	4,000	150
WESTERN CAROLINAS PRESBYTERY (NC)				
Ashville	Trinity	6,120	6,120	408
Swannanoa	Swannanoa Valley	7,320	-0-	1,234
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY				
(NC, TN, VA)				
Bristol, TN	Edgemont	13,680	15,000	1,000
Bristol, VA	King Memorial	3,690	3,690	-0-
Greenville, TN	Meadow Creek	4,680	2,400	480
Newland, NC	Fellowship	4,440	4,500	532
Pulaski, VA	Brookmont (w/WIC)	3,480	3,600	400
SUMMARY OF FIVE IN FIVE CAMPAIGN		NUMBER	TOTAL	
Church Pledges		108	\$1,566,452.68	
Church & Church Group Gifts*		92	32,618.36	
Personal Pldges		100	183,170.00	
Personal Gifts*		176	36,604.40	
TOTALS		475	\$1,773,845.44	

*Pledged monies not included

COMPARE with July 28, 1978 total, \$1,281,370. Is this good? Have-you helped?

1. Boundless thanks to all who, under God, have made this report possible!
2. While it is true that many churches have not given to date proportionately to their pledges, we are not concerned about their commitment. Given time, we are perfectly satisfied their pledges will be fulfilled.
3. While this report does not include churches not pledging, except for those giving at least 10% of their asking through May, 1979, it is an easy matter for churches not listed to figure quickly their asking at \$60 per member over five years. We trust many commissioners will carry back to their officer groups the earnest appeal to join in this great endeavor.
4. Please: if you have a correction on this report or a pledge to present, the Director, Rev. Donald Graham, will be happy to receive these BUT do put such in writing.
5. We cannot say it too often: It is a church's **pledge** which contributes to the success of a campaign like this. Token giving, even generous giving, is helpful but knowing you are with the campaign **all the way** makes the real difference between the success and failure of the campaign. The need is going to be with us a long time. Surely it is only a question of time as to when every church in the Assembly will make its commitment in a definite pledge. The sooner all come to this determination, the sooner we'll finish the immediate task before us. It is a burden God has placed upon us and must find its answer in our individual hearts.
6. For all the earnestness of his appeal, your Five in Five director must also insist that he is not in the business of judging whether every individual church **can** make its commitment right now. Only let each ruling and teaching elder and each Session make answer to God in its decision. All we ask is that none treat so serious a matter indifferently or think this can be for others and not for each of us. Often the step of faith that seems of greatest risk by the measure of man proves to be the greatest blessing and success by the provision of a faithful God.
7. Can you make a personal pledge over and above your church's giving to help us raise another \$1,350,000 needed in this category of personal gifts? Will you enlist someone for this good cause? Blue pledge forms are available for this.
8. The new slide presentation on The Five in Five Campaign is not yet available but, hopefully, by early Fall a number of copies will begin circulation through presbytery representatives.

Contributions & Pledges to:
Mission to the U.S.
(Mark checks plainly for
The Five in Five Campaign)
P.O. Box 1703
Decatur, GA 30031

Correspondence and inquiries:
Rev. Donald C. Graham, Director
1208 Glade Street
College Station, TX 77840

Decatur office provides literature

A MESSAGE TO YOUR SESSION IF YOUR CHURCH HAS NOT GIVEN TO THE FIVE IN FIVE CAMPAIGN

No church needs help in spending its income or determining its budget for each church understands its own interests and responsibilities best. Yet, because we are Presbyterians and inter-related, we want to hear recommendations from our General Assembly and give them every possible and practical consideration on a purely voluntary basis. Each church maintains its own prerogatives entirely.

EACH CHURCH CONSIDERS ITS OWN STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. To take care of basics and essentials of pastoral support, building maintenance, provision of Christian Education materials; maybe new building. Churches of smaller income often have difficulty meeting these bare essentials — yet many in this category have pledged to the campaign and have given generously.
- B. To evaluate carefully benevolence prospects.
 1. Because Presbyterians, to endeavor to participate faithfully and as generously as possible in all the PCA committees and in presbytery activities. The Five in Five Campaign is not intended to detract from these.
 2. To consider such independent causes as City Mission, student work, or other such previously made or needed commitments.
 3. To evaluate carefully, prayerfully, the claims of the Five in Five Campaign.
 - a. The oneness of the body of Christ, thus the nature of my presbyterianism necessitates my considering the weaker parts of the church — the needs of buildingless churches as our need wherever we are in the denomination.
 - b. The opportunities of those weaker churches if they are strengthened are our opportunities and encourage our help. We learn that a building is not a luxury but an absolute necessity to become a viable witness in the community. We learn too that many congregations will require years longer to wait for a building if we do not give them substantial help in interestless, easier-repay loans as through Five in Five.
 - c. We learn that victory for the Five in Five may comprise one of the greatest victories for PCA ever experienced in any denomination at our point in history as also for

the long record of the Christian church. (Other denominations as Baptists, Lutherans, even Mormons have proved how helpful buildings are to the growth of a new church and that denominational aid is essential.)

C. HOW TO DO THE JOB:

1. Make decision in your officer group whether Five in Five is a good and necessary cause. Decide: Can our church as a step of faith believe this congregation can meet the \$60 per member asking over five years? If you will take this step of faith, sign the pledge. You will not be compelled to pay except as God enables you. Believe He will!
2. After the foregoing decision, decide whether you will carry it through normal budgeted giving or by special appeal — or by combination of both, ie. the budget underwriting congregational pledges by members.
3. If using personal commitments by members:
 - a. Use bulletin inserts (from M US office) two successive Sundays.
 - b. Preach on the subject, based on the unity of Christ's church.
 - c. Use the slide-tape presentation when available to you this Fall.
 - d. Consider whether a committee should seek larger, lead-pledges as the Perry, Georgia, church did.
 - e. Have a pledge Sunday with available pledge-envelopes for families.

D. WHAT NOT TO DO:

Please do not make a token attempt at the campaign, distributing the literature, making pledge envelopes available, then passing on whatever people give. Do pray and decide if you cannot make a pledge for your total asking, more than that, or less rather than nothing at all. **Try to make a pledge.** It is the total of all the pledges that makes a campaign like this come to final success. This is very important to all we are trying to do. Try to be a part of this victory.

Correspondence to Rev. Donald C. Graham, 1208 Glade St., College Station, TX 77840
Pledges and checks, marked Five in Five to M US, P.O. Box 1703, Decatur, GA 30031

Attachment H ORGANIZING PASTORS, MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NAME (And Name of Church, Group or Mission)	Presbytery Membership	Source of Support
Frank E. Coho, Jr. Evangelical PC Stamford, CT	Ascension	Assembly (Outside Bounds)
Paul Doriani Erie PCA Erie, PA	Ascension	Assembly
Dale Linder Koinonia PCA LaVale, MD	Ascension	Assembly
David McKay Greensburg PCA Mission Greensburg, PA	Ascension	Assembly
Alvin W. Smith South Hills Fellowship Pittsburgh, PA	Ascension	Assembly
Wayne Jamison (UPM) Manhattan PCA Mission New York, NY	Ascension	Assembly (Outside Bounds)
R. Grady Love Providence PC Spartanburg, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
J. A. Bryant Grace Clinton, SC	Calvary	Presbytery

NAME (And Name of Church, Group or Mission)	Presbytery Membership	Source of Support
Michael H. Kettering Myrtle Beach PC Myrtle Beach, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
John C. Ropp, Jr. Westminster PC Sumter, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
Robert L. Slimp Calvary PC Columbia, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
John Smith, Jr. Calvary PC Greenville, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
Eulice D. Thomas Lexington PC Lexington, SC	Calvary	Presbytery
Jack Bowling Gastonia, NC (Tent-Making Ministry)	Central Carolina	Presbytery
Samuel McGinn Southpoint PC Gastonia, NC	Central Carolina	Assembly
Charles Wilson Alexander PCA Matthews, NC	Central Carolina	Assembly
Robert Wilson Cross Creek Pres. Mission Fayetteville, NC	Central Carolina	Assembly
Richard A. Fraser Immanuel PCA DeLand, FL	Central Florida	Assembly
Jack Hosman New Life PC Clearwater, FL	Central Florida	Unorganized Mission Presbytery Support
Tom Irby Grace PC Haines City, FL	Central Florida	Unorganized Mission Financially Independent
Charles Coe New Life PC Munford, TN and Whitehaven Reformed Fellowship Memphis, TN	Covenant Assembly	
Albert Hitchcock Moorestown, NJ (Tent-Making Ministry)	Grace	Assembly
Jerry Quarles and Brad Fells (Reformed Seminary Students) Grace Mission of the Gulf Coast, Biloxi, Ms	Grace	Presbytery

NAME (And Name of Church, Group or Mission)	Presbytery Membership	Source of Support
Gary Edwards Southeast Pres. Chapel Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana	Assembly
Dana Stoddard Bethel Presbyterian Chapel Lake Chalres, LA	Louisiana	Presbytery
Philip J. Adams Christ's Church Nashua, NH	Mid-Atlantic	Assembly
William T. Iverson Community Church of the Oranges S. Orange, NJ (UPM)	Mid-Atlantic	Assembly
Harry N. Miller, Jr. Harrisburg PCA Harrisburg, PA	Mid-Atlantic	Assembly
John Seery Community Church of the Oranges S. Orange, NJ (UPM)	Mid-Atlantic	Assembly
Bruce Gardner Hancock, MD	Mid-Atlantic	Presbytery
Stuart Sacks Bryn Mawr, PA Berith PC	Mid-Atlantic	Self-supported
Frank Smith Mahopac, NY (Tent-Making Ministry)	Mid-Atlantic	Presbytery
Kenneth A. Smith	Mid-Atlantic	Self-supporting
Charlie L. Chase Covenant Pres. Fellowship Forest, MS	Mississippi Valley	
Al LaValley Covenant Community Church West Springfield, MA	Mississippi Valley	Mother Church
George Alder Princeton, WV Princeton Mission	New River	Presbytery
Pliny PC Pliny, WV	New River	No Support No Pastor at Present
Eugene Hunt Covenant PCA Riverdale, GA	North Georgia	Assembly
David Clowney New Covenant Fellowship Atlanta, GA (UPM)	North Georgia	Assembly
Mitchell Hall New Covenant Fellowship Atlanta, GA (UPM)	North Georgia	Assembly

NAME (And Name of Church, Group or Mission)	Presbytery Membership	Source of Support
Peter W. Anderson Trinity PCA Kailua, HI	Pacific Assembly	
David R. Brown Community PCA Union City, CA	Pacific	Assembly
Paul DiMaggio Fountain Valley PCA Fountain Valley, CA	Pacific	Assembly
Larry Mills Honolulu, HI 46825	Pacific	Presbytery
Charles E. Turner Prescott PCA Prescott, AZ	Pacific	Assembly
William F. Woodhall Mountain View PCA Grand Terrace, CA	Pacific	Assembly
Kenneth W. Reid Fort Myers Chapel Fort Myers, FL	South Florida	Presbytery
William C. Carlson Pompano Beach Chapel Pompano Beach, FL	South Florida	Presbytery
James M. Bowen, Jr. Stuart Chapel Stuart, FL	South Florida	Presbytery
Donald M. Seltzer, Jr. Wellington Chapel Wellington, FL	South Florida	Mother Church
Vaughn Shoemaker North Palm Beach Chapel	South Florida	Presbytery
Manuel S. Salabarría Miami, FL (UPM)	South Florida	Assembly
Larry D. Sharp Westminster PCA Bowling Green, KY	Tennessee Valley	Assembly
Richard W. Markert Westminster Louisville, KY	Tennessee Valley	Assembly
Central Presbyterian Mission Henderson, KY	Tennessee Valley	Self-supporting
Donald C. Graham College Station, TX Westminster PC	Texas	Organized but not self-supporting
Kent T. Hinkson Houston, TX Presbyterian Mission of Spring-Cypress, TX	Texas	Assembly

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NAME (And Name of Church, Group or Mission)	Presbytery Membership	Source of Support
James T. Pancoast Pine View PCA Longview, TX	Texas	Assembly
John Robertson Riverwood PC Tuscaloosa, AL	Warrior	Presbytery
Julian Stennis Boligee PC Boligee, AL and Geneva PC Sweetwater, AL	Warrior	Presbytery
Bill Rose Woodland Heights PC Selma, AL	Warrior	Presbytery
George G. Felton, Sr. Reformed Presbyterian Mission Bristol, TN	Westminster	Presbytery

Appendix H

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Mission to the World sees its primary purpose as the glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ through the fulfillment of His worldwide Great Commission. As an agency of the General Assembly, the Committee implements this task by enabling the sessions and presbyteries of the PCA to send to the field those whom God calls to foreign missionary service. The Committee, with the assistance of its staff, counsels with each missionary candidate to determine the place of service for which the candidate is best qualified and the type of ministry for which his gifts, background and training best suit him. The Committee attempts to assess the probability of success of the prospective missionary in the areas of his emotions, language acquisition and cultural adjustment. The Committee recognizes that doctrinal evaluation is the responsibility of the Court of original jurisdiction, but it seeks to assure that the candidate is knowledgeable of and committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Reformed faith and Presbyterian order.

The Committee on Mission to the World is seeking to help the PCA congregations and presbyteries to be obedient to the Great Commission in the conviction that the Father is a missionary Father sending His Son, the Son is a missionary Son sending His Spirit, the Spirit is a missionary Spirit sending and enabling the church, and that the church is to be a missionary church sending her sons and daughters to "make disciples of all nations." With this conviction, the Committee believes that Christ instituted His church to be a missionary church and that she cannot be obedient to Him and ignore or belittle her missionary task.

Through its staff, the Committee seeks to determine what income will be necessary to move the missionary candidates into their fields and support them for the extent of their terms of service. Their support requirements include the expense of itineration, retirement and insurance benefits, outfit allowance, housing, transportation, salary and work budget. Help is given to the presbyteries and sessions in itinerating their candidates within their bounds and also into other churches and groups that are interested in giving prayer and financial support to our missionary candidates. The staff monitors these visits in an effort to secure financial support for the candidates.

Having met quarterly since the last General Assembly, the members of the Committee are as follows:

TEACHING ELDERS

Carl Bogue
Lardner Moore

Eugene Craven

Joseph C. Morecraft, III
G. Allen Fleece

Donald B. Patterson

D. James Kennedy

Class of 1979

Class of 1980

Class of 1981

Class of 1982

Alternates

RULING ELDERS

W. Jack Williamson

L. B. "Pete" Austin, III

Walter Lastovica

Donald Comer
Gerald Sovereign

Carl Daum

This report will seek to outline the direction in which the PCA is moving in its obedience to the Great Commission, and to account for the activities of the Committee on Mission to the World in fulfillment of the task the General Assembly has given it.

MISSIONARY FORCE

As of February 17, 1979, the date this report was approved, the Committee on Mission to the World reports 151 missionaries and candidates serving in 25 countries of the world. During the year three couples and two single missionaries completed their terms of service (Don and Velma Caviness, Taiwan; David and Gwen Brooks, Ecuador; Ed and Irene Hendren, Papua, New Guinea; Mrs. Virginia Rogers, Brazil; and Miss Rebecca Lemly, Philippines); and one couple (Bob and Betty Watts) resigned to minister in the United States. Thirty-eight new missionary candidates were approved for service, February, 1978-February, 1979. Our net gain for 1978 was 28 missionaries, a 19% growth.

The present active PCA missionary force is as follows:

BOLIVIA:

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gahagen, Jr.; pilot, assigned to South America Mission

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Linton; Theological Education by Extension, assigned to South America Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutson; pilot, assigned to JAARS (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

BRAZIL:

[REDACTED]; technician, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators
Miss Miriam Stout; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

COLOMBIA:

Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

ECUADOR:

Rev. and Mrs. David Hamilton; church planter/evangelist

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hatch; administrator, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship (HCJB)

Mr. Larry McCarty; medical technician, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship (HCJB)

Miss Paige Weaver; medical technician, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship (HCJB)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Wood; youth worker/music director, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship (HCJB)

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Woodham; church planter/evangelist

EL SALVADOR:

Rev. and Mrs. Jose Martinez; church planter, assigned to Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions

FRANCE:

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Boyer; evangelist/professor, Reformed Seminary

Rev. and Mrs. William Edgar; professor, Reformed Seminary

Miss Susan Harville; Christian educator

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Jones; church renewal

Dr. and Mrs. Peter R. Jones; professor, Reformed Seminary

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Miller; church renewal

GERMANY

Rev. and Mrs. George Hutchinson; professor, German Theological Seminary

GHANA:

Miss Brenda Miller; teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

GREECE:

Mr. and Mrs. Van Rusling; administrator, assigned to Greater Europe Mission

GUATEMALA:

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Powlison; evangelist/student worker

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whitesides; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

HAITI:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin; technician, assigned to Worldteam

Mr. Edward Smith; technician, assigned to Worldteam

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith; administrator, assigned to Worldteam.

INDONESIA:

Mr. and Mrs. James Akovenko; pilot, assigned to JAARS (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Poynor; evangelist/pastor, assigned to Overseas Missionary Fellowship

Mr. Ed Travis; translator/teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

IVORY COAST:

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Bud) Frank; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

JORDAN:

Miss Jean Lappin; nurse, assigned to World Presbyterian Mission

KOREA:

Miss Nancy Boyce; teacher, Korea Christian Academy

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ellis; church planter

Rev. and Mrs. David Linton; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Linton; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. J. Archie Moore; church planter/evangelist

Dr. and Mrs. Hyung Young Park; professor, institution

MEXICO:

Miss Ellen Barnett; Christian educator

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dye; church planter/evangelist

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farris; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mr. and Mrs. James William Goodman; church planter

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Toth; church planter/Theological Education by Extension

NIGERIA:

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Anderson; professor, assigned to Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Teague; agriculturist, assigned to Sudan Interior Mission

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Miss Judy Mayo; teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mr. and Mrs. James Thrasher; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

PERU:

Miss Elizabeth Baldwin; teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

PHILIPPINES:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Arciaga; director, assigned to Translators Committee of the Philippines

Mrs. Celia Barnes; bookkeeper, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollo; technician, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

SURINAM:

Miss Jeanne Ropp; teacher, assigned to Worldteam

TAIWAN:

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Farlow; church planter/evangelist

Mr. Donald Futoran; teacher, Christ's College

Mrs. Elizabeth Hipple; teacher, Christ's College

Miss Kathy Koren; teacher, Christ's College

Miss Julia McLean; teacher, Christ's College

Miss Marion Mounger; teacher, Christ's College

Mr. and Mrs. William Owens; teacher, Christ's College

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schorr; teacher, Christ's College

Rev. Charles Sledge; teacher, Christ's College

Rev. and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle, III; evangelist/pastor

Miss Diane Weisenborn; Christian Educator

Rev. and Mrs. David White; teacher, Christ's College

Mrs. Sara P. White; teacher, Christ's College

ZAIRE:

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Adams; pilot, Mission Aviation Fellowship

ZAMBIA:

Mrs. Grace Berry Brown; teacher, assigned to Africa Evangelical Fellowship

U.S.A.:

Rev. and Mrs. Jayson Kyle; assistant to the coordinator, Mission to the World

Rev. and Mrs. John E. Kyle; administrator, assigned to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

Rev. and Mrs. Cecilio Lajara; theological educator, assigned to Logoi, Inc.

II. CANDIDATES**BRAZIL:**

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Camenisch; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Gundlach III; church planter/evangelist

Rev. Paul Long; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Clay Quarterman; church planter/evangelist

ECUADOR:

Rev. and Mrs. David Clopton; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Mateer; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Timothy McKeown; church planter/evangelist

ITALY:

Mrs. Mary Jane Wilburn; administrative assistant, assigned to Greater Europe Mission

KOREA:

Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillip Henderson; church planter/evangelist

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nantt; church planter/evangelist

MEXICO:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aschmann, translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Courtney; church planter/evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Creech; church planter/evangelist

Miss Jennie Wilson; Christian educator

TAIWAN:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Youngblood; administrator/educator

AFRICA:

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carney; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

OPEN:

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kyle; literacy worker, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahaffey; computer technician, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mr. Howard Shelden; language consultant, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators

III. WORLD RELIEF

During the past year the Presbyterian Church in America through the ministry of the World Relief Commission, has responded to emergencies in India and Southeast Asia among the refugees. It has ministered to the continuing difficulties of famine in Bangladesh, Haiti, and the Sahel region of Africa. It has also been involved in the medical ministry of the TB Clinic and Sanitorium of Soonchun, Korea, which is directed by PCA missionary, Mrs. Hugh Linton. The churches of the PCA will receive a special offering for World Relief at Easter which will go to the assistance of the refugees from Indochina and Uganda.

IV. DAY OF PRAYER, SELF-DENIAL AND FASTING

The Day of Prayer, Self-Denial and Fasting for world evangelization was observed on the third Sunday of May, 1978. Although there is no way of assessing the significance of this time until the records of heaven itself are opened to the church triumphant, individual testimonies relate significant blessings in the ministry of local churches and in their enthusiasm for world outreach. The continued growth of Mission to the World, both in its missionary force and in its receipts for missionary support, attest to the blessing of God upon this ongoing ministry of the PCA.

V. HOME PERSONNEL

During the past year the Rev. Paul McKaughan, Coordinator of Mission to the World, has visited our missionaries in Europe, Africa, South America and the Far East. These trips have been for the encouragement, evaluation, counseling and supervision of the missionary personnel as well as for the study of new fields that are under consideration to be opened for PCA missionaries. As a result of these studies, an effort is being made at present to recruit a team of four or five couples to open a new work in Portugal.

The Rev. Kennedy Smartt, Coordinator of Church Relations, has visited many of our PCA churches, participating in missions conferences throughout the General Assembly. His participation in these conferences has been to share the vision of Mission to the World in carrying out the Great Commission, as well as to share the work that our missionaries are doing on the field. The results of Mr. Smartt's ministry have been an increased commitment to world evangelization on the part of the people of the PCA.

The Rev. Jimmy Lyons, Missionary-Evangelist, has been active during the year in conducting missions conferences and visitation of the churches. Mr. Lyons has visited the PCA missionaries in Acapulco, Mexico, and in Quito, Ecuador, to produce a special program for the love gift of the Women in the Church.

