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June 15, 1981

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9-1 The Assembly Called to Order

The Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting in the sanctuary of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, began with a service of worship at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 1981. Following the opening hymn, TE Paul G. Settle, Moderator, called the meeting to order and led in the opening prayer. He then preached the retiring moderator's sermon, "Obeying the Great Commission", based on Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20. The Assembly joined in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with TE D. James Kennedy and TE Collins D. Weeber of the host church presiding. At the conclusion of the service, the Moderator declared a fifteen minute recess.

9-2 Season of Prayer

The Assembly reconvened at 2:45 p.m. with a season of prayer begun by RE William Simoneau and concluded by TE Donald C. Graham.

9-3 Report on Enrollment

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

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		Robert Craggs	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Carrollton	Carrollton	Robert S. Hayes	Maurice R. Black
Charleston, AR	First		Elmo Lamb
Columbus	The Presbyterian Church	Robert Penny	P. A. Yelverton
		John Tucker	
Houston	Houston	Paul Honomichl	
Indianola	First	Danny Ketchum	Mac Bicket
Itta Bena	Itta Bena	Charles Frost	
Jackson, TN	Grace	Charles L. Skinner	George Giles
Little Rock, AR	Covenant	Robert C. Cannada, Jr.	Ron Vandiver
Marks	Marks	Laurie Jones	James Graeber
Memphis, TN	Eastland	James E. Moore	
Osceola, AR	First		P. D. Johnson
Sardis	Sardis	Dennis Nolen	
Starkville	Grace	George Coxhead	
Tupelo	Lawndale	Chuck Carroll	John Robinson

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Burlington	Northside		Walter Martin
Cary	Peace	James Workman	James Bus
Durham	Fuller Memorial	James Edwards	Charles Spaulding
Fremont	White Oak	Lonnie W. Barnes	
Goldsboro	Antioch	J. Lewis Baker (2)	
High Point	Westminster	David Dively	William Kennedy
New Bern	Village Chapel	Denver Blevins	Daniel Bendokas
Princeton	Progressive	J. Lewis Baker (2)	
Raleigh	Calvary	James Barr	Richard Alexander
		Claude Sharpe	

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EVANGEL PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Anniston	Faith	George Mitchell	Thomas Barker
Benton	Good Hope	William Mason (3)	
Birmingham	Altadena Valley	John Long	Samuel Saxon
Birmingham	Briarwood	Frank M. Barker, Jr.	Thomas Leopard
		Richard Mill	George Moss
			John McKinstry
Birmingham	Covenant	William Hay	Henry C. Kendall
Birmingham	Faith	Kerry W. Hurst (Pete)	Hugh Gibson
		Greg Brookins	
Birmingham	Grace Fellowship	Joe (Sonny) Ellis	Walter Yarbrough
Clanton	Clanton	Robert S. Allyn	
Clio	Pea River	Kirby Smith	
Courtland	Courtland	Marvin Ray White, Jr.	
Eufaula	Friendship	Joseph Harrell	
Florala	First	H. Michael Sartelle	
Gadsden	Eastside	Hubert C. Stewart	
Gadsden	First	E. Langston Haygood	Ralph Langford
		James Spiritosanto	Paul Takacs
		Walter DeHart	
Gadsden	Rainbow	Warren Edward Myers	W. Jack Williamson
Greenville	First	William Mason (3)	
Hayneville	Hayneville	Grady Simpson, Jr.	
Helena	Evangel	Steven B. Shuman	
Hueytown	Continuing	Stephen L. Parker	
Huntsville	Ebenezer	William Mason (3)	
Lowndesboro	Lowndesboro		
Montgomery	Covenant		
Montgomery	First		
Montgomery	Oak Park	James Hatch	C. M. Gardner
Montgomery	Trinity	Robert Ostenson	Leslie T. Samuel
		Hal McNeely	Alton Courtney
			Stephen Fox
			William Joseph
			John Albritton
			George Park
			John M. Brown
Notasulga	Woodland	Allan F. Story, Jr.	
Opelika	Trinity	Thomas Barnes	
Ozark	Ozark	Randall Yelverton	
Prattville	First	Henry L. Smith	
Troy	First	James Alexander	
		James Misner	
		James L. Lyons	
		Ronald Siegenthaler	
		Lee Roy Taylor	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Bay Springs	Bay Springs	James Shull	
Brookhaven	Faith	Shelton P. Sanford	George Guley
Centreville	Thomson Memorial	Leon D. Lovett III	J. Wexler White
Gloster	Bethany	Eugene Case (2)	Dewitt Smylie
Gloster	Hoyte Memorial	Edgar Johnson	
Hattiesburg	Bay Street	John Ragland	Newton Wilson
Hattiesburg	First	Edward Johnson	J. W. Mangum, Jr.
Hattiesburg	Woodland	Gerald Morgan	Douglas Thomas
Hazelhurst	First	Thomas McClelland	
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Odell Fish	
Leakesville	Leakesville		
Liberty	Liberty	Edgar Johnson	Sherman Powell
Magee	Magee	Robert Schwanebeck	E. L. Caston
Magee	Sharon		Ray Little
Moss Point	Moss Point	John Reeves	
Mount Olive	Mount Olive	George Felton, Sr.	
Picayune	First	Billy Combs	Richard E. Uleric
Prentiss	Prentiss	F. W. Tripp	
Slidell, LA	Trinity	James Long	Terence Flanagan
Taylorville	First	Charles C. Cox	

Waynesboro	Waynesboro	Vaughn Hathaway
Woodville	First	Eugene Case (2)
		Edward Jussely
		Jack Ross
		William H. Smith
		James Spencer
		William J. Stanway

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Cantonment	Knox	Joseph Easterling	
Cantonment	Pinewoods	John Findlay	John Sport
Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee	Edward James	Newton Brook
Fort Walton Beach	Westminster	C. Don Darling	Jerry Lloyd
Gulf Breeze	Concord	William A. Fox	Gerald Sovereign
Madison	Madison	N. S. (Nat) Heath	A. L. Hughes
Milton	Westminster	Charles F. Gwin, Jr.	T. G. Melson
Mobile, AL	Trinity	Henry Mueller	George McLeod
Panama City	Covenant	Lee Trinkle	John Callaway
Pensacola	Fairfield	Warren West	
Pensacola	McIlwain	Donald C. Graham	Murdock Campbell
Pensacola	Warrington	Malcolm M. Griffith	O. H. Smith
Quincy	New Philadelphia	Robert S. Hornick	Albert E. Tripp
Tallahassee	Westminster	George M. McGuire	Robert Smith
Tallahassee	Wildwood	James E. Watson	Wilson Coleman
Valparaiso	First	Steven Bradford	
		Richard Adelman	Thomas Birt
		Arnie Maves	
		Charles Sledge	

LOUISIANA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Louisiana.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Alexandria	Jackson Street		William Cutter
Baton Rouge	Grace	William Frisbee	Marvin Walton
Baton Rouge	Southeast	Gary Edwards	
Jonesville	Abundant Life		George Griffing
Monroe	New Life	Charles Kukal	
Opelousas	First	Ned Rutland	Warren Barnes
Ruston	John Knox	Kenneth Counts	Bob Blaylock
Shreveport	Grace	Chester Lanious	James Davis
		J. W. Lipscomb	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Baltimore, MD	Valley	Ronald C. Harding	J. Brookes Smith
Bedford Hills, NY	Affirmation	Frank E. Smith	
		Frank J. Smith	
Charlottesville	Trinity	Joseph Ryan	
Chester	Centralia	John D. Holmes	Gene Friedline
Ellicott City, MD	Chapelgate	Bruce Finn	Thomas Webb
Hopewell	River's Edge	Richard Brinkley	
Hopewell	West End	George Brengle	Walter Lastovica
		Sam Cappel	Leland Nichols
Hopewell	West Hopewell	Timothy Keller	Sidney Harrison
		Edward Powers	Easley Shelton
Manassas	Gainesville	Douglass Phillips	John Shetterly
Manassas	Reformed	Edwin P. Elliott	
		Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.	
Martinsburg, WV	Pilgrim	Harry Grimes	Ashton Stewart
Norfolk	Calvary	Leon F. Wardell	Joseph W. Parron
Petersburg	Tabb Street	James Allen	William Russell
Springfield	Harvester	Ronald Bossom	
Virginia Beach	Eastminster		Wesley H. Hunt

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Virginia Beach	New Covenant	Robert Schoof	Glenn Whaley
		Steven Schoof	
		Don K. Clements	
		E. C. Cooley	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Belzoni	First	H. Andrew Silman	Harold Stillions
Brandon	Brandon	Robert Duhs	Joel Payne
Canton	Old Madison	Dana Casey	James Sowell
Carthage	Carthage	William Dever	
Clinton	Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	
DeKalb	Bloomfield	Alton Phillips (3)	
DeKalb	DeKalb	Alton Phillips (3)	
Delhi, LA	Delhi	J. Paul Lipe	
Edwards	Edwards	J. Paul Poynor	
Forest	Covenant	Joseph S. Wilkins	
Jackson	Alta Woods	B. I. Anderson	Richard Collins
		William Bratley	Gabe Green
Jackson	First	Donald B. Patterson	J. Edmund Johnston
			Calvin Wells
			Noel Toler
			Ed Williford
			Julius Murray
Jackson	North Park	Brister Ware	
Jackson	Pear Orchard	William Whitner	
Jackson	St. Paul	A. Michael Schneider	
Jackson	Westminster		Eugene Russ
Jackson	Willowood	John Herrington	George Holman
Kosciusko	First	John L. Fain, Jr	Bill Lacey
Lexington	First	Howard Allen	Gordon Russell
Louisville	First	Thomas Cook	Niles McNeal
Macon	Macon	M. Timothy Elder	
Madison	Mt. Herman	Steve Wallace	
Pearl	Pearl	Douglas E. Murphy	
Philadelphia	Carolina	John Allen Little(2)	Joseph Turner, Jr
Philadelphia	First	John Allen Little(2)	
Preston	Pleasant Springs	Alton Phillips(3)	
Raymond	Raymond	Henry Bishop	
Rolling Fork	The Presbyterian Church	Dan Semones	
Scooba	Scooba	Geren Baird III (2)	
Shuqualak	Shuqualak	Geren Baird III (2)	
Terry	Wynndale	Doyle A. Hulse	
Vicksburg	Westminster	John T. Allen	Jackson H. Ables
Yazoo City	First	William C. Hughes	William C. Carrol
Yazoo City	Second	David Jussely	Robert H. Cato
		Charley Chase	
		Wayne Herring	
		John Kinser	
		Jayson Kyle	
		Mark Lowery, Jr.	
		Jack Scott	

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY (All towns are in West Virginia, except as indicated)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Charleston	Faith	Norman Evans	
Charleston	Kanawha Salines		Nigal Loomis
Charleston	Rebecca Littlepage	William Hall	Robert Kresge
St. Albans	Covenant	Rod Mays	

NORTH GEORGIA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Georgia.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Athens	Faith	Terry L. Mercer	William Pelletier
Atlanta	Chalcedon	Joseph Morecraft	
Atlanta	Emmanuel	Clifford Brewton	
Atlanta	Korean First	Sam Suh	
Atlanta	New Covenant	Mitchell Hall	
Atlanta	Perimeter	Randall Pope	William Murray
Chestnut Mountain	Chestnut Mountain	Robert Fitler	Robert Wright
Lithonia	Wee Kirk	Robert Valentine	James Westlake
Powder Springs	Midway	M. Wilson Smith	Jack Yarbrough
Smyrna	Smyrna	Billy Davies	William Stevenson
		Joseph Gardner	
Stone Mountain	Grace	Charles DeBardeleben	James Turner
		Charles Dunahoo	
		Woody Lajara	
		Dwight Linton	
		Hugh Linton	
		Kennedy Smartt	

PACIFIC PRESBYTERY

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Atascadero, CA	Covenant	William Hawk	
Bellevue, WA	Bellewood	William D. McColley	
Garden Grove, CA	Garden Grove		Insaung Kim
			Sun Jai Chol
Glendale, CA	Calvary	Kenneth Orr	
Kailua, HA	Trinity	Peter Anderson	John Rieck
Seattle, WA	Hillcrest	Thomas Ramsay	Steward Hibbs
Union City, CA	Community	David R. Brown	
		Robert D. Brown	
		J. Phillip Clark	
		Paul McKaughan	
		Larry Mills	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Abington	Covenant	Erwin Morrison	
Bryn Mawr	Berith	Stuart Sacks	
		Timothy Wiltner	
Fairton, NJ	Fairfield	Lawrence Roff	
Harrisburg	Trinity	Harry N. Miller, Jr.	Howard Perry
Princeton, NJ	Princeton	Kenneth Smith	
Upper Darby	J. R. Miller Memorial	Leo Karlberg	
West Grove	Gethsemane	Timothy Rott	
West Springfield, MA	Covenant Community	Al LaValley	Stuart Finlayson
Willow Grove	Korean Saints	Won Dae Lee	
		James Pakala	
		George S. Clark	
		Raymond Dillard	
		Albert Hitchcock	
		Thomas Hudson	
		Peter Jensen	
		Thomas R. Patete	
		Robert Yanny	
		George Fuller	

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SIOUXLANDS PRESBYTERY (All towns are in South Dakota.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Bryant	Provision	Lyle Graff	
Chancellor	Germantown	Jack Mayfield	
Lennox	Ebenezer		
Pollock	Pollock Memorial	Floyd Haan	

SOUTHERN FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Florida.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Boca Raton	Spanish River	David Nicholas	Albert Coty Kinnis Schumache Smiley Sturgis Howard Dale Armlon Leonard James Stewart Sam Hamilton Henry Smith W. I. Coggins, Jr Kenneth Keyes Melvin Uner
Boca Raton	West Boca	James M Baird	
Coral Gables	Granada	Danny Levi Michael Preg	
Coral Gables	Shenendoah		
Coral Springs	First	Ross Bair	
Delray Beach	Seacrest	Joseph Warner Vaughn Stanley David Todd William J. Colclasure	
Ft. Lauderdale	Bethany	Thomas Rayside	Jack McDonald
Ft. Lauderdale	Calvary	James Kennedy	Dan Domin
Ft. Lauderdale	Coral Ridge	Andy Boswell Charles M. Colclasure Don Kilpatrick Robert A. Koren Kenneth Wackes Collins Weeber John L. Musselman	Allen Forbes Ron Kovack (Alt.) Ralph Mittendorff Hugh Smith Lon Smith (Alt.)
Ft. Lauderdale	Covenant		Joseph High
Ft. Myers	Westminster	Kenneth Reid	Ben Cramer
Jupiter	Jupiter	Richard Gillen	
Key Biscayne	Key Biscayne	Stephen Brown David O'Dowd Lynn Downing Manuel F. Salabarría	Kerry Godwin James Youngblood Kenneth Kulmar
Lake Worth	Lake Osborne		
Miami	El Redentor	Neil Gilmour	Kenneth Ryskamp
Miami	Immanuel	James Bland	Harold Greene
Miami	Kendall	Thomas Russell	Keith Leslie
Miami	LeJeune	G. J. Kuiper	William Swain
Miami	Old Cutler	Robert Davis Paul Rose Bruce Reynolds	James Harding John Porter
Miami	Pinelands		Malcolm Parsons
Miami	Shenandoah	Todd Allen	Jules Vroon
Miami	Trinity	Cecil A. Brookes	Wallace Krohn
Plantation	First	Joseph A. Scharer Anthony Casoria	Edward Manning
Pompano Beach	Pompano Beach	William Carlson	Lee Armfield
Sebring	Covenant	John Basie	
Stuart	Grace	James Bowen	
West Palm Beach	Wellington	Donald Seltzer	
		William Coggins Robert Dewitt Donald Gahagen Terry L. Gyger Charles McClure George Miller T. M. Moore Leslie Thompson Luder Whitlock	

SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Los Alamos, NM	Sangre de Cristo		Michael Gross
Tucson, AZ	Desert Springs Evangelical		Bruce Ferg
		William R. Read	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Alcoa	Trinity	William Bell, Jr.	Leland Sayers
Cedar Springs	Cedar Springs	Donald Hoke	Eugene Hayes
Chattanooga	Brainerd Hills	Fred Manning	Sam Chester
Chattanooga	First	Ben Haden	Dave Evans
		David Bryan	Poke Smartt
			William Smith
			Robert Venable
Chattanooga	St. Elmo	Fred Marsh	
Columbia	Zion	Taylor McGown	Robert Stoops
Cynthiana, KY	Covenant	Sam Martin, Jr.	
Harriman	West Hills	Lauris Vidal	Edwin Arnold
Hixson	Hixson	Herbert Broadwater	
Knoxville	Ebenezer	David Howe	C. M. Burchfield
Knoxville	West Hills	Frederick Fowler	Glenn Glass
Nashville	Christ	Cortez A. Cooper	
Nashville	Grace	Paul Snider	
Signal Mountain	Wayside	Richard Harris	Larson Mick
		William Link	
		Michael Wilson	
		George Hutchinson	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
College Station	Westminster	Al LaCour	Leonard Davis
Dallas	Casa Linda	Brian Johnston	Charles Wilson
			A. R. Sanders
Dallas	John Knox	Charles Cobb	
Dallas	Lakewood	James Pancoast	
Dallas	North Dallas	Hank Gundlach	
Houston	Covenant	Joseph Pipa	Harold Tolma
Houston	Oaklawn	David Moran	L. J. Canniff
Houston	Providence	Alan McCall	
Houston	Spring Cypress	Kent Hinkson	E. L. Luttrell
Olathe, KN	Olathe	Robert Baxter	Stan Wells
Paris	Faith	Richard Curnow	
Tyler	Fifth Street	Victor Jones	Robert Lewis
		John Johnson	
Webster	Westminster	John McNICOLL	
		John K. Bowling	
		Charles D. Brewer	
		Thomas Hoolsema	
		Robert Schmitz	

WARRIOR PRESBYTERY (All towns are in Alabama.)

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Aliceville	First	Thomas Kay	Claude Robinson
Brent	Brent	George D. Russell	
Camden	First		Donald Henderson
Eutaw	First	William Maynor	
Greensboro	First	Marvin L. Harris	

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Linden	Linden	Tom Irby	Charles Miller
Selma	Crescent Hill	Cecil Williamson	
Selma	Woodland Heights	William Rose, Jr.	
Tuscaloosa	Riverwood	William F. Joseph III	
		John Robertson	
York	Covenant	Joel Beezley	John Bell
		Paul Kooistra	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Asheville	Trinity	Robert Sweet	
Black Mountain	Friendship	Joseph McGhan	
Brevard	Grace Covenant	Roy Davenport	Phillip Bowser
Hazelwood	Hazelwood	Thomas A. Weaver, Jr.	
Hendersonville	Covenant	John C. Neville, Jr.	
Marion	Landis	Stanwood Bean	
Marion	Story Memorial	Rodney King	Jack Lonon
Morganton	Faith	Jerry Lynn	
Waynesville	Covenant	A. Boyce Spooner	J. T. Russell
		Thomas Hughes	
		Wayne Rogers	
		Morton H. Smith	
		G. Aiken Taylor	

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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
Bristol	Eastern Heights	Daniel Barr	
Bristol	Edgemont	Morse UpdeGraff	Charles J. Lowry
Bristol	King Memorial	Kenneth Robinson (2)	
Bristol	Lippincott	Kenneth Robinson (2)	
Cedar Bluff, VA	Covenant	John Q. Hall	Dan Hankins
		Henry Johnson	
Greeneville	Meadow Creek	Stanley Hartman	
Jonesboro	Midway	Kenneth Gentry, Jr.	
Kingsport	Westminster	Leonard Van Horn	
Pulaski, VA	Pulaski	David Osborne	
		James Jones	

Totals: Teaching Elders 430
 Ruling Elders 243
 Total enrollment 673 representing 353 churches.

Commissioners Requesting Excuse for not Attending

RE Frederick A. Archer, Texas	TE W. Ingram Phillips, EvangeI
TE John P. Baldwin, Philadelphia	TE John E. Richards, Central
RE Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast (Thursday only)	TE Harold Richardson, Covenant
TE R. Marion Canfield, Central Georgia	TE David F. Roberts Texas
TE Fred Carr, Warrior	TE Dana L. Stoddard, Louisiana
TE J. Alan Carter, Mississippi Valley	TE John W. Stodghill, Gulf Coast
TE Rod Culbertson, Jr., Central Florida	TE Thomas B. Sullivan, Westminster
RE James DeJager, Central Florida	TE Ronald L. Swafford, Central Florida
TE Donald A. Dunkerley, Gulf Coast	TE John Wingard, Grace
RE J. Reggle Hill, Calvary	RE Landis Church, Western Carolinas
TE Henry M. Hope, Jr., Central Georgia	RE McDonald Church, Grace
TE Calvin Jett, Western Carolinas	RE Seven Mile Ford Church, Westminster
TE W. A. McIlwaine, Gulf Coast	RE Seven Springs Church, Westminster
TE Lardner W. Moore, Texas	RE Winona, MS, Covenant

9-4 Election of the Moderator

The Moderator declared the floor open for nominations for moderator. RE Ralph M. Langford and RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp were nominated. There being no further names forthcoming, the nominations were closed, and the Assembly proceeded to balloting. RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp was elected.

9-5 Committees Excused

The Committees of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities, Review and Control of Presbyteries, and Ridge Haven were excused to continue deliberations at 3:15 p.m., and the Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation was excused to continue meeting at 5:00 p.m.

9-6 Election of Recording and Timing Clerks

The Stated Clerk nominated TE Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. and TE Frank D. Moser to be recording clerks and RE Walter Lastovica timing clerk. On motion nominations were closed and the nominees were elected by acclamation.

9-7 Report of the Retiring Moderator

Mr. Settle presented his report, reviewing the year of his moderatorship.

9-8 Installation of the Moderator

Mr. Settle called for the newly-elected moderator, RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp, to come forward for installation. After receiving the gavel, Mr. Ryskamp assumed the chair, thanked the Assembly, and led in prayer.

9-9 Presentation to the Retiring Moderator

RE Ralph M. Langford, Chairman of the Committee on Administration, came forward and presented the past moderator's plaque and gavel to the Retiring Moderator Paul G. Settle in recognition of his service as moderator.

9-10 Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk presented his report, beginning with the names of those churches organized or received since the Eighth General Assembly.

<u>PRESBYTERY</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Ascension	Erie, PA	11/23/80	Erie
	Liverpool, OH	12/28/80	First Evangel
	Greensburg, PA	5/3/81	Covenant
Central Carolina	Fayetteville, NC	9/7/80	Cross Creek
	Charlotte, NC	5/18/81	Prosperity
Central Florida	Winter Haven, FL	2/15/81	Covenant
Central Georgia	Albany, GA	10/12/80	Northgate
	Thomson, GA	4/14/81	Thomson
Covenant	Ft. Smith, AR	8/27/80	Covenant
	Tupelo, MS	11/11/80	Lawndale
	Starkville, MS	11/16/80	Grace
Evangel	Hickory Withe, TN	3/18/81	Hickory Withe
	Alabaster, AL	7/13/80	Evangel
	Pinson, AL	5/29/81	Mt. Calvary
Louisiana	Jonesville, LA	6/7/81	Abundant Life
Mid-Atlantic	Virginia Beach, VA	9/13/80	Eastminster
	Upper Darby, PA	9/13/80	J.R.Miller Memorial
	Westchester Co, NY	5/24/81	Affirmation
	Hampton, VA	5/31/81	New Bethel
Mississippi Valley	Forest, MS	7/13/80	Covenant
Pacific	Kailua, Hawaii	7/20/80	Trinity
Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	12/28/80	Korean United
	Princeton, NJ	5/3/81	Princeton

Southern Florida	W. Boca Raton, FL	8/10/80	West Boca Raton
	Ft. Meyers, FL	11/2/80	Westminster
Tennessee Valley	Knoxville, TN	4/16/81	Cedar Springs
	Nashville, TN	4/23/81	Grace
	Nashville, TN	6/7/81	Christ
Texas	Dallas, TX	3/8/81	Casa Linda

The Stated Clerk reported that the following items of business had been received, and assigned to the indicated Committees of Commissioners, in accord with the "Rules of Assembly Operations". Also included here are items of business received during the Assembly and assigned to the Committees of Commissioners.

A. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Communication 1: From the Reformed Church in the U. S.

June 11, 1980

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

Esteemed Fathers and Brethren:

The Reformed Church in the United States (Eureka Classis) has been following the actions of your communion with respect and interest. As your little brother in the Reformed faith, may we express our concern about the proposed union among several Presbyterian and Reformed denominations?

At our 70th Annual Session, April 14-18, 1980, our assembly adopted a statement which we humbly wish to communicate to you. With regard to the proposed union our advice and counsel would be, "that the Biblical basis for organic union is oneness in doctrine and practice."

We are zealous for the Reformed faith and its distinctives, being convinced that the Reformed system most accurately expresses the authoritative, infallible, and inerrant Scripture. Any consideration of organic union would want to be established on the doctrines of the Bible and the Lordship of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For this reason we are assured that you will examine carefully any movement toward organic union--lest cultural influences, the efficiency of a large organization, or other factors cloud your clear sight of the Church of our Sovereign God. Are we not "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession"? May He enable you to continue to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

With all due respect:

Rev. Steven E. Work, Stated
Clerk Reformed Church in the
U.S. (Eureka Classis)

Received as information \$9-43, III, G, p.97

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

Communication 2: From the Provisional Presbytery of the Siouxlands

PETITION TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
FROM THE PROVISIONAL PRESBYTERY OF SIOUXLANDS

We, in the Name of the Great King of the Church, Jesus Christ, believing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inspired and inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and receiving and adopting the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, endeavoring a Biblical wholeness of the Body of Christ, and seeking greater means to be obedient to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, request the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to receive us as particular churches of that body, and together with the Presbyterian Church in America churches of Nebraska grant us permission to be constituted as a presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, to be known as the Presbytery of Siouxlands, composing Standing Rules in accord with the Book of Church Order.

Humbly submitted in Christ.

Ruling Elder Marvin Heibult
Clerk of Session, Germantown
Presbyterian Church, Chancellor,
South Dakota

Rev. Jack A. Mayfield
Chancellor, South Dakota

Ruling Elder LeRoy Fett
Clerk of Session, Ebenezer
Presbyterian Church, Lennox,
South Dakota

Rev. Limbertus Kingma
Lennox, South Dakota

Ruling Elder Robert Pollock
Clerk of Session, Pollock
Memorial Presbyterian Church,
Pollock, South Dakota

Rev. Floyd Haan
Pollock, South Dakota

Rev. Lyle Graff
Bryant, South Dakota

Rev. Ken Remer
Ackley, Iowa

Rev. Marvin Camp
Kamrar, Iowa

Mr. Donald Arrington
Chairman of Administrative
Committee, Trinity Presbyterian
Church (Mission), Omaha, NE.

Rev. David Myers
Omaha, Nebraska

Ruling Elder Glen Wismer,
Clerk of Session, Covenant
Presbyterian Church, Lincoln,
Nebraska

Rev. Marlin Wismer
Lincoln, Nebraska

Communication 3: From the Presbytery of the Southwest**RESOLUTION OF PRESBYTERY AFFILIATION WITH THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Presbytery voted to adopt the following resolutions: Be It resolved that the Presbytery of the Southwest, which is composed of the following Churches and ministers, who all concur with and subscribe to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation), namely, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and the Shorter Catechisms, and the Book of Church Order, as the basis for church unity, does here declare its commitment to the Presbyterian Church in America as that branch of the Church of Christ to which it adheres:

Churches	Ministers
Desert Springs Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Arizona	Charles Turner Wayne Buchtel John Evans
Prescott Presbyterian Church, Prescott, Arizona	Gerrit DeYoung Don Esty
Sangre de Cristo Covenant Church, Los Alamos, New Mexico	Kevin Carr Bill Read
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Arizona	

Be it further resolved that we accept the action of the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America creating the Presbytery of the Southwest as a member Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation), with all the rights and obligations belonging to member presbyteries as set forth in the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America. The Presbytery of the Southwest reserves to itself the right to withdraw from said Assembly at any time under conditions and in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by the Presbytery. The Presbytery reserves to itself the right of the ownership of all property of every sort, nature, or description now owned or hereafter acquired. This is not to be construed as a claim by the Presbytery upon the properties of its constituent congregations, since the properties of congregations under the Presbyterian Church in America may not be claimed by the higher courts, except as voluntarily given by the congregations to the said higher courts.

Done on this 18th day of July, 1980, at the organizational meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Subscribed and attested by: Charles Turner, Moderator
Wayne Buchtel, Stated Clerk

Approved §9-35, III, 3, p.87

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS**Communication 4: From the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America**

**RESPONSE OF THE SYNOD OF
THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
TO THE INVITATION OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Brethren in Christ:

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America expresses its gratitude to the Presbyterian Church in America for its invitation to be involved in participation "in steps designed to effect one church among us." The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America is confessionally committed to "seek reconciliation and union ... with other true churches of Christ ... on the basis of truth and scriptural order."

However, our Synod, in its meeting at Northfield, Minnesota, August 6-12, 1980, voted not to accept your invitation.

We do thank you for the opportunity of continued discussion in areas of agreement and disagreement, and will be happy to pursue with you discussion and study of matters of particular concern if you should so desire. We pray that our Sovereign Lord will provide opportunities for us to continue to pursue the objective of visible union, and in the meantime to cultivate a holy brotherhood, Christian friendship and cooperation.

Received as information §9-43, III, G, p. 97

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

Communication 6: From the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

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

Specifically, our concern is two-fold:

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

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

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

You will note we perceive Christ's command to His Church to include an evangelistic concern (the lost must first be evangelized in order to be disciplined); secondly, an ecclesiastical concern (converts must be initiated into the church by baptism, by which initiation churches are planted and grow); and finally, an educational concern (all of our Lord's teaching, with its implications for faith and life, call for the Christian education of the whole person).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted May 25, 1981.

Attest: Paul Gilchrist
Stated Clerk of the Synod

Answered by response adopted §9-50, III, 16, p. 107

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Communication 7 : From the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Ninth General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in America

Dear brethren in the Lord,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you officially that the Forty-Eighth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, did, on June 4, in this year of our Lord, 1981, vote to accept the invitation to join you in your church by the following action:

That in view of the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in America to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America 14-6, to apply to join with them for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one church among us, the 48th General Assembly begin the application process to join the Presbyterian Church in America on the basis of the Word of God, and the Confession of Faith and Catechisms and Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America, and that to this end the Assembly propose to the presbyteries, in accordance with the Form of Government Chapter XXXII, Section 3 and 4, that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church apply for reception by the Presbyterian Church in America.

Further, it was determined that "the form in which the proposal should be voted on by (our) presbyteries" be:

That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church apply for reception into the Presbyterian Church in America on the basis of the Word of God, and the Confession of Faith and Catechisms and Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America.

You may also be interested to know that the vote on these matters was 93 to 41, more than the required two-thirds majority.

Several additional actions were taken, looking toward your church implementing its invitation and our church following up its General Assembly action in the presbyteries and the next General Assembly (to complete the process the Assembly's action must be approved by two-thirds of our presbyteries and two-thirds of the next Assembly). The additional actions taken include the following:

1. That during the coming year the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations send to the churches more information concerning the proposed joining.

2. That, if possible, when presbyteries discuss the General Assembly's proposal a member of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be available for the discussion. Perhaps of even more interest to you, it is suggested that a member of your Ad-Interim Committee also might be present for such discussions, where possible, as well as ministers and/or ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church in America. We are anxious for your possible contributions to our discussions.

3. That the Assembly urge the presbyteries to hold consultations with PCA and RPCES presbyteries "in overlapping geographical areas" as soon as possible after this Assembly "for the purpose of learning each others' interests and functioning".

4. In order to clarify the provision and implications of the "Joint Statement" that "the assimilation of agencies shall endeavor to provide for the just treatment of those who may not be able, for reasons of conscience, to participate in the acceptance of the invitation" the Assembly gave the following instruction to our Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations:

That if the Ninth (1981) General Assembly of the PCA approves the application of the OPC, that the Committee on Ecumenicity be instructed to meet with its counterpart committee in the PCA for the purpose of formulating specific provisions for the just treatment of those teaching and ruling elders and deacons who may not be able, for reasons of conscience, and those congregations which may not be able, on principal grounds, to participate in the acceptance of the invitation;

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that such provisions shall include the acceptance of the formation of a church structure by those individuals and congregations in view above; that these provisions include at least the following: an orderly transfer of ministerial credentials, the recognition of the ordinations of ruling elders and deacons, and the orderly transfer of church memberships; that, in addition, provision be made for the just distribution of contributions to the Pension Fund made by both churches and individuals; and that provisions be made for home and foreign missionaries not entering the PCA and salaried in full or in part by the agencies of the OPC, and for congregations and individuals also not entering the PCA who may have loans with the agencies of the OPC.

5. That the Assembly propose to the General Assembly of the PCA and to the Synod of the RPCES that, if the constitutional steps to the joining and receiving of the OPC and the RPCES into the PCA be completed by the time the highest courts of those churches complete their business in 1982, that the effective date of that joining and receiving shall be not earlier than January 1, 1983, in order to permit the orderly accomplishment of the following: (a) the publication and distribution of the minutes of the 1982 General Assembly of the OPC and the Synod of the RPCES, and carrying out of the decisions of those bodies; (b) preparations for the integrating of the presbyteries, and transfer of affairs of the predecessor presbyteries to their successors; (c) preparations for the transfer of the affairs of the agencies of the OPC and the RPCES to their successor agencies and the continuance of their ministries under their new auspices; (d) the collecting of statistics from congregations and presbyteries as of a common, predetermined date for all of the churches and for the various purposes for which those statistics are needed; and (e) preparations for, and apportionment of commissioners to, the 1983 General Assembly of the PCA.

In the providence of our sovereign covenant God our churches have embarked on an endeavor to bring, through the Holy Spirit, a greater measure of that unity of the faith that binds together the people of God. There is much joy among us that the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod has also decided to seek to join you with us, thereby making it possible for our three churches to strengthen one another. We now look forward to your confirmation of this endeavor. We have committed our way unto God; we now leave it to Him to bring His will to pass, while we trust in the certainty of His promises that He will bring good to His people and glory to His name. May He now be with you in all the deliberations of your Assembly.

Sincerely yours in our Saviour and Lord,

John P. Galbraith
Corresponding Clerk
Forty-eighth General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Answered by action regarding the OPC §9-43, III, I, p. 97

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Communication 8: From Mrs. Jean M. Lockman (Mrs. Victor)

General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in America

Brethren:

It has been since December 1, 1979, when Gulf Coast Presbytery referred all of the Lockman-Dunkerley-McIlwain material to General Assembly, that I

have awaited some kind of response to my plea for help.

The committee that investigated my husband's grievances told me that they had no instructions from the General Assembly to look into my complaints.

If this is true, then what shall become of me? McIlwain Session has in a very real way abandoned me and my son, John; Gulf Coast Presbytery has "passed on" my plea for help; and now the General Assembly appears to show no interest in my plight.

I cannot understand this. It is totally alien to what I thought was the Presbyterian system taught in the Bible. Instead of a judicial appeals system there seems to be a way to sweep problems conveniently out of the way.

As you know, I have moved away from Pensacola, but my membership remains at McIlwain, pending the outcome of both my husband's case and my own. We wish to move into a more constructive phase of life, but feel hampered by the delay in clearing the above-stated problems of the past. I do not believe that wrongs should be swept under the rug for we have commandments from the Lord to do all things decently and in order, not to let the sun set on our wrath, to bring our grievances to the church court, to seek justice and truth at all times, and to see that the judgment is the Lord's.

I await your attention to this matter.

In the name of Christ the King,
Jean M. Lockman

Answered by adoption of Commission Report \$9-65, III, D, p. 122

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

Communication 9: From the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Ninth General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in America

Dear Brethren:

During the past year the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) informed our church and other Reformed churches around the world of the devastation to many of their churches and Christian schools during the war of attrition during the past several years, and they asked if we would be willing to help in the overwhelming task of rebuilding. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church is preparing to give assistance through our Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

Our recent, 48th General Assembly, determined to inform you of this "serious need" so that you might join in this effort. A letter from the Zimbabwe church describing this need is being sent to you separately by our Diaconal Ministries Committee.

Part of the background of our desire for you to participate in this project with us is that during the war the World Council of Churches, through its Program to Combat Racism, contributed to supplying weapons to the terrorists of the political left. These weapons were used indiscriminately and resulted in the death of many in the Reformed churches and the loss of schools and church buildings. Another significant part of the background is that the World Council of Churches has, in the past, contributed to rehabilitation work while most of our Reformed churches have stood on the sidelines with our hands in our pockets. Some churches that have been thus aided/not aided have observed that the liberals are more helpful than their own brothers in Christ of the Reformed churches.

Our General Assembly's hope is that your Assembly would commend this need to your congregations, as a means of helping our brothers and sisters who have stood fast in and for the faith during extremely trying times. If you do not yourselves have an agency through which churches could channel their contributions our Assembly offers to handle them for you through our Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Communications should be addressed to the Rev. Lester R. Bachman, 806 Dorsea Road, Lancaster, PA, 17601.

This letter comes to you so soon before your Assembly convenes because our Assembly met so recently. We hope that this will not be too late for consideration, and that a year's delay in this important matter can be avoided.

May the Lord be with you in all of your deliberations.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

John P. Galbraith
Corresponding Clerk
48th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Approved and referred to MtW for action § 9-50, III, 18, p. 109

Communication 9b: From the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Brethren:

You are undoubtedly aware that the prolonged civil war in Zimbabwe caused great hardship to the people of this nation. But perhaps you are not aware that one of the churches to suffer the most was the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe whose congregations are located in areas where some of the fiercest fighting took place. The war's disruption to the churches' activities was very severe. Not only were many buildings (churches, manses, schools, and hospitals) damaged or destroyed, but in several areas the ordinary life of the church came to a virtual standstill. When the war came to an end, the churches faced a tremendously large job of reconstruction.

At the meeting of the RES Nimes in July of this year three representatives of the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe presented the needs of their churches to the assembly. The response of the assembly was to request the General Secretary to provide information concerning the needs of the churches in Zimbabwe to the RES member churches and appeal to them to help. In this letter I would therefore lay before you the needs of the church and submit the request, on behalf of the RES Nimes 1980, that your church assist in the reconstruction of the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe.

Attached to this letter is a copy of a communication I received from the Rev. H. P. Mashamba in which he sets forth the needs of the churches. Kindly give his letter your careful attention.

You may be interested in knowing that the Dutch Reformed Church (Cape Synod) has included in its 1980-1981 budget the amount of R469,955 (approximately \$564,946) for the reconstruction for the churches in Zimbabwe. All properties of the DRC Mission were turned over to the African Reformed Church a few years ago. I am also happy to report that the Reformed Church in Emlichheim, West Germany, recently contributed 600DM for the reconstruction of the Margaretha Hugo School and Workshop for the Blind in Zimbabwe. These substantial contributions should serve as an encouragement to all our churches to assist our fellow churches in this war torn land. Much more is needed!

You likely know that the liberation forces in Zimbabwe received support from the World Council of Churches via the Program to Combat Racism, and that this form of assistance caused much disquiet among the WCC constituency and among other churches as well. Our proposal envisages quite another approach, namely, that of one Reformed Church to another Reformed church. Be assured that the support will be put to the intended use by the churches.

We would ask you personally to endorse this request, and then to refer it to the appropriate agency in your church. Our suggestion, further, is that whatever money is given be channeled through the RES secretariat. We will forward it to the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely in Christ,
 Paul G. Schrotenboer
 General Secretary
 The Reformed Ecumenical Synod

Communication 9c: From the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe

THE NEEDS OF THE AFRICAN REFORMED CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE

BACKGROUND:

African Reformed Church was started by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa operating from South Africa Cape Synod in 1891 - 9th September. They worked mainly in rural areas in the Victoria Province. They opened nine mission stations in rural areas.

Morgenster - There is now a Theological School with three teachers. There is also a training college for teachers.

Morgenster Hospital - Needs four doctors full time.

10 sisters, 85 medical assistants, 17 maternity assistants.

Outpatients

Maternity and General attendances	50,311 per year
Inpatients	2,552 per year
General Beds	98
TB Beds	82
Maternity Beds	30
	<u>210 Beds in Morgenster</u>

Operations per year

General Operations	1,206 per year
Eye Operations	285 per year
Blood Transfusions	196 per year
X-Rays	2,952 per year
Physiotherapy Treatments	2,858 per year
Bilharzia	817 per year

GUTU Hospital

Inpatients	3,562 per year
Outpatients	11,841 per year
Operations	600 per year
Deliveries	854 per year
Child Welfare Clinic	706 per year

Nyashanu Clinic

Inpatients	956 per year
Bed days	4,159 per year
Deliveries	144 per year
Attendance	12,818 per year

This is more or less all the Clinics run by the African Reformed Church.

NB - Now Nyashanu, which used to do such a good service to the community, is not functioning. It was brought down by war. No building with a roof at present.

We have Pamushana Clinic, Zimuto Clinic, Chibi Clinic, Ilchidza Clinic. These are open.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Copota Blind School	138 pupils
Staff	15 teachers
School for Deaf	136 pupils
Staff	15 teachers
Aimuto Beil School	60 pupils
Staff	3

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Alheit runs from form one to form IV.	Gutu runs from form one to
Chibi runs from form one to form IV.	Makumbe runs from form one
Zimuto runs from form one to form IV.	Nyashanu still closed due to
Jichidza runs from form one to form IV.	

Communication 9d: From the African Reformed Church in Zimbabwe

Morgenster is a training college which is open now. All the Schools, Hospitals, and Clinics are in rural areas where the great majority of the people are living. No doctors at the moment. Sisters are running all these institutions. Needs are listed on other sheet.

NB - The DRC has been helping us with a regular budget of about \$200,000 a year to meet expenses for schools and hospitals. For schools, the government pays the teachers' salaries. A small grant is given.

We Have These Congregations

1. Morgenster	6. Muraliwi	11. Chinonnuiba	16. Sote*
2. Chibi	7. Nyajena*	12. Fupajena	17. Makumbe*
3. Zunga	8. Majiri*	13. Pamushana	18. Nyashanu*
4. Bella	9. Jichidza*	14. Gutu	19. Chitsa*
5. Buute*	10. Chiredzi	15. Chikwanda*	20. Allreit*
			21. Zimuto:

NB - These were totally suffered much during the war. Nearly half of the members are still not known where they are. That is where we need alot of repairs.

Congregations marked with stars * had no pastors for almost three years of a bitter war. Those without stars, half of them remained silent, but with ministers staying inside.

Congregations Affected Partly:

1. Umtali 3. Salisbury 5. Wankie 7. Que Que 9. Bulawayo
 2. Highfield 4. Fort Victoria 6. Yatooma 8. Gurelo 10. Mpopoma

NB - On 22/8/80 we had an Emergency Synod because we are totally hit up by the shortage of funds. At this Synod, we had to fill up ten congregations which had no ministers. We had to allocate all ministers who are doing other jobs like teachers at Theological School. All thirty congregations in the country have workers but no money to pay for their salaries. Though we have no money for workers, we discovered that, if congregations remain without ministers, many Christians get lost in big numbers. Ministers are there but in a true sense, they are like missionaries because at the moment, congregations can hardly pay them. At the Synod we worked out salaries for ministers for this part of the year left.

Ministers	\$73,000.00	
Evangelists	41,848.00	(This number unclear in original)
Lay Preachers	8,940.00	
Schools	40,620.00	
Departments	50,000.00	

NB - For departments the state gives also a grant. The rest the Church meets the amount. For congregations no help from the state.

There are lot of church repairs damaged during the war and many parson-ages were damaged in rural areas where we have more congregations.

If there is other information needed, I can supply them soon.

Rev. H. Mashamba

B. OVERTURES TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON ADMINISTRATION

Overture 4: From the Presbytery of North Georgia

Whereas, the Presbytery of North Georgia respectfully overtures the General Assembly that young men, Juniors or Seniors in High School, be used as floor clerks in the place of ministers at the General Assembly so that our youth will be better acquainted with the Presbyterian Church in America and its work at the highest level. This will give all attending ministers' attention to the business of the Assembly rather than doing clerical work.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of North Georgia Presbytery, January 17, 1981.

Attested:
 Robert Valentine, Stated Clerk
 North Georgia Presbytery

Referred to the Committee on Administration for study. §9-80,III, 2, p. 155

Overture 27: From the Presbytery of Tennessee Valley

Whereas, it is likely that the PCA General Assembly will soon consider moving to a delegated Assembly, and it has actually been said that having representatives from local churches rather than presbyteries is a "weakness in the present system"; and

Whereas, there is abundant historical evidence to indicate that denominations that have a delegated assembly thereby lose a vital representative link with the local church and engender estrangement and suspicion; and

Whereas, having the local church represented at the Assembly is a very great strength in the present system, annually cementing the local churches together nationally in the bonds of a common purpose and mutual

love, thus insuring greater congregational support of Assembly-wide programs and policies; and

Whereas, there are churches far larger than our own, who hold annual conventions and manage to tend to their business despite their size;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Presbyterian Church in America retain the "grass roots" character of its General Assembly, preserving the principle that each local church shall have the right to be represented at the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard R. Harris, Stated Clerk
Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Dated May 13, 1981, received May 16, 1981

Answered by the Assembly's action of not adopting a plan for delegated assemblies. §9-80, III, 2, p. 155

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Overture 14: From the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley

Whereas, in 1977 the Permanent Committee on Christian Education recommended a plan to the Fifth General Assembly that all theological training conform to either a 3+1 or 2+2 plan (Recommendation #7, p.155, 1977 Minutes), with all theological training to be supervised by a 21-man sub-committee of the Christian Education Committee, who were also to prepare a Uniform Curriculum (Recommendation #8, p. 155, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business was directed by the Fifth General Assembly to prepare an amendment to The Book of Church Order "requiring at least one year of licensure for all candidates for the ministry.." (Recommendation #11, p. 155, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, these recommendations were modified by the Fifth General Assembly to signify that the proposed 3+1 and 2+2 plans were "optional ways of theological training along with the traditional method, which is approved" (Recommendation #9, p. 76, 1977 Minutes), and that the 21-man theological sub-committee was to supervise the training of those in the "optional program;" and

Whereas, when the Assembly modified the recommendation concerning the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to make changes in The Book of Church Order requiring a year of licensure for all ministerial candidates "either during or following the completion of a classic three-year academic seminary program" (Recommendation #12, p. 76, 1977 Minutes), they disregarded their action in Recommendation #9, which approved the traditional three-year method, and in essence, required instead a mandatory four-year training program; and

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly, 1978, approved a Uniform Curriculum and established a Certification Committee to be comprised of one member from each presbytery, with "approved programs having at least one year of tutorial training" (Recommendation #14:d-2, p. 219, 1978 Minutes), although the term "tutorial" is only generally defined by the 1977 General Assembly (p. 152, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, the Seventh General Assembly action requires each presbytery to prepare a general plan and a specific plan of theological training "for each individual...and that the plan be submitted to the Certification Committee for approval" (Recommendation #21, p. 193, 1979 Minutes), although the Sixth General Assembly clearly states that "presbyteries are completely responsible for all trials relative to licensure and ordination of candidates to the gospel ministry" (Recommendation #13-2, p. 86, 1978 Minutes);

Therefore, the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley overtures the Ninth General Assembly requesting:

1. That the proposed changes to The Book of Church Order with regard to licensure not be implemented, even though the proposed changes be ratified by the required number of presbyteries, until it can be resolved:
 - a. Whether the 3+1 and 2+2 methods of theological training are "optional methods" or mandatory methods, and
 - b. Whether the traditional three-year academic (seminary) training method (apart from a year of licensure) is acceptable for ordination, and
 - c. Whether it is constitutionally proper for the General Assembly to require presbyteries to submit to the Certification (Accrediting) Committee for approval a specific plan of theological training for each individual candidate for the ministry, and
 - d. How the "one year of tutorial training" required of presbyteries whose members are on the Certification Committee is to be defined, especially as it relates to the 3+1 program, and how this year of tutorial training is related to the Uniform Curriculum;
2. That if the proposed changes to The Book of Church Order with regard to licensure are not ratified by either the required number of presbyteries or the General Assembly, the General Assembly instruct the Sub-Committee on Theological Education to resolve questions a-d above. (Note: Also referred to Judicial Business for advice on Constitutional questions.)

Attested: Thomas A. Cook
Stated Clerk, Mississippi Valley

See §9-36, III, 13, p. 91 for answer.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Overture 1: From the Presbytery of the Covenant

Whereas, confusion and inconsistency exist between paragraphs 5-1 and 5-2 of the Book of Church Order which require a nucleus for a new congregation to fulfill the prerogative of a particular congregation by nominating elders before it has been organized as a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

And Whereas, the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business has responded to the question as to whether a nucleus for a new congregation may petition Presbytery to be organized without complying with BCO 5-2 by answering as follows:

Such a petition may be made under 5-1 but the thirty day requirement of 5-2 must be met prior to the election of elders. If a congregation is formed without elders, then the Presbytery must assume control of it by means of an administrative commission which serves until a session can be elected. This commission would be responsible for the examination of the elders-elect.

Therefore, be it resolved that Covenant Presbytery overture the General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order, paragraph 5-2, to provide that Presbytery may assume administrative control over the new congregation by giving its evangelist the powers to oversee the new congregation and to train, examine, ordain, and install the elders-elect or by giving such powers to a commission, and that an evangelist may be given powers by Presbytery to hold the letters of the members of such a nucleus and to receive and baptize new members under his care until the church is organized and elders installed.

Adopted at the 29th Stated Meeting of Covenant Presbytery, July 8, 1980.

Attested:

Robert S. Hayes, Stated Clerk
Covenant Presbytery

Answered by reference to BCO ¶ 8-6. §9-65, III, C, 1, p. 121

Overture 3: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the courts of the church to oversee the work of the church in regular gradation; and

Whereas, the communications from one court of the Church regarding portions of the work of a lower court should be directed to that court having original jurisdiction rather than to those under that court; and,

Whereas, the Permanent Committees and Sub-committees of the PCA have been ignoring this proper procedure by direct mailings to parts of the local church while neglecting to provide the Session in charge of that church with a copy of each mailing;

Therefore, we, the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, do overture the Ninth General Assembly to instruct all the Permanent Committees and Sub-committees of the General Assembly to provide the appropriate courts with copies of any future general communications to groups under the oversight of these courts.

The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas, meeting in regular Fall Session, November 18, 1980, at Hendersonville, N.C., approved this recommendation unanimously.

A. Boyce Spooner, Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of the
Western Carolinas

Answered in the affirmative. §9-65, III, C, 2, p. 121

Overture 6: From the Presbytery of North Georgia

Whereas the Presbytery of North Georgia overtures the General Assembly to define the authority, nature and purpose of the Book of Church Order including the Rules of Discipline and the Directory of Worship.

Passed at the Stated Winter Meeting January 17, 1981.

Robert Valentine, Stated Clerk
North Georgia Presbytery

Answered in the negative. §9-65, III, C, 3, p. 121

Overture 8: From the Presbytery of the Southwest

Whereas, The Book of Church Order seeks to be clear in the necessity for a call prior to Ordination (20-1) and implied in 22-1,2; 21-5(8) and 21-9(1), it is not as clear concerning ministers seeking admission to the PCA through Presbytery who have no call to a definite PCA work, or in a work not related to, but acceptable in the PCA.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Book of Church Order 13-5 be amended by adding, "Ordinarily, before a minister can be received by a Presbytery, he must have a call to a definite work, and that work must be acceptable to the Presbyterian Church in America."

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest January 23, 1981.

Attest:

Wayne A. Buchtel, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Southwest

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-65, III, C, 4, p. 121

Overture 9: From the Session of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi

(Note: Presented to Grace Presbytery, but not adopted by Presbytery.)

Whereas, the Book of Church Order Chapters 39 through 44 do contain certain contradictions, redundancies, omissions, or other such errors;

Resolved, that the Session of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church overtures the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend Chapters 39 through 44 of the Book of Church Order (Fourth Edition, First Printing, 1981) as follows:

1. That Paragraphs 40-5 and 40-6 become a part of Chapter 39 as paragraphs 39-2 and 39-3 respectively, and that present 39-2 become 39-4;
2. That Chapter 40 be amended by striking 40-5 and 40-6;
3. That Chapter 41 be amended by rearranging the present order of paragraphs, as follows: 1,2,3,5,4,6, and renumbering the paragraphs;
4. That Paragraph 41-6, line 3, be amended to read: "that the higher court may be fully able to consider...";
5. That Chapter 42 be amended by rearranging the present order of paragraphs, as follows: 1,2,3,6,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,8, and renumbering the paragraphs;
6. That Chapter 43-4, be amended to read, as follows: "The provisions relating to an appeal found in Chapter 43, paragraphs 5 through 11 shall, with any necessary changes, apply to a complaint."; and
7. That Chapter 44 be amended by inserting the words "(an) appeal or" before each occurrence of the words "a complaint."

Adopted at a called meeting of the Session, Sunday, December 7, 1980.

Emory E. McKay, Clerk
Waynesboro Presbyterian Church

Referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. §9-65, III, C, 5, p. 122

Overture 10: From Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi

(Note: Presented to Grace Presbytery, but not adopted by Presbytery.)

Whereas, the Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America did enact an amendment to BCO 14-1-11; and

Whereas, the same Assembly did also adopt on first reading two additional amendments to BCO 14-1-11 and have sent the same to the Presbyteries for advice and consent; and

Whereas, the enactment of these amendments by the Ninth General Assembly, should these amendments receive the required consent of two-thirds of the Presbyteries, shall result in the possibility of confusion in the wording of BCO 14-1-11 (3) and in an awkward structure of the same;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Session of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church does hereby overture the Ninth General Assembly to postpone the enactment of these amendments and to assign the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to incorporate the changes into the present paragraph so as to maintain the integrity both of the present paragraph and the amendments and to report to the Tenth General Assembly.

Adopted by the Session of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, December 7, 1980.

Emory E. McKay, Clerk
Waynesboro Presbyterian Church

Referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. §9-65, III, C, 6, p. 122

Overture 11: From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, confusion exists in the Church regarding the original intention of the General Assembly to limit the membership of members of the General Assembly to one committee, sub-committee, or board; and

Whereas, the various documents of the Church, including the BCO, the Bylaws, and the Rules for Assembly Operations do not use the term "permanent" consistently with the same sense of meaning; and

Whereas, the Bylaws and the Rules for Assembly Operations are not consistent in their use of the term "sub-committee" either with reference to each other or to the normal use of the term as it is used in parliamentary matters;

Therefore, be it resolved that Grace Presbytery does hereby overture the Ninth General Assembly to instruct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to study the various documents of our Church as they pertain to the committee structure and function so as to propose to the Tenth General Assembly such changes as may be necessary to bring order where presently there is confusion.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting on January 9, 1981.

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk, Grace Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative. §9-95, III, C, 7, p. 122

Overture 12: From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, the Fifth General Assembly did instruct the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to determine "what constitutes a valid 'Call to the Gospel Ministry'" (Minutes of the Fifth General Assembly, page 89); and

Whereas, this assignment resulted from a complaint involving the ordination of a candidate to a para-church ministry; and

Whereas, the Fourth General Assembly did adopt an in these deliverance, which resulted from a complaint which involved the ordination of a candidate to pastoral services in a church of another denomination, "that the BCO does not envisage the ordination of a candidate expressly to pastoral services in a church of another denomination" (Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly, page 70); and

Whereas, the answer as proposed by the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business and as adopted by the Sixth General Assembly (Minutes of the Sixth General Assembly, page 109, 189) resulting in the amendment of BCO 20-1, made reference to the "terms" of a call and not to the "constitution" that is, the "nature" or "essence" of a "Call to the Gospel Ministry;"

Therefore, be it resolved that Grace Presbytery does hereby overture the Ninth General Assembly to direct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to determine what constitutes a valid "Call to the Gospel Ministry," especially as the matter may relate to the question of ordination to ministries outside the bounds of the Presbyterian Church in America, and to propose such amendments to BCO 20-1 as may be necessary.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting On January 9, 1981.

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk, Grace Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative. §9-65, III, C, 8, p. 122

Overture 13: From Grace Presbytery

Whereas, some of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in America have expended considerable amounts of time in the process of debating, adopting, and revising previously adopted in these deliverances; and

Whereas, the nature of the subjects addressed in such in these deliverances are sometimes so controversial so that the mere adoption of or refusal to adopt a statement has caused divisions between sincere and conscientious brethren within the Presbyterian Church in America who otherwise were of one mind regarding those matters which brought our Church into being; and

Whereas, although in thesi deliverances are interpretations of the Word of God by a court of the Church and ought, therefore, to receive due and serious consideration, they are not to be made the rule of faith and practice; and

Whereas, in thesi deliverances are not judicial decisions, in that judicial decisions determine, and in the case of decisions coming from the General Assembly, conclude a particular matter, thereby having constitutional authority; and

Whereas, some courts of the church have improperly viewed in thesi deliverances as having judicial authority;

Therefore, be it resolved that Grace Presbytery overtures the Ninth General Assembly to direct the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business to study the matter of in thesi deliverances, taking in view the practices of our sister Presbyterian and Reformed denominations regarding such deliverances;

To propose such an amendment to the Rules for General Assembly Operations that will better guide the General Assembly in its treatment and handling of such serious matters;

To give consideration to an amendment to the BCO (Chapter 14) in language similar to the following:

"Although deliverances, resolutions, overtures, and other actions of the General Assembly are to be accorded the weight which is proper in view of the character of the body, yet whenever such deliverances, resolutions, overtures, and other actions are additional to the specific provisions of the Constitution, they shall not be regarded as binding unless they become amendments to the Constitution."