The men and women in the office in Decatur deserve much credit and sincere appreciation for the confidence the churches have shown in MTW and the efficient, cooperative way the office works with the churches and the missionaries. We praise God for this fine team of dedicated men and women:

Mr. John McDavid, Financial Secretary
 Mr. Jim Hughes, Director of Personnel
 Mr. Allan McLean, Itineration and Support Secretary
 Rev. Jayson Kyle, Assistant to the Coordinator
 Miss Mary Lou Bohnsack, Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Harold Blankenship, Computer Terminal Operator
 Mrs. Allan McLean, Accounting Technician
 Miss Betty Sixto, Accounting Technician
 Mrs. Arthur Stout, Word Processing Center
 Mrs. Bill Kelley, Communications Secretary

VI. PROGRAM

In accomplishing its primary purpose of bringing glory to our Lord Jesus Christ through obedience to His worldwide Great Commission, the Committee has set its major objective to plant the church of Jesus Christ in those countries where the particular need and our ability to meet that need most closely coincide. The task of reaching the unreached nations of the world is a tremendous one, and the belief that Mission to the World could do the whole task or spread its missionaries over all those nations is ill founded. But the size of the task is in no way a discouragement. God has given Mission to the World a certain expertise, opportunity and responsibility which is equivalent to the PCA's ability to respond. The PCA, through its MTW Committee, is seeking to respond in every way possible to her opportunities.

Mission to the World is presently involved in church planting ministries in Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, El Salvador, Ecuador and Nigeria. The country of Portugal is under consideration for opening to a PCA church planting team in the future.

Besides those missionaries assigned to the highest priority of gathering His elect to Himself in the body of believers and of planting the church of Jesus Christ, there are a large number of PCA missionaries serving in support-type ministries under the cooperative agreements with other agencies. These are very significant ministries and have provided avenues for a number of PCA people to be involved in important tasks in the enterprise of world evangelization. Mission to the World has cooperative agreements with 16 other agencies through which our missionaries are working in a number of strategic assignments. Those other agencies are:

Africa Evangelical Fellowship
 Christian Reformed Church
 Greater Europe Mission
 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
 Logoi, Inc.
 Mission Aviation Fellowship
 Overseas Missionary Fellowship
 Presbyterian General Assembly Theological Seminary in Korea
 Reformed Seminary at Aix-en-Provence, France

South America Mission
 Sudan Interior Mission
 Translators Committee of the Philippines
 World Presbyterian Mission
 World Radio Missionary Fellowship
 Worldteam
 Wycliffe Bible Translators

VII. THE POSITION OF MTW REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF NON-REFORMED AGENCIES

The support of non-Presbyterian agencies has been a recurring issue among American Presbyterian bodies since the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in this country. Obviously, it has been a debatable issue, and a question upon which equally committed men have differed. Being Presbyterians, the supporters of each side of the issue claimed the Scriptures as the authority for their particular position, this difference being one of the interpretation and application. Insofar as history is a good teacher, we should find some help in the past actions of Presbyterian bodies concerning the question of support of non-Reformed agencies and the positions upon which these actions were taken. It is a valid presupposition that in some degree the Church has been given the mind of the Lord on matters vitally affecting its purity and mission. The Lord of the Church has not withheld all light on these matters until this generation. Correlatively, neither side has always received exclusively all the light given on a question of this sort. It is because of this that we promise subjection to our brethren in the Lord.

A historical perspective on this important issue can be gained from the following treatment of related developments in the early 19th century according to Kenneth Scott Latourette in Vol. 2, *A History of Christianity*, pp. 1231, 1232:

"In 1826 the American Home Missionary Society was formed. Having at its foundation the United Domestic Missionary Society which had been organized four years earlier by Presbyterian and (Dutch) Reformed, it drew its chief support from Presbyterians and Congregationalists. As we have seen, at the outset of the century Congregationalism was the strongest of the denominations of the United States. Compact in its New England setting, where it was dominant, with able leaders, many of them highly trained, and earnestly evangelistic, with it were connected the three outstanding figures in the movement for mass conversion in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, namely Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, and Dwight L. Moody. Congregationalism was long in intimate cooperation with Presbyterianism. Theologically the two were akin. Beginning in the 1790's the state organizations of Congregationalists in New England exchanged delegates with the Presbyterian General Assembly. By the Plan of Union inaugurated in 1801 Congregationalists and Presbyterians joined in planting churches in the West. They worked together not only in the American Home Missionary Society but also in other organizations, among them the American Bible Society, begun in 1816 to unite the various local and state Bible Societies, the American Tract Society, inaugurated in 1825, and the American Sunday School Union, founded in 1824. As what was known as the New England theology moved further and further from the traditional Presbyterian theology, the majority of the Presbyterians, especially those of Scottish and Scotch-Irish antecedents, known as the "Old School men," and with their main centre of ministerial training Princeton, repudiated the Plan of Union (1837), severed their ties with the American Home Missionary Society and some of the other denominational bodies, and cut off from their fellowship four synods in which New England theology prevailed."

The above account relates the first cooperative endeavor entered by Presbyterians and other denominations and societies, and the reason for the termination of this agreement on the part of the Presbyterians. The two main aspects of this cooperative movement are of utmost importance. In the first place, the cooperative endeavor was motivated by earnest evangelistic zeal, and as long as "theologically the two (Presbyterians and Congregationalists) were akin the endeavor was highly successful." In the second place, when the two were no longer akin the Presbyterians withdrew from the cooperative agreement. This is precisely as it should be. The history of Presbyterianism would teach us that both of these aspects of this earliest precedent of the support of non-Presbyterian agencies should be firmly upheld. To adhere to either one without the other results in great loss to the church.

At the heart of the "Old School"-"New School" split was the issue of doctrinal subscription. The PCA officially stands in the tradition of the "Old School" Presbyterians and requires all ministers, elders, and deacons to subscribe to the Confession and Catechisms. The second question of the ordination vows to which every officer in the PCA must subscribe is as follows:

"Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery (in the case of elders and deacons the word "Session" issued in the place of "Presbytery") the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?" It is clearly evident that the particular court of the church that exercises immediate authority over the officer shall determine if his admitted lack of accord with the *Confession* and *Catechisms* is of such nature as to contradict the system

of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. In this connection, the PCUS General Assembly of 1898 said:

"... the use of the words, 'system of doctrine in the terms of subscription precludes the idea of necessary acceptance of every statement in the Standards by the subscriber but involves the acceptance of so much as is vital to the system as a whole."

It may be properly deduced from the above that the ordination vow does not equate the *Confession* and *Catechisms* with the Holy Scriptures. To do so would contradict the first question of the ordination vow which includes the statement that the Word of God is "the only infallible rule of faith and practice." It is the Scriptures which constitute the supreme authority in the Church, and it is the prerogative of the court of immediate jurisdiction to determine whether this authority has been rejected. The Committee on Mission to the World is under the immediate authority of the General Assembly, which court has given directives to its permanent committee. The General Assembly has defined the nature and extent of cooperation with non-Reformed agencies. In so doing, the Assembly necessarily implies that such cooperation does not contradict the supreme authority of Scripture nor violate the ordination vow.

The position of Mission to the World, reflecting that of the General Assembly is based primarily upon the doctrine of Scripture concerning the unity of the visible Church, which "consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children" (*Confession of Faith*, ch. 25, sec. 2). The *Book of Church Order* defines the visible church as follows:

"The visible church before the law, under the law, and now under the Gospel, is one and the same and consists of all those who make profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, together with their children" (Pt. 1, ch. 2-1).

In regard to the above statement of the *Confession of Faith*, this statement of the *Book of Church Order* defines "the true religion" as profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The *Book of Church Order* continues, "This visible unity of the body of Christ, though obscured, is not destroyed by its division into different denominations of professing Christians; but all of these which maintain the Word and Sacraments in their fundamental integrity are to be recognized as true branches of the church of Jesus Christ" (Pt. 1, ch. 2-2).

Mission to the World cooperates with and supports only "the true branches of the Church of Jesus Christ," and considers that to refuse such cooperation would constitute a practical denial of the unity of the visible Church.

The truth of the unity of the visible Church, fundamental to the position of Mission to the World as defined by the General Assembly, is stated in various passages of Scripture; e.g.:

"We being many, are one body in Christ" (Rom. 12:5).

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12:13).

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it" (I Cor. 12:25, 26).

Commenting upon I Corinthians 12:26, Charles Hodge says, "That is, that one member should have the same care for another member that it has for itself. This is the law of our physical nature. The body is really one. It has a common life and consciousness. The pain or pleasure of one part is common to the whole."

It is the position of some Reformed theologians that each branch of the true Church should view its doctrinal distinctives as its contribution to the whole Church, and so the whole Church is edified by the contribution of each branch. Such contribution could hardly be made if a branch withdraws from every other branch which does not hold its distinctives. But it must be strictly maintained that such cooperation is sanctioned only with respect to the branches of the true Church. And in discerning the true Church we should be mindful of the statement of the *Confession of Faith*:

"The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan" (*Confession of Faith*, ch. 25, sec. 5).

In view of Scriptural teaching on the body of Christ, statements from our *Confession* and *Catechisms*, and actions taken by Reformed brethren throughout church history, Mission to the World must continue its support of the true branches of the Church of Jesus Christ. The earnest evangelistic zeal of the PCA General Assembly has carried on this spirit of cooperation. Through missionary reports and field visits, Mission to the World is continually alert to the possibility of theological changes occurring which could necessitate withdrawal from a non-Presbyterian work. Mission to the World, working within the traditional Reformed framework, is endeavoring to abide by the Scriptural commands of our Lord and the directives set down by the General Assembly for the advancement of the Gospel.

At the first meeting of the General Assembly of the PCUS, December 4, 1861, James Henley Thornwell chaired a committee charged with the responsibility of drafting "An Address to All the Churches of Jesus Christ Throughout the Earth." The title itself reflects the unity of the visible Church. In this address, the words occur:

"We offer you the right hand of fellowship . . . We greet you in the ties of Christian brotherhood. We desire to cultivate peace and charity with our fellow Christians throughout the world."

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly express its gratitude for each of our missionaries and join in prayer for God's provision of every spiritual, emotional and physical need in each of their lives.
2. That the Assembly be urged to pray continually for well qualified men to answer the call to church planting ministries throughout the world.
3. That the General Assembly re-elect the Rev. Paul McKaughan as Coordinator and the Rev. Kennedy Smartt as Coordinator of Church Relations for the Committee on Mission to the World.
4. That the third Sunday in May, 1980, be approved as a day of fasting, self denial and prayer for world evangelization in general and our own Mission to the World missionaries in particular.
5. That the General Assembly express to the Women in the Church its sincere thanks for their generous offering for church buildings in Acapulco and Quito.
6. That the budget for Mission to the World for 1980, as presented to the Committee on Administration be approved, and the revision of the 1979 budget as presented to the Committee on Administration, be accepted.
7. That the Assembly express its deep appreciation to Missionary-Evangelist Jimmy Lyons for his faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and Mission to the World.
8. That the following Manual addition be taken to the General Assembly as part of the Manual revision. The paragraph to be added following paragraph 8 of page one of the current Manual. (Docket, p. 45)

Another area of this flexible approach is to provide strategic financial help to projects which may have a crucial impact upon world evangelization. The nature of these opportunities is such that although they may not adhere without wavering to the Reformed Faith in the same way as our PCA Missionaries, yet the MTW Committee will utilize such opportunities in limited areas where it is judged that world evangelism and/or the Reformed faith would be significantly enhanced. The MTW Committee should have the authority, after prayerful consideration and review, to approve participation in such opportunities.

MANUAL FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE (As amended by the Seventh General Assembly)

Section I

INTRODUCING MISSION TO THE WORLD

I. Basis of Mission to the World Policy

Mission to the World is a committee of the Presbyterian Church in America. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America has established this Committee as one of its permanent committees. Membership on the Committee is through election by the General Assembly, which itself has received nominations from the constituent Presbyteries.

Relationship of the Committee to the Presbyteries and Sessions of the denomination is defined by the duties assigned to the Committee by the General Assembly. Its role is to serve and offer coordinating facilities to these church courts. It seeks to aid these courts in the seeking of candidates for mission service overseas, in processing candidates, maintaining essential services for and communication with missionaries on the field and in keeping the home church aware of and supportive of the ministries of such missionaries.

Its broad task is, then, to provide leadership and consultation to the Church in developing a missionary program, seeking to develop and strengthen the missionary spirit across the denomination. As a special function, it is also charged with the responsibility for coordinating the work of Presbyteries in the endorsement of military and institutional chaplains and representing chaplains in relation to military and civil authorities.

The doctrinal position of Mission to the World is that of the Presbyterian Church in America, of which it is a committee. This position begins with affirmation of confidence in the Scriptures as the infallible written Word of God. The teachings of the Scriptures are set forth in the constitution of the PCA, in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms*.

Based upon the absolute authority of the Scriptures, distinctive features of the system of doctrine set forth in the Confession of Faith (a system known as Calvinism) include: the sovereignty of God, focused in His sovereignty in salvation; the covenant relation between God and His chosen people; and the compatibility (though still a mystery) between God's sovereign will and man's responsibility, both in salvation and in the life of obedience on the part of those who are saved.

Obedience to the Great Commission involves missions as an essential task of the visible church, namely, proclaiming the Gospel and making disciples at home and around the world, to the glory of God, as the church is commissioned to do in such passages as Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. Further motivating factors, in addition desire for the glory of God and obedience to our

Lord's commission are an awareness of the redemptive love and purpose of God and a Christlike compassion for lost sinners.

Since a primary goal of the Great Commission is to make disciples, Mission to the World is committed to working toward a growing church in every field of missions as God in His sovereign grace gives the increase. While MTW is concerned for both quantitative and qualitative growth, the church in and of itself cannot accomplish either. Disciple-making is wholly dependent upon the sovereign grace of God. Yet the Lord of the harvest, who prepares the harvest and thrusts forth the laborers, has stated specifically that He came to seek and to save the lost. He is pleased to call redeemed men to use His appointed means of grace and thus to share in bringing others to saving faith and to edify the body of the redeemed.

As the Committee on Mission to the World approaches the task of providing leadership and coordination to the denomination's obedience to the Great Commission, it is also committed to the kind of flexibility of working field patterns demanded by the various fields of service. Maintaining the unchanging character of the Scriptures and the Gospel, and adhering without wavering to the Reformed faith as expressed in the denomination's constitution, MTW seeks to be open to better application of traditional methods and to such innovative methods as are in accord with Scriptural principles.

Another area of this flexible approach is to provide strategic financial help to projects which may have crucial impact upon world evangelization. The Mission to the World Committee will utilize such opportunities in limited areas where it is judged that world evangelization and/or the Reformed Faith would be significantly enhanced. The Mission to the World Committee will have the authority, after prayerful consideration and review, to approve participation in such opportunities, although they may not be generated by organizations that adhere to the Reformed Faith.

Flexibility is evidenced in the two-pronged approach of relating missionaries to fields of service. The primary purpose of the Mission to the World is to plant the Church of Jesus Christ in those countries where particular need and our ability to meet that need most closely coincide.

The primary thrust will be in the familiar denominational pattern of developing a mission work in particular countries that is completely Presbyterian and Reformed in character, with all the missionaries on such fields being missionaries of the PCA, though some may be serving on a cooperative basis as having come from sister churches in the Reformed family of denominations.

Such cooperative possibilities serve to focus attention upon the secondary thrust of MTW in relating missionaries to fields. The General Assembly has approved the establishment of working relationships with other evangelical missionary agencies that welcome the services and teaching of missionaries holding the Reformed faith and polity. We are thus enabled to send candidates through them, as it may seem best for the greatest effectiveness in proclaiming the Gospel. These missionaries work under their auspices while at the same time maintaining full relationship to the Presbyterian Church in America.

It is understood that the primary thrust will emphasize the planting and strengthening of Presbyterian and Reformed churches. The secondary thrust may also produce Presbyterian and Reformed churches. Such would be the case where the cooperation was with other Reformed mission agencies or denominations. It could also be the case when broadly evangelical mission agencies open areas of service where Reformed churches would be the pattern of church development. Often, however, cooperation with broadly evangelical agencies would not center upon church planting ministries by PCA personnel. They would be engaged in support ministries and specialized tasks.

In every case of cooperation, however, agreements developed as a basis of field work together with PCA missionaries on a full membership or a loan basis, would be governed by the principle set forth in the following statement:

With full appreciation of the effective work of evangelical missionary enterprises, we of the Presbyterian Church in America are committed to a distinctive theology. Therefore, when we enter into working relationships with other agencies, written agreements must safeguard that PCA missionaries under the joint program be assured of their liberty in the full and free presentation and practice of the whole counsel of God as contained and understood in the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. In all other matters, the missionaries on the fields shall be subject to the rules of the agencies under which they serve. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals, rests in the proper court of the Presbyterian Church in America.

It is the duty of every Christian to bear witness to the truth according to the gifts that have been given him (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:16-18; I Corinthians 12:4-30). There are in mission work fields of labor such as education, medicine, translation, administration, evangelism, and others, where persons who are not ordained can be of great service in accordance with Biblical guidelines (Acts 18:18,24-28; I Timothy 2:12). MTW seeks to channel to appropriate places of service candidates with such gifts who are commended to us by sessions and presbyteries.

II. Mission to the World Organizational Structure

Membership of the Committee is composed of twelve elders, six teaching and six ruling. They are elected by the General Assembly in four classes, each class serving four years and consisting of two teaching elders and one ruling elder or one teaching elder and two ruling elders.

Administrative lines of responsibility may be visualized by the following organizational chart:

General Assembly
Mission to the World Committee
Coordinator
Administrative Staff

The Committee itself chooses a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. Each committee member is appointed to a sub-committee (present sub-committees being: Candidates, Personnel, Finance, Churches and Presbyteries and Long Range Planning) and to a field interest sub-committee (Europe and Africa, Far East, South and Central America).

Meetings of the Committee are set according to need, ordinarily being held every two months. A quorum has been established as seven members. Alternate members, elected by the General Assembly, may serve to constitute a quorum, in which case they serve as voting members (otherwise they participate in discussion but do not vote).

Administrative staff positions and job descriptions and actual employment are determined by the Committee, in consultation with the Coordinator. The Coordinator and administrative staff are responsible for employment and management of office staff.

III. Fields of Service

Mission to the World's two-pronged thrust regarding missions leads to two types of mission field designations: Primary and Cooperative.

A. Primary Fields of Service

Primary fields of service are countries in which a specifically PCA work is being conducted, with missionaries sent and coordinated by the Committee. In 1975 there are:

- Ecuador
- Korea
- Mexico
- Portugal
- Taiwan

New Primary fields may be entered after the Committee undertakes careful study of the needs and opportunities in specific countries.

B. Cooperative Fields of Service

Cooperative fields of service are countries in which missionaries from PCA are serving directly in cooperation with and coordinated by another missions agency. The present fields are:

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Columbia
- Ecuador
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Indonesia
- Irian Jaya
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Jordan
- Liberia
- Mexico
- New Guinea
- Nigeria
- Papua
- Peru
- Philippines
- Surinam
- Taiwan
- Zambia

Additional countries may be entered on a cooperative basis as candidates from the denomination go to specific countries through a cooperating mission agency.

Section II

REFORMED THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF MISSIONS

Introduction

The two main divisions of this section are: "Toward a Reformed Theology of Missions" and "Toward a Reformed Practice of Missions." The word "toward" is important. We recognize the tentative nature of what is written here. This is not a final statement. It cannot be, since our denomination and our Mission to the World are both in their infancy, but, more importantly, because our theological heritage demands that we maintain our life as a Reformed and **reforming** church. We desire to be more and more shaped in our theology and practice by the Lord of the church, who is also the Lord of the harvest, through His Word. We pray that increasingly our belief and our action will reflect adequately, if not perfectly, that source of life. We recognize that the work of missions is the work of the whole church. We will listen to our church as it speaks in its various ways and we will obey as it speaks through its highest court. It is our earnest desire that in this way the Presbyterian Church in America will move toward a more biblical theology and practice of missions.

The order of the division is important. The first part of the section deals with theology and the second with practice. Theology must always judge practice. It can never be reversed. When practice judges or manipulates theology, it means the death not only of theology but also of missions. Theology cannot live under the domination of practice, but practice can and must live under the domination of theology. We commit ourselves to be a theological mission. We reject pragmatism as a guide for our action. We deplore a superficiality which seeks biblical grounds for positions already taken for other reasons. We recognize, however, that in missions we must operate as elsewhere: gaining insight biblically and finding our way. Often this insight is not prior to experience but is given in and after experience. This means that we will not have all the answers to the theological questions before we move in practice. We have the directions, but our findings and expression will often be tentative, judged continually by an increasing understanding of God's Word in the concrete situations in which God places us.

I. Toward a Reformed Theology of Missions

A. Biblical Models for Missions

Two controlling facts guide our search for a biblical theology and practice of missions. First, the entire Bible concerns itself with missions. It is not a matter of finding an occasional missionary text but of understanding the covenant purpose of God expressed in His Word from Genesis through Revelation and the work of God in bringing to Himself those whom He chose in Christ before the foundation of the world and forming them into a people for His possession whom He commissions to proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvellous light. (See Ephesians 1:3-14; I Peter 2:9-10.) Secondly, the Bible does not give us a missions manual as such. It gives us the material from which we must draw our missions theology on which we must build our missions practice, but we must work diligently and openly with **all** the Scripture, seeking to do justice to the whole will of God and not bending or ignoring any word in the interest of a theory.

The biblical data for missions which are presented here are **some** of the guides which have inspired and directed the church in its mission to the world.

1. Old Testament

God who created man in His own image for fellowship with Himself and for dominion over His creation did not abandon His creature to the consequences of his sin when man fell. Rather, in the words of the Shorter Catechism, "God having, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer." (Q. 20)

The Covenant promise of a Redeemer is found in Genesis 3:15 as it was given to our first parents. The covenant of grace comes to fuller expression in God's declarations to Abraham, for example, assuring him, "I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your descendants after you" (Genesis 17:7), but assuring him also, "And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). The election of Abraham had the nations in view. Through Abraham, his family, and then Israel, God made His love and power known before the nations with a view to reaching the nations. Israel was called by God to be preacher and example for the nations. The specific form of Israel's missionary activity was primarily to attract and draw the attention of the nations to the God of Israel, but there was also the outward going to the nations, as implied in such passages as Isaiah 49:6 and stated in the book of Jonah. "I will also make you a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6) Israel was called out from the nations to be a witness to the nations; we are sent into the nations to witness to the nations. God's people of all times and places join in the prayer of the Psalmist: "God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause

His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations." (Psalm 67:1-2)

2. New Testament

a. Christ

(1) His Life

Twice Matthew gives a description of Jesus' ministry: "And Jesus went about Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people." (Matthew 4:23 and 9:35). Luke summarizes Jesus' ministry as **doing and teaching** and implies that this pattern will be continued by the risen Christ and His church. (Acts 1:1, "All that Jesus **began** to do and teach"). Following the compassionate Christ today means involvement in the very same pattern. We must both proclaim and demonstrate the salvation of God. As J. H. Bavinck said, the church is not only God's mouth but also His heart.¹

(2) His preaching

The proclamation of the kingdom of God forms the heart of the evangelistic ministry of Jesus: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). He says: "I must evangelize about the Kingdom of God in the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose (Luke 4:43)." Jesus Himself is the most important and central element of the kingdom: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). The kingdom's deepest nature is spiritual: "Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:37). This new spiritual life, however, will make itself felt in all spheres of a person's life (Matt. 5:13-16).