And to report to the Eleventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting on January 9, 1981.

Attest:

Rev. Norman A. Bagby, Jr.

Stated Clerk, Grace Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative. §9-65, III, C, 9, p. 122

Overture 14: From the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley

Whereas, in 1977 the Permanent Committee on Christian Education recommended a plan to the Fifth General Assembly that all theological training conform to either a 3+1 or 2+2 plan (Recommendation #7, p.155, 1977 Minutes), with all theological training to be supervised by a 21-man sub-committee of the Christian Education Committee, who were also to prepare a Uniform Curriculum (Recommendation #8, p. 155, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business was directed by the Fifth General Assembly to prepare an ammendment to The Book of Church Order "requiring at least one year of licensure for all candidates for the ministry..."(Recommendation #11, p. 155, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, these recommendations were modified by the Fifth General Assembly to signify that the proposed 3+1 and 2+2 plans were "optional ways of theological training along with the traditional method, which is approved (Recommendation #9, p. 76, 1977 Minutes), and that the 21-man theological sub-committee was to supervise the training of those in the "optional program;" and

Whereas, when the Assembly modified the recommendation concerning the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to make changes in The Book of Church Order requiring a year of licensure for all ministerial candidates "either during or following the completion of a classic three-year academic seminary program" (Recommendation #12, p. 76, 1977 Minutes), they disregarded their action in Recommendation #9, which approved the traditional three-year method, and in essence, required instead a mandatory four-year training program; and

Whereas, the Sixth General Assembly, 1978, approved a Uniform Curriculum and established a Certification Committee to be comprised of one member from each presbytery, with "approved programs having at least one year of tutorial training" (Recommendation #14:d-2, p. 219, 1978 Minutes), although the term "tutorial" is only generally defined by the 1977 General Assembly (p. 152, 1977 Minutes); and

Whereas, the Seventh General Assembly action requires each presbytery to prepare a general plan and a specific plan of theological training "for each individual...and that the plan be submitted to the Certification Committee for approval" (Recommendation #21, p. 193, 1979 Minutes), although the Sixth General Assembly clearly states that "presbyteries are completely responsible for all trials relative to licensure and ordination of candidates to the gospel ministry" (Recommendation #13-2, p. 86, 1978 Minutes);

Therefore, the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley overtures the Ninth General Assembly requesting:

1. That the proposed changes to The Book of Church Order with regard to licensure not be implemented, even though the proposed changes be ratified by the required number of presbyteries, until it can be resolved:
 - a. Whether the 3+1 and 2+2 methods of theological training are "optional methods" or mandatory methods, and
 - b. Whether the traditional three-year academic (seminary) training method (apart from a year of licensure) is acceptable for ordination, and
 - c. Whether it is constitutionally proper for the General Assembly to require presbyteries to submit to the Certification (Accrediting) Committee for approval a specific plan of theological training for each individual candidate for the ministry, and
 - d. How the "one year of tutorial training" required of presbyteries whose members are on the Certification Committee is to be defined, especially as it relates to the 3+1 program, and how this year of tutorial training is related to the Uniform Curriculum;
2. That if the proposed changes to The Book of Church Order with regard to licensure are not ratified by either the required number of presbyteries or the General Assembly, the General Assembly instruct the Sub-Committee on Theological Education to resolve questions a-d above.

Thomas A. Cook, Stated Clerk
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications §9-65, III, C, 10, p. 122

Overture 15: From the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley

That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America provide to the Presbyteries such forms and instructions as may be necessary to permit Presbyteries to authorize the appointment of an Alternate to fill a Committee of Commissioners position in the event the Principal nominated and appointed to that position can not attend the meeting of the General Assembly.

Adopted at the Winter Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Thomas A. Cook, Stated Clerk
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Answered in the negative. §9-65, III, C, 11, p. 122

Overture 16: From the Presbytery of the Ascension

Whereas, the language of the Book of Church Order, 9-4, second sentence which reads:

"The board shall elect a chairman, a secretary from their number, and a treasurer, to whom shall be entrusted the funds for the current expenses of the church", fails adequately to convey what was the intention of the Constitutional Documents Committee and the Third General Assembly in the following ways:

a. The language permits both the chairman and the treasurer to be non-members of the Board of Deacons, since the clause, "from their number", properly modifies only the word "secretary" in the sentence in question; and

b. The language calls for the funds for the current expenses of the church to be entrusted to the chairman, secretary, and treasurer, not simply the treasurer, since the comma following the word "treasurer" places the entire latter part of the sentence in apposition to the entire subject of the sentence;

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Ascension respectfully overtures the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to change the wording of this sentence to show clearly that what is in view is that a Board of Deacons may, if it so chooses, elect a treasurer who is not a member of the Board, in the following manner or in the way which seems best to the Assembly:

"The board shall elect a chairman and a secretary from their number and a treasurer to whom shall be entrusted the funds for the current expenses of the church."

Frank Moser, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Ascension

Answered in the affirmative. §9-65, III, C, 12, p. 122

Overture 18: From the Presbytery of the Ascension

Whereas, the oversight of presbyteries by review of minutes is a very important part of the function of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, this task grows larger and larger each year with the addition of presbyteries and the multiplication of presbytery meetings and business; and

Whereas, the utilization of a General Assembly committee of commissioners seems to be less than ideal in several ways, namely,

a. A lack of adequate time at the annual General Assembly meeting to review these minutes in a deliberate, unhurried manner;

b. A lack of uniformity due to the complete turnover of members of the committee of commissioners each year and the resultant lack of experience;

c. A lack of opportunities for questions or apparent problems to be resolved with the presbytery(ies) in question before bringing a report to the floor of the Assembly;

d. The use of unnecessary time, energy, and printing space of the Assembly as a whole to report and/or consider matters capable of proper resolution in conference; and

e. An inability to have the most efficient follow-up of those matters sent back to presbyteries for their explanation, correction, or further action;

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Ascension respectfully overtures the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to investigate the possibilities of referring the review of presbytery records to an already-existing standing committee or sub-committee or of creating a new standing committee or sub-committee for this purpose.

Frank Moser, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Ascension

Answered in the affirmative. §9-70, V, 2, p. 147

Overture 20. From the Presbytery of the Evangel

Whereas, worship in Reformed Churches should always be guided by the Word of God, and be true to the Word, and

Whereas, some musical selections that have gained acceptance and popularity in church and religious circles contain and further sentiments that are contrary to the Word of God in morals, doctrine and spirit, and

Whereas, these unacceptable selections are sometimes requested for use in the services of the church, especially weddings and funerals,

Therefore, Evangel Presbytery overtures the NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church in America to amend the Directory of Worship, by inserting the following paragraph in Chapter 51 ("The Singing of Psalms and Hymns....."), with the remaining paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

51-3 "Pastors and Session shall have full oversight of the service of praise of the congregation, and also over all special music, both instrumental and vocal, used in any of the services of the church, including weddings, funerals or other special occasions, that all may be in harmony with the Word of God and the standards of this church."

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Evangel Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church of Gadsden on April 28, 1981.

Attest:

Hubert C. Stewart, Stated Clerk
Evangel Presbytery

Received too late to be considered by the Ninth General Assembly, carried over to the Tenth General Assembly §9-65, III, C, 14, p. 122

Overture 22. From the Presbytery of Texas

Whereas, the PCA sets forth in the Book of Church Order (BCO), namely in its Preface, Chapters 1, 2, and 3, that it is and shall be governed by Teaching and Ruling Elders, and

Whereas, the PCA is made up of Teaching Elders who were admitted into its presbyteries in accordance with either one of the specific callings, as set forth in BCO Chapter 8, and

Whereas, it is noted that the PCA's church courts at Presbytery and General Assembly levels are greatly influenced by Teaching Elders who are not currently or are no longer laboring within the Church as prescribed in Chapter 8; and therefore, the local church courts of our denomination do not have a parity of vote in the higher courts, as originally intended by the BCO of the PCA, since Teaching Elders who remain in their Presbyteries but are without a call or laboring outside of the bounds of a church are allowed to vote on church matters.

Therefore, the Presbytery of Texas, for the sake of the future of our Lord's Church as set forth in the Scriptures, petitions the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America for a revision of BCO 14-1 so as to also read: "Only those Teaching Elders who are representing a congregation are eligible to vote on church matters." (This is not to be construed as denying the Teaching Elders so affected a right to vote on procedural matters of a Presbytery or General Assembly.)

The above petition is a part of the minutes of the meeting of the Presbytery of Texas on April 24-25, 1981.

Attest:

Glen Milham, Stated Clerk
Texas Presbytery

Received too late to be considered by the Ninth General Assembly, carried over to the Tenth General Assembly §9-65 III, C, 14, p. 122

Overture 24: From Pacific Presbytery

Whereas, it was moved, seconded, and carried to overture the 1981 General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order, Chapter 11-3 so that the second sentence will read: "The Moderator of the Presbytery and of the General Assembly shall be chosen at each stated meeting of these courts, except that presbyteries may, if they desire, elect a Moderator to serve for a term of one year.

The above overture was approved at the meeting of Pacific Presbytery on September 25, 1980.

Attest:

William F. Woodhall, Stated Clerk
Pacific Presbytery

Received too late for consideration by the Ninth General Assembly, carried over to the Tenth General Assembly. §9-65, III, C, 14, p. 122

Overture 26. From: The Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic

Whereas, one area of concern expressed by the RPCES is that we allow only one full term of service on our permanent GA committees, requiring a year's lay-off before re-election, and

Whereas, our committees are experiencing some measure of instability in long range plans which might be corrected if men could serve a second term before lay-off,

Therefore, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order as follows:

Chapter 14-1 (12) change the last sentence to read:

Persons who have served for a full term on one of the Assembly's Permanent Committees or Permanent Sub-Committees shall not be eligible for re-election to any Assembly Committee until one year has elapsed, unless the Permanent Committee on which he has served requests that he be elected to a second term. In such a case the Assembly must support his re-election by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. In no case would a person be eligible for election to consecutive service on a Permanent Committee of the General Assembly for more than ten years, including partial terms. When extended service is completed on a Permanent Committee, that person would not be eligible for re-election to any committee until two years had elapsed.

Passed at the 24th Stated Meeting of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery January 19, 20, 1981.

Attest:

Daniel B. Ice, Stated Clerk
Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

Received too late for consideration by the Ninth General Assembly, carried over to the Tenth General Assembly. §9-65, III, C, 14, p. 122

**TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON MISSION TO
THE UNITED STATES**

Overture 2: From the Presbytery of North Georgia

North Georgia Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to initiate such steps as necessary to establish a facility for the care of the elderly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Adopted at the Stated Summer Meeting on July 19, 1980.

Robert Valentine, Stated Clerk
North Georgia Presbytery

Answered in the negative. §9-35, III, 7, p. 87

Overture 5: From the Presbytery of Westminster

Whereas, the Presbytery of Western Carolinas has requested an alteration of the bounds of that Presbytery by adding the County of Avery, in North Carolina,

Whereas, such an alteration would effect transfer membership of both the Frank and Fellowship Churches from Westminster Presbytery to Western Carolinas Presbytery,

Whereas, these two churches have been members of Westminster Presbytery since the beginnings of the PCA,

Whereas, these two churches of their own accord requested membership into Westminster Presbytery and have not indicated to either Presbytery a desire to change,

Whereas, this matter has in the past been considered by both Presbyteries and agreed upon by common consent to permit these two churches to hold membership in Westminster Presbytery,

Therefore, we the Presbytery of Westminster do overture the Ninth General Assembly to answer in the negative that portion of the overture of the Presbytery of Western Carolinas pertaining to the transfer of Avery County, North Carolina to the Presbytery of Western Carolinas.

Approved as an Overture to the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, at the regular stated meeting in Kingsport, Tennessee, January 17, 1981.

Larry E. Ball, Stated Clerk
Westminster Presbytery

Answered in the negative. §9-35, III, 8, p. 87

Overture 7: From the Presbytery of the Southwest

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in America continually has Mission Church groups at various stages of development toward becoming "Particular Churches"; and

Whereas, there is uncertainty as to the status of membership of individuals who are committed to a mission work that is becoming a particular Church in the PCA, particularly

A new believer -

A re-newed believer

One who has formerly resigned from the authority of another organized church body, yet professes faith in Christ

One who has not formerly resigned the authority of another organized church body, yet whose commitment is to the goals and support of the mission group; and

Whereas, There is uncertainty as to the status of a mission church from its embryonic state in its relation

to the "Invisible Church" (The Body of Christ)

to other local churches

to Presbytery

to General Assembly; and

Whereas, The Book of Church Order does not set forth the steps for the formation of a mission church leading up to its process toward becoming a "particular church" as outlined in BCO-4,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ninth General Assembly instruct the Committee on Mission to the U.S. to initiate the language for an amendment to the Book of Church Order that will clarify these issues.

Adopted at the Winter Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest January 23, 1981.

Wayne A. Buchtel, Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of the Southwest

The motion to answer in the negative was defeated. No further action was taken on this overture, and thus it remains unanswered. (Clerk's note: Since motions that are defeated do not show in the record, no motion shows up in the Report of the Committee on MUS regarding this overture.)

Overture 19: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Whereas, the Book of Church Order does not provide standards or guidelines for the instruction and preparation of those groups seeking to be organized into Presbyterian Church in America congregations, and those persons seeking to be ordained as officers in PCA congregations:

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas overtures the Ninth General Assembly to take steps to devise procedures for the instruction and preparation of groups seeking organization as congregations in the PCA, and for men looking to be ordained as officers within local congregations in the PCA.

Voted to be adopted as an overture to the General Assembly, at its 31st Presbytery meeting in Hazelwood, N.C., April 25, 1981.

Attest:

A. Boyce Spooner, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-35, III, 9, p. 87

Overture 21: From the Presbytery of the Evangel

Whereas, the confidentiality of a Chaplain in the Armed Services has been under attack, and

Whereas, the Law Clinic of the Armed Services needs a statement from the Church dealing with the confidentiality of its chaplains,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Evangel Presbytery requests the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to form a proper statement concerning the confidentiality of the Chaplains in their ministry, especially in their counseling.

Adopted at the Stated Meeting of Evangel Presbytery on April 28, 1981.

Attest:

Hubert C. Stewart, Stated Clerk
Evangel Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-35, III, 10, p. 87

Overture 25: From the Presbytery of Central Georgia

Whereas, the boundaries between Central Georgia Presbytery and North Georgia Presbytery are not clearly defined, and

Whereas, Central Georgia Presbytery seeks to establish new churches in the northern part of the Presbytery

Therefore, Central Georgia Presbytery respectfully overtures the Ninth General Assembly to carefully define the boundaries between Central Georgia Presbytery and North Georgia Presbytery to include Spaulding County in Central Georgia Presbytery.

Adopted at the Spring Meeting of Central Georgia Presbytery, April 14, 1981.

Attest:

Walter Worsham, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Central Georgia

Answered in the negative. §9-35, III, 11, p. 87

TO COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON MISSION TO THE WORLD**Overture 17: From the Presbytery of the Ascension**

Whereas, the Church of Jesus Christ is called upon to exercise responsible stewardship; and

Whereas, the size of our missionary vision and program should not lessen our concern for stewardship in that area; and

Whereas, many financial supporters of Mission to the World are desirous of their funds being used mostly for work on the foreign field, with only a reasonable amount for necessary administration being diverted from such field work; and

Whereas, the Church should be able to identify readily what expenses are used on the field and what are administration; and

Whereas, itineration for financial support and itineration for interpretation are two different functions; and

Whereas, itineration for the purpose of "raising support" is primarily administrative and thus may constitute a "hidden" administrative expense sometimes amounting to tens of thousands of dollars per missionary;

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Ascension respectfully overtures the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to direct the Mission to the World Committee, for all budgeting/reporting purposes, to list all expenses involved in itineration as administrative expenses and to indicate what percentage of the total budget is then administrative in contrast to what is clearly for the work on the field.

Frank Moser, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Ascension

Answered in the negative. §9-50, III, 14, p. 107

Overture 23: From the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas respectfully overtures the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to appoint an ad interim committee of not less than fifteen persons who are not directly involved, either in the program or the administration of the Committee on Mission to the World, but who have knowledge and experience in world missions; to include management and other experts from beyond the bounds of the Presbyterian Church in America, to make a thorough study of the policies and programs of the Committee on Mission to the World, and to report to the next General Assembly with recommendations.

Approved by the 31st Presbytery, the 1981 Spring Meeting, at Hazelwood, N.C., 25 April, 1981.

Attest:
A. Boyce Spooner, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Answered in the negative. §9-50, III, 15, p. 107

C. REFERENCES TO NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**TO THE COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS****Reference 1: From The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas**

Brethren:

The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas voted at its Stated Fall Meeting, November 18, 1980 (Printed minutes, p. 7) to petition the General Assembly to give answers to the following questions:

1. May infant baptism properly be administered to covenant children of persons who are not members of the particular congregation asked? (For personal reasons they have not joined Trinity, but hold membership in the CRC where they formerly resided.) If so, under what circumstances?
2. May baptism properly be administered to individuals making profession of faith but who do not intend to become members of the requested congregation? If so, under what circumstances?
3. May baptism properly be administered to individuals who have been "christened" or baptized in infancy, when it had been apparent that neither parent was a believer? Please cite support for your advice and recommendations.

The Committee on Judicial Business recommended that each question be answered in the negative. After discussion, Presbytery approved two amendments to the motion of the committee:

1. That the Presbytery refer these matters to the General Assembly, requesting that the G.A. give answers to these questions.
2. That these questions be distributed, docketed for the Winter Meeting, and discussed there again.

The Committee's report was as follows:

The Committee recommends that the questions posed each be answered in the negative on the following bases:

1. Baptism is not only a sign and seal of the Covenant, but also admission to the visible church, and to a particular church. BCO 4-1; 6-3; 27-1,2; 56-4.
2. #2, same as above.
3. #3 on bases of WCF 28:7; LC 166.

These questions were discussed again briefly at the Winter Meeting of the Presbytery, January 20, 1981, with no change in the answers given by the Judicial Committee.

A. Boyce Spooner, Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

Referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. §9-65, III, F, p. 122

D. BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration

8-103, III, 7. That the "Rules for Assembly Operations" be amended as follows:

- a. In 2-2 substitute for the second sentence the following: "Ordinarily, he shall present a retiring Moderator's sermon or exhortation." Grounds: to conform to terminology in 101.
- b. In 3-8 insert the following: "... and shall be assisted in this by assistant parliamentarian(s) as appointed by the Moderator." Grounds: to bring to Bylaw status a practice of several years.
- c. In 8-4 strike the last sentence. Grounds: stenographers' work has been satisfactorily accomplished by committees' secretaries.
- d. In 8-11 (1) strike words following "original". Grounds: carbon copies are now unnecessary.
- e. In 8-13-3 (F) after ruling elders strike "and the church represented" and insert "and the presbytery represented."
- f. Renumber the present 9-2 to 9-3 and insert as a new 9-2 the following: "The expenses of the Recording Clerks of the General Assembly will be borne by the Assembly." Grounds: A task worthy of compensation.
- g. In 10-3 (1) insert the following: "No second is necessary for a committee recommendation", strike 10-3 (2) and renumber 10-3 (3) and (4).

Grounds: as the recommendation of a committee it already has the support of a second and it need not be reiterated.

Adopted §9-80, III, 4, p. 155

8-103, III, 24. That the Assembly amend the "Rules for Assembly Operations" by inserting a new paragraph to be number 6-2 and read as follows: "Any report requesting Amendments to the Constitution of the PCA shall be referred to the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business for its recommendations." Grounds: to check a recommendation's constitutionality.

Adopted

Adopted §9-80, III, 4, p. 155

8-103, III, 27. That the Committee on Administration be directed to devise a plan whereby a Committee of Commissioners' report, when all the arguments have been heard, shall be approved as a whole, pending the approval of other enabling committee reports, such as, Stewardship.

Adopted

Adopted §9-23, 12.a, p. 70

To the Committee of Commissioners for Christian Education & Publications

8-29, III, 25. That Overture 9 (M8GA p.34) be answered by reference to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications to be reported back to the Ninth General Assembly.

Adopted

Referred back to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications §9-36, III, 16, p. 92

To the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

9-43, IV, 6. That the Ad-interim Committee to Discuss ... be continued for one year and that in the event approaches from any other Churches are made to the PCA during the coming year, the Ad-interim Committee be authorized to welcome, receive and study such approaches; be directed to communicate such information to the Church-at-large by all means available; and report to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA.

Reasons: (1) The Committee of Commissioners was made aware of the following portion of the minutes of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the RPCES which represents a recommendation of that Committee, passed unanimously, to the RPCES General Synod to meet in July, 1980, a copy of which was forwarded to the PCA Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations for their information (see p.155).

(2) The Committee of Commissioners also noted Communication 2 from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Adopted

See Report of Ad-Interim Committee, Appendix M, p.303, and §9-43, pp. 96-104

To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

8-36. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Sub-committee on Judicial Business be directed to prepare an answer to the question, "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?", and report to the Ninth General Assembly.

Adopted

Answered by statement adopted §9-65, III, E, p. 122

8-72, IV, B. That the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business answer the question, "Must a minister have a call to a definite work to be received

into a Presbytery?", and bring to the Assembly appropriate language to clarify and improve the BCO. Adopted

Answered in the affirmative §9-65, III, C, 4, pp. 121-122

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

8-50, III, 16. That the General Assembly grant the MUS Committee one year to answer the directive of the Seventh General Assembly to develop a Manual of Operations and a Manual of Policy, (See copy below from Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly, p.88, item 6, par. "C"). Upon completion, the Policy Manual will be published in pamphlet form, available for use by the General Assembly. The Operations Manual is not to be published for General Assembly use, but is to be made available for inspection at any time in the MUS office.

Minutes of the Seventh General Assembly, Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States:

Recommendation 6-C, p.88: "That the MUS prepare a revised policy manual for approval by the Eighth General Assembly, and that MUS be instructed to bring to the Eighth General Assembly for information an operation manual to be in conformity with the policy manual. These two manuals shall be extractions from all policy previously approved by all General 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." Adopted

Answered with adoption of the Manual §9-35, III, 5, p. 87. See Appendix F, p. 229

8-50, III, 19. That the General Assembly, in regard to the MUS call to Michael Gross to work with the Navajo Bible School in Window Rock, Arizona, be instructed to develop a cooperative agreement with the board which has control of the Navajo work in New Mexico, to be approved by the Ninth General Assembly. Adopted

Referred back to Committee on Mission to United States §9-35, III, 6, p. 87

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

8-25, III, 101. That the General Assembly direct the Committee on Mission to the World to review the Cooperative Agreement with Overseas Crusades, incorporated (Appendix G, p. 195), for the purpose of defining items 4 and 7 under "What Does O.C. Believe?". Adopted

Answered by letter §9-50, III, 11, 12, pp. 106-107

8-80, III, 19. The report as a whole was approved, with the following amendment: That the Committee on Mission to the World report to the Ninth General Assembly what approximate percentage of the support for the present short-term missionary program was raised from PCA churches. Adopted

Answered §9-50, III, 13, p. 107

To the Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation

8-78, III, 4-5. That an ad hoc committee be appointed by the moderator of the General Assembly, two members from each of the Committees of the General Assembly, two members of the Sub-committee on Stewardship, and two members of the trustees of the PCA Foundation. The purpose of the committee will be

to study the proposed plan for operation of PCA Foundation as outlined (Appendix I, pp. 212-213) for the Eighth General Assembly, and to report to the Ninth General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners of PCA Foundation. That each committee and sub-committee bear the expense of its representatives. This committee to give particular attention to the following specific issues:

a. Whether Foundation activities be restricted to receiving, accumulation, managing, investing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc.

b. If the Foundation should also be allowed to solicit funds gifts, bequests, etc.

c. To consider the relationship of the Foundation to the Sub-committee on Stewardship and to the four permanent committees.

d. Whether the Foundation should have a full-time director, and if so, what should his qualifications and duties be Adopted

That the Ad Hoc committee develop and present to the Ninth General Assembly a plan to place the operation of the PCA Foundation under the Rules for General Assembly Operation and Bylaws. Adopted

See Report Appendix N, p. 355, and \$9-56, p. 115ff.

E. JUDICIAL CASES -- COMPLAINTS

Case 1: Dissent of Ruling Elder James H. Campbell from the Action of the 1980 General Assembly Relative to His Complaint (pg. 61).

22 August 1980

Dear Dr. Smith:

Since receipt of your letter of July 3, 1980, with enclosures, I have been traveling extensively and this is almost the first opportunity I have had to compose a proper reply to your letter.

It was with deep regret that I read the letter and realized that the long, three year effort to maintain the purity of the Church of Jesus Christ, the many miles travelled, the money spent, the tears shed and the prayers uttered were all of no avail, all lost by default through a failure in communications. While I realize that by my failure to present myself before the Commission of the General Assembly, the findings of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery were sustained, nevertheless, I desire the following facts to be placed on record:

(a) On 13 February 1980 I received a letter from the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, the last paragraph of which read -

"I assume that the complaint was received in good time by the Presbytery, and will, unless advised otherwise by the Clerk, place it before the Assembly."

(b) On 14 February 1980, Leon F. Wardell, Acting Stated Clerk, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, informed the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, that the appeal was one (1) day late in filing. He also stated that a decision as to whether to allow a grace period of from three (3) to five (5) days would be made at the next stated meeting 9,10 May 1980.

(c) I received no notification from the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, that this complaint of late filing by the Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery had been over ruled and my complaint was legal. A check with Mrs. Elizabeth J. Campbell, Mr. Earl W. Keith and Mrs. Helen Keith, revealed the information that none of them had ever received any information as to whether their complaints had been accepted or rejected.

(d) Neither I nor any of the other complainants received any information from the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, concerning any action taken on 9-10 May 1980.

(e) I did not see a copy of a Commissioner's Handbook for the 1980 General Assembly; I did not know that the complaint had actually been placed on the Addenda (sic.) for action by the General Assembly; nor was I informed of the date and location of the convening of the Eighth General Assembly, PCA.

In retrospect, I should have presented myself, with counsel, at the Eighth General Assembly, under the assumption that my complaint would be heard. However, I did take this action at the Sixth General Assembly and I was refused a hearing. This year I decided not to undertake the expenses of the travel to the General Assembly unless I was assured of a hearing. At no time from February to June did I receive such assurance.

It is to my everlasting regret that a failure on my part to know that my case was being heard by a Commission of the General Assembly, allowed the efforts of three years to be wasted by default, and has, in my opinion, resulted in a miscarriage of justice in a matter affecting the purity of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know it has hurt the testimony of the New Covenant Church in the Tidewater Area.

Yours in His Service,
James H. Campbell

Answered \$9-32, p. 84.

Case 2: Complaint of Ruling Elder Cooke Lewis et al Against Grace Presbytery

We, the Undersigned members of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, Ellisville, Mississippi, having filed formal notice with the Presbytery of Grace of our intention to complain to the General Assembly against certain actions of the presbytery, do offer the following particulars:

- (1) That in response to difficulties within the congregation to which the pastor, the Rev. Steve Wilkins, and the Session, at the time consisting of Dr. Charles Probst, were a party, the presbytery in March, 1980, moved to appoint an Administrative Commission to assume original jurisdiction of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, wrongly placing the said Mr. Wilkins and Dr. Probst on the Commission. This made parties to the dispute members of a commission which in time would be called on to settle the dispute.
- (2) That at the time of the appointment of the Administrative Commission, the presbytery allowed the Moderator to make the appointments. The Commission was not elected by the presbytery itself, although it would subsequently function with all the powers of the presbytery.
- (3) That the presbytery committed an error of judgment and greatly aggravated existing difficulties by failing to sustain a request duly taken in a called meeting of the congregation on September 14, 1980, by a vote of 26 to 16, that the pastoral relationship between Mr. Wilkins and the Ellisville Church be dissolved. While presbytery acted within its rights, we would ask the General Assembly if such a congregational request should be denied except under the most compelling circumstances.

While the conduct of the Commission appears to have been technically correct and cannot in that particular be complained against, it is our view that the Administrative Commission did not conduct its business with a degree of pastoral concern and in such a manner as might have led to a resolution of the difficulties within the Church. Surely the General Assembly is as concerned with the wisdom and discretion exercised by lower courts as it is with the letter of the law.

Given this 27th day of February, 1981.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
A. H. Blackwell	E. A. Buchanan
J. W. Elmore	Robert A. Blackwell
Robert K. Taylor	Orval Windham
	Cooke Lewis

<u>Members</u>	
Donna Blackwell	Frances A. Smith
Mrs. Robert K. Taylor	Wilton L. Smith
Lynn Taylor Thomas	Frances W. Lewis
Margaret Bridges	Mrs. John Ward
Perry Bridges	Mrs. Daisy Windham
Dana Bridges Smith	Lanen Windham
Ruth Kyzar	Cooke Lewis, Jr.
James O. Kyzar	Pauline P. Blackwell
Mrs. B. D. Red, Jr.	John F. Lewis (Deacon)
Cindy Red Wilson	

Adjudicated §9-76, p. 150-151

Case 3: Complaint of Ruling Elder Robert H. Zeigler Against the Presbytery of Texas

I. On February 7, 1981, a committee, rather than a commission as requested, appointed by the Presbytery of Texas to examine a Complaint against the Session of the North Dallas Presbyterian Church met with the pastor, Reverend Henry Gundlach, and members of the Session along with a delegation of some twenty people from the congregation whom they took with them. The committee heard the members of the congregation as well as Mr. Gundlach and members of the Session. The committee did not meet with the complainants until February 20, 1981. (Ch 42-4.)

II. On February 21, 1981, the Presbytery of Texas met at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dallas. The chairman of the committee appointed by Presbytery of Texas, Reverend Victor Jones of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, Tyler, Texas, made the report saying that the committee had investigated thoroughly and had done everything a commission could do. (Ch 15-1.)

III. All substantiating materials are provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert H. Zeigler

Adjudicated §9-75, p. 150

Case 4: Complaint of Teaching Elder Rodney King, et. al. Against the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

We, the undersigned, do hereby complain against the action of the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas (taken at the Stated Spring Meeting on April 25, 1981), which arbitrarily imposed a period of at least one year to lapse before allowing petition from the "Covenant Reformation Fellowship" to be received to be an organized church, having received said group as a mission work at this meeting.

Whereas, this group is already of sufficient members who have signed the "Declaration of Intent" and requested to be received to be self-supporting, and

Whereas, this same group has signed a "Covenant of Commitment" to adhere to the Reformed Faith (as expressed in the Westminster Standards) and Presbyterian Polity (as expressed in the BCO as adopted by the PCA) which covenant was found to be in order by Presbytery, and

Whereas, the Presbytery by previous action (Attachment A, on file in the Stated Clerk's office) did give to TE Rogers permission to labor with this group who had separated from an existing PCA work, and

Whereas, the Presbytery in previous action (Attachment A) did declare that "all the parties are a part of the flock given by the Lord into the care of this Presbytery, and deserve the pastoral care of the Presbytery", and

Whereas, the Presbytery did, in this same action, accept the division of the original group as having peaceably occurred and to be to the spiritual and temporal prosperity of both groups, and

Whereas, the Presbytery did adopt the recommendation that this group be received as a mission and that there be training and examination of proposed officers before enrollment as a full congregation (which is required by the BCO 5-1,2), and

Whereas, this requirement of a waiting period is beyond the requirement of the BCO, and had not been imposed on any other works of this Presbytery previously, and

Whereas, the Presbytery had in previous action (Attachment A) not found either party in the division more to be faulted than the other, and

Whereas, comment in the Presbytery defending this action tended to seek to place the primary guilt on the "Covenant Reformation Fellowship" group,

Therefore, we do complain against the action of Presbytery, which mandated that "Upon reception as a mission of the Presbytery, there be a period of one year before Presbytery can receive a petition for organization" as unjust, judgmental, arbitrary and prejudicial, and do petition the General Assembly to redress this wrong.

Signed: TE Rodney T. King
TE Morton H. Smith
TE Stanley L. Bean

April 28, 1981

Adjudicated \$9-77, pp. 151-154

F. PERSONAL RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE ASSEMBLY

To the Committee of Commissioners on Administration

Resolution 1: From TE Stanwood L. Bean

Whereas, the committees of commissioners are charged with the responsibility of reviewing the activities of the permanent committees, and boards of the Assembly; and,

Whereas, the General Assembly from time to time directs these committees and boards to carry out certain projects, ideas, and goals; and,

Whereas, the committees of commissioners may not always be able to determine from the minutes that these assignments have been concluded;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the minutes of the first meeting of each year following the General Assembly of the permanent committees and boards list the forthcoming year's work for the committee or board (Assembly assigned responsibilities, projected ideas and goals, citing the General Assembly minutes by page and paragraph); and that the minutes of the last meeting before the next General Assembly include the same work list, showing what has been completed and what work was not accomplished including reasons why.

Stanwood L. Bean
Western Carolinas Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative. \$9-80, III, 16; p. 157

Resolution 14 from TE Clifford Brewton and RE James Westlake

Whereas, the field of radio and television offers an un-precedented opportunity for the message of the Church to be propagated and enhanced, and **Whereas**, numerous broadcasting possibilities are open to ministers of the Word and individual churches when represented by a denominational agency, and

Whereas, many such opportunities are available without cost for broadcast time on public service basis, and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church at present has no specific agency to channel, produce oversee, encourage and otherwise assist the many churches and ministers, along with choirs and others dedicated to this important means of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Reformed Faith in particular,

Be it resolved that the Presbyterian Church in America, through the Committee on Administration, consider the organization of such an agency, or arm, to serve the churches, ministers, Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, and others within the framework of the PCA who desire to utilize radio and television under PCA auspices, and

Be it further resolved, that this consideration be made as soon as possible and practical.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford Brewton, TE North Georgia Presbytery
James Westlake, RE North Georgia Presbytery

Answered §9-80, III, 17, p. 156

To the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Resolution 2: From TE Frank J. Smith

Whereas, the need for the Gospel in the Northeast United States is very great, and

Whereas, God in His Providence has raised up PCA churches in that area, and

Whereas, PCA ministers have been laboring in that area for over four years, and

Whereas, there are now a sufficient number of men to support a presbytery there, and

Whereas, the corporate consensus of opinion of the men laboring there is such that now is the appropriate time for a presbytery in that area,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the General Assembly erect the Presbytery of the Northeast, effective immediately, with the following boundaries:

In New York: counties of Renselaer, Albany, Schenectady, Greene, Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Westchester; the 5 boroughs of New York City; all of Long Island--counties of Nassau and Suffolk;

In New Jersey: counties of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Sussex, Morris, Essex, Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, Middlesex, and Monmouth;

In Connecticut: Counties of Litchfield, Fairfield, and New Haven; and counties of Middlesex and Hartford west of the Connecticut River;

In Massachusetts: County of Berkshire; and counties of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin west of the Connecticut River.

TE Frank J. Smith
Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

Answered in the negative. §9-35, III, 25, p. 88

To the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

Resolution 3: From TE O. Palmer Robertson

Whereas, debate over certain formulations on the doctrine of justification by faith continues within the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, distinguished reformed scholars such as Martyn Lloyd-Jones, William Hendriksen, Roger Nicole, Meredith G. Kline, Iain Murray, Philip E. Hughes, Morton H. Smith, C. Gregg Singer, W. Stanford Reid, R. C. Sproul, and others have indicated that they feel the Gospel itself may be obscured in these formulations (see attached report*);

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That the Presbyterian Church in America defer action on its invitation to receive the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for a period of three to five years; and

2. That ruling and teaching elders of the Presbyterian Church in America be urged to study the issue, noting that materials related to the discussion may be obtained by writing: Dr. W. Stanford Reid, Box 2070, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046

Respectfully submitted,

O. Palmer Robertson

Ben Wilkinson

Robert J. Ostenson

Frank Barker

Henry M. Hope, Jr.

William J. Stanway

*(Clerk's note: Supporting paper entitled, "Report to the Board of Trustees of Westminster Theological Seminary by the Special Board-Faculty Committee on Justification, Minority Report, May 13, 1980" has not been included in the Minutes. It is on file in the Stated Clerk's Office.)

Answered in the negative. §9-43, III, S, p. 104

Resolution 4: From TE Carl W. Bogue

Whereas, a resolution has come before the Ninth General Assembly recommending to defer action on the OPC application to join the PCA based on one isolated doctrinal issue now being debated within and without the OPC; and

Whereas, from my perspective as fraternal delegate to the OPC General Assembly, that Church has shown itself to be exemplary in their nature, deliberate consideration of the PCA "Invitation" with careful attention given to Scriptural teaching; and

Whereas, Presbytery and General Assembly records will show a like careful and Scriptural attention for the substance of the issue concerning the relation of good works to justification as well as for a concern to honor due process that is unprejudicial; and

Whereas, many, if not all, PCA Teaching Elders have been circularized in a questionable manner, prejudicing the status of a Christian brother without due process; and

Whereas, many scholars of impeccable academic credentials from various Reformed ecclesiastical backgrounds do not concur with the implied and explicit charges of serious doctrinal error on the question of justification (see, for example, attached papers as well as the "Westminster Statement on Justification" mailed to all PCA pastors, copies of which were available at the Assembly. On file in the Stated Clerk's Office); and

Whereas, sabotaging the efforts of "effecting and perfecting one Church among us" is not a constructive or proper way to prosecute concerns about this isolated charge of doctrinal error; and

Whereas, this Assembly should not prejudicially judge a brother without due process, especially when our sister Church is handling the matter with the meticulous deliberation for which that Church is rightly praised;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the resolution from TE O. Palmer Robertson, et al., be denied and that our action on the OPC application to join the PCA not be prejudiced by the selective materials made available to the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carl W. Bogue
 Ascension Presbytery

Answered by reference to action on Resolution 3, §9-43, III, T, p. 103

To the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Resolution 5: From TE David G. K. Howe

Whereas, some confusion exists about whether PCA Church officers are required to embrace each and every statement and doctrine in the Westminster Confessional Standards of our Church,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ninth General Assembly direct the Permanent Committee on Judicial Business to study the following questions and report back to the Tenth General Assembly:

1. Does the second ordination vow require PCA church officers to embrace as Bible truth each and every statement in our Confessional Standards?

2. If not, then what statements in the Confessional Standards are to be regarded as "fundamentals of the system of doctrine", which, if a man should fail to embrace them, would disqualify that man from holding office in the PCA?

3. May a man be lawfully received/ordained/installed within the PCA who rejects either implicitly or explicitly any one of the following doctrines and if so which?

- a. Any one of the so-called "five points of Calvinism"
- b. Sabbath observance as set forth in the Confession
- c. Baptizing only once

4. If a man makes known to his session/presbytery a fundamental change in his doctrinal views, what would be the appropriate action or actions of session/presbytery:

- a. In the case of a ruling elder
- b. In the case of a deacon
- c. In the case of a teaching elder

David G. K. Howe
 Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. §9-65, III, H, 1, p. 131

Resolution 6: From TE Hubert C. Stewart

Whereas, The present Book of Church Order has no provision for our custom of Honorable Retirement of Ministers, and

Whereas, it is necessary for securing annuities, pensions and Social Security benefits,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church amend the Book of Church Order by adding the following paragraph:

24-2 When a Minister in good standing qualifies by reason of age or apparently permanent physical disability, he may request the Presbytery of which he is a member for the status of Honorable Retirement. He retains full privileges belonging to the office of teaching elder, but is relieved of the obligations for regular attendance at church courts. He may serve on committees or commissions if so elected or appointed.

If the above overture is adopted, it would be requested that an appropriate certificate be provided by the Committee on Christian Education and Publications of the General Assembly.

Hubert C. Stewart
 Evangel Presbytery

Answered by action on Resolution 9. §9-65, III, H, 2, p. 131

Resolution 7: From TE Donald B. Patterson

Since our present Book of Church Order inadvertently omitted any statements regarding teaching elders serving in capacities other than that of pastor or evangelist and believing that this is causing confusion and unnecessary embarrassment the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley adopted the attached resolution that is now presented as a personal motion.

Be It Resolved that the Ninth General Assembly direct the Judicial Business Committee to prepare a clarifying statement to be acted on by this General Assembly and referred to the presbyteries for their consideration and to the 10th General Assembly for its concurrence that will speak to the needs of teaching elders serving as professors, administrators, denominational executives, missionaries, students, editors, men without a call to a particular work, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald B. Patterson
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-65, III, J, 1, p. 142

Resolution 8: From TE John C. Neville, Jr.

Whereas, the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, meeting last week at Bonclarken Conference grounds in Flat Rock, North Carolina, received and acted favorably upon the following report of their Ecclesiastical Commission:

"**Whereas**, the Lawndale Church of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery with total disregard for the Constitution and the specific provisions for such action, has renounced the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and

Whereas, such conduct is demeaning to the orderly Presbyterian form of government, and

Whereas, such conduct threatens and undermines fraternal relations between the two denominations,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Synod instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee for the purpose of strongly protesting and commencing dialogue with the Presbyterian Church in America concerning the action of Covenant Presbytery and report back their findings and recommendations to Synod."

Therefore, I humbly request that this General Assembly authorize the appointment of a committee to meet with the ARP's to effect a reconciliation and assure them of our good will. (See §9-43, III, R, p. 103.)

I also humbly request that the Permanent Judicial Committee be asked to rule on the propriety of the Covenant Presbytery receiving the Lawndale congregation before they have fulfilled the ARP's Form of Government procedure for dismissal, and that Covenant Presbytery be required to review their action in so receiving the Lawndale congregation and take any corrective steps necessary in light of the findings of our Permanent Judicial Committee. (See §9-69, J, 1, p. 142.)

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Neville, Jr.
Western Carolinas Presbytery

Resolution 9: From TE Leonard T. Van Horn

Whereas, the Book of Church Order makes no mention of a Minister being honorably retired; and

Whereas, Presbyteries have been honorably retiring ministers as an extra-constitutional act.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the Ninth General Assembly take the

necessary steps to insert into Paragraph 13-8 of the Book of Church Order the following statement: "The Presbytery may designate a minister as Honorably Retired when the minister, by reason of age or infirmity, is no longer able to serve the Church in the active minister of the Gospel. Ministers honorably retired shall ordinarily continue to hold membership in the Presbytery by which they were retired."

Leonard T. Van Horn
Westminster Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative. §9-65, III, H, 3, p. 131

To the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

Resolution 10: From TE Joe C. Gardner, Jr. and TE James L. Long

Whereas, we deplore the taking of human life as an affront to the image of God existing in all men as God's creatures; and

Whereas, we affirm that God's Moral Law is broken in the murder of any man, and

Whereas, we as an Assembly of God's people feel the pain and loss that has occurred in Atlanta, GA, over the past months in the killing of some 28 men and children; and

Whereas, we desire to communicate to the people of Atlanta and to the families of the victims our Christian sympathy and concern; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, through its Stated Clerk, notify within thirty days the news media in the Atlanta area of the passage of the following resolution by the Assembly:

"The Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, June 15-19 wishes to communicate to the City of Atlanta and to the families of the murdered children and young men our Christian concern and sympathy, and do commend you to the greatest comforter, God the Holy Spirit. We also covenant to pray fervently that God will intervene so as to conclude this tragedy and bring to justice those perpetrating these heinous crimes."

Joe Gardner, Jr.
North Georgia Presbytery
James Long
Grace Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-71, III, 1, p. 148

Resolution 12 From TE's James Griffith, Leo Karlburg and RE Val Barleman

Whereas, Chapter 52 BCO on "The Singing of Psalms and Hymns" of the Directory of Worship is not constitutionally binding; and

Whereas, this has been and continues to be a source of debate within Reformed circles; and

Whereas, this deliberative body has not considered this issue;

Therefore, we respectfully request the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America establish an ad-interim committee to investigate the Scriptural evidence and all relevant historical documents to determine if the application of the regulative principle requires the exclusive and non-instrumental use of psalms in public worship.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Griffith, TE
Val. H. Barleman, Jr. RE
Leo Karlburg, TE

Motion to answer in the affirmative defeated. §9-71, III, 2, p. 149

Resolution 13: From TE Richard Adelman

A bill endorsed by living past presidents of the United States has been filed with the Congress of the United States to change Election days from Tuesdays to Sundays.

Scripture requires us to give to Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's. This is a clear case of Caesar claiming what is God's.

Let the Presbytery resolve, and propose as a resolution to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America meeting in Fort Lauderdale, that we on Scriptural principles oppose this intended usurpation of God's prerogatives by the civil magistrate.

TE Richard Adelman
Gulf Coast Presbytery

Answered in the affirmative as amended. §9-71, III, 3, p. 149

ROLLS OF COMMITTEES OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee of Commissioners on Administration

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	RE John C. Daugherty
Calvary	TE Grady Love
Central Carolina	RE J. D. Graham
Central Florida	TE Leonard Bullock
Central Georgia	TE Archie Moore
Covenant	RE Elmo Lamb
Eastern Carolina	TE James G. Edwards
Evangel	TE Langston Haygood
Grace	RE Wexler White
Gulf Coast	TE Lee Trinkle
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	RE Glenn Whaley
New River	
North Georgia	RE William A. Stevenson, Chairman
Pacific	RE Carl Fickling
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE Todd Allen
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Sam Martin, Jr.
Texas	RE Ray A. Sanders
Warrior	RE Brent Church, Brent, AL
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	RE Ivan Ward

Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	TE Daniel H. Perrin
Calvary	RE Charles Evans
Central Carolina	TE Ted Smith
Central Florida	RE Jerry Horn
Central Georgia	
Covenant	TE D. Charles Frost, Chairman
Eastern Carolina	RE William Kennedy
Evangel	RE W. F. Joseph
Grace	TE E. A. Jussely
Gulf Coast	RE Jerry Lloyd
Louisiana	RE Allen Long
Mid-Atlantic	TE George Bringle
Mississippi Valley	TE William Dever
New River	
North Georgia	TE Cecilio N. Lajara
Pacific	TE Kenneth Orr

Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	RE Jules M. Vroon
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE Eugene Hayes
Texas	TE Al LaCour
Warrior	TE Fred Carr
Western Carolinas	RE Phillip Bowser
Westminster	TE Ken Gentry

Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	
Calvary	TE Wallace Tinsley, Chairman
Central Carolina	RE Ross Miller
Central Florida	TE John Buswell
Central Georgia	TE Wayne Curles
Covenant	RE P. D. Johnson
Eastern Carolina	TE James Barr
Evangel	TE Thomas Barnes
Grace	RE J. W. Mangum, Jr.
Gulf Coast	TE Charles W. Gwin, Jr.
Louisiana	TE Chester H. Lanous
Mid-Atlantic	RE Leland Nichols
Mississippi Valley	RE Julius Murray
New River	
North Georgia	RE James R. Westlake
Pacific	
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE G. J. Kuiper
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE David Howe
Texas	RE Harold Tolma
Warrior	RE John Bell
Western Carolinas	TE Stanwood Bean
Westminster	

Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	
Calvary	RE Tony Pepper
Central Carolina	TE Bill Laxton
Central Florida	RE Gray "Joe" Vance
Central Georgia	RE Thurston D. Futch
Covenant	TE Robert S. Hayes
Eastern Carolina	
Evangel	RE Paul Takacs
Grace	TE Charles Cox, Chairman
Gulf Coast	RE T. G. Melson
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	TE Richard Brinkley
Mississippi Valley	TE Mark Lowery
New River	
North Georgia	TE Robert G. Valentine
Pacific	TE William D. McColley
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	RE Jack McDonald
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE Edwin Arnold
Texas	TE James Pancoast
Warrior	RE Tom Irby
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	TE Stanley Hartman

Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	RE George R. Caler
Calvary	TE John Ropp
Central Carolina	RE First Church, Stanley, NC
Central Florida	TE Edwin Black
Central Georgia	TE James P. Campbell, Jr.
Covenant	RE Ron Vandiver
Eastern Carolina	TE David R. Dively
Evangel	TE Bill Hay
Grace	RE George Gulley, Chairman
Gulf Coast	TE Don Darling
Louisiana	TE William E. Frisbee
Mid-Atlantic	RE Joseph Parron
Mississippi Valley	RE Woodrow Benton
New River	
North Georgia	RE Bill Murray
Pacific	RE Charles Bennett
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE Neil M. Gilmour
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Laurie Vidal
Texas	RE Tommy Robinson
Warrior	RE Claude Robertson
Western Carolinas	TE Boyce Spooner
Westminster	RE John Thompson

Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	TE David G. McKay
Calvary	RE Robert McAbee
Central Carolina	TE Jack Bowling
Central Florida	RE Walter Coleman
Central Georgia	RE Henry G. Smith
Covenant	TE R. Dennis Nolen, Jr.
Eastern Carolina	RE Daniel Bendokus
Evangel	RE C. B. Collier
Grace	TE John Ragland
Gulf Coast	RE George McLeod
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	TE John Holmes
Mississippi Valley	TE Charles Chase
New River	
North Georgia	TE Terry Mercer
Pacific	TE Robert B. Brown
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp, Chairman
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE Larry Mick
Texas	TE Chip Jones
Warrior	TE John Robertson
Western Carolinas	RE J. T. Russell
Westminster	TE Leonard Van Horn

Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	RE Charles E. LeSeur
Calvary	TE George Crow
Central Carolina	RE Wilson J. Barbee
Central Florida	TE William Thompson
Central Georgia	TE Ben W. Konopa

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Covenant	RE James Graeber
Eastern Carolina	TE Warren F. Thuston
Evangel	TE Warren Meyers
Grace	RE Terrance B. Flanagan, Chairman
Gulf Coast	TE Steven Bradford
Louisiana	TE Ned Rutland
Mid-Atlantic	RE C. Easley Shelton, Sr.
Mississippi Valley	RE John Sherrod
New River	
North Georgia	RE Jack Yarbrough
Pacific	RE Robert Illman
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE James C. Bland
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Herb Broadwater
Texas	RE Bob Schmitz
Warrior	RE Donnie Henderson
Western Carolinas	TE Roy Davenport
Westminster	TE Jim Jones

Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	TE Arthur C. Broadwick, Chairman
Calvary	RE Carl Barfield
Central Carolina	TE Jack Eubanks
Central Florida	RE James DeJager
Central Georgia	RE Harry Brodmann
Covenant	TE Robert L. Penny
Eastern Carolina	RE Dick Alexander
Evangel	RE George Moss
Grace	TE James Long
Gulf Coast	RE Buddy Sport
Louisiana	RE James F. Davis
Mid-Atlantic	TE Joseph F. Ryan, Jr.
Mississippi Valley	TE Brister Ware
New River	
North Georgia	TE Joseph C. Gardner, Jr.
Pacific	TE Young O. Kim
Philadelphia	RE Howard Perry
Southern Florida	
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE William Smith
Texas	TE John McNicoll
Warrior	TE Tom Kay
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	TE Morse Up De Graff

Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	RE Carl E. Jones
Calvary	TE Jim Hope
Central Carolina	RE Frank Summerville
Central Florida	TE James Saxon
Central Georgia	TE James P. Campbell
Covenant	RE George Giles
Eastern Carolina	TE Denver S. Blevins, Chairman
Evangel	TE Robert Ostenson
Grace	RE E. L. Caston
Gulf Coast	TE Bob Hornick
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	RE Brookes Smith
Mississippi Valley	RE William Carroll
New River	
North Georgia	RE C. Michael Minkoff

Pacific	RE John H. Reick
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE R. Lynn Downing
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Fowler
Texas	RE L. J. Canniff
Warrior	
Western Carolinas	TE Pat McGhan
Westminster	

Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	
Calvary	TE Tony Bryant
Central Carolina	RE Goshin Church, North Belmont, NC
Central Florida	TE Stephen Christian
Central Georgia	TE Joe Novenson, Chairman
Covenant	RE P. A. Yelverton
Eastern Carolina	TE James Workman
Evangel	TE Kerry Hurst
Grace	RE Augustus Clement
Gulf Coast	TE Richard Adelman
Louisiana	TE Thomas A. Roberts
Mid-Atlantic	RE James Brady
Mississippi Valley	RE Erskine Wells
New River	
North Georgia	RE Howard Bowman
Pacific	RE Bellewood Church, Bellevue, WA
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE Richard L. Gil
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Manning, Jr.
Texas	RE Fred Archer
Warrior	RE Linden Church, Linden, AL
Western Carolinas	TE Rodney King
Westminster	

Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven

Presbytery	Commissioner
Ascension	
Calvary	RE Julian A. Reynolds
Central Carolina	TE Al Saleeby
Central Florida	RE Robert Van Fleet
Central Georgia	RE Julian H. Davis
Covenant	TE Ford S. Williams
Eastern Carolina	RE Daniel Bendokas
Evangel	RE Jack Noble
Grace	TE Gerald Morgan
Gulf Coast	RE Herbert Clark
Louisiana	RE M. E. Walton
Mid-Atlantic	TE James Allen
Mississippi Valley	TE Thomas Cook
New River	
North Georgia	TE Billy T. Davies
Pacific	TE Thomas Ramsey
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	RE Edward S. Manning
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE Bob Venable
Texas	TE Dale Smith
Warrior	TE David Russell, Chairman
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	

Presbytery	Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship Commissioner
Ascension	TE Frank Moser
Calvary	RE James Millsap
Central Carolina	TE Samuel McGinn III
Central Florida	RE Hugh Cunningham
Central Georgia	RE Robert N. Bourne
Covenant	TE Charles S. Carroll
Eastern Carolina	RE Charles E. Spaulding
Evangel	RE Hugh Gibson
Grace	TE Robert Schanebeck
Gulf Coast	RE Thomas G. Birr
Louisiana	RE Bob Blaylock
Mid-Atlantic	TE Don Clements, Chairman
Mississippi Valley	TE Wayne Herring
New River	
North Georgia	TE Mitchell Hall
Pacific	TE Peter W. Anderson
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	RE Keith Leslie
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	RE Ted Robinson
Texas	TE Dewey Roberts
Warrlor	TE Bill Rose
Western Carolinas	
Westminster	TE David Osborne

9-11 Assistant Parliamentarian

The Moderator appointed RE W. Jack Williamson assistant parliamentarian for the Ninth General Assembly.

9-12 Adoption of Docket

On motion the docket was adopted as presented with two changes:

1. Moving of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities from Friday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon immediately following the reports of judicial commissions; and

2. Change of the third item Friday morning to read Special Order, not Special Report, - Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

Adopted

9-13 Welcome of Host Presbytery

RE Ralph H. Mittendorff welcomed the Assembly on behalf of the Presbytery of Southern Florida and the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

9-14 Fraternal Delegates

TE G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations, presented of the following fraternal delegates to the Ninth General Assembly.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church TE Robert DeWitt

Orthodox Presbyterian Church TE Edmund P. Clowney
TE LeRoy B. Oliver

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. TE Paul R. Gilchrist

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. TE Bruce C. Stewart

Messrs. DeWitt, Clowney, and Stewart addressed the Assembly, as did also TE William S. Barker of the RPCES, and on motion Messrs. Clowney, Oliver, Barnes, Gilchrist, and Stewart were welcomed as fraternal delegates and granted the privilege of the floor.

In one further action, a resolution from TE John C. Neville, Jr., PCA fraternal delegate to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, including an action of their General Synod, was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations. (\$9-10, p. 61;)

9-15 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

RE Terence B. Flanagan, Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States, presented a partial report of the Committee. The following recommendations were presented.

2. That Communication 2 (\$9-10, p. 27) from the Provisional Presbytery of the Siouxlands be approved, and that the General Assembly now hear the report of the formation of a Provisional Presbytery called Siouxlands in the State of South Dakota. **Adopted**

3. That Communication 3 (\$9-10, p. 28) from the Presbytery of the Southwest be approved. **Adopted**

4. That the General Assembly welcome the Presbytery of the Southwest and the Presbytery of Philadelphia, both of which were approved by the Eighth General Assembly, and the Presbytery of the Siouxlands into the family of the Presbyterian Church in America. **Adopted**

9-16 Resolutions Received and Referred

Seven personal resolutions were received and referred as follows:

1. From TE Stanwood L. Bean, to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration (\$9-10, p. 58);

2. From TE Frank J. Smith, to the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States (\$9-10, p. 59);

3. From TE O. Palmer Robertson et al, to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations (\$9-10, p. 59);

4. From TE Carl W. Bogue, Jr., to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations (\$9-10, p. 59);

5. From TE David G. K. Howe, to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business (\$9-10, p. 60);

6. From TE Leonard T. Van Horn, to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business (\$9-10, p. 62); and

7. From TE Joe C. Gardner Jr. and TE James L. Long, to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures (\$9-10, p. 62).

9-17 Recess

The docket having been extended twice, the Assembly recessed following announcements at 5:15 p.m. and was led in prayer by TE Donald B. Patterson.

MINUTES--MONDAY EVENING

June 15, 1981

Second Session

9-18 Evening Worship

At 7:30 p.m. Monday evening the Assembly reconvened for a worship service under the direction of the Local Arrangements Committee.

**CORAL RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

June 15, 1981 - 7:30 P.M.

THE PREPARATION	- Matthew 28:19,20
THE CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIPKenneth VanderKodde
THE PRELUDEDiane Bish
THE CHORAL INTROIT	
"Sing to the Lord a New Song"Roger McMurrin
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE	
"Now Thank We All Our God"No. 86
THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER	
"Lord's Prayer"Diane Bish
THE INTERLUDE	

THE APOSTLES' CREED
 THE GLORIA PATRI
 THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES - Genesis 1:28
 THE ANTHEM
 "Upon This Rock".....John Ness Beck
 THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE.....Rev. C. M. Colclasure
 THE HYMN OF PREPARATION
 "Psalm 100".....No. 1
 THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
 THE SERMON
 "God's Purpose for His Church".....Dr. D. James Kennedy
 THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
 "Now the Day Is Over"
 THE POSTLUDE.....Diane Bish

MINUTES--TUESDAY MORNING

June 16, 1981

Third Session

9-19 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday with prayer by TE Luder G. Whitlock, Jr., the prayer including a special request for TE John Q. Hall, Jr., a commissioner undergoing foot surgery later in the morning due to an accident Monday evening, and praise to God for the successful heart surgery undergone by TE Donald J. MacNair of the RPCES on Monday.

9-20 Committee of Thanks Appointed

The Moderator appointed the following commissioners to the Committee of Thanks: TE Leonard M. Bullock, Convener, TE Hal E. McNeely, RE George H. Gulley, Jr., and RE Jules M. Vroon.

9-21 Fraternal Delegate

TE G. Aiken Taylor presented the name of RE Joel Belz as a substitute for fraternal delegate TE Marion D. Barnes of the RPCES, whom the Assembly had approved the previous afternoon. On motion Mr. Belz was welcomed as a fraternal delegate, seated, and given the privilege of the floor.

9-22 Commissioner Orientation

The Stated Clerk and the Assistant Parliamentarian conducted a brief review of Assembly operations and procedures for the benefit of the commissioners.

9-23 Partial Report of Committee of Commissioners on Administration

RE William A. Stevenson, Jr., Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the following recommendation as a partial report of the Committee:

- 12. That the "Rules for Assembly Operations" be amended as follows:
 - a. Amend item 10-3 by adding:
 - (5) When it is necessary to postpone action on the completion of a report for some subsequent action of the Assembly, such as the approval of the budgets, or other special items, the report shall be approved as a whole pending the completion of these other items. At the time that the other items come to the floor, only these matters may be considered by the Assembly, since the report as a whole will have already been adopted.
 - b. Amend item XI by adding a new item XI as follows, the present XI to become item XII:

XI. ELECTION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES OF THE ASSEMBLY

11-1. The Assembly's Nominating Committee as provided for in BCO, 14-1, shall present its nominations to the Assembly through the Commissioner's Handbook or Supplement. This presentation shall include a brief statement regarding each nominee.

11-2. Additional nominations may be made in writing on forms supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. The nominee is to give consent to only one nomination. The deadlines for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the second day of the Assembly. The Clerk's office shall issue a supplement to the Assembly's Nominating Committee report during the third day's business sessions.

11-3. The time for the election shall be docketed as a special order. Only those commissioners present or on the floor of the Assembly shall be eligible to vote. The voting procedures may be conducted either by use of standing vote, or by use of ballots provided by the Stated Clerk's office.

Adopted

9-24 Communication Concerning Aid for Reformed Church of Zimbabwe

A communication from the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church concerning aid for the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World. (§9-10, pp. 33-37)

9-25 Division of Previously-received Resolution

Resolution 8 from TE John C. Neville regarding the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church already received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations was re-referred in two parts: the first part to remain as originally referred and the latter referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business. (§9-10, p. 61).

9-26 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the first and second sessions were approved as read to the Assembly, with editorial emendations.

9-27 Program of Committee on Mission to the United States

TE James M. Baird, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Mission to the United States, introduced the Committee's program, which included an address by TE Luder G. Whitlock, Jr. and a new slide presentation, "To the Next Towns".

9-28 Personal Resolution

TE Hubert C. Stewart presented a personal resolution which was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business. (§9-10, p. 60)

9-29 Reports of Judicial Cases Adjudicated

The reports of judicial commissions previously appointed were considered ad seriatum.

**I. COMMISSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADJUDICATE THE CASE OF
ROD MAYS VS. NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY**

TE Rodney T. King, Chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the following commission report. The statement of the case and the judgment rendered, as submitted by the commission, were on motion approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and

ordered entered on the minutes as follows.

Adopted

The Commission met at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn, 1377 Virginia Ave., East Point, Ga., near the Atlanta Airport.

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:10 a.m.

Members of the commission present:

TE Joseph H. Armsfield, Jr.	Eastern Carolina
RE Wilson J. Barbee	Central Carolina
TE Frank D. Boswell	Central Florida
TE Edwin E. Cunningham, Jr.	North Georgia
RE A. H. Gibson	Evangel
RE William C. Hayes	Mid-Atlantic
TE William C. Hughes	Mississippi Valley
TE Rodney T. King	Western Carolinas
RE T. G. Melson	Gulf Coast
RE William J. Montgomery	South West
TE H. R. Patterson	Calvary
TE Thomas E. Ramsey	Texas
TE Thomas H. Rayside	Southern Florida
TE Thomas A. Roberts	Covenant
RE Henry G. Smith, Jr.	Central Georgia
RE John G. Thompson	Westminster
TE Steve Wilkins	Grace

Visitors present:

TE Rod S. Mays	New River
TE Michael Bolus	New River

Communications:

1. New River Presbytery's minutes of August 16, 1980.

Business:

A motion was made and seconded to receive the correction noted in the minutes on page one of New River Presbytery's minutes of August 16, 1980, as a correction of the record of the case. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded to go out of executive session and hear from the parties of the case. Carried.

The procedure outlined in BCO was then followed:

1. The appellant, Rod Mays, gave an opening argument.
2. The respondent, Michael Bolus, gave a statement in behalf of New River Presbytery.
3. Members of the court directed questions to both parties in order to clarify the record of the case.
4. The appellant, Rod Mays, gave a closing argument.
5. The court went into executive session, and each member of the court in consecutive order expressed his opinion.
6. The vote was then taken on the question, "Shall this specification of error be sustained?" Vote 9 for, 8 against.
7. The following minute explanatory of the previous action was adopted:
 - a. Neither procedures found in BCO 32-2, 32-7 nor 39-1 in reference to the matter of public offense were complied with. Carried, 17-0.
 - b. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministers and Candidates did not make its report regarding this matter though prepared to do same. Carried, 16-1.
 - c. The minutes of the entire Presbytery's proceedings in this matter were not properly recorded. Carried, 16-1.

There was a motion to adjourn. Carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rodney T. King, Chairman;
 Edwin E. Cunningham, Jr., Secretary.

II. COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HANDLE A REFERENCE BY GULF COAST PRESBYTERY AND AN APPEAL BY VICTOR LOCKMAN VS. GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

TE Thomas A. Cook, Chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the following commission report. The statement of the case and the judgment rendered, as submitted by the Commission, were on motion approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and ordered entered on the Minutes as follows. **Adopted**

The Assembly also on motion voted to receive the protests of RE Edward S. Mathes and TE Harold Borchert and spread them on record. **Adopted**

MEETING OF JUNE 19, 1980

The Commission met at the Savannah Ramada Inn with a quorum present consisting of:

Teaching Elders: Borchert, Cook, Kay, McGown, Patteson, Roberts, Settle and Smartt.

Ruling Elders: Bailey, Mathes, Robeson, Smith, Williamson, and Zetterholm.

Absent: Wilson Barbee, George Caler and Gordon Reed.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the convener Paul Settle. By Commission action Tom Cook was elected Chairman and Tom Kay was elected Secretary.

Jack Williamson explained the case briefly and stated that he had advised the Presbytery to send this entire matter to the General Assembly as a reference for final disposition (BCO 42-1, 2, 3).

Paul Settle and Jack Williamson asked the Commission to accept their resignations because of the position of Mr. Settle as General Assembly Moderator and of the past knowledge and part in the case of Mr. Williamson.

A motion to recommend to the General Assembly that both be allowed to withdraw from this Commission passed.

By motion the Commission instructed the secretary to go through the "record of the case" removing duplicate pages and putting the balance in chronological order. The members of the Commission were instructed to read the complete "record of the case" and to await further instructions and/or the date of the next meeting of the Commission.

A motion to recess until the call of the chairman passed. The meeting was closed with prayer by Kennedy Smartt.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1980

The Commission met at the call of the chairman at Ridge Haven, Rosman, N.C., at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Teaching Elders: Borchert, Cook, Kay, King, McGown, Patteson, Roberts.

Ruling Elders: Barbee, Caler, Joseph, Gibson, Mathes, Robeson, and Smith.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. He then read from the Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly (pp. 47, 48, 51, 62 - par. 8-13), such portions as have to do with the Lockman case. He then summarized the major points as placed in the hands of the Commission as both appeals and references but as far as the BCO is concerned none is proper as appeals, complaints or references; that the first thing the Commission must do is decide as a Commission just how to handle the various matters in this case, whether as an appeal, or a complaint, or a reference or as administrative actions.

A motion was made that the appeal to the General Assembly be found improper as an appeal and not to be considered as such by this Commission

A motion was made that the appeal to the General Assembly be found improper as an appeal and not to be considered as such by this Commission (Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly, Item D, page 47). This motion was defeated. The clerk was, however, instructed to include it in the record.

By motion it was decided that the Commission consider the action of the McIlwain Session (Ruling and Teaching Elders) and of the Gulf Coast Presbytery against Mr. Lockman; that the Commission fully investigate said case on the grounds of BCO 40-5; 41-1; 42-1; 43-1 and the General Assembly's instructions (Minutes Eighth General Assembly, 8-13, p. 62).

A motion was made and passed that the Commission proceed to review evidence and testimony dealing with the case in chronological order of involvement (as appears in the record of the case) and to respond specifically to the appeal and reference after the review of adequate data. Ed Mathes asked that his negative vote be registered both on calling the question and on the action taken.

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The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:30 A.M. and opened with a devotional based on Isaiah 6, led by Taylor McGown, and followed by prayer.

The minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read and approved with minor corrections. This was followed by a general and extensive discussion of the procedures to be followed.

By motion it was determined that the records reflect the fact that all members of the Commission have read the record of the case.

George McGuire, Stated Clerk of the Gulf Coast Presbytery, was asked to produce some minutes thought relevant to the case. These were received and the chairman read excerpts from them. Reference was also made to the minutes of December 1, 1979. In the record of the case, these were not immediately available but were made so later.

HEARING THE WITNESSES

SESSION MATTERS

At this point the witnesses were called in.

The chairman made an opening statement concerning how the case would be handled. The witnesses accepted the stipulation that all members of the Commission read the 'record of the case'. The chairman then opened the hearing with prayer and quoted "As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ, so walk ye in Him" urging all concerned to accept this as the standard for the hearing.

The chairman then instructed the witnesses exactly how to proceed; hearing first everything relative to the Sessional actions, then directing our attention to the acts of the Presbytery.

Chairman Cook then exhorted the witnesses to remember that this is a court of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ; that we would not be rehearing what we already had in the record; there would not be any new evidence introduced and no personal attacks permitted. They were told that the time allotted was for them to 'argue the case'.

The first witness was the appellant, Mr. Victor Lockman. He was allowed twenty minutes to speak.

The second witness was Rev. Don Dunkerley. He, too, was allowed twenty minutes to speak.

Mr. Lockman was then allowed five minutes for rebuttal.

Questions were directed to the witnesses by various members of the Commission. This brought to a close the hearing on the Sessional portion of the case.

PRESBYTERY MATTERS

The portion of the case involving the Gulf Coast Presbytery was then introduced. The first witness was Mr. Lockman who was again allotted twenty minutes for his arguments. The second witness, George McGuire, Clerk of the Presbytery, was given the same amount of time. Mr. Lockman was then given five minutes for rebuttal. Questions were then directed to the witnesses by Commission members.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Then, that portion of the case not properly handled as an appeal or a reference was considered as the Administrative phase of the case. The Commission members asked questions of the witnesses involved.

The Chair thanked Messrs. Dunkerley and McGuire for their cooperation and attendance and their fine spirit and excused them with the understanding that they should be available for more questions later.

Additional questions were asked of Mr. Lockman after which he, too, was thanked for his cooperation, attendance, and fine spirit; he then was excused. The Commission then went into executive session to consider the case.

MILETUS CHURCH

The matter of the Miletus Church was discussed. A motion was made that Mr. Lockman's membership in that church not be discussed. This motion failed with Mr. Mathes asking that his positive vote be recorded.

Mr. Lockman was invited to return to the court for further questioning. He was asked specifically to explain his involvement with the Miletus Church; when that involvement began, and why he believed it to be a church. After the Commission was satisfied in this matter Mr. Lockman was again excused.

By mutual consent, the court agreed to have a general discussion on the entire matter before us until the lunch hour twenty minutes later. By mutual agreement it was decided that after lunch we would go into executive session once again and take action as necessary and appropriate to resolve the case.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair put the question... "Shall the appeal of Mr. Lockman against the action of the Gulf Coast Presbytery be sustained?" (p. 47-48, Minutes of the 8th General Assembly) RE: Serious, irregularities in the proceedings of the Gulf Coast Presbytery meeting of October 13, 1979, held at the Warrington Church, Pensacola, Florida. It was sustained by action of the Commission.

Shall (part 11, page 47) (quoted above) be sustained? It was sustained. Item 10k(3-10) of the Docket of the May Stated Meeting of the Gulf Coast Presbytery as enumerated below was next to be dealt with by the Commission.

(3) The February 1, 1979, letter of complaint to Presbytery concerning actions of the McIlwain Session and Rev. Donald Dunkerley. Letter by Mrs. Jean Lockman.

(4) Complaint to Presbytery, February 3, 1979, against actions taken by the McIlwain Session against Mr. Lockman, by member T. J. Roth.

(5) Letter of protest, February 27, 1979, about circularization of Presbytery. Letter by Mr. Roth.

(6) Unofficial complaint about the pastoral letter sent by the McIlwain Church in their mass mailing. Complaint made by Mr. Don Baker, a McIlwain member.

(7) March 26, 1979, letter of complaint about circularization and the above mentioned pastoral letter, made by McIlwain member Mr. John Robertson.

(8) Letter of April 18, 1979, protesting the failure of Mr. Dunkerley and the McIlwain Session to fulfill Matthew 18 and the BCO 35-3.

(9) Thirty-one or so other communications received in the Clerk's office dealing with the Lockman, Dunkerley/McIlwain case.

(10) Petition to Presbytery for "Advice and Help" from Mr. Victor Lockman.

It was moved and carried to sustain Par. 1, Item No. 10k 3 of said letter charging the Session of the McIlwain Church of grievously ignoring their pastoral care over the Lockman family.

It was moved and carried to sustain Item No. 10k 4 and that it be answered with reference to the other actions of this Commission.

Item No. 10k 5 was answered by pointing to the fact that the Presbytery took cognizance of this matter and acted upon it as recorded in its minutes of October 13, 1979, p. 67.

Item No. 10k 6. This complaint was found to be improperly before this Commission and not in order.

Item No. 10k 7. This complaint was found to be out of order and not properly before this Commission (BCO 43-1) because Mr. Robertson is not a member of a PCA church.

Item No's. 10k 8, 9 & 10 were received as information by this Commission.

EXPLANATION AND INSTRUCTION WITH REGARD TO THE APPEAL OF MR. LOCKMAN

By motion it was determined that the Appeal of October 13, 1979 (reference to Gulf Coast Presbytery, reference to the McIlwain Session) which was forwarded to the General Assembly was dealt with as an appeal by the Commission due to the action of the lower courts in referring to it as an appeal. However, we find that it is in fact, a complaint against the Session for the following reasons: BCO 42-2. Mr. Lockman never did have a regular trial.

On motion made and passed as a minute-explanatory to the appeal we find that Mr. Lockman's resignation from McIlwain Session and congregation (church roll) was acted upon improperly by the Session.

By motion it was determined that Mr. Lockman was found to be out of order in insisting on a trial, "open to the congregation" (BCO 32-3, 33-2) i.e. in the presence of the congregation in view of BCO requiring only that cases in process be laid before the Session or Presbytery.

It was moved that Mr. Lockman is to be admonished as a slanderer of the brethren, I Tim. 5:19-21. Mr. Lockman did make serious accusations in his letter of January 18, 1979 to the Session and the congregation of the McIlwain Church such as:

(1) "Session behaves itself lawlessly in many spheres of activity."

(2) "I personally will not voluntarily submit to the lawless actions of lawless men, whether in an alley at night or in the dark corner of a closed ecclesiastical tribunal such as the officers of McIlwain propose."

(3) "The session has no right to maintain technical and legalistic dominion over the Lockman family." Motion passed.

His failure to show probable cause for these charges is the basis of this action by the Commission.

MR. DUNKERLEY

By motion it was determined that Mr. Dunkerley was found to have made serious accusations against Mr. Lockman and he is hereby admonished as a slanderer of a brother on the basis of such charges as these:

Pastoral letter of February 13, 1979,..."That Lockman was promoting a system of unscriptural legalistic bondage."(pg.2), "Mr. Lockman's opinions are false and dangerous interpretations of scripture,"(pg.3), and, "Although Mr. Lockman once appeared to me to be a very orthodox sheep, his subsequent manner and my subsequent knowledge of his beliefs, activities and practices now compel me to a very different conclusion."(pg.4). (The unmistakable implication of this statement against the backdrop of Acts 20 which was quoted in the same paragraph is that Mr. Lockman is no longer to be considered a sheep but a wolf) and then, "church in turmoil because of the beliefs and practices of Victor E. Lockman" (pg.1); "That he was withholding money from the government," (pg.2). On page 3 Mr. Dunkerley characterizes Mr. Lockman's defense posture as a steady series of demands, attacks and fights.

THE PRESBYTERY (GULF COAST)

On motion made and carried the Presbytery was rebuked for being derelict in its duty by:

- (1) Failing to exercise proper oversight of the "Peace and purity" of member churches under its care.
- (2) In not dealing promptly and decisively with judicial matters brought to them.
- (3) In allowing parties involved in judicial process to sit and vote contrary to BCO and common justice.

MELLWAIN SESSION

It was moved that the Commission recognizes the irregularities on the part of the Mellwain Session such as:

- (1) BCO 46-5 and 27-5. Steps a-d must be followed in proper sequence for the exercise of discipline.
- (2) Acting on the resignation improperly, 24-6. Not conferring with Mr. Lockman prior to the acceptance of his resignation and is, therefore, issued a strong admonition to henceforth proceed in all matters according to the BCO and in the spirit of Christian love.

Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

By motion it was determined that since the Mellwain Church Session acted improperly in deleting Mr. Victor E. Lockman's name from the church roll, the action is hereby invalidated. This invalidation action automatically restores Mr. Lockman to the Mellwain Church roll and to the same status of suspended Ruling Elder as existed at the time of deletion. However, in view of the provision of BCO 38-4 and the fact that Mr. Lockman at the time of the deletion of his name was, and still is, a member of the Miletus Church, Inc.(ref. his letter of October 1, 1980 to the Chairman and to his testimony before this Commission), it is not considered proper or in order for him to be continued on the church roll. Therefore, under the provisions of BCO 38-4, Mr. Lockman's name is hereby deleted from the Mellwain Church roll.

It was moved that the Session of the Mellwain Church be rebuked for their willful failure to provide records and representatives to this Commission.

Motion Passed.

A motion was made and passed to recommend that the Permanent Judicial Committee be instructed to prepare operating procedures through which lower courts may receive timely judicial advice on matters pending before them.

**PROTEST OF RULING ELDER EDWARD S. MATHES AGAINST
THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ADJUDICATING THE LOCKMAN CASE**

Under the provisions of BCO 45-2, I, the undersigned, Edward S. Mathes, member of the General Assembly Commission for the Lockman Appeal Case and the referenced Lockman/Mellwain/Dunkerley matters (Item D, p. 47 & 48, and Item F, p. 51, and Par. 8-13, Item 1, p. 62, M8GA) do hereby submit the following protest to the General Assembly Stated Clerk and respectfully request that it be made a part of the Report furnished the General Assembly by the Commission.

Making this protest is extremely distasteful to me as I dislike to find fault with the actions of my Christian brothers. However, the Commission, in my opinion, has acted improperly in a number of ways and I feel that it is my duty as a Commission member to protest against these irregularities. I assure my Christian brothers that my protest is against their actions and judgments only, and that I have the highest regard for them as persons and fellow believers.

As can be seen, this protest is lengthy. Even though lengthy, it covers only the major irregularities. Those of a minor nature are not included.

One of the major deficiencies of the Commission's Report is that it does not contain a summary of the pertinent facts involved in the lengthy Appeal Case and the numerous related referenced matters. As a result, it is not possible to determine exactly and completely from the Report what matters the Commission investigated and handled. Consequently, the Report loses much of its meaning and understandability. In addition, the formulation of this protest is made difficult due to there being no ready means for making reference to the facts involved.

Another major deficiency in the Report is the lack of specifics relative to the irregularities listed in the findings. In fairness to the individuals and courts concerned, the irregularities listed in the findings should have been stated in detail rather than in broad and general terms. Also, the lack of specifics causes the Report to lose much of its value as a deterrent against the same irregularities occurring elsewhere.

In the interest of clarity, some of the details of the reasons for the impropriety considerations shown below are given in an Attachment hereto.

I protest the following improper actions, findings, judgments, and omissions of the Commission:

1. The preparation of the Commission's Report to GA was improper as follows:

- a. In its final form, the Report was never approved by the Commission or furnished the Commission members for approval. In fact, in its final form, the Report was never furnished the Commission members at all. I was mailed a copy (at my special request) at the time the Report was being mailed to the GA Stated Clerk on 4/13/81.
- b. After The Report in its initial form ("Minutes") was submitted to the Commission members for approval, material changes and revisions were made in, and a comment added, to the supposedly direct quotes attributed to Mr. Lockman and Mr. Dunkerley (see MR. LOCKMAN and MR. DUNKERLEY sections of Report). The Commission members never saw these changes and revisions and comment before the Report was transmitted to the GA Stated Clerk.
- c. Two major motions included in the Report as properly passed were brought before the Commission for the first and only time by mail, which procedure precluded discussion and debate and afforded no opportunity for amending or substituting for the new motions. One

of these motions invalidated the improper deletion from roll action of the Session (thus automatically restoring Mr. Lockman to the Roll) and then deleted his name from the roll (see par. 7 below). The other motion pertained to alleged improprieties in a tax matter judicial process against Mr. Lockman (see par's 5c and 5d below).

- d. The Chairman by letter of 4/1/81 advised the Commission members that the mail vote had passed one and rejected one of the two new motions. Nevertheless, both motions are included in the Report as having been passed. These two motions are also erroneously shown in the Report as one motion (see motion beginning with line 1 under ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS section of Report). The second part of the motion shown (tax matter judicial process) is the motion that was reported rejected.
 - e. It is my understanding that, as a result of my pointing out to the Chairman the erroneous inclusion of the rejected motion in the Report, the rejected motion will be deleted from the Report by means of the supplement to the Commissioner's Handbook. However, at this writing, the rejected motion is in the Report as stated.
2. The Commission acted improperly relative to Mr. Lockman as follows:
 - a. It incorrectly found, on the basis of BCO 32-3 and 33-2, that Mr. Lockman was "out of order in insisting on a trial 'open to the congregation'(BCO 32-3, 33-2) i.e., in the presence of the congregation," and incorrectly admonished him for so doing. Mr. Lockman's wording was "open trial" only, and not as stated in the Report. BCO 32-3 and 33-2 have no bearing whatsoever on whether trials are to be "open" or "closed". The entire BCO in no way precludes or prohibits an "open trial". Mr. Lockman was within his rights in requesting such a trial.
 - b. It used an incomplete and partial quote from Mr. Lockman's letter of 1/18/79 as part of its basis for finding that Mr. Lockman slandered the Session (see Item (3) of the Lockman quotes).
 - c. It incorrectly used I Tim. 5:19-21 as part of its basis for finding that Mr. Lockman slandered the Session. This Scripture does not mention slander and pertains only to accusations in general.
 - d. It incorrectly found that Mr. Lockman did not show probable cause for his charges against the Session in his letter of 1/18/79, and used this incorrect finding as a basis for finding that Mr. Lockman slandered the Session. Mr. Lockman's letter gave many reasons for his charges, which were not formal charges as referred to in BCO 31-9 as requiring probable cause to be shown.
 - e. It incorrectly found that Mr. Lockman slandered the Session in his letter of 1/18/79, and incorrectly admonished him therefor. Mr. Lockman's accusations were made "to" and not "about" the Session and were not "spread". The Commission should have admonished him for using improper language against fellow Christians and for being disrespectful to the Session, but not for slander.
 - f. It did not admonish Mr. Lockman for the intemperate and belligerent manner in which he made all of his numerous complaints, and for complaining relative to aspects of his tax matter judicial process before completion of the process.
 3. The Commission acted improperly relative to Mr. Dunkerley as follows:
 - a. It used inaccurate, partial, broken, and erroneous quotes, taken out of context from Mr. Dunkerley's pastoral letter of 2/13/79 as a basis for finding that Mr. Dunkerley slandered Mr. Lockman.
 - b. It incorrectly found that Mr. Dunkerley slandered Mr. Lockman in his pastoral letter of 2/13/79, and incorrectly admonished him therefor. The statements in the letter are not slander in that they appear to be true and there is no indication of any intent by Mr. Dunkerley to do harm.

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- c. It did not admonish Mr. Dunkerley for not complying with Presbytery's instructions of 2/3/79 that "all parties are not to circularize the court" (his pastoral letters constituted his non-compliance), and for aggravating controversial personal matters within his congregation by publicizing them in his pastoral letters.
 - d. It did not admonish Mr. Dunkerley, the Moderator of the McIlwain Session, for violating BCO 39-2 by sitting, deliberating, and voting in Presbytery when Presbytery was considering an appeal and complaints (not considered concurrently) against actions of the McIlwain Session and against Mr. Dunkerley individually.
4. The Commission acted improperly relative to the Gulf Coast Presbytery as follows:
- a. It rebuked the Presbytery for failing to exercise proper oversight of the "peace and purity" of the member churches under its care, but did not give specifics as to its failure. Also, the word "churches" used in the rebuke was improper as the Commission investigated matters pertaining to only one church.
 - b. It did not give specifics when it rebuked the Presbytery for not dealing promptly and decisively with judicial matters.
 - c. It did not give specifics when it rebuked the Presbytery for allowing parties involved in judicial process to sit and vote contrary to the BCO and common justice.
 - d. It did not rebuke the Presbytery for failing to handle promptly, and to a conclusion, numerous complaints properly communicated to the Presbytery.
 - e. It did not rebuke the Presbytery for improperly allowing, solely on Mr. Lockman's request, the original complaint of 2/1/79 relative to the Session's deletion action against Mr. Lockman (filed and signed by Mr. Lockman and 6 other persons) to be changed to an appeal when Mr. Lockman himself was not entitled to either a complaint or an appeal.
5. The Commission acted improperly relative to the McIlwain Session as follows:
- a. It did not state all the specific reasons as to why the Session's action in deleting Mr. Lockman's name from the roll under BCO 46-5 was improper (see par. 2 of Attachment).
 - b. It did not admonish the Session relative to a Session Committee of three Elders (H.F. Taylor, W. R. Clay, and R. Myers) not being open and frank in its visit of 1/30/79 to Mrs. Lockman and her two sons for the purpose of discussing with them their requests for removal of their names from the church roll (request made jointly with Mr. Lockman's similar request). Although Mr. Lockman was present, and although the Session had already removed his name from the roll of 1/27/79, and although Mr. Lockman had not yet received the Session's notification letter of 1/29/79, during the one hour visit the Committee did not make any mention of Mr. Lockman's already having been removed from the roll.
 - c. It did not give specifics when it rebuked the Session for being inordinately slow in the tax matter judicial process against Mr. Lockman (see Item (1) near end of Report and par's. 1c, 1d, and 1e above.);
 - d. It rebuked the Session relative to the substance of tax matter charges (judicial process) against Mr. Lockman when the record does not show the specifics of such charges, no charges were ever presented to Mr. Lockman, Mr. Lockman received no trial, Mr. Lockman was not cited to appear for trial, and the record does not show that any charges were ever finalized or formulated (see Items (2) and (3), near end of Report and par's 1c, 1d, and 1e above).

- e. It did not admonish the Session for Session members violating BCO 39-2 by sitting, deliberating, and voting in Presbytery when Presbytery was considering an appeal against the Session and complaints against the Session and Mr. Dunkerley.
6. The Commission acted improperly in not rebuking and admonishing the Presbytery and the Session alike, as they were equally guilty in their irregularities and neglects. The Presbytery was "rebuked" in all instances while the Session was "admonished" in all instances except one "rebuke".
7. The Commission acted improperly in invalidating the improper deletion action of the Session, thereby automatically restoring Mr. Lockman to the Mellwain Church roll, and then deleting his name from the roll because of his membership in the Miletus Church, Inc. (see 1st motion under ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS section of Report; pars. 1c, 1d, and 1e above; and par. 3 of Attachment).
8. The Commission acted improperly in its meeting of November 13-14, 1980, as follows:
 - a. Despite the provisions of BCO 42-2 (only those who have submitted to a regular trial are entitled to an appeal) and the fact that Mr. Lockman received no trial, the Commission declined to declare his appeal improper and heard it as being in order (see 1st motion, 11/13/80 mtg section of Report).
 - b. Despite Presbytery's minutes of 12/1/79 showing Mr. Lockman's appeal of 10/19/79 to GA as not being included in the matters referenced to GA, despite the appeal of 10/19/79 having already automatically transferred Mr. Lockman's appeal case to GA, and despite the fact that BCO 41-1 indicates that matters referenced must be pending before the lower court, the Commission considered Mr. Lockman's appeal case as a referenced matter and handled it as such (see 2nd motion, 11/13/80 mtg section of Report).
 - c. Although the Chairman stated that Mr. Lockman's appeal was not in order as an appeal and that his appeal case was not a proper matter to be referenced (see 2nd par., 11/13/80 mtg section of Report), the Commission declined to correct the obvious errors of GA in declaring these matters in order and proper. The Commission did not feel it would be proper to do so. It is considered that, under the provisions of BCO 15-1 and the authority given the Commission by GA "to make final disposition of the matter," the Committee was acting for GA and should have corrected the GA errors instead of compounding them, and it was the Commission's duty to do so. After correcting these errors, the Commission could have properly handled the matters to a conclusion under BCO 40-5 (see f below).
 - d. The Commission, after hearing Mr. Lockman's appeal as an appeal, improperly declared it to be a complaint and thereafter considered it as such, despite BCO 43-1 which indicates that only a communing member is entitled to a complaint (Mr. Lockman was a non-member as a result of the Session's deletion action) (see beginning with line 1 under MR. LOCKMAN section of Report).
 - e. In view of its previous action of declining to declare the appeal improper despite BCO 42-2 (see a above), the Commission, by declaring the appeal to be a complaint because of BCO 42-2, contradicted itself.
 - f. The Commission declined to handle Mr. Lockman's appeal case under BCO 40-5, General Review and Control, which was the only proper way that the matter could have been handled.
 - g. By not following prescribed BCO procedures in its meeting of November 13-14, 1980, and thereby violating the BCO, the Commission committed the same irregularity for which it strongly admonished the Mellwain Session (see Item (2) under Mellwain section of Report).

ATTACHMENT TO PROTEST

1. This Attachment gives additional details of some of the matters referred to in the basic part of this protest.
2. Reference paragraph 5a of the basic part of this protest. The Commission's admonishment of the McIlwain Session (see McILWAIN SESSION section of the Report) did not include all the specific improper actions which the Session took when it improperly deleted Mr. Lockman's name from the church roll under BCO 46-5. The Session should also have been specifically admonished for:
 - a. Declining to recognize Mr. Lockman's withdrawal of his Session resignation and his request for removal of his name from the church roll.
 - b. Declining to allow Mr. Lockman his right to be present at the Session meeting at which his resignation from Session was accepted and his name deleted from the church roll, although he had requested that he be invited to be present.
 - c. Using Mr. Lockman's request for removal from roll (which was withdrawn) as one of its bases for removal action under BCO 46-5. BCO 46-5 does not pertain to requests for removal from roll in any way whatsoever and, therefore, his request was not a proper basis for action under BCO 46-5. The other basis used (Mr. Lockman's allegedly letting it be known in his letter of 1/18/79 that he had no intention of fulfilling his church vows) would have been a proper basis, provided the action had been taken with judicial process (trial).
 - d. Deleting Mr. Lockman's name from the church roll (a disciplinary action) under BCO 46-5 without judicial process (trial). BCO 46-5 does not provide for this action to be taken without judicial process (trial) nor is such action listed in BCO Chapter 38 as a "case without process". Disciplinary action requires judicial process (trial) unless the action is specifically excepted from process. The reference to BCO 27-5 in BCO 46-5 further indicates that judicial process (trial) is required for taking disciplinary action under BCO 46-5. Also, a primary basis of the original complaint on Mr. Lockman's behalf (changed to an appeal) was that the Session's action in removing Mr. Lockman from the roll under BCO 46-5 was improper because he was not afforded a trial. This is another reason why the Commission should have made a specific finding relative to the action of the Session in deleting Mr. Lockman's name from the roll being improper because it was effected without judicial process (trial).
3. Reference paragraph 7 of the basic part of this protest. The Commission's invalidation and deletion actions referred to in paragraph 7 of the basic part of this protest were effected by the motion shown beginning with line 1 under the ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS section of the Report. The following comments are made relative to this motion and the actions affected thereby:
 - a. This is one of the two motions that was improperly submitted to the Commission members by mail for approval (see par's. 1c, 1d, and 1e of basic part of protest.)
 - b. This motion accomplished the desired result but not in the proper manner for the following reasons:
 - (1) Both restoration to roll (by the invalidation action) and deletion from the roll were accomplished by the Commission. Both of these actions, under BCO 12-5, are duties and prerogatives of the Session.
 - (2) Since the Session improperly removed Mr. Lockman from the Roll, the Session properly should be the agency to effect restoration to roll and thereby correct its improper action.

- (3) Use of the Miletus Church, Inc. information by the Commission is considered improper. This information was not a part of the record of the case as referred to the Commission in June 1980, and did not come to the attention of the Commission until July 1980, when a portion of it received newspaper publication. It does not pertain to the appeal case in any way and has no bearing on the improper action of the Session. Action on this information is proper only at Session level and only after final disposition of this case.
- c. Instead of the actions effected by this motion, the Commission, after declaring the deletion action of the Session improper, should have directed the McIlwain Session to restore Mr. Lockman to the McIlwain Church roll and to his previous status as suspended Elder, to promptly try him on any charges still outstanding or drop such charges, and to take any other actions, if any, deemed appropriate and proper by the Session.

**PROTEST OF TEACHING ELDER HAROLD BORCHERT AGAINST
THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ADJUDICATING
THE LOCKMAN CASE**

1. Except for an organizational meeting at the time of this commission's appointment, (June 19, 1980), only one meeting of the commission was ever held to discuss and adjudicate this important and complex matter. In my opinion this was insufficient time to conclude this difficult case. Some members of the body travelled considerable distances yet set aside whatever time was necessary, in their schedules, to debate and decide. Matters, however, were concluded so rapidly that an adequate consideration and hearing of the minutes of the meeting could not be held.
2. A paper labeled, "Minutes of the Judicial Commission" was mailed to each commissioner along with a "tear sheet" to indicate approval or disapproval. Certain members of the commission, finding technical errors and errors of fact, sent these suggestions and corrections to the chairman of the commission for correction and consideration.
3. It is the understanding of commission members that a "Report of the Judicial Commission" has been sent to the Stated Clerk. Members of the Commission have not received this "Report" and have no clear knowledge as to whether corrections have been made.
4. Mr. Edward Mathes, a Ruling Elder of the Commission, has spent many hours doing elaborate and painstaking refining of the original (and only) material sent to all members. He has done exacting technical work in seeking not only consistency in terminology, but also in ascertaining the correctness of material quoted. In long and expensive telephonic exchanges with myself and others, Mr. Mathes has sought to make certain that the report, when completed, would reflect the serious concern and consideration given the matters entrusted to us. Mr. Mathes has now filed a protest to the report in which he has cited in specific detail those areas with which he finds himself out of accord. Having read and studied all pertinent documents, I now formally concur in Mr. Mathes' protest-citations and request that these be regarded as if they were my own.
5. I requested another meeting of the commission in order that the members be able to articulate orally, and not simply by mail, the clarifications thought necessary. This request for a meeting was denied, since only three members of the fourteen who were sitting, requested this.
6. I protest that considerations of cost and time should not be a major consideration in matters as weighty and complex, and as potentially disruptive of the peace and harmony of the church, as this matter herein considered.

7. I formally request that this protest be made a part of the "Report of the Commission in the Lockman Case".

Harold Borchert

TE Donald C. Graham offered comments by way of a personal privilege, and they were admitted to the record as follows: "It should be recognized that there is no way that the Commission or the Assembly can reconstruct all the involvements and personal projections found in this case so as to fully cover all its issues, still protecting the good names of the parties involved."

9-30 Personal Resolution

A personal resolution from TE James R. Griffith et al. was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures. (§9-10, p. 62)

9-31 Recess

At 10:35 a.m. Moderator Ryskamp declared a recess until 11:00 a.m., there being no business ready to be considered by the Assembly.

9-32 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

Upon reconvening TE John W. Robertson, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented a partial report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business. The following recommendations were presented:

1. That the complaint of RE James H. Campbell et al. against Mid-Atlantic Presbytery be committed to a judicial commission to adjudicate the case (Case 1 p. 54). A substitute motion to consider the communication from James H. Campbell dated August 22, 1980 (p. 54), to be a dissent in accordance with BCO 45-1, to spread it upon the minutes, and to take no further action in the case was adopted as a substitute for the committee's recommendation. Adopted

DISSENT OF RULING ELDER JAMES H. CAMPBELL FROM THE ACTION OF THE 1980 GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATIVE TO HIS COMPLAINT (M8GA §8-60, pp. 90-92)

Dear Dr. Smith:

Since receipt of your letter of July 3, 1980, with enclosures, I have been travelling extensively and this is almost the first opportunity I have had to compose a proper reply to your letter.

It was with deep regret that I read the letter and realized that the long, three year effort to maintain the purity of the Church of Jesus Christ, the many miles travelled, the money spent, the tears shed and the prayers uttered were all of no avail, all lost by default through a failure in communications. While I realize that by my failure to present myself before the Commission of the General Assembly, the findings of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery were sustained, nevertheless, I desire the following facts to be placed on record:

(a) On 13 February 1980 I received a letter from the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, the last paragraph of which read -

"I assume that the complaint was received in good time by the Presbytery, and will, unless advised otherwise by the Clerk, place it before the Assembly."

(b) On 14 February 1980, Leon F. Wardell, Acting Stated Clerk, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, informed the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, that the appeal was one (1) day late in filing. He also stated that a decision as to whether to allow a grace period of from three (3) to five (5) days would be made at the next stated meeting 9, 10 May 1980.

(c) I received no notification from the Stated Clerk, General Assembly, PCA, that this complaint of late filing by the Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery had been overruled and my complaint was legal. A check with Mrs. Elizabeth J. Campbell, Mr. Earl W. Keith and Mrs. Helen Keith, revealed the information that none of them had ever received any information as to whether their complaints had been accepted or rejected.

(d) Neither I nor any of the other complainants received any information from the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, concerning any action taken on 9-10 May 1980.

(e) I did not see a copy of a Commissioner's Handbook for the 1980 General Assembly; I did not know that the complaint had actually been placed on the Agenda for action by the General Assembly; nor was I informed of the date and location of the convening of the Eighth General Assembly, PCA.

In retrospect, I should have presented myself, with counsel, at the Eighth General Assembly, under the assumption that my complaint would be heard. However, I did take this action at the Sixth General Assembly and I was refused a hearing. This year I decided not to undertake the expenses of the travel to the General Assembly unless I was assured of a hearing. At no time from February to June did I receive such assurance.

It is to my everlasting regret that a failure on my part to know that my case was being heard by a Commission of the General Assembly, allowed the efforts of three years to be wasted by default, and has, in my opinion, resulted in a miscarriage of justice in a matter affecting the purity of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know it has hurt the testimony of the New Covenant Church in the Tidewater Area.

Yours in His Service,
James H. Campbell

2. That the Complaint of RE Cooke Lewis et al. against Grace Presbytery (Case 2, pp.55-56) be found in order and that the following be appointed a judicial commission to adjudicate the case:

Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
Charley Chase, Evangel	John Bell, Warrior
John Harrington, Miss. Valley	Robert Cato, Miss. Valley
Tommy Irby, Warrior	John Culver, Gulf Coast
George Mitchell, Evangel	A. H. Gibson, Evangel
Robert Penny, Covenant	John Gunn, Evangel
Carl Smith, Central Georgia	William Joseph, Sr., Evangel
Henry Smith, Evangel, Convener	Robert Stoops, Tennessee Valley
Michael Vitullo, Tennessee Valley	Charles Miller, Warrior, alternate

Adopted

3. That the Complaint of RE Robert H. Zeigler against the Presbytery of Texas (Case 3, p.56) be found in order and that the following be appointed a judicial commission to adjudicate the case:

Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
John Buswell, Central Florida	Michael Gross, Southwest
Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant	George Gulley, Grace, Convener
William Dever, Jr., Miss. Valley	Eugene Hayes, Tennessee Valley
Donald Esty, Pacific	Charles Linville, Westminster
Malcolm Griffith, Miss. Valley	William Montgomery, Southwest
Gerald Morgan, Grace	John Thompson, Westminster
Robert Schwanebeck, Grace	Newton Wilson, Grace
Alan Story, Jr., Evangel	
Henry Benchoff, Calvary, alternate	

Adopted

4. That the Complaint of TE Rodney King et al against the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas (Case 4, p. 56) be found in order and that the following be appointed a judicial commission to adjudicate the case:

Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
George Crowe, Calvary	Kyle Arnold, Central Georgia
Billy Davies, North Georgia	John Bailey, Central Georgia
David Dively, Eastern Carolinas	Michael Minkoff, North Georgia
David Howe, Tennessee Valley	Leland Nichols, Mid-Atlantic
Timothy Keller, Mid-Atlantic	William Pelletier, North Georgia
Taylor McGown, Tennessee Valley	Roscoe Riggins, Calvary
James Moore, Covenant	Royce Waites, Calvary
Russell Toms, Cen. Fl., Convener	Robert Lane, Westminster, alternate
	Adopted

9-33 Worship Service - Warrior Presbytery

TE Thomas G. Kay led in prayer to begin the morning worship service. TE Cecil Williamson Jr. preached the sermon, taking as his text Matthew 12:20, and led in prayer. Following the singing of a hymn, the service was concluded with the benediction by Mr. Kay and the Assembly recessed for lunch.

MINUTES--TUESDAY AFTERNOON

June 16, 1981

Fourth Session

9-34 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by TE Gordon K. Reed.

9-35 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

RE Terrance B. Flanagan, Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

I. Business Referred to the Committee:

- A. Minutes of the Committee on Mission to the United States dated June 16, 1980; June 19, 1980; September 4-5, 1980; March 12-13, 1981.
- B. Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Mission to the United States dated April 30, 1981.
- C. Report of the Committee on Mission to the United States to the Ninth General Assembly. (Appendix F, p. 225)
- D. Communication 2 from the Provisional Presbytery of the Siouxlands. (\$9-10, p. 26)
- E. Communication 3 from the Presbytery of the Southwest.
- F. Overtures 2, 5, 7, 19, 21, and 25. (\$9-10, p. 47-49)
- G. Audits of Committee on Mission to the United States and Five-in-Five Fund.

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed:

- A. Policy and operations of MUS.
- B. The rising need for care of those elderly in the PCA who are not supported by any form of family structure.
- C. The relationship of an Organizing Pastor and/or Churches to both the General Assembly Committee on Mission to the U.S. and Presbytery Committees on Mission to the U.S. when receiving aid from both.

- D. The implications for the ministry in Canada if Mission to the United States is changed to Mission to North America.
- E. The rising cost of spreading the Gospel.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the June 16, 1980, June 19, 1980, September 4-5, 1980, December 4-5, 1980, March 12-13, 1981, minutes of the Committee on Mission to the United States and the April 30, 1981, Executive Committee minutes be approved without exception. **Adopted**
2. That Communication 2 from the Provisional Presbytery of the Siouxlands (\$9-10, p. 28) be approved, and that the General Assembly now hear the report of the formation of a Provisional Presbytery called Siouxlands in the State of South Dakota. **Adopted**
3. That Communication 3 from the Presbytery of the Southwest (\$9-10, p. 41) be approved. **Adopted**
4. That the General Assembly welcome the Presbytery of the Southwest and the Presbytery of Philadelphia both of which were approved by the Eighth General Assembly and the Presbytery of the Siouxlands into the family of the Presbyterian Church in America. **Adopted**
5. That the Policy Manual for the Committee on Mission to the United States, found in Appendix F, pp.225, and the Financial Policy and Procedures Manual be approved. **Adopted**
6. That the PCA continue to work with Western Indian Missionaries, Inc. (Appendix F, p. 242) for one year and request that a doctrine statement and field policy be submitted for approval at the Tenth General Assembly and that approval of a cooperative agreement be held in abeyance until a review of the doctrine statement and field policy of the Western Indian Ministries, Inc., can be completed at the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
7. That Overture 2 from North Georgia Presbytery (\$9-10. p. 47) be answered in the negative as being premature at this time, and that the Committee on Mission to the United States study the need and feasibility of establishing a facility to care for the elderly of the PCA and report to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
8. That Overture 5 from Westminster Presbyter y (\$9-10 , p. 48) be answered in the negative. The overture deals with an overture from Western Carolinas Presbytery which is not before the Assembly. **Adopted**
9. That Overture 19 from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas (\$9-10, p. 49) be answered in the affirmative with 11, and "that the permanent MUS Committee proceed with establishing such Standards" added as an amendment. **Adopted**
10. That Overture 21 from Evangel Presbytery (\$9-10, p. 49) be answered in the affirmative with "and that the permanent MUS Committee develop a statement to explain and define the confidentiality of PCA chaplains, pastors and ruling elders" added as an amendment. **Adopted**
11. That Overture 25 from the Presbytery of Central Georgia (\$9-10, p. 49) be answered in the negative with the recommendation that North Georgia Presbytery consider the matter. **Adopted**
12. That the two audit reports for the MUS Committee and the Five-in-Five Fund for the year ending December 31, 1980 (See Appendix A, pp.166 ff), be approved with the following notation: "A substantial increase in administration and personnel costs has occurred in a time of general tightening of budgets, and programs. This is a matter of concern." **Adopted**
13. That the actions A through H of the Presbytery MUS chairmen be approved by the Assembly. (See Appendix F, pp.225-226) **Adopted**

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14. That the name of this Committee be changed to the Committee on Mission to North America, but that change be made in printed material of the Committee only in normal course of reprinting. (Clerk's note: This involves a change of the Book of Church Order ¶14-1-12.)

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

15. That the Ninth General Assembly authorize and encourage the MUS Committee to hold an Assembly-wide consultation of the Diaconate with at least one representative present from each Presbytery, funded by that Presbytery, in the hope that the broader charitable aspects of diaconal work might be communicated through the Presbyteries to all the churches of the Assembly. **Adopted**
16. That the General Assembly encourage the Presbyteries to sponsor the gathering of representative deacons into advisory councils for the purpose of discovering better ways of carrying out the regular business of the church, and for discovering better means for undertaking diaconal ministries among the needy around us. **Adopted**
17. That the Assembly encourage the involvement of all our churches in the Sister-Church Program established by the Committee on Mission to the United States. **Adopted**
18. That the proposed budget for 1982 be approved as reported to the Assembly by the Stewardship Sub-committee (Appendix K, p. 290).

Referred to Committee on Stewardship

19. That the Rev. J. Philip Clark be re-elected as the Coordinator for the Committee on Mission to the United States. **Adopted**
20. That the General Assembly set aside Sunday, November 1, 1981, Reformation Sunday, as a day of Prayer and Fasting for the continuing reformation of the church and the spread of the Reformed faith across America, with a special offering being requested with which MUS can help and encourage those people who have left liberal denominations at great sacrifice - helping them to establish themselves as churches within the PCA. **Adopted**
21. That the Assembly reaffirm the idea and the goal of the Five-in-Five Program on the basis of \$1.00 each month, each member, over five years' asking, and that it encourage the churches which have not yet made their pledge to this special order, to facilitate the building of the church. **Adopted**
22. That the Ninth General Assembly impress upon its people, churches, and Presbyteries the large and difficult task that has been given to this Committee, and request the earnest prayers and the generous financial support of the whole denomination. **Adopted**
23. That the Assembly receive the report of the Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel as prepared by its Executive Secretary, Mr. William B. Leonard, Jr., of the RPCES, with the deletion of the name Raymond W. Good from the list of active chaplains. (See Appendix F, p.241) **Adopted**
24. That the boundaries of the Presbytery of Siouxlands are to be the Missouri River on the west and south, the boundary with North Dakota on the north and the boundary with Minnesota on the east. **Adopted**
25. That the Resolution 2, §9-10, p. 58, of TE Frank J. Smith of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, requesting the erection of a new presbytery to be called "Presbytery of the Northeast" be answered in the negative.

Grounds:

The request is considered to be premature:

- (1) Because of the current lack of strength of the petitioners.

(2) Because of the present development of a strategy to penetrate major metropolitan areas.

(3) Because of the particular situation of the possibility of the uniting national churches (PCA, OPC, RPCES). **Adopted**

26. That the zeal of the petitioners for the erection of a presbytery of the northeast be commended in their desire for a presbytery and that they be encouraged to continue their efforts to establish a viable presbytery of the northeast. **Adopted**

The report (except for the budget) was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance B. Flanagan, Chairman
George Crow, Secretary

Roll of the Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	RE Charles E. LeSeur
Calvary	TE George Crow
Central Carolina	RE Wilson Barbee
Central Florida	TE William Thompson
Central Georgia	TE Ben W. Konopa
Covenant	RE James Graeber
Evangel	TE Warren Myers
Grace	RE Terence B. Flanagan
Gulf Coast	TE Steven Bradford
Mid-Atlantic	RE C. Easley Shelton, Sr.
Philadelphia	TE Harry Miller
Southern Florida	TE James C. Bland
Tennessee Valley	TE Herbert Broadwater
Texas	RE Robert Schmitz
Warrior	RE Don Henderson
Western Carolinas	TE Roy Davenport
Westminster	TE James Jones

9-36 Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications

TE Paul G. Settle was called forward to take the chair, and TE H. Wallace Tinsley Jr., Chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the committee.

I. The following items were referred to this Committee:

- A. The report of the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications.
- B. Overture #14 to the Ninth General Assembly, which was also referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business, and Overture #9 to the Eighth General Assembly.
- C. The minutes of June 16, 1980; September 4-5, 1980; January 16, 1981; and March 20-21, 1981, of the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications.
- D. The Audit Report on the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications, portions of which may be found in the Appendix A, p.166.
- E. Minutes of the Covenant College Board of Trustees.

- II. The Committee met with members of the Permanent Committee for Christian Education and Publications, staff personnel of the Committee, the Chairman of the 24-man Theological Sub-committee, and a representative from the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley. Such consultation provided for a clear understanding of various issues involved in the work, especially in regard to Overture #14, the problem of

insufficient funds, budgeting based on funding, and establishing priorities for work waiting to be accomplished. The Covenant College Minutes were not available and could not be reviewed by this Committee.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of June 16, 1980; September 4-5, 1980; January 16, 1981; and March 20-21, 1981, be approved, with notations. **Adopted**
2. That \$12,000 be added to the budgeted figure of \$73,000 for The Messenger, all totals adjusted, and the corrected proposed budget be approved (Appendix K, p. 287).
Reason: Cost of mailing increase. **Delayed for consideration with Stewardship Report**
3. That the Assembly elect Charles H. Dunahoo Coordinator of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications for 1982. **Adopted**
That the Assembly commend and thank the Committee, the Coordinator and Staff for their wise and excellent stewardship of time and limited resources in completing the tasks assigned to them, and further that the Assembly note the following items not completed as assigned to the CE/P due to the shortfall of funds:
 - a. Family Conference
 - b. Standards - printing with proof texts
 - c. Scholarship fund
 - d. Christian Day School
 - e. Diaconal training material
 That the Assembly also be aware that the reason for incompleteness is a shortfall of funds. **Adopted**
4. That minutes of the first permanent committee meetings following the General Assembly list the Committee's forthcoming year's work (Assembly assigned responsibilities, projected ideas and goals, and the origin of each, i.e., G.A. Minutes, paragraph, page, etc.), and that the last meeting before the next General Assembly minutes include the same work list, showing what has been completed and what work was not accomplished, including the reasons why.
Reason: By following this procedure, the Committee of Commissioners may more knowledgeably and effectively review what the permanent committee has accomplished during the past year. **Adopted**
5. That the Assembly approve CE/P sponsorship of the annual Minister's Continuing Education Conference during the first or second week of March, 1982. **Adopted**
6. That the Assembly urge presbyteries to provide conferences for ministers' wives on a presbytery-wide or regional basis. **Adopted**
7. That the Assembly approve CE/P sponsorship of the Annual PCA Family Conference during the second week of July, 1982. **Adopted**
8. That the Assembly approve designation of the 1982 WIC Gift for a center city ministry in New York City, through Mission to the United States. **Adopted**
9. That churches be urged by the Assembly to encourage the support and utilization of Covenant College. **Adopted**
10. That those churches now using Great Commission Publications be commended for their support and encouragement, and that each presbytery CE chairman urge those churches not using GCP material to make every conscientious effort to utilize these valuable tools. **Adopted**

11. That CE/P be designated by the Assembly as a clearing house for information about directors of Christian Education and ministers of education, and that this resource file be made available to churches requesting help in finding such staff members. **Adopted**
12. That the CE/P begin the processes for developing and making available diaconal literature and curriculum designed to help pastors and churches meet the growing need of ministering to the elderly. **Adopted**
13. That Overture #14 (§9-10; p. 38) be answered with the following language taken from March 11, 1981, meeting of the Sub-committee on Theological Education for the Establishment of a Uniform Curriculum. "The Sub-committee on Theological Education for the Establishment of a Uniform Curriculum understands that the proper response to Overture #14 from Mississippi Valley is as follows (as stated in the Committee's meeting of March 11, 1981):
 - a. The 3+1 and 2+2 methods had to be considered "Optional" until the necessary amendments were made to the Book of Church Order.
 - b. The intention of this Committee (and the expressed intention by this Committee before the General Assembly) has always been that the Uniform Curriculum program eventually be the normal, approved method of ministerial training.
 - c. The "one year of tutorial training" fits within the Uniform Curriculum as the "year of licensure". (They are the same under the Uniform Curriculum.)
 - d. It has never been intended or expressed that the Certification Committee should require a specific plan for each individual candidate; rather, it has always been this Committee's intention that Presbyteries - in accordance with the enactment of the Uniform Curriculum - describe in detail to the Certification Committee how they plan to carry out either the 3+1 or 2+2 plan (or both).

The following is added from the minutes of March 20-21, 1981, of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications.

"In order to clarify confusion of the report of the Sub-committee regarding the Mississippi Valley Overture concerning theological training, we offer the following explanations in response to Mississippi Valley Overture:

Definitions:

- a. 3+1 -- Attendance at a standard seminary for academic training with the fourth year required to complete practical training by tutorial study under men from the PCA on presbytery levels. An intern year would be accepted in lieu of the fourth year tutorial.
- b. 2+2 -- Two year program in a standard seminary and/or regional seminary or by a carefully outlined program of self-study for a two year period under the tutelage of qualified ministers of the PCA. The candidate would then enter into a concentrated two year study in the area of practical theology. It should be noted that this plan does not require seminary attendance (pp. 151-152, 1977 Minutes).
- c. 3 -- Attendance at a standard seminary for academic training leading to a theological degree. One year of licensure may be completed concurrently within this three year academic program.
- d. Tutorial Training -- Tutorial training is directed study by a presbytery for the purpose of insuring that a

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candidate's academic training conforms to the Uniform Curriculum." **Adopted**

14. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their advice and consent the following, to be inserted between the second and third sentences of the Book of Church Order, 21-4: "Every candidate for ordination shall ordinarily have met the requirements of the Assembly's approved curriculum." **Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent**
Reason: The term "ordinarily" is intended to bring this sentence into conformity with BCO, 21-4: "No presbytery shall omit any of parts of trial or ordination except in extra-ordinary cases ---."
15. That the Audit report of Kent, Nobles and Martin, dated February 20, 1981, is in order and should be received as information. (See Appendix A, p.166) **Adopted**
16. That Overture #9, referred to the Permanent Committee on CE/P by the Eighth General Assembly from the Presbytery of Western Carolinas, concerning a theological library at Ridge Haven (p. 34, M8GA, see §9-10, p. 52), be carried over and the Ninth General Assembly again refer this unfinished business to the Permanent Committee on CE/P to continue negotiations and discussions which have begun. **Adopted**
17. The report as a whole be approved. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace Tinsley, Chairman
Thomas F. Barnes, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Calvary	TE Wallace Tinsley
Central Carolina	RE Ross Miller
Central Florida	TE John Boswell
Central Georgia	TE Wayne Curles
Covenant	RE P. D. Johnson
Eastern Carolina	TE James Barr
Evangel	TE Thomas F. Barnes
Gulf Coast	TE Charles W. Gwin, Jr.
Louisiana	TE Chester H. Lanious
Mid-Atlantic	RE Leland Nichols
Mississippi Valley	RE Julius Murray
North Georgia	RE James R. Westlake
Philadelphia	TE Irwin Morrison
Southern Florida	TE G. J. Kuiper
Tennessee Valley	TE David Howe
Warrior	RE John Bell
Western Carolinas	TE Starwood Bean

9-37 Korean Presbyterian Representatives

Mr. Ryskamp resumed the chair and called on TE Hugh M. Linton to introduce TE In Seung Kim, moderator, and RE Sun Jae Choi, stated clerk, of the Presbyterian Church in Korea. The moderator addressed the Assembly briefly, interpreted by Mr. Linton.