(3) His Death

Jesus said of himself, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:14-16). Jesus said again, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself," and the Apostle John adds the explanatory comment, "But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die." (John 12:32-33) In His Good Shepherd discourse Jesus also said, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. . . . And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd." (John 10:11, 16)

His death on the cross as a substitutionary atonement for the sins of His people coupled with His resurrection provides the basis, the message, and the motivation for missionary outreach in search of the "other sheep." In a sermon John 10:17-18, entitled "The Sacrifice of Christ, the Type And Model of Missionary Effort," James Henley Thornwell said that the supreme reverence for the glory of God which prompted Jesus to regard not His life dear unto Himself must be the dominant principle of action in missions. He said moreover that "As Jesus by His sacrifice purchased redemption, we by ours must make it known. . . ."

(4) His Resurrection and Ascension

Between His resurrection and His ascension — and linked to both — Jesus gave the "Great Commission." (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:21) As Matthew 6:9-13 was given as a model for prayer, so Matthew 28:19-20 has been given as the model for missions.

Jesus begins the Great Commission with the statement: "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me." Missions then is the summons of the Lordship of Christ. It is carried on in the name of and under the control of the One who has all authority in heaven and on earth. It cannot be done hesitantly, fearfully or despairingly. It is triumphant work because it is the King's work.

Jesus then charges his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." There is now a great thrust outward to all nations. This is anticipated and to some extent begun in the Old Testament; it is indicated and prepared by earlier statements of Jesus. (Matt. 13:38; 22:1-14; 24:14, etc.). Going, they are to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them. We must witness, preach and live to make disciples; we must incorporate them into the body of Christ, the church, as responsible, functioning members; we must teach them all Christ's instructions, all His Word, with its implications for life in our world.

Jesus then concludes with the promise: "And, lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." The disciples' mission is supported by both His authority and His

presence. He charges them to mission but He does not delegate it to them. He continues all He began to do and teach. He continues it through them — through us. He has not turned over His work to us. He has called us to His work, and His presence is His great gift to us. Therefore, "we are not standing in the world bearing witness to Christ, but we are standing in Christ bearing witness to the world."²

b. Pentecost

The unique way in which the risen Christ carries on His work through His body, the church, was instituted and demonstrated at Pentecost. It is solely by the authority of the Holy Spirit that the disciples were in a position to be witnesses of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth, Acts 1:6-8 (cf. Luke 24:47 and John 20:21). The church's work of mission is bound both to the Resurrection and to Pentecost. The Resurrection message can be brought to the nations only by the reality of Pentecost.

c. Acts

The whole structure of the Acts of the Apostles is determined by the course of the Gospel through the world. The pattern is given in Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." The book of Acts then traces the outworking of the pattern through the witness of the early Christians, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the repeated direct intervention of God (a characteristic of the book of Acts) to keep missions thrust outward and onward. The account runs from the preaching of the Gospel in Jerusalem to preaching in Samaria to the connecting links of the baptism of the Ethiopian, Peter's being sent to Cornelius, the preaching of the Jewish Christians from Cyprus and Cyrene to the Greeks to the church at Antioch separating Barnabas and Paul and sending them out, the actual beginning of missionary work among the nations — "to the end of the earth." Acts then traces the ministry primarily of Paul and his companions in the spread of the Gospel in Asia and Europe.

d. Epistles

Numerous models for missions could be presented from New Testament epistles. In fact, Paul's epistles were missionary epistles. Not only is missions an essential part of the life of the church but it also feeds the church. By giving, it receives.

We will note here only one passage from the epistles, Romans 9:11. The great doctrines of sovereign grace — the truth that God saves men — are foundational in any biblical theology of missions. Neglect of this truth which is found in Paul and summarized in our Confessional Standards cripples missions and reduces it to a human enterprise, seeking the help of God. Missions is a divine enterprise in which God commands, empowers, and uses the obedience of His servants.

The position of Paul in Romans 9:11 is that, apart from the transforming power of God's call of grace, all men are dead in sin and resistant to Him. Paul quotes Isaiah's words of God concerning the Gentiles: "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me" (Romans 10:20). It was not because of their responsiveness that God found them; because God found them, they were responsive. From among the rejecting Gentiles as well as among the rejecting Israelites, God has chosen His people. Far from discouraging missions, this truth is the only real ground for missions, and the guarantee of the success of missions.

We have looked at some of the material out of which we must create our theology of missions. What we do with these Biblical data and with other related parts of God's Word will determine what we do in missions. The triune God who has sent the prophets, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the apostles also sends the church. He sends us, and our task is to do the will of Him who sends us.

B. Priority and Urgency of Planting and Strengthening Presbyterian Churches Overseas

1. Priority and Urgency of Planting and Strengthening Churches

Both the agent and the goal of missions is the church. From the beginning Jesus Christ did not envisage individual followers and witnesses creating additional followers but a church united by Him both to Himself and to one another growing by enlarging and multiplying congregations.

Church growth must not be defined too narrowly. Biblical church growth includes at least three dimensions. The church grows by evangelistic proclamation with the goal of multiplying Christian congregations. The great concern of the early church was to tell the good news about Jesus and the resurrection, but proclamation was not an end in itself. The biblical pattern is to form new converts into local congregations. Also the church grows by the building up of the saints. Also the church grows by the exercising of spiritual gifts. The important discussions of spiritual gifts in Romans 12, I Corinthians 12-14 and Ephesians 4 all place gifts in the context of the community life of the church. Therefore, total church growth involves numerical, spiritual and functional or organic growth.

Foreign missions is necessarily concerned with the establishing of the whole ministry of the church. This includes instruction and service as well as evangelization — church strengthening as well as church planting. Neither evangelization nor "perfecting" can become ends in themselves. They must continually lead to each other.

If the chief work of missions is "the planting, propagating and perfecting of congregations," church planting and strengthening must remain the priority of our mission to the world.

2. Priority and Urgency of Planting and Strengthening Presbyterian Churches

It is no accident that we are Presbyterians. We acknowledge that we have much in common with evangelicals in every church but we remember that we also have certain important distinctives. We hold our Reformed doctrine and Presbyterian polity as valued treasures because we believe they are Biblical. We hold them gratefully and humbly, recognizing that they are gifts of God and not of our "works." At our first General Assembly we affirmed this basic conviction in our "Address to all the Churches",

"As a Church, we consciously seek to return to the historic Presbyterian view of Church government. We reaffirm in the words of that earlier "Address to All Churches" the following:

The only thing that will be at all peculiar to us is the manner in which we shall attempt to discharge our duty. In almost every department of labor, except the pastoral care of congregations, it has been usual for the Church to resort to societies more or less closely connected with itself, and yet logically and really distinct. It is our purpose to rely upon the regular organs of our government, and executive agencies directly and immediately responsible to them. We wish to make the Church, not merely a superintendent, but an agent. We wish to develop the idea that the congregation of believers, as visibly organized is the very society or corporation which is divinely called to do the work of the Lord. We shall, therefore, endeavor to do what has never been adequately done — bring out the energies of our Presbyterian system of government. From the session to the Assembly, we shall strive to enlist all our courts, as courts, in every department of Christian effort. We are not ashamed to confess that we are intensely Presbyterian. We embrace all other denominations in the arms of Christian fellowship and love, but our own scheme of government we humbly believe to be according to the pattern shown in the Mount, and, by God's grace, we propose to put its efficiency to the test."

Therefore, the priority and urgency of planting and nurturing churches overseas and our God-given Reformed doctrine and Presbyterian polity mean that our mission to the world must, through our own efforts and in cooperation with compatible Reformed churches overseas and Reformed missions at home, be engaged primarily in the work of planting and strengthening true Presbyterian churches.

In the event PCA missionaries are working with independent agencies in a church planting capacity, they must be at liberty to establish churches which are thoroughly Presbyterian and Reformed in both theology and government.

II. Toward a Reformed Practice of Missions

Our practice of missions is based on our theology of missions. Theology is not a preliminary activity; it is the controlling force in all our activity. It must constantly judge, correct and reshape our missions practice. But just as missions without theology cannot be true missions, theology without missions cannot be true theology. Theology without missions is dead. Our theology must be theology in action.

The plan for a Reformed practice of missions presented here discusses 1 (the sending bodies — the session and the presbytery, 2) the enabling Committee — Mission to the World, 3) the receiving bodies — the Mission to the World (field committee), other Reformed missions and evangelical agencies.

A. Sending Bodies

The Great Commission and related New Testament passages make it clear that every believer has been called to make disciples of all nations. This involves him in a vital witness in his own community and in an outreach to other places — either personally or through his representative and by his prayer and support. He discharges his missionary responsibility in and through the church.

The book of Acts sets forth the scriptural role of the church — the local church — as the sending authority and as the prayer and financial base for world evangelism. In our Presbyterian system, the proper sending bodies, therefore, are the session of the local church for laymen and the presbytery for ministers. *The Book of Church Order* says: "The church is responsible for carrying out the Great Commission." "The initiative for carrying out the Great Commission belongs to the church at every court level..." (Chapter 15-1)

The responsibilities of these sending bodies, in consultation with the General Assembly's Committee on Mission to the World, include recruitment, examining, training, support, commissioning, contact, and furlough.³

1. Recruitment

It is significant that in the sending of missionaries in Acts, the emphasis is upon the initiative of others. The congregation of Jerusalem selected and sent Barnabas to Antioch (11:22). Barnabas took Saul to Antioch (11:25-26). The Church at Antioch, in obedience to the Holy Spirit set apart Barnabas and Saul for missionary work (13:1-4). In Chapter 15, Barnabas took Mark (15:39) and Paul chose Silas (15:40). Later Paul wanted Timothy to go with him; the congregations in Lystra and Iconium were consulted and involved in Timothy's going out ("He was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium" 16:3).

Sessions and presbyteries should actively seek God's wisdom in laying before persons, in whom they recognize gifts, a missionary call. This call, of course, will either follow or create the individual's own call to missionary service (*BCO* 17-1). The church must take seriously its role to motivate by its challenge and discernment those of its own number to serve God overseas.

The MTW Committee is to keep Presbytery MTW Committees informed of MTW fields of service (as defined under C.1. "Mission to the World") with their particular missionary needs and strategies for these fields so that Presbytery MTW Committees and local Sessions may intelligently seek out missionaries for these MTW works.

2. Examining

It is the responsibility of the sending body to examine each missionary candidate thoroughly in the areas of call, life and doctrine. It should seek to evaluate his gifts and calling, his fitness for the missionary task and give him counsel and guidance as he seeks God's will in missions. The session or presbytery will maintain basic oversight for his doctrine and morals and will seek ways of effectively carrying out this responsibility while the missionary is overseas.

3. The call to a Particular Work.

After the presbytery has examined and approved a man for missionary service as an ordained minister, a recommendation for missionary service should be sent to the Mission to the World Committee. With this in hand, the Committee, through its staff, shall extend an official call to a particular work to the candidate following his being approved for missionary service by the Committee. On the basis of this call, the presbytery should proceed to ordain and commission the candidate.

4. Support

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

5. Commissioning

The Commissioning of missionaries should be done by the sending body — the session or the presbytery.

6. Contact

Following the above procedure, the church at home will feel far more involved in the missionary's work. He came from them; he is supported by them; in a real sense his work is an extension overseas of their own local or presbytery ministry. There should be maintained a vital contact between the missionary and the sending body. The session or presbytery should arrange to receive regular reports from its missionary on the field. It should evaluate his work and seek to offer advice and encouragement. It must take seriously its basic oversight for his doctrine and morals.

7. Furlough

It is significant that, when Paul and Barnabas returned from their first term of service in Cyprus and Galatia to the church "from which they had been commended by the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished," they gathered the church together and began to report all things that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles" (Acts 14:26-27). "They remained no little time with the disciples (14:28)." This can form an appropriate pattern for furlough missionaries. Their main responsibility is to the church or presbytery which sent them out. The session or presbytery should seek to provide a residence for use during furlough, appropriate ministry and supervision or oversee the sphere of the missionary's activities. It will want to provide some opportunity for the missionary to share with the whole denomination his work — and thus serve to enlarge the mission vision of the whole church. Itineration will be coordinated with the General Assembly's Committee on Mission to the World.

B. Enabling Committee

The Mission to the World Committee serves as an "enabling" committee. It was created by the General Assembly to encourage and enable the Presbyterian Church in America at every level to function as a missionary church. The Book of Church Order, Chapter 15, defines the role of the General Assembly and its Committees. "The Assembly is responsible to encourage and promote the fulfillment of this mission (the Great Commission) by the various courts." "The work of the church as set forth in the Great Commission is one work, being im-

plemented at the General Assembly level through equally essential committees." "It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to evaluate needs and resources, and to act on priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission." "The Assembly's committees are to serve and not to direct any church judicatories. They are not to establish policy, but rather execute policy established by the General Assembly." "The committees serve the church through the duties assigned by the General Assembly." *The Book of Church Order* sets forth the role of the committees as that of **important but limited** servants of the whole church. Within this description, the Mission to the World Committee promotes missions throughout the church, encourages the various courts of the church in their missionary responsibility, co-ordinates the work of missions throughout our denomination.

The role of the Mission to the World Committee is to serve the General Assembly and all the courts of the church, to obey fully the directives of the General Assembly, to be sensitive to its mood and style and to maintain humbly its role as servant.

Foreign missions is not the special preserve of the Mission to the World Committee; rather the Committee acts representatively for the whole church, which is inherently the missionary community. It is not the Committee which sets missionary policy. The church — the whole church in its General Assembly — must take this responsibility.⁴ The Committee is an "enabling" committee. It seeks to enable the churches and the presbyteries of the PCA to fulfil their obligations to God in missions. It seeks to bring a mission vision to the **whole** denomination. It seeks "to encourage and promote" foreign missions in churches and presbyteries, by sharing resources, ideas, and personnel.

It assists churches and presbyteries in the recruitment of missionary candidates. It also recruits in a broader setting — challenging students in colleges and seminaries and those persons outside the Presbyterian Church in America who desire to serve God in biblical missions. In some cases, persons are brought into the PCA through contact with Missions to the World.

It examines and processes missionary candidates. In this important area, Mission to the World works with sessions and presbyteries. The examination by these sending bodies is primary and basic. Mission to the World examines further, especially in the areas of missiology and cross-cultural concerns (such as linguistic ability, etc.).

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

It recommends fields of service and assignment of candidates. ("It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to evaluate needs and resources, and to act on priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission." *BCO*, 15-1) In our highly complex world, with its political problems, cultural complexity and denominational confusion, it is necessary for the church to give considerable care to the matter of establishing works and ministries overseas. It is necessary that the General Assembly enter into its mission commitments in a careful, prayerful and skillful manner, not carelessly and haphazardly.

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

It relates the missionary to the receiving body, assists the churches and presbyteries in evaluating his performance, assists the missionary in maintaining contact with the sending body and the denomination. It assists the missionary and his church or presbytery in planning for the use of his furlough time.

The Mission to the World Committee exists to enable the Presbyterian Church in America — the whole church — to be a mission church and to enable each church and presbytery to fulfil its mission obligation. We believe that there can be harmony, mutual trust and effective, creative co-operation between the Mission to the World Committee and the churches and presbyteries of our denomination.

C. The Receiving Bodies and Coordinators

There are three⁵ different models for mission work which are currently being used or considered by Mission to the World. The first two are related to "The Priority and Urgency of Planting and Strengthening Presbyterian Churches Overseas" (Section I,B) and the third to "The Propriety of Cooperative Work With Evangelical Mission Agencies In Service And Support Ministries (Section I,C).

1. Mission to the World

It is of greatest importance that the Presbyterian Church in America find Reformed churches overseas to which it can relate its mission work and create such churches through its own witness where these do not exist. There are problems and difficulties in establishing such relationships. Considerable time may be required. There must be care and caution.

In areas where there is no church with which we can work or where there is such a church but factors prevent (at least temporarily) our developed relationship, Mission to the World will carry on directly its own work, with a view to establishing Presbyterian churches in that country and/or strengthening the Reformed witness.

The co-ordination in this model will be the responsibility of the Mission to the World Committee or the Mission to the World Field Committee in that country, as detailed in the Manual.

2. Reformed Missions

There are many places where we can work in closest co-operation with other distinctly Reformed denominations or mission agencies. We can thereby avoid duplication and overlapping, give visible demonstration of our unity and greatly further our major goal of planting and strengthening Presbyterian churches overseas. The co-operation in this model will be the responsibility of the field committee of the Reformed mission. Our relationship to each mission is defined in signed agreements. (See Exhibit B for sample copy).

3. Evangelical Missions

The above two models relate specifically to the planting and strengthening of Presbyterian churches overseas. The third relates to support and service ministries and other mission endeavors in co-operation with evangelical missions and to a Reformed witness in deed and word overseas. This model is 1) secondary to the task of planting and strengthening Presbyterian Churches overseas, and 2) limited by the definition of the General Assembly and by Mission to the World's policy.

There are many evangelical Christian agencies serving the Lord in a variety of ways in world missions. Many PCA congregations and members have had long and close associations with a number of such agencies. The personnel of these agencies and their support are drawn from various denominations. Although many such missionary agencies are one with the PCA in recognizing the Bible as the very Word of God and as the infallible rule of faith and practice and in adherence to many of the basic doctrines of the Word of God, some of them do not hold to those distinctives of Presbyterian and Reformed theology and polity which we hold dear because we believe they are Biblical. However, such organizations with which we have working agreements, do give absolute confirmation of the liberty of the PCA missionaries as stated and clarified in other places in this document.

Church planting of Presbyterian congregations usually must be done through distinctly Presbyterian and Reformed sending agencies. We believe, however, that there are areas of mission endeavor in which, with proper safeguards for the theological integrity and freedom of our PCA missionaries, MTW may work with such agencies in terms of carefully drawn cooperative agreements.

The 1974 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America adopted the following statement:

"That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Mission to the World to establish working relationships with other evangelical missionary agencies that welcome the services and teaching of missionaries holding the Reformed faith and polity, so as to enable it to send candidates to them, as it may seem best for the greatest effectiveness in proclaiming the Gospel, to work under their auspices while at the same time maintaining full relationship to the PCA; also to receive and forward to the agencies concerned financial support needed by them. Such missionaries shall be responsible to the Sessions or Presbyteries in matters of doctrine and moral conduct, but at the same time subject to the rules of the agencies under which they serve. Such missionaries shall be considered missionaries of the PCA, and as such will send news and reports of their work to the MTW, their Presbyteries and supporting churches and individuals in the PCA. Details as to itineration while on furlough, pensions and other matters needing definition or adjustment would be worked out with the agencies concerned. Careful evaluation will be made at the 1975 General Assembly to be certain that our missionary efforts under the program provide full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view."

Agreements, which protect the interests of the General Assembly, are signed by Mission to the World and the evangelical mission. (See Exhibit C for sample copy.) No missionary is sent to work with another mission without this signed agreement. Each new cooperative agreement will be presented annually to the Committee of Commissioners with the doctrinal statements of each agency for review.

These additional guidelines and limitations will be followed by Mission to the World. 1) Mission to the World ordinarily enters into discussions with evangelical mission boards only at the request of a PCA church member, minister, session or presbytery. The initiative for such a co-operative venture must come from a church court or church member. Mission to the World does not recruit missionaries for evangelical missions. It responds to requests from its constituency — the Presbyterian Church in

America.⁶ 2) Mission to the World does not participate in any way in its planning function in cooperative effort with independent mission agencies. 3) Only funds specifically so designated will be transmitted to evangelical mission agencies for missionary support or project use. 4) In keeping with our stated priority of planting and strengthening Presbyterian churches overseas, it is expected that the larger portion of our missionary force will serve in that category (the first two models.)⁷ 5) The missionary with an evangelical mission must report to his sending body and to Mission to the World at least once a year concerning the freedom he has to minister and work in line with the General Assembly's instructions.

The co-ordination in this model will be the responsibility of the field committee of the evangelical mission.

D. Relations to Church Councils

In dealing with such as the World Council of Churches, the Committee on MTW of the Presbyterian Church in America shall operate under the policy set forth by the Third General Assembly (C-2, p. 123, *Minutes of the Third General Assembly*), "that the PCA shall maintain separation from the National and World Council of Churches, and that the committee on MTW (will) continue to interpret and apply this instruction subject to the review of the General Assembly, so that the Church may continue to further the spread of the Gospel throughout the world and not surrender any mission field as long as the Gospel is not compromised.

Conclusion

The Mission to the World Committee commends this plan to the Presbyterian Church in America. We believe that it represents serious and careful treatment of theology. The major applications have been tested in practice. We believe that it is in the interest both of the peace and the purity of the church. It presents a program of missions which is in the best Reformed tradition and one that all our churches can accept and support. Because of the insistence on the scriptural role of the church and presbytery as the sending bodies and because of the variety of models, the conscience of no individual church member, minister, session or presbytery is violated. This program can maintain the peace and purity of our church and it can unite us in the great work of world missions.

FOOTNOTES

¹Quoted by Paul Schrottenboer in "Toward Catholicity in Missions," *International Reformed Bulletin*, Winter/Spring 1974, p. 49.

²Attributed to A. J. Gordon.

³For a helpful brief discussion of some of these topics see *Who Really Sends the Missionary?* by Michael C. Griffiths.

⁴See Acts 15 where the church through its representatives dealt with a theological issue which arose in the contest of missions.

⁵There are other models which may be considered, for example, the non-professional missionary. There are 2.5 million Americans overseas. For every missionary overseas from the U.S. today, it is estimated that there are 105 other Americans serving in self-supporting positions. American Christians overseas need orientation, prayer support and guidance in ministry. See "Missionaries: How to Bring Them In," by Phillip Butler in *Christianity Today*, July 4, 1975, p. 16.

⁶Note that the Book of Church Order states that "the church recognizes the right of individuals and congregations to labor through other agencies in fulfilling the Great Commission." (15-1) Mission to the World acts in the spirit of the statement when it seeks to respond to and guide individuals and congregations who wish to use their right in laboring through other agencies in fulfilling the Great Commission.

⁷As of August 1, 1975, there were 47 missionaries, either on the field or approved. Six are working with evangelical missions and seven are assigned to such missions, pending completion of the agreement between the mission involved and Mission to the World. Seventy-two percent (72%) of our total missionary force, as of August 1, 1975, was involved in, or assigned to, work in the first three models — "planting and strengthening Presbyterian churches overseas."

Exhibit A

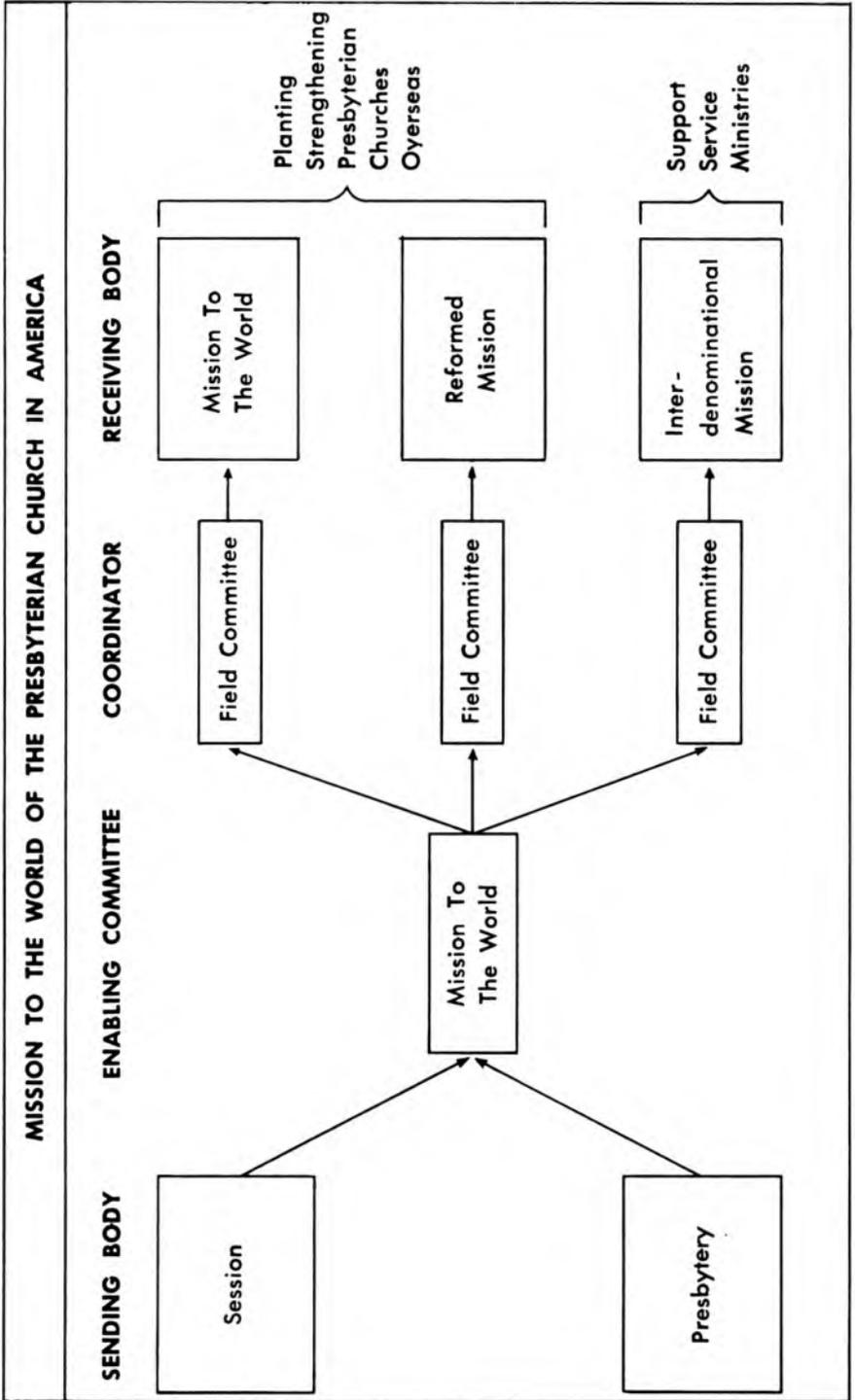


Exhibit B**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

between
The Committee on Mission to the World of the Presbyterian Church in America
 and
World Presbyterian Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

This agreement concerns missionary personnel who are members of the Presbyterian Church in America, as to denomination, but members of both mission organizations.

1. The appointment of the missionary shall be by both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
2. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
3. The missionary shall participate in the full training program of World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.
4. All deputation work shall be coordinated by Committee on Mission to the World both within the churches of the Presbyterian Church in America and for world Presbyterian Missions within the churches of the reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
5. World Presbyterian Missions, Inc. shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements needful for beginning field work.
6. The Mission to the World shall be the primary sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
7. World Presbyterian Missions, Inc., in consultation with Mission to the World concerning major assignments, shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
6. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America. Administrative discipline is the prerogative of World Presbyterian Missions but it shall be exercised only after consultation with Mission to the World.
9. While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of World Presbyterian Missions.
10. While on the field the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as other World Presbyterian Missions missionaries and being subject to the policies and direction of World Presbyterian Missions.
11. The Mission on the field will initiate furlough planning. Approval shall be by World Presbyterian Missions after consultation with the Mission to the World.
12. While on furlough, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by the Mission to the World to the possible need for the missionary to have additional training or study suggested by World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.
13. While on furlough the missionary shall be expected to carry on a deputation ministry for the Mission to the World within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America, and for World Presbyterian Missions within the constituency of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. Each agency shall assume local arrangements and the expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be within the Presbyterian Church in America with Mission to the World acting as coordinator for both churches.
14. The missionary shall not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency and under the policies of World Presbyterian Missions.
15. In reference to the financial relationship, the Mission to the World shall receive and receipt all of the missionary's funds and transfer them to World Presbyterian Missions, Inc. World Presbyterian Missions, Inc. shall have the responsibility to transmit the funds to the field. This shall be done monthly.
16. The missionary shall be under the hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by the Mission to the World. Other financial arrangements shall be as determined by the World Presbyterian Missions Manual.

Signed:

Nelson K. Malkus
 General Secretary, World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.
 Arthur L. Herries
 President, World Presbyterian Missions, Inc.

Date: July 25, 1975

Exhibit C

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION TO THE WORLD
MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
WORK WITH THE WORLD RADIO MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP, INC.**

THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT RELATE TO THE CATEGORY OF A MEMBER MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP.

1. The Missionary shall have dual membership status with both the Mission to the World and The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the other agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
5. Time shall be allowed at the proper time for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate coordination of the Mission to the World within Presbyterian Church in America churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements needful for beginning field work.
7. The Mission to the World shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
9. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America.
10. The Mission to the World missionary is to have liberty in the full and free presentation of the gospel as contained in and understood in the reformed view.
11. While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
12. While on the field, the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
13. The missionaries' field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with the Mission to the World and also with The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.'s Associate North American Director.
14. While on furlough the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by the Mission to the World to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. Progress and activity information during furlough will be provided for The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
15. While on furlough the missionary shall be expected by Mission to the World to carry on a deputation ministry for the Mission to the World within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America congregations. Each agency shall assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be within the Presbyterian Church in America under Mission to the World coordination.
16. The missionary shall not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds of field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
17. The financial relationship of the missionary with The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., shall be the same as that for all other members including the assessment and the support quotas, except that during any portion of furlough under Mission to the World, the quota may be set by that agency. Mission to the World shall receive and receipt the missionary's funds from Presbyterian Church in America and transfer them to The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The World Radio Missionary Fellowship shall inform the Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. The hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by the Mission to the World shall be available to the missionary by mutual agreement of both agencies.

Signed:

Abe C. Van Dee Ruy
President, The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.
C. L. Wilson
Associate North American Director,
The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc.

Date: July 2, 1975

* See paragraph 4-41, item III, B, 4, for new wording to be used in future agreements.

Appendix I
REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES
TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Your Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries continues to operate as a supportive ministry for the program committees of the General Assembly, the Presbyteries and the local congregations in the area of personal commitment of time, talent and treasure to the Lord's work.

Your Sub-Committee is composed of representatives from the four program committees equally divided between ruling and teaching elders with the committee coordinators and the Director of Stewardship Ministries as ex-officio members. This composition has increased the confidence in its ministry of stewardship. The committee is viewed as a fair and impartial distributor of information regarding the financial needs of the denomination.

A total of almost three million dollars (\$2,959,706) was received by the four permanent committees of the General Assembly. This was the largest annual total yet for our PCA Agencies. The 1977 combined income of the four committees was \$2.38 million.

The Committee of Mission to World received \$1,781,638 in 1978, or 93 percent of its approved budget. The Committee for the Mission to the United States received \$638,104 (49 percent). Christian Education and Publications received \$408,431 (75 percent), and Administration received \$131,533 (67 percent).

The Committee rejoices in the fact that total benevolent giving in 1978 increased 29.97% with the percentage of disbursements allocated for PCA causes increasing by 19.37%. Non-PCA causes increased 53.16%. Per capita giving to all causes increased from \$371 to \$463. An increase of 24.79%.

I. PRESBYTERY ASKINGS

At the direction of the last General Assembly the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries calculated the per capita contributions to the four permanent committees that would be necessary to meet their 1979 budgets. This information was distributed to the Presbyteries with the request that each church indicate the amount it plans to give to the work of the General Assembly. A summary of the response of these churches follows:

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ASKINGS THROUGH MARCH 15, 1979

Presbytery	Total Churches	Total Membership	Asking	Pledge	Responses at %
Ascension.....	10	1,298	\$ 77,081.81	\$ 38,220	7 at 50%
Calvary.....	48	7,813	463,975.34	203,719	28 at 44%
*Carolina.....	18	2,815	167,168.91	30,525	6 at 18%
Central Florida.....	6	968	57,484.75	22,128	7 at 38%
Central Georgia.....	18	3,903	231,779.83	141,027	10 at 61%
Covenant.....	25	1,970	116,988.53		
Evangel.....	40	8,421	500,081.43		
Grace.....	38	3,933	233,561.37	86,485	20 at 37%
Gulf Coast.....	17	2,608	154,876.21	122,712	17 at 79%
Louisiana.....	7	964	52,247.81	47,149	7 at 90%
Mid-Atlantic.....	19	4,050	240,509.39	28,020	6 at 12%
Mississippi Valley.....	56	7,820	464,391.01		
New River.....	9	1,125	66,808.18	9,970	5 at 15%
North Georgia.....	10	1,518	90,146.48		
Pacific.....	8	883	52,436.99	13,100	4 at 25%
Southern Florida.....	19	11,214	665,943.84	6,900	1 at 1%
Tennessee Valley.....	16	4,123	244,844.62	5,700	1 at 2%
Texas.....	12	1,735	103,033.05		
Warrior.....	28	2,076	123,283.34	23,130	10 at 19%
Western Carolinas.....	9	964	57,247.18	30,900	7 at 54%
Westminster.....	23	1,874	111,287.57	11,275	9 at 10%
TOTAL.....	436	72,075	\$4,295,177.64	\$820,960	145 at 20%

*Carolina Presbytery has been divided into Eastern and Central Carolina Presbyteries, but for the purposes of this report the churches of these Presbyteries are reported under Carolina Presbytery.

Note: This says that 35% of our churches have responded. They represent 50,611 people or 70% of our constituency. The 144 responses were asked \$2,429,738 for which they pledged \$820,960 or 34% of their asking.

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Your Sub-Committee summarized and distributed the giving patterns of each of our churches and grouped them according to size of membership. This information based upon the 1977 statistical reports indicated what each church had received in total contributions, what amount was given to PCA causes (including Presbytery) and what was given to non-denominational causes.

In addition a family unit average was determined by the number of giving units in the church. The family unit average is a good indicator of the level of giving among our people. A study of these units in churches of similar size should result in a better understanding of the giving potential in a particular church. Based upon the 1977 *Yearbook*, the family unit average for our denomination is \$806.

III. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

One of the most effective methods of keeping our pastors and sessions informed as to the financial status of the four permanent committees has been the Quarterly Financial Reports. These reports list income, percent of income to budget, expenses (both program and administration expenses), and balance on hand for each of the four committees. A survey conducted by your Sub-Committee indicated that our churches look forward with interest to receiving the information contained in these reports.

IV. STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS

To assist local church officers, pastors and members in the preparation and implementation of an effective stewardship program in the local church your Sub-Committee is conducting a series of Stewardship Seminars. These one-day seminars (usually held on a Saturday) consist of at least two general sessions and six workshops. Some of the workshops offered are: Planning for Stewardship, Stewardship Principles — Attitudes and Values, Making the Stewardship Call, How to Develop a Church Budget, Conducting an Every Member Canvas, Developing the Stewardship of Time and Talent, The Minister's Tax Preparation and Financial Planning and Accounting Procedures for Churches. As of this date 46 churches have participated in these seminars since their inauguration in early March of 1978.

V. STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

Your Sub-Committee continued to make stewardship materials available to our church without cost. Last year 97,210 pieces of literature (pledge cards, tracts, posters) were distributed. This was an increase over the 38,000 pieces of material distributed in 1977. Also, the number of churches using the material increased by fifty percent. This year the sub-committee introduces a new packet of material based upon the theme "Stewardship in Word and Deed." Included in this packet are: a tract dealing with the theme, a tract on stewardship of time, four bulletin inserts, pledge cards, and a children's tract. These materials may be ordered without cost by our churches.

The film "In Partnership With God", developed and produced by your sub-committee, continues to receive wide use among our churches.

VI. 1979 CALENDARS

Your Sub-Committee continues its efforts to publicize and assist in the coordination of assembly, presbytery and committee events through the publication and distribution of the Stewardship Calendar. This year the calendar contains printed dates (when information was available) of all presbytery meetings as well as the regular meetings of the four permanent committees. This calendar was distributed to: each minister and clerk of session in the denomination, each member of the General Assembly's permanent committees and each committee staff person.

VII. SPEAKER'S BUREAU

The Sub-Committee further served the church through its Speaker's Bureau. This is a pool of laymen who are available for special messages on stewardship. These laymen filled the pulpit of several of the churches across the denomination proclaiming God's stewardship message of time, talents and treasure. This service is provided without cost to any church which desires a stewardship speaker.

VIII. CASSETTE-NEWS

A special cassette-news tape was issued to each one of our churches following the last General Assembly. Written by one of the recording clerks, the cassette summarized the actions of the General Assembly. These cassettes were distributed without charge to all of our churches.

IX. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Your sub-committee organized and held "Vision 78-79" Conferences in: Miami, FL; Hixon, TN; Greensboro, AL; and Smyrna, GA. These are meetings where the four coordinators of the permanent committees present their activities and plans. The conferences have been extremely well received and have provided the opportunity for the leadership in local churches to gain first-hand information from the committee coordinators. The open forum question and answer sessions have proven to be an important part of the "Vision 78-79" Conference.

X. STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

The establishment of a stewardship network to facilitate communication of important information between the program committees and the presbyteries is closing the communication gap in those presbyteries that have stewardship chairmen. The presbytery "Key Men" receive a monthly update of vital information concerning the four committees. These men in turn are responsible for communicating this information to the local congregations and appropriate presbytery commit-

tees. The sub-committee urges any presbytery that does not yet have a stewardship "Key Man" to appoint one as soon as possible. To strengthen further the communications between presbyteries and local congregations, your sub-committee is encouraging each church to appoint a stewardship chairman.

XI. THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

Following the instructions of the last General Assembly your Sub-Committee re-worked the Theology of Stewardship Paper. The Assembly asked that the exegesis of the Scripture used in the paper be clarified. Additional opinions outside the Committee were sought and input was incorporated into the revised Theology of Stewardship Paper which is presented to this Assembly for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the revised paper, "A Theology of Stewardship" be approved as presented per paper "A".
2. That the 1980 budget be approved as submitted.
3. That the period of Sunday, October 21, 1979 through Sunday, November 18, 1979 be a special stewardship season and Sunday, November 18, 1979 be recommended as Commitment Sunday.
4. That each Presbytery appoint a stewardship "Key Man".
5. That presbyteries encourage each local church to appoint a stewardship "Key Man".
6. That presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in their area.
7. That each church be encouraged to use the 1979 stewardship materials "Stewardship in Word and Deed".
8. That churches and presbyteries be urged to complete the report on the 1980 Assembly askings as soon as possible.
9. That the report on the statistical summaries be received as information as per paper "B".
10. That the General Assembly hear a report of the Special Advisory Committee for Stewardship.

Report of the Special Advisory Committee on Stewardship Ministries

The Special Advisory Committee to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries, in compliance with the mandate of Sixth General Assembly relating to development of systematic budgeting and funding procedures, makes the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. That the By-Laws be amended by adding Section 10 to Article IV as follows:
Section 10. The Committee on Stewardship Ministries

This Committee shall operate administratively as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly. This Sub-Committee shall be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee as to continuity; but it shall not be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee under *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1 (12), as it relates to nominations and service. This Committee shall consist of one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder from the active or alternate members of each of the following four Permanent Committees, to wit: Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, Administration, and Christian Education and Publications. These Committee members shall be assigned by each of four Permanent Committees, above named, and shall serve at the pleasure of such Permanent Committee. The Coordinators of said four Permanent Committees and the Director of Stewardship Ministries shall be advisory members of this Committee.

This Committee shall promote Biblical Stewardship at all levels of the church; and it shall be charged with the responsibility of developing for, recommending to, and implementing for the General Assembly systematic budgeting and funding procedures for all the General Assembly approved causes.

It is recognized that it would be unwise to ask this Committee to undertake all these responsibilities at once. This Committee would assume these specific responsibilities as it is willing and able to accept the responsibility for funding them. Until this Committee assumes a specific responsibility, the four Permanent Committees will continue their responsibility in this specific area in the manner assigned by previous General Assemblies.

Such budgeting and funding procedures shall be governed by the following rules:

- (1) Committee budgets shall be divided into a "committed" and a "growth" budget. "Committed" shall include all administrative and program commitments approved by the General Assembly for this committee. "Growth" shall include those programs projected by the committee, approved by the General Assembly, and which allow for the unusual demands and opportunities which cannot be accurately envisioned during the budgeting process. Funding for such "growth" budget shall be the responsibility of the Permanent Committee which proposes the same.

- (2) It is to be understood that the "Growth" Budget is not to be a part of the "Committed" Budget, thus giving each committee the flexibility to project a high "growth" budget not to be included in the General Assembly's "askings" of the local churches.
- (3) There will be no change in processing designated funds. All of the committees will continue to receive gifts both "committed" and "growth."
- (4) All funds received by any of the four committees not designated as "growth" shall be assumed to be "committed".
- (5) Said four Permanent Committees shall be encouraged to submit revised budgets, if necessary, to this committee prior to the General Assembly each year for submission to the General Assembly for approval.
2. That this new Stewardship Committee supplant the prior Stewardship Committee; and that this new Committee be constituted as soon as possible after this General Assembly by the assignment of its members by said four Permanent Committees. That said Committee immediately embark upon its task which shall include a system for "askings" of each local church for the support of the "committed" budgets of the four Permanent Committees as approved by the General Assembly. That this committee be funded in 1980 as an item in the "committed" budgets of the four Permanent Committees.
3. That Section 3, Article IV, of the By-Laws be amended by changing "the Committee on Administration" to "the Committee of Stewardship Ministries" for the submission and review of committee budgets and for recommendation of an over all budget to the General Assembly for its approval.
4. That in order to provide the four Permanent Committees with additional members so as to provide personnel for this Stewardship Committee, the Book of Church Order §15-1-12 be amended so that these four Permanent Committees consist of four classes with even-year classes of four men and with odd-year classes of three men each. The classes shall be so arranged to maintain seven Teaching Elders and seven Ruling Elders on each of said committees.

THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

A theology of stewardship is a vehicle which seeks consistently to relate the Word of God to all that is understood to be stewardship and stewardship activities.

A biblical basis for stewardship must begin with the affirmation that God is sovereign and that we recognize Him as exercising divine ownership over all that there is (Ex. 19:5, Ps. 24:1, Ps. 50:10, Hag. 2:8).

Stewardship is exercised personally and corporately by the church. In this paper we will seek to affirm our belief in the personal and corporate aspects of stewardship and then explore the implications these beliefs have for the stewardship programs and activities of the Presbyterian Church in America

PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is first and foremost a personal matter. Each believer has a ministry (Mt. 24:14-30) in the pursuit of which he arranges his life in conformity with God's declared will, responding to His covenant call of grace.

As was his Lord, the Christian is a servant (Isa. 53, Phil. 2:4-11). The Pauline command, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus", obligates us to follow closely the words of our Lord, and we discover that those words leave no room for arrogance, jealousy, prejudice or covetousness. They do not leave us the luxury of approaching life on the intellectual level in contradiction to the commitment level. Rather, by His indwelling Spirit, Christ enables us to follow Him in being servant to all (Mk. 10:43-45).

Our servanthood must be seen as sonship, for, like the father of the prodigal son, God is more interested in having sons than slaves (Ro. 8:12-17). Yet, if we are servants, we must see the nobility of our servant role, originating as it does, not with man's duty, but with God's love, making us bondservants of the most high God, and preparing us to offer the highest service to God and men (Ac. 16:17). The enslavement to anyone or anything else will pull an individual increasingly farther from the service of God (Lu. 14:26-Mt. 6:24).

When our priorities are right our servanthood is a joyful expression of faith and not a burden. God does not ask us to neglect our families but to readjust our relationship and put Him first. Likewise, He does not tell us to abandon our wealth but to use it for the purpose He has given it.

As Jesus Christ served our deepest needs, so our stewardship is to serve the deepest needs of others. Neighbor-love is paramount in the stewardship picture. Christ, in the parable of the good samaritan, showed not only that all men are our neighbors, but also that love of them will result in service to them (Lu. 10:25-37). Related to this is the death of self as a part of the servant-life (Jn. 12:24-26; Mk. 8:31-38; Ro. 12:1). Like an Old Testament sacrifice to be consumed, the believer himself is upon the altar. The more we sacrifice of ourselves, the more alive we become, and the stronger for service. Thus, our faith must direct all our decisions and affect our habits and indulgences. A man who is being sacrificed will sacrifice many false and fleeting fashions of this world. He has died to the world and self. The Lord Jesus set the example in the things he denied

Himself: carnal satisfaction, popular acclaim, prestige and honor, showing His love by denying Himself while freely serving others.