9-38 Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven

TE G. David Russell, Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Ridge Haven, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the Committee.

I. Business Referred to the Committee:

- A. Minutes of June 16, 1980; August 29, 1980; December 5-6, 1980; February 13, 1981; April 21, 1981; April 30 - May 1, 1981.
- B. Audit Report for the year ended December 31, 1980. (p. 191 ff.)
- C. Resolution (included below)
- D. Report (Appendix I, p. 265)

II. Statement of the Major Issues Discussed:

In conjunction with the Administrator and Members of the Board of Directors, the following items were discussed: need and ideas for promotion of Ridge Haven, reservation policy as it relates to non-PCA groups, tax exempt status and budget of Ridge Haven, Inc.

III. Recommendations:

- 1. That the Minutes as listed above be approved with the following exceptions:
 - a. Minutes of June 16, 1980 - No mention previous minutes as being read or approved.
 - b. Minutes of August 29, 1980 - No indication of date of "Minutes approved as read." No statement of nature of meeting, or starting and closing times.
 - c. Minutes of December 5-6, 1980 - No indication of date of "Minutes ... approved as mailed." No indication of closing time.
 - d. Minutes of February 13, 1981 - No indication of closing time.
 - e. Minutes of April 30 - May 1, 1981 - No indication of date of previous minutes or closing time. **Adopted**

- 2. That the Audit Report be approved as submitted, and that the action taken by the Board of Directors to correct the deficiencies in procedures suggested by the 1980 Audit be found satisfactory. **Adopted**

- 3. That the following resolution be adopted:

Whereas, RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is engaged in the construction of a conference center for the Presbyterian Church in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Transylvania County in North Carolina; and **Whereas**, the said RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is in immediate need of funds to proceed with the construction of additional elements of said conference center in accordance with the Master Plan for the conference center; and

Whereas, The Keyes Company of Miami has executed and delivered to the Presbyterian Church in America its promissory note in the original principal sum of \$806,079.14, dated the 11th day of January, 1980, and payable in annual installments of \$161,215.83, as a donation and has stipulated that it should be assigned to RIDGE HAVEN, INC., to be used by it to assist in the construction of the conference center in Transylvania County, and the Presbyterian Church in America is now in the process of assigning said note to RIDGE HAVEN, INC., as directed by the donor; and

Whereas, it appears that the only feasible way to obtain the funds needed by RIDGE HAVEN, INC., in the near future is through a term loan; and

Whereas, RIDGE HAVEN, INC., has secured from Flagship National Bank of Miami a commitment for a term loan of \$400,000 upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The loan shall be a four-year term loan and evidenced by a promissory note of RIDGE HAVEN, INC. Draws may be made in amounts as required by the borrower up to a total of \$400,000 until January 11, 1982, at which time the loan shall begin to amortize in \$100,000 increments on a yearly basis.
- 2. The interest rate shall be the Prime Rate of Flagship National Bank of Miami plus one-fourth (1/4) of one percent (1%). The rate shall be adjusted quarterly and the

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interest payable quarterly. RIDGE HAVEN, INC., will be required to open an account at Flagship National Bank of Miami and authorize the automatic deduction of interest therefrom.

3. The Keyes Company note payable to the Presbyterian Church in America in the original principal sum of \$806,079.14 shall be assigned to RIDGE HAVEN, INC., and further assigned by it to Flagship National Bank of Miami. In addition, certain additional collateral which the Keyes Realty Companies of Miami have agreed to pledge as security to the note of RIDGE HAVEN, INC., shall be delivered to the lender.
4. Yearly financial statements prepared by RIDGE HAVEN's auditor as provided for in Article IX, Paragraph 3, of its Bylaws shall be furnished to Flagship National Bank of Miami.
5. Copy of resolution of the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America authorizing RIDGE HAVEN, INC., to incur the indebtedness to Flagship National Bank of Miami on the foregoing terms and the securing of said loan by the reassignment of The Keyes Company note hereinabove referred to, to be furnished said bank; and

Whereas, the directors of RIDGE HAVEN, INC., have approved the making of said loan by proper resolution and have authorized the execution and delivery of the promissory note and other documents necessary to obtain and secure said loan, subject to the approval of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America; and

Whereas, this Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America desires to approve the proposed loan set out above and to authorize the assignment of The Keyes Company note hereinabove referred to;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:

1. That the note of The Keyes Company to Presbyterian Church in America in the original sum of \$806,079.14, dated the 11th day of January, 1980, and payable in five (5) equal, annual installments be assigned to RIDGE HAVEN, INC., in accordance with the stipulation of the maker of said note to be used by it in the construction of the conference center in Transylvania County, North Carolina, and the proper officers of the Presbyterian Church in America are hereby authorized and directed to make such assignment.
2. That RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is hereby authorized to obtain a term loan of \$400,000 from Flagship National Bank of Miami on the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The loan shall be a four-year term loan and evidenced by a promissory note of RIDGE HAVEN, INC. Draws may be made in amounts as required by RIDGE HAVEN, INC., up to a total of \$400,000 until January 11, 1982, at which time the loan shall begin to amortize in \$100,000 increments on a yearly basis.
 - b. The interest rate shall be the Prime Rate of Flagship National Bank of Miami, plus one-fourth (1/4) of one percent (1%). The rate shall be adjusted quarterly and the interest payable quarterly. RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is authorized to open an account at Flagship National Bank of Miami and authorize the automatic deduction of interest from said account.

c. RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is authorized to reassign The Keyes Company note referred in Paragraph 1. above to Flagship National Bank of Miami as collateral to its promissory note referred to in Paragraph 1. above. In addition, certain additional collateral which The Keyes Realty Companies of Miami have agreed to pledge as security to the note of RIDGE HAVEN, INC., shall be delivered to the lender upon such terms as may be agreed upon between said Companies and the lender.

d. RIDGE HAVEN, INC., is authorized to deliver yearly financial statements prepared by its auditor as provided for in Article IX, Paragraph 3, of its Bylaws to Flagship National Bank of Miami, so long as it may be indebted to said bank on the note hereinabove referred to.

e. That a copy of this resolution be certified by the Stated Clerk and delivered to RIDGE HAVEN, INC., for delivery to Flagship National Bank of Miami in accordance with its requirements for making the proposed loan to RIDGE HAVEN, INC.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF TRANSYLVANIA

I, MORTON H. SMITH, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in a regular session on June 16th, 1981, at which a quorum was present and a majority thereof voted for said Resolution, and that the same has not been altered, amended or rescinded, and is still in full force and effect.

This the 16th day of June, 1981.

Stated Clerk,
Presbyterian Church in America
Adopted

4. That the 1980 Budget be approved as submitted and referred to the Stewardship Committee of Commissioners (Appendix K, p. 299). **Referred**
5. That the following proposed Amendment to the BYLAWS OF RIDGE HAVEN be approved and become effective with this meeting of the General Assembly. Amend Article V, Section 3, "Regular Meetings" (page 268, M7GA) by deleting the words "at General Assembly on the opening day of business" and substituting the words "during the month of August." (The rest remains the same.) **Adopted**
6. That sessions and churches be encouraged to have a Ridge Haven representative present the Conference Center to their congregations. **Adopted**
7. That churches, presbyteries, and General Assembly Committees be encouraged to use the facilities of Ridge Haven for retreats, conferences, and other meetings whenever possible. **Adopted**
8. That sessions and churches be encouraged to include Ridge Haven Conference Center in their annual budgets. **Adopted**
9. That all Committees of the General Assembly be encouraged to use the facilities at Ridge Haven. **Adopted**

10. That Ridge Haven be granted fifteen minutes to give a presentation on the Conference Center to the General Assembly. Mr. Ed Robeson was given the floor to fulfill this request. **Adopted**
11. That the report as a whole be approved. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

TE David Russell, Chairman
TE Ford Williams, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Central Georgia	RE Julian H. Davis
Covenant	TE Ford S. Williams
Evangel	RE Jack Noble
Grace	RE David Johnson
Louisiana	RE M. E. Walton
Mississippi Valley	TE Thomas Cook
North Georgia	TE Billy T. Davies
Pacific	TE Thomas Ramsey
Southern Florida	RE Edward S. Manning
Tennessee Valley	RE Robert Venable
Warrior	TE David Russell

9-39 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States

RE Terence B. Flanagan, chairman, led in prayer and presented a final portion of the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States (see §9-35 for complete text of report).

9-40 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 4:57 p.m. with prayer by TE Neil M. Gilmour.

MINUTES--TUESDAY EVENING

June 16, 1981

Fifth Session

9-41 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly was reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by TE James M. Baird, Jr.

9-42 Personal Resolution

RE James Westlake and TE Clifford H. Brewton presented a personal resolution which was referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration. (§9-10, p.39)

9-43 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

RE George H. Gulley, Jr., chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the committee.

I. Business Referred to the Committee:

A. Minutes

1. Permanent Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations (July 25, 1980; February 5, 1981)
2. Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ... (October 30-31, 1980; December 3, 1980; January 15, 1981; January 29-30, 1981; March 5-6, 1981)

B. Reports and Recommendations

1. Permanent Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations (Appendix D p. 208)

2. Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ... (Appendix M, p. 303)

C. Communications

1. Reformed Church in the United States (Communication 1. p.26)
2. Korean American Presbyterian Church
3. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Communication 4, p.28)
4. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod
5. Orthodox Presbyterian Church

II. Major Issues Discussed:

- A. Proposed relationship with Reformed Ecumenical Synod
- B. Proposed reception of RPCES
- C. Proposed reception of OPC
- D. Justification issue in OPC
- E. Missions strategy in RPCES

III. Recommendations:

- A. That the Minutes of the Permanent Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations for July 25, 1980 and February 5, 1981, be approved. **Adopted**
- B. That the Minutes of the Ad-Interim Committee to discuss ... for October 30-31, 1980, December 3, 1980, January 15, 1981, January 29-30, 1981, and March 5-6, 1981, be approved. **Adopted**
- C. That in regard to possible membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, the General Assembly adopt the recommendations of the representatives to the RES as follows:
 1. That the PCA seriously consider establishing a relationship with the RES
 2. That the PCA withhold making a decision about membership in the RES pending action by that body on problems that have arisen among member churches, and
 3. That the PCA be prepared to send observers to the RES in 1984 in order to report on the outcome of Synod action on the fore-mentioned problems and make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly. **Adopted**
- D. That the General Assembly decline participation in the Pan-Presbyterian Conference at this time. **Adopted**
- E. That the General Assembly concur with the Sub-committee in declining to send a fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church US this year, but that the Stated Clerk be instructed to extend fraternal greetings. **Adopted**
- F. That the General Assembly decline to send a delegate to the General Assembly of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, but instruct the Stated Clerk to send fraternal greetings. **Adopted**
- G. That the letters from the RCUS (\$9-10, p.26) and the RPCNA (\$9-10, p. 28) be received as information. **Adopted**
- H. That the General Assembly acknowledge the communication from the RPCES (\$9-10, p.29), answering it by way of the Assembly's actions regarding the Ad-Interim Committee's report. **Adopted**
- I. That the General Assembly acknowledge the communication from the OPC (\$9-10, p.32), answering it by way of the Assembly's actions regarding the Ad-Interim Committee's report. **Adopted**
- J. In regard to the reception of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod, we recommend:
 1. That these recommendations shall be acted upon without amendment or deletion, due to the fact that this plan has been approved by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;
 2. That in view of our prior invitation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to effect and perfect one church with the Presbyterian Church in America, the General

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

3. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their approval a plan for the reception of the RPCES as follows:
 - a. Upon the approval of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America and the completion of the constitutional process in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod the presbyteries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall become a part of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America according to the boundary proposals contained in recommendation 3-b;
 - b. Presbytery boundaries shall be drawn as follows: (See Addendum I for maps and explanatory text.)
 - c. Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries whose boundaries are affected by these changes shall take separate action regarding their consent (BCO 14-6). Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries which do not consent to the proposed boundaries shall negotiate their boundaries or difficulties with the assistance of an ecclesiastical commission (BCO 15), consisting of representatives from each of the joining bodies, appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly, which commission shall report to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America following the reception of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;
 - d. Churches and missions from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod which have difficulties adjusting to the new boundaries shall make their concerns known to the presbytery of jurisdiction, which shall follow ordinary procedures for resolution of their problems;
4. That boards and agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall be received by the appropriate committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:
 - a. The following Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod agencies, World Presbyterian Missions, Board of Home Ministries, Christian Training Incorporated, National Presbyterian Missions, shall have the privilege of designating not more than four persons each as members for an advisory sub-committee to each of the corresponding permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America (Mission to the World, Mission to the US, Christian Education). These sub-committee members shall serve for a period of two years from the date of reception of the church. At the expiration of the two-year period the sub-committee shall be discontinued. The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod Committee on Ministerial Welfare and Benefits and the Board of Pensions shall have the privilege of designating not more than two persons each as an advisory sub-committee to the PCA Board

of Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Fund. This advisory sub-committee shall serve for a period of two years, after which it shall be discontinued.

Corporate Charters: The existing corporation charters shall be maintained. The Presbyterian Church in America shall determine, with the advice of legal counsel, which of these corporations shall be active and which shall be dormant. For those corporations which shall be active, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be elected as provided in the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the corporation. For those corporations which shall be dormant, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Stated Clerk of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall serve as an associate clerk for a period of two years. The compensation shall be determined by the Committee on Administration on the basis of the work load required.

- b. The staff persons serving the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod in the following positions shall be retained by the Presbyterian Church in America permanent committees for at least one year following reception, to wit: World Presbyterian Missions - Executive Director, Associate Director, Financial Director, Officer Director; National Presbyterian Missions - Executive Director, Director of Church Planting, Director of Development; Board of Home Ministries - Executive Director; Christian Training Incorporated - Executive Director; Reformed Presbyterian Foundation - Executive Director. The salaries and benefits of these persons shall continue at their present level, but no higher than the maximum salary set by the General Assembly for their counterparts. These persons will be received without examination by the Theological Examining Committee.
 - c. Out of respect for the integrity of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the approval of its acceptance of the invitation shall be understood to honor such commitments as it may have. The ministries presently conducted by the agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall be continued, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies.
5. That Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary shall be received as denominational institutions under their present Articles of Incorporation and By-laws with proposed amendments, copies of which are attached. These institutions shall be treated in a manner similar to the Ridge Haven Conference Center, with the following specifics:
 - a. Their Boards of Trustees shall be retained as presently constituted;
 - b. These institutions shall remain as separate, non-profit civil corporations;
 - c. They shall be governed by their Boards of Trustees through their administrative personnel;
 - d. The General Assembly shall elect subsequent trustees through its regular nominating process. These institutions may suggest nominations to the presbyteries or interested commissioners may make nomination from the floor of the General Assembly;

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- e. The number and terms of the trustees shall be determined by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the institution;
 - f. The Bylaws of the General Assembly of the PCA shall be amended to allow the Board of Trustees of these institutions to govern the institutions according to their approved Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
 - g. These institutions shall report annually to the General Assembly through a Committee of Commissioners;
 - h. These institutions shall be included annually in the General Assembly's askings for special benevolent support. These askings shall be submitted to the local churches along with the askings for the permanent committees although not as a part of the General Assembly's budget for these permanent committees;
 - i. Since the General Assembly is responsible for the conduct of the work which the whole church does unitedly, the powers and activities that it has delegated to institutions under its jurisdiction shall always be subject to review. It shall not delegate any of its general powers beyond its own recall so as to cease to be fully responsible for the spiritual oversight of the entire denomination.
6. That any judicial case pending at the time of the reception of the church in a court of original jurisdiction shall be continued in the corresponding court of the Presbyterian Church in America which has jurisdiction of the accused. Any appeal or complaint pending at the time of the reception shall be returned by the appellate court of the PCA to the lower court which has jurisdiction of the appellee/respondent. In all cases the PCA court shall treat the case as a new case timely instituted as of the date of the reception and shall begin the process anew (de novo). The accuser/appellant/complainant shall have the right to prosecute the case whether or not the trial court has present jurisdiction of the accuser/appellant/complainant.

K. Recommendation K was moved and seconded. A substitute motion was moved and seconded as follows:

That while earnestly desiring to effect one church with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and while gratefully receiving the notification from the OPC of their readiness to join with us, the PCA defer action on its invitation to receive the OPC until the PCA has determined that the current controversy has been resolved in a manner that is in accord with the teaching of Scripture and the Confession, so that the proposed reception of the OPC will promote the peace and purity of the church as a whole.

The substitute was lost by vote of 192 affirmative, 347 negative, and the following commissioners' affirmative votes were recorded:

W. Wayne Curles	Edwin P. Elliott, Sr.
Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.	Jacob H. Hamburg
Thomas D. Hudson	H. R. Patteson
Gordon K. Reed	O. Palmer Robertson
H. Andrew Silman	Thomas G. Webb

The moderator called on TE Paul G. Settle to lead the Assembly in prayer, and following the prayer Recommendation K was adopted by vote of 422 affirmative, 187 negative. The following commissioners requested that their negative votes be recorded:

Ralph W. Bleasdale	Stephen R. Christian
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W. Wayne Curles
 Edwin P. Elliott, Jr.
 Robert C. Korn
 Gordon K. Reed
 James R. Young III

Edwin P. Elliott, Sr.
 Jacob H. Hamburg
 H. R. Patteson
 Thomas G. Webb

- In regard to the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we recommend:
1. That these recommendations shall be acted upon without amendment or deletion due to the fact that this plan has been approved by the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
 2. That in view of our prior invitation to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to effect and perfect one church with the Presbyterian Church in America, the General Assembly take the first formal vote under paragraph 14-6 of the Book of Church Order: "to receive under its jurisdiction, with the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries, other ecclesiastical bodies whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of this Church." (The adoption of this recommendation confirms the interpretation that the words "ecclesiastical bodies" include an entire denomination.) Thus all ordained officers in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be received into the Presbyterian Church in America without examination;
 3. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their approval a plan for the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as follows:
 - a. Upon the approval of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America and the completion of the constitutional process in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church the presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall become a part of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America according to the boundary proposals contained in recommendation 3-b;
 - b. Presbytery boundaries shall be drawn as follows: (See Addendum I for maps and explanatory text.)
 - c. Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries whose boundaries are affected by these changes shall take separate action regarding their consent (BCO 14-6). Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries which do not consent to the proposed boundaries shall negotiate their boundaries or difficulties with the assistance of an ecclesiastical commission (BCO 15), consisting of representatives from each of the joining bodies, appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly, which commission shall report to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America following the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
 - d. Churches and missions from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, which have difficulties adjusting to the new boundaries shall make their concerns known to the presbytery of jurisdiction, which shall follow ordinary procedures for resolution of their problems;
 4. That committees and agencies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be received by the appropriate committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:
 - a. The following Orthodox Presbyterian Church agencies, Committee on Foreign Missions, Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, Committee on Education, Committee on Stewardship, shall have the privilege of designating not more than four persons each as members

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for an advisory sub-committee to each of the corresponding permanent committees or subcommittees of the Presbyterian Church in America (Mission to the World, Mission to the US, Christian Education). These sub-committee members shall serve for a period of two years from the date of reception of the church. At the expiration of the two-year period the sub-committee shall be discontinued. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Committee on Diaconal Ministries with its personnel and assets, shall become an advisory sub-committee of the Mission to the US Committee. The Ministerial Committee on Pensions and Hospitalization shall have the privilege of designating not more than two persons each as an advisory sub-committee to the PCA Board of Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Fund. This advisory sub-committee shall serve for a period of two years, after which it shall be discontinued.

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

The Stated Clerk of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall serve as an associate clerk for a period of two years. The compensation shall be determined by the Committee on Administration on the basis of the work load required.

- b. The staff persons serving the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the following positions shall be retained by the Presbyterian Church in America permanent committees or sub-committees for at least one year following reception, to wit: Committee on Foreign Missions-General Secretary, Controller; Committee on Home Missions-General Secretary; Committee on Christian Education General Secretary; Committee on Stewardship-General Secretary. The salaries and benefits of these persons shall continue at their present level, but no higher than the maximum salary set by the General Assembly for their counterparts. These persons will be received without examination by the Theological Examining Committee.
 - c. Out of respect for the integrity of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the approval of its acceptance of the invitation shall be understood to honor such commitments as it may have. The ministries presently conducted by the agencies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be continued, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies.
5. That any judicial case pending at the time of the reception of the church in a court of original jurisdiction shall be continued in the corresponding court of the Presbyterian Church in America which has jurisdiction of the accused. Any appeal or complaint pending at the time of the reception shall be returned by the appellate court of the PCA to the lowepg.2 thn wich has jurisdiction of the appellee/respon-

dent. In all cases the PCA court shall treat the case as a new case timely instituted as of the date of reception, and shall begin the process anew (de novo). The accuser/appellant/complainant shall have the right to prosecute the case whether or not the trial court has present jurisdiction of the accuser/appellant/complainant.

- L. Enabling procedures to be followed:
1. That the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America be requested to vote on the reception of each of the denominations during the Fall of 1981, and submit a report on the vote to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as early as possible.
 2. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to notify the Stated Clerks of the other denominations as soon as the outcome of the voting is clear. These Clerks in turn shall notify the presbyteries of their denominations the results of the voting.
 3. That when and if it appears that the presbyteries of each of the denominations are voting favorably for the joining and reception, the presbyteries affected, and the agency representatives shall be authorized to meet together prior to the next Assembly meetings to prepare for the transition that would be required, in the event that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and/or the Orthodox Presbyterian Church vote final approval of the joining and receiving.
- M. That the General Assembly take note of financial needs of the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ... when considering the Administration Committee budget. **Adopted**
- N. That the General Assembly express its deepest thanks to the members of the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ... for their excellent work during the past year. **Adopted**
- O. That the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ..., with its present members, be continued until the 1982 General Assembly to facilitate the transition process in the proposed reception of the RPCES and the OPC. **Adopted**
- P. That the request from the OPC regarding an effective date for the joining and receiving (being business for the 1982 General Assembly) be referred to the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ... for their information and recommendation. **Adopted**
- Q. That the General Assembly refer the judicial question in Resolution 8 (§9-10, p.61) to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business. **Adopted**
- R. That the Permanent Sub-committee on Interchurch Relations meet with representatives of Covenant Presbytery and with representatives of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to report the outcome of the General Assembly's action, to assure them of our good will, and to effect any reconciliation possible **Adopted**
- S. That Resolution 3, §9-10, p. 58, from TE Palmer Robertson, et al. be answered in the negative. **Adopted**
- T. That Resolution 4, §9-10, p. 59 from TE Bogue be answered by reference to its action on Resolution 3. **Adopted**
- U. That the General Assembly address the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as follows: That while we are anxious to effect one church with you, we wish to make known to you our great concern in regards to the issue of justification by faith that has been raised at Westminster Seminary and in Philadelphia Presbytery. Our Prayers will be with you for a definitive resolution of these matters. **Adopted**

V. That the report as a whole be adopted.

Adopted

Respectfully submitted,
George Gulley, Chairman
Lawrence C. Roff, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	RE George R. Galer
Calvary	TE John Ropp
Central Florida	RE Edwin Black
Central Georgia	TE James P. Knight
Covenant	RE Ron Vandiver
Eastern Carolina	TE David R. Dively
Evangel	TE William Hay
Grace	RE George Gulley
Gulf Coast	TE Don Darling
Mid-Atlantic	RE Joseph W. Parron
Philadelphia	TE Lawrence C. Roff
Tennessee Valley	TE Laurie Vidal
Western Carolinas	TE Boyce Spooner
Westminster	RE John Thompson

9-44 Personal Resolution

A personal resolution presented by TE Donald B. Patterson (§9-10, p.61) was received and referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

9-45 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 11:32 p.m. with prayer by TE E. Crowell Cooley.

MINUTES--WEDNESDAY MORNING

June 17, 1981

Sixth Session

9-46 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:35 a.m. with prayer by TE James E. Moore.

9-47 Program of Committee for Christian Education and Publications

The program presentation of the committee was introduced by TE James D. Hatch. Reports were shared by various persons who had benefited from the programs administered by the committee.

9-48 Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations

RE George H. Gulley, Jr., chairman, led in prayer and continued the report of the committee. Recommendations L-T were adopted at this time. (See §9-43 p. 96ff. for the complete text of the report.)

9-49 Nominating Committee

TE Frederick T. Marsh presented copies of the report of the committee, with brief explanation, for commissioners' study in preparation for action Wednesday evening.

9-50 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

TE Arthur C. Broadwick, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and began the report of the committee (Appendix G, p. 244).

RE Ralph M. Langford assumed the Chair at the Moderator's request.

- I. Business Referred to the Committee:
 - A. Minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World, June 16, 1980; September 5-6, 1980; November 14-15, 1980; February 26-28, 1981; May 14-16, 1981; and June 5, 1981.
 - B. Audit Reports for the year ended December 31, 1980 -- MtW and SIMA.
 - C. Report of the Committee on Mission to the World to the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.
 - D. Two business items carried over from the Eighth General Assembly: items 8-25 and 8-80 (\$9-10, p.53).
 - E. Overture #17 from the Presbytery of the Ascension (\$9-10, p.50), and Overture #23 from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas (\$9-10, p.50).
 - F. Communications #6 from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (\$9-10, p.29).
 - G. Communications from the Forty-Eighth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on Zimbabwe (\$9-10, p.34).
- II. Major Issues Discussed:
 - A. The cooperative agreements with Campus Crusade for Christ, International, Daystar Communications, HapDong Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Evangelism Explosion III, International.
 - B. The communication from the RPCES.
 - C. The two Overtures referred
 1. Overture #17 (\$9-10, p.50) concerning financial reporting of certain expenditures of MtW.
 2. Overture #23 (\$9-10, p.50) concerning the request for a thorough study of MtW policies and programs by an ad-interim committee.
 - D. The communication from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Judicial Question

TE Joseph Pipa raised the following judicial question:

In light of MtW Manual p. 250, #3, "Each new cooperative agreement will be presented annually to the Committee of Commissioners with the doctrinal statements of each agency for review", does the Committee of Commissioners have to make recommendation to the Assembly, since the Assembly is the final court of review? It seems that the Committee of Commissioners has no final power of review.

Referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business for report back to this Assembly, subsequently carried over to the next Assembly (See \$9-69, p. 143).

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Minutes of the Committee on Mission to the World for June 16, 1980; September 5-6, 1980; November 14-15, 1980; February 26-28, 1981; May 14-16, 1981; and June 5, 1981, be approved. **Adopted**
2. That the "Audit Reports for the year ended December 31, 1980" of the Committee on MtW and SIMA be approved. **Adopted**
3. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to God for each missionary and candidate and ask His continued provision for their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs. **Adopted**
4. That the General Assembly call our denomination to prayer to the Lord of harvest to send out workers into His harvest, and that the day of May 16, 1982, or some other day, be set aside as a day of prayer and fasting for world evangelism. **Adopted**
5. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to Paul McKaughan and Kennedy Smartt, and that these men be re-elected to the office of Coordinator and Coordinator of Church Relations,

- respectively. **Adopted**
6. That the General Assembly express its appreciation to Jason Kyle, Coordinator of SIMA, to Jimmy Lyons, Missionary-Evangelist, and the entire MtW staff for their faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and MTS. **Adopted**
7. That the General Assembly urge the churches to set aside a portion of their budgets for the suffering peoples of the world, e.c., using the World Relief Commission through MtW. **Adopted**
8. That the General Assembly recommend that Presbyteries and local churches be urged to recruit gifted and committed men for world evangelism. **Adopted**
9. That the General Assembly approve:
- The revised 1981 budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee (Appendix K, p. 293).
 - The budget for 1982 as presented to the Stewardship Committee (Appendix K, p. 293).
 - The 1981 SIMA budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee (Appendix K, p. 296).
 - The revised 1981 SIMA budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee. **Deferred to the Stewardship Committee**
10. That the General Assembly give its attention to a MtW Handbook change, p. 61, 5.02.6, which now reads:

RESPONSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Responsibility for the raising of financial support will be a cooperative effort of the MtW staff, MtW Committee, and the approved candidate or furloughing missionary working with Presbyteries, Sessions, local pastors, and other groups and individuals. Candidates and furloughing missionaries will not be approved for departure for the field until full support has been pledged. **Adopted**

TE James Jones proposed the following amendment (which was defeated) and requested that his affirmative vote be recorded:

"Responsibility of Financial Support. While financial support is primarily the responsibility of MtW and local pastors, candidates will not be approved for departure for the field until adequate support has been pledged." **Defeated**

11. That the General Assembly answer Item 8-25, III, 10 (M8GA, p.69) by the following letter from Mr. Clyde Cook, President, Overseas Crusades Ministries, Inc., to Mr. Paul McKaughan and by the MtW Manual, Section 2.02.3 (3) (see below):

"July 28, 1980
 Reverend Paul McKaughan,
 Coordinator

 Dear Paul:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to clarify the Statement of Faith of O.C.Ministries. I am sorry that items four and seven are not as clear as they should be.

We believe that faith is a sovereign act of God. "For by grace ye have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We believe in the total depravity of man, as we, "were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1).

A person who is dead in trespasses and sins cannot exercise faith in God unless God quickens him and gives him the faith to believe.

I trust that this clarifies our position, and please accept my apology for the statement not being more precise. We are so thankful for Mick and Michele Wilson and the tremendous ministry that they will be having in Brazil. Thank you for making this possible.

Yours for Increasing the Harvest,

Clyde Cook"

MtW Manual, Section 2.02.3 (3):

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." **Adopted**

12. Further, that the General Assembly recommend that the MtW Coordinator, Paul McKaughan, frame a suitable response to the President of Overseas Crusades Ministries, Inc., Mr. Clyde Cook, thanking him for his earlier correspondence, and in that letter respectfully encourage O.C. to bring their Statement of Faith into conformity with President Cook's fine and helpful letter of interpretation, dated July 28, 1980. **Adopted**
13. That the General Assembly answer Item 8-80, III, 19, p. 53 by the Permanent Committee's minutes, June 5, 1981, p. 2, "Old Business" which says:
 "About 31% of the support has come from home churches. If you, don't count home churches, then only 5% of the SIMA support money has come from PCA churches other than home churches." **Adopted**
14. That the General Assembly answer Overture #17 (\$9-10, p.50) in the negative.
 Grounds: The MtW Committee is changing its "objective accounting system" to a "Functional Accounting System" which will essentially comply with the request (Reference: MtW minutes, June 5, 1981, Addendum "Response to overture...", p. 3). **Adopted**
15. That the General Assembly answer Overture #23 (\$9-10, p.50) in the negative.
 Grounds: The MtW Committee from its outset has made extensive use of mission experts both within and without the PCA in the development of its policies and programs. **Adopted**
16. That the General Assembly answer Communication 6 from the RPCES (\$9-10, p.29) with the following letter:

COMMUNICATION TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

The Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting June 15-19, 1981, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, wishes to respond to your communication regarding the "perfecting

of one church" and specifically to the perceived differences of mission philosophy underlying the strategy and operation of the PCA's MtW and the RPCES's WPM as follows:

"Our churches are united by a common bond of doctrine which is foundational to our missions outreach. The motivation of our program flows from commitment to the church's obligation to fulfill the Great Commission in its fullest sense. We are bound to proclaim the whole counsel of God and, in word and deed, demonstrate our testimony to a watching world. It is within that spirit that we wish to answer your communication.

We appreciate your careful reading of our manual and handbook which represent the foundation of the PCA's mission policy. We've also made available to you other working documents which are subject to the manual and handbook, and reflect our current thinking on many issues. These positions are constantly evaluated for they are seen as dynamic and not static. We welcome your evaluation input as we come together in a combined program.

I. The parameters you refer to for our PCA opening of new fields are just that -- for new fields. The PCA is a new mission and came into being without existing fields. We of necessity developed parameters that would focus our contribution to world evangelization.

Your fields would be accepted not as new fields, but as existing fields subject to the same support and continued evaluative process as delineated in the MtW handbook, to which all of our programs must be submitted.

II. We, who hold to a common Reformed tradition, find the thought of a dichotomy between word and deed abhorrent. Such a dichotomy must be repudiated. Our working together in a combined quest for the extension of the kingdom of God in our world must be rooted in the acceptance of the inexorable unity that is the true witness of Christ's Church. We also must accept that our existing programs are fruit of our individual churches' pursuit of these goals. Our coming together is a realization that unitedly a more perfect expression in methodology and strategy will be possible because of our diversity within the framework of the Reformed faith.

Conclusion: There is of necessity a recognition that our methodology and strategy, while rooted in our understanding of the biblical imperatives, is also a product of our individual histories and our interaction with the world we have confronted. We, in Mission to the World, thank God for all that has been accomplished through the ministry of our brothers and sisters at WPM and the OPC Foreign Mission Board.

Our cooperation together must begin, first of all, with the acceptance that we are not all that God wants us to become; and secondly, that in many areas our understanding of our world and God's mandate for it is imperfect. Thirdly, that our strategies and programs must be submitted unitedly to the scrutiny of God's Word and the discipline of our brethren. Fourthly, that our committee requests the Board of WPM and the Board of World Missions of the OPC to send representatives to meet with it as soon as mutually convenient to begin the processes of discussion and negotiation whose purpose will be to effect a harmonious integration of our respective ministries.

The principles and policies of MtW have evolved out of our context as a new and emerging mission facing a missions environment very different from that which existed at the time of the formation of our sister missions. We will undoubtedly benefit from the perspectives and experience that will be brought from these programs, both ecclesiastically and missiologically.

As we progress in time, all of our strategies and programs must be submitted to the scrutiny of God's Word in the light of changing and developing situations in the world. This will be true of Mission to the World first and foremost, but will of necessity include others who unite with us also. Those who join with us will be a part of this process by sharing both on the committee and in the Assembly. Surely we have this guarantee -- that which bears the stamp of God's blessing and seal of His Word continue and increase.

It is within this spirit that we accept wholeheartedly the ministries in which our brethren are presently engaged, and are committed to look forward together to a more perfect understanding of how best to meld and mold them in order that God might be glorified through the extension of His Church worldwide."

Date:
 Attest:
 Morton H. Smith
 Stated Clerk

Adopted

17. That the General Assembly refer the practice of the use of executive committees to conduct permanent committee business to the Committee on Administration with response to be made to the Tenth General Assembly as to the propriety of this practice.

Referred to the Committee on Administration

18. That the request contained in Communication 9 (\$9-10; p.33) be approved, and given to the Permanent Committee on Mission to the World for implementation as soon as possible. **Adopted**
19. That the report as a whole be approved. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

TE Arthur C. Broadwick, Chairman
 TE Morse UpDeGraff, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Ascension | TE Arthur C. Broadwick |
| Central Carolina | TE Jack Eubanks |
| Covenant | TE Robert L. Penny |
| Eastern Carolina | RE Dick Alexander |
| Evangel | RE George Moss |
| Grace | TE James Long |
| Gulf Coast | RE Buddy Sport |
| Louisiana | RE James F. Davis |
| Mid-Atlantic | TE Joseph F. Ryan, Jr. |
| Mississippi Valley | TE Brister Ware |
| North Georgia | TE Joseph C. Gardner, Jr. |
| Philadelphia | RE Howard Perry |
| Tennessee Valley | RE William Smith |
| Texas | TE John McNicoll |
| Warrior | TE Thomas Kay |
| Westminster | TE Morse UpDeGraff |

9-51 Worship Service - Gulf Coast Presbytery

At 11:30 a.m. the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World was interrupted and the Assembly proceeded to the morning worship service under the direction of Gulf Coast Presbytery. RE Gerald Sovereign began the service and led in prayer. TE Steven T. Bradford preached the sermon, based on Matthew 5:1-16, and concluded the session and the worship service with prayer and the benediction at 12:05 p.m.

MINUTES--WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Seventh Session

June 17, 1981

9-52 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by RE John T. Clark.

9-53 Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World

Chairman Arthur Broadwick continued the report of the committee. (See §9-50 for the complete text of the report.)

9-54 Point of Order

TE E. Lee Trinkle III presented the following point of order regarding the propriety of a particular nomination, and it was referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business:

Whereas, a teaching elder's name was properly submitted as a nominee for the Committee on Mission to the World

Whereas, the Assembly's Committee on Nominations ruled the nominee, a missionary, not a member of the MtW staff, was not qualified as an employee of MtW;

It is hereby requested that the Sub-committee on Judicial Business rule as to whether or not a teaching elder, designated as missionary, a member of presbytery, and under the authority of that presbytery, is an employee of MtW, and whether the ruling of the Nominating Committee was proper or not. **Referred to the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business**

Response and action (§9-69; p.143)

9-55 Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities

TE Charles C. Cox, Jr. presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities, beginning with prayer.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Insurance and Annuities dates June 16, 1980, July 24, 1980, October 10, 1980, January 6, 1981, and March 20, 1981.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees of Insurance and Annuities. (Appendix C, p. 205)
3. Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 1980. (p. 177ff)

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed

The minutes, report, and audit listed in items I.1-3 above were reviewed and approved without exception. Notations were reported to the Board of Trustees. A brief report on the development and activities of the Board of Trustees was presented by Board representatives. Major issues discussed were:

1. A proposed change in the health insurance plan.
2. A proposed change in insurance company and rates.
3. Enrollment requirements for insurance coverage of church staffs.
4. The need for clearer and more complete information for insurance and annuity participants.
5. The operating needs of the Board of Trustees in view of the possible addition of ministers and staffs from other denominations.
6. The recent success of investments.
7. The authority, responsibility, and activities of the Board of Trustees.

8. The advisability of providing the Committee of Commissioners with material to be reviewed and/or considered at as early a date as possible.
9. The advisability of the Committee of Commissioners meeting on the Saturday preceding the General Assembly dates.

III. Recommendations

1. That the General Assembly strongly encourage all non-participating congregations to participate in the annuity and insurance programs on behalf of their ministers and lay employees. **Adopted**
2. That the General Assembly strongly encourage all non-participating congregations to support the annual "Christmas Gift" funding relief activities. **Adopted**
3. That the General Assembly direct its Committee on Administration to conduct a study concerning the coordination of computer operations of denominational offices in the office of the business administrator. **Adopted**
4. That the General Assembly approve the health insurance rates for the next year. **Adopted**
5. That the official plan of the Employees' Annuity Fund of the PCA be amended as follows, such amendments to be effective retroactively to January 1, 1981:
 - a. ¶6.2 to read "two (2)." rather than "five (5)."
 - b. ¶7.1 to be changed to read,
 - 7.1 The amount of any annuity provided under this plan shall be the actuarial equivalent of the total of the member accumulations and the employers accumulations of the member at the date such annuity becomes effective, in accordance with the table of rates generated by the assumption used for the Annuity Fund for Ministers. **Adopted**
6. That the official plan of the Annuity Fund for Ministers of the PCA be amended as follows, such amendments to be effective retroactively to January 1, 1981:

SECTION 7. DISABILITY BENEFITS

Section 7.1 When Granted

A disability annuity shall be granted to a currently protected member (see Section 1.2) of the Fund upon total disability occurring before such member reaches age 65. Total disability under this Plan shall mean that the member is incapacitated because of sickness or injury to such extent that such member is incapable of performing a material portion of the normal duties of the position qualifying him or her for membership in the Fund. **Adopted**

Section 7.2 Certification as to Disability

The physical aspects of total disability must be certified by the medical authorities approved by the Trustees, which shall have the right to call for proof (at the member's expense) of continued disability from time to time, but no more than once a year. The Trustees shall have the responsibility and authority to determine materiality in general and in special circumstances. **Adopted**

Section 7.3 Amount and Duration of the Disability Annuity

The disability annuity shall be payable to the member beginning on the first day following the sixth month of the period during which the member is totally disabled, or on the date the member ceases to receive any remuneration for services, whichever is later. If all dues payments to the Fund on behalf of the member have been made for every month of the member's period of membership (see Section 2.6), the annual amount of the disability annuity shall equal 60% of the member's compensation basis plus a rental allowance equal to 20% of the member's compensation basis. All such disability annuity payments shall be less any benefit for which the member becomes eligible as the result of such disability under Social Security,

Workmen's Compensation. Veterans and other governmental disability annuity becomes eligible to receive an increase in disability benefits from Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, veterans and other governmental disability programs three months or more after the beginning of benefits from any such source, such increases shall not reduce the sum the member is receiving as a disability from the Fund.

The disability annuity shall terminate on the earliest of (a) the first day on which the member is no longer totally disabled, (b) the date on which the member attains age 65, or (c) the date of the member's death.

Adopted

Section 7.4 Waiver of Dues and Accrual of Retirement Credits While Disabled

If all dues payments to the Fund on behalf of the member have been made for every month of the member's period of membership (see Section 2.6), the member and employer dues payments under Section 2 shall be waived during the period on or after January 1, 1974, that a disability annuity is being paid to the member and the member shall continue to accrue basic retirement credits and rental allowance credits during such period of annuity payment as if such dues payments were made on the member's compensation basis on which dues payment to the Fund were made on behalf of the member during the twelve-month period preceeding the date such disability began.

Any special credit declared by the Trustees after the member begins to accrue such basic retirement and rental allowance credits during disability shall be added to such credits as specified in Section 9.1. The dues waived shall not be credited to the member's account for any refund purpose under Section 2.1 or Section 2.4 of the plan.

Adopted

Section 7.5 Attainment of age 65

When the member attains age 65, the disability annuity and rental allowance shall terminate and the member shall begin to receive an age retirement annuity equal to the member's combined retirement credits (see Section 3.3) at age 65 and a rental allowance equal to the member's rental allowance credits. Any special credits declared by the Trustees after the beginning of the disability annuity will be included in these combined retirement credits and rental allowance credits and the annuity will be further increased by any special credits declared after such member attains age 65. **Adopted**

That this amendment be effective retroactively to January 1, 1981.

Adopted

7. That the General Assembly recognize that the rules of the Assembly do not require a specific balance of Ruling and Teaching Elders, that a "geographical" balance is not required, and that the primary consideration for election to the Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Fund should be qualification by background and training for the mission assigned to the Board. **Adopted**
8. That the General Assembly direct the Board of Trustees of Insurance and Annuities to supplement the insurance company booklet to make the benefits more understandable to participants, and that the benefits of the annuity plan be more fully and simply explained to participants. **Adopted**
9. Preamble explaining recommendation 9:

The Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Funds of the Presbyterian Church in America contemplate the possibility of separating the operations of its office from that of the Committee of Administration and the employment of a director or administrator to manage the functions and responsibilities assigned and delegated to the Trustees combined with the potential for future growth of the

Church give an urgency to these matters that required the supplementary recommendations following these words of explanation. Further, an examination of the Church documents governing the operations of General Assembly created organizations reveals that adequate documentation of the role of the Trustees is not set out. Further, there does not appear in the Church documents any of the language set out in the Trust instruments governing the Trustees. Such trust instruments are binding on both the Trustees and the General Assembly. These instruments provide for proper accounting of all transactions to the General Assembly and provide that anyone or all of the Trustees can be removed by the General Assembly with or without cause. We believe that the provisions of the Trust instruments, the relevant civil law, and the judicious selection of Trustees by the General Assembly make appropriate the delegation of authority and responsibility contemplated in the language of the following recommendations:

- 9a. That Article VIII, Section 8-1 of the Rules for Assembly Operations be amended as follows: under Item 4, second column, substitute for word "Sub-Committee" the word "Trustees". **Adopted**

- 9b. That the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America be amended to add Article IV, Section 11, as follows:

Section 11 - Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Fund

The Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Funds of the Presbyterian Church in America, hereinafter referred to as "Trustees", shall exercise such powers and conduct such business as delegated to it by the General Assembly from time to time. Specifically, but not in limitation thereof, the Trustees shall administer the Annuity plans, the group insurance programs and the relief programs of the Corporation. No action of the General Assembly or the Corporation shall conflict with provisions of the "Trust Agreement for the Annuity Funds for ministers of the Presbyterian Church in America," and the "Trust Agreement for the Annuity Fund for Lay Employees of the Presbyterian Church in America" without amendment of said Trust Agreements as provided in the Trust Agreements.

The Trustees will make a report to each General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance. The Trustees shall not be subject to the control or direction of any other Committee or organization of the Corporation.

The Trustees shall be ten (10) in number, divided into five (5) classes of two (2) men each serving five (5) year terms. The General Assembly shall elect at each Assembly a class of Trustees to begin each service immediately following the conclusion of the Assembly. Each member of the Trustees must be either a Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder or Deacon in the Presbyterian Church in America. The Trustees are not subject to the provisions of the BCO. Chapter 15 relating to proportionate representation of all Presbyteries or for equal representation of Teaching and Ruling Elders. **Adopted**

- 9c. The Trustees shall, unless specifically directed otherwise by the General Assembly, be authorized to operate from a separate location with separate offices and separate staffs. **Adopted**

- 10. That the General Assembly acknowledge a 1981 special credit of 10% declared by Trustees for participants of Minister's Annuity Fund. **Adopted**

- 11. That the General Assembly acknowledge a 1981 special credit of 10% declared by Trustees for participants of the Annuity Fund for Lay Employees. **Adopted**

- 12. That the General Assembly acknowledge a 1981 special credit of 3% declared by Trustees for participants of the Gift Annuity Fund. **Adopted**

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13. That the General Assembly direct its Committees and Boards automatically to adjust the compensation packages for Coordinators, the Business Administrator, and the employees of the Church whose compensation package is set by the General Assembly, for any group insurance rate increases. **Adopted**
14. That the Board of Trustees function under the current operating plan during this period with the possibility of the addition of other denominations, and that the Board submit a financial plan for operating expenses for the following year to the 1982 Committee of Commissioners on Insurance and Annuities. **Adopted**
15. That the minutes of the Board meetings of June 16, 1980, July 24, 1980, October 10, 1980, January 6, 1981, and March 20, 1981, be approved without exception. **Adopted**
16. That the Audit Report dated December 31, 1980, Kent, Nobles and Martin, C.P.A. firm be approved. **Adopted**
17. That the General Assembly commend the Board of Trustees of Insurance and Annuities for their excellent handling of our insurance and annuity program, and that we thank them and the staff personnel who have administered the program in such an efficient and courteous manner. **Adopted**
18. The report as a whole was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Charles Cox, Chairman

RE Thurston Futch, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Calvary	RE Tony Pepper
Central Carolina	TE Wm. P. Laxton
Central Florida	RE Gray "Joe" Vance
Central Georgia	RE Thurston D. Futch
Covenant	TE Robert S. Hayes
Eastern Carolina	RE Walter Martin
Evangel	RE Paul Takacs
Grace	TE Charles C. Cox, Jr. Chairman
Gulf Coast	RE T. G. Melson
Mississippi Valley	TE Mark L. Lowery, Jr.
North Georgia	TE Robert G. Valentine
Pacific	TE Wm. D. McColley
Philadelphia	TE Stuart Sacks
Southern Florida	RE Jack McDonald
Tennessee Valley	RE Edwin Arnold
Texas	TE James T. Pancoast II
Warrior	RE Thomas Irby
Westminster	TE L. Stanley Hartman

**ATTACHMENT A
COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS - INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES
COMPARISON OF INSURANCE RATES***

	<u>Pacific Mutual</u>	<u>Pacific Mutual</u>	<u>M.O.N.Y.</u>
	OLD PLAN	NEW PLAN	NEW PLAN
Single	\$ 41.00	\$ 50.22	\$ 45.00
With one dependent	80.50	96.04	90.00
With two or more dependents	99.50	118.25	115.00
All rates include \$10,000 Life/A.D. & D. Insurance			
*Rates provided by Board of Trustees			

9-56 Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation

TE Denver S. Blevins, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and introduced the report of the Committee of Commissioners on the PCA Foundation. TE James R. Campbell presented the report.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

- A. Minutes of the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, Inc., August 16, 1980, and the meeting of September 4, 1980.
- B. PCA Foundation minutes of the board meeting held April 9, 1980, and June 17, 1980.
- C. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the PCA Foundation to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA. (Appendix N, p.358)
- D. Report of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation (Appendix I, p. 265) to the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA.

II. Major Issues Discussed

- A. The recommendations of the PCA Foundation Report and Budget.
- B. The Ad Hoc Committee Report as assigned by the Eighth General Assembly (M8GA, p.107). The main thrust of the report dealt with the need of a coordinating agency which would recommend to the General Assembly goals, strategy, and coordinated use of funds by the major program committees to accomplish the one major mission of the Church. It was proposed that this agency be a strengthened and enlarged Sub-committee on Stewardship.

III. Recommendations

- 1. That the Assembly approve the minutes of the April 9, 1980, and June 17, 1980, meetings of the Board. **Adopted**
- 2. That the Assembly approve the minutes of the August 16, 1980, and September 4, 1980, meetings of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, Inc. **Adopted**
- 3. That the 1982 Budget of the PCA Foundation be approved as changed (Appendix K, p. 298). **Deferred; Adopted 9-61, III.9, p.122**
- 4. That each church in the Assembly be encouraged to participate in a Wills Seminar for the benefit of its members. **Adopted**
- 5. That each church be encouraged to participate in the Memorial Gift Program. **Adopted**
- 6. That the General Assembly reaffirms its earlier action restricting the activity of the PCA Foundation to receiving, accumulating, managing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc., in the development of a program of deferred giving. **Adopted**
- 7. That the PCA Foundation continue its efforts through its present programs to raise funds for the PCA; and that the PCA Foundation accept any other fund raising assigned to it by the General Assembly. **Adopted**
- 8. a. That the advisory membership of the Stewardship Committee be enlarged to include the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation,

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- the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; and that the Chairman of the Committee be elected annually from among its voting members. This requires a change in the Bylaws, Article IV, §10, next to the last line, following the words "four permanent committees" to read "the Director of the Stewardship Committee, the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall be advisory members of this Committee." **Adopted**
- b. That the General Assembly affirms its intention that the Stewardship Committee shall do "preliminary" planning and goal-setting studies for the denomination and shall recommend its findings annually through the Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship for the Assembly's deliberation and decision. **Adopted**
- c. That the General Assembly further clarifies the function of the Stewardship Committee by affirming its responsibility to review and evaluate the budget requests of all agencies whose budgets must be approved by the Assembly (M8GA, §8-80, ¶III.15), and recommend an annual budget to the General Assembly. **Adopted**
- d. That the Stewardship Committee is to coordinate the promotional work of all committees of the General Assembly, and is itself the primary communicator of the one mission of the Church at every level of the denomination. It is responsible for developing and promoting a system of "askings" for congregational support of the budget of the General Assembly. **Adopted**
- e. That the Stewardship Committee continue to be a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, as provided for in the Bylaws, Article IV, §10, for review and evaluation, but reporting directly to the General Assembly through its own Committee of Commissioners; and that the PCA Foundation continues to be a subcommittee of the Stewardship Committee, reporting through this Committee to the Committee on Administration for its review and approval, but reporting directly to the General Assembly through its own Committee of Commissioners. **Adopted**
9. That the PCA Foundation and the Stewardship Committee eventually shall have separate full-time directors. Each organization will be responsible to prepare a job description and qualifications for its own director which shall be approved by the General Assembly. Each organization will nominate its own Director for Assembly's approval. The salary of the Directors shall not exceed that of the Coordinators of the permanent committees. **Adopted**
10. That the funding of the PCA Foundation and the Stewardship Committee be through the Committee on Administration; and that to forestall a financial crisis for that Committee the following plan be adopted:
- a. All undesignated General Assembly income be shared equally by all permanent committees with 25% allotted to each committee.
- b. The existing 1981 formula for support of the Stewardship Committee and PCA Foundation be continued through 1982; the 1983 support be worked out by the Committee on Stewardship in conjunction with MtW, MUS, and CE/P Committees and be reported to the 1982 General Assembly. **Adopted**
11. That the report as a whole be received. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,
 TE Denver S. Blevins, chairman
 TE James P. Campbell, secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	RE Carl E. Jones
Calvary	TE James M. Hope
Central Carolina	RE Frank Summerville
Central Georgia	TE James P. Campbell
Covenant	RE George Giles

Eastern Carolina
 Gulf Coast
 Mid-Atlantic
 Pacific
 Southern Florida
 Tennessee Valley
 Western Carolinas

TE Denver S. Blevins
 TE Robert S. Hornick
 RE J. Brookes Smith
 RE John H. Reick
 TE R. Lynn Downing
 TE Frederick C. Fowler III
 TE J. Patrick McGhan, Jr.

9-57 RPCES and OPC Responses to Assembly's Vote to Invite

TE Paul R. Gilchrist and TE LeRoy B. Oliver expressed their appreciation to the Assembly for its actions of the previous evening in voting to invite their respective Churches to join the PCA.

9-58 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. with prayer by TE Gordon K. Reed.

MINUTES--WEDNESDAY EVENING

June 17, 1981

Eighth Session

9-59 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by TE Edwin P. Elliott, Sr.

9-60 Assembly Committee on Nominations

TE Frederick T. Marsh led in prayer and presented the report of the Assembly Committee on Nominations. The following were elected to the Permanent Committees and agencies of the Assembly:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Teaching Elders:

Ruling Elders:

Class of 1985

Don K. Clements, Mid-Atlantic

William Joseph, Evangel
 Robert Liken, Philadelphia

Alternates

David G. McKay, Ascension

John T. Clark, Central Georgia

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Teaching Elders:

Ruling Elders:

Class of 1985

T. M. Moore, Southern Florida
 Charles E. Turner, Southwest

Denis Stager, Ascension

Class of 1984

Ralph Mittendorff, Southern Florida

Alternates

Joseph Pipa, Texas

James R. Bibb, Covenant

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

Teaching EldersRuling Elders

Class of 1985

Frank Barker, Evangel

John T. Bailey, Jr., Central Georgia
Howard E. Perry, Philadelphia

Alternates

Leonard T. Van Horn, Westminster

Frederick A. Archer, Texas

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

Teaching Elders:Ruling Elders:

Class of 1985

Carl W. Bogue, Jr., Ascension
Henry R. Gundlach, Texas

L. B. Austin III, Tennessee Valley

Alternates

Lee Trinkle, Gulf Coast

William McCance, Southwest

TRUSTEES FOR INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND

Class of 1986

John W. Todd, Jr., Ascension
Robert E. Kresge, New River

SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Teaching EldersRuling Elders

Class of 1984

Richard Adelman, Gulf Coast

Lawrence H. DeBert, Tennessee
Valley

Alternates

Henry Lewis Smith, Evangel

John G. Thompson, Westminster

SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Teaching EldersRuling Elders

Class of 1985

Russell Toms, Central Florida

Stanley D. Wells, Texas

Alternates

Thomas A. Roberts, Louisiana

Henry G. Smith, Central Georgia

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA FOUNDATION

Class of 1985

Arnold Lee, Grace
F. E. Brasfield, Mississippi Valley

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RIDGE HAVEN

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1984

Newton Brooks, Gulf Coast
Robert Harris, North Georgia
Harold Tolsma, Texas

ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1984

Ronald C. Harding, Mid-Atlantic

Wm. Stevenson, North Georgia

Alternates

J. Robert Vannoy, Philadelphia

Doug Haskew, Evangel

COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1984

Frederick T. Marsh, Tennessee Valley

William H. Hall, Central Florida

9-61 Committee of Commissioners on Stewardship

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

I. Business Referred to the Committee

- A. Report and recommendations of Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries. (Appendix K, p. 270)
- B. Minutes of Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries of September 27, 1980; January 23-24, 1981; and March 27-28, 1981, including the "unanimous written consent...in lieu of a quorum".
- C. Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 1980.

II. Statement of Major Issues Discussed

- A. Various approaches to formulating and raising committee budgets.
- B. Stewardship Key-Man concept in local churches and presbyteries.
- C. The status of position paper entitled "Theology of Stewardship".
- D. Proposed 1982 budgets and proposed 1981 budget revisions of the various committees.
- E. The minutes of the Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries listed above were thoroughly reviewed and no exceptions were found. Several notations were referred to the Sub-committee.