A servant need not suffer unduly, or be impoverished or mediocre. What is implied by our servant-position is discipline. God gives some much and others little, but love will give insights into the way goods and gifts should be used (I Co. 13:3). Paul's insistence upon discipline (I Ti. 4:7ff, I Co. 9:26,27) cues each Christian to his own commitment. As servants we ask, What can we do? What can we do without? What can we do with and for others?

Each Christian has talents and abilities. These are God-appointed and give us opportunities for service. Jesus spoke of such opportunities (Mt. 25:15, Mk. 13:34), as did Paul (Ro. 12:3-8; Eph. 4:4-16). Christians are responsible to test their capacity, rather than go on haphazardly trying to fill needs as they arise, or attempting too much for their abilities and doing work others ought to be handling. Neither approach ministers according to God's plan. Continuously, we must look to the local church and help everyone in searching out the gifts God has given him. This variety of gifts involves the use of our material resources, cars, money, homes, clothes, food, and all of worth in creation. It involves our natural and mental aptitudes, our physical strength and abilities. Each Christian should ask himself, What are my abilities? Do I have any unused ones? Do I have any undeveloped abilities?

Women have special ministries. Ever since Eve, they have been endowed with a capacity for sensitivity to others, for tender love, for self-giving, and for understanding. God puts human lives into women's hands in special ways through childbirth and homemaking. Also, a woman's creativity expresses itself through her relationship to the outside world and she can refresh the world through her spiritual insight and service (Pr. 31:16-31, Tit. 2:3-5).

Not only our gifts but also our possessions must be managed to fulfill responsible stewardship. Here neither covetousness nor materialism may be allowed to block the proper use of our possessions and income. Paul warns, "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (I Ti. 6:10). Paul was referring not to an occasional evil but to something that becomes an actual way of living, and which is a universal disease, having its roots in the ground of not believing God.

Basic problems in giving are the result of a lack of knowledge, faith, and love. A false sense of values and covetousness are also hindrances to Biblical giving.

Scripture very plainly sets forth principles to be observed in giving. We need to understand and know the meaning of money which is received in exchange for use of time and abilities. We should give as a part of worship (Ps. 96:8). Our giving is to be an expression of love (II Co. 8:8). Our giving is to be without ostentation (Mt. 6:31). We are to give freely and with simplicity (Mt. 10:8, Ro. 12:8). We should be cheerful givers (II Co. 9:7), and understand that generous giving is a grace or gift from God (II Co. 8:1, 2). To "seek the Lord first" (Mt. 6:33) is the goal of life and of Christian giving (De. 6:17, I Co. 6:2, II Co. 8:12).

Christians may pose to themselves the following questions to consider seriously with respect to the expression of their faith through Christian giving: Does all my spending show a Christian sense of values? Do my offerings represent the firstfruits of my income? Am I willing to live without some of the luxuries of our American life in order to share a larger portion of my goods with the Master. Am I willing now to increase my offerings by 3 or 4 percent or more if I am giving less than 10 percent, knowing that if tithing is required by God any percentage less is sin?

Is tithing to be a part of our personal stewardship? There is little doubt that tithing has been a great blessing to many, but we need to re-evaluate this institution on the basis of Biblical theology. Old Testament believers brought 10 percent plus thankofferings and they were blessed. Early Christians in many cases gave more than 10 percent although God did not specifically demand more. The Old Testament shows many examples that believers should tithe and the Apostle Paul seems to imply the tithe or at least proportionate giving in I Co. 16:2 when he uses the words "... let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him ...". Giving according to the degree of prosperity certainly has the tithe in view when you consider the Jewish viewpoint of stewardship. Yet Christian stewardship recognizes not only a tenth, but all, as belonging to God, and man acts as the trustee of all. New Testament giving is not a hard and cold fact of decimals and arithmetic, but it is the practice of love (John 14:15, II Co. 8:24).

"Christ Himself has placed His approval and set His imprimatur upon the tithe, as the proper old covenant observance, 'Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matter of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone' (Mt. 23:23). In that verse Christ is rebuking the scribes and Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. They had been very strict and punctilious in tithing the herbs, but on the other hand they had neglected the weightier matters such as judgment, or justice, and mercy. But while Christ acknowledged that the observance of justice and mercy is more important than tithing — it is a 'weightier matter' — while, He says, these they ought to have done, nevertheless He says, these other ye ought not to have left undone. He does not set aside the tithe, as he might easily have done here. He places justice and mercy as being more weighty, but he places His authority upon the practice of tithing by saying, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." It is well for us if we by the grace of God have not omitted justice and mercy and faith: It is well if by the grace of God those things have found a place in our midst, but the tithing ought not to have been left undone, and Christ Himself says so."

Actually, the tithe is not man's real problem. His real problem is in putting God first and giving generously. God's grace is sufficient to lift us even after the 10 percent is passed and enable us to go beyond that standard. Many people have real spiritual problems and attitudes to conquer first before they can consider tithing. God's Word challenges us that to withhold a tithe is to rob God.

CORPORATE STEWARDSHIP

It is evident from Scripture that as God's people, we are not only to be stewards of life, time and treasure, but also stewards of the Gospel of Christ. The apostle Paul states in I Th. 2:4, "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men but God which trieth our hearts". The concept of the stewardship of the Gospel is implied throughout the Pauline epistles in such verses as Ga. 2:7, Co. 1:25, I Ti. 1:11, Tit. 1:3.

The primary responsibilities of the church are the worship of God, the evangelization of the world and the edification of the church through the proclamation of God's Word (Mt. 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.")

On the basis that the church is entrusted with the Gospel of Christ, we can define corporate stewardship as "the orderly practice of mobilizing the total dedicated potential of the whole church, based on the conviction that this is a trust from God and fully implementing His will in the building of His kingdom at home and in all the world."²

It is important that a theology of stewardship be bound inextricably to the purposes and goals of the church as a whole. H. G. Coiner has written: "That God has elected His people to be His agents of reconciliation is a claim made not by the church but on the church by its Lord. This claim is to be accepted humbly and fearfully by the Christian church . . . The nature of the church as the reconciled community is inseparable from the function of the church as the agent, or minister, of reconciliation."³

The Biblical basis for a corporate effort in stewardship is based upon the interdependency of believers. The church as the body of Christ has many members, but these members are to function together. Both I Co. 12 and Ro. 12 focus on the mutual dependence of the members of the body.

Specifically, Scripture gives us examples of how a group ministry of stewardship functions. In the Old Testament, corporate stewardship was exercised in the collection of gifts for the building of the Tabernacle, Ex. 35:22 "And they came and both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord."

Corporate giving was also demonstrated in the collection taken for the repairs needed for God's House. II Chron. 24:10 states "And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in and cast into the chest, until they had made an end."

The New Testament provides further examples of group stewardship. The early church was engaged in meeting the needs of its poorer members. Acts 4:34 and 35 relates, "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostle's feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." It should be an objective of each church to provide support for its needy members. This responsibility should not be given to the state.

The early church exercised corporate stewardship in the supporting of the Apostle Paul as he proclaimed the Gospel of Christ: "For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity." (Ph. 4:16).

The primary concern of group stewardship is not in the raising of money but in corporately reaching the world for Christ through the equipping of the saints and the proclamation of the Gospel. (Eph. 4:7 ff) Corporately the church must seek not just to raise money but to raise men: ". . . for I seek not yours but you." (I Co. 12:14).

Responsibility in stewardship is both corporate and personal. Along with our responsibility we must also acknowledge our accountability. Scripture tells us that God's people are to be held accountable for their stewardship. In Luke 12:48 we are told, ". . . For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

It may be further stated that we are accountable to God for choosing certain areas within the church in the exercise of our stewardship. As stewards we must submit ourselves to God who "alone is the Lord or the conscience."

There is a tremendous responsibility placed upon a man who, for example, chooses where he will place the greater portion of his contribution to Christ's Church. His decision must be based upon a prayerful, studied inquiry into the Word of God. A. A. Hodge in his commentary on the Westminster Confession of Faith states, "All Christians promiscuously are commanded to search the scripture and to resist the authority even of legitimate church rulers when it is opposed to that of the Lord or the conscience." This certainly does not excuse giving to the work of the church; in fact, it amplifies the responsibility of the steward to make his giving a thoughtful, deliberate, prayerful act, knowing he must give an account to God for his decision.

As stewards who are to be held accountable we must prayerfully seek to exercise our stewardship in a manner that is consistent with and obedient to God's Word.

Corporately, the members of the Presbyterian Church in America exercise their stewardship through the denomination as it operates on four principles of stewardship adopted by the General Assembly: (1) The church is responsible for carrying out the Great Commission. (2) The work of the church as set forth in the Great Commission is one work, being implemented on the General Assembly level through our equally essential committees. (3) It is the responsibility of all member congregations to support the whole work of the denomination as they be led in their conscience held captive to the Word of God. (4) It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to evaluate needs and resources, and to act on priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission. We believe that this paper affirms the validity of these four principles as being a scripturally sound and worthy basis for corporate stewardship.

IMPLICATIONS

The question to be raised is, To what extent do the present methods of raising funds for the work of the church conform to the underlying principles of stewardship as found in God's Word?

The present practice within the PCA is that each of the four major committees has the responsibility of raising its own budget.

It is not possible to prove from scripture whether this principle of operation for the General Assembly is Biblical or not. However, we can take the Biblical basis for stewardship that we have already discussed and apply the principles for giving to the practices of these four committees in their fund raising activities.

It is evident that tension can exist in the implementation of two of the principles under which the general assembly operates. Those principles are: (1) the work of the church as set forth in the Great Commission is one work being implemented on the General Assembly level through our equally essential committees, and (2) it is the responsibility of every member and every member congregation to support the whole work of the denomination as they are led in their conscience held captive to the Word of God. The tension which can exist between these two principles is a result of the question that if the work of the church is truly one work why should a congregation or individual express discrimination in his giving to individual committees? The fact is that both of these principles are valid. The work of the church is one work and a Christian does have the prerogative to designate his giving according to the dictates of his conscience as he is led by the Lord. Tension between these two principles occurs only when there is a lack of trust between members of the body of Christ within the denomination.

We have already stated that the Biblical basis for corporate effort in stewardship is based upon the interdependency and unity of believers. As members of the Presbyterian Church in America we must act in good faith and with mutual trust for one another, believing that our system of government provides the checks and balances that will keep us from being led astray. Such mutual trust is fitting in the church of the Lord Jesus, who prayed that they all might be one (John 17:21). It was characteristic of the early church to manifest this oneness and mutual trust through having all things common (Ac. 2:44,45). Betrayal of this trust had serious repercussions, which were not lost on the church at large (Ac. 5:5,11). The very proof that we are possessors of eternal life is said to be our love of the brethren (I Jn. 3:14). This love of brethren is of the essence of the Christian message (I Jn. 3:11), is an imperative because of God's love for us (I Jn. 4:11), evidences the maturing of God's love within us (I Jn. 4:12), and is the test of our love for God Himself (I Jn. 4:20). In such an atmosphere of love there is no room for mistrust (I Jn. 4:18).

We need to practice the Biblical principle of I Corinthians 10:24 which states, "Let no man seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." Waldo J. Werning has written "There can be no individualism that allows any member to go his own way and ignore his responsibility to the group or deny the group's responsibility to him . . . True stewardship can hardly be exercised if there is little or no edification and ministry to one another by individual Christians."⁴

The trust that we exercise towards one another should affect our stewardship in two ways. First, we should trust God that He will direct the consciences of our members to give to the work of the church through its four committees. Secondly, as we exercise our stewardship in giving to the work of the church, we should trust our committees to carry out the work of the church faithfully and not withhold our gifts because of lack of trust.

The recent history of many denominations reflects a familiar pattern: Liberalism, having crept in by stealth and subterfuge to take control of the ecclesiastical machinery, changes its tactics, once in power, lording it over God's heritage in such key areas as disposition of funds, Christian education, and ministerial preferment. By alternating strategies of sweet reasonableness when in the minority and of iron-fisted tyranny when in the majority, the liberals have exposed themselves and exhausted whatever reservoir of goodwill and trust they had with conservatives. The Presbyterian Church in America, owing much of its beginning impetus to the reaction against such things, has quite a different (though brief) history.

It is possible for these two principles (the work of the church is one work, and Christians may give as they are led by God) to be effective in the stewardship ministry of the church provided that they exist in a framework of Biblical trust and unity.

Raising funds for the ongoing work of the church by the General Assembly's committees is a necessary part of stewardship, provided that the methods and messages employed are biblically

based. The apostle Paul did not hesitate to mention the need for giving to his "necessity" in his letter to the Philippians. Also, as believers, we are to "provoke one another unto love and good works" (Ph. 4, Heb. 10:24).

In his book, "The Stewardship Call", Waldo Werning, in discussing methods and motivation in stewardship programs, states: "God motivates as we serve one another by proclaiming His covenant Word of Grace. Faithfulness to the call is always the product of the Gospel. Stewardship can have no other foundation than the gospel of forgiveness. God's absolving and strengthening grace is the theological thread in His plan that keeps all stewardship messages and activities in proper perspective."⁵ Our goal in stewardship education should be to present the message of God's grace in such a way that those who receive it can respond with proper decisions as to the stewardship of all of life.

Again we must remind ourselves of the trust and unity that we must exercise in our efforts to raise funds. Not only do we expect the members of the institutional church to trust us, but the committees involved must also exercise that same trust and unity among and toward each other. "The institutional church needs to remember the diversity that exists in the unity of the body through the priesthood of believers and to encourage the expression of diversity instead of demanding blind conformity. The church will do well to idealize this diversity and speak of the great number of stewardship possibilities under grace. Church government and forms are something members need, but not at the expense of diversity. The church must not be a party to a divisive and inadequate loyalty."⁶ As the Assembly's committees plan, seek funds and carry on the work of the church, they must also function in such a way as to practice daily the Biblical principle "in honor preferring one another".

IMPLEMENTATION

The practice of Biblical stewardship throughout the Presbyterian Church in America is enhanced and aided by the work of the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries. It is important that the role of this Sub-Committee be clearly defined and understood by the members of the denomination. Acting under the direction of the Committee on Administration, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries provides an adequate base for cooperation. The way the Sub-Committee is constructed by having two members from each of the four permanent committees and the four coordinators as advisory members, leads itself to a place where cooperation can take place. The Sub-Committee does not function as an executive board, but it can adequately serve as a place where ideas can be heard and long-range plans can be discussed.

The Sub-Committee for Stewardship also provides an adequate forum for discussion of ideas and plans. We must recognize that there will be times when plans for activities will overlap. The Sub-Committee on Stewardship is one place where discussion of these overlapping plans could take place. Frank discussion in this area should be made in a spirit of love, trust and unity. It should be clearly understood that in our system of Presbyterian policy no decision of a committee where discussion of these ideas takes place would be binding. However, such frank discussion is helpful and could act as one more deterrent to divisiveness and so-called "competition" among committees and at the same time could promote the atmosphere of love, trust and unity that is needed for the proper functioning of a stewardship ministry.

The Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries should also provide an adequate base for the implementation of stewardship programs. According to the General Assembly Minutes, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship is to be itself a servant to the Presbyteries and the membership of each local church within the denomination. The Sub-Committee seeks to inspire and inform the people in both the theology and practice of Biblical stewardship, with a goal of enlisting each member of each local congregation in a revived personal commitment of time, talent and treasure to Christ.⁷ The Sub-Committee, in consultation with the four major committees, should continue to initiate general stewardship programs within the church. The Sub-Committee also seeks to aid in informing the member of the denomination of the stewardship needs. The implementation of such programs as the Vision 79 conferences and the recent surveys of the denomination are examples of how the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries provides a basis for the implementation of the stewardship program of the whole church.

The Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries should continue to act as a servant of the four major operating committees of the denomination who in turn act as servants to the members of the Presbyterian Church in America. "The quality of Christian life in the world and in the church is derived from the member's head, and that quality is servant in nature."⁸

It is incumbent upon all of God's people to exercise stewardship in every area of their lives. Our motivation for stewardship must be based upon a love for God and a desire to be obedient to His Word. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him." (Jn. 14:21). Thus motivated, the church through its members, officers and courts must continue to teach and exhort one another in the area of stewardship. Stewardship efforts exercised within the church and implemented through committees, programs and literature are an important part of the total ministry of the church as it seeks to reach into all the world through evangelism and edification.

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Appendix J
REPORT OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION
TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Presbyterian Church in America Foundation was established by the Fourth General Assembly. It operates as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Foundation has been established for the promotion of creative giving designed to promote the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Foundation offers four avenues for the wide use of the believer's financial and material assets. The Foundation aids the Christian in (1) planning his financial future, (2) providing a regular income for life and (3) establishing a continuing gift for the Lord's work, (4) through the Last Will and Testament the Foundation offers our constituency a means of investing their money specifically for use by a genuinely Christian Church while saving for their own later years.

It is evident from Scripture that wise planning and investing for the future, as in the example of Joseph "storing up for the lean years" in Genesis 41 and the wise investing of the money by the servants in our Lord's parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-29 are proper ways to be just stewards of the worldly possessions given us by God.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of eight Elders and/or Deacons elected by the General Assembly on a staggered basis. Two men must always be Teaching Elders. The entire Board serves without remuneration. The Seventh General Assembly will elect two men for the class of 1983 and a replacement Ruling Elder for the class of 1981.

A Memorial Gift Program has been established and materials have been distributed to every church in the Assembly. Designated gifts from this program are distributed to the Committees so named. Undesignated funds received are accumulated and then distributed periodically in percentage amounts established by the General Assembly for the four standing Committees. Packets containing forms and a description of the Living Memorial Program are available to all PCA churches. The distribution of these materials to our people is essential to the effectiveness of the memorial program.

Your Foundation acts as a vehicle through which gifts to the Lord's work (trusts, wills, memorial, etc.) can be distributed to the agencies of the church. This year nearly \$200,000 was received and distributed for the work of the church according to the donor's wishes.

Through 1978 Wills Seminars have been held on 36 occasions for approximately 40 churches. This presentation utilizes the slide/cassette, as well as a forty-five minute oral follow-up. The purpose of these seminars is to encourage our people to have a properly drawn and up-to-date will at all times. Statistics indicate that approximately 65 to 70 percent of the population in North America do not have valid or up-to-date wills and over 100 million dollars per week is being handled in the probate courts of our nation. This means a tremendous loss of funds that could be used for the work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the world each year. Much grief and unnecessary expense is incurred by our families as a result of the lack of proper estate planning. Through the seminars and materials prepared and distributed by your Foundation, a major emphasis has been made on proper stewardship of one's estate by the preparation of a will.

The program of the Foundation is long-range and its full potential may not be realized for several years to come. However, the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation already has been designated in wills which may eventuate funds approaching one million dollars.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board of Trustees be allowed to raise the 1980 budget by private solicitation and that the 1980 budget be approved as submitted.
2. That each church in the Assembly be encouraged to participate in a Wills Seminar for the benefit of their members.
3. That each church be encouraged to participate in the Memorial Gift Program.

Appendix K

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RIDGE HAVEN TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

INTRODUCTION

It is important that the members of the General Assembly and indeed all members of the PCA keep in mind the purpose and functions of Ridge Haven in the life of the Church and in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. The support and enthusiasm for the Conference Center depends upon a clear understanding of these things.

By deliberate choice the PCA is a grass roots denomination with the power of government under Christ originating with the local Sessions and expressing itself through the higher courts. By choice we are decentralized and diverse in all things save doctrine. This is our strength, but it also presents certain problems. How do we express our basic unity and oneness without giving up our character as a decentralized Church? How do our scattered congregations gain a vision of our belonging to each other? How do we overcome some of our problems of equipping the Church to fulfill its ministry? The Board of Ridge Haven feels that the answer to many of these and other needs may be found in the ministry and mission of Ridge Haven.

We are not building a playground, we are building a conference and retreat center which the Church may come together for worship, learning and fellowship that the saints may be equipped for ministry. We see Ridge Haven being a "school of Christ on earth". Every Committee of the General Assembly will make extensive use of this facility as it develops. When one contemplates such activities as Mission Conferences, Family Conferences, Officer training seminars, Stewardship seminars, training schools for organizing Pastors, Youth retreats and camps for Children, high school and college age young adults and many other similar uses for Ridge Haven it is not difficult to become enthusiastic about and anxious for the further development of this beautiful spot in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Further as we think of the use that many local congregations will make of this facility, and the number of Presbyteries which will be near enough to take advantage of the opportunity for conferences, camps, seminars and retreats we foresee the year round, never-ending work that may be accomplished here.

John Knox, the founder of Scots Presbyterianism described John Calvin's Geneva as "The most perfect school of Christ on earth since the days of the Apostles". It is the purpose and prayer of this Board that Ridge Haven too may become a most excellent school of Christ for the PCA.

I. DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIONS

- A. In line with the directives of the Sixth General Assembly the Conference Center has been incorporated in the State of North Carolina under the name of RIDGE HAVEN, INC. The Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Board, has proceeded to develop the site, facilities, promotional materials, management policies, and other matters committed to it by the General Assembly. For details of the General Assembly's actions regarding the Conference Center see *The Minutes of the Fifth General Assembly*, pages 86 and 87 and *The Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly*, pages 69-71, 99-100, and 197-206.
- B. In addition to supervising development on the site and working with various agencies of local, state, and federal governments concerning the development of the Center, Acting Administrator Gordon Reed has presented the purpose, plans, and needs of Ridge Haven, Inc., to churches, presbyteries, and other groups and individuals. Articles and advertisements have been in the *Messenger* and the *Presbyterian Journal* as well as local papers. Many individuals and groups are visiting the Center and interest is mounting. Increased giving and several large gifts are anticipated to help with development and at least one church has included Ridge Haven in its annual budget.
- C. The Maintenance Supervisor's residence, entrance road, well, picnic area, trails and foot bridges around the site and to the falls have been developed. Heavy equipment consisting of a bulldozer, dump truck, and tractor with a backhoe and front loader have been purchased along with a four-wheel-drive pickup truck and are in use in the development of the Center.
- D. The Board heard a forty-five minute presentation from each of ten architectural firms and the firm of Craig, Gauden & Davis, Architects, Inc., of Greenville, S. C., was selected to be the project architect. In addition to providing promotional drawings for brochures and other publicity purposes, the architect has presented preliminary plans for an initial Lodge that would accommodate around 100 persons for sleeping and 150 for eating/meeting. This Lodge would contain approximately 10,000 square feet and, if funds become available, it could be in operation in 1980. Such a facility would provide for small conferences, retreats, and other meetings and eventually would become the main building of the Study Center complex.

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- E. It is anticipated that the Family Camping Area will be in limited operation and the first lake developed by this summer (1979). The erection of signs, further development of the Day Use Area, more trails, a re-forestation program for the cleared area, and further development of the Master Plan are underway as funds permit.
- F. In the area of management, the Board has developed a set of Bylaws and a set of General Policies for Leasing Lots along with other policies to be recommended to this General Assembly (See Recommendations). The Ridge Haven logo has been approved by the Board and stationery, brochures, signs, and other materials have been and are being produced. The Acting Administrator is serving in line with a job description approved by the Board. A policy manual and other management materials are being prepared in line with the general philosophy approved by the Sixth General Assembly.
- G. In regard to the directive of the Sixth General Assembly to bring to the 1979 General Assembly a long-range plan for the development and financing of the Center, the Board refers the Assembly to the Master Plan and to the financial statements, budgets, and projections already approved by the Fifth and Sixth General Assemblies (see references under Item I of this Section).
- H. The greatest need of the Board is for regular and fervent prayer by the Assembly. The second greatest need is for the funds to move ahead rapidly in the construction of facilities. The Board reminds the General Assembly that, in the light of accelerating construction costs, the best stewardship would be to build as soon as possible.

I. Proposed Budget 1980

	1980 Budget	1979 Budget
1. Management		
Acting Administrator's Salary and All Benefits (Part Time)	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Maintenance Supervisor's Salary and Benefits	12,600.00	12,000.00
Part Time workers for Construction and Maintenance	4,000.00	3,600.00
Committee Expenses	4,000.00	5,000.00
Conference Center Vehicles Operation/Maintenance ..	6,000.00	4,000.00
Tools	1,000.00	500.00
Electricity and Phone (Maintenance Supervisor's home)	1,500.00	1,200.00
Insurance on Center and Vehicles	2,000.00	
Contingency	7,500.00	5,000.00
Total	\$51,600.00	\$44,300.00
2. Pomotion		
Promotional Materials, Phone, Programs	9,000.00	10,000.00
Travel Expenses	4,500.00	6,000.00
Secretarial Services	3,600.00	2,000.00
Total	\$17,100.00	\$18,000.00
3. Payment of Interest on Mortgage	\$17,129.40	\$17,129.40
4. Development		
Construction of Planned Facilities as additional funds become available		
TOTAL	\$85,829.40	\$79,429.40

J. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RIDGE HAVEN, INC.

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The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the state of North Carolina.

I
NAME

The name of the corporation is RIDGE HAVEN, INC.

II
DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

III
PURPOSES

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
 (a) To own and operate a conference center for the Presbyterian Church in America, Inc.
 (b) To operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Seciton 501(c)(3) of The Internal Revenue code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

IV
MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members.

V
DIRECTORS

The directors of the corporation shall be elected by the Presbyterian Church in America in the manner and for the terms provided in the By-laws.

VI
EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the corporation; and upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets thereof shall, after all of its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made therefor, be distributed to any association or associations organized for the purpose similar to those set forth in Article III hereinabove, all as more particularly provided in the By-laws of the corporation.

VII
REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the state of North Carolina is on Frozen Creek Road (State Road 1139), Eastatoe Township, Transylvania County, North Carolina, Post Office Box 565, Rosman, North Carolina 28772; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Gordon K. Reed.

VIII
INITIAL DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be nine (9), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Name	Address
George Gulley	505 Storm Avenue Brookhaven, Mississippi 39601
Alex Keleman	333 Parkview Drive St. Albans, West Virginia 24201
Kenneth S. Keyes	Post Office Box 40 Highlands, North Carolina 28741
E. Douglas Patton	RFD No. 10 Greenville, South Carolina 29607
Wayne Rogers	Swannanoa Presbyterian Church Rockdale Avenue Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778
Rhett Sanders	Route 2, Box 41 Chester, South Carolina 29706
Paul G. Settle	3 Ivy Trail Greenville, South Carolina 29605
Pat Williams	500 East Boulevard Suite 202 Montgomery, Alabama 36109
Charles Wolf	440 Stone Edge Road Macon, Georgia 31204

IX
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator are HAZEL E. McCORMICK, The Legal Building, 1 North Gaston Street, Post Office box 949, Brevard, Transylvania County, North Carolina 28712.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the 12th day of January, 1979.

Hazel E. McCormick,
Incorporator

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF TRANSYLVANIA.

I, BERTHA JEAN LANCE, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that HAZEL E. McCORMICK personally appeared before me this 12th day of January, 1979, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my Notarial Seal.

Bertha Jean Lance,
Notary Public

My Commission expires April 11, 1980.

K. BYLAWS OF RIDGE HAVEN

ARTICLE I
Offices

The principal office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina shall be located on Frozen Creek Road (State Road 1139), Eastatoe Township, Transylvania County, North Carolina. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of North Carolina, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of North Carolina a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the North Carolina Non-profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of North Carolina, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) To own and operate a conference center for the Presbyterian Church in America, Inc.
- (b) To operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

ARTICLE III
Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the corporation; and upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets thereof shall, after all of its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made therefore, be distributed to any association or associations organized for the purposes similar to those set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV
Members

The corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE V
Directors

1. **General Powers.** The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its board of directors. The directors shall in all cases act as a board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these bylaws and the laws of this state.

2. **Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The number of directors of the corporation shall be nine (9). They shall be elected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in accordance with the Book of Church Order and the Rules for Assembly Operation. At the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in 1978, three (3) directors were elected for a term of three years, three (3) directors were elected for a term of four (4) years and three (3) directors were elected for a term of five (5) years. Their successors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Directors shall be eligible for immediate re-election for one additional term of three (3) years.

3. **Regular Meetings.** The annual meeting of the directors shall be held without other notice than this bylaw at General Assembly on the opening day of business at such place and time as may be designated by the President. The directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

4. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any three or more directors or by direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, or by the Administrator. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the directors may fix the place for holding any special meetings of the directors called by them.

5. **Notice.** Notice of any special meetings shall be given at least ten (10) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or by telegram or mailed to each

director at his business address. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage therein prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

6. **Quorum.** At any meeting of the directors a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if less than said number is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

ARTICLE VI Officers

1. **Number.** The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the directors. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the directors.

2. **Election and Term of Office** The officers of the corporation to be elected by the directors shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. **Removal.** Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the directors may be removed by the directors whenever in their judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

4. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. **President.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and, subject to the control of the directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the directors from time to time.

6. **Vice-President.** In the absence of the President or in event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the directors.

7. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the directors' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly give in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required, by custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the directors.

8. **Treasurer.** If required by the directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the directors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these bylaws and in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by him by the President or by the directors.

ARTICLE VII Administrator

1. **Election.** An Administrator shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by the General Assembly to serve in this capacity in accordance with these bylaws and the job description prepared by the Board.

2. **Advisory Capacity.** The Administrator shall serve in an advisory capacity without voting privileges on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and any other committees designated by the board.

3. **Responsibility to Board.** The Administrator shall answer directly to the board and shall present reports to the board as requested.

ARTICLE VIII

Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits

1. **Contracts.** The directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. **Loans.** No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the directors, and pursuant to authority granted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

3. **Checks, Drafts, Etc.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the directors.

4. **Deposits.** All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the directors may select.

ARTICLE IX

Fiscal Matters

1. **Fiscal Year** The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

2. **Bookkeeping.** The books shall be kept by the corporation.

3. **Audits.** The General Assembly shall annually designate an auditor upon recommendation of the committee on Administration to make an audit of the financial affairs of the corporation following the close of each fiscal year. The expenses of the audit shall be borne by the corporation.

ARTICLE X

Ecclesiastical Matters

1. **Constitution to have Precedence.** The Ecclesiastical Constitution of the Church is composed of the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America. The provisions of the Constitution shall take precedence over any provisions of the bylaws which may be in conflict therewith.

ARTICLE XI

The directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed in the outer circle thereon the words "RIDGE HAVEN, INC." and the letters "N.V." and in the inner circle, the words "Corporate Seal" and the date "1979".

ARTICLE XII

Waiver of Notice

Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any director of the corporation under the provisions of these bylaws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the directors at any annual, regular or special meeting of the directors when the proposed amendment has been set out in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XIV
Approval of Bylaws

Neither these bylaws nor any amendment hereto shall become effective until approved by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in such manner as it approves other matters coming before it.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., recommends that the Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America:

1. Hear the Report of Ridge Haven, Inc.
2. Approve the use of the term "Board of Directors" instead of "Board of Trustees" since this is the way it appears in the Articles of Incorporation.
3. Approve the proposed Bylaws of Ridge Haven, Inc.
4. Approve the following recommendation regarding leasing or selling of lots:
Whereas, when the Fifth General Assembly authorized the Conference Center Committee to proceed with the purchase of a site, it was understood that the Committee planned to raise part of the funds needed for the development of the Center by the sale of lots to PCA members and others, and
Whereas, discussion on the floor of the Sixth General Assembly indicated that some commissioners felt that the Church should not become involved in the development and sale of real estate, but no action was taken to rescind the authority approved by the Fifth General Assembly, and
Whereas, interest already shown indicates that many PCA members would like to acquire sites adjacent to the Center, and the reason for purchasing 710 acres instead of only 200 was to develop such lots, and such lots will be in easy walking distance to the Center and will provide a significant increase in housing capacity without cost to the Center, and
Whereas, the development of the Center will increase the desirability of adjoining properties, the Board feels that the Center should benefit financially from the lease or sale of lots rather than allow this financial benefit to accrue to independent investors, and
Whereas, the former authority regarding lots was not rescinded, the Board believes it has the authority to develop and lease or sell lots, but to eliminate all doubt,
Therefore, the Board recommends that the Seventh General Assembly specifically authorize the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., to develop and lease or sell lots on the Conference Center property.
5. Approve the proposed General Policies for Leasing Lots.
6. Authorize the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc. to prepare a declaration of restrictive and protective covenants for Ridge Haven, Inc. in conformity with state and local laws.
7. Approve the following recommendation regarding reserve account:
Whereas, the Conference Center Committee reported to the Sixth General Assembly that a reserve account of \$85,000 would be set up to cover the first 3 annual interest payments on the mortgage on the property and the 4th year's interest and principal payments, and this was approved by the Assembly, and
Whereas, with increasing inflation, costs of every kind are escalating more rapidly than the interest that could be earned on funds held in reserve, and the purchasing power of the money today will probably be much greater than it will be three years from now, and
Whereas, the adoption of this recommendation will enable Ridge Haven to use approximately \$68,000 to build roads and construct facilities this year, and in the Board's opinion be better stewardship of the Lord's money,
Therefore, the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, Inc., recommends that only a sum sufficient to cover the next year's payment be held in reserve.
8. Approve the following policy concerning the use of the Center:
It shall be the policy of Ridge Haven, Inc., to give primary consideration for use of grounds and facilities to PCA groups and members and other evangelical Christians.
9. Approve the 1980 Budget of Ridge Haven, Inc.
10. Approve this report as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Ridge Haven, Inc. Board of Directors
Paul Settle, Chairman
Gordon Reed, Acting Administrator

Clerk's Note: By supplemental report the Board presented new Bylaws and the additional recommendation 6 which have been incorporated into the Report.

Appendix L

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO THE SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Nominating Committee met on Friday, March 2, 1979, in Conference Room C of Eastern Airlines at the Atlanta airport. Ruling elder John T. Clark of Central Georgia Presbytery, Convenor of the Committee, opened the meeting with the reading of Scripture and prayer at 10 o'clock.

The Committee elected Mr. Clark as Chairman, Teaching Elder B. I. Anderson of Mississippi Valley Presbytery as Vice-chairman, and Teaching Elder W. J. Stanway of Grace Presbytery as Secretary.

It was ascertained that the following presbytery representatives were present:

Presbytery	Name
Ascension	George R. Cayler, R.E.
Calvary	William Henry Benchoff, T.E.
Central Carolina	Webb Eugene Hastings, R.E.
Central Florida	Russell D. Toms, T.E.
Central Georgia	John T. Clark, R.E.
Covenant	Harold L. Richardson, T.E.
Evangel	W. F. Joseph, Jr., R.E.
Grace	W. J. Stanway, T.E.
Gulf Coast	Richard L. Wilcox, R.E.
Louisiana	Thomas E. Hughes, T.E.
Mid-Atlantic	Walter Lastovica, R.E.
Mississippi Valley	B. I. Anderson, T.E.
New River	John P. Jenkins, R.E.
North Georgia	Joe Morecraft, III, T.E.
Pacific	George J. Kipper, R.E.
Tennessee Valley	Dave Evans, R.E.
Texas	Dale Smith, T.E.
Warrior	John Van Derveer, R.E.
Western Carolinas	Rodney King, T.E.
Westminster	John G. Thompson, R.E.

Ruling Elder Bill Swain of Southern Florida asked to be excused from attendance. There was no representative from Eastern Carolina Presbytery.

The Chairman reviewed the portions of the *Book of Church Order* having to do with the Nominating Committee together with the Standing Rules For the Nominating Committee adopted by the Fifth General Assembly (See Minutes 5-35, Fifth General Assembly, September 12-16, 1977).

The Committee adopted a motion that a principal and an alternate nominee be elected for each vacancy as required, but that the Committee also elect an additional alternate for each position in the event that it should become evident by the time of the General Assembly that neither the principal nor the alternate nominee for a given position is able to serve.

The Committee proceeded to elect nominees from the various presbyteries as follows:

I. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders:

Paul G. Settle, Calvary
James W. Lipscomb, Louisiana

Gordon Reed, Calvary

Ruling Elders:

Class of 1982

H. S. Williford, Mississippi Valley

Class of 1981

Ralph Langford, Evangel

Class of 1980

Frank Moser, Ascension
Robert LaMay, Ascension

James Wilkerson, Grace

Class of 1979

Richard Harris, Tennessee Valley

Robert Eberst, Southern Florida
L. M. Young, New River

In addition to the above classes of members, the following are ex officio members of the Committee on Administration:

The Moderator:

G. Aiken Taylor
P. O. Box 3108
Asheville, NC 28802

The Immediate Past Moderator:

John T. Clark
2724 Ingleside Avenue
Macon, Georgia 31204

The Stated Clerk:

Morton H. Smith
P. O. Box 312
Brevard, NC 28712

The Chairman of the three Permanent Committees, which the Bylaws stipulate are to be elected at the first meeting of each Committee following the General Assembly, for the past year have been:

Committee for Christian Education and Publications:

Don K. Clements

Committee on Mission to the United States:

Terry Gyger

Committee on Mission to the World:

L. B. Austin, III

Alternates

Norman Bagby, Grace

James Gay, New River

Consultant on Administration

Dan Moore

B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

One Teaching Elder

Two Ruling Elders

Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Richard Harris, Tennessee Valley

John Culver, Gulf Coast
Jack Lonon, Western Carolinas

Alternates

John Sartelle, Covenant

David Mills, Mid-Atlantic

II. SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1981

Thomas Llewelyn, Mississippi Valley

Ligon Duncan, Calvary (Resigned)

Class of 1980

Donald R. Esty, Pacific

Hugh Potts, Mississippi Valley

Class of 1979

Robert C. Korn, Calvary

Frank C. Horton, Mississippi Valley

Alternates

William E. Frisbee, Louisiana

(See Class of 1979)

B. To be elected:

Class of 1982

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations

Class of 1982

Carl Bogue, Ascension

Charles Ambler, Jr., Central Florida

Alternates

Vaughn Hathaway, Grace

Earl Jagers, Covenant

III. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1982

C. D. Murphy, Western Carolinas

John Moore, Covenant

Class of 1981

John W. P. Oliver, Central Georgia

Howard Lincoln, Central Georgia

Class of 1980

Thomas A. Cook, Mississippi Valley

James Westlake, North Georgia

Class of 1979

John P. Clelland, Evangel

Larry Mick, Tennessee Valley

Alternates

Russell Toms, Central Florida

(See Class of 1981)

B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Byron Snapp, Calvary

Stokes V. Robertson, Mississippi Valley

Alternates

Fred Carr, Warrior

Ivan Ward, Westminster

IV. TRUSTEES FOR THE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1983

Robert G. Sweet, Western Carolina

Sam Chester, Tennessee Valley

Class of 1982

James Lipscomb, Louisiana

Seixas G. Milner, North Georgia

Class of 1981

Russell Flaxman, Mid-Atlantic
E. C. Cooley, Mid-Atlantic

Class of 1980

Thomas Barnes, Evangel

Robert Oldaker, Ascension

Class of 1979

J. A. Durrenberg, Central Georgia
C. E. Hornsby, Warrior

B. To be elected:

Class of 1984

Two members, either Teaching or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1984

Don Darling, Gulf Coast

J. Brookes Smith, Jr., Mid-Atlantic

V. TRUSTEES FOR RIDGEHAVEN

No nominations are needed until 1981. See Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly, 6-34, recommendation 7, page 70.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 1 o'clock and reconvened at 1:50 with prayer led by Mr. Stanway.

VI. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1982

Dan Barr, Westminster

Donald R. Kimsey, Central Florida
John Spencer, Evangel

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Class of 1981

David H. Bryson, Central Georgia	O. H. Smith III, Gulf Coast
Michael Schneider, Jr., Mississippi Valley	

Class of 1980

John K. Reeves, Grace	R. H. Miller, New River
	George Parron, Mid-Atlantic

Class of 1979

Thomas Patete, Covenant	Charles Parks, Carolina
Don K. Clements, Central Georgia	

Alternates

(See Class of 1981)	Stuart Patterson, Calvary
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B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

Two Teaching Elders	One Ruling Elder
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Alternates

One Teaching Elder	One Ruling Elder
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C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Paul Kooistra, Warrior	William Huffman, Eastern Carolina
Rodney King, Western Carolina	

Alternates

James Turner, Covenant	Joe Treloar, Mississippi Valley
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VII. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Class of 1982

Stuart H. Perrin, Ascension	E. L. Luttrell, Texas
Charles W. McNutt, Eastern Carolina	

Class of 1981

Terry Gyger, Southern Florida, Chairman	Louis Mapp, Grace
	Logan Porter, Eastern Carolina

Class of 1980

Frank M. Barker, Evangel	Earl Bolton, North Georgia
Charles E. Turner, Pacific	

Class of 1979

James M. Baird, Jr., Central Georgia	J. T. Russell, Western Carolinas
	Walter Hatterick, Warrior

Alternates

(See Class of 1979)	Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast
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B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

One Teaching Elder	Two Ruling Elders
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Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant

Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast
Frederick A. Archer, Texas

Alternates

Fred Marsh, Tennessee Valley

Robert D. Wilcox, Central Carolina

VIII. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1982

Donald B. Patterson, Mississippi Valley

Gerald Sovereign, Gulf Coast
Donald Comer, Central Georgia

Class of 1981

G. Allen Fleece, Central Georgia
Joe Morecraft, North Georgia

Walter Lastovica, Mid-Atlantic

Class of 1980

Eugene Craven, Calvary

L. B. Austin III, Tennessee Valley
Hugh Brown, Evangel

Class of 1979

Lardner Moore, Texas
Carl Bogue, Ascension

W. Jack Williamson, Evangel

Alternates

James Kennedy, Southern Florida

H. Carl Daum, Ascension

B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

Two Teaching Elders

One Ruling Elder

Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

W. J. Stanway, Grace
R. Thomas Cheely, Central Georgia

John Thompson, Westminster

Alternates

A. Boyce Spooner, Western Carolinas

William Mulcay, Jr., Central Florida

IX. ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

A. Present Personnel:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Class of 1981

Douglas J. Culver, Ascension

George Calhoun, Grace

Class of 1980

James Bland III, Southern Florida

Dan deLange, Southern Florida

Class of 1979

John Robertson, Warrior

John C. Snyder, Ascension

Alternates

O. Palmer Robertson, Ascension

Walter Gwin, Mississippi Valley

B. To be elected:

Class of 1982

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

Alternates

One Teaching Elder

One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1982

Robert B. Vincent, Louisiana

James Peaster, Mississippi Valley

Alternates

David Osborne, Westminster

Millard Tate, Eastern Carolina

X. TRUSTEES FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION

A. Present Personnel:

Class of 1982:

James E. Moore, Covenant

Steve A. White, Eastern Carolina

Class of 1981:

Laurie V. Jones, Covenant

Robert McFarland, Grace (resigned)

Class of 1980:

W. J. Williamson, Evangel

Thomas Leopard, Evangel

Class of 1979:

John W. Todd, Jr., Ascension

Gordon Reed, Calvary

B. To be elected:

Class of 1983

Two, Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders

Class of 1981

Replacement for Robert McFarland,
Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

Class of 1983

John E. Richards, Central Georgia

James Wasson, Calvary

Class of 1981

Robert Baxter, Texas

XI. TRUSTEES FOR COVENANT COLLEGE

(Suggested nominees for consideration for the Class of 1982, to be passed on to the Board of Trustees of Covenant College.)

A. Present P.C.A. representation on the Board of Trustees:

Teaching Elders

Frank Barker, Evangel
D. James Kennedy, Southern Florida
Morton H. Smith, Western Carolinas
Luder Whitlock, Southern Florida

Ruling Elders

William H. Hall, Central Florida
W. J. Williamson, Evangel

B. To be nominated:

Two, Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Ray Sutton, Texas

Oliver Smith, Jr., Tennessee Valley

The Committee approved a motion commending Chairman Clark for his leadership in handling the work of this Committee.

The Committee requested that Mr. Clark convey to the proper person at Eastern Airlines our appreciation for the use of the Conference Room for the Committee meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with prayer offered by Mr. J. P. Jenkins.

W. J. Stanway,
Secretary

Appendix M

**MODERATOR'S REPORT
TO THE
SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
Charlotte, N.C., June 18, 1979**

It is an humbling experience to have as great a job thrust upon one as was given to me quite unexpectedly in Grand Rapids last year. I learned some things I had not known as we spent that week together. The first thing I learned was that the PCA is full of brethren for whom the words love and grace are not just words: You gave me an honor, along with a job, that I did not deserve, and you patiently tolerated the mistakes that were made as together we worked to see that the Lord's business was conducted in a way that would honor Him as well as get the business conducted.

After the Assembly, you continued to show me kindness above and beyond the call of duty as you made me welcome in your pulpits and in your celebrations. We do not try to elevate the office of Moderator in the PCA more highly than it ought to be, and that is good. The duties of the office for the most part are considered to terminate with the closing gavel at the Assembly over which the Moderator presides and that is as it should be.

But the individual who has occupied the office of Moderator is not thereafter ushered out of the council of the Church simply because his primary official duties have been discharged, and that is also a reflection of the grace and love which characterizes our fellowship. For example, Jack Williamson will always be someone special in our Church because he was our first Moderator. That, too, is as it should be.