F. The Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 1980, was reviewed and approved.

III. Recommendations

1. That each presbytery Key-Man promote the use of the slide-tape presentation entitled "No Congregation Is an Island" when it becomes available. **Adopted**
2. That the period of Sunday, October 18, 1981, through Sunday, November 8, 1981, be a special Stewardship Season and that Sunday, November 8, 1981, be recommended as Commitment Sunday. **Adopted**
3. That presbyteries encourage the session of each local church to appoint a Stewardship Key-Man. **Adopted**
4. That presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in its area. **Adopted**
5. That each church be encouraged to use the 1981 Stewardship Materials, "Giving Yourself First". **Adopted**
6. That churches and presbyteries be urged to complete the report on the 1982 Assembly Askings promptly upon request of the Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries. **Adopted**
7. That the paper entitled "Theology of Stewardship" be received for information and that presbyteries and sessions be encouraged to study it as a guideline for stewardship planning (p. 272) **Adopted**
8. That the 1981 revised budgets for the Committee on Mission to the World (SIMA only), the Sub-committee on Stewardship Ministries, and the Committee for Christian Education and Publications be approved (see Appendix K, p. 296). **Adopted**
9. That the budgets for 1982 be approved as amended (see Appendix K, p. 286ff, for budgets as adopted). **Adopted**
10. That the "Uniform Budget Format Progress Report" be received for information. **Adopted**
11. That the General Assembly commend the director of Stewardship Ministries, RE M. E. "Pappy" Howland, and the assistant director, RE Roy Gamble, for their diligent work and faithfulness during the past year. **Adopted**
12. That the report as a whole be received. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,
TE Don K. Clements, chairman
TE William H. Rose, Jr., secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	TE Frank D. Moser
Covenant	TE Charles S. Carroll
Eastern Carolina	RE Charles E. Spaulding
Evangel	RE Hugh Gibson
Grace	TE Robert G. Schwanebeck, Jr.
Gulf Coast	TE Thomas G. Birr
Louisiana	RE Robert Blaylock
Mid-Atlantic	TE Don K. Clements
North Georgia	TE Mitchell Hall, Jr.
Pacific	TE Peter W. Anderson
Warrior	TE William H. Rose, Jr.

9-62 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 9:40 p.m. and was led in prayer by TE T. Dwight Linton.

MINUTES--THURSDAY MORNING

Ninth Session

June 18, 1981

9-63 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with prayer by RE Gerald Sovereign.

9-64 Program of Committee for Mission to the World

The Committee for Mission to the World made its program presentation to the Assembly, led by TE Donald B. Patterson, TE Jayson D. Kyle, TE James L. Lyons, and TE Kennedy Smartt, including a film, "Look What Missions Has Done to My Church".

TE G. Aiken Taylor took the chair at the request of the Moderator.

9-65 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

TE John W. Robertson, vice-chairman, began the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business after leading the Assembly in prayer.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

A. Minutes of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business (June 11, 1980, November 18, 1980, January 23-24, 1981, March 3, 1981, April 2, 1981, April 28, 1981, and May 21, 1981).

B. Overtures 1,3,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,20,22,24,26.

C. Complaints:

1. Case 1: Campbell vs. Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

2. Case 2: Lewis, et al, vs. Grace Presbytery

3. Case 3: Zeigler vs. Texas Presbytery

4. Case 4: King, et al, vs. Western Carolinas Presbytery

D. Reference 1.

E. Business from Previous Assemblies:

1. M8GA 8-36 regarding proper use of "extraordinary clause"

2. M8GA 8-72, IV.B, regarding necessity of a call to a definite work

F. Report of Sub-committee on Judicial Business (Appendix F, p. 210ff.)

G. Communication 8 and 9

H. Personal Resolutions from TE Donald B. Patterson, TE David Howe, TE Leonard T. Van Horn, and TE Hubert Stewart

II. Background

The committee met on June 13, 1981, and June 15, 1981, deliberating the above mentioned matters for some ten hours. Overtures which deal with constitutional issues were referred to the committee prior to the Assembly by the stated clerk of the General Assembly. All matters dealt with previously by the Sub-committee on Judicial Business were also reviewed by the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business.

III. Recommendations

A. Recommendations regarding judicial cases (see 9-32; p. 84ff.)

B. Recommendations regarding minutes of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business:

1. That the June 11, 1980, minutes as amended by the January 23, 24, 1981, minutes be approved without exception. **Adopted**

2. That the November 18, 1980, January 23-24, 1981, March 3, 1981, April 2, 1981, April 28, 1981, and May 21, 1981, minutes be approved without exception. **Adopted**

C. Recommendations regarding overtures:

1. That Overture 1 be answered by reference to BCO 8-6. **Adopted**

2. That Overture 3 be answered in the affirmative. (§9-10, p. 40) **Adopted**

3. That Overture 6 be answered in the negative. (§9-10, p. 40) Grounds: BCO Preface, III "The Constitution Defined" speaks to the matter as does pending amendment to BCO 56 - 58. **Adopted**

4. That Overture 8 be answered in the affirmative with the following proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order:

Add new paragraph 13-5, and renumber succeeding paragraphs: "Ordinarily, only those ministers who receive a call to a definite ecclesiastical work within the bounds of a particular presbytery may be received as a member of that presbytery except

in cases where the minister is already honorably retired, or in those cases deemed necessary by the presbytery, subject to the review of the General Assembly." (§9-10, p. 53)

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

5. That Overtures 9 (§9-10, p.41) be referred to the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business for consideration and that it make recommendations to clarify the procedures for complaints and appeals in the BCO. **Adopted**
6. That Overture 10 (§9-10, p.41) be referred to the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business for consideration. **Adopted**
7. That Overture 11 (§9-10, pp.41-42) be answered in the affirmative. **Adopted**
8. That Overture 12 (§9-10, p.42) be answered in the affirmative. **Adopted**
9. That Overture 13 (§9-10, pp.42-43) be answered in the affirmative. **Adopted**
10. That Overture 14 (§9-10 p.43) be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications. **Adopted**
11. That Overture 15 (§9-10, p.44) be answered in the negative.
Grounds: Each Presbytery now has its own procedure for placing commissioners on committees of commissioners, and that latitude should be allowed to continue. **Adopted**
12. That Overture 16 (§9-10, p.45) be answered in the affirmative.
Grounds: This is not a substantive change in the BCO, 9-4. That the Stated Clerk be directed to edit BCO §9-4 to read: "The board shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its number and a treasurer to whom shall be entrusted the funds for the current expenses of the church." **Adopted**
13. That Overture 18 (§9-10, p.45) be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries. **Adopted**
14. That late Overtures 20, 22, 24, and 26 (§9-10, p.46-47) be referred to the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business in accord with "Rules for Assembly Operations," V., 5, 6. **Adopted**

D. Recommendations regarding Communications

That the General Assembly direct the Stated Clerk to answer Communication 8, from Mrs. Jean Lockman (see §9-10, p.33), by calling attention to the record of the Judicial Commission to handle the case of Victor Lockman vs. Gulf Coast Presbytery (see §9-29, II, p.76). **Adopted**

E. Recommendations regarding Business left over from previous Assemblies:

That the question, "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?", referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business by the Eighth General Assembly (M8GA, §8-36), be answered with the following counsel:

The General Assembly recognizes that the use of the extraordinary clause is left to the discretion of an individual presbytery subject to review of the General Assembly and to the process provided for in a complaint. The General Assembly declares that the use of the extraordinary clause should be limited to extraordinary circumstances of the church or proven extraordinary gifts of the man. The Assembly would take notice, however, that there has been an increasing laxity in the application of the clause. The Assembly would, therefore, counsel that presbyteries exercise diligence and care in the use of this provision in order that they not prevent the ordination of a candidate for whom there are truly exceptional circumstances nor ordain a person who is inadequately prepared for the ministry. **Adopted**

F. That Reference 1, from the Presbytery of the Western Carolinas

(see §9-10, p.50-51), be referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business for answers. **Adopted**

G. Recommendations from the Sub-committee on Judicial Business

1. That the BCO, Chapter 26, be amended by the addition of a new §26-4, which shall read as follows:

In voting upon an amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Presbyteries may not divide the parts of the amendment except as directed by the General Assembly which has recommended its adoption, and by the renumbering of the remaining paragraphs as 26-5 and 26-6 respectively.

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

2. That the Sub-committee on Judicial Business be given another year to rewrite "The Directory for Worship", with a report to be made to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**

3. That the BCO, §25-11, be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

At a regularly called congregational meeting, properly announced for this purpose, a particular church may withdraw by a simple majority vote, from any court of this body at any time for reasons which seem to the particular congregation sufficient. The presbytery shall be notified of the action of the congregation.

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

4. That the following Manual of Operations for the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, incorporating proposed changes, be adopted as a whole. The Manual reads as follows:

**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS FOR THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS**

1. SUBJECT

1-1. This is the Operating Manual for the Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business of the General Assembly, a sub-committee of the Permanent Committee on Administration.

2. HISTORICAL

2-1. Beginning with the Advisory Convention in Asheville in August of 1973 and throughout the formative days of the Presbyterian Church in America, provision has been made for the business of the Assembly to be conducted primarily through four Permanent Committees: Administration, Mission to the United States, Mission to the World, and Christian Education and Publications.

2-2. Also, recognized as a need and provided for by the Advisory Convention was a Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business, primarily as advisory to the Assembly and to the Committee on Administration. This Sub-committee was originally composed of seven (7) members elected by the Assembly. The original Bylaws of the Assembly adopted by the First Assembly in December, 1973, elevated this Sub-committee to full standing as a fifth Permanent Committee of the Assembly.

3. ORGANIZATION

3-1. There shall be a 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 (1) Teaching Elder and (1) Ruling Elder.

3-2. The officers shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be elected by the Sub-committee at the first meeting

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following the meeting of the General Assembly at which the last class was elected.

3-3. Two alternates, one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder, shall be elected by each General Assembly. Each alternate shall be expected to attend each meeting of the Sub-committee. And, when any member shall be absent, the alternate of the same order shall serve in the absence of that member and shall have full voting privileges for that meeting.

3-4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Sub-Committee. In the absence of members, the alternates may be used to satisfy the requirements for a quorum.

3-5. The Chairman of the Sub-committee shall be an advisory member of the Committee on Administration. The Chairman shall be authorized to designate another member of the Sub-committee to be his alternate should he not be able to attend a meeting of the Committee on Administration.

4. OPERATIONS

4-1. The Sub-committee shall function as a permanent committee of the General Assembly reporting directly to the General Assembly.

4-2. The Sub-committee shall be funded by the Committee on Administration.

4-3. The Sub-committee shall meet at the direction of the General Assembly, at the call of the Chairman, at the request of the Stated Clerk, and at times stated by the Sub-committee.

4-4. The Chairman or, if the Chairman shall have rotated off of the Sub-committee, a convener appointed by the Moderator of the General Assembly shall convene the new Sub-committee following the General Assembly, giving at least ten days notice. At this meeting, which may be conducted by conference telephone call, the Chairman and the Secretary will be elected.

4-5. Minutes shall be maintained according to §8-13 of the "Rules for Assembly Operations."

5. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

5-1. Purpose: The Sub-committee shall:

- a. Serve the General Assembly as directed.
- b. Advise the General Assembly on judicial and constitutional matters.
- c. Assist and advise the Stated Clerk and the Permanent Committees of the Assembly on judicial and constitutional matters between Assemblies.
- d. Advise the Presbyteries and Sessions on judicial and constitutional matters between Assemblies.

5-2. Functions:

- a. At the General Assembly: The Sub-committee 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 Sub-committee for consideration and the Sub-committee shall make its recommendation directly to the Assembly.
- b. Between General Assemblies: The Sub-committee shall:
 - (1) Receive from the Stated Clerk all overtures requesting the amendment of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America or interpreta-

tion thereof by the General Assembly and all complaints, appeals, or references from lower courts. The Sub-committee shall evaluate and recommend the procedure for handling each item. However, the Sub-committee shall not evaluate the merits of the matter unless it be clearly spoken to previously by the General Assembly or unless it shall contradict the Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

- (2) Be available as a reference committee to assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business to the Assembly.
- (3) When requested to, interpret the Minutes of the General Assembly, the Book of Church Order, the Bylaws, and the "Rules for Assembly Operations".
 - (a) The Sub-committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to all Presbyteries and Sessions and to all the Committees of the General Assembly upon request.
 - (b) Any advice given by the Sub-committee must be in writing and must be reported to the next Stated Meeting of the General Assembly for ratification, modification, or rejection.
 - (c) If two parties are in conflict, such advice will be binding on both parties until the next Stated Meeting of the General Assembly, where final determination will be made.
 - (d) The Sub-committee shall direct any individuals requesting advice to address their questions to the court of the church to which they are subject. It shall not respond to individuals.

c. The Sub-committee shall not initiate any constitutional matters of pertinent change unless directed to do so by the General Assembly, but shall point out needs that arise. The philosophy shall be studiously maintained that the lower courts will be expected to initiate any such actions.

Adopted

- 5. That the BCO, Chapter 8, be amended by the addition of a new §8-7, as follows, and renumbering the present §8-7 and §8-8: A Presbytery may, at its discretion, approve the call of a Teaching Elder to work with an organization outside the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in America, 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 a Teaching Elder shall be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.
- 6. That the following proposed amendments to the BCO regarding church membership be given initial approval and be sent down to the presbyteries for their advice and consent:

- a. That BCO, 6 be amended by deleting the present wording in total and by substituting the following provisions:

CHAPTER 6. CHURCH MEMBERS

6-1. The members of a particular church consist of communing, non-communing, and associate members.

COMMUNING MEMBERS

6-2. Communing members of a particular church are those members who have made a public profession of faith, have been baptized, and have been received by the Session. Communing members who are in good standing are the only members

entitled to all the rights and privileges of full church membership.

6-3. A communing member of a particular church shall inform his church promptly when his mailing address is changed or his residence is moved either temporarily or permanently. This shall also apply to an adult non-communing member.

6-4. A communing member who shall temporarily move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a communing member should become an associate member of another recognized Christian church with the concurrence of the Session of his church. He shall remain a member in good standing for a two-year period, which shall be renewable, subject to his remaining in good standing with the church of which he is an associate member.

6-5. A communing member who shall permanently move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a communing member, so that he can no longer regularly attend its services, shall be obligated to arrange for the transfer of his membership to another recognized Christian church into which bounds he has moved. This shall not apply to such persons as students, servicemen, missionaries, etc., who desire to remain on the roll of their home church. Such persons as this should seek to become associate members of a recognized Christian church.

NON-COMMUNING MEMBERS

6-6. The children of believers are, through the covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the visible Church universal. They are entitled to baptism, to non-communing membership in a particular church following baptism, and to the pastoral oversight, instruction and government of the Church, with a view to their embracing Christ, and thus personally possessing all the benefits of the covenant. By baptism, such children are sealed as members of Christ's Church and are received into the non-communing membership of a particular church (Chapter 28).

6-7. Non-communing members of a particular church are the baptized children of communing members and persons who have been suspended from the Lord's Table as a result of disciplinary censure (30-3).

6-8. All baptized persons are entitled to the watchful care, instruction and government of the Church, even though they are adults and have made no profession of their faith in Jesus Christ (28-4).

6-9. Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation or corporation. Nor are they to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper until such time as they have been admitted to the Lord's Table upon their profession of faith, or, in the case of those who have been suspended from the Lord's Table, until such time as they have been restored to the Sacraments of the Church by action of the Session (Chapter 37).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

6-10. Associate members are those believers who are communing members of other recognized Christian churches (2-2), who are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches, and who are affiliated with a particular church on a temporary basis (12-7).

6-11. Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of communing members of a particular church except that

they shall not vote in meetings of the congregation or corporation and shall not hold office in the particular church.

b. That BCO, 12 be amended as follows:

1) That 12-8 be amended to read:

"Every Session shall keep an accurate record of baptisms, of the members of the church, and of the deaths and dismissions of church members."

2) That new paragraphs 12-10 through 12-25, as follows, be added:

12-10. The Session of a particular church shall keep the rolls of the members of the church. There shall be three rolls: 1. Communing; 2. Non-communing; and 3. Associate. The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually (Chapter 38).

CHURCH ROLLS

12-11. The communing roll shall consist of those members who are actively participating in the life and work of the church by attending its worship services and by participating in its other activities.

12-12. Communing members may be received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church (2-2). Attendance at a church membership preparation class is recommended for all who would be received into communing membership regardless of their age or the method by which they are to be received.

12-13. Communing members of other recognized Christian churches shall normally be received by means of a letter of transfer. When, however, it is not possible to obtain a letter of transfer from the governing body of the church of which they are members, they may be received as communing members upon their reaffirmation of faith in Christ. In such cases the Session should notify the church(es) to which they formerly belonged, if possible.

12-14. All those being received as communing members are required to answer affirmatively the constitutional questions for admission of persons to the sealing ordinances (57-5), and to give to the Session a testimony of their Christian experience (57-6).

12-15. A Teaching Elder who has been divested of his office without censure or deposed without excommunication and has been assigned by his Presbytery to a particular church, may be received into the communing membership of that church subject to the approval of the Session. If the Session approves of the assignment, the Session shall so notify the Presbytery and place the person's name on the communing roll of the church. If the Session does not approve of the assignment, it shall notify the Presbytery and take no further action.

12-16. The non-communing roll shall consist of all those members of a congregation who are not entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. The non-communing roll shall consist of two parts. It shall include, primarily, the names of the baptized children of communing parents of the congregation. The second part shall consist of the names of any members who have been suspended from the Lord's Table by action of the Session as a result either of their own request in accordance with §38-4 only or of proper disciplinary procedures (30-3).

12-17. The associate roll shall consist of the names of those who are communing members of other recognized Christian churches who are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches and within the bounds of a particular church with which they desire to be associated on a temporary basis.

12-18. Associate members may be received for a two-year period, which shall be renewable, either by a letter from the governing body of their home church indicating their good standing as communing members of the church or by reaffirmation of their faith in Christ subject to the concurrence of the governing body of their home church. In either case, they shall be required to subscribe to the questions required for admission to the sealing ordinances (57-5) and to give to the Session a testimony of their Christian experience (57-6).

LETTERS OF TRANSFER AND STANDING

12-19. A letter of transfer shall be issued by a Session only to the governing body of another recognized Christian church. A member's request shall be made through the governing body of the church he desires to join.

12-20. When a letter of transfer is requested by the governing body of a church, which in the judgment of the Session is not a recognized Christian church (2-2), the Session shall inform the member for whom the letter is requested, if possible, and the governing body of the church making the request that a letter will not be granted (38-4).

12-21. When a letter of transfer is issued for parents who have children who are non-communing members of the church, the names of these children shall also be included.

12-22. 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. This action shall not affect his ordination.

12-23. When a letter of transfer is requested for a member who is under charges or under discipline, the Session shall issue a letter of transfer and shall indicate the disciplinary status of the member (37-6).

12-24. A member being dismissed from one church to another shall remain under the jurisdiction of the dismissing church until such time that it has been notified that the member has been received by the other church.

12-25. If a church which has requested the letter of transfer shall delay receiving the member for any reason, the letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only.

12-26. When a communing member shall request through the governing body of another recognized Christian church within whose bounds he is temporarily residing permission to become an associate member of that church, the Session of the church of which he is a communing member shall, if it deems it proper, issue a letter of good standing to

the governing body of the church making the request. If the Session determines that such permission would not be proper, the Session shall inform the member and the governing body of the church making the request as to the reasons for failing to issue such a letter (38-4).

12-27. When a particular church is notified by a Presbytery that one of its members has been ordained to the gospel ministry, the Session shall note the action in its records and remove the name of the member from the church roll.

NOTE: The following amendment to add these words to §12-27, "However, if the minister indicates he desires to remain a member of the congregation, his name shall not be removed from the church roll.", was defeated; the affirmative vote of TE Frank J. Smith was recorded at his request.]

- c. That Chapter 38 be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 38. CASES WITHOUT FULL PROCESS

38-1. When any person shall come forward and make his offense known to the court, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without process.

(Same as present BCO, 38-1.)

38-2. A minister of the Gospel against whom there are no charges, if fully satisfied in his own conscience that God has not called him to the ministry, or if he has satisfactory evidence of his inability to serve the Church with acceptance, may report these facts at a stated meeting of Presbytery. At the next stated meeting, if after full deliberation the Presbytery shall concur with him in judgment, it may divest him of his office without censure. This provision shall in like manner apply with any necessary changes to the case of Ruling Elders and Deacons; but in all such cases the Session of the church to which the Ruling Elder or the Deacon who seeks demission belongs shall act as the Presbytery acts in similar cases where a minister is concerned. (Same as present 38-3.)

38-3. When a member or officer shall renounce the communion of this Church by joining some other evangelical Church; if in good standing, the irregularity shall be recorded, and his name erased. But if charges are pending against him, they shall be communicated to the Church which he has joined. If the denomination be heretical, an officer shall have his name stricken from the roll, and all authority to exercise his office derived from this Church shall be withdrawn from him; but a private member shall not be otherwise noticed than as above prescribed. (Same as present 38-4.)

38-4. If a communing member of a church, against whom no charges are pending shall request the Session to transfer his name to the roll of non-communing members, it shall be in the power of the Session to grant the request, and this action may be announced to the congregation should this seem wise and proper. This transfer, however, should not be made until the Session, after inquiry and delay, is of the judgment that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or special temptation. (Same as present 38-2.)

38-5. When, for the period of one year, a member of a particular church has been on the non-communing roll as the result of his own request, the Session shall inquire as to the circumstances of the non-communing member. It may permit the member to remain on the non-communing roll for the period of one more year, if in the opinion of the Session the extension is warranted. However, if the Session determines otherwise, it shall delete his name from the church roll unless there is an offense which would be the proper object of full judicial process. (§29-1). The Session shall inform the member and should ordinarily inform the congregation of its action.

38-6. When a member whose name is on the communing roll requests the Session to remove his name from the church roll, the Session shall remove the name of the member without process and notify the member of the action taken. The request for removal shall be in writing. If the member is a Ruling Elder or a Deacon, the Session shall also withdraw from him all authority to exercise his office and shall 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.

38-7. When a communing member shall temporarily move his residence beyond the bounds of his home church, the Session shall, as far as possible, continue pastoral oversight of him and shall inform him that he should seek to become an associate member of a recognized Christian church into whose bounds he has moved. If after one year, the member has not become an associate member of such a church, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by removing his name from the church roll. The Session shall notify the member and the congregation of its action. However, if there are exceptional circumstances which shall prevent the member from forming such an association, the Session may allow him to remain on the communing roll of the church.

38-8. When a communing member shall permanently move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a member, the Session shall, if practicable, notify the governing body of a church into whose bounds the member has moved and request it to take the pastoral oversight of the member, with a view to the transfer of his membership, unless he shall be a candidate for the gospel ministry (18-4). The Session shall also, at the same time, advise the member that it is his duty to arrange for the transfer of his membership to a church into whose bounds he has moved. If the member shall neglect to have his membership transferred within one year after he has been advised of his duty, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by removing the name of the member from the church roll. The Session should ordinarily notify the member and the congregation of the action taken.

38-9. 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 Session has been unable to contact him, the Session should ordinarily take proper dis-

ciplinary action by deleting his name from the church roll.

38-10. When a member of a particular church has willfully neglected the church for a period of one year, or has made it known that he or she has no intention of fulfilling the church vows, then the Session should exercise proper discipline by deleting such names from the church roll, but only after the procedure described in §27-5 has been followed.

d. That BCO, Chapter 46 be amended as follows:

- 1) That 46-1 through 46-5 be deleted;
(Reason: the provisions of these paragraphs have been incorporated in the proposed revisions of BCO, 12 and 38.)
- 2) That 46-6 and 46-8 be moved to BCO, 13 as 13-12 and 13-14 respectively;
- 3) That 46-7 be amended to read as follows, and be moved to BCO, 13 as 13-13:
"No certificate of dismissal from a Presbytery shall be valid testimony of good standing for a period longer than one year, unless its earlier reception be hindered by some providential cause; and such certificates given for persons who have left the bounds of the Presbytery granting them shall certify the standing of such persons only to the time of their leaving those bounds."
- 4) And, that BCO, 46 shall then remain temporarily vacant.

e. That BCO, §4-1, be amended by inserting the word "baptize" between the words "their" and "children".

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

H. Matters handed to the committee of commissioners after the Ninth General Assembly convened:

1. That the resolution from TE David G. K. Howe (§9-10, p.60) be referred to the Sub-committee on Judicial Business. **Adopted**
2. That the resolution from TE Hubert C. Stewart be answered by reference to Recommendation III, H.3 (§9-10, p.60). **Adopted**
3. That BCO Chapter 23 be entitled "The Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation and the Procedure for Honorable Retirement", that the resolution of TE Leonard T. Van Horn (§9-10, p.62) as amended become a new paragraph, BCO 23-2, and that a new paragraph 23-3 be added as follows:

§23-2. The Presbytery may designate a minister as honorably retired when the minister, by reason of age wishes to be retired, or by reason of infirmity is no longer able to serve the Church in the active ministry of the Gospel. Ministers honorably retired shall ordinarily continue to hold membership in the presbytery by which they were retired. He may serve on committees or commissions if so elected or appointed.

§23-3. A minister, being honorably retired, may be elected pastor emeritus by a congregation which seeks to honor his past earnest labors among them.

Adopted and sent to presbyteries for advice and consent

I. Amendments to BCO enacted:

That the General Assembly vote on the proposed amendments to the BCO, Items 1-6, which have received the necessary approval of two-thirds of the presbyteries. **Adopted**

The Assembly then adopted Items 1-6 ad seriatum as follows:

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Amend Chapter 5 by adding new paragraph 5-4 as follows:

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

- (1) Not less than thirty days prior to the date of organization the petitioners shall elect from their own body a Pulpit Nominating Committee. This election shall take place at a meeting of the petitioners announced at least one week in advance. Only those who have made a written commitment to membership in the new church are eligible to vote at this meeting.
- (2) The Pulpit Committee may report at the organizational meeting of the congregation, or any subsequent congregational meeting called for that purpose.
- (3) If at the organizational meeting a Pastor is called who is a member of the organizing Presbytery, he may be installed at that time by the Presbytery or a Commission authorized by the Presbytery to do so. If the Pastor elect is not a member of the organizing Presbytery, his Call must be prosecuted under the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Book of Church Order. Adopted

Item 2

Amend paragraph 13-1 by adding: When a Presbytery has churches on its roll, each church may be represented by two Ruling Elders for the first 350 communing members or fraction thereof. Adopted

Item 3

Amend 14-1-11 so that the next to last sentence reads:

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

Item 4

Amend paragraph 14-1-11 by adding the following:

In the event that a member of a Permanent Committee fails to attend more than one/half of the meetings of the Committee in any particular year, the Committee, after consultation with the member, shall by a two/ thirds vote of the Committee present and voting, request that the next General Assembly declare the position vacant and elect a replacement. Adopted

Item 5

Amend Paragraph 18-2:

by changing the word "candidate" in the first line of the first paragraph to "applicant".

by deleting the second and third sentence of the third paragraph and substituting the following in its place: An applicant for care may not be received under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of the Presbytery, since he must serve a period of at least one year of internship prior to ordination (see 19-7 and 21-4).

An applicant for internship is obliged to be under care and must be licensed to preach the Gospel; further, one who is not already under care may be taken under care, be licensed to preach the Gospel, and become an intern at the same meeting of Presbytery. 18-3 (p. 25 of the third edition of the BCO):

That the word "candidate" in lines 4 and 11 be changed to read "applicant".

18-7 Amend Paragraph 18-7:

by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following in its place:

The Presbytery may, upon application of the candidate, give a certificate of dismission to another Presbytery. The candidate may be allowed to retain membership in his home church upon the request of his Session and the approval of both Presbyteries

involved. A candidate shall, at his request, be allowed to withdraw from the care of the Presbytery.

18-8 BCO, 18-8 (new paragraph):

An applicant coming as a candidate from another denomination must present testimonials of his standing in that body and must become a member of a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America. He shall then fulfill the requirements of applicants listed under 18-2, as well as requirements placed upon those desiring to be licensed or to become an intern as set forth in Chapter 19 of the BCO.

CHAPTER 19. LICENSURE AND INTERNSHIP

A. LICENSURE

19-1 To preserve the purity of the preaching of the Gospel, no man is permitted to preach in the pulpits of the Presbyterian Church in America on a regular basis without proper licensure from the Presbytery having jurisdiction where he will preach. A ruling elder, a candidate for the ministry, a minister from some other denomination, or some other man may be licensed for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching of the Word upon his giving satisfaction to the Presbytery of his gifts and passing the licensure examination.

19-2 Examination for Licensure.

The examination for licensure shall be as follows:

A. Give a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel in written form and/ or orally before the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery):

B. Be tested with a written and/or an oral examination by the Presbytery (at the discretion of the Presbytery) for his:

1. Basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined in the Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church in America.

2. Practical knowledge of the English Bible.

3. Basic knowledge of the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in The Book of Church Order.

C. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in Part B.

D. Provide his written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and application, and present orally his sermon or exhortation before Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery.

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

19-3 Questions for Licensure.

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

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture?

3. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

4. Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or of any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

19-4 The applicant having answered these questions in the affirmative, the Moderator shall offer a prayer suitable for the occasion, and shall address the applicant as follows: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do license you to preach the Gospel in this Presbytery wherever God in His providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen."

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

19-5 When any intern 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 intern is moving, however, must at least examine the man concerning his Christian experience and call to preach the Gospel, his views in theology, English Bible, and church government. This Presbytery then may license him to preach within its bounds.

19-6 The license to preach the Gospel shall expire at the end of four years. The Presbytery may, if it thinks proper, renew it without further examination.

B. INTERNSHIP

19-7 The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the Word, both concerning their gifts and concerning their ability to rule as teaching elders, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men, and that the Church may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those to whom this sacred office is to be committed. To provide for such a period of trial, a candidate for ordination must serve an internship; and this internship should normally occur in the Presbytery in which he is expecting to be ordained. This period of internship 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 internship 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 internship shall be determined by the Presbytery, but it should involve the candidate in 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

intern's gifts. The intern should be closely supervised by the Presbytery throughout this trial period.

19-8 An applicant for internship must be a candidate and an intern in the Presbytery in which he is seeking to become an intern. He may, however, become a candidate, and an intern at the same meeting of Presbytery. If an applicant for internship 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 an intern.

19-9 Examination for Internship.

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

19-10 When an applicant is approved for internship, 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 declare you to be an intern 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 internship 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 internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

19-11 When any intern shall have occasion, while his internship 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 internship at the point at which it was left, and conduct it to a conclusion in the same manner as if it had been commenced by itself. Presbytery shall repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery's examination it desires, but it must at least examine the intern on his Christian experience and call to the ministry and his views in theology, the sacraments, and church government. In such cases, the intern shall also transfer his candidacy and should be licensed by his new Presbytery.

19-12 Presbyteries should require interns to devote themselves diligently to the trial of their gifts; and no one should be ordained to the work of the ministry of the Word until he has demonstrated the ability both to edify and to rule in the Church. Reports on every intern in the Presbytery should be presented at each stated meeting of the Presbytery by the committee of Presbytery charged with the oversight of interns, and these reports shall become a part of the Minutes of Presbytery. The Presbytery shall also require every intern himself to make a report to it at least once a year describing his ministerial experiences. If the intern is still in school, the Presbytery shall secure from his instructors an annual report upon his department, diligence, and progress in study.

19-13 At the end of the period of time set by the Presbytery for his internship, an intern shall have his internship either approved or disapproved. Even if it is approved, he cannot be

ordained without a call to some specific work. If the internship is disapproved, the Presbytery may either extend it for another definite period of time or it may completely rescind his intern status and may revoke his internship. If the intern shall devote himself unnecessarily to such pursuits as interfere with a full trial of his gifts, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to rescind his intern status, and to record its reasons therefor in the Minutes of Presbytery.

19-14 An intern, who, during his internship, is to serve a congregation in the capacity of the minister of the Word must be called by the congregation in the same way that a regular minister is called. A congregation may later call such a man as its pastor. This call must be approved by Presbytery prior to the time of ordination. In the event a congregation does not desire to call such a man as its pastor as determined by a congregational vote, notice should be given as early as possible. Interns may be called to serve as assistants to ministers during their internship, by the Session of a church with approval of the call by Presbytery.

19-15 Restrictions.

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

20-11 Amend Paragraph 20-11:

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

21-2 Amend Paragraph 21-1:

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

When an intern has completed his internship to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and has accepted a call, the Presbytery shall take immediate steps for his ordination.

21-3 Amend Paragraph 21-3:

by deleting the first phrase, which reads as follows:

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

No Presbytery shall ordain any intern to the office of Minister of the Word.

21-4 Amend Paragraph 21-4:

by adding as an introductory paragraph the following:

An intern 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 an 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 internship in the practice of the ministry. Ordinarily, the intern 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 intern 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 intern may be examined on particular points again. Additionally, the intern shall be examined on any parts required for ordination which were not covered in his examination for licensure. 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."

and by deleting the third sentence of paragraph 22-4 as it is at present, which begins: "A candidate for ordination, etc. ..." 21-11 Amend Paragraph 21-11:

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

Item 6

That Chapters 56, 57, and 58 of the BCO be adopted as constitutional.

(Clerk's note: These chapters have already been approved as a part of the Book of Church Order, but due to the temporary notation at the beginning of the Directory for Worship, the constitutional authority of this portion of the Book of Church Order has been questioned, and thus these particular chapters are being submitted for the advice and consent of the presbyteries in order to give them full constitutional authority. Minor editorial corrections in punctuation have been made by the Clerk.)

**CHAPTER 56. THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM
THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN**

56-1. Baptism is not to be unnecessarily delayed; nor to be administered, in any case, by any private person; but by a minister of Christ, called to be a steward of the mysteries of God.

56-2. It is not to be privately administered, but in the presence of the congregation under the supervision of the session.

56-3. After previous notice is given to the minister, the child to be baptized is to be presented, by one or both the parents, or some other responsible person, signifying the desire that the child be baptized.

56-4. Before baptism, the minister is to use some words of instruction, touching the institution, nature, use, and ends of this sacrament, showing:

That it is instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ; That it is a seal of the covenant of grace, of our ingrafting into Christ, and of our union with him, of remission of sins, regeneration, adoption, and life eternal; That the water, in baptism, represents and signifies both the blood of Christ, which taketh away all guilt of sin, original and actual, and the sanctifying virtue of the Spirit of Christ against the dominion of sin, and the corruption of our sinful nature; That baptizing, or sprinkling and washing with water, signifies the cleansing from sin by the blood and for the merit of Christ, together with the mortification of sin, and rising from sin to newness of life, by virtue of the death and resurrection of Christ; That the promise

is made to believers and their children, and the children of believers have an interest in the covenant, and right to the seal of it, and to the outward privileges of the church, under the gospel, no less than the children of Abraham in the time of the Old Testament, the covenant of grace, for substance, being the same, and the grace of God, and the consolation of believers, more plentiful than before; That the Son of God admitted little children into his presence, embracing and blessing them, saying, For of such is the kingdom of God; That children by baptism, are solemnly received into the bosom of the visible church, distinguished from the world, and them that are without, and united with believers; and that all who are baptized in the name of Christ, do renounce, and by their baptism are bound to fight against the devil, the world, and the flesh; That they are federally holy before baptism, and therefore, are they baptized; That the inward grace and virtue of baptism is not tied to that very moment of time wherein it is administered; and that the fruit and power thereof reacheth to the whole course of our life; and that outward baptism is not so necessary. That through the want thereof, the infant is in danger of damnation. By virtue of being born of believing parents, children are, because of God's covenant ordinance, made members of the Church, but this is not sufficient to make them continued members of the Church. When they have reached the age of discretion, they become subject to obligations of the covenant: faith, repentance and obedience. They then must make public confession of their faith in Christ, or become covenant breakers, and subject to the discipline of the Church.

In these or the like instructions, the minister is to use his own liberty and godly wisdom, as the ignorance or errors in the doctrine of baptism, and the edification of the people, shall require.

He is also to admonish all that are present to look back to their baptism; to repent of their sins against their covenant with God; to stir up their faith; to improve and make right use of their baptism, and of the covenant sealed between God and their soul.

He is to exhort the parent to consider the great mercy of God to him and his child; to bring up the child in the knowledge of the grounds of the Christian religion, and in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and to let him know the danger of God's wrath to himself and child, if he be negligent; requiring his solemn promise for the performance of his duty.

The minister is also to exhort the parents to the careful performance of their duty, requiring:

That they teach the child to read the Word of God; that they instruct it in the principles of our holy religion, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, an excellent summary of which we have in the Confession of Faith, and in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Westminster Assembly, which are to be recommended to them as adopted by the Church, for their direction and assistance, in the discharge of this important duty; that they pray with and for it; that they set an example of piety and godliness before it; and endeavor, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring up their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

56-5. The minister shall then propose the following questions after reading the covenant promises:

(1) "For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call

unto him." "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee." "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house." (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31.)

The minister shall then propose the following questions:

(2) Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

(3) Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own? (4) Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

(5) To the congregation (optional): Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

56-6. Then the minister is to pray for a blessing to attend this ordinance, after which, calling the child by name, he shall say:

"I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

As he pronounces these words, he is to baptize the child with water, by pouring or sprinkling it on the head of the child, without adding any other ceremony; and the whole shall be concluded with prayer.

CHAPTER 57. THE ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO SEALING ORDINANCES

57-1. Believers' children within the visible Church, and especially those dedicated to God in baptism, are non-communing members under the care of the Church. They are to be taught to love God, and to obey and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. When they are able to understand the Gospel, they should be earnestly reminded that they are members of the Church by birthright, and that it is their duty and privilege personally to accept Christ, to confess Him before men, and to seek admission to the Lord's Supper.

57-2. The time when young persons come to understand the Gospel cannot be precisely fixed. This must be left to the prudence of the Session, whose office it is to judge, after careful examination, the qualifications of those who apply for admission to sealing ordinances.

57-3. When the unbaptized persons apply for admission into the Church, they shall, ordinarily, after giving satisfaction with respect to their knowledge and piety, make a public profession of their faith, in the presence of the congregation, and thereupon baptized.

57-4. It is recommended, as edifying and proper, the baptized persons, when admitted by the Session to the Lord's Supper, make public profession of their faith in the presence of the congregation. But in all cases, there should be a clear recognition of their previous relation to the Church as baptized members.

57-5. The time having come for the making of a public profession, and those who have been approved by the Session having taken their places in the presence of the congregation, the minister may state that:

(1) Of the number of those who were baptized in infancy as members of the Church of God by birthright, and as heirs of the covenant promises, the Session has examined and approved (call them by name), who come now to assume for themselves the full privileges and responsibilities of their inheritance in the household of faith.

(2) If there be present any candidates for baptism, the minister may state that: As applicants for admission into the Church of God by baptism, which is a sign and seal of our engrafting into Christ, and of our engagement to be the Lord's, the Session has examined and approved (call them by name), who are cordially welcomed into the fellowship of the household of faith.

(3) The minister may then address those making a profession in the following terms:

(All of) you being here present to make a public profession of faith, are to assent to the following declarations and promises, by which you enter into a solemn covenant with God and His Church:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

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

3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becometh the followers of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The minister may now briefly admonish those making a profession of faith as to the importance of the solemn obligations they have assumed; then baptism may be administered, if there be present any candidates for the ordinance, and the whole concluded with prayer.

57-6. Persons received from other churches by letters of dismissal as well as those being received by reaffirmation of faith should give a testimony of their Christian experience to the Session. Their names are to be announced to the congregation with a recommendation of them to its Christian confidence and affection.

Chapter 58. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

58-1. The Communion, or Supper of the Lord, is to be observed frequently; the stated times to be determined by the Session of each congregation, as it may judge most for edification.

58-2. The ignorant and scandalous are not to be admitted to the Lord's Supper.

58-3. It is proper that public notice should be given to the congregation, at least the Sabbath before the administration of this ordinance, and that, either then, or on some day of the week, the people be instructed in its nature, and a due preparation for it, that all may come in a suitable manner to this holy feast.

58-4. On the day of the observance of the Lord's Supper, when the sermon is ended, the Minister shall show, That this is an ordinance of Christ; by reading the words of institution, either from one of the evangelists, or from I Corinthians XI, which, as

to him may appear expedient, he may explain and apply; that it is to be observed in remembrance of Christ, to show forth his death till he come; that it is of inestimable benefit, to strengthen his people against sin; to support them under troubles; to encourage and quicken them in duty; to inspire them with love and zeal; to increase their faith, and holy resolution; and to beget peace of conscience, and comfortable hopes of eternal life.

Since, by our Lord's appointment, this sacrament sets forth the communion of saints, the Minister, at the discretion of the Session, before the observance begins, may either invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, to participate in the ordinance; or may invite those who have been approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate. It is proper also to give a special invitation to non-communicants to remain during the service.

58-5. The table, on which the elements are placed, being decently covered, and furnished with bread and wine, and the communicants orderly and gravely sitting around it (or in their seats before it), the Elders in a convenient place together, the Minister should then set the elements apart by prayer and thanksgiving. The bread and wine being thus set apart by prayer and thanksgiving, the Minister is to take the bread, and break it, in the view of the people, saying: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which he was betrayed, having taken bread, and blessed and broken it, gave it to his disciples, as I, ministering in his name, give this bread unto you, saying (here the bread is to be distributed), Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." (ASV) After having given the bread, he shall take the cup, and say:

"After the same manner our Saviour also took the cup, and having given thanks, as hath been done in his name, he gave it to the disciples saying (while the minister is repeating these words let him give the cup), This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins, drink ye all of it."

58-6. Since believers are to act personally in all their covenanting with the Lord, it is proper that a part of the time occupied in the distribution of the elements should be spent by all in silent communion, thanksgiving, intercession and prayer.

58-7. The minister may, in a few words, put the communicants in mind: Of the grace of God, in Jesus Christ, held forth in this sacrament; and of their obligation to be the Lord's; and may exhort them to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called; and, as they have professedly received Christ Jesus the Lord, that they be careful so to walk in him, and to maintain good works.

It may not be improper for the minister to give a word of exhortation also to those who have been only spectators, reminding them: Of their duty, stating their sin and danger, by living in disobedience to Christ, in neglecting this holy ordinance; and calling upon them to be earnest in making preparation for attending upon it at the next time of its celebration.

Then the minister is to pray and give thanks to God,

For his rich mercy, and invaluable goodness, vouchsafed to them in that sacred communion; to implore pardon for the defects of the whole service; and to pray for the acceptance of their persons and performances; for the gracious assistance of the Holy Spirit to enable them, as they have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so to walk in him; that they may hold fast that which they

have received, that no man take their crown; that their conversation may be as becometh the gospel; that they may bear about with them, continually, the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in their mortal body; that their light may so shine before men, that others, seeing their good works, may glorify their Father who is in heaven.

An offering for the poor or other sacred purpose is appropriate in connection with this service, and may be made at such time as shall be ordered by the session.

Now let a psalm or hymn be sung, and the congregation dismissed, with the following or some other gospel benediction:

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

58.8. As past custom has been found in many parts of the Presbyterian church, our congregations are urged to have a service of spiritual preparation for the Lord's Supper during the week previous to the celebration of the sacrament.

2. That the General Assembly set as a procedure of implementation of the required year of licensure for ministerial candidates that it be understood that this would apply only to candidates or seminarian not yet in the process. All new candidates would therefore come under this ruling. **Adopted**

J. Supplemental report recommendations:

1. That the request of Communication 9, "...that the Permanent Judicial Committee be asked to rule on the propriety of the Covenant Presbytery receiving the Lawndale congregation...", be denied because we find no violation of the Constitution of the PCA in the action of Covenant Presbytery. §9-10, p. 6 **Adopted**
2. That the personal resolution of TE Donald B. Patterson be answered in the affirmative as amended as follows:

Since our present Book of Church Order inadvertently omitted statements regarding teaching elders serving in capacities other than that of pastor or evangelist and believing that this is causing confusion and unnecessary embarrassment;

Be it resolved that the Ninth General Assembly direct the Judicial Business Committee to prepare a clarifying statement that will speak to the needs of teaching elders serving as professors, administrators, denominational executives, missionaries, students, editors, men without call to a particular work, etc., to be reported to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**

- K. That the report of the Committee as a whole be received. **Adopted**
(Note Recommendation H-7 was adopted at this point.)

Respectfully submitted,

RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp, Chairman
TE John D. Holmes, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business present:

Ascension	TE David G. McKay
Calvary	RE Robert McAbee
Central Carolina	TE Jack W. Bowling
Central Florida	RE Walter Coleman
Central Georgia	RE Henry G. Smith
Covenant	TE R. Dennis Nolen, Jr.

Eastern Carolina
 Grace
 Gulf Coast
 Mid-Atlantic
 North Georgia
 Southern Florida
 Tennessee Valley
 Texas
 Warrior
 Western Carolinas
 Westminster

RE Dan Bendokas
 TE John S. Ragland
 RE George McLeod
 TE John D. Holmes
 TE Terry L. Mercer
 RE Kenneth L. Ryskamp
 RE Larry Mick
 TE Chip Jones
 TE John W. Robertson
 RE J. T. Russell
 TE David F. Osborne

9-66 Worship Service - Westminster Presbytery

At 11:30 a.m. the Report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business was interrupted for the worship service under the direction of Westminster Presbytery. TE Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr. and TE Leonard T. Van Horn led the service, Mr. Van Horn preaching the sermon, and the Assembly was recessed following the benediction at 12:00 noon.

MINUTES--THURSDAY AFTERNOON

June 18, 1981

Tenth Session

9-67 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by RE J. T. Russell.

9-68 Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business

TE John W. Robertson, Vice-chairman, completed the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business (see §9-65 for complete text of report).

9-69 Report of Sub-committee on Judicial Business

TE Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr. led in prayer and presented the following report of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business's responses to references made by the Assembly (§9-50 & §9-54).

1. The Sub-committee on Judicial Business has been asked to respond to action of the Nominating Committees declaring invalid the nomination of a missionary serving under Mission to the World to be a member of the permanent committee of that agency. It is our opinion that, while the constitutional documents are silent on this matter, the action of the Nominating Committee is in order for the reason that there could be a possible conflict of interest.

2. The Sub-committee on Judicial Business has been asked to respond to the questions of TE Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. whether or not the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World has to make a recommendation concerning the new cooperative agreements of the Mission to the World Committee. The General Assembly directed the Sub-committee to meet regardless of the fact that a quorum might not be present. This was in fact the case. There were only three teaching elders and one ruling elder. This minority was divided on the question. We recommend therefore that the General Assembly refer this matter to the new Sub-committee on Judicial Business to report to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**

9-70 Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries

TE Joseph V. Novenson, Jr., chairman of the Committee of Commissioners on Review and Control of Presbyteries, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report of the committee.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- I. Report on Presbyteries' responses to directives concerning exceptions cited by the Eighth General Assembly.
- A. Presbyteries making satisfactory corrections:
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| Covenant | Texas |
| Eastern Carolina | Western Carolinas |
| Gulf Coast | Westminster |
| Louisiana | |
- B. Presbyteries not responding:
- Mid-Atlantic
Pacific
- C. Presbyteries responding inadequately:
1. Ascension: Standing rules and terms of call still omitted
 2. Calvary: Corrections made not specified
 3. Central Carolina: Roll and Directory of Presbytery still omitted
 4. Central Florida: Standing rules and roll and directory of still omitted; Minutes approval still omitted
 5. Central Georgia: Corrections made not specified
 6. New River: Roll and directory of Presbytery still omitted
 7. North Georgia: Standing rules, roll and directory of Presbytery still omitted
 8. Southern Florida: Douglas Heck examination corrections unspecified
 9. Tennessee Valley: Exceptions cited by the Seventh General Assembly unanswered
- II. Minutes recommended for approval without exception or notation:
1. Ascension - July 8, 1980; October 7, 1980; December 5, 1980; February 24, 1981; April 25, 1981
 2. Central Carolina - May 24, 1980
 3. Covenant - November 11, 1980; December 11, 1980
 4. Eastern Carolina - August 30, 1980; September 27, 1980; January 24, 1981; March 28, 1981
 5. Evangel - October 28, 1980
 6. Gulf Coast - December 21, 1979; June 19, 1980; July 12, 1980
 7. Mississippi Valley - August 12, 1980
 8. Pacific - April 24, 1981
 9. Southwest - January 23, 1981
 10. Western Carolinas - September 30, 1980; November 18, 1980
- Adopted**
- III. Minutes recommended for approval with notation:
1. Ascension - May 7, 1980; June 6-7, 1980; August 12, 1980; November 14-15, 1980
 2. Calvary - July 24, 1980; September 9, 1980; October 23, 1980; December 16, 1980; January 22, 1981
 3. Central Carolina - July 12, 1980; August 16, 1980; September 6, 1980; January 24, 1981
 4. Central Florida - September 20, 1980; January 20, 1981; April 11, 1981
 5. Central Georgia - April 8, 1980; July 12, 1980; October 14, 1980; January 10, 1981
 6. Covenant - July 8, 1980; March 17, 1981
 7. Eastern Carolina - May 24, 1980; July 19, 1980
 8. Evangel - June 10, 1980; December 2, 1980; January 27, 1981
 9. Grace - July 11, 1980; August 29, 1980; October 10, 1980; January 9, 1981
 10. Gulf Coast - December 1, 1979; January 12, 1980; May 10, 1980; October 11, 1980; January 10, 1981; February 28, 1981
 11. Louisiana - September 12, 1980; March 13-14, 1981
 12. Mid-Atlantic - May 9-10, 1980; October 12-13, 1980; January 19-20, 1981

13. Mississippi Valley - June 3, 1980; October 21, 1980; February 17, 1981
 14. New River - March 14-15, 1980; April 12, 1980; August 16, 1980; November 14-15, 1980; March 13-14, 1981; April 4, 1981
 15. North Georgia - July 19, 1980; October 18, 1980; January 17, 1981; April 11, 1981; May 9, 1981
 16. Pacific - May 22, 1980
 17. Philadelphia - September 19, 1980; November 15, 1980; January 16-17, 1981; May 2, 1981
 18. South Florida - May 18, 1980; July 15, 1980; October 21, 1980; January 20, 1981; May 21, 1981
 19. Southwest - July 18, 1980
 20. Tennessee Valley - May 13, 1980; July 8, 1980; September 13, 1980; January 10, 1981; April 4, 1981
 21. Texas - June 18, 1980; October 25-26, 1980; January 30, 1981; April 24, 1981
 22. Warrior - November 11, 1980; January 20, 1981; April 21, 1981
 23. Western Carolinas - January 15, 1980; May 17, 1980; August 16, 1980
 24. Westminster - March 29, 1980
- IV. Minutes recommended for approval with exception.
1. Ascension - June 18, 1980 - Adjourned stated meeting - no listing of prior adjournment to this date -- September 23, 1980, pp.19-20 - new pastoral relationship established without old being dissolved -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes -- No up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules.
 2. Calvary - No directory of Presbytery - No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date Standing Rules of Presbytery -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
 3. Central Carolina - No directory of Presbytery -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date copy of Standing Rules -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
 4. Central Florida - No directory of Presbytery -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
 5. Central Georgia - No directory of the Presbytery -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date copy of the Standing Rules -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
 6. Eastern Carolina - April 18, 1981, pp.2-3, Items 17(1) "extraordinary clause" invoked without reason noted - (2) call from PEF does not contain statement of assurance that man is free to proclaim and practice Reformed faith as found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date copy of the Stated Rules -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
 7. Evangel - June 10, 1980, p. 5, Items 19A.4.C&D - examinations of candidates on theology were postponed for "issue of Theonomy". This is contrary to the Sixth General Assembly instructions -- July 24, 1980, p. 2, Item 8A - charges regarding public sin not dealt with according to BCO 34-7 -- April 28, 1981, p. 9, Item 20B - charges regarding public sin not dealt with according to BCO 34-7.
 8. Grace - July 11, 1980, p. 26, Candidates Committee IV, 2 - No record of the constitutional questions being asked of candidate.

9. Gulf Coast - December 1, 1979, 79-185 - a non-member of the court was given permission to speak by the moderator without motion from court. January 12, 1980 - minutes not signed -- May 10, 1980 - minutes not signed -- October 11, 1980, p. 46, paragraph 7 - church did not request TE to be stated supply in accordance with BCO 22-5,6 -- January 10, 1981, p. 15, paragraph 81-24.3 - Theonomy made an issue and test of orthodoxy in examining candidate for transfer of licensure contrary to Seventh General Assembly pronouncement -- February 28, 1981, p. 28, TE's terms of call were neither given nor approved per BCO 20-1.
10. Louisiana - June 18, 1980 - No record of this being an "Adjourned Meeting". There was no statement of time and date of meeting in the minutes of the previous meeting -- August 9, 1980 - no closing prayer noted -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
11. Mid-Atlantic - May 9-10, 1980 - No record of a thesis paper of a candidate for ordination examination per BCO 21-4 -- No up-to-date copy of Standing Rules.
12. New River - March 14-15, 1980, p.3 (1) Church without elders not taken under Presbytery oversight -- (2) Exhibit A, p. 1 - commission should be judicial, not administrative - handled complaints, not appeals or memorials -- July 11-12, 1980 - meeting noted, but no minutes recorded -- No roll of Presbytery recorded -- No Standing Rules submitted.
13. North Georgia - July 19, 1980, p. 3, Membership Committee - No record of theological paper for candidate for ordination -- April 11, 1981 Membership Committee - No record of candidate signing the ministerial obligations after successful trial for ordination -- May 9, 1981 - Ordination of a man whose call was from the ARP's Presbyterian Church of Tucker, Georgia; also, no record of his signing the ministerial obligations -- No directory of Presbytery -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No up-to-date Standing Rules -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
14. Pacific - January 22, 1981 - No minutes to be found;
15. Philadelphia - November 15, 1980 - (1) This is a "stated" type of meeting -- (2) p. 19 8-2(7) - All a committee can do is recommend action and should be recorded as such -- January 16-17, 1981 - (1) p. 26 118 Candidate was not under the oversight of a church of the Presbytery for six months (BCO 18-2) - (2) Minutes do not record that candidate had a call to a specific work before ordination -- May 2, 1981 - the reason for the called meeting was not stated verbatim -- No directory of Presbytery -- No roll of Presbytery -- No list of candidates or licentiates -- No guidelines for keeping Presbytery minutes.
16. South Florida - July 15, 1980, p. 4 - All parts of candidate's examination not recorded in accordance with BCO 21-4 - minutes not signed - no record of approving May 15, 1980 minutes -- October 21, 1980 - minutes not signed -- January 20, 1981 (c4), p. 8 - no vote was taken on the motion - P. 7G examination is on knowledge not views for licensure - minutes not signed -- May 21, 1981 J (p. 10) does not record theological and exegetical papers for candidate's ordination examination - minutes not signed.
17. Southwest - No minutes presented for September 26, 1980 and October 17, 1980 meetings.
18. Tennessee Valley - May 13, 1980, p. 4 - No sessional endorsements for candidates -- July 8, 1980, pp. 2-3, completion of all parts of ordination examination not noted as per BCO - no record of candidate signing the ministerial obligations -- September 13, 1980, pp. 6-7 - no record of the Teaching Elders being received

- signing the ministerial obligations - p. 8 - No record of candidate being examined in his knowledge of the BCO -- January 10, 1981, p. 5 - No record of Teaching Elders being received being examined as to Christian experience or signing the ministerial obligations -- April 4, 1981, p. 3 - No record of those being received signing the ministerial obligations.
19. Texas - June 18, 1980, p. 1, paragraph 5 - No record of Teaching Elders status when examined -- April 24, 1981, p. 4, paragraph 8 - Minutes of commission to investigate a congregation's actions destroyed by the Presbytery.
 20. Warrior - November 11, 1980 - No indication of the congregation's concurrence with the pastor's request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship -- No minutes signed.
 21. Western Carolinas - January 15, 1980, p. 9, No. 4 - Allowed stated supply to continue serving a church longer than one year without the request of the session or review of Presbytery -- December 18, 1980 - purpose of the called meeting not stated.
 22. Westminster - July 19, 1980 - No record of sessional endorsement of candidates -- No record of closing prayer - p. 2. Pastor needed to request transfer -- No up-to-date Standing Rules.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon correction by the Committee of Commissioners on the Review and Control of Presbyteries, and the accompanying directive from General Assembly, the responding Presbytery must note the specific action taken to correct its error. **Adopted**
2. That Overture 18 from the Presbytery of the Ascension be answered in the affirmative (pp. 45-46). **Adopted**
3. Let the record show that having examined the May 19, 1981, communication from the Presbytery of the Ascension, the Committee finds that the directives of the Eighth General Assembly concerning the re-examination of TE Samuel J. Senior, Jr., to have been carried out in agreement with the Book of Church Order. **Adopted**
4. That Presbyteries exercise caution in licensing men to labor outside of the bounds of Presbytery within denominations engaged in serious theological controversy. **Adopted**
5. That this report as a whole be approved as amended. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

TE Joseph V. Novenson, Chairman
 TE Tony Bryant, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	
Calvary	TE Tony Bryant
Central Carolina	
Central Florida	TE Stephen Christian
Central Georgia	TE Joseph V. Novenson
Covenant	RE P. A. Yelverton
Eastern Carolina	TE James Workman
Evangel	TE Kerry Hurst
Grace	
Gulf Coast	
Louisiana	
Mid-Atlantic	
Mississippi Valley	

New River	
North Georgia	
Pacific	
Philadelphia	
Southern Florida	TE Richard Gillen
Southwest	
Tennessee Valley	TE Fred Manning, Jr.
Texas	
Warrior	RE Charles Miller
Western Carolinas	TE Rodney King
Westminster	

9-71 Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

TE D. Charles Frost, Jr., chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures.

I. The following items were referred to this Committee:

- A. Resolution 10 from TE Joseph Gardner and TE James Long (\$9-10, p. 61).
- B. Resolution 12 from James Griffith, Val Barleman and Leo Karlberg (\$9-10, p. 62).
- C. Resolution 13 from TE Richard Adelman (\$9-10, p. 62)

II. Note:

Although the Committee was one member short of the required quorum, we decided to handle these items and present them to the General Assembly for the Assembly's action.

III. Recommendations:

1. That the Resolution 10 requesting the Assembly's statement of concern for the people of Atlanta be approved (\$9-10, p.62). The resolution was amended and adopted as follows:

Whereas, we rejoice in the gift of life that God has given to men; and

Whereas, we deplore the taking of human life as an affront to the image of God existing in all men as God's creatures; and

Whereas, we affirm that God's Moral Law is broken in the murder of any man; and

Whereas, we as an Assembly of God's people feel the pain and loss that has occurred in Atlanta, Georgia, over the past months in the killing of some 28 men and children; and

Whereas, we desire to communicate to the people of Atlanta and to the families of the victims our Christian sympathy and concern; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America request the New Covenant Fellowship in Atlanta, Georgia, express the concern of this Assembly to the local friends and families suffering during this time of concern, crisis and tragedy,

Be it further resolved that this Assembly, through its Stated Clerk, notify within thirty days the news media in the Atlanta area of the passage of the following resolution by the Assembly:

"The Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, June 15-19, 1981, wishes to communicate to the City of Atlanta and to the families of the murdered children and young men our Christian concern and sympathy, and to commend you to the greatest Comforter, God, the Holy Spirit. We also covenant to pray fervently that God will intervene so as

to conclude this tragedy and bring to justice those
perpetrating these heinous crimies."

2. That Resolution 12 regarding Psalm Singing (§9-10, p.62) be approved as amended.

Amendment: delete the phrase "establish an ad-interim committee, and insert the phrase "refer this matter to the permanent committee on Judicial Business, in light of their current responsibility to review the Directory of Worship." **Defeated** (Clerk's Note: There was no further action regarding this Resolution, and thus it was not answered by the Assembly.)

3. That Resolution 13 of TE Richard Adelman (§9-10, p.62) be adopted in the following amended form:

Whereas, a bill has been prefiled in the Congress of the United States of America to change the day of national elections from Tuesday to Sunday, and

Whereas, the Lord of the Sabbath has instructed his people to, "Give unto Caesar that which is-Caesar's and unto God that which is God's.",

Be it therefore resolved that the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, on clear Scriptural principles, opposes this proposed usurpation of God's prerogatives by the civil magistrate.

Grounds:

1. BCO 11:2.1; 14:6.

2. WCF Chapter 21, paragraph 7.

3. A change in national election day to Sunday would force many PCA members to violate their consciences in matters of obedience to God's Word. **Adopted**

By motion duly seconded, the Stated Clerk was directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the President and to the Congress of the United States of America. **Adopted**

4. The report be adopted as a whole. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Frost, Chairman
Daniel H. Perrin, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	TE Daniel Perrin
Covenant	TE Charles Frost
Eastern Carolina	RE William Kennedy
Evangel	RE William F. Joseph, Jr.
Gulf Coast	RE Jerry Lloyd
North Georgia	TE Cecilio N. Lajara
Tennessee Valley	RE Gene Hays
Texas	TE J. Al LaCour
Westminster	TE Ken Gentry

9-72 Recess

The Assembly recessed with prayer by TE G. David Russell at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES--THURSDAY EVENING

June 18, 1981

Eleventh Session

9-73 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by TE Morton H. Smith.

9-74 Fraternal Delegate

TE G. Aiken Taylor presented the fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church, TE Jack Vander Laan, who addressed the Assembly briefly and was seated as a visiting brother and granted privilege of the floor.

9-75 Judicial Commission for Case 3, Complaint of RE Zeigler vs. the Presbytery of Texas

TE Robert G. Schwanebeck, Jr., chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to Adjudicate the Case of RE Robert H. Zeigler Against the Presbytery of Texas. The statement of the case and the judgment rendered, as submitted by the commission, were on motion approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

The Commission met June 17, 1981, at 12:15 p.m. The following members of the Commission were present:

TE William Henry Benchoff	Calvary
TE John W. Buswell	Central Florida
TE R. C. Cannada, Jr.	Covenant
TE Allan Story	Evangel
TE George H. Gulley, Jr.	Grace
TE Robert G. Schwanebeck, Chairman	Grace
RE Newton Wilson	Grace
TE Malcolm M. Griffith, Secretary	Gulf Coast
TE William H. Dever	Mississippi Valley
RE Gene Hayes	Tennessee Valley

Visitors present:

Complainants - Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Zeigler
Respondent - TE Victor Jones, Texas

The following motion was passed unanimously:

"To confirm the judgment of the lower court (10-0)."

Robert G. Schwanebeck, Jr.
Chairman
Malcolm H. Griffith
Secretary

Adopted

9-76 Judicial Commission for Case 2, Complaint of RE Lewis et al. vs. Grace Presbytery

Henry L. Smith, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to Adjudicate the Complaint of RE Cooke Lewis et al Against Grace Presbytery. The statement of the case and the judgment rendered, as submitted by the commission, were on motion approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

The Commission reports to the General Assembly that the Complaint before the Assembly was found to be in order. A full record of the proceedings of the Commission were kept. In compliance with BCO 42-7, the Commission has received and read the record of the case. The respective parties and their testimonies have been heard and the

members of the court have expressed their opinions on the matters before them.

Therefore, the Commission reports that its action taken in regards to the Complaint are as follows:

1. Item #1 of the Complaint was not sustained.
2. Item #2 of the Complaint was not sustained.
3. Item #3 of the Complaint was not sustained.
4. The Complaint as a whole was not sustained.

Also, the Commission adopted the following as a minute explanatory of its actions:

1. The Commission found no action complained against to be in violation of the BCO.
2. The Commission earnestly encourages all parties to continue efforts of reconciliation, showing true love for the Church and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry L. Smith, TE, Chairman
George W. Mitchell, TE, Clerk

Adopted

Members of the Commission who served:

Teaching Elders

Charles Chase, Evangel
John Harrington, Mississippi Valley
Tommy Irby, Warrior
George Mitchell, Evangel
Robert Penny, Covenant
Carl Smith, Central Georgia
Henry Smith, Evangel, Covener

Ruling Elders

Robert Cato, Mississippi Valley
A. H. Gibson, Evangel
William Joseph, Sr., Evangel
Charles Miller, Warrior, Alt.

9-77 Judicial Commission for Case 4, Complaint of TE King et al. vs. Western Carolinas Presbytery

TE Russell D. Toms, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Judicial Commission to Adjudicate the Complaint of TE Rodney King, et al. Against the Presbytery of Western Carolinas. The statement of the case and the judgment rendered, as submitted by the commission, were on motion approved and accepted as the Assembly's action and judgment in the case and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

The Commission met at the call of the Convener, TE Russell Toms, at 2:30 p.m., June 16, 1981, in Room 215 of the Westminster Academy and was opened with a season of prayer.

Members of the Commission present:

Teaching Elders

Billy Davies, North Georgia
Russell Toms, Central Florida
Tim Keller, Mid-Atlantic
David Dively, Eastern Carolina
Taylor McGowen, Tennessee Valley
David Howe, Tennessee Valley
George Crow, Calvary

Ruling Elders

Leland Nichols, Mid-Atlantic
Roscoe Riggins, Calvary
John T. Bailey, Central Georgia
Kyle Arnold, Central Georgia
Royce Waites, Calvary
Bill Peletier, North Georgia

Visitors present:

Jack Lonon, Moderator, Presbytery of Western Carolinas
Rodney King, Complainant
Stanwood Bean, Complainant
(Dr. Smith was absent due to Assembly duties)
G. Aiken Taylor, Respondent

TE Russell Toms was elected Chairman, TE David Howe, Clerk.

Rodney King distributed copies of the Appendix A cited in the Complaint, and it was moved and passed to admit the Appendix to the record of the case. Motion was made and passed to hear the parties of the case.

The procedure outlined in the BCO was then followed:

1. The Complainant, Rodney King, gave an opening argument.
2. The Respondent, G. Aiken Taylor, gave a statement on behalf of the Presbytery of Western Carolinas and gave each commissioner a copy of his arguments along with an extract from the minutes of the April 25, 1981, meeting of the Presbytery of Western Carolinas.
3. Members of the court directed questions to both parties in order to clarify the record of the case.
4. The Complainant, Rodney King, gave a closing argument.
5. The Court went into executive session, and each member of the Court expressed his opinion.
6. The vote was then taken on the question, "Shall this Complaint be sustained?" The vote was 1 for, 12 against.

(The meeting was recessed with prayer by the chairman and was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., June 17, 1981, with prayer by the clerk. It was noted that TE Taylor McGown, RE Mike Minkoff and RE Leland Nichols were unable to attend. A quorum was present.)

7. The following explanation is given for the Commission's decision (adopted, 10 for, 1 abstention).
 - a. In the BCO 5-1(1) Presbytery is given discretionary authority to set the time and date for the service of organization of a particular church. Therefore, the Presbytery was within its authority to postpone organization for a year or more, if it deemed such postponement wise under the circumstances.
 - b. The group had not applied to Presbytery to be organized at that time, but only to be received as a mission. According to the testimony received, the Presbytery adopted a motion to receive the group as a mission. All parties were therefore agreeable to this action of Presbytery.
 - c. The Complainants may, if they so wish, ask Presbytery to reconsider the matter at its next meeting, since the Complainants voted with the majority in the final vote on the action taken. In this way the Presbytery, if it deems it good so to do, may reconsider its action that "Upon reception as a mission of the Presbytery, there be a period of one year before Presbytery can receive a petition for organization."
 - d. This matter is best handled at the Presbytery level, by those who are familiar with all the circumstances and issues involved.
- Motion to adopt the report as a whole passed 10 for, 1 abstaining. It is understood that a dissent will be presented.

Motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was closed with a season of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Toms, Chairman
David G. K. Howe Clerk

Dissent to the Commission Report, admitted to Record, but not adopted by the Assembly

- I. Recommendation: That the General Assembly sustain Complaint #4 against the Presbytery of Western Carolinas, and redress the wrong by annulling this action of Presbytery (BCO 43-5).
- II. Background: In January of 1981, at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, the "Report of the fact-finding committee of the Presbytery of Western Carolinas dealing with Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Church" (Attached to this Dissent and referred to in Complaint #4 as Appendix A) was received as information, and all the recommendations were adopted. The clear thrust of this report is that a peaceful separation has occurred. Even though there had been some unfortunate and improper procedures followed, Presbytery permitted TE Rogers to labor with this group and commended the church to the authority of the MUS Committee. The parties of the flock were considered to be a part of the flock given by the Lord into the care of this Presbytery. In April of 1981, at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, the following was adopted: "That, upon reception as a mission of this Presbytery, there be a period of one year before Presbytery can receive a petition for organization." It is against this action that Complaint #4 has been filed.
- III. Reasons for Recommendation:
 - A. This action is unjust in that it goes beyond our BCO (chapter 5) in adding a requirement not laid out in our Constitution.
 - B. This action is judgmental in that it singles out this group for punishment, when the earlier actions of the Presbytery say that the separation was peaceable.
 - C. This action is prejudicial, which is forbidden in the procedures for organizing a church (BCO 5-1): "In the organization of a church, whatever be the way in which the matter originated, the procedure shall be as follows: (1) Presbytery shall receive ..."
 - D. This action is arbitrary in that the church may well be ready for organization, by God's grace, at any time. Also, no other church in this Presbytery has been subjected to this stipulation.
 - E. This action does not seem to "have been wise, equitable, and suited to promote the welfare of the Church." (BCO 40-2.)
 - F. This action exhibits a "manifestation of prejudice in the case." (BCO 42-3.)
- IV. Comments on the reasons given by the majority report.
 - On 7A. The issue is not "the service of organization", but a petition for organization. Complainants have raised no question as the Presbytery's right to set the time and date for the service of organization.
 - On 7B. The issue is not whether the Church petitioned, but if the Church would petition, then Presbytery would not accept it for one year.
 - On 7C. The issue is not the amended motion, but the amendment itself, on which the complainants voted negatively.
 - On 7D. The issue is not best handled by Presbytery, because prejudice and injustice is already evident.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Dively, TE
Presbytery of E. Carolina

Adopted

The following commissioners requested that their negative vote on the adoption of this report be recorded:

John Wade Long, Jr., TE
Joseph C. Morecraft III, TE
E. L. Luttrell, RE
Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., TE

9-78 Committee of Commissioners on PCA Foundation

A supplemental report of the committee was presented by TE James R. Campbell, in regard to minutes and the audit report. On motion the report was adopted as presented (see §9-56 pp. 115-117 for text of complete report).

9-79 Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education and Publications

A supplemental report of the committee was presented by TE J. Wallace Tinsley, Jr. The minutes of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Covenant College were received as information. On motion the report as a whole was adopted as presented (see §9-36 pp. 89-92 for complete text of report).

9-80 Committee of Commissioners on Administration

TE William A. Stevenson, chairman, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

I. Business Referred to the Committee

1. Minutes of the Committee on Administration: June 17, 1980, September 19, 1980, January 9-10, 1981, March 13-14, 1981, and May 5, 1981 (Conference Call).
2. Overtures number 4, 27 (see §9-10, p.37).
3. Overtures carried over from Eighth General Assembly (see §9-10, p.51).
4. Report and recommendations of the Committee on Administration. (Appendix A, p. 162)
Audit Report on Committee on Administration.
6. Minutes of Board of Directors of Presbyterian Church in America.
7. Personal Resolution from Stanwood L. Bean (see §9-10, p.57).
8. Resolution from James Westlake and Clifford H. Brewton (see §9-10, pp. 57-58).

II. Major Issues Discussed

1. The Committee of Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Administration according to the rules of the Assembly.
2. Recommendation #3 on delegated General Assemblies (Report of the Sub-committee on Study of Delegated General Assemblies to the Committee on Administration). The report reflected the thinking of previous General Assemblies that the General Assembly would consider delegated/represented assemblies when the number of church reached 500 in number. The Committee of Commissioners observed that the Committee on Administration's Report indicated a growing concern for the parity at the General Assembly level. The General Assembly statistical report confirms this problem. Also concern was expressed regarding the costs to individual churches in sending two or more representatives each year.
3. Recommendation #2 on the problem of harmonizing and coordinating the permanent committees of the General Assembly. We observed that

there is a real need here that deserves the Assembly's attention.

III. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of June 17, 1980, September 19, 1980, January 9-10, 1981, March 13-14, 1981, and May 5, 1981 (conference call), be approved. **Adopted**
2. That Overture #4 (see §9-10, p.37) be referred to the Committee on Administration for further study and recommendation at the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
3. That Overture #27 (see §9-10, p.37) be answered by referring to Recommendation #7 below. **Adopted**
4. That §8-103, III, 7 and 8-103, III, 24 (see §9-10, p.52), carried over from the Eighth General Assembly, concerning amendments to the "Rules of Assembly Operations", be adopted. **Adopted**
5. That the Tenth General Assembly be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 14-18, 1982, with the Committees of Commissioners beginning on June 12 or as called by their respective conveners. **Adopted**
6. That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Administration, in consultation with each Permanent Committee of the General Assembly, to review and evaluate the Assembly organizational structure and interrelationships of the Permanent Committees; identify areas of duplication, ambiguity, competition in Committee assignments and responsibilities; suggest appropriate revisions; and report the same to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
7. That the issue of a Delegated Assembly be returned to the Committee on Administration for further study, especially giving attention to a plan for achieving greater parity of representation among teaching and ruling elders within the current structure. It is further recommended that the Committee on Administration, in study, solicit formal advice from each presbytery to consider in its deliberation. **Adopted**
8. (Recommendation #8 was adopted the second day of the Assembly (see §9-23, p.70).
9. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation)
 - a. Amend Article 2, Section 1, Line 7, the BCO 14-2 instead of 15-2.
 - b. Amend Article 3, Section 3, reference to the BCO 14-3 instead of 15-3.
 - c. Amend Article 2, Section 4, reference to the BCO 14-5 instead of 15-5.
 - d. Amend Article 4, Section 10, title line the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries
 - e. Amend Article 4, Section 9 F by adding the following new paragraphs:
 The membership of other permanent committees, sub-committees, boards or agencies shall be limited to the same constitutional provisions (BCO 14-1-12) as those of the permanent committees: to wit, that those who have served for at least a full term, or at least two years of a partial term on one of the Assembly's permanent committees, or permanent sub-committees, or other agencies shall not be eligible for reelection to an Assembly committee or agency until one year has elapsed. Nominations shall be handled according to the BCO 14-2-11.
 No individual shall serve on more than one Assembly committee, sub-committee, board or agency at one time. Employees of the Assembly's committees, or agencies are not eligible for office on an Assembly committee, sub-committee, board or agency which administers matters directly related to their area of employment unless the description of the committee calls for some

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- particular office holder to serve, either as an ex-officio or an advisory member.
- f. Amend Article 4, Section 9 by adding new Item G, entitled, "Boards":
When it is necessary for the handling of civil matters for the Assembly to authorize one of its committees, sub-committees, or agencies to incorporate and to form a board, the relationship of the board to the Assembly remains as a committee or sub-committee, and the provision of the corporation charter and bylaws shall be in conformity with the constitution of the Church. The rules for membership and election of these boards shall be the same as provided for in the BCO 14-1, except that number of classes and lengths of terms may vary.
- g. Amend Article 4, Section 9 by adding Section H: "Exceptions":
The Assembly has the authority to make exceptions to the above guidelines for those sub-committees or agencies not specifically covered by the BCO, by making amendment to these bylaws spelling out the specific exceptions, as well as approving corporation bylaws in conformity with these exceptions.
- h. In view of a growing apparent disparity between the BCO and the By-Laws, that a special committee be appointed by the Moderator to harmonize the discrepancies and the disparities. It is also recommended that the committee might consist of Morton H. Smith, W. Jack Williamson, and Kenneth L. Ryskamp since they are familiar with the background of these matters. **Adopted**
10. That our present Stated Clerk be employed through the 1982 General Assembly, and that he be commended for his excellent work since the last General Assembly. **Adopted**
- 11 That our present Business Administrator be employed through the 1982 General Assembly. **Adopted**
12. That if the Stated Clerk's Office is not able to publish the Digest of the Minutes during the calendar year of 1981, the special allocation \$10,000 be carried over in the 1982 budget. **Adopted**
13. That the budget for the Committee on Administration, Appendix K, p. 270, as amended by adopted. **Adopted §9-61, p.120**
14. That the General Assembly authorize its Committees to consider a single geographical location, the Committee on Administration having the responsibility to coordinate the search and to make recommendations to the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
15. That the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Church in America be approved. **Adopted**
16. That Resolution 1 from Stanwood Bean, §9-10, p.57, be answered in the affirmative. **Adopted**
17. That Personal Resolution 14 from Westlake & Brewton, §9-10, p.57, be answered in the following way:
That the Presbyterian Church in America, through the Christian Education/Publications Committee, study ways, means, costs and possible organizational structure to utilize radio and television under Presbyterian Church in America auspices, and be it further recommended that the results of these actions be reported at the Tenth General Assembly. **Adopted**
18. That all General Assembly-authorized studies conducted by the Committee on Administration that are related to common concerns of the permanent committees and that require the expenditure of funds, shall be funded by those committees on an equal basis. **Adopted**
19. That the report as a whole be received. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Stevenson, Chairman
Leonard H. Bullock, Secretary

Roll of Committee of Commissioners present:

Ascension	RE Val H. Barleman, Jr.
Calvary	TE R. Grady Love
Central Florida	TE Leonard H. Bullock
Central Georgia	TE J. Archie Moore, Jr.
Covenant	RE Elmo Lamb
Eastern Carolina	TE James G. Edwards
Evangel	TE E. Langston Havgood
Grace	RE Wexler White
Gulf Coast	TE E. Lee Trinkle III
Mid-Atlantic	RE Glenn Whaley
North Georgia	RE William A. Stevenson
Philadelphia	TE Leo Karlberg
Southern Florida	TE Todd W. Allen
Tennessee Valley	TE W. Sam Martin, Jr
Texas	RE Ray A. Sanders
Westminster	RE Ivan Ward

9-81 Committee of Commissioners on Bills and Overtures

TE D. Charles Frost, Jr. presented a supplemental report of the Committee in regard to the personal resolution of TE Richard Adelman regarding the change of election day to Sunday (see §9-71 p.148ff. for complete text of report).

9-82 Committee of Thanks

TE Leonard M. Bullock, Chairman of the Committee of Thanks, led in prayer and presented the report of the Committee of Thanks.

In everything give thanks: For this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. II Thessalonians 5:18.

It is with a grateful heart to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings upon the Presbyterian Church in America during this Ninth General Assembly meeting held in the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

We thank God for the work of His Spirit within the hearts of the Commissioners to bind our hearts together in Christian fellowship, and to accomplish the work of His Church. He again has proven His leading, guiding, and sustaining of this denomination.

We would like to thank the following:

1. The Presbytery of Southern Florida for the invitation to meet within its bounds.
 2. The Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church for allowing the Assembly to hold its Ninth General Assembly in their beautiful and comfortable facilities.
 3. The Ministerial Staff led by Dr. D. James Kennedy, and the secretarial staff who gave of their time and talents to assist the Assembly in its work.
 4. The many people who served refreshments, and the people who tenderly cared for our children in the Nursery.
 5. The Westminster Academy for the use of their facilities during the Assembly.
 6. The Churches, Elders, Deacons, and women who assisted Coral Ridge in its ministry to us.
 7. The local Committees who worked many hours to plan and carry out the many detailed duties that made the Assembly run smoothly.
- Ralph H. Mittendorff - Chairman

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Ross A. Bair - Vice-Chairman

Executive Committee:

David Todd

Joseph Scharer

Stephen Brown

David Nicholas

Dan Sulc

James Bland

G. J. Kuiper

Other Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:

Earl Mizell

Barry Forsyth

Richard Peterson

Jay Rich

Arthur Bromley

Justin Smith

Robert Earnest

Roger McMurrin

Henry Smith

Richard Cahwiler

Jack Jalo

Gerald Pullen

John Pascalis

Collins Weeber

Mrs. Charles Annis

Dan Cahagen

Donald Kuhl

Mrs. Ralph Kaplan

Mrs. Noni Mulheim

Mrs. Edith Tinkler

David Hoffman

8. The Assembly's Committee on Administration under the leadership of Dan Moore, who worked many hours with the Presbytery of Southern Florida to make arrangements for our coming to Ft. Lauderdale, and to assist in the smooth working of the Assembly while we were here.
9. The retiring Moderator, TE Paul G. Settle, for his unselfish hours of work during the past year with various committees, and representing our Church before other denominations.
10. The Moderator, RE Ken Ryskamp, for his kind, thoughtful, and business like manner in which he kept the Assembly moving.
11. The Permanent Committees for their faithful work during the past year.
12. The Committees of Commissioners of the Assembly for their diligent work in the committee meetings, and their clear presentation of their reports on the floor of the Assembly. Especially to the clerks of the committees, and the personnel in the offices to type and correct, the printer who reproduced the reports so that commissioners would have a clear and understandable report.
13. The Stated Clerk, Morton H. Smith, the Recording Clerks, Edwin P. Elliott, Jr., and Frank D. Moser, the Assistant Parliamentarian, W. Jack Williamson, the Timekeeper, Walter Lastovica, the leader of the Temporary Clerks, Frank Smith, for their labors, time and talents given to the Assembly.
14. The Ministers who brought us thoughtful and inspiring messages, Paul G. Settle, D. James Kennedy, Leonard Van Horn, Steven Bradford, and Cecil Williamson.
15. The ministry of music provided by Miss Diane Bish who inspired all of us with her music throughout the Assembly, and to Larry Roff and John Allen who played for the Assembly.
16. The Choir of the Coral Ridge Church under the direction of Roger McMurrin.
17. The Ambassadors of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.
18. The Kingsmen of Kendall Presbyterian Church.
19. The Custodial Staff under the leadership of Al Kallweit for their continuous help throughout the Assembly.
20. The Transportation Committee.

21. The Commissioners to the Ninth General Assembly for their faithful attendance to all the sessions, and their diligent work during the Assembly. **Adopted**

Respectfully submitted,

TE Leonard H. Bullock, Chairman
TE Hal E. McNeely, Clerk
RE Jules M. Vroom
RE George Gulley

9-83 Minutes Approved

On motion the minutes which had been printed and distributed earlier in the day were approved as presented with editorial emendations. Further, the Assembly voted that the Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Committee on Administration, be granted the authority to correct and approve the minutes of the last sessions of the Assembly.

9-84 Assembly Adjourned

There being no further business, a final hymn was sung and Moderator Kenneth L. Ryskamp declared the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m., to convene in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 14, 1982. Following his closing prayer and the benediction by TE Donald B. Patterson, all joined singing in the Doxology.

PART III**APPENDICES**

The Appendices include the Reports of the Permanent Committees as originally submitted to the General Assembly, except where the text may have been amended by the Assembly.

The recommendations in this section are those originally submitted by the Permanent Committees, and may not have been adopted by the Assembly. See the Reports of the Committee of Commissioners for each of the respective committees to find the recommendations as they were adopted by the Assembly.

The budgets as approved by the Assembly are found in Appendix K, p. 270.

APPENDIX A

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

INTRODUCTION

Since the duties of the Committee on Administration cover various areas of the Church's life, this report will be composed of separate narrative sections in each area of responsibility. The recommendations are all presented at the end of the report.

The Committee held three meetings during the year: September 19-20, 1980; January 9-10, 1981; March 13-14, 1981; with one scheduled at the time of the General Assembly.

I. ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

The Eighth General Assembly voted that the 1982 General Assembly be held in Grand Rapids. The Christian Reformed Church General Synod is being held June 8-18, 1982.

II. JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE FOUR MAJOR COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The growth of the Committees over time has created some possible ambiguities in the understanding of the tasks of the various Committees. Perhaps the time has come for a thorough discussion of the role of each Committee.

Buried in this discussion is the age-old dilemma of the freedoms of the decentralization versus the efficiencies of centralization. Every large organization (business, government, or church) struggles with this dilemma and finds no simple answer.

Examples of how this dilemma affects the Presbyterian Church in America are:

1. Should each Committee be free to pursue its own ideas regarding computers, or should there be integrated planning? At the present time, no single authority exists in the Assembly; each Committee is free to pursue its own objective without considering the need of the other Committees.

The 1981 budgets for computers are:

Committee on Administration	\$8,000
Christian Education/Publications	\$12,000
Mission to the United States	\$12,000
Mission to the World	\$22,660
Total	\$54,660

In addition, there are costs for computerized mailing lists which are not included in the above.

2. Should each Committee continue to rent space separately, or should the denomination rent corporately? Should we purchase a building? Who has the right to make this decision?

3. Should the various Committees of the denomination have the common policy regarding pay and fringe benefits of its personnel?

III. THE QUESTION OF DELEGATED ASSEMBLIES

The Eighth General Assembly authorized the Committee on Administration to reopen the question of delegated Assemblies (MBCA, p.121, par. 8-103, III, 3). The Committee made a study of the attendance at the Eighth General Assembly. A total of 132 churches had no ruling elder representation. These were surveyed with a response received from 79 of the churches, or 56%. Of these 23 indicated financial inability, 60 that no ruling elder was available, and 9 a lack of interest. (Note: some churches listed more than one reason for non-attendance, and are counted more than once in the above tabulation.)

It appears from this that a number of our churches suffer from two primary problems in Assembly attendance, namely, a financial burden, and a lack of the availability of men. It is unlikely that either of these problems will be overcome under the present system.

The following is a tabulation of teaching and ruling elder attendance for all of the PCA General Assembly meetings:

General Assembly	Possible Churches	Churches Representated	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders	Total Enrollment
First	260	215	179	208	387
Second	300(est)	255	219	246	465
Third	346	294	259	284	543
Fourth	393	305	265	325	590
Fifth	405	319	247	367	614
Sixth	428	295	216	353	569
Seventh	440	350	260	421	681
Eighth	474	367	247	413	660

Further, the size of our Assemblies militate against it acting as a good deliberative body. It should be noted that none of our states have more than 150 in their legislatures, and that the House of Representatives has a set number of 435 while the Senate has only 100.

In the light of the above it seems to the Committee on Administration desirable for the General Assembly to move to a delegated Assembly as early as possible. This could not be accomplished before 1983.

A delegated Assembly will provide for equality of teaching and ruling elder representation. A delegated Assembly will reduce the total cost of the Assembly, both as to individual delegate expense and the General Assembly expense. A delegated Assembly will provide for the opportunity for better participation by all in attendance.

It has been proposed that we allow only one half of the congregations of each presbytery to send ruling elders, and that the presbytery elect from its ministers an equal number of teaching elders. This might appear to be the simplest procedure for us, but it will not change the situation of the small churches that are not willing or not able to send a ruling elder. There would still exist a disproportionate number of teaching and ruling elders, though presumably it would not be as much as the present system generates. Another problem with this proposal is that it keeps the representation from the congregations and not from the presbyteries. The Committee on Administration feels that this is not really true to the genius of Presbyterianism, which is a representative system. In other words, if the Assembly is made up of delegates from the presbyteries, then the presbyteries should be the bodies that elect their representatives, and not the congregations. It should be noted that this is a weakness of our present system as well.

It is for the above reasons that the Committee will make a recommendation proposing a change in the Book of Church Order, which will move us to a delegated Assembly if enacted.

IV. OFFICE OPERATION

The Committee through sub-committees examined the work of both of the offices of the Stated Clerk and the Business Administrator, and is satisfied with both of these offices for the present. The Committee will recommend that both the present Stated Clerk and Business Administrator be continued. The Committee intends to continue this practice periodically in the future.

V. ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS

The Committee was directed by the Eighth General Assembly to "devise a plan whereby a committee of commissioners report, when all of the arguments have been heard, shall be approved as a whole, pending approval of other enabling committee reports, such as, stewardship." The Committee has a proposal for changing the Rules for Assembly Operation to cover this matter.

VI. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

As the Church continues to grow the workload of the office of the Stated Clerk continues to increase. The office has been able to continue to keep up with this load with the addition of some part-time help, and a purchase of word processing equipment during the year. Much time has been spent during this year in shifting to the use of this new equipment. In addition to the regular duties of the Stated Clerk, he has been involved in assisting the Ad-Interim Committee dealing with the interchurch matters in preparing its materials for the use of the Assembly. He has also been used by the Committee on Mission to the United States to assist in the examination of churches in the South Dakota area. The 1980 statistics show a total of 80,211 communicant members, 10,780 non-communicant members, 728 ministers, 91,719 total number of members, and 487 churches.

The Clerk's office continues to be the depository for the historical records of the Church. A number of churches are sending local church histories on an annual basis, as well as weekly bulletins and newsletters. The churches at large should be encouraged to continue in this practice. Provision is being made in the new Ridge Haven Inn for space for the beginning of the historical collection of the denomination. All of the Committees should be

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reminded of the fact that previous Assemblies have directed that all materials should be preserved, and materials five years old or older should eventually be placed in the historical collection.

The Eighth General Assembly assigned to the Clerk's Office the task of preparing and publishing a Digest of the Assembly's Minutes. To date much of this material has been compiled, but there has not been time for the actual preparation for printing. It is hoped that during this next year this can be completed, and the Digest can be published. A special budget item was allocated by the Eighth General Assembly for the publication of this work in 1981. In the event that this work cannot be completed during the calendar year of 1981, it may be necessary for the Assembly to authorize this budget item of \$10,000 to be carried over into the next calendar year.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Tenth General Assembly be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 14-18, 1982, with the Committees of Commissioners beginning on June 12, or as called by the respective conveners.
2. That the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Administration, in consultation with each Permanent Committee of the General Assembly to review and evaluate the Assembly organizational structure, and interrelationships of the Permanent Committees, identify areas of duplication, ambiguity, competition in Committee assignments and responsibilities, suggest appropriate revisions, and report the same to the Tenth General Assembly.
3. That the General Assembly decide to move to a representative or delegated Assembly and that the following Book of Church Order amendments, which would provide for such representation be adopted and sent down to the presbyteries for their advice and consent:

Amend the BCO, par. 14-2, by substituting the following for whole:

"The General Assembly, which is a permanent court of the Church, shall meet at least annually upon its own adjournment. The Assembly shall consist of not more than 300 voting commissioners (150 teaching elders and 150 ruling elders), who shall represent their respective presbyteries in accordance with an apportionment set by the previous General Assembly. In the event that additional presbyteries are received after this proportion has been set, their representatives shall be allocated on the same formula used to set the original apportionment. These additional representatives may be duly enrolled by the Assembly at its opening session. In the event that an Assembly fails to set the apportionment for the next Assembly, the same formula used for the previous Assembly will be used."

4. That the Rules for Assembly Operations be amended as follows:
 - a. Amend item 10-3 by adding:

"(5) When it is necessary to postpone action on the completion of a report for some subsequent action of the Assembly, such as the approval of the budgets, or other special items, the report shall be approved as a whole pending the completion of these other items. At the time that the other items come to the floor, only these matters may be considered by the Assembly, since the report as a whole will have already been adopted."
 - b. Amend item 11 by adding a new item 11 as follows, the present 11 to become item 12:

*XI. ELECTION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND
AND AGENCIES OF THE ASSEMBLY

11-1. The Assembly's Nominating Committee as provided for in BCO, 14-1, shall present its nominations to the Assembly through the Commissioners Handbook or Supplement. This presentation shall include a brief statement regarding each nominee.

11-2. Additional nominations may be made in writing on forms supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. The nominee is to give consent to only one nomination. The deadlines for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the second day of the Assembly. The Clerk's office shall issue a supplement to the Assembly's Nominating report during the third day's business sessions.

11-3. The time for the election shall be docketed as a special order. Only those commissioners present or on the floor of the Assembly shall be eligible to vote. The voting procedures may be conducted either by use of standing vote, or by use of ballots provided by the Stated Clerk's office.

5. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Church in America (A Corporation)
 - a. Amend Article 2, Section 1, Line 7, the BCO 14-2 instead of 15-2.
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 - f. Amend Article 4, Section 9 by adding new Item G, entitled, "Boards":

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6. That our present Stated Clerk be employed through the 1982 General Assembly.
7. That our present Business Administrator be employed through the 1982 General Assembly.
8. That if the Stated Clerk's Office is not able to publish the Digest of the Minutes during the calendar year of 1981, the special allocation of \$10,000 be carried over in the 1982 budget.
9. That the budget for the Committee on Administration as presented by the Stewardship Committee be adopted.

AUDIT REPORTS

Kent, Nobles and Martin
Certified Public Accountants
559 South Hull Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

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 Funds, and the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation as of December 31, 1980, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Additionally, we have examined the financial statements of the Insurance and Annuities Trust Fund and Ridge Haven, Inc., Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church In America, the Committee on Servants in Missions Abroad, and the Presbyterian Church In America Foundation as to which our reports are presented under separate letters. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as stated in the following paragraph.

Because of the location of properties and due to the nature of the records, it was impracticable for us to physically examine or adequately test values assigned to foreign properties and equipment carried by Committee for Mission to the World in the amount of \$158,182 as presented on Exhibit "A" as of December 31, 1980.

The Committee for Mission to the World recognizes the cost of foreign property as program expense in the year the expenditure is made, with adjustments to fund balance in order to present the residual values discussed in the preceding paragraph and as described in Note "2" to the financial statements. The Five in Five Fund does not provide for possible collection losses on unsecured loans to churches discussed in Note "15" to financial statements. The net effect of these practices on the financial statements was undetermined as of December 31, 1980.

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments as might have been required to the inventory values of foreign property and educational materials had it been practicable for us to apply additional auditing procedures, and except for the effects of expensing the cost of foreign property and not providing for possible collection losses on church loans, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph above present fairly the financial position of the previously mentioned permanent committees and sub-committees of the Presbyterian Church In America as of December 31, 1980, 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.

March 27, 1981

Certified Public Accountants

EXHIBIT "A"

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1980

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

ASSETS	PERMANENT COMMITTEES				FIVE IN FUND	STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES	1980		1979	
	ADMINIS-TRATION	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATION	MISSION TO THE U.S.	MISSION TO THE WORLD			MEMORANDUM TOTALS	MEMORANDUM TOTALS		
Cash on hand in banks	\$ 30	\$ 15,838	\$ 478	\$ 148,401	\$ 2,687	\$ 10,667	\$ 178,101	\$ 296,114	\$ 296,114	
Cash in savings deposits	41,295	87,613	23,561	54,278	62,802		269,549	288,882	288,882	
Investments (Note "3")	79,000		80,145	140,482		100	299,627	288,130	288,130	
Accounts receivable		21,016		151,632	641,563		21,116	20,755	20,755	
Program loans & advances (Note "4")				2,802			793,195	362,976	362,976	
Accrued interest receivable	2,200						5,002	6,563	6,563	
Note receivable-Coodinator (Note "5")		9,000					9,000	9,000	9,000	
Inventory (at cost)	20,275	66,997	1,464	2,971	17,115		66,997	54,393	54,393	
Other miscellaneous assets		1,894					43,719	6,224	6,224	
Property and equipment:										
United States (Note "2")	13,652	31,098	46,352	40,419	540	6,870	138,931	140,588	140,588	
Foreign (Note "2")				158,182			158,182	161,054	161,054	
Total Assets	\$ 156,452	\$ 233,456	\$ 152,000	\$ 699,167	\$ 724,707	\$ 17,637	\$ 1,983,419	\$ 1,634,679	\$ 1,634,679	

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:									
Bank overdraft (Note "6")	\$ 39,527						\$ 39,527	\$ 58,384	\$ 58,384
Accounts payable	3,506	12,300	8,076	16,007	90	14,055	54,034	48,169	48,169
Notes payable (Note "9")	2,899	3,984		7,228			14,111	16,632	16,632
Other miscellaneous liabilities	8,699	53,433	17,700	4,614		1,128	85,574	71,433	71,433
Due to PCA - Insurance & Annuity Fund (Note "7")	60,000						60,000	282	282
Funds held for Conference Center	29						29	57,526	57,526
Deferred income		315					315	-0-	-0-
Total liabilities	\$ 114,660	\$ 70,032	\$ 25,776	\$ 27,849	\$ 90	\$ 15,183	\$ 253,590	\$ 252,420	\$ 252,420
Fund balance:									
Unrestricted - Exhibit "B"	31,403	158,902	103,476	374,654	724,617	2,454	1,395,506	1,073,733	1,073,733
Restricted - Exhibit "C"	10,389	4,522	22,748	296,664			334,323	308,520	308,520
Total fund balance	\$ 41,792	\$ 163,424	\$ 126,224	\$ 671,318	\$ 724,617	\$ 2,454	\$ 1,729,829	\$ 1,382,253	\$ 1,382,253
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 156,452	\$ 233,456	\$ 152,000	\$ 699,167	\$ 724,707	\$ 17,637	\$ 1,983,419	\$ 1,634,679	\$ 1,634,679

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, 1980
 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979
 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	PERMANENT COMMITTEES		SUB-COMMITTEES		1979 MEMORANDUM TOTALS		
	ADMINIS- TRATION	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATION	MISSION TO THE U.S.	MISSION TO THE WORLD		FIVE IN FUND	STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES
Support and Revenue:							
Contributions	175,966	449,913	491,755	481,371	331,933	4,036	1,934,974
Legacies							1,825,041
Investment Income	1,066	1,986	12,559	23,198	12,054	20	8,455
Program Income (Literature sales net of expenses of \$104,640 and \$102,974)		39,694		12,406			38,718
Other support and revenue						1,548	25,405
Contributions from permanent committees						87,739	18,286
Total support & revenue	<u>\$ 177,032</u>	<u>\$ 491,593</u>	<u>\$ 504,314</u>	<u>\$ 516,975</u>	<u>\$ 343,987</u>	<u>\$ 93,343</u>	<u>\$ 2,127,244</u>
Expenses:							
Missionary support projects & evangelism ministries	\$ 63,353	\$	\$ 302,131	\$ 49,025	\$	\$	\$ 414,509
Administrative & other program expenses	107,752	320,815	207,885	414,384	12,934	105,791	994,115
Contributions to G.C.P., Inc. (Note "B")		110,000					110,000
General Assembly Expense	3,271	9,584	10,299	11,314			34,468
Contributions to sub-committee	8,671	24,025	23,739	31,304			42,782
PCA Foundation	1,500	500	1,500	1,500			87,739
Depreciation	2,612	4,566	8,134	7,036	166	1,014	5,000
Total expenses	<u>\$ 187,159</u>	<u>\$ 469,490</u>	<u>\$ 553,688</u>	<u>\$ 514,563</u>	<u>\$ 13,100</u>	<u>\$ 106,805</u>	<u>\$ 23,528</u>
Excess of support & revenue over expenses (expenses over support & revenue)	(\$ 10,127)	\$ 22,103	(\$ 49,374)	\$ 2,412	\$ 330,887	(\$ 13,462)	\$ 282,439
Other Changes In fund balances:							
Inter-Fund transfers from restricted funds	6		41,668				
Net increase (decrease) in basis of property & equipment: Foreign Adjusting to reclassify beginning fund balance			(2,572)				
Fund Balance, beginning of year	41,524	136,799	152,850	332,914	393,730	15,916	92,000
Fund Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 31,403</u>	<u>\$ 136,902</u>	<u>\$ 103,476</u>	<u>\$ 374,654</u>	<u>\$ 724,617</u>	<u>\$ 2,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,543</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "C"

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979
RESTRICTED FUNDS

	PERMANENT COMMITTEES			MISSION TO THE WORLD	1980 MEMORANDUM TOTALS	1979 MEMORANDUM TOTALS
	ADMINIS- TRATION	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATION	MISSION TO THE U.S.			
Support and revenue:						
Contributions	\$ 100	\$ 3,760	\$ 125,000	\$2,124,394	\$2,253,254	\$1,894,074
Investment income	316	120		436	753	
Other support and revenue				3,535	-0-	
Total support & revenue	<u>\$ 416</u>	<u>\$ 3,880</u>	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>\$2,127,929</u>	<u>\$2,257,225</u>	<u>\$1,894,807</u>
Expenses:						
Missionary support projects & evangelism ministries	\$ 28		\$ 132,760	\$2,101,670	\$2,234,430	\$1,862,880
Other miscellaneous disbursements	28	-0-	132,760	101,670	28	700
Total expenses	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 132,760</u>	<u>\$2,101,670</u>	<u>\$2,234,458</u>	<u>\$1,863,580</u>
Excess of support & revenue over expenses (expenses over support & revenue)	388	3,880	(\$ 7,760)	26,259	\$ 22,767	\$ 31,227
Other Changes in fund balances:						
Inter-fund transfers from unrestricted funds	(6)			(41,668)		
Adjustment to beginning fund balance to reclassify previously expensed advances to missionaries and their work				44,710		
Fund balance, beginning of year	10,007	642	30,508	267,363		
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 10,389</u>	<u>\$ 4,522</u>	<u>\$ 22,748</u>	<u>\$ 296,664</u>		

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EXHIBIT "D"

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

	BALANCE 1/1/80	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE 12/31/80
Administration:				
Gavel Fund	(\$ 6	\$ 50	\$ 28	\$ 16
Gifts held for others	9,597	302	-0-	9,899
College Fund	66	2	-0-	68
Notebook Fund	344	62	-0-	406
Total Administration	<u>\$ 10,001</u>	<u>\$ 416</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 10,389</u>
Christian Education and Publications:				
Scholarship Funds	\$ 642	\$ 2,800	\$ -0-	\$ 3,442
WIC Slide tape	-0-	1,080	-0-	1,080
Total Christian Education & Pub.	<u>\$ 642</u>	<u>\$ 3,880</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 4,522</u>
Mission to the World:				
Missionary support accounts	107,140	-0-	17,798	89,342
Projects and field accounts	122,967	31,405	-0-	154,372
Missions support reserve				
PCA/Others	37,256	15,694	-0-	52,950
Total Mission to the World	<u>\$ 267,363</u>	<u>\$ 47,099</u>	<u>\$ 17,798</u>	<u>\$ 296,664</u>
		(1)	(1)	
Mission to the U.S.:				
TV Spots	300	250	550	-0-
New England Project	-0-	4,687	4,687	-0-
Mobile Chapels	20,569	-0-	20,569	-0-
Communications	4,234	-0-	4,234	-0-
New ministries	-0-	3,130	3,130	-0-
Presbyterian Alternatives	-0-	13,768	13,768	-0-
New England Day-of-Prayer	-0-	10,865	-0-	10,865
PCUS & UPCUSA Travel	-0-	3,108	1,611	1,497
Corpus Christi, Texas	-0-	1,025	212	813
Korean Book of Church Order	-0-	500	-0-	500
Organizing pastors	5,405	87,667	83,999	9,073
Total Mission to the U.S.	<u>\$ 30,508</u>	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>\$ 132,760</u>	<u>\$ 22,748</u>
Total All Funds	<u><u>\$ 308,514</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 524,745</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 498,936</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 334,323</u></u>

(1) Net additions or deductions.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 1980

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 and the Five in Five Fund are maintained substantially on a cash basis; however, the annual financial statements of the committees and sub-committees have been prepared on an accrual basis, except that expenditures by the Committee on Mission to the World for property and equipment acquired for use in foreign countries have been recognized as program expenses in the year the expenditures were made. Expenditures for equipment acquired for the use of the committees in the United States have been capitalized and depreciation recognized as expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation of foreign property and equipment has been recognized only with respect to the value of such property included in the balance sheet as assets of the Committee on Mission to the World as described in Note "2". No provision has been made for uncollectible loans to churches as discussed in Note "15". All contributions received are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Funds received as gifts for individuals or to support the activities of other agencies are classified as "Channel Funds" and are passed directly to the recipients without being recognized as support or expense of the designated committee.

Each committee maintains its own separate accounts and conducts its programs independently as set forth in the By-laws of the Corporation or by direction of the General Assembly. The operations of the Sub-Committees are substantially supported by the permanent committees.

NOTE "2" - Property, Equipment, and Depreciation

(a) Equipment acquired for use in the United States:

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. An average rate of ten percent (10%) per year has been applied after allowing for estimated salvage value. At December 31, 1980, the cost of such assets less accumulated depreciation was as follows:

	<u>COA</u>	<u>CEP</u>	<u>MTUS</u>	<u>MTTW</u>	<u>FIVE IN FIVE</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Cost	\$21,706	\$48,918	\$63,969	\$59,975	\$ 832	\$10,144
Depreciation	(8,054)	(17,820)	(17,617)	(19,556)	(292)	(3,274)
Total	<u>\$13,652</u>	<u>\$31,098</u>	<u>\$46,352</u>	<u>\$40,419</u>	<u>\$ 540</u>	<u>\$ 6,870</u>

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NOTE "2" - Property, Equipment and Depreciation (Continued)

- (b) Property and equipment acquired by the Committee on 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, 1980, the residual value of assets located in foreign countries amounted to \$158,182 as follows:

Land, buildings and equipment	\$ 195,685
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>37,503</u>
Residual value	\$ 158,182

NOTE "3" - Investments

The following investments were held at December 31, 1980:

Committee on Administration

Marketable securities are stated at cost which is \$16,600 more than market at December 31, 1980 as follows:

<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
80,000 Georgia Power 11% 09RG Bonds	\$ 79,000	\$ 62,400	(\$ 16,600)

Committee on Mission to the United States

Marketable securities are stated at cost which is equal to fair market value at December 31, 1980 as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Ford Motor Credit Co. Commercial Paper 19.5%, due 2/20/81	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
C & S Holding Company Note 17.5%, due 1/19/81	<u>55,145</u>	<u>55,145</u>
	<u>\$ 80,145</u>	<u>\$ 80,145</u>

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NOTE "3" - Investments (Continued)Committee on Mission to the World:

Marketable securities are carried at cost. Cost exceeded market value by \$23,500 at December 31, 1980 as follows:

<u>Face Amount</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
100,000	Southwestern Bell	\$ 99,750	\$ 76,250	(\$ 23,500)
	9-5/8 of 19RG bonds	10,070	10,070	-0-
	Ready Assets Account			
		<u>\$ 109,820</u>	<u>\$ 86,320</u>	<u>(\$ 23,500)</u>

Real estate held for investment purposes is stated at its fair market value at date of gift in the amount of \$30,000, plus closing costs of \$662. The investment represents 10 acres of land in Marietta, Georgia received from donor at December, 1977.

NOTE "4" - Program Loans and Advances

The various Committees have made loans, advances and miscellaneous deposits in connection with carrying on their individual program activities. Some of the balances represent inter-committee receivables, however, the following committees maintain substantial balances receivable pertaining to program loans and advances which do not represent inter-committee activities:

Mission to the World:

As discussed in Note "14", Mission to the World has made advances to missionaries and their work at December 31, 1980.

Advances to Missionaries and their work	\$ 75,521
Vehicle loans to missionaries discussed in Note "13"	76,111
	<u>\$ 151,632</u>

Five in Five Fund:

Church loans amounting to \$641,563 at December 31, 1980 were outstanding as discussed in Note "15".

NOTE "5" - Committee for Christian Education and PublicationsNote Receivable - Coordinator

On June 16, 1980, the Committee executed a new note with the Coordinator. The note was for \$9,000, with interest at the rate required by the Committee, not to exceed five percent per annum on the unpaid balance. The principal and interest shall be due and payable at such time the Coordinator shall leave the employment of the Committee, or at such time as he no longer shall have need for the housing provided by the proceeds of this loan.

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NOTE "6" - Committee on Administration - Bank Overdraft - \$39,527

All available monies are deposited to a savings account in the Georgia 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 \$39,527 actually represented an overdraft per books due to checks being written and recorded on December 31, 1980, but which did not clear the bank until later in January, 1981. Funds available to be applied to the overdraft at December 31, 1980 were held by Georgia Federal Savings & Loan Association in the amount of \$36,536, together with a deposit in transit of \$4,756. The bank statement of the checking account with Trust Company Bank of Columbus showed a balance of \$2,983 at December 31, 1980, which was an adequate amount to cover checks clearing prior to the next deposit in January, 1981.

NOTE "7" - Committee on Administration-Due to PCA - Insurance & Annuity Fund

During 1980, the Committee on Administration borrowed \$60,000 from the PCA Insurance & Annuity Fund. Interest has been accrued on this loan in the amount of \$5,756 as of December 31, 1980. On January 9, 1981 the Committee took action to pledge the Georgia Power bonds as security on the loan.

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 \$110,000 for 1980 and \$92,000 for 1979 to support general operations of the venture.

NOTE "9" - Notes Payable

Committee on Administration

The Committee is obligated on a note amounting to \$2,899 at December 31, 1980 as follows:

	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Installment</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Canon Copier	\$ 3,479	\$ 137	\$ 2,899

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DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "9" - Notes Payable (Continued)Committee for Christian Education & Publications

The Committee is obligated on two notes amounting to \$3,984 at December 31, 1980 as follows:

	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Installment</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
1979 Ford LTD	\$ 6,016	\$ 251	\$ 2,006
IBM Corp. Mag Card typewriter	2,337	180	1,978
			<u>\$ 3,984</u>

Committee on Mission to the World

The Committee is obligated on two notes amounting to \$7,228 at December 31, 1980 as follows:

	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Installment</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
IBM Corp. Mag Card II typewriter	\$ 11,052	\$ 230	\$ 5,986
Chase Manhattan Service Corp. telephone equipment	6,980	177	1,242
			<u>\$ 7,228</u>

NOTE "10" Lease Agreements

Each committee is obligated under a separate lease for their office space as follows:

Committee on Administration - Annual lease payable in monthly installments of \$510.00 for an annual cost of \$6,120, shared by the Insurance and Annuity Fund. Current lease expires June 30, 1981.

Committee for Christian Education & Publications - The Committee is obligated at December 31, 1980 under a lease agreement for its office space in Decatur, Georgia. The property is leased from Monumental Properties at an annual cost of \$19,680, payable in monthly installments of \$1,625, through October, 1980, and increasing 4% for the year beginning in November, 1980. The lease will expire October 31, 1981.

Committee on Mission to the United States - The Committee is obligated under a lease for its office space for 36 months beginning September 13, 1978. As of December 31, 1980, the monthly payments were \$864 for an annualized cost of \$10,371.

Committee on 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. Current lease expires October 31, 1981.

Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries - Lease payable in monthly installments of \$271 for an annual cost of \$3,255. Current lease expires September 30, 1983.

Each committee is obligated under separate leases for their office equipment as follows:

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Committee on Mission to the World - Annual leases to Xerox Corporation for duplicating and communications equipment.

NOTE "11"- Pension Plan

The committees are participating in the "Annuity Fund for Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in America" and the "Employees Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America".

Contributions to the Plans are made in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Agreement and are charged to expense currently.

NOTE "12"- Committee on Mission to the World - Medical Insurance Fund

The Committee provides comprehensive medical coverage for missionary and staff personnel through a self-administered medical insurance program in coordination with the Christian Medical Society. The plan with the Christian Medical Society is a \$1,000 deductible policy underwritten by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Coverage of the first \$1,000 is provided by the Committee's medical insurance plan on the basis of \$100 deductible per year for each family member, with a maximum of \$300 deductible per family per year.

NOTE "13"- Committee on 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. Eighteen loans were made during 1980 with varying rates of interest ranging from 5.5% to 13.8%. New loans for 1980 totaled \$63,553, resulting in a balance receivable of \$76,111 as of December 31, 1980. Principal and interest collections during 1980 amounted to \$28,894.

NOTE "14"- Committee on Mission to the World
Advances to Missionaries and Their Work

In February, 1978, the Committee adopted a policy of treating work budget allotments as "advances" beginning with the first quarter of 1978. Prior to 1978, these advances were expensed directly as missionary support. Under this policy, the work budget advances are charged to expense as a quarterly accounting is received from the missionaries. On May 18, 1979, the Committee adopted the policy of establishing field accounts and appropriating phase-out of individual work budgets, however, the quarterly reporting policies adopted in 1978 remain in effect. At December 31, 1980, advances to missionaries, field accounts and projects amounted to \$75,521.