Since Grand Rapids, you have been most kind in your invitations to share in occasions of special meaning to you. I have been privileged to preach in PCA churches from Florida to Pennsylvania and from North and South Carolina to Kansas and Missouri. It has helped me to gain a wider appreciation of our young denomination than I had before. It also has given me a new perspective on our Church that I want to share with you in just a moment.

From all the experiences of the past year — not omitting the work of the Committee on Administration or the two significantly fruitful Moderator's Conferences — I have come away with one overwhelming impression. It was well stated by one of our organizing pastors who had a hard time in a difficult situation. This pastor had gone to a community that had seen many aborted attempts to start new congregations. Men of different persuasions and denominational affiliations had come to that town to start churches and most had stayed less than a year. But our man has been there over two years and he has no intention of leaving. People all over the denomination are praying for him and he knows it. He has stuck it out and a strong little group has formed. To those who have waited for the effort to dry up on the vine he has a word: "We are here to stay."

Nationally, there are those who thought the PCA would either blow up, split up or dry up. From the vantage point I have enjoyed this past year, let me say with emphasis: As a denomination, we're here to stay.

This branch of Christ's Church is still immature in many respects, but it is bearing fruit. We have some growing up to do, but we already have come a long way. God has been good to us! Our roots are going down.

I am reminded of a story I heard from the early days of the Reformed Theological Seminary. Some representatives of a body that were not exactly happy with the formation of a new seminary were being given a tour of the campus. After a while, one of the visitors was overheard telling another, "It looks so permanent!" That's what I like to think people are saying about the PCA. We're here to stay!

Let me cite some statistics to help put the PCA record into perspective. Your commissioner's handbook is full of reports, with figures for the past year. You have been given the new **Yearbook** which includes, among its statistics, a five-year summary of our record. If you haven't looked at that record of the past five years, look at it with me now.

We entered 1974 with 16 presbyteries; we entered 1979 with 22.

We entered 1974 with 260 churches; we entered 1979 with 440.

We entered 1974 with 196 ministers; we entered 1979 with 584.

We entered 1974 with 41,232 communicants; we entered 1979 with 73,665.

Per capita giving by our people has more than doubled in the five-year period, from \$222 in 1973 to \$458 in 1978.

Benevolences have jumped from \$69 per capita in 1973 to \$111 per capita in 1978.

Support of Assembly causes has nearly tripled over the five-year period, from \$908,000 in our first year (1974) to \$2.66 million in 1978.

The comparisons could continue. The number of professions of faith in Jesus Christ increases annually. The number of infant and adult baptisms is growing. More and more candidates for the Gospel ministry are coming from our congregations. Our overseas missionaries now number more than 150 and will soon number more than 200.

We are growing in ways that statistics cannot show. The development of our new conference center, Ridge Haven, proclaims, "We're here to stay!" Church construction, giving us beautiful new facilities such as those of the New Life church, where committees of commissioners met Saturday, says, "We're here to stay." The Five-in-Five campaign, which is helping churches get land and buildings, says it.

We now have congregations operating in all four corners of this nation and in many places in between. We don't all speak "Southern" by any means. Our congregations include some that speak Japanese, Korean and Spanish. And that brings me to the most important thing I want to report.

As I have traveled around I have noticed that we seem to be struggling to perfect our "image" before the watching world. But I also have become convinced that when that image has been perfected, it will be quite unique among denominations of Reformed, conservative and evangelical persuasion.

We are Reformed in theology in the best sense of John Calvin's passion to offer his heart to God "promptly and sincerely." Every one of us has declared that we believe the Westminster standards best contain and summarize the doctrine of holy Scripture.

But within the framework of that commitment there is the potential for wide diversities of application and some of these are developing in the PCA. This is perhaps the most striking thing I have seen this past year.

We are still struggling to perfect our "image," perhaps, because that image is **not** going to be that of any particular geographical region, or mood, or size. The body is not one member, but many members. The PCA is Manhattan and Fort Lauderdale and Kosciusko. It is robed choirs and color TV and hand-slapping exuberance. It is churches with ten commissioners to this General Assembly and churches with one. And the hand cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of thee." This I have seen this past year.

A couple of years ago when a group of commissioners far, far removed from the deep South attended a General Assembly for the first time, one of them was heard to say, after a particularly spirited debate, "I don't know whether we belong to this crowd or not!" But there is no such thing as "this crowd" as the representation of the PCA, and that is my point.

The heart of the PCA beats in the inner city of Newark, and over the radio in Chattanooga, and in a converted Butler building in Olathe, and in a dormitory bull session at Reformed Theological Seminary.

This I have seen this year. The PCA is here to stay. And I am privileged to be a part of it. As are you. So let us give thanks to Almighty God, take courage and go forward.

G. Aiken Taylor

Appendix N

RULES FOR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS As Amended by the Sixth General Assembly

I. Organization of a General Assembly's Meeting

1-1 The General Assembly shall be called to order at the designated time by the Moderator, and shall begin with a worship service, including a season of prayer, a sermon or exhortation by the retiring Moderator, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

1-2 The Stated Clerk shall present a report on the enrollment of Commissioners, and declare if a quorum is present. If it is present, then the Assembly shall be declared to be properly constituted for the transaction of business.

1-3 The first order of business shall be the election of a Moderator. There shall be only one nominating speech not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.

1-4 If more than one Commissioner is nominated, election shall be by ballot, on ballots provided by the Stated Clerk. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk shall gather and count the ballots, and report the tabulation to the Stated Clerk. If no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be called on the two nominees who received the highest number of votes on the first ballot. The Moderator shall declare an election when a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast by the commissioners present and voting.

1-5 As soon as a Moderator shall have been declared elected he shall assume his constitutional duties as Moderator.

II. The Moderator

2-1 The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except when he may temporarily invite another Commissioner to act as the presiding officer.

2-2 The Moderator shall call the succeeding Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a successor has been elected. Ordinarily he shall preach a retiring Moderator's sermon. If the Moderator is unable to act the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator has been elected.

III. The Stated Clerk

3-1 The Stated Clerk shall be elected in connection with the annual report of the Committee on Administration which shall present a nomination. It is understood that further nominations are in order. A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of the Assembly meeting, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly.

3-2 The Stated Clerk shall perform the duties assigned by the *Book of Church Order* and by the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and such other duties as are assigned by action of the Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall administer these duties under supervision of the Committee on Administration.

3-3 The Stated Clerk shall prepare and distribute, with the cooperation of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, a *Handbook for Commissioners* prior to the meeting of the Assembly to all commissioners. This *Handbook* shall be mailed so as to reach commissioners one month prior to the convening of the Assembly. Items received too late for inclusion in the *Handbook* shall be mailed to commissioners in the form of a supplement, if possible, or be distributed to them at the time of registration.

3-4 The Stated Clerk shall assemble the items of business to come before the Assembly and refer each item to the proper Committee. If the Clerk has questions regarding reference, he is to consult with the Committee on Judicial Business before making reference.

3-5 The Stated Clerk shall keep the *Minutes* of the General Assembly. He shall publish them annually with statistical reports of the Church and reports of the agencies of the Assembly, and give certified extracts therefrom when the business of the Assembly requires. He shall prepare and supervise the printing of the *Minutes* in cooperation with the Committee for Christian Education and Publications. The costs shall be borne by the General Assembly.

3-6 The Stated Clerk shall have the privilege of the floor in all matters pertaining to his office, shall have the privilege of the floor to present necessary information on business before the meeting concerning the work and report of any committee on which he serves, and at such times when the Moderator, the Coordinators, Chairmen of Assembly Committees (or their designated representatives), or any commissioner may request that he clarify matters before the court.

3-7 The Stated Clerk shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations, and shall serve as a member of or an advisory member of any such other committees as the General Assembly may direct.

3-8 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

IV. The Assembly Arrangements

4-1 A brief worship service shall be included in each morning session.

4-2 The first order of the day, except the opening day, at the beginning of the business session, and

during the day as may be necessary, shall be the presentation of a docket listing the business which is to be considered that day.

V. Communications and Overtures

5-1 A communication to the General Assembly is formal correspondence received by the Stated Clerk from other churches, from interchurch agencies to which this Church may be related, from committees of this Church on matters which can not be included in regular reports, and from organized bodies outside the Church proper having business with the General Assembly.

5-2 Ordinarily, communications from individuals shall not be received by the General Assembly, unless they originate with persons who have no other access to the Assembly. If the Assembly desires to receive and consider any such communications, other than as information, the Stated Clerk shall recommend reference to the proper Assembly Committee. Letters, telegrams, or telephone calls from communicants or congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America are not proper communications, and are not to be received by the Assembly.

5-3 The Stated Clerk shall recommend to the Assembly reference for all proper communications.

5-4 An overture ordinarily is the request of a presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter.

5-5 Upon receipt the Stated Clerk shall refer to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business all overtures requesting amendment of the *Book of Church Order* or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly and all complaints, appeals, or references from lower courts. All other overtures shall be referred by the Clerk to the appropriate Committee of Commissioners. All overtures shall be printed in the *Handbook* with reference for consideration indicated.

5-6 All overtures requiring reference to the Committee on Judicial Business shall be delivered by at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly to the Stated Clerk in order to be referred to the Committee. No overture requiring reference to the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business received later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly by the Stated Clerk shall be referred or considered by the General Assembly convening in that year.

5-7 All other overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly in order to be included in the *Handbook* for the next meeting of the General Assembly. Overtures received after the *Handbook* is printed, and at least one (1) month (31 days) prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be reported to the Assembly by the Stated Clerk, together with reference. No overtures received by the Stated Clerk less than one month prior to the opening of the meeting of the General Assembly shall be referred to or considered by the General Assembly convening in that year. No bill or overture shall be accepted for consideration upon the floor of General Assembly subsequent to the final published date set by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for the publication of the *Commissioners Handbook* for the General Assembly unless said matter receive $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the assembled commissioners.

5-8 No overture will be considered by the General Assembly until it first has been presented to a presbytery. If approved by the presbytery, it will come before the Assembly as the overture of that court. An overture requested by an individual communicant, a teaching elder, or a session, but rejected by the presbytery, may be presented to the Assembly, provided the fact that it was rejected by the presbytery is clearly stated with the overture.

VI. Reports to the General Assembly

6-1 The Board of Directors, the Permanent Committees, Ad Interim Committees, and all other agencies of the Assembly shall make annual reports, which shall be transmitted to the Stated Clerk by at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. These reports shall be referred to the proper Committee of Commissioners by the Clerk.

VII. New Business

7-1 Any matter presented in any form which has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be treated as new business.

7-2 New business must be presented to the Assembly before the close of the second day of business.

7-3 All new business presented by members of the court must be in written form, and if received shall be referred to the proper Committee of Commissioners.

7-4 The Committee on Judicial Business shall be available as a reference committee, to assist the Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.

7-5 The appropriate committee shall receive and consider all such references, deliberate and report to the Assembly in compliance with the directions of these Rules.

7-6 The Committee on Judicial Business shall serve as a Constitutional Committee. All matters introduced as new business, if received, and touching on constitutional matters, including requested rulings by the Moderator on questions of order involving constitutional questions, shall be referred in writing to the Committee on Judicial Business for consideration.

7-7 The Committee on Judicial Business shall consider each such constitutional matter referred to it, and make recommendation directly to the Assembly.

VIII. Committees of Commissioners

8-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Committees of Commissioners, except reports of Ad Interim Committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following Committees of Commissioners shall handle the matters indicated:

Committees	Reports of	Overtures, resolutions or communications
1. Administration	Permanent Committee	Touching Administrative matters
2. Bills and Overtures		Of general nature
3. Christian Education and Publications	Permanent Committee	Touching Christian Education and Publications
4. Insurance and Annuities	Sub-Committee	Touching insurance and annuities
5. Interchurch Relations	Sub-Committee	Touching comity, cooperation, relations to other churches
6. Judicial Business	Permanent Committee	Touching Constitution
7. Mission to the United States	Permanent Committee	Touching home missions
8. Mission to the World	Permanent Committee	Touching world missions
9. PCA Foundation	Trustees	Touching PCA Foundation
10. Review and Control of Presbyteries	Presbytery Minutes	
11. Ridge Haven	Sub-Committee	Touching Ridge Haven
12. Stewardship	Sub-Committee	Touching Stewardship

8-2 Each Presbytery shall, prior to the meeting of the Assembly, elect one of its commissioners to each of the Committees of Commissioners, dividing them as to ruling and teaching elders by a formula established by the Stated Clerk. In the event that Presbytery does not have sufficient teaching elders to supply the Committees thus assigned, the Presbytery may, at its own discretion, elect ruling elders to these Committees. In the event that Presbytery is not able to supply members for all the Committees, the Presbytery may select the Committees to which they wish to appoint representatives. Commissioners serving on Permanent Committees or Sub-Committees of the Assembly or the staffs thereof are not eligible to serve on any Committees of Commissioners.

8-3 The Conveners of the Committees shall be designated by the Moderator.

8-4 The Committee may be scheduled to meet prior to the opening session of the Assembly to handle the business referred by the Stated Clerk, as published in the *Handbook*. The Assembly shall provide a stenographer for each Committee, who shall record the actions of the Committee, and prepare the Report of the Committee under the direction of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

8-5 The Committees of Commissioners shall proceed as follows:

(1) At the proper time each Committee shall assemble in its assigned room, elect a chairman and a secretary, review material in hand, appoint sub-committees as may be necessary, and begin its work.

(2) Each Committee shall be available to reconvene to consider additional references that may come from the floor of the Assembly.

Delete item (3) and replace item (4) with new 8-4-(3) as follows: "Meetings of a Committee of Commissioners shall ordinarily be open to the public as non-participating visitors, to the extent made possible by the physical facilities of the available meeting room. If such visitors desire the Committee to consider a proposal on some item of business that is before the Committee, this must be presented in writing. No new items of business, not referred to the Committee by the Assembly, may be considered by the Committee. The Chairman and representatives of the Permanent Committee, and the Coordinator and appropriate staff members shall be available for consultation with the Committee of Commissioners reviewing their work. After the Committee of Commissioners has received input from the Permanent Committee, Coordinator, staff members and visitors, it should then go into executive session as it frames and adopts its report to the General Assembly. It must be in executive session when it actually adopts the report. The Committee of Commissioners may invite other persons for consultative purposes, when this is felt necessary to the Committee's performance of its business."

8-6 The report of the Committee of Commissioners shall be brief and concise. It shall include the following:

(1) A list of all items referred to and considered by the Committee.

(2) A statement of the issues discussed.

(3) A report of all recommendations contained in an agency or Committee report under consideration. (If any of the recommendations contained in a report were not approved, this shall be reported with reasons. New recommendations may be added, with words of explanation. Amendments to original recommendations shall be reported and explained.)

(4) A statement of the division of the vote on every official recommendation made to or by the Committee.

(5) Reference to overtures by number with brief statement of content and recommended answer.

(6) Reference to communications by number with brief statement of content and recommended answer.

(7) Only such portions of narrative sections of the printed reports as are necessary to make the report of the Committee of Commissioners intelligible.

(8) A note that the audit of the reporting Committee has been received and that the Committee is taking any necessary action on any recommendation of its audits.

8-7 The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall be granted the privilege of the floor of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners to present the report of the Permanent Committee to the Assembly. No report printed in the *Handbook* shall be read in full to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners shall present the recommendations of the Committee of Commissioners to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall have the privilege of defending the position of the Permanent Committee on any recommendations in which the Committee of Commissioners differ from the Permanent Committee's report.

8-8 Minutes of the Permanent Committee shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners for review. Copies of the Minutes shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the members of Committees of Commissioners one month prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

8-9 Informational presentation of some special aspects of the work reported by a Committee of Commissioners shall be limited to five minutes.

8-10 Any recommendation affecting the Budget of the Assembly or the Coordination of the program of the church shall be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

8-11 The completed report of a Committee of Commissioners shall contain the full text of the report and shall be handled as follows:

(1) Typed, double spaced, original and two carbon copies, by Assembly stenographers.

(2) Proofread and signed by the Chairman of the Committee; and then delivered to the Stated Clerk when duplicated copies are available for the commissioners.

(3) Docketed by the Program Committee (Moderator, Stated Clerk) for consideration by the Assembly.

(4) Presented to the Assembly by the Chairman or his designate, by reading through the entire text of the report from the original typed copy. Any change ordered by the Assembly shall be noted and included by the Chairman with the assistance of the Stated Clerk on the original copy.

(5) The report, as adopted by the Assembly, shall be filed with the Recording Clerk for the permanent record.

8-12 No partial report of a Committee of Commissioners shall be presented without the consent of the Assembly.

8-13 GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING MINUTES OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Minutes of Assembly Committees should be kept either in a lock-type record book, with numbered pages, or be printed, mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced.
2. The Minutes should be typewritten or printed, or reproduced from typewritten masters, and should be neat and legible.
3. The opening paragraphs of the Minutes should contain the following information (which need not, however, be divided into numbered or separate items):
 - (a) The kind of meeting: regular, called, adjourned regular, or adjourned called;
 - (b) The name of the Committee;
 - (c) The date and time of the meeting, and the place;
 - (d) The name of the Chairman, and if someone other than the regular Secretary served as a Clerk Pro-tem, his name should be indicated;
 - (e) If the Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at that meeting, a record of their having been read and approved by this session should be indicated, including the date of the Minutes being so approved;
 - (f) The names of those present at the meeting should be recorded, indicating whether they were teaching elders or ruling elders, and the church represented in each case. The names of alternate ruling elders and their respective churches should also be included, and the names of visitors should be included.
4. The contents of the Minutes should include the following items:
 - (a) The names of persons leading in opening and closing prayers at all sessions;
 - (b) In the event of a called meeting, the portion of the call stating the purpose of the meeting should be recorded verbatim in the Minutes;
 - (c) The Minutes should record the actions of the Committee, including all motions adopted and business transacted, together with such additional information as the Committee deems desirable for historical purposes. Ordinarily in Church Courts motions that are lost are not included in the record unless an affirmative vote for the lost motion is recorded, in which case the lost motion must be shown. Each main motion should normally be recorded in a separate paragraph. Subsidiary and procedural motions may be recorded in the same paragraph with the main motion to which they pertain. Main mo-

tions may be recorded in the same paragraph, if they are closely related and pertain to the same item of business.

5. It may be desirable to number these paragraphs consecutively, and to give a title over each paragraph indicating succinctly the content of business included. This is not mandatory, but is desirable for the later reading of the Minutes. For historical purposes, some notes as to the kind of extent and kind of debate may be included, but Minutes should never reflect the secretary's opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done.
6. The Minutes of the Committees should appear in the Minute book in the order in which the meetings occur. When a previous action of the Committee is cited, the date shall be given, and the volume and page and paragraph number.
7. The Minutes of each meeting should be signed by the Secretary.
8. The Coordinator, if there be one, and if not, the Chairman, shall be responsible for the custody of the Minutes of the Committee. He is responsible for the presentation to the General Assembly for approval of all Minutes of the Committee which have been approved by the Committee not previously approved by the General Assembly. All other Minutes of the Committee to which specific reference is made in the Minutes submitted to the General Assembly for approval shall be submitted for purposes of information.
9. A copy of the **Guidelines for Keeping Committee Minutes** should be kept with the Minutes of the Committee.
10. An up-to-date copy of the bylaws and manual of the Committee, if such exist, should be kept with the Minutes.

8-14 GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINING COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Minutes of Assembly Committees shall be examined for conformity to:
 - (a) The primary and secondary standards of the Church, as to substance of the actions recorded;
 - (b) the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly**, as to form, structure, and minimum content, and;
 - (c) appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
2. Each set of Committee Minutes should be read by at least two members of the Committee of Commissioners.
3. The Committee may divide its work so that two or more members examine them primarily as to form, and two or more members may examine them primarily as to substance.
4. The findings of the Committee with respect to the Minutes of each Permanent Committee shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate:
 - (a) **Notations:** typographical errors, misspellings, improper punctuation, non-prejudicial statements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category. Also failures to provide proper or sufficient information or identification, prejudicial misstatements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category.
 - (b) **Exceptions:** violations of the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Minutes of Permanent Committees of the General Assembly** and actions which in substance appear not to conform to the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in America, or to be out of accord with the deliverances of the General Assembly, should be reported under this category.
5. The Committee shall prepare a report concerning the Minutes of the Permanent Committee. The filling out of a form, designed for the purpose for each Committee, shall meet the requirement for this section. After action by the Assembly, one copy of the report shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the Permanent Committee. A second copy shall be retained by the Stated Clerk in a permanent file. A third copy shall be kept in the records of the Committee, which shall be maintained in a suitable binder. The custody of the records of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Stated Clerk in the period between the General Assemblies.
6. Notations and exceptions in the Committee's reports shall be disposed of as follows:
 - (a) Notations shall normally be sent to the Committees by the Stated Clerk without being read before the General Assembly or recorded in its Minutes.
 - (b) Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its *Minutes*, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
 - (c) The Assembly shall adopt an appropriate motion with respect to the Minutes of each Permanent Committee, the following being examples:
 - (1) That the Minutes of the Committee of _____ be approved without exception (show dates of Minutes being approved);
 - (2) That the Minutes of the Committee of _____ be approved with the exceptions noted (show dates of Minutes being approved).
7. The Permanent Committee shall take note in their minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Committee to rectify them. Committees shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions.
8. Reports to the Assembly from the Permanent Committees concerning disposition of exceptions taken by the Past Assembly shall normally be referred to the Committee.

8-15 GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING PRESBYTERY MINUTES

1. The Minutes of Presbytery should be kept either in a lock-type record book, with numbered pages, or be printed, mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced.
2. The Minutes should be typewritten or printed, or reproduced from typewritten masters, and should be neat and legible.
3. The opening paragraphs of the Minutes should contain the following information (which need not, however, be divided into numbered or separate items):
 - (a) The kind of meeting: stated, called, adjourned stated, or adjourned called;
 - (b) The name of the Presbytery;
 - (c) The date and time of the meeting, and the place;
 - (d) The name of the Moderator, and if someone other than the regular Stated Clerk served as a Clerk Pro-tem, his name should be indicated;
 - (e) If the Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at that meeting, a record of their having been read and approved by this session should be indicated, including the date of the Minutes being so approved;
 - (f) The names of those present at the meeting should be recorded, indicating whether they were teaching elders, or ruling elders, and the church represented in each case. The names of alternate ruling elders and their respective churches should also be included, and the names of visitors should be included.
 - (g) Excuses for teaching elders and churches, and unexcused teaching elders and churches should be noted.
4. The contents of the Minutes should include the following items:
 - (a) The names of persons leading in opening and closing prayers at all sessions.
 - (b) In the event of a called meeting, the portion of the call stating the purpose of the meeting should be recorded verbatim in the Minutes.
 - (c) The Minutes should record the actions of the Presbytery, including all motions adopted and business transacted, together with such additional information as the Presbytery deems desirable for historical purposes. Ordinarily in Church Courts motions that are lost are not included in the record, unless an affirmative vote for the lost motion is recorded, in which case the lost motion must be shown. Each main motion should normally be recorded in a separate paragraph. Subsidiary and procedural motions may be recorded in the same paragraph with the main motion to which they pertain. Main motions may be recorded in the same paragraph if they are closely related and pertain to the same item of business. It may be desirable to number these paragraphs consecutively, and to give a title over each paragraph indicating succinctly the content of business included. This is not mandatory, but is desirable for the later reading of the Minutes. For historical purposes, some note as to the extent of and kind of debate may be included, but Minutes should never reflect the clerk's opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done.
5. All points of order and appeals, whether sustained or lost, together with the reasons given by the Chair for his ruling, should be included. This is for the sake of any case that may be carried to a higher court. The complete record of the Presbytery's actions should be recorded for this purpose.
6. Additional guidelines, adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order*:
 - (a) The names of the mover and the seconder of a motion should not be entered into the Minutes unless ordered by the Presbytery.
 - (b) When a count has been ordered, or the vote is by ballot, the number of votes on each side should be entered.
 - (c) The proceedings of a committee of the whole should not be entered in the Minutes, but the fact that the assembly went into the committee as a whole, and the committee report should be recorded.
 - (d) When a question is considered informally, the same information should be recorded as under the regular rules, since the only informality in the proceedings is in the debate.
 - (e) Committee reports that are adopted by the Presbytery may be handled in either of two ways. They may be entered directly into the record at the time when they are presented, and it should be reflected as the report of a committee adopted by the Presbytery. The other way by which they may be handled is to give the report as an appendix, to which reference is made by motion in the body of the Minutes. Reports and other matters that are received as information should be retained by the Clerk of the Presbytery, but need not be printed with the Minutes, unless so directed by the Presbytery.
7. The Minutes should be signed by the Clerk.
8. At least once a year the Minutes of Presbytery should include, in addition to the Minutes themselves, the following items:
 - (a) A directory of the Presbytery, including a listing of all of the regular Committees of Presbytery.

- (b) A roll of the Presbytery, including a list of all teaching elders, with their addresses; and of all churches, with the name and address of the Clerk of Session, and the address of the church.
 - (c) A list of all candidates under care of the Presbytery, including the addresses.
 - (d) A list of all licentiates of the Presbytery, including the addresses.
 - (e) An up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.
9. The Stated Clerk is responsible for the custody of the Minutes of the Presbytery. He is responsible for the presentation to the General Assembly for approval of all Minutes of the Presbytery which have been approved by the Presbytery not previously approved by the General Assembly.
10. A copy of the **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes** should be kept with the Minutes of the Presbytery.

8-16 GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINING PRESBYTERY MINUTES

1. Presbytery Minutes shall be examined for conformity to:
 - (a) the primary and secondary standards of the Church, as to substance of the actions recorded,
 - (b) the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes**, as to form, structure, and minimum content, and
 - (c) appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
2. Each set of Presbytery Minutes should be read by at least two members of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries.
3. The Committee may divide its work so that two or more members examine minutes primarily as to form [4(a)], and two or more members may examine them primarily as to substance [4(b)].
4. The findings of the Committee with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate:
 - (a) **Notations:** typographical errors, misspellings, improper punctuation, non-prejudicial statements of fact, and other minor variation in form, may be reported under this category. Also failures to provide proper or sufficient information or identification, prejudicial misstatements of fact, etc., may be reported under this category.
 - (b) **Exceptions:** violations of the Assembly's **Guidelines for Keeping Presbytery Minutes** and actions which in substance appear not to conform to the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in America, or to be out of accord with the deliverances of the General Assembly, should be reported under this category.
5. The Committee shall prepare a report concerning the Minutes of each Presbytery. The filling out of a form, designed for the purpose for each Presbytery, shall meet the requirement for this section. After action by the Assembly, one copy of the report shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the Presbytery. A second copy shall be retained by the Stated Clerk in a permanent file. A third copy shall be kept in the records of the Committee, which shall be maintained in a suitable binder. The custody of the records of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Stated Clerk in the period between the General Assemblies.
6. Notions and exceptions in the Committee's reports shall be disposed of as follows:
 - (a) Notations shall normally be sent to the Presbyteries by the Stated Clerk without being read before the General Assembly or recorded in its *Minutes*.
 - (b) Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its *Minutes*, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
 - (c) The Assembly shall adopt an appropriate motion with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery, the following forms being examples:
 - (1) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of _____ be approved without exception. (Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
 - (2) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of _____ be approved with the exceptions noted. (Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
7. The Presbyteries shall take note in their Minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Presbytery to rectify them. Presbyteries shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions.
8. Reports to the Assembly from the Presbyteries concerning disposition of exceptions taken by the past Assembly shall normally be referred to the Committee without being read before the Assembly. The Committee shall examine such reports and shall report to the Assembly its judgment as to the suitability of the disposition that has been made. Committees shall also present recommendations concerning all exceptions taken by previous Assemblies or Committees that have not been disposed of suitably.

IX. Assembly Expenses

9-1 The expenses of the following Permanent Committees shall be borne by that particular Committee:

- (1) Administration
- (2) Christian Education and Publications

- (3) Mission to the United States
- (4) Mission to the World
- (5) Stewardship
- (6) PCA Foundation
- (7) Trustees of Insurance and Annuities Fund

9-2 All other expenses of the General Assembly shall be divided between the four major Permanent Committees on the percentage basis of distributing undesignated gifts.

X. Parliamentary Procedure

10-1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules, *Revised Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.

10-2 The Chairman shall lead the Assembly in a brief prayer before making his report. The entire report of each Committee of Commissioners, including narrative, shall be read before any comment. When a minority of a Committee wishes to present a minority report, the member reporting for the minority shall have the privilege of presenting the minority report and moving it as a substitute for the portion of the majority report affected.

10-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted upon separately.

(1) The Chairman moves the adoption.

(2) Motion to adopt is seconded from the floor.

(3) The Moderator asks: Is there objection or question?

(4) Hearing no objection or question, the Moderator states: It is adopted. (The above procedure is known as the "Short Form of Voting.")

10-4 Procedure in debating a question:

(1) The Chairman or his designate may answer questions concerning the report addressed to him through the Moderator.

(2) The Chairman shall have an opportunity to make the final statement in debate.

(3) No Commissioner may speak on the same question more than once until all desiring to speak have done so.

(4) Debate on the main motion shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended. When a main motion has been debated for ten (10) minutes, the Moderator shall put the question to the Assembly: "Does the Assembly desire to extend the time an additional five (5) minutes?" A simple majority will decide the question. If the majority decides not to extend debate, the Moderator will call the question. If an amendment of a substitution is on the floor, the question of extending time on the main motion shall be repeated after the vote on the amendment or substitute. If time is extended, the question of extension will again be put every succeeding five (5) minutes until the motion is concluded. Each Commissioner shall be limited to three (3) minutes on the same question unless the Court by a simple majority grants additional time."

(5) Debate shall be free and open, with equal time being given to proponents and opponents in so far as possible.

10-5 Special Provisions

(1) The Assistants to the Stated Clerk shall have the privilege of the floor when requested by the Moderator to render some specific service to the court.

(2) All motions shall be presented in writing and read before being voted upon.

XI. Amendment or Suspension of Rules

The Rules of the General Assembly may be amended or suspended only by a two thirds vote of the total enrollment of Commissioners. A motion to amend is debatable. A motion to suspend is not debatable.

APPENDIX P
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

FIRST.—The name of this corporation is Presbyterian Church in America.

SECOND.—Its registered office in the State of Delaware is to be located at 229 South State Street, in the City of Dover, County of Kent. The registered agent in charge thereof is The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., at 229 South State Street, Dover, Delaware.

THIRD.—The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the general Corporation Law of Delaware.

All assets of the corporation shall be principally and directly dedicated exclusively to religious and educational work. The corporation shall not engage in business activities for profit and no part of any net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, save and except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes, and no member, director or officer of the corporation, or private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of secular propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of such Code and regulations.

Upon the dissolution or liquidation or other winding up of this corporation, all of its assets, principal and income, subject to the payment of its debts, shall be distributed to an organization which is exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FOURTH.—The corporation shall not have any capital stock, and the conditions of membership shall be as stated in the By-Laws.

FIFTH.—The names and places of residence of the incorporators are as follows:

NAMES	RESIDENCES
W. Jackson Williamson	701 Fort Dale Road Greenville, Alabama 36037
Leon F. Hendrick	1424 Pinehurst Jackson, Mississippi 39202
Gordon Kennedy Reed	105 River Street Greenville, South Carolina 29601
Cecil Williamson, Jr.	221 Cone Drive Selma, Alabama 36707
Harry Norval Miller, Jr.	52 Adams Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Morton Howison Smith	5422 Clinton Boulevard Jackson, Mississippi 39209
Donald Bray Patterson	4611 Trawick Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39222

SIXTH.—The activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. The number of directors which shall constitute the whole board shall be such as from time to time shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in, the By-Laws, but in no case shall the number be less than three. The directors need not be members of the corporation unless so required by the By-Laws. The board of directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation to be held on such date as the By-Laws may provide, and shall hold office until their successors are respectively elected and qualified. The By-Laws shall specify the number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum. The board of directors may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole board, designate one or more committees, which to the extent provided in said resolution or resolutions or in the By-Laws of the corporation shall have and may exercise all the powers of the board of directors in the management of the activities and affairs of the corporation and may have power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; and such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be stated in the By-Laws of the corporation or as may be determined from time to time by resolution

adopted by the board of directors. The directors of the corporation may, if the By-Laws so provide, be classified as to term of office. The Corporation may elect such officers as the By-Laws may specify, who shall, subject to the provision of the Statute, have such titles and exercise such duties as the By-Laws may provide. The board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the By-Laws of this corporation.

This corporation may in its By-Laws confer powers upon its board of directors in addition to the foregoing, and in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by the Statute, provided that the board of directors shall not exercise any power of authority conferred herein or by Statute upon the members.

SEVENTH.—Meetings of members may be held without the State of Delaware, if the By-Laws so provide. The books of the corporation may be kept (subject to any provision contained in the Statutes) outside the State of Delaware at such place or places as may be from time to time designated by the board of directors.

EIGHTH.—The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the Statute, and all rights conferred upon members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

We, The Undersigned, being each of the incorporators hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to Chapter I of Title 8 of the Delaware Code, do make this Certificate, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set our hands and seals this 21st day of September, A.D. 1973.

W. Jackson Williamson

Leon F. Hendrick

Gordon K. Reed

Cecil Williamson, Jr.

Harry Norval Miller, Jr.

Morton Howison Smith

Donald B. Patterson

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BUTLER

Be It Remembered that on this 24th day of September, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, W. Jackson Williamson, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

John A. Taber
Notary Public

My commission expires: April 11, 1974

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Be It Remembered that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Leon F. Hendrick, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E. H. Williford
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

Be It Remembered that on this 17th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina, Gordon Kenworthy Reed, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Barbara A. Bolt
Notary Public

My commission expires: July 15, 1981.

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF DALLAS

Be It Remembered that on this 9th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, Cecil Williamson, Jr., one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

J. M. Williams
Notary Public

My commission expires: March 3, 1976

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Be It Remembered that on this 8th day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama, Harry Norval Miller, Jr., one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Louise McCarty Sansom
Notary Public

My commission expires: September 14, 1974

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Be It Remembered that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Morton Howison Smith, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E. H. Williford
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Be It Remembered that on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1973, personally came before me, a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, Donald Bray Patterson, one of the parties to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Certificate to be his act and deed, and that the facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

E.H. Williford
Notary Public

My commission expires: Feb. 18, 1976

APPENDIX Q
BYLAWS
OF
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (A CORPORATION)
As Amended by the Sixth General Assembly

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION.

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation).

Section 2. The registered office in the State of Delaware is to be located at 229 South State Street, in the City of Dover, County of Kent. The registered agent in charge thereof is The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., at 229 South State Street, Dover, Delaware. The official business address of the Corporation is the office of the Business Administrator.

Other offices for transaction of business shall be located at such places as the General Assembly or its Permanent Committees shall designate.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS AND MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1. The members of the corporation shall be those duly ordained Teaching Elders (Ministers) enrolled in a Presbytery affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America, and those Ruling Elders representing local congregations, which congregations are affiliated with Presbyteries affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America who have been designated or commissioned to attend the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. Such Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders shall be designated or commissioned by Presbyteries or Congregations in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the *Book of Church Order* (15-2) (See Article VI.). Such individuals shall be the members of the corporation until the next annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America at which time the members of the Corporation shall be those individuals designated or commissioned as hereinabove set forth to attend such annual General Assembly.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be at such time and such place as designated by the General Assembly and ordinarily will be held during the month of September. Each General Assembly shall have the power to designate the time and place for more than one annual General Assembly, and shall also have the power to authorize the Committee on Administration to designate the time and place of the next General Assembly.

Section 3. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called in accordance with the *Book of Church Order* (15-3).

Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Assembly shall be that prescribed in the *Book of Church Order* (15-5).

Section 5. The Moderator shall call all meetings to order and shall preside until his successor has been selected and takes office. If the Moderator is unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator has been elected.

Section 6. Proxies shall not be allowed at General Assembly meetings.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Moderator, the Clerk, the Business Administrator-treasurer, and such assistant clerks and treasurers as may be deemed desirable by the Committee on Administration. The officers, with exception of the assistant clerks or assistant treasurers, shall be elected by the General Assembly as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and the Rules for Assembly Operation. In the event that the Stated Clerk or the Business Administrator is unable to act, the Committee on Administration shall be authorized to appoint a provisional Clerk or a provisional Business Administrator to serve until a regular Clerk or Business Administrator may be elected by the next General Assembly.

Section 2. The Moderator shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and the Rules of Assembly Operation. The Moderator, unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly, shall have no authority to and shall not be expected to perform any functions for the Corporation other than those specifically set forth in these Bylaws or those set forth in the *Book of Church Order*, and the Rules for Assembly Operation.

Section 3. The Clerk shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the *Book of Church Order* and Rules of Assembly Operation. He shall be immediately responsible to the Committee on Administration. The Clerk shall prepare and forward all notices required by law or by these Bylaws, and shall have general charge of the corporate books and records. He shall sign such instruments as may be required, and perform the duties incident to the office of Clerk, and such duties as may be assigned by the Moderator, the Committee on Administration, or the members of the Corporation in General Assembly.

Section 4. The Business Administrator-treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and securities belonging to the Corporation, and not otherwise designated to one of the three program Committees. He shall receive deposit and disburse such funds as directed by the General Assem-

bly, including any provisions set forth in the *Book of Church Order*. He shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Corporation, not only of these funds in the custody, but by means of monthly reports from the other Committees of their funds also, on a uniform form, which he shall provide. He shall prepare or have prepared such reports of the financial condition of the Corporation as be required, and, in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Business Administrator-treasurer. He shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Committee on Administration.

ARTICLE IV. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted primarily through Permanent Committees, to wit: Committee on Administration; Committee for Christian Education and Publications; Committee on Mission to the United States; and Committee on Mission to the World. Each committee shall be composed of six Teaching Elders and six Ruling Elders divided into four classes of three men each serving four-year terms. There shall also be a Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business composed of eight members divided into four classes of two members each serving four-year terms. Each class shall be composed of one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder. The Moderator, the immediate past Moderator, the Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration. An advisory member shall be able to participate freely in the conduct of the business of the Committee, but he shall have no vote.

Section 2. The power and authority of the Permanent Committees shall be those set forth in these Bylaws or by direction of the General Assembly.

Section 3. The Permanent Committees shall, unless specifically directed otherwise by the General Assembly, be authorized to operate from separate locations with separate offices and separate staffs. The budget for each Permanent Committee, including specifically the compensation to be paid the chief administrative officer of each Permanent Committee, shall be submitted to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries, which shall consider the requests of each Committee as it relates to the budget requests of other Committees, to needs, and to opportunities, and shall recommend an overall budget to the General Assembly, for its approval. All funds received by the Corporation that are designated for the benefit of any particular Permanent Committee shall be disbursed by the Business Administrator to the proper Committee. There shall be no equalization of funds so designated. Any funds received by the Corporation not designated as being for the benefit of a particular Permanent Committee shall be distributed by the Business Administrator as directed by the General Assembly.

Section 4. Each Permanent Committee, by resolution adopted by a majority of its Committee members, may designate the place, date, and time for regular meetings of the Committee, which should be held at least quarterly. Written or printed notice of such resolution should be given to all Committee members within a reasonable time after the adoption thereof. Notice of the time, place or purpose of such regular meetings of the Permanent Committee shall not be required to be given.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Permanent Committees may be called at any time or place by the Chairman of the Committee, or by a majority of the Committee members. Written notice stating the place, date, and hour of such special meeting shall be delivered by the Chairman of the Committee to each Committee member at least ten days prior to the date of such meetings, and such notice should specify the purpose of such special meetings. Attendance of a Committee member at such a meeting will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. The act of the majority of the Committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.

Section 6. A majority of a Permanent Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Permanent Committee shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Committee following the General Assembly. The election of the Chairman and Secretary shall not take place until after 10 days notice of the proposed meeting has been given to all newly nominated members and all continuing members. The incumbent Chairman and Secretary shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected and assume their duties. In the event that the Chairman is rotated off of a Committee, the Moderator of the General Assembly shall name a Convener of the Committee, who shall preside over the Committee until a Chairman is elected and assume his duties.

Section 8. In the event any administrative personnel employed by a Committee and approved by the General Assembly is unable to act, such Committee may employ a provisional replacement, who has been examined and approved by the Assembly's Theological Examining Committee, and who shall serve until the next General Assembly.

Section 9. The Individual Permanent Committees

A. The Committee on Administration.

1. The business affairs of the Corporation as distinguished from the ecclesiastical matters, and those not specifically assigned to one of the other Permanent Committees by these Bylaws or an act of the General Assembly, shall be managed by the Committee on Ad-

ministration, which serves as the Board of Directors provided in the Charter of Incorporation, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the General Assembly, including all applicable provisions of the *Book of Church Order*.

2. The Committee on Administration shall hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the annual General Assembly meeting, at a time and place to be determined by the Committee. Notice shall not be required to be given of the time or place of the annual meeting of the Committee, other than that which shall be included in the *Commissioner's Handbook* for the General Assembly.

B. The Committee for Christian Education and Publications.

The affairs of the Church in the areas of Christian education and publications are assigned to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

C. The Committee on Mission to the United States.

The affairs of the Church involved in its extension in the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the United States, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

D. The Committee on Mission to the World.

The affairs of the Church in the area of world missions outside of the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the World, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

E. The Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee shall advise the Assembly on all constitutional matters, and between Assemblies shall function as advisory to the Stated Clerk and the Committee on Administration. The Committee shall not be separately funded but administratively will operate as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly.

Section 10. The Committee on Stewardship Ministries

This Committee shall operate administratively as a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Administration. The Committee will make direct report to each Assembly. This Sub-Committee shall be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee as to continuity; but it shall not be considered as a Permanent Sub-Committee under *Book of Church Order*, Section 15-1 (12), as it relates to nominations and service. This Committee shall consist of one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder from the active or alternate members of each of the following four Permanent Committees, to wit: Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, Administration, and Christian Education and Publications. These Committee members shall be assigned by each of four Permanent Committees, above named, and shall serve at the pleasure of such Permanent Committee. The Coordinators of said four Permanent Committees and the Director of Stewardship Ministries shall be advisory members of this Committee.

ARTICLE V. FISCAL MATTERS.

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. The General Assembly shall annually designate the auditors of the Corporation on recommendation from the Committee on Administration, which auditing firm shall make an audit of the financial affairs of the Corporation and of each Permanent Committee promptly following the close of each fiscal year. The expenses of such audit shall be prorated among the Corporation and each Permanent Committee.

Section 2. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, savings and loan institutions, trust, or other depositories as the Permanent Committees by resolution may select.

Section 3. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers of the Corporation as the Committee on Administration shall designate. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of any of the Permanent Committees shall be signed by such representative of the Committee as the Committee by resolution shall designate.

ARTICLE VI. ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS.

Section 1. The ecclesiastical Constitution of the Church is composed of: the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* as adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America. The provisions of the Constitution shall control over any provisions of these Bylaws that may be in conflict therewith.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the General Assembly.

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CORRECTIONS OF THE MINUTES
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- 4 In the class of 1979 for the Administration Committee the Directory should read:
 Richard Harris, Tennessee Valley
 2502 Fairmount Road
 Signal Mtn., Tennessee 37377
 instead of Bruce Wideman
 And: Robert Eberst
 8485 S.W. 112 Street
 Miami, Florida 33156
 instead of J. B. Caulfield
- 6 In the class of 1979 for the Insurance and Annuity Committee the Directory should read:
 J. Edmund Johnston
 4226 Canterbury Court
 Jackson, Mississippi 39211
 instead of C. E. Hornsby
- 9 In the class of 1979 for Mission to the United States Committee the Directory should read:
 Walter Hatterick, Tennessee Valley instead of Warrior
- 11 The Directory should include:
 PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON
 CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
 Don K. Clements, Central Georgia
 2212 Helsley
 Norfolk, Virginia 23518
 James Pakala, Westminister
 P. O. Box 9
 Hatfield, Pennsylvania 19440
 Thomas Birr, Gulf Coast
 c/o First Presbyterian Church
 P. O. Box 486
 Valparaiso, Florida 32580
- 19 Ruling Elder Arthur Matthews was not a Commissioner
- 129 Appendix A, IV Budget:
 Line 2 should read (page 51) instead of (page 5)
- 135 Appendix A, Budget for Christian Education and Publications, General and Administrative:
 Budget for 1979 Promotional should read \$4,500 instead of \$3,000
 Total for 1979 should read \$554,101 instead of \$540,601
- 187 Appendix D:
 Final line should read 7 instead of 12
- 216 Appendix G, THEOLOGICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CURRICULUM:
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 instead of PRACTICAL THEOLOGY
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- 298 Appendix R, BY-LAWS, Article iv, Section 1:
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