NOTE "15"- Committee on Mission to the United States - Five in Five Fund
Church Loans receivable

The General Assembly approved a five year, five million dollar capital fund campaign at its meeting in September, 1977. The Committee on Mission to the United States subsequently established the Five in Five Fund for the purpose of raising funds and making loans to churches for their building programs. Unsecured non-interest bearing loans of \$378,200 were made in 1980. Outstanding loans receivable at December 31, 1980 amounted to \$641,563 as follows:

	Number Of Loan	Amount of Loans	Repayments	Balance
1977	1	\$ 10,000	\$ -0-	\$ 10,000
1978	4	48,000	-0-	48,000
1979	12	235,000	100	234,900
1980	11	378,200	29,536	348,663
	28	\$ 671,200	\$ 29,636	\$ 641,563

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Insurance and Annuity Fund of the
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We have examined the balance sheet of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1980, and the related statement of fund transactions and changes in fund balance for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Insurance and Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1980, and its fund transactions and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

March 27, 1981

Certified Public Accountants

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EXHIBIT "A"

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICABALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>
Cash in savings deposits	\$ 48,101.67	\$ 187,440.86
Accrued interest receivable	71,589.41	77,992.01
Dividend receivable - Insurance Fund (Note "4")	-0-	113,223.71
Security investments at market value (Note "2")	4,734,941.41	3,027,143.69
Insurance premiums receivable	6,190.15	6,980.79
Annuity dues receivable	11,519.36	11,755.88
Due from Committee on Administration (Note "5")	60,000.00	281.85
Equipment (@ cost less accumulated depreciation of \$3,888.26 for 1980 and \$2,016.71 for 1979)	<u>15,555.15</u>	<u>16,698.77</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,947,897.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,441,517.56</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Liabilities:		
Bank overdraft	\$ 9,425.40	\$ 4,389.56
Insurance premiums payable	202,815.65	145,561.64
Accounts payable and accrued payroll taxes	13,756.76	12,343.81
Annuity dues paid in advance	14,672.38	6,931.45
Insurance premiums collected in advance	<u>17,491.32</u>	<u>8,945.07</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 258,161.51</u>	<u>\$ 178,171.53</u>
Fund balance:		
Annuity Funds:		
Minister's annuity	\$ 4,053,295.23	\$ 2,769,166.69
Lay annuity	132,682.43	85,287.62
Gift Annuity	<u>50,598.99</u>	<u>40,098.27</u>
Total annuity funds	<u>\$ 4,236,576.65</u>	<u>\$ 2,894,552.58</u>
Minister's relief fund	343,566.73	259,154.09
Insurance fund	<u>109,592.26</u>	<u>109,639.36</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 4,689,735.64</u>	<u>\$ 3,263,346.03</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 4,947,897.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,441,517.56</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "B"

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
STATEMENT OF FUND TRANSACTIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

	MINISTERS ANNUITY FUND	LAY ANNUITY FUND	GIFT ANNUITY FUND	TOTAL ANNUITY FUNDS	MINISTERS RELIEF FUND	INSURANCE FUND	1980 TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1979 TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Additions:	\$ 813,987.40	\$ 31,900.65	\$ 3,044.09	\$ 848,932.14	\$	\$	\$ 848,932.14	\$ 735,432.91
Members' dues							79,586.24	63,249.99
Designated donations					79,586.24		695,819.89	571,114.02
Insurance premiums income						2,710.29		113,223.71
Insurance dividend								
Investment income:								
Increase (decrease) in								
market value of								
investments held								
at year-end	428,422.05	13,929.04	5,665.17	448,016.26	41,007.52	30,716.67	519,740.45	(171,337.43)
Gain (loss) realized								
on investment								
transactions	(135,617.55)	(4,409.25)	(1,795.31)	(141,822.11)	(12,980.98)	(9,723.42)	(164,524.51)	(19,565.35)
interest	243,099.68	7,903.76	3,214.59	254,218.03	23,268.91	17,429.58	294,916.52	245,431.33
dividends	43,402.40	1,411.11	575.92	45,387.43	4,154.37	3,111.85	52,653.65	19,291.34
Investment management fees	(15,406.29)	(500.89)	(203.74)	(16,110.92)	(1,474.65)	(1,104.58)	(18,690.15)	(11,697.52)
Total additions	\$ 1,377,887.69	\$ 50,234.42	\$ 10,500.72	\$ 1,438,622.83	\$ 133,561.41	\$ 738,960.28	\$ 2,311,144.52	\$ 1,584,273.70
Deductions:								
Administrative and general								
expense	\$ 52,398.84	\$ 1,995.78		\$ 54,392.62	\$ 14,308.65	\$ 49,944.36	\$ 118,645.63	\$ 91,869.19
insurance premiums expense	10,101.40			10,101.40		689,063.02	699,164.42	569,228.66
annuity benefits to members	31,258.91	845.83		32,104.74	19,069.75	51,174.49	38,498.13	38,498.13
relief payments to ministers					15,770.37		15,770.37	7,134.14
Total deductions	\$ 93,759.15	\$ 2,839.61		\$ 96,598.76	\$ 49,148.77	\$ 739,007.38	\$ 884,754.91	\$ 706,730.12
Net increase (decrease) in funds for the year	\$ 1,284,128.54	\$ 47,394.81	\$ 10,500.72	\$ 1,342,024.07	\$ 84,412.64	\$ 47,101.90	\$ 1,426,389.61	\$ 877,543.58
Fund balance beginning of year	2,769,166.69	85,287.62	40,098.27	2,894,552.58	259,154.09	109,639.36	3,263,346.03	2,385,802.45
Fund balance end of year	\$ 4,053,295.23	\$ 132,682.43	\$ 50,598.99	\$ 4,236,576.65	\$ 343,566.73	\$ 109,592.26	\$ 4,689,735.64	\$ 3,263,346.03

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, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

	MINISTERS ANNUITY FUND	LAY ANNUITY FUND	MINISTERS RELIEF FUND	INSURANCE FUND	1980 TOTALS	1979 TOTALS
Salaries and benefits	\$ 21,644.21	\$ 1,082.22	\$ 4,328.84	\$ 27,055.26	\$ 54,110.53	\$ 44,123.68
Audit	964.20	48.21	192.84	1,205.25	2,410.50	2,132.03
Actuary fees	12,526.17			6,979.07	12,526.17	11,429.22
Computer expense	5,583.25	279.17	1,116.65		13,958.14	5,736.98
Printing and promotional	548.43	27.43	6,443.84	685.55	7,705.25	6,663.49
Rent	1,343.25	67.17	268.65	1,679.07	3,358.14	3,140.45
Committee meetings	1,857.57	92.89	371.51	2,321.96	4,643.93	4,946.10
Postage	710.65	35.54	142.13	888.31	1,776.63	2,040.00
Legal fees	3,337.90	166.90	667.58	4,172.37	8,344.75	3,013.30
Office expense	891.29	44.58	178.25	1,217.61	2,331.73	1,382.23
Depreciation	748.62	37.44	149.72	955.77	1,871.55	1,763.71
Travel	421.16	21.07	84.23	526.46	1,052.92	638.68
General Assembly	167.53	8.39	33.50	209.42	418.84	621.96
Telephone	1,188.26	59.42	237.65	1,485.32	2,970.65	3,131.61
Training	258.17	12.92	51.63	322.71	645.43	669.13
Church pensions conference	107.20	5.36	21.44	134.00	268.00	199.00
Family conference	100.98	5.07	20.19	126.23	252.47	237.62
Totals	\$ 52,398.84	\$ 1,993.78	\$ 14,308.65	\$ 49,944.36	\$ 118,645.63	\$ 91,869.19

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICANOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "1" - Significant Accounting Policies(a) Method of Accounting and Financial Reporting:

The books are maintained on a cash basis, however, the Fund's annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.

The financial statements include the fund transactions and resulting fund balance of the Annuity Fund for Ministers, a defined benefit pension plan of the Presbyterian Church in America, however, they do not purpose to present the current value of future benefit payments.

(b) Allocation of Investment Income and Administrative Expenses:

Investment income has been allocated to the various fund groups based on the percentage that the average monthly cash basis fund balance of each fund bears to the average monthly cash fund balance totals.

Administrative and general expenses, not directly identified with and charged to a particular fund, have been allocated to the various funds based on management's estimate of the benefit to each.

(c) Valuation of Security Investments:

Security investments are valued in the Fund's annual audited financial statements at aggregate market value.

NOTE "2" - Security Investments

Except for demand deposits in a savings account, the investment assets of the fund are held as follows:

Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.	\$1,142,499.17
Investment managers:	
J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky	1,099,245.44
Rice, Hall, James & Associates, San Diego, CA	1,246,549.95
Peter B. Cannell & Company, Inc. New York, NY	<u>1,246,646.85</u>
Total	<u>\$4,734,941.41</u>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICANOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "2" - Security Investments (Continued)

The following table presents the aggregate market value and book value for each of the Fund's significant investment categories.

<u>Investment Categories</u>	<u>12/31/80 Market Value</u>	<u>12/31/80 Book Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 614,164.83	\$ 614,164.83	\$ -0-
Government obligations	1,302,431.37	1,444,632.22	(142,200.85)
Corporate bonds	522,400.00	623,855.49	(101,455.49)
Common stocks	2,258,470.21	1,810,347.53	448,122.68
Preferred stocks	37,475.00	35,100.62	2,374.38
Totals	<u>\$ 4,734,941.41</u>	<u>\$ 4,528,100.69</u>	<u>\$ 206,840.72</u>

<u>Investment Categories</u>	<u>12/31/79 Market Value</u>	<u>12/31/79 Book Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 322,820.69	\$ 322,820.69	\$ -0-
Government obligations	1,511,843.25	1,646,346.52	(134,503.27)
Corporate bonds	774,198.50	971,913.10	(197,714.60)
Corporate stocks	418,281.25	398,963.11	19,318.14
Totals	<u>\$ 3,027,143.69</u>	<u>\$ 3,340,043.42</u>	<u>(\$ 312,899.73)</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, 1980, covering the financial condition of the Plan at that date and the contributions required to adequately fund the plan during the 1980 calendar year. The valuation indicated that the Plan's assets at January 1, 1980, 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 \$7,470,547, the present value of future normal costs \$5,145,964, resulting in an accrued liability of \$2,324,583. Plan assets at market value amounted to \$2,769,167 or an excess of assets over accrued liability of \$444,584 as of the valuation date.

INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICANOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "4" - Dividends Receivable - Insurance Fund

Group health and supplemental life insurance coverage is made available, through the Fund, to employees of the Presbyterian Church In America, which is underwritten by Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. Due to a favorable experience rating the Fund earned dividends of \$109,610.00 for the extended policy year, November 1, 1977 to August 1, 1979. Since the dividend was paid subsequent to December 31, 1979, earned interest of \$3,613.71 was added to the amount receivable for a total of \$113,223.71 at that date. An additional \$2,710.29 was paid for interest earned in 1980.

NOTE "5" - Due from Committee on Administration

During 1980 the Fund made loans to the Committee on Administration in the amount of \$60,000.00. Interest receivable on this note at December 31, 1980 was \$5,755.74. Subsequent to December 31, 1980, the Committee on Administration pledged Georgia Power bonds as security on the loan.

Kent, Nobles & Martin
Certified Public Accountants
559 South Hull Street
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Board of Trustees of the
Presbyterian Church in
America Foundation, Inc.
Montgomery, Alabama

We have examined the balance sheet of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 1980, 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation, Inc., as of December 31, 1980 and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

February 13, 1981

Certified Public Accountants

EXHIBIT "A"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND		GIFT ANNUITY FUND	PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT FUND	1980	1979
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED			TOTALS	TOTALS
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 3,487.67				\$ 3,487.67	\$ 1,301.24
Investment proceeds receivable		11,052.37			11,052.37	0-
Investments (Note "3")		45,640.96	\$ 10,845.51		56,486.47	1,160,412.27
Interfund receivable	2,913.27				2,913.27	0-
Notes receivable (Note "4")		1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00	0-
Mortgage receivable (Note "5")		8,944.81			8,944.81	9,628.00
Property and equipment (at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$1,002.15 and \$687.74 respectively)		58,194.06		\$ 2,171.93	58,194.06	688.32
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,400.94</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,832.20</u>	<u>\$ 10,845.51</u>	<u>\$ 2,171.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,250.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,174,519.17</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 922.75	\$ 2,913.27			\$ 922.75	\$ 152.68
Interfund payable					2,913.27	0-
Accrued liabilities					0-	11.93
Due to Stewardship Sub-Committee					0-	1,500.00
Undistributed memorials	1,769.00				1,769.00	988.50
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 2,691.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,913.27</u>			<u>\$ 5,605.02</u>	<u>\$ 2,653.11</u>
Fund balance - Exhibit "B":						
Unrestricted	\$ 3,709.19	1,120,918.93			\$ 3,709.19	\$ 2,171.17
Restricted					1,120,918.93	1,156,882.69
Gift Annuity Fund			10,845.51		10,845.51	10,322.86
Invested in equipment				2,171.93	2,171.93	2,489.34
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 3,709.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,918.93</u>	<u>\$ 10,845.51</u>	<u>\$ 2,171.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,645.56</u>	<u>\$ 1,171,866.06</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 6,400.94</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,832.20</u>	<u>\$ 10,845.51</u>	<u>\$ 2,171.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,250.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,174,519.17</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXHIBIT "B"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

	GENERAL FUND		GIFT ANNUITY FUND	PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT FUND	1980 TOTALS		1979 TOTALS	
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED						
Support and revenue:								
Contributions from PCA Committees	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Donations	768.49	\$ 52,324.80			53,093.29	1,277,433.92	1,277,433.92	
Investment income	5,599.82	67,299.19	\$ 1,252.65		74,111.66	4,811.07	4,811.07	
Gain realized on liquidation of securities	37.50	202.37			239.87	-0-	-0-	
Other income		192.20			192.20			
Total support and revenue	\$ 11,365.81	\$ 120,018.56	\$ 1,252.65		\$ 132,637.02	\$ 1,282,744.99	\$ 1,282,744.99	
Administrative expenses-Exhibit "C"	9,827.79	5,814.00		\$ 317.41	\$ 15,959.20	32,169.56	32,169.56	
Other distributions:								
Designated distributions - Exhibit "D"		148,047.61			148,047.61	94,801.26	94,801.26	
Annuity payments	\$ 9,827.79	\$ 153,861.61	\$ 730.00		730.00	425.84	425.84	
Total expenses and distributions	\$ 9,827.79	\$ 153,861.61	\$ 730.00	\$ 317.41	\$ 164,736.81	\$ 127,396.66	\$ 127,396.66	
Excess of support and revenue over expenses and distributions (expenses and distributions over support and revenue)	\$ 1,538.02	\$ 33,843.05	\$ 522.65	\$ 317.41	(\$ 32,099.79)	\$ 1,155,348.33	\$ 1,155,348.33	
Other changes in fund balance:								
Income tax on unrelated taxable income for 1979		(2,120.71)			(2,120.71)			
Fund balance - beginning of year	2,171.17	1,156,882.69	10,322.86	2,489.34	1,171,866.06			
Fund balance - end of year	\$ 3,709.19	\$ 1,120,918.93	\$ 10,845.51	\$ 2,171.93	\$ 1,137,645.56			

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "C"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980
 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

	GENERAL FUND		PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT FUND	1980	1979
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED		TOTALS	TOTALS
Salary & benefits-Director					\$ 4,400.02
Salary & benefits-Field					
Representative					12,960.00
Salary - office	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00	1,065.00
Payroll taxes	64.33			64.33	1,034.25
Auto compensation				-0-	1,225.00
Total administrative personnel cost	\$ 1,264.33			\$ 1,264.33	\$ 20,684.27
Conference & seminar registration				-0-	138.32
Literature purchased	280.62			280.62	976.43
Legal and accounting	3,049.93	\$ 5,814.00		8,863.93	982.75
Automobile expense				-0-	586.31
Printing	10.80			10.80	395.85
Postage and mailing	57.42			57.42	132.28
Rent	1,551.50			1,551.50	1,551.00
Telephone	162.40			162.40	575.86
Travel - Director	561.99			561.99	819.89
Travel - Field					
Representative				-0-	3,336.51
Committee meetings	2,204.31			2,204.31	823.68
Interest expense	318.49			318.49	185.15
Miscellaneous	29.43			29.43	16.97
Subscriptions	95.00			95.00	95.00
Office expense	241.57			241.57	559.87
Depreciation			\$ 317.41	317.41	315.42
Total administrative expense	\$ 9,827.79	\$ 5,814.00	\$ 317.41	\$ 15,959.20	\$ 32,169.56

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXHIBIT "D"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED DISTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

Mission to the United States	\$ 6,000.00
Christian Education & Publications	4,000.00
Mission to the World	3,000.00
Committee on Administration	13,565.05
Seacrest P.C.	9,000.00
Shenendoah P.C.	5,000.00
Orangewood P.C.	1,000.00
Manhattan P.C.	500.00
Reformed Seminary	4,000.00
Westminister P.C.	1,000.00
World Relief Commission	1,000.00
South American Mission	750.00
National Association of Evangelicals	500.00
Presbyterian Journal	200.00
Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship	250.00
Haggai Institute	500.00
Central American Mission	250.00
First Presbyterian - Highland	500.00
Ridge Haven	94,714.07
King's Ranch	2,000.00
PCA Foundation - Unrestricted Fund	<u>318.49</u>
Total designated distributions	<u>\$ 148,047.61</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "1" - Significant Accounting Policies

Method of Accounting:

The annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. On this basis, expenditures for equipment have been capitalized and depreciation provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The fair value of donated equipment is similarly capitalized. Donations received to support the general operations of the Foundation are classified as unrestricted and donations designated by the donor for Foundation program activities are classified as restricted.

NOTE "2" - Property, Equipment, and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. A ten percent (10%) rate of depreciation has been used.

NOTE "3" - Investments

Investments are carried at cost or the fair market value at date of contribution as follows:

Fidelity Daily Income Trust "C"	\$ 27.76
Fidelity Daily Income Trust "D"	4,788.40
2200 Shares Liberty National Life Insurance Company	<u>40,824.80</u>
	<u>\$ 45,640.96</u>

NOTE "4" - Notes Receivable

The Foundation received a contribution of 34,100 shares of stock together with a purchase agreement valued at \$1,000,000.00 at December 31, 1979. The terms of the agreement which was executed on January 11, 1980, provided for payment of an unsecured note in the amount of \$806,079.14. This note is to bear interest at 6% per annum and is to be paid as follows:

January 11, 1981	\$ 161,215.83
January 11, 1982	161,215.83
January 11, 1983	161,215.83
January 11, 1984	161,215.83
January 11, 1985	<u>161,215.83</u>
	<u>\$ 806,079.14</u>

The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by an unsecured promissory note in the amount of \$193,920.86. This note is due on May 1, 1982 and bears interest at 6% per annum.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980NOTE "5" - Mortgage Receivable

The Foundation has an interest in a mortgage note receivable valued at \$8,944.81 at December 31, 1980. On January 9, 1981, the Foundation received the proceeds from the payoff of this promissory note.

Kent, Nobles & Martin
Certified Public Accountants
559 South Hull Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Board of Directors
Ridge Haven, Inc.
Conference Center of the
Presbyterian Church in America
Rosman, North Carolina

We have examined the balance sheet of Ridge Haven, Inc., Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1980 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of Ridge Haven, Inc., Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in America, as of December 31, 1980 and results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

May 7, 1981

Certified Public Accountants

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXHIBIT "A"

RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1980

ASSETS

Cash in bank		\$ 20,508.77
Marketable securities (Note "6")		38,000.00
Advance - Executive Management (Note "4")		10,000.00
Prepaid expenses		1,958.27
Due from other PCA committees (Note "3")		41,346.63
Property and equipment @ cost:		
Equipment:		
Vehicles	\$ 40,761.55	
Furniture and furnishings	22,302.23	
Office equipment	425.31	
Total equipment	<u>\$ 63,489.09</u>	
Less accumulated depreciation	7,613.51	
Book value of equipment		\$ 55,875.58
Site development:		
Buildings	\$ 279,885.67	
Roads and trails	47,754.33	
Water system	30,995.15	
Total site development	<u>\$ 358,635.15</u>	
Less accumulated depreciation	4,394.31	
Book value of site development		354,240.84
Land		<u>314,622.85</u>
Total property and equipment		<u>724,739.27</u>
Total assets		<u>\$ 836,522.94</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		\$ 7,122.41
Accrued payroll taxes		3,146.88
Accrued interest payable		12,443.67
Note payable (Note "2")		214,242.50
Total liabilities		<u>\$ 236,955.46</u>
Fund balance - Exhibit "C":		
Unrestricted:		
Appropriated for retirement of long-term debt (Note "5")	\$ 17,139.40	
Invested in property and equipment	510,496.77	
Available for site development and operations	30,644.14	
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>\$ 558,280.31</u>	
Restricted fund balance (Note "3")	41,317.17	
Total fund balance		<u>\$ 599,597.48</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance		<u>\$ 836,552.94</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
 CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

Support and revenue:		
Contributions - Individuals and churches		\$ 355,837.55
Contributions - WIC Love Gift		45,606.87
Investment Income		1,728.40
Other Income		<u>3,201.45</u>
Total support and revenue		\$ 406,374.07
Expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 41,984.68	
Benefits and payroll taxes	<u>11,472.00</u>	
Total personnel cost	\$ 53,456.68	
Tools and supplies	688.26	
Vehicle maintenance and expenses	8,321.41	
Travel	6,060.39	
Printing	589.60	
Audit fee	1,389.50	
Utilities	4,867.13	
Promotional expense	11,497.93	
Office expense	1,196.62	
Insurance	2,444.39	
Interest	17,139.40	
Taxes	2,447.02	
Rent	600.00	
Miscellaneous	1,427.77	
Depreciation	<u>9,150.82</u>	
Total expenses		<u>121,276.92</u>
Excess support and revenue over expenses		<u><u>\$ 285,097.15</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXHIBIT "C"

RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
 CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED		TOTAL FUND BALANCE
	APPROPRIATED FOR DEBT RETIREMENT	INVESTED IN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	AVAILABLE FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS	WIC LOVE GIFT	
Fund balance January 1, 1980	\$ 17,139.40	\$ 263,548.38	\$ 44,770.12		\$ 325,457.90
Prior period adjustments:					
Accrual of interest on note at 12/31/79			(12,448.67)		(12,443.67)
Prepaid expenses not recorded at 12/31/79			1,486.10		1,486.10
Fund balance January 1, 1980 after adjustments	\$ 17,139.40	\$ 263,548.38	\$ 33,812.55	\$ -	\$ 314,500.33
Excess support and revenue over expenses - Exhibit "B"	-0-	246,948.39	(3,168.41)	41,317.17	285,097.15
Fund balance December 31, 1980	\$ 17,139.40	\$ 510,496.77	\$ 30,644.14	\$ 41,317.17	\$ 599,597.48

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980

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 development have been capitalized. Provision for depreciation has been made on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of assets placed in service at December 31, 1980.

NOTE "2" - Notes Payable

In April, 1978, the Presbyterian Church In America purchased 710 acres of land in Transylvania County, North Carolina, on which the Conference Center is being constructed. The property was purchased with a downpayment of \$87,507.50 and an executed note for the balance of \$214,242.50. The note is secured by a deed of trust on the property and is payable in equal, consecutive, annual installments of \$30,606.07, with the first installment to become due on April 10, 1982. Interest payments are at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually with the first installment due April 10, 1979. The note may be paid in whole or in part at any time without penalty after 1978.

NOTE "3" - Due from Other Committees

The Women in the Church have designated their 1980 Love Gift to be used by the Conference Center to equip the kitchen in Ridge Haven Inn. This gift is being held by the Committee for Christian Education and Publications in the amount of \$41,317.17. This amount resulted from transactions summarized as follows:

Total Gift	\$ 45,606.87
Less Cost of production of Ridge Haven audio visual for WIC	4,289.70
Amount due from CEP	<u>\$ 41,317.17</u>
Amount due from COA	<u>29.46</u>
Total due from other committees	<u><u>\$ 41,346.63</u></u>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980

NOTE "4" - Advance - Executive Management

On December 5, 1980, the Board authorized an advance of \$10,000 to Executive Management, Inc. on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in America Foundation. This advance has been made in connection with a gift to be received from the Foundation in 1981.

NOTE "5" - Fund Balance Appropriation - Mortgage and Interest Payments

At the end of 1978, \$85,000.00 was appropriated to cover the first three years of interest payments as well as the fourth year's principal and interest payments. The Seventh General Assembly adopted a recommendation of the Board of Directors that this appropriation be reduced so as to cover only the next year's payment. For 1981, there will be one interest payment due in the amount of \$17,139.40 and accordingly this amount has been appropriated.

NOTE "6" - Marketable Securities

The Conference Center was given 911 shares of Penn Central Corporation with a market value of \$38,000 and such stock was still held at December 31, 1980.

NOTE "7" - Subsequent Events

On December 5, 1980, the Board authorized purchase of a 100 acre tract located near the Conference Center property. This purchase was made on January 20, 1981 in the amount of \$57,500.00.

Kent, Nobles, & Martin
Certified Public Accountants
559 South Hull Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Committee on Servants In Missions Abroad
Presbyterian Church In America
Decatur, Georgia

We have examined the balance sheet of the committee on Servants in Missions Abroad of the Presbyterian Church in America as of December 31, 1980, and the related statement of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balance for the six months period 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 aforementioned balance sheet and statement of support, revenue and expenses and changes in fund balance present fairly the financial position of Committee on Servants In Missions Abroad of the Presbyterian Church in America at December 31, 1980, and the results of its operations for the six months period then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

March 7, 1981

Certified Public Accountants

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXHIBIT "A"

COMMITTEE ON SERVANTS IN MISSIONS ABROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1980ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 18,216.97
Accounts receivable - Mission to the World	1,490.00
Employee advances	100.00
Miscellaneous office equipment	<u>300.00</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 20,106.97</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	445.97
Medical insurance premiums payable	<u>302.49</u>
Total liabilities	748.46
Fund balance (Exhibit "B"):	
Unrestricted	\$ 7,850.80
Restricted - Missionary support and projects	<u>11,507.71</u>
Total fund balance	<u>19,358.51</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 20,106.97</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT "B"

 COMMITTEE ON SERVANTS IN MISSIONS ABROAD
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

	GENERAL FUND		TOTAL
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
Support and revenue:			
Contributions	\$ 11,771.00	\$ 24,903.90	\$ 36,674.90
Other miscellaneous	368.13		368.13
Total support and revenue	<u>\$ 12,139.13</u>	<u>\$ 24,903.90</u>	<u>\$ 37,043.03</u>
Expense:			
Program expenses:			
Missionary salaries and benefits		10,905.37	10,905.37
Outfit allowances		200.00	200.00
Other miscellaneous		351.25	351.25
Candidate expense	738.75		738.75
Total program expenses	<u>\$ 738.75</u>	<u>\$ 11,456.62</u>	<u>\$ 12,195.37</u>
Administrative expenses:			
Office salaries and benefits	3,664.90		3,664.90
Employer's FICA tax	219.42		219.42
Consultants	303.75		303.75
Coordinator travel	1,562.70		1,562.70
Office supplies and forms	827.30		827.30
Computer services	2,258.70		2,258.70
Publicity expenses	1,048.77		1,048.77
Service provided by MTW	1,322.00		1,322.00
Other miscellaneous	71.63		71.63
Total administrative expenses	<u>\$ 11,279.17</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 11,279.17</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 12,017.92</u>	<u>\$ 11,456.62</u>	<u>\$ 23,474.54</u>
Excess of support and revenue over expenses (expenses over support and revenue)	\$ 121.21	\$ 13,447.28	\$ 13,568.49
Other changes in fund balance:			
Transfers from MTW:			
Designated for short-term Missionary program	4,000.00		4,000.00
Missionary support account		1,790.02	1,790.02
Inter-fund transfers	3,729.59	(3,729.59)	-0-
Fund balance end of year	<u>\$ 7,850.80</u>	<u>\$ 11,507.71</u>	<u>\$ 19,358.51</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON SERVANTS IN MISSIONS ABROAD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
DECEMBER 31, 1980

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE "1" - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis and interim and unaudited annual financial statements are prepared on that basis, however, annual audited financial statements are presented on the accrual basis.

The Committee was organized in July, 1980 as a short-term missionary ministries project of Committee on Mission to the World, a permanent committee of the Presbyterian Church in America. The financial activities of the project are administered by an oversight sub-committee selected from the permanent committee. The financial statements of Committee on Servants in Missions Abroad have not been consolidated with the financial statements of the Committee on Mission to the World.

Expendable funds are accounted for as unrestricted and restricted general funds.

Unrestricted funds - Undesignated receipts are recorded under this heading and are available to finance current general activities of the Committee.

Restricted funds - Designated receipts are recorded under this heading and are available to finance missionaries and their work in accordance with the policies established by the Committee.

APPENDIX B

REPORT OF THE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Every workman needs good tools to do his job well, and those tools must be kept in good working order. Believing that each member of the Presbyterian Church in America should be "a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (11 Timothy 2:15), the Committee for Christian Education and Publications is at work helping to keep the denomination's spiritual equipment ready for services.

As the PCA matures, those workmen are looking to their denomination for more and better equipment. In response, the Committee has sharpened some of its proven tools and has produced many new helps. The past year has been the busiest for the Assembly's educational agency as the number of requests for assistance has set a record.

The tools available through CE/P for the equipment of the saints are many and varied. Some are designed to be of primary help to one part of the body and some to another, but all are considered necessary for the upbuilding of the whole Church. The Committee's stated purpose is "to serve as a resource to the courts and congregations of the PCA by providing the training, curricula, and publications necessary to develop skills needed in their work of evangelism and the equipping of the saints to serve God and each other in all of life, throughout the world."

EQUIPPING THROUGH TRAINING

Training functions have taken on added importance this year as more and more presbyteries and sessions have invited the staff to assist their leaders in upgrading old skills and learning new ones. Seminars offered by CE/P were attended by more than 1,000 ruling and teaching elders, deacons, teachers and others from 60 congregations in nine presbyteries this past year. As word of the value of these sessions spreads, bookings are requested by an increasing number of church courts. At some times reservations have been made eight or nine months in advance when earlier weekends have been unavailable.

The Committee is anticipating a generous response to the 1981 Women in the Church Love Gift so that it can "extend our reach" to areas that have not been able to have the seminars. Money realized from this annual special offering will be applied to putting some of the training materials on tape, thereby making this help available to PCA elders and teachers who may never be able to get to a seminar led by staff members. If enough audio-visual equipment is provided, many other valuable helps can be offered to a much wider audience.

Leadership seminars are not new to the Church, but those now being presented by CE/P are an example of this Committee's upgrading and sharpening of tools. Last year the format of the seminars was revamped, new material was added, notebooks for participants were produced, and new illustrative helps were obtained. Three different programs are available -- one of leadership training (primarily for church officers), one on home and family relations, and another on development of a Biblical program of Christian education in the local church.

It is the Committee's conviction that leaders grounded in sound Biblical principles are essential to a growing church that produces fruitful disciples. For that reason special attention has been given to development of the seminar and other helps for church officers. Organization, planning, execution, and evaluation are major themes in the training of deacons and elders. For the first time, many leaders of PCA congregations have begun setting goals for their work, and then measuring progress against those goals.

While the leadership seminars have been gaining in popularity the CE/P's best attended is still the one designed for teachers and leaders in the congregation's educational program. The program includes principles and techniques for teaching children, youth, and adults, with a major emphasis on using Christian education as the major tool in church growth.

Revolutions in today's social patterns and the resultant fracturing of many families have underlined the need for sound instruction on the home and marriage.

God's appointed structures, roles and relationships, communication, and worship are stressed in the family seminar.

Annually, a major training event in the denomination is the continuing education conference for ministers. The 1981 event attracted 70 pastors for concentrated study of the subject of church management. Personal development and team building were covered, as were effective time management, planning and goal setting.

Better preparation of the Church's new ministers continues to be a major concern of the Committee. While the presbyteries have been voting on a proposed constitutional amendment that would require a year's Internship before ordination, the previously approved Assembly program of theological education ("Two Plus Two" and "Three Plus One") is being developed. CE/P continues to give administrative support to the oversight Sub-Committee representing each of the 24 presbyteries. At its 1981 Spring meeting this group approved one more plan (from Calvary Presbytery), but enough still have not been approved to reach the Assembly-mandated minimum number. When that point is reached the 24 member Sub-Committee is scheduled to be dissolved and replaced by an accreditation panel representing only the presbyteries whose theological education plans have been approved.

Since the outcome of the presbytery voting on the internship proposal was uncertain at the time of the Sub-Committee's meeting, an alternate amendment was prepared for submission to the Ninth General Assembly. Instead of mandating a year's internship following completion of theological studies (as the proposal sent to the presbyteries by the Eighth General Assembly did), this amendment would require a year's licensure before ordination, but the period of testing of gifts could be concurrent with a final year of seminary, at the presbytery's discretion.

Also being proposed is an amendment to the Book of Church Order (21-4) that would specify that each candidate must have met the requirements of the Assembly's approved curriculum before ordination. The Sub-Committee has listened to comments and questions about the theological education program, and it has responded by entering clarifying statements into its minutes and by proposing the amendments.

EQUIPPING WITH CURRICULUM

Providing study materials true to the Scriptures and to the Reformed faith continues to be a major part of the Committee's work. New curriculum for students at both ends of the age spectrum were developed during the year, making sound Bible study materials available to even greater numbers. A total of 341 churches were obtaining some or all of their curriculum materials from CE/P by the spring quarter this year.

Great Commission Publications, the PCA's joint venture with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, provides materials for an increasing number of PCA congregations. An average of 232 PCA churches per quarter ordered from GCP during the past year.

For the first time this year GCP is producing Sunday School materials for pre-school youngsters. The long-awaited curriculum for four and five year old children was offered largely in response to requests from the PCA. Members of the denomination have been involved heavily in planning and writing the materials which will be used for the first time in the fall quarter.

In keeping with the CE/P philosophy that parents are the primary educators of their children, the pre-school materials include helps for fathers and mothers. The parents are shown what the children have been taught on Sunday, and how they can reinforce the lessons during the week.

GCP also continues to publish an increasing stock of adult studies for those parents and other more mature members of the Church. Designed as electives for the Sunday School period or for other study group meetings, the guides cover a variety of topics. In addition to publishing student texts, GCP has also compiled guides to books from other evangelical publishers.

An important milestone was reached this year in one of CE/P's major publishing projects. The Adult Biblical Education Series, written by staff member, Jack B. Scott, is now available for the entire Old Testament. Dr. Scott is now writing the first quarterlies in the New Testament portion of this survey of the whole Bible. When complete, the series will include 26 volumes. It is believed to be the first such in-depth

survey of the Scriptures ever published for the laity from a Reformed perspective. So far, 220 churches have begun using it in one or more of their adult classes.

Another "in house" project was publication of staff member Susan Hunt's Bible memory course for pre-school children. These teacher and student kits have found wide acceptance within and without the PCA.

The Committee continued, during the past year, to provide leadership and support to Great Commission Publications. Half of GCP's Board is elected by CE/P. The Executive Director of GCP, Thomas R. Patete, is a PCA minister. The joint venture now offers full curriculum for every age from four up, with all the materials being constantly evaluated and upgraded. In addition to Sunday School curriculum, GCP produces Vacation Bible School materials, the Trinity Hymnal, church bulletins, and a variety of other helps for special needs.

EQUIPPING WITH PUBLICATIONS

Assisting the Church with publications, other than curriculum, is another aspect of the work committed to CE/P by the Assembly. This assignment includes the official denominational magazine, The PCA Messenger. Its circulation has now grown to more than 28,500, with most of those names and addresses provided by churches which send lists of new members or updated congregational rolls. The circulation policy continues to be one of providing a free subscription to every home. There is no circulation or advertising revenue, and the entire cost of producing the magazine is included in the budget of Christian Education and Publications. Initial studies have indicated that, at this stage of the denomination's development, the funds required to mount sales/promotion campaigns for either advertising or subscriptions would not be good investments. Since the entire cost is being borne by the Committee, it is important, in this day of rising costs (including postage), that the CE/P office be notified of address changes and deletions as soon as they are available.

Two limited readership surveys of Messenger readers were conducted in 1980, and a more comprehensive study is being undertaken in 1981. The Committee is grateful for the expressions of support of the magazine received from many sessions.

Other publication projects include providing forms and certificates for church use. Offering envelopes were purchased through CE/P by more than 100 congregations last year. A pamphlet version of Francis Schaeffer's message at the 1980 Pittsburgh Consultation on Presbyterian Alternatives was published.

EQUIPPING THROUGH COORDINATION

Working with presbytery chairmen of Christian Education and Publications, the Committee has been able to help extend its reach, and assist in more places than the staff could go in person. For the first time this year, a meeting of the presbytery chairmen was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Women in the Church presbytery presidents. A record attendance was recorded by both groups, and appreciation was expressed for the opportunity for both to meet together to talk over matters of mutual interest.

The WIC Advisory Sub-committee is active in advising CE/P on the needs of women across the denomination. A total of 413 local WIC organizations are now known to exist, and they are using increasingly larger quantities of study materials while contributing to the work of their congregations in many ways.

Encouragement of Catechism memorization is another of the Committee's programs in which it cooperates with pastors and teachers. Recognition was provided by CE/P in 1980 to 66 children who recited the Child's Catechisms and to four who recited the Shorter Catechism.

The Committee keeps in close touch with the Covenant College Board and Administration, looking toward the next step in the plan for joint governance. PCA enrollment and contributions to the College continue to increase.

In the past year CE/P, mindful of the one mission of Christ's Church, has continued to work with the other agencies of the Assembly. Members of the Committee and staff have been loaned to help with various projects, and there have been some joint publications. Instead of making other arrangements for computer services, CE/P has used the computer purchased by Mission to the United States. Throughout the year, the Committee has attempted to do whatever it could with the available resources to "equip the saints". In terms of

direct financial support, those resources in 1980 included contributions of \$455,130.72.

These funds were only a part of the over-all picture of the CE/P ministry, however. The denomination's investment in Assembly-level educational ministries was nearly \$1 million in 1980. In addition to the benevolence income there were these items: Sales and inventory of the CE/P bookstore, \$148,425.55; one-half of the Great Commission Publications sales and inventory, \$311,613.00; and Women in the Church Love Gift, \$45,779.23. These four totals added together amount to \$960,948.50.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Assembly approve the CE/P budget as submitted by the Committee on Stewardship Ministries.
2. That the Assembly elect Charles H. Dunahoo Coordinator of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications for 1982 and commend him and his staff for their work.
3. That the Assembly approve CE/P sponsorship of the annual Minister's Continuing Education Conference during the first or second week of March, 1982.
4. That the Assembly approve CE/P sponsorship of the annual PCA Family Conference during the second week of July, 1982.
5. That the Assembly urge presbyteries to provide conferences for ministers' wives on a presbytery-wide or regional basis.
6. That the Assembly approve designation of the 1982 WIC Love Gift for a center city ministry in New York City, through Mission to the United States.
7. That churches be urged by the Assembly to encourage the support and utilization of Covenant College.
8. That churches be encouraged to use the materials produced by Great Commission Publications.
9. That CE/P be designated by the Assembly as a clearing house for information about directors of Christian Education and ministers of education, and that this resource file be made available to churches requesting help in finding such staff members.
10. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their advice and consent the following, to be inserted between the second and third sentences of Book of Church Order, 21-4: "Every candidate for ordination shall have met the requirements of the Assembly's approved curriculum."
11. That, in the event the proposed BCO amendments to Chapters 18 and 19 ("Item 5") proposed by the Eighth General Assembly are not enacted, the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their advice and consent the following replacement for BCO, 19-3: "In order to assure a thorough testing of gifts and abilities licensure for at least one year prior to ordination shall be required for every ministerial candidate."

APPENDIX C

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUNDS
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Fathers and Brethren, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the King and Head of the Church. Since last General Assembly, your Trustees have met in full session four times, plus numerous committee sessions. We have monitored and directed Trust affairs through the Business Administrator, and through our Standing Committees, which are:

RELIEF:	J. Lipscomb, R. Flaxman, L. A. Morris, R. Sweet
INSURANCE:	E. C. Cooley, S. Chester, T. Leopard
INVESTMENT:	S. Milner, L. A. Morris, J. E. Johnston, R. Sweet, T. Lowe
ANNUITY:	S. Chester, S. Milner, T. Leonard
ADMINISTRATION:	T. Leonard, E.C. Cooley, S. Chester
AUDIT:	R. Sweet, L. A. Morris
LEGAL:	J. E. Johnston, R. Sweet, T. Lowe

I. PROGRAM SUMMARY

Participation in Trustee administered programs was as shown below:

Program	Participants		
	12/31/78	12/31/79	12/31/80
Health Insurance	666	766	852
Annuity Plan for Ministers	402	489	492
Lay Annuity Plan	26	28	41
Supplemental Life Insurance	319	349	376
Relief	2	4	5

II. SIGNIFICANT ACTION DURING THE YEAR

1. As of February 1, 1980, approximately 2/3 of Trust investments were transferred in equal shares to three new Investment Managers. Additionally, as dues were received during the year, these were forwarded to the new managers in equal shares. Our Investment Committee has closely monitored the progress of these funds, and we are pleased to report significant increases in return under these new managers. Net investment return on all Trust assets during 1980 was 21%.

2. The Eighth General Assembly:

- a. authorized the Trustees to set Health Insurance premiums for the period 2/1/81 through 7/31/81, and
- b. "...recommended that competitive prices be sought by our Trustees for the insurance program prior to the 1981 General Assembly."

Accordingly, Trustees were able to continue the existing Health Insurance rates through 7/31/81 by posting additional Health Insurance reserves with the carrier. Additionally, comparative prices on the Health Insurance program are being obtained.

3. A comprehensive nine-month analysis and evaluation of the Annuity Plans revealed areas where changes are desirable and feasible. Proposed amendments to the Official Plans are found in Recommendations 5 and 6 below.

4. Increasing participation and activity in the Insurance and Annuity programs, escalating clerical expense, and significant advances in computer technology compel Trustees to seek EDP support. Because of similar needs by other PCA Committees and agencies, Trustees appeal for a coordinated approach to automation involving all denominational offices.

5. In accordance with recommendations from PCA Auditors Kent, Nobles, & Martin, That loans to PCA Committees require prior approval of the Investment Committee, and that such loans be adequately secured and carry full interest at current rates.
6. At the present time, Trustees receive relatively few calls for Relief Funds. Trustees foresee significantly heavier demands for Relief Funds in the near future. Additionally, the current practice of paying Health Insurance premiums for retired church servants, costs of the Relief Fund \$1,528 plus per month.
7. A study of the Benefit and Relief programs of the RPCES has been undertaken. Trustees see no insurmountable problems in receiving RPCES ministers and other eligibles into our Health and Annuity programs, should these individuals be received into the PCA. However, there are problems in the Relief areas which must be dealt with.
8. A study of the Benefit and Relief programs of the OPC has not progressed enough for Trustees to comment regarding the effect of receiving OPC ministers and other eligibles into the PCA.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly strongly encourage all congregations to participate in the Annuity and Insurance programs on behalf of their ministers and lay employees.
2. That the General Assembly strongly encourage all congregations to support the annual "Christmas Gift" funding Relief activities.
3. That the General Assembly direct its Committee on Administration to conduct a study concerning the coordination of computer operations of denominational offices in the office of the Business Administrator.
4. That the General Assembly approve the Health Insurance rates for the next year.
5. That the Official Plan of the Employees' Annuity Fund of the PCA be amended as follows:
 - a. Paragraph 6.2 to read "two (2)", rather than "five (5)".
 - b. Paragraph 7.1 to be changed to read:
 - 7.1 The amount of any annuity provided under this plan shall be the actual equivalent of the total of the member accumulations and the employers accumulations of the member at the date such annuity becomes effective, in accordance with the table of rates generated by the assumption used for the Annuity Fund for ministers.
6. That the Official Plan of the Annuity Fund for Ministers of the PCA, be amended as follows:

SECTION 7. DISABILITY BENEFITS

Section 7.1 When Granted

A disability annuity shall be granted to a currently protected member (see Section 1.2) of the Fund upon total disability occurring before such member reaches age 65. Total disability under this Plan shall mean that the member is incapacitated because of sickness or injury to such extent that such member is incapable of performing a material portion of the normal duties of the position qualifying him or her for membership in the Fund.

Section 7.2 Certification as to Disability

The physical aspects of total disability must be certified by the medical authorities approved by the Trustees, which shall have the right to call for proof (at the member's expense) of continued disability from time to time, but not more than once a year. The Trustees shall have the responsibility and authority to determine materiality in general and in special circumstances.

Section 7.3 Amount and Duration of the Disability Annuity

The disability annuity shall be payable to the member beginning on the first day following the sixth month of the period during which the member is totally disabled, or on the date the member ceases to receive any remuneration for services, whichever is later. If all dues payments to the Fund on behalf of the member have been made for ever month of the member's period of membership (see Section 2.6), the annual

amount of the disability annuity shall equal 60% of the member's compensation basis plus a rental allowance equal to 20% of the member's compensation basis. All such disability annuity payments shall be less any benefit for which the member becomes eligible as the result of such disability under Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, Veterans and other governmental disability benefit programs. In the event a member receiving a disability annuity becomes eligible to receive an increase in disability benefits from Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, Veterans and other governmental disability programs three months or more after the beginning of benefits from any such source, such increases shall not induce the sum the member is receiving as a disability from the Fund.

The disability annuity shall terminate on the earliest of (a) the first day on which the member is no longer totally disabled, (b) the date on which the member attains age 65, or (c) the date of the member's death.

Section 7.4 Waiver of Dues and Accrual of Retirement Credits While Disabled

If all dues payments to the Fund on behalf of the member have been made for every month of the member's period of membership (see Section 2.6), the member and employer dues payments under Section 2 shall be waived during the period on or after January 1, 1974 that a disability annuity is being paid to the member and the member shall continue to accrue basic retirement credits and rental allowance credits during such period of annuity payment as if such dues payments were made on the member's compensation basis on which dues payment to the Fund were made on behalf of the member during the twelve-month period preceding the date such disability began. Any special credit declared by the Trustees after the member begins to accrue such basic retirement and rental allowance credits during disability shall be added to such credits as specified in Section 9.1. The dues waived shall not be credited to the member's account for any refund purpose under Section 2.1 or Section

Section 7.5 Attainment of Age 65

When the member attains age 65, the disability annuity and rental allowance shall terminate and the member shall begin to receive an age retirement annuity equal to the member's combined retirement credits (see Section 3.3) at age 65 and a rental allowance equal to the member's rental allowance credits. Any special credits declared by the Trustees after the beginning of the disability annuity will be included in these combined retirement credits and rental allowance credits and after such member attains age 65.

That these amendments be effective retroactively to 1/1/81.

7. That the General Assembly recognize that the rules of the Assembly do not require a specific balance of Ruling and Teaching Elders, that a "geographical" balance is not required, and that the primary consideration for election to the Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Fund should be qualification by background and training for the mission assigned by the Board.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPENDIX D

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
INTERCHURCH RELATIONS
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Sub-Committee on Interchurch Relations has met twice since the Eighth General Assembly, by telephone conference call -- July 25, 1980, and February 3, 1981. Minutes of these meetings are attached to this report for review by the Committee of Commissioners.

By order of the General Assembly, relations between the Churches involved in merger conversations has been left to the Special Ad-Interim Committee.

In other business, the Sub-Committee:

1. Elected as its officers for the year 1980-81: Teaching Elder G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman; Ruling Elder Edward Robeson, Vice-chairman; Teaching Elder John C. Neville, Jr., Secretary.
2. Appointed to the 1980 Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC): Teaching Elders G. Aiken Taylor and Morton H. Smith; Ruling Elders F. Patrick McHugh and Henry Dekker.
3. Appointed fraternal delegates to 1981 meetings as follows:

To the General Synod of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC): Ruling Elder Henry Dekker.

To the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC): Teaching Elders Carl W. Bogue and Paul G. Settle.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES): Teaching Elder Morton H. Smith and Ruling Elder Edward Robeson.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA): Teaching Elders Arthur Broadwick and Stuart Perrin.

To the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP): Teaching Elder Daniel D. Sulc.

4. Appointed to a joint committee of NAPARC which will make determinations about joint worship and joint programs at the concurrent meetings of top judicatories in Grand Rapids in 1982: Teaching Elder G. Aiken Taylor and Ruling Elder W. Jack Williamson.
5. Received the report of Teaching Elders James Jones and William Edgar, who attended the 1980 meeting of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod on behalf of the General Assembly (report attached).
6. Received a request from the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, asking the Presbyterian Church in America to send a representative to the 1981 Pan-Presbyterian Conference, a one-day conference hitherto held among representatives of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church US and the United Presbyterian Church USA.
7. Received a request from the Reformed Church in the United States that the General Assembly send a fraternal delegate to the 1981 meeting of Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In regard to possible membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, that the General Assembly adopt the recommendations of the representatives to the RES, as follows:
 - a. That the PCA seriously consider establishing a relationship with the RES;

- b. That the PCA withhold making a decision about membership in the RES pending action by that body on problems that have arisen among member churches; and
 - c. That the PCA be prepared to send observers to the RES in 1984 in order to report on the outcome of Synod action on the aforementioned problems and make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly.
2. That the General Assembly decline participation in the Pan-Presbyterian Conference at this time.
 3. That the General Assembly concur with the Sub-Committee in declining to send a fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church US this year.

APPENDIX E

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Permanent Sub-committee on Judicial Business submits the following report:

The Sub-Committee on Judicial Business met in Savannah, Georgia, June 17, 1980, by Conference Call, November 18, 1980, in Atlanta, Georgia, January 23-24, 1981, and by Conference Call, March 3, 1981. The Sub-committee performs duties for and reports directly to the General Assembly on matters of a constitutional nature. In other judicial matters, the Sub-committee functions to advise the Stated Clerk as a Sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. Serving you on the Sub-committee this year are:

<u>Teaching Elders</u>		<u>Ruling Elders</u>
Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.	Class of 1984	William Buiten
Byron Snapp (Secretary)	Class of 1983	Stokes V. Robertson
Fred Carr	Class of 1982	John Moore
John W.P. Oliver (Chairman)	Class of 1981	Howard Lincoln
Edward Steele	Alternates	Stanley Wells

I. ADVICE GIVEN TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the request of the Stated Clerk of the Eighth General Assembly, the Sub-committee met June 17, 1980, at the Savannah Civic Center, Savannah, Georgia, for the purpose of responding to two constitutional questions which had been referred in writing to the Sub-committee by the Eighth General Assembly.

The Sub-Committee directed the Stated Clerk to answer the questions with the following response:

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

A.1 The BCO does not speak to the issue of extending an invitation to other ecclesiastical bodies, but it does speak very clearly to receiving other ecclesiastical bodies. It is the opinion of this Assembly without presbytery consent, but that in doing so the General Assembly should remind those ecclesiastical bodies that their reception would be contingent upon the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the PCA (BCO, 15-6).

Q.2 What is the constitutional meaning of the phrase "the doctrine of the purity of the church"? (MBGA, p. 154, line 23.)

In responding to the question, the Sub-Committee has in mind the A.2 statement in the fifth line of the "Letter", which reads, "the doctrine of the purity of the visible Church". Such language is not found in the standards, but concern for the purity of the visible Church is clearly expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith, 25: 4,5; the "Preface to the Book of Church Order", 11(4), and Book of Church Order, 2-1, 2-2, 22-5(6), and 25-5.

This report is printed in the Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly, pp. 81, 82.

II. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE BY THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Recommendation 4 (p. 113, MBGA) regarding a voting method on amendments to the BCO. See Recommendation 1.
2. Recommendations 6 (p.113, MBGA) regarding proposed Chapter 6 of the BCO dealing with church members and rolls. See Recommendation 2, 3, 4, and 5.
3. Recommendation 9 (p. 118, MBGA) regarding rewriting the Directory for Worship. See Recommendations 6, 7, and 8.
4. Recommendation 15 (p. 118, MBGA) regarding guidelines for a congregation to withdraw from the PCA. See Recommendation 9.
5. Recommendation 22 (p. 119, MBGA) regarding the bringing of the Manual of Operations into line with the Bylaws. See Recommendation 10.
6. P. 78, line 12 from the bottom of the page (MBGA) regarding an answer to the question, "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?" See Recommendation 11.
7. IV., B., p. 105 (MBGA) regarding an answer to the question, "Must a minister have a call to a definite work to be received into a Presbytery?" See Recommendation 12.

III. OVERTURES

1. Overture 1, dated July 8, 1980, from Covenant Presbytery regarding amending the BCO, 5-2, concerning the examination and ordination of elders in a newly organized church. See Recommendation 13.
2. Overture 8, dated January 23, 1981, from Presbytery of the Southwest regarding amending BCO, 13-5, concerning ministers who enter the PCA without a call. See Recommendation 16.

The following overtures were received as information:

3. Overture 3, dated November 18, 1980, from Western Carolinas Presbytery regarding the General Assembly instructing the Committees and Sub-committees to notify proper church courts of direct mailings to local churches or organizations within local churches, by including the courts in the direct mailings.
4. Overture 6, dated January 28, 1981, from North Georgia Presbytery regarding defining the authority, nature, and purpose of the BCO including the Rules of Discipline and Directory for Worship.
5. Overture 9, dated December 7, 1980, from Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi, regarding BCO, 39-44.
6. Overture 10, dated December 7, 1980, from Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi, regarding BCO, 14-1-11.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter, dated August 22, 1980, from Mr. James H. Campbell of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, a letter in response, dated September 18, 1980, from T.E. Robert C. Schoof, Pastor of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, a letter, dated October 7, 1980, from Mr. Earl Keith, Norfolk, Virginia, a letter, dated December 5, 1980, from T.E. Robert C. Schoof, and a resolution, dated January 19, 1981, from the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic regarding the absence of the complainants in the complaint of James Campbell et. al. against the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic at the Eighth General Assembly. See Recommendation 14.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WERE NOT CONSIDERED

1. Item 3, p. 162 (MBGA) regarding ministers working with non-ecclesiastical bodies. See Recommendation 15.

VI. REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL VOTES

The Clerk reports the following vote on amendments to the BCO, which were passed by the Eighth General Assembly and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent. The required two-thirds vote is 16. The Assembly is to vote again on those that have the necessary two-thirds vote of the Presbyteries. (See Attachment 1.)

VII. REFERENCES

1. Reference #1, dated January 24, 1981, from Western Carolinas Presbytery regarding questions on baptism. See Recommendation 17.

VIII. ADVICE TO THE STATED CLERK

1. Concerning Overture 7, dated January 23, 1981, from the Presbytery of the Southwest regarding clarifying, by a BCO amendment, how a mission should be considered until it is organized into a church. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was advised to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the United States.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the BCO, Chapter 26, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph 26-4, which shall read, as follows:
 "In voting upon an amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America, the Presbyteries may not divide the parts of the amendment except as directed by the General Assembly which has recommended its adoption."
 and by the re-numbering of the remaining paragraphs as 26-5 and 26-6 respectively.
2. That the BCO, Chapter 6, be amended by deleting the current provisions and substituting therefore the following provisions:

CHAPTER 6 Church Members, Membership Procedures, and Rolls

Church Members

6-1 The members of a particular church consist of communing, non-communing, and associate members.

6-2 Communing members are those members who have made a public profession of faith in Christ, received baptism, and have been admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table (Chapter 57). Communing members who are in good standing are the only members entitled to all the rights and privileges of full church membership.

6-3 Non-communing members of a church are the baptized children of communing members and persons who have been suspended from the Lord's Table by the action of the Session as a

result either of their own request (38-2) or of disciplinary censure (30-3). Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation or corporation. Nor are they to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper until such time as they have been admitted to the Lord's Table upon their profession of faith, or, in the case of those who have been suspended from the Lord's Table, until such time as they have been restored to the Sacraments of the Church by action of the Session (Chapter 37).

6-4 The children of believers are, through the Covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the visible 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, are sealed as members of Christ's Church, and are to be carried on its rolls as noncommuning members (Chapter 28).

6-5 Associate members are communing members of other churches who are affiliated with a particular church on a temporary basis (6-18). They have all the rights and privileges of the communing members of the particular church except that they cannot vote in congregational or corporation meetings and cannot hold office in the particular church.

Membership Procedures

6-6 Communing members may be added by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church, in the judgment of the Session. For all received, regardless of age or how received, attendance at a church membership preparation class prior to reception is highly recommended, but this may not be required.

6-7 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 (57-6).

6-8 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 (57-6).

6-9 All those being received by profession of faith and by reaffirmation of faith are required to answer affirmatively the constitutional questions found in the Directory for Worship (57-5), and to give a testimony of their Christian experience to the Session (57-6).

6-10 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 (12-5).

6-11 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 made without officer status and without effect on his ordination.

6-12 When a letter of transfer is requested for a member who is under charges or under discipline, the Session in issuing the letter shall indicate thereon the disciplinary status (37-6).

6-13 A member being dismissed from one church to another shall be under the jurisdiction of the dismissing church until received by the other church.

6-14 A letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only (13-13).

Church Rolls

6-15 The Session of a particular church shall keep three rolls of the members of the church: (1) Communing, (2) Non-communing, and (3) Associate (12-8). The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually.

6-16 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.

6-17 The non-communing roll shall consist of all non-communing members, i.e., all members not entitled to participate in the Lord's Supper. This roll, by its nature, will consist primarily of children, being non-communing members of the congregation by right of baptism. 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 his own request.

6-18 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. In this case, he shall be required to answer affirmatively the constitutional questions found in the Directory for Worship (57-5) and to give a testimony of his Christian experience to the Session (57-6). The rights and privileges of associate members are shown in paragraph 6-5.

6-19 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.

6-20 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.

6-21 When a communing member of a particular church has willfully neglected the church for a period of one year, or has made it known that there is no intention of fulfilling his church vows, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action either by deleting his name from the church roll or by placing that member on the non-communing roll of the church (30-3, 30-4, and 33-3). Neither of these actions shall be taken until the Session has made a diligent effort to discover the causes of the member's neglect and to restore him to the fellowship of the church. The member and the congregation should be informed of the action of the Session.

6-22 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 roll.

6-23 When a communing member of a particular church against whom no charges are pending shall request the Session to transfer his name to the non-communing roll of the church, the Session may grant the request and may inform the congregation of its action should this seem wise and proper. Before granting the request, the Session should make a careful and deliberate inquiry to determine that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or special temptation.

6-24 When a member of a particular church has been on the non-communing roll for a period of one year as a result of an action taken by the Session in accordance with paragraph 6-21 or 6-23, the Session should take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the church roll. The Session should inform the member, if it is possible, and the congregation of its action.

6-25 When a member whose name is on the communing or non-communing roll requests the church Session to remove his name from the church roll, the Session shall remove the member without process from the church roll (38-2), 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.

6-26 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 (38-4).

6-27 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's Session shall note the action in its records and remove the member's name from the church roll.

6-28 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 (13-14). 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.

3. That BCO, 46-6, 46-7, and 46-8 be incorporated into BCO, Chapter 13 as new paragraphs, and that the remainder of BCO, Chapter 46 be deleted. (Basis: the remaining paragraphs of BCO, Chapter 46 have been incorporated in the new proposed BCO, Chapter 6.)
4. That BCO, Chapter 46 remain temporarily vacant.
5. That BCO, 12-8 be amended to include associate members and to read as follows: 12-8 Every Session shall keep an accurate record of baptism, communing members, non-communing members, associate members, and of the deaths and dismissions of church members.
6. That the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business be given another year to rewrite the Directory for Worship with a report to be made at the Tenth General Assembly.
7. That the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business be directed to change the language of permission in BCO, Chapters 56-58 to the language of requirement. (For example, in BCO, 57-5 line 3, and in BCO, 57-5(2), "The minister may" should read, "The minister shall".)
8. That the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business be directed to rewrite, by editorial change, BCO, 56-5, as follows:
 - a. Strike "propose the following questions after reading" in lines 1 and 2 and insert "read" so that the sentence would read:
"The minister shall then read the covenant promises:"
 - b. Strike "(1) before "For to you is . . ." in line 3;
 - c. Place a period following " . . . 16:31)" in line 9;
 - d. And renumber the questions as (1), (2), (3), and (4).
9. That BCO, 25-11 be amended with the addition of the following "At a regularly called congregational meeting, properly announced for this purpose, a particular church may withdraw by a simple majority vote, from any court of this body at any time for reasons which seem to the particular congregation sufficient. The Presbytery shall be notified of the action of the congregation."
10. That the following Manual of Operations for the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, incorporating proposed changes, be adopted as a whole. The Manual reads as follows:

**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS FOR THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS**

1. SUBJECT
 - 1-1. This is the Operating Manual for the Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business of the General Assembly, a sub-committee of the Permanent Committee on Administration.
2. HISTORICAL
 - 2-1. Beginning with the Advisory Convention in Asheville in August of America, provision has been made for the business of the Assembly to be conducted primarily through four Permanent Committees: Administration, Mission to the United States, Mission to the World, and Christian Education and Publications.
 - 2-2. Also, recognized as a need and provided for by the Advisory Convention was a Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business, primarily as advisory to the Assembly and to the Committee on Administration. This Sub-committee was originally composed of seven (7) members elected by the Assembly. The original Bylaws of the Assembly adopted by the First Assembly in December 1973, elevated this Sub-Committee to full standing as a fifth Permanent Committee of the Assembly.
3. ORGANIZATION
 - 3-1. There shall be a 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 (1) Teaching Elder and (1) Ruling Elder, who is preferably a duly licensed attorney at law.
 - 3-2. The officers shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall be elected by the Sub-committee at the first meeting following the meeting of the General Assembly at which the last class was elected.
 - 3-3. Two alternates, one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder, shall be elected by each General Assembly. Each alternate shall be expected to attend each meeting of the Sub-Committee. And, when any member shall be absent, the alternate of the same order shall serve in the absence of that member and shall have full voting privileges for that meeting.
 - 3-4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Sub-Committee. In the absence of members, the alternates may be used to satisfy the requirements for a quorum.
 - 3-5. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee shall be an advisory member of the Committee on Administration. The Chairman shall be authorized to designate another member of the

Sub-committee to be his alternate should he not be able to attend a meeting of the Committee on Administration.

4. OPERATIONS

4-1. The Sub-Committee shall function as a permanent committee of the General Assembly reporting directly to the General Assembly.

4-2. The Sub-Committee shall be funded by the Committee on Administration.

4-3. The Sub-Committee shall meet at the direction of the General Assembly, at the call of the Chairman, at the request of the Stated Clerk, and at times stated by the Sub-committee.

4-4. The Chairman or, if the Chairman shall have rotated off of the Sub-Committee, a convener appointed by the Moderator of the General Assembly shall convene the new Sub-Committee following the General Assembly, giving at least ten days notice. At this meeting, which may be conducted by conference telephone call, the Chairman and the Secretary will be elected.

4-5. Minutes shall be maintained according to Section 8-13 of the Rules for Assembly Operations.

5. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

5-1. Purpose: The Sub-Committee shall:

- a. Serve the General Assembly as directed.
- b. Advise the General Assembly on judicial and constitutional matters.
- c. Assist and advise the Stated Clerk and the Permanent Committees of the Assembly on judicial and constitutional matter between Assemblies.
- d. Advise the Presbyteries and Sessions on judicial and constitutional matters between Assemblies.

5-2. Functions:

a. At the General Assembly: The Sub-Committee shall serve as a Constitutional Committee.

b. All matters introduced as new business, if received, and touching on constitutional matters, including requested constitutional questions, shall be referred in writing to the Sub-Committee for consideration and the Sub-Committee shall make its recommendation directly to the Assembly.

Between General Assemblies: The Sub-Committee shall:

- (1) Receive from the Stated Clerk all overtures requesting the amendment of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America or interpretation thereof by the General Assembly and all complaints, appeals, or references from lower courts. The Sub-Committee shall evaluate and recommend the procedure for handling each item. However, the Sub-Committee shall not evaluate the merits of the matter unless it be clearly spoken to previously by the General Assembly or unless it shall contradict the Confession of Faith and Catechisms.
- (2) Be available as a Reference Committee to assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business to the Assembly.
- (3) When requested to, interpret the Minutes of the General Assembly, the Book of Church Order, the Bylaws, and the Rules for Assembly Operations.

(a) The Sub-Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to all Presbyteries and Sessions and to all the Committees of the General Assembly upon request.

(b) Any advice given by the Sub-Committee must be in writing and must be reported to the next Stated Meeting of the General Assembly for ratification, modification, rejection.

(c) If two parties are in conflict, such advice will be binding on both parties until the next Stated Meeting of the General Assembly, where final determination will be made.

(d) The Sub-Committee shall direct any individuals requesting advice to address their questions to the court of the church to which they are subject. It shall not respond to individuals.

c. The Sub-Committee shall not initiate any constitutional matters of pertinent change unless directed to do so by the General Assembly, but shall point out needs that arise. The philosophy shall be studiously maintained that the lower courts will be expected to initiate any such actions.

11. That the question, "What is the proper use of the extraordinary clause?", be answered with the following counsel:

The General Assembly recognizes that the use of the extraordinary clause is left to the discretion of an individual presbytery subject to review of the General Assembly and to the process provided for in a complaint. The General Assembly declares that the use of the extraordinary clause should be limited to extraordinary circumstances

- of the church or proven extraordinary gifts of the man. The Assembly would take notice, however, that there has been an increasing laxity in the application of the clause. The Assembly would, therefore, counsel that presbyteries exercise diligence and care in the use of this provision in order that they not prevent the ordination of a candidate for whom there are truly exceptional circumstances nor ordain a person who is inadequately prepared for the ministry.
12. That IV, B. be answered with the addition of a new paragraph BCO, 13-5, and that the remaining paragraphs be renumbered. The new 13-5 would read as follows:
Ordinarily, only those ministers who receive a call to a definite work within the bounds of a particular presbytery may be received as a member of that presbytery except in cases where the minister is already honorably retired or in those cases deemed necessary by the presbytery, subject to the review of the General Assembly.
 13. That Overture #1 be answered by reference to BCO, 8-6.
 14. That the General Assembly find Mr. Campbell's explanation for his failure to attend the Eighth General Assembly valid (BCO, 42-10), and that a Judicial Commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly. (The Sub-Committee was notified by TE John Oliver and RE William Buiten that they planned to present a minority report to the Ninth General Assembly regarding this item.)
 15. That Item 3, p. 162, M&GA, which follows, be resubmitted to the Ninth General Assembly.
That a new paragraph be numbered 8-7, that it be adopted, and that subsequent sections be renumbered. The new paragraph would read as follows:
A Presbytery may, at its discretion, appoint a Teaching Elder to work with non-ecclesiastical groups provided that he be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word, that the Presbytery be assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, and that he report, at least annually, on his work. As far as possible, such Teaching Elders shall be appointed by and be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.
 16. That Overture #8 be answered by reference to Recommendation 12.
 17. That Reference #1 be returned to the Permanent Sub-committee for answers.

**MINORITY REPORT FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS
REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2-5 OF THE MAJORITY REPORT**

NARRATIVE:

While the minority report differs from the majority report to some degree relative to the substance of some of the proposed paragraphs, the primary difference involves the form and the location of these provisions within the Book of Church Order. The minority report has sought to follow as closely as possible the wording of the majority report except in those instances where the change in format or the absence of a parallel provision has dictated otherwise. It is the contention of the minority report that the majority report overlooks the basic structure of the "Form of Government" and violates the internal integrity of the BCO as specified in BCO, 1-1:

"The Scriptural form of Church Government, which is representative or presbyterian, is comprehended under five heads: 1. The Church; 2. Its members; 3. Its officers; 4. Its courts; 5. Its orders.

Each of the chapters of Part I of the present BCO is arranged to correspond to this five-fold division expressed in BCO, 1-1.

The majority report confuses this arrangement by placing provisions regarding the responsibility of the Session, which should be in BCO, 12 (4. Its courts), in BCO, 6 (2. Its members).

The majority report also upsets the three-fold arrangement of the BCO (Part I - Form of Government; Part II - The Rules of Discipline; etc.) by including in BCO, 6 provisions which properly belong in BCO, 38 of the Rules of Discipline.

It is the intention of the minority report to maintain as much as possible the internal integrity of Part I of the BCO and the relational integrity of Parts I and II.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. That BCO, 6 be amended by deleting the present wording in total and by substituting the following provisions:

CHAPTER 6.

Church Members

Harmony
Majority
Report

6-1. The members of a particular church consist of communing, non-communing, and associate members.

6-1

COMMUNING MEMBERS

6-2. Communing members of a particular church are those members who have made a public profession of faith, have been baptized, and have been admitted by the Session to the Lord's Table (Chapter 57). Communing members who are in good standing are the only members entitled to all the rights and privileges of full church membership.

6-2

6-3. A communing member of a particular church shall inform his church promptly when his mailing address is changed or his residence is moved either temporarily or permanently. This shall also apply to an adult non-communing member.

6-19

6-4. A communing member who shall temporarily move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a communing member should become an associate member of another recognized Christian church with the concurrence of the Session of his church. He shall remain a member in good standing for a two-year period, which shall be renewable, subject to his remaining in good standing with the church of which he is an associate member.

6-5. A communing member who shall permanently move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a communing member, so that he can no longer regularly attend its services, shall be obligated to arrange for the transfer of his membership to another recognized Christian church into which bounds he has moved. This shall not apply to such persons as students, servicemen, missionaries, etc., who desire to remain on the roll of their home church. Such persons as this should seek to become associate members of a recognized Christian church.

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NON-COMMUNING MEMBERS

6-6. Non-communing members of a particular church are the baptized children of communing members and persons who have been suspended from the Lord's Table as a result either of their own request (38-5) or of disciplinary censure (30-3).

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6-7. The children of believers are, through the covenant and by right of birth, non-communing members of the visible 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 the benefits of the covenant. By baptism, such children are sealed as members of Christ's Church and are received into the non-communing membership of a particular church (Chapter 28).

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6-8. All baptized persons are entitled to the watchful care, instruction and government of the Church, even though they are adults and have made no profession of their faith in Jesus Christ (28-4).

6-9. Non-communing members are not entitled to vote in any meeting of the congregation or corporation. Nor are they to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper until such time as they have been admitted to the Lord's Table upon their profession of faith, or, in the case of

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those who have been suspended from the Lord's Table, until such time as they have been restored to the Sacraments of the Church by action of the Session (Chapter 37).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

6-10. Associate members are those believers who are communing members of other recognized Christian churches (2-2), who are temporarily residing out side the bounds of their home churches, and who are affiliated with a particular church on a temporary basis (12-7). 6-5

6-11. Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of communing members of a particular church except that they shall not vote in meetings of the congregation or corporation and shall not hold office in the particular church. 6-5

3. That BCO, 12 be amended as follows:

a. That 12-8 be amended to read:

"Every Session shall keep an accurate record of baptisms, of the members of the church, and of the deaths and dismissions of church members."

b. That present 12-9 be deleted; and
(Reason: present 12-9 is redundant to 10-5.)

c. That new paragraphs 12-9 through 12-25, as follows, be added:

12-9. The Session of a particular church shall keep the rolls of the members of the church. There shall be three rolls: 1. Communing; 2. Non-communing; and 3. Associate. The Session shall carefully review and update all rolls at least annually (Chapter 38). 6-15

CHURCH ROLLS

12-10. The communing roll shall consist of those members who are actively participating in the life and work of the church by attending its worship services and by participating in its other activities. 6-16

12-11. Communing members may be received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from a recognized Christian church (2-2). Attendance at a church membership preparation class is recommended for all who would be received into communing membership regardless of their age or the method by which they are to be received. 6-6

12-12. Communing members of other recognized Christian churches shall normally be received by means of a letter of transfer. When, however, it is not possible to obtain a letter of transfer from the governing body of the church of which they are members, they may be received as communing members upon their reaffirmation church(es) to which they formerly belonged, if possible. 6-7
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12-13. All those being received as communing members by profession of faith and by reaffirmation of faith are required to answer affirmatively the constitutional questions for admission of persons to the sealing ordinances (57-5), and to give to the Session a testimony of their Christian experience (57-6). 6-9

12-14. A Teaching Elder who has been divested of his office without censure or deposed without excommunication and has been assigned by his Presbytery to a particular church, may be received into the communing membership of that church subject to the approval of the Session. If the Session approves of the assignment, the Session shall so notify the Presbytery and place the person's name on the communing roll of the church. If the Session does not 6-28

approve of the assignment, it shall notify the Presbytery and take no further action.

12-15. The non-communing roll shall consist of all those members of a congregation who are not entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. The non-communing roll shall consist of two parts. It shall include, primarily, the names of the baptized children of communing parents of the congregation. The second part shall consist of the names of any members who have been suspended from the Lord's Table by action of the Session as a result either of their own request (38-5) or of proper disciplinary procedures (30-3). 6-17

12-16. The associate roll shall consist of the names of those who are communing members of other recognized Christian churches who are temporarily residing outside the bounds of their home churches and within the bounds of a particular church with which they desire to be associated on a temporary basis. 6-18

12-17. Associate members may be received for a two-year period, which shall be renewable, either by a letter from the governing body of their home church indicating their good standing as communing members of the church or by reaffirmation of their faith in Christ subject to the concurrence of the governing body of their home church. In either case, they shall be required to subscribe to the questions required for admission to the sealing ordinances (57-5) and to give to the Session a testimony of their Christian experience (57-6). 6-18

LETTERS OF TRANSFER AND STANDING

12-18. A letter of transfer shall be issued by a Session only to the governing body of another recognized Christian church. A member's request shall be made through the governing body of the church he desires to join. 6-10

12-19. When a letter of transfer is requested by the governing body of a church, which in the judgment of the Session is not a recognized Christian church (2-2), the Session shall inform the member for whom the letter is requested, if possible, and the governing body of the church making the request that a letter will not be granted (38-4). ----

12-20. When a letter of transfer is issued for parents who have children who are non-communing members of the church, the names of these children shall also be included. 6-10

12-21. 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. This action shall not affect his ordination. 6-11

12-22. When a letter of transfer is requested for a member who is under charges or under discipline, the Session shall issue a letter of transfer and shall indicate the disciplinary status of the member (37-6). 6-12

12-23. A member being dismissed from one church to another shall remain under the jurisdiction of the dismissing church until such time that it has been notified that the member has been received by the other church. 6-17

12-24. If a church which has requested the letter of transfer shall delay receiving the member for any reason, the letter of transfer shall be valid for one year only.

12-25. When a communing member shall request through the governing body of another recognized Christian church within whose bounds he is temporarily residing permission to become an asso- 6-18

ciate member of that church, the Session of the church of which he is a communing member shall, if it deems it proper, issue a letter of good standing to the governing body of the church making the request. If the Session determines that such permission would not be proper, the Session shall inform the member and the governing body of the church making the request as to the reasons for failing to issue such a letter (38-4).

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- 4. That BCO, 38 be amended to read as follows:
CHAPTER 38.

Cases Without Process

38-1. When a particular church is notified by a Presbytery that one of its members has been ordained to the gospel ministry, the Session shall note the action in its records and remove the name of the member from the church roll.

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38-2. When any person shall come forward and make his offense known to the court, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without process. (Same as present BCO, 38-1.)

38-3. A minister of the Gospel against whom there are no charges, if fully satisfied in his own conscience that God has not called him to the ministry, or if he has satisfactory evidence of his inability to serve the Church with acceptance, may report these facts at a stated meeting of Presbytery. At the next stated meeting, if after full deliberation the Presbytery shall concur with him in judgment, it may divest him of his office without censure. This provision shall in like manner apply with any necessary changes to the case of Ruling Elders and Deacons; but in all such cases the Session of the church to which the Ruling Elder or the Deacon who seeks demission belongs shall act as the Presbytery acts in similar cases where a minister is concerned. (Same as present 38-3.)

38-4. When a member or officer shall renounce the communion of this Church by joining some other evangelical Church; if in good standing, the irregularity shall be recorded, and his name erased. But if charges are pending against him, they shall be communicated to the Church which he has joined. If the denomination be heretical, an officer shall have his name stricken from the roll, and all authority to exercise his office derived from this Church shall be withdrawn from him; but a private member shall not be otherwise noticed that as above prescribed. (Same as present 38-4.)

38-5. If a communing member of a church, against whom no charges are pending shall request the Session to transfer his name to the roll of non-communing members, it shall be in the power of the Session to grant the request, and this action may be announced to the congregation should this seem wise and proper. This transfer, however, should not be made until the Session, after inquiry and delay, is of the judgment that the request does not spring from temporary doubt or special temptation. (Same as present 38-2.)

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38-6. When, for the period of one year, a member of a particular church has been on the non-communing roll as the result of his own request, the Session shall inquire as to the circumstances of the non-communing member. It may permit the member to remain on the non-communing roll for the period of one more year, if in the opinion of the Session the extension is warranted. However, if the Session determines otherwise, it shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the church roll. The Session shall inform the member and the congregation of its action.

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38-7. When a member whose name is on the communing or non-communing roll requests the Session to remove his name from the church roll, the Session shall remove the name of the member without process and notify

the member of the action taken. The request for removal shall be in writing. If the member is a Ruling Elder or a Deacon, the Session shall also withdraw from him all authority to exercise his office and shall 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.

38-8. When a communing member shall temporarily move his residence beyond the bounds of his home church, the Session shall, as far as possible, continue pastoral oversight of him and shall inform him that he should seek to become an associate member of a recognized Christian church into whose bounds he has moved. This provision shall apply to such as are students, servicemen or missionaries, and their families, and other such communing members as the Session shall determine to be eligible for exceptional consideration. If after one year, the member has not become an associate member of such a church, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by removing his name from the church roll. The Session shall notify the member and the congregation of its action. However, if there are exceptional circumstances which shall prevent the member from forming such an association, the Session may allow him to remain on the communing roll of the church.

38-9. When a communing member shall permanently move his residence beyond the bounds of the church of which he is a member, the Session shall, if practicable, notify the governing body of a church into whose bounds the member has moved and request it to take the pastoral oversight of the member, with a view to the transfer of his membership, unless he shall be a candidate for the gospel ministry (18-4). The Session shall also, at the same time, advise the member that it is his duty to arrange for the transfer of his membership to a church into whose bounds he has moved. If the member shall neglect to have his membership transferred within one year after he has been advised of his duty, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by removing the name of the member from the church roll. The Session shall notify the member and the congregation of the action taken.

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38-10. 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 Session has been unable to contact him, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the church roll.

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38-11. When a communing member has willfully neglected his church for a period of one year, or has made it known that there is no intention of fulfilling his church vows, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action either by deleting his name from the church roll or by transferring his name to the non-communing roll of the church (30-3, 30-4, 33-3). Neither of these actions shall be taken until the Session has made a diligent effort to discover the causes of the member's neglect and to restore him to the fellowship of the church. The member and the congregation should be informed of the action of the Session.

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38-12. When a member has been on the non-communing roll for the period of one year as a result of an action taken by the Session in accordance with paragraph 38-11, the Session shall take proper disciplinary action by deleting his name from the church roll. The Session shall inform the member, if it is possible, and the congregation of its action.

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5. That BCO, 46 be amended as follows:

- a. That 46-1 through 46-5 be deleted; Session shall, as far as (Reason: the provisions of these paragraphs have been him that incorporated in the proposed revisions of BCO, 12 and 38.)

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- b. That 46-6 and 46-8 be moved to BCO, 13 as 13-12 and 13-14 respectively;
- c. That 46-7 be amended to read as follows, and be moved to BCO, 13 and 13-13:

"No certificate of dismissal from a Presbytery shall be valid testimony of good standing for a period longer than one year, unless its earlier reception be hindered by some providential cause; and such certificates given for persons who have left the bounds of the Presbytery granting them shall certify the standing of such persons only to the time of their leaving those bounds."

- d. And, that BCO, 46 shall then remain temporarily vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

Vaughn E. Hathaway, Jr.

MINORITY REPORT

REGARDING RECOMMENDATION 14

(CAMPBELL vs. MID-ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY (SCHOOF))

The decision of a majority of the Sub-committee on Judicial Business to recommend to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business at the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, that the case of Capt. James H. Campbell against the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (the Rev. Robert C. Schoof) be docketed for hearing rather than considered closed because the complainant did not previously appear when the case was docketed at the Eighth General Assembly hangs on the slightest sort of technicality and fails to weigh the greater issues involved.

That technicality is the question as to whether or not the complainant was given notice of the intent to hear the case at the Eighth General Assembly. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has never previously given, or been required to give, special or personal notification. The publishing of the General Assembly Handbook is a matter of public record, especially to the constituency of the Presbytery Church in America. Those interested enough in the affairs of the Church would, of course, follow closely such documents in order to pursue legitimate interests affecting the decisions of the Church.

Capt. Campbell had, therefore, all the notification that any others have ever previously had who were parties in judicial cases rising to the General Assembly. Why should an exception be made here?

This decision to recommend that this case be heard, and in effect re-opened, at the Ninth General Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale flies in the face of the unanimous decision of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. That court of the Church has dealt fully with the issue and resolved it. Is it not better in our Presbyterian system to resolve matters arising within the jurisdiction of the lower courts at that original level if at all possible?

To make an exception to the established practice regarding notification of parties involved in judicial process and allow that individual notification should have been given exceeds the language of the Book of Church Order which does not require the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly or anyone else to notify individually parties involved in judicial process, the Sub-committee on Judicial Business should have compelling reasons that the honor of the King of the Church and the spiritual prosperity of the Church would be advanced by that decision.

The opposite appears to be the case. Were the peace, purity and unity of the Presbyterian Church in America uppermost in the intent of the complainant, would he for more than a year and one-half attend a congregation of another communion and be totally uninvolved in the life and work of any part of the Presbyterian Church in America?

The file of documents on this case is large. In reading it, one is driven to the conclusion that a questionable decision regarding a technicality should not be the ground for prolonging strife and tension in a portion of the visible Church of our Lord.

I urge the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business to regard the matter settled by the fair actions of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (note particularly their unanimous resolution of January 24, 1981) and the failure of the complainant to appear at the Eighth General Assembly when the case was scheduled to be heard.

Respectfully,

John W. P. Oliver, Chairman Sub-committee on
Judicial Business

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Sub-Committee met by Conference Call, April 2, 1981, April 28, 1981, and May 21, 1981. (The meeting of April 28, 1981, was without a quorum. Tentative actions were taken. These actions were ratified at the May 21, 1981, meeting.)

Actions taken by the Sub-Committee:

I. Overtures

1. Overture 11, dated January 9, 1981, from Grace Presbytery regarding a study of "The Various Documents of Our Church As They Pertain to the Committee Structure and Function" in order to make needed changes for the purpose of consistency. (See Recommendation 18)

2. Overture 12, dated January 9, 1981, from Grace Presbytery regarding clarifying by an amendment to BCO 20-1 as to what constitutes a valid "Call to the Gospel Ministry". (See Recommendation 19)

3. Overtures 13, dated January 9, 1981, from Grace Presbytery regarding an amendment to BCO 14 on the matter of in these deliverances. (See Recommendation 20)

4. Overture 20, dated April 28, 1981, from Evangel Presbytery regarding an amendment BCO 51-3. (See Recommendation 21)

5. Overture 22, dated April 24-25, 1981, from Presbytery of Texas regarding a revision of BCO 14-1. (See Recommendation 21)

6. Overture 24, dated September 25, 1980, from Pacific Presbytery regarding an amendment to BCO 11-3. (See Recommendation 21)

7. Overture 26, dated January 19-20, 1981, from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery regarding an amendment to BCO 14-1-12. (See Recommendation 21)

II. Judicial Cases

1. Complaint 2, dated February 27, 1981, from Mr. Cooke Lewis, et. al., regarding certain actions of Grace Presbytery dealing with the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, Ellisville, Mississippi. (See Recommendation 22)

2. Complaint 3, dated February 22, 1981, from Mr. Robert H. Zeigler et. al., regarding certain actions of Texas Presbytery in reference to their handling of a complaint brought by several members of North Dallas Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas. (See Recommendation 23)

3. Complaint 4, dated April 28, 1981, from TE Rodney King et. al., regarding an action of Western Carolinas Presbytery by which a mission church was not allowed to organize for a period of one year. (See Recommendation 24)

III. Advice to the Stated Clerk

1. Concerning Overture 14, dated February 17, 1981, from Mississippi Valley Presbytery, regarding the need for further study for the proposed changes to the BCO with regard to licensure. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was advised to refer it to the Committee of Commissioners on Christian Education.

IV. Recommendations

18. That Overture 11 be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

19. That Overture 12 be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

20. That Overture 13 be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

21. That all matters received after the April 15, 1981, deadline be referred to the 1981-1982 Sub-Committee on Judicial Business. (See "Rules for Assembly Operations", V., 5, 6, pg. 239, Minutes of the Eighth General Assembly.)

22. That the Complaint portion [(paragraph 1) and 2)] not be heard due to the time factor (BCO 42-4) and that the Committee of Commissioners take under advisement the request for advice sought in the last sentence of paragraph 3).

23. That Complaint 3 not be received by the Ninth General Assembly as it is premature, since the Presbytery of Texas and the North Dallas Church have not concluded the matter.

24. That a judicial commission be appointed to adjudicate the case at the General Assembly.

25. That Overtures 3, 6, 9 and 10 (previously referred to on pg. 502) be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Judicial Business without recommendation.

APPENDIX F

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE
UNITED STATES TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

INTRODUCTION

It is the prayer of your Committee on Mission to the United States that no member of this Assembly will say, as it was said by Israel in the days of Darius, "The time has not come, even the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt." For eight years we have been patiently rebuilding the house of God in America, and yet we have only just begun. The great work of our Presbyterian forefathers resulted in a church that spanned the nation and influenced the course of American history as few denominational groups have. Then came the joint tragedies of apathy and liberalism, destroying the work of God and leaving large sections of our land desolate of evangelical and reformed witness. We are pledged to rebuilding the church, but the task seems overwhelming. Twenty states have no PCA witness within their borders. Canada has not yet been touched. Some of our presbyteries are so far-reaching that they haven't the strength, without the aid of other presbyteries of the Assembly, to adequately cover their regions with the Gospel. Yet, it is recognized by many that there is a great stirring in America, and already we see a realignment of forces and a great opportunity to rebuild again the house of God, and so influence every part of North America for Christ. There seems to be a stirring in our Assembly and a recommitment to the American challenge.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

1. During the year between Assemblies, your Committee has contributed to the support of 51 ministries, including organizing pastors, missionaries, student workers, campus ministers and ministers-at-large. In March 1981, as this report was written, the Committee was committed to support 39 ministries, of which only eight were outside the bounds of any presbytery.

2. During the year we have been in contact with almost 60 churches that have left other denominational relationships. Upon request, we have distributed our Book of Church Order, Yearbook, and various other materials explaining the Presbyterian Church in America. Members of our staff have spoken with the pastors, sessions, denominational search committees and/or congregations of 35 churches seeking a new relationship. At least nine of these churches have decided to seek membership in the PCA, while others are still seeking to know God's will.

3. Your Committee asks the General Assembly to note that the name "Urban, Poor and Minorities Sub-Committee" has been changed to the Special Ministries Sub-Committee. This is a Sub-Committee comprised of M-US Committee members and other co-opted members. The purpose of the Committee remains virtually unchanged, and the Rev. Dwight Linton, as an Assistant Coordinator, does the work of the former UPM Director. The year has seen the beginning of a church planting ministry in the Chinese community in Queens, New York; the addition of a pastor to the Navajo Indian ministry in New Mexico; and the continued development of the church in the Atlanta black community with the acquisition of a fine church property. Linguistic work among the Gullah people of South Carolina and Georgia is only gradually being supported, and preparation for major efforts in the Spanish-American communities continues. Of special note is the addition of several large Korean churches to the Assembly and increased correspondence with the Korean-American community through the Assistant Coordinator.

4. The M-US Committee in the year past has fulfilled the Assembly's requirement that we provide additional training for our organizing pastors. Thirty men attended a five-day seminar in Atlanta. Though we invited presbyteries to send their organizing pastors, only eight men who were not supported by the Assembly's Committee did attend. The seminar received high marks from those who came; and it is our hope that, in the future, all organizing pastors, no matter by whom supported, will be able to take advantage of this instruction.

5. A conference of Presbytery M-US Committee Chairmen was held in February 1981. The conference was valuable as a means of coordinating our church-planting efforts throughout the nation. Some of the actions taken by the group are briefly stated:

- a. GA M-US should provide standardized forms on which presbytery M-US works can be periodically reported to GA M-US.
- b. Presbytery M-US Committee reports to presbytery should be shared with GA M-US.

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- c. The GA M-US should videotape its organizing pastors' conferences and make the videotapes available for use within the presbyteries.
- d. The following definition of a mission church should become standard: "A mission exists when the goal of organizing a particular church is being pursued under the oversight and support of either GA M-US, Presbytery M-US, a mother church or a combination of the above. Where possible a church nearby should hold members on its roll as associate members for the mission work until the day of the mission's organization. In remote areas the presbytery is encouraged to place an evangelist on the scene as organizing pastor for the purpose of receiving members."
- e. The 20-minute slide presentation on the 5 in 5 Campaign should be shown in all the churches of the presbyteries by Presbytery M-US Committees.
- f. The television spots already made available by the GA M-US to churches in two areas should be made available in as many other areas as possible. (The Assembly M-US Committee notes that it will not distribute a spot containing a picture of Christ.)
- g. GA M-US organizing pastors should be itinerated among the churches. The Chairmen of Presbytery M-US Committees would be responsible for arranging this itineration.
- h. Each Presbytery M-US Committee should prepare a goals statement, have it approved by the presbytery at its next meeting, and then send it to GA M-US for consolidation and report to the General Assembly. (GA M-US would prepare a goals statement for areas outside presbytery boundaries, and the consolidated report would constitute a master plan for the church.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the above actions of the Presbytery M-US Chairmen be approved by the Assembly.
2. That the name of this Committee be changed to the Committee on Mission to North America, but that be made in printed material of the Committee only in normal course of reprinting. This will require a change in the Book of Church Order. Reason: The First General Assembly gave to its Committee on Mission to the United States the responsibility for developing ministries in Canada. To this date nothing has been done north of the border. Yet, some major metropolitan areas, in Ontario and British Columbia particularly, are even now but next steps in our effort to reach North America. Our denominational name may not have total acceptance in Canada, but the name of this Committee is a definite deterrent to any potential ministry to the North. It is, therefore, the opinion of your Committee on Mission to the United States that our present name should be changed to include Canada. Only in this way can Canada, which was not given as an objective to the Assembly's Committee on Mission to the World, be given the attention it deserves as a named concern of this Assembly.
3. That the General Assembly approve the revised Policy Manual presented with this report. (Addendum A) Reason: The Eighth General Assembly ordered that a Policy Manual be prepared for presentation to the Ninth General Assembly and that a Manual of Operations for the internal guidance of the M-US Committee and its staff be made available for review by the Committee of Commissioners. A Policy Manual is herewith offered with the request that this Assembly give its approval, and that it, at the same time, take notice that a usable Operations Manual has been approved by the Committee on Mission to the United States for its internal operations.
4. That the Ninth Assembly authorize and encourage the M-US Committee to hold an Assembly-wide consultation on the diaconate with at least one representative present from the region of each presbytery, in the hope that the broader charitable aspects of diaconal work might be communicated through the presbyteries to all the churches of the Assembly. Reason: It is the opinion of your Committee that the work of the deacon, as it is presented in our Book of Church Order, needs to be more clearly understood, and, perhaps, more carefully followed. Also, the churches of our Assembly could develop a deeper sense of diaconal concern--that is, a concern for the needy in want of comfort. It is also your Committee's opinion that the time is ripe for a general conference on the diaconate, and that there is a need for a new dedication to diaconal work.
5. That the General Assembly encourage the presbyteries to sponsor the gathering of representative deacons into advisory councils for the purpose of discovering better ways of carrying out the regular business of the church, and for discovering better means for undertaking diaconal ministries among the needy around us.
6. That the Assembly encourage the involvement of all our churches in the Sister-Church Program established by the Committee on Mission to the United States. Reason: Your Committee often sees young and struggling churches that are in great need of the advice and counsel of another pastor and session, the helpful encouragement of another

diaconate, the prayerful concern and helpful hands of another women's group, and the generous prayer and financial support of another congregation. A sister church is one that is voluntarily and intimately linked to another by expressions of genuine love and concern. The Committee on Mission to the United States has agreed to serve as the channel through which sister churches are "matched" and brought together. Detailed information on the Sister-Church Program has been mailed to all our churches, is available in the M-US office, and will be placed on the M-US display table during the Ninth General Assembly.

7. That the Assembly receive the report of the Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel as prepared by its Executive Secretary, Mr. William B. Leonard, Jr., of the RPCES, (Appendix B)

8. That the Minutes of the Committee on Mission to the United States be approved as they were presented to the Committee of Commissioners.

9. That the proposed budget for 1982 be approved as reported to the Assembly by the Stewardship Sub-committee. (See Appendix K, Stewardship Report, p. 290)

10. That the Rev. J. Phillip Clark be reelected as the Coordinator for the Committee on Mission to the United States.

11. That the General Assembly set aside Sunday, November 1, Reformation Sunday, as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the continuing reformation of the church and the spread of the reformed faith across America. A special offering is requested to be taken with which M-US can help and encourage those people who have left liberal denominations at great sacrifice, helping them to establish themselves as churches within the PCA.

12. That the Ninth General Assembly approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Western Indian Ministries, Inc., of Window Rock, Arizona. (Addendum C) It is with this Mission that the following missionaries are serving: Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Levie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Carr.

13. That the Assembly reaffirm the idea and the goal of the 5 in 5 Program (on the basis of \$1.00 each month each member over five years' asking), and that it encourage the churches which have not yet made their pledge to this special Assembly-wide program to do so prayerfully and promptly in order to facilitate the building of the church. Furthermore, that the Assembly approve a Director of Financial Programs for the Committee on Mission to the United States who will be presented at the General Assembly, with a first responsibility for the completion of the 5 in 5 Program.

14. That the General Assembly now hear the report of the formation of a provisional presbytery, called Siouxlands, in the state of South Dakota and grant that presbytery the right to organize itself in conformity with the Book of Church Order. The boundaries of the presbytery are to be the Missouri River on the west and south, the boundary with North Dakota on the north and the boundary with Minnesota on the east. The sessions of the churches in South Dakota which are not now a part of any PCA presbytery together with the ministers in South Dakota and Iowa who are not now enrolled in any presbytery have been examined by a special committee sent to South Dakota by the Assembly's Committee on Mission to the United States and comprised of Teaching Elders Paul Settle, Morton Smith and Phillip Clark, together with Ruling Elders Murdock Campbell and Steve Fox.

The churches, mission churches and ministers of the presbytery are here named:

Pollock Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pollock, South Dakota

Germantown Presbyterian Church, Chancellor, South Dakota

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lennox, South Dakota

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska (Outside Bounds)

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Mission), Omaha, Nebraska (Outside Bounds)

T.E. Limbertus Kingma, Lennox, South Dakota

T.E. Jack Mayfield, Chancellor, South Dakota

T.E. Floyd Haan, Pollock, South Dakota

T.E. Lyle Graff, Bryant, South Dakota (Without Charge)

T.E. Marvin Camp, Kamrar Presbyterian Church, Kamrar, Iowa

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The petition from these churches, missions and ministers will be provided for the Committee of Commissioners.

15. Finally, we detect a new mood in America, a return to old values and a new interest on the part of many in the faith of our fathers. We believe that it is time for a major advance, and it is your Committees desire to coordinate a massive effort to reach North America for Christ. We urge the Ninth General Assembly to impress upon its people, churches, and presbyteries the large and difficult task that has been given to this Committee, and request the earnest prayer and the generous financial support of the whole denomination.

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ADDENDUM A
POLICY MANUAL
FOR THE
COMMITTEE ON
MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL

Stated quite simply, a policy is a course of action adopted by an organization with a view towards influencing and determining the decisions of its members regarding specific important matters which are expected to arise frequently.

The organization involved is the Presbyterian Church in America and its Committee on Mission to the United States through whom the church seeks to discharge one area of its total duty. All material in this Manual has been specifically approved by the General Assembly of the Church.

The founding fathers of the Presbyterian Church in the United States spoke of the mission of the church in an "Address to all Churches" and their statement was repeated by the First Assembly of the PCA. It is the cornerstone of this Manual.

"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 yet 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."

The M-US Policy Manual is intended to be a key instrument by which the Church and its Mission to the United States Committee, acting as one body, can meet this test.

The primary contents of this Manual are policies. In addition, however, there are position statements which present the setting for a certain policy or a group of related policies. This background may include Scripture, reports from the General Assembly of the PCA, or statements from the Committee on Mission to the United States. It is presented to further the understanding of a policy or group of policies and to facilitate implementation.

THE MANDATE OF SCRIPTURE

In the report of the Committee on Mission to the United States adopted by the First General Assembly, the Committee affirmed five truths taken from Holy Scripture and listed below to be the basis for its dedication and service in a truly Biblical and Presbyterian Church:

1. The salvation of souls, the growth of Christ's Church, even the coming of Christ's Kingdom are but means to the highest of all ends - God's glorification. (Romans 11:36)
2. The Lord's Great Commission is to proclaim the Gospel to every person - regardless of human position - in our local area, in our nation and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We inscribe upon the banner of this Church, His last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8)
3. Vigorous evangelism is required to the end that God be glorified in the salvation of His elect. The reformed doctrine of the sovereignty of God, predestination and election demand zealous evangelism. All of God's elect must be saved; not one of them may perish. The Gospel is the means by which God bestows saving faith upon them. The reformed doctrine of election guarantees that evangelism will result in genuine conversions. God is sure to bless His Word to the hearts of the elect unto salvation. (Ephesians 1:11, Romans 9:11-18, 11 Timothy 1:9, Acts 13:48, Romans 8:29-30, Romans 10:17, 11 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
4. In the Presbyterian system of church government, the church is not merely a superintendent but an agent of mission work. This was clearly shown in the relief efforts of the church at Antioch (Acts 11:30), in the process of the call to Barnabas and Saul by the congregation at Antioch (Acts 13:1-3), and in the reference of a theological question affecting world mission to the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). The right of the sending church to a report from those sent supports our view that the church must be an agent of mission work. (Acts 14:26-28)
5. In the Scriptures we discover our mandate is to be zealous in evangelism, vigorous in developing churches where there is no reformed witness, enthusiastic in the spread of the Gospel in specialized fields.

THE ROLE OF MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

The Presbyterian Church in America has written into the church constitution (The Book of Church Order, Par. 14-1) certain basic principals which govern the existence and the development of its mission to the United States.

1. The Church is responsible for carrying out the Great Commission.
2. The initiative for carrying out the Great Commission belongs to the Church at every court level, and the Assembly is responsible to encourage and promote the fulfillment of this mission by various courts.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to evaluate needs and resources, to act on priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission.
6. The Church recognizes the right of individuals and congregations to labor through other agencies in fulfilling the Great Commission.
7. 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.
8. The committees serve the church through the duties assigned by the General Assembly.
9. The Assembly permanent committees are Committee on Administration, Committee for Christian Education and Publications, Committee on Mission to the United States, Committee on Mission to the World, which consists of four classes of three men each.
10. The Assembly's committees are to include proportionate representation of all presbyteries, whenever possible.
11. The Committees are to be established on the basis of an equal number between Teaching and Ruling Elders.

Mission to the United States is an arm 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.

The relationship of the committee to the presbyteries and sessions of the PCA is defined by the duties assigned to the committee by the General Assembly. Its role is to serve these courts and to coordinate General Assembly strategy and effort to build the Presbyterian Church in America into truly a national church used by God to fulfill His Great Commission throughout the U. S. and Canada.

The Assembly's Mission to the United States through its coordinative functions enables individual PCA churches to participate in a cooperative effort with prayer and financial support in the growth of Christ's Church throughout the nation. The primary responsibilities of the Committee on Mission to the United States as assigned by the General Assembly are as follows:

- I. Develop PCA Congregations in every part of the United States and Canada.
 - A. Establish mission churches outside the bounds of the church (existing presbyteries) consisting of Christians interested in the PCA.
 - B. Provide mission churches with an evangelist and/or an organizing pastor.
 - C. Provide program support as needed, helping mission churches to grow spiritually and in financial independence and to become a particular church of the Presbyterian Church in America, active in denominational life.
 - D. Help churches to obtain property and a building through the denomination's church building program.
 - E. Cooperative with and aid presbyteries in mission work within their bounds. This includes help for those presbyteries which cover areas so large that it is unable to maintain an effective witness in every part of its area without help from those in other presbyteries.
- II. Form Provisional Presbyteries
Work with special effort to establish multiple PCA churches within specific geographic bounds thus forming provisional presbyteries for presentation to the General Assembly for formal reception.
- III. Coordinate Special Ministries
 - A. Coordinate the General Assembly's work in special ministries thus allowing the churches and presbyteries of the Assembly to cooperate together in ministries which should not fall as a burden on any one part. These ministries include:
 1. College and university campus ministries
 2. Military personnel ministries through the denominational chaplaincy program
 3. Inner city ministries
 4. Ministries to ethnic minorities
 5. Ministries to the poor
 - B. Coordinate and aid, when possible and advisable, the efforts of diaconal ministries in situation where a local church or presbytery has a special need because of natural disasters and other emergencies that surpasses its ability to respond.
- IV. Act as Point of Contact for Non-PCA Churches

Provide a point of contact for "homeless" individual churches that are evangelical and reformed in the Presbyterian tradition, helping them to become formally affiliated with the PCA.

V. Evaluate Mission Needs of the United States and Canada

The General Assembly has given the Mission to the United States the specific responsibility to study and evaluate mission needs and resources in the United States and Canada and to inform the General Assembly of those needs, recommending priorities for the most effective fulfillment of the Great Commission in North America.

ORGANIZATION

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES Role, Structure and Operation

The Committee on Mission to the United States does not establish policy but rather implements policies established by the Assembly. Its denominational responsibilities fall under five headings.

- I. Developing PCA churches in every part of the United States and Canada.
- II. Forming provisional presbyteries for presentation to the General Assembly.
- III. Coordinating special ministries for the denomination.
- IV. Acting as a point of contact for non-PCA churches interested in affiliating with the PCA.
- V. Evaluating mission needs of the U. S. and Canada for the General Assembly.

The Committee on Mission to the United States consists of twelve members divided equally between Ruling and teaching Elders with two alternates. Committee members are proposed by their presbyteries, nominated by the Assembly's Nominating Committee and elected, by class, at each Assembly. Each class serves for a period of four years. If a vacancy occurs between Assemblies, the Committee will fill the vacancy by naming the appropriate alternate to complete the unexpired term. The members of the Assembly's Committee on Mission to the United States are not the official representatives of their presbyteries or of the Mission to the United States Committees of their presbyteries, but rather are to represent the views and interests of the entire denomination.

Four Committee meetings will be held in each year. These meetings will usually be held in September, December, March and June. At the September meeting a Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary will be elected. In the December meeting the budget, to go into effect thirteen months later, will be approved for presentation to the Committee or Sub-Committee designated by the Assembly. At the March meeting all material to be presented to the Assembly will be approved. The June meeting will be held immediately preceding the Assembly, and Committee members will be available to the Assembly's Committee of Commissioners. The times of meetings will be announced to the Assembly and open to any observers from the Assembly except when in executive session.

The Committee will meet all the expenses of those members, alternates, staff members and invited guest attending the meetings of the Committee, its Executive or Sub-Committees. An exception is made only in the case of the June meeting which is generally tied to the date of the General Assembly. Those delegated to the Assembly from lower courts which meet their expenses will not be reimbursed by the Committee on Mission to the United States.

In addition to carrying out its general areas of responsibilities listed above, the Committee on Mission to the United States as a corporate body is also responsible for:

1. Adopting or modifying operational procedures.
2. Recommending policies to General Assembly.
3. Annually adopting a budget and submitting it to the proper Presbyterian Church in America committee.
4. Nominating the M-US Coordinator.
5. Reviewing regularly the ministry of M-US to determine that it is both efficient and effective and communicating its conclusions to the Coordinator so that they are reflected in the ongoing ministry.
6. Assessing the response of the General Assembly to the ministry of M-US and communicating its conclusions to the Coordinator so that they are reflected in the ongoing ministry.
7. Organizing itself.
8. Choosing as the need requires, Assistant Coordinators to assist the Coordinator in his work and to develop particular parts of the overall ministry of Mission to the United States.

Administrative lines of responsibility may be visualized by the following organizational relationships:



In addition to the Committee, there will be an Executive Committee with the power of the Committee itself between meetings of the full Committee. It will meet at the call of the full Committee Chairman who will serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The actions of the Executive Committee will be reviewed at the next meeting of the full M-US Committee. The Executive Committee will normally be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of each sub-committee. Exceptions can be made if deemed wise by the full committee.

Each Committee member and alternate will be assigned to a sub-committee of the full committee and will at all times be granted a vote on the sub-committee. Where there is need in a special area (e.g. finances, special ministries, etc.) the Committee on the Mission to the United States may co-opt additional members for its sub-committees. Each sub-committee will elect its own chairman and recording secretary. The actions of the sub-committees will always be recommendations to the full M-US Committee and will be acted upon at the next meeting of the Committee. All staff members, organizing pastors and others in the field will have the right of free access to the sub-committees without prejudice.

COORDINATOR-MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES Professional Guidelines

Title: Coordinator - Mission to the United States

Reports to: The General Assembly and its Committee on Mission to the United States

Reporting directly to the Coordinator:

1. Assistant Coordinator - Church Development
2. Assistant Coordinator - Special Ministries
3. Director - Financial Programs
4. Business Manager
5. Executive Secretary
6. Others, as objectives, strategy and consequent organizational structure requires.

Objective:

To coordinate the expansion of the church in the United States and Canada so that the church development ministries of the local congregation, the presbytery and the Assembly work together as an agreeable whole.

Responsibilities:

1. Counsel already organized churches which have an interest in becoming a part of the Presbyterian Church in America and refer them to appropriate presbyteries.
2. Encourage local churches and presbyteries in evangelism and church planting.
3. Work with presbyteries in home missions and new church developments within their bounds when invited to do so.
4. Develop the work of the church outside the bounds of presbyteries so as to establish particular churches and organize provisional presbyteries.
5. Maintain liaison with the other General Assembly Committees and work closely with the coordinators of those committees in an effort to avoid confusion and duplication.
6. Present quarterly reports to the M-US Committee on achievements in the area of his general responsibility and recommend new ministries and changes in existing programs.
7. Render other services as directed by the Committee on Mission to the United States and the General Assembly.

Authority:

1. Execute programs approved by the General Assembly and the Committee on Mission to the United States.

2. Promote the M-US program throughout the Presbyterian Church In America.
3. Receive and disperse funds as authorized by the General Assembly and approved in the M-US program.
4. Establish an office, hire office personnel, purchase equipment and superintend the work of the Assembly's M-US office.
5. Select and recommend to the General Assembly any assistant coordinators who will, after receiving the approval of the Committee and the Assembly, work under his general supervision.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING CHURCHES

There are certain general but important steps that the Committee on Mission to the United States considers to be a part of its program for church planting.

1. A group of Christians interested in Bible study, prayer and fellowship, and with a growing interest in the Presbyterian Church in America are gathered to meet at regular intervals. Such a group is designated a "mission church".
2. When the mission church has grown to several families, has solidified, and male leadership is evident, the Committee may provide an evangelist or an organizing pastor. The seed group at that time must make its own sacrificial commitment of talent, time and treasure to be supplemented by the treasury of the Committee on M-US.
3. The Committee, as it is able, will also provide program support when needed, helping the group to obtain a meeting place, advertise, develop a Christian education program, etc., until it can grow to be self-supporting and become a particular church of the Presbyterian Church in America.
4. After the church has become organized, the Committee on Mission to the United States can help the church to obtain property and a building through the denomination's church building loan program.
5. The Committee should help the local church to develop its own resources for evangelistic outreach in its community and to participate with other churches of the denomination in the growth of Christ's Church throughout the nation and in all the world.

WHERE TO ESTABLISH CHURCHES

In order to make the greatest progress toward achieving the goals for Mission to the United States, as set forth by the General Assembly, it is imperative that we use the resources God has provided in the most strategic manner. This necessitates the setting of priorities which facilitate decisions involving the expenditure of time, resources, and effort. Mission to the United States has set forth the following consideration in setting its mission priorities and although not mandatory or rigid in application and practice, they do help maintain focus on the committee's purpose and strategy.

New churches should be started any community, or city or area that lacks the Christian Church; but, not in a random or disorderly manner. Paul's efforts in establishing the churches of Asia and Europe were planned and strategic. By building churches in key cities and important geographic centers, he was able to influence and evangelize entire regions. Careful planning and effective use of his time and resources allowed Paul to say, after only 10 years, "from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ." (Roman 15:19)

As we examine the New Testament and Paul's methodology in establishing churches, we find several key principals applicable to the Presbyterian Church in America in its strategy to establish a truly national church. First, there was careful selection of centers in which to begin churches. Paul saw the world to be evangelized in terms of provinces or regions. Paul's strategy in evangelizing a region was to establish centers of Christian life in two or three key cities, and, from these cities have the knowledge of the Gospel spread throughout the region.

In establishing Presbyterian Church in America congregations through the United States, we use the following Biblical strategy:

1. We call the entire denomination, including all constituent members, to prayer to the end that the Lord will reveal to us His will concerning the time and place for establishing Presbyterian Church in America congregations. We remember that "it is not enough for a church to be established where many are coming and going unless the people who come and go not only learn the Gospel, but learn it in such a way that they can propagate it."
2. We believe that viewing the country in terms of strategic areas or regions is a Scriptural methodology in seeking places in which to establish churches. In evangelizing

these regions, vibrant, strong churches must be established in certain key cities, establishing flourishing churches in them, and from them reaching out to the entire United States and Canada.

It is evident that the General Assembly from the beginning, expected the goal of this Committee's church planting efforts to be the establishment of new presbyteries as well as strengthening existing presbyteries. In the minutes of the Second Assembly we read:

"That the General Assembly adopt as its policy that the Committee on Mission to the U.S. continue taking advantage of the many opportunities for the establishment of more presbyteries; and that these objectives be commended to the churches for prayer."

In applying the above principals, and achieving the goal of developing presbyteries, and maintaining our Presbyterian polity, careful consideration of how we expend our efforts and resources is critical.

It is important that we utilize the time and resources God has provided in the most strategic manner. A step in this direction is to set priorities in the geographic areas or regions that have the potential to develop multiple churches, and thereby establish new presbyteries. These presbyteries can, in turn, become responsible for developing churches in the outlying areas of their region.

However, should the Spirit of God, in His sovereign purpose, direct that a church be planted in a small, isolated location, it is incumbent upon this Committee to move with all speed to obey such a directive. Such a leading would be evident in several ways - perhaps by the spontaneous development of a large core group, or the reception of a church in the PCA from some other affiliation. This Committee would put a special effort into developing other churches in this area until a presbytery could be formed.

ESTABLISHING CHURCHES

The Presbyterian Church in America fully realized that "flesh and blood" cannot build a local branch of the true Church. There is no sufficiency in human calculation, cognition, or tradition upon which to establish the local church. Jesus Christ is "the Church's one foundation. (I Corinthians 3:11). As we contemplate how to begin a church, let us understand that it is Jesus Christ who owns and builds the Church universal and has providential concern for the Church visible.

There is "no revealed number" as to how many people are needed to form a group seeking to become a Presbyterian Church in America. Regardless of the number of people involved initially, whether only one or a group, each individual should personally be prepared for the challenge of having to begin a new church.

Each person committed to forming a Presbyterian Church in America must be:

1. Trusting completely in the Sovereignty of God, knowing that He has His elect in every area, and that "as many as were ordained to eternal life" will believe.
2. Relying on the biblical truth that it is Jesus Christ who builds His Church universal and has a providential concern for its visible development.
3. Praying for the direction of the Holy Spirit, realizing that the Apostle Paul who was used of the Lord to begin many churches was sent out in prayer, strengthened the churches in prayer, was faithful in his own prayer life, prayed in all circumstances, and repeatedly prayed for the local church.
4. Studying the Word of God, understanding that beginning a truly Reformed church is beginning a church which is truly evangelical. We of the Presbyterian Church in America are firmly persuaded, and desire those who wish to begin Presbyterian Church in America churches to be likewise persuaded, that the more thoroughly Reformed a church is the more evangelistic it will be. Far from rendering evangelism superfluous, the Reformed doctrines of the sovereignty of God, predestination, and election demand zealous evangelism. In fact, the Reformed doctrine of election guarantees that evangelism will result in genuine conversions and thus in the growth of the local church.

A new church can be organized only by the authority of presbytery. The presbytery may proceed with the organization directly, or through an especially appointed commission, or through an evangelist to whom the presbytery has entrusted the power to organize churches. In the organization of a church, whatever be the way in which the matter originated, the procedure shall be as follows:

1. The presbytery ordinarily shall receive and approve a petition subscribed to by those persons seeking to be organized into a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America, appointing a time and a date for a service of organization.
2. At the service and following the preaching of the Word, testimonials shall be presented to the presbytery by such persons as are members of the Church, if there be any, and applicants for admission to the Church on profession of faith in Christ shall, on satisfactory examination, be received.
3. These persons shall in the next place be required to entered into covenant, by answering the following questions affirmatively, with uplifted hand: "Do you, in

reliance on God for strength, solemnly promise and covenant that you will walk together as an organized church, on the principles of the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in America, and that you will be zealous and faithful in maintaining the purity and peace of the whole body?"

4. The presiding minister shall then say "I now pronounce and declare that you are constituted a church, according to the Word of God, and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in America. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."
5. Action shall be taken to secure, as soon as practicable, the regular administration of the Word and Sacraments.

THE ORGANIZING PASTOR

The organizing pastor must be a member under the discipline of the presbytery in which the mission church is located. In those cases in which the potential organizing pastor is not a member of the presbytery in which the mission church is located, he will be presented to that presbytery for examination and reception, before any commitment is made with the man and the mission church. He carries the major responsibility from and to presbytery.

DESIRED ATTRIBUTES FOR AN ORGANIZING PASTOR

Most solid churches are established because of the vision, spiritual burden, sacrifice, and perseverance of some individual who gave himself entirely to the task of church planting. Because of the unique and demanding task of an organizing pastor, certain desirable attributes are to be looked for in each candidate for this position.

1. Natural Attributes

- a. He should be socially and educationally acceptable to the people he seeks to reach.
 - b. He must have an outgoing personality that would enable him to meet new people easily, and converse about spiritual things with all classes of people.
 - c. He must be sincerely interested in people and have a deep concern for their personal problems and have the ability to apply spiritual truths for their solution. He should be able to trust God to give him needed insight into the problems of the people and manifest his deep concern, being willing to give the time and energy to help them.
 - d. He must be a self-starter, must take the initiative and have the drive with commitment to work hard, long hours, without supervision.
 - e. He must have self-discipline in all his personal habits.
 - f. He must be in excellent health, and committed to keeping himself in good condition.
 - g. His home, marriage and family must meet all the biblical criteria for a church leader.
 - h. He must be able to manage his financial affairs in such a way that he will not be an embarrassment to the infant church in a watching community.
- 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.

2. Spiritual Attributes

- a. He must be a man of God with a deep sense of calling.
- b. He must have compassion for the lost, which provides a deep and abiding motivation.
- c. He must be a man of prayer, and given to the Word of God.
- d. He must have vision - he must see opportunities where others see only obstacles. He needs to be highly motivated and to persevere despite discouraging setbacks. His vision must be backed by a solid sense of call - that God has called him to this work and will see him through.
- e. He should have maturity developed through former experience.
- f. He should have the gift of preaching.

TRAINING

Because of the demands of the task of organizing new church training in the needed skills and practices is an important aspect of the overall job. The Mission to the United States will work with the candidate himself and the presbytery, under whose authority he serves, to assess his unique training needs and to establish a training program that will help him effectively accomplish his responsibilities. Such a program will incorporate seminars, time spent with experienced pastors, self-study and time spent with the M-US staff. Special attention should be given to evangelistic skills as well as the specific areas of performance for this task, as outlined in the M-US Procedures Manual for Organizing Pastors.

Where advisable and needed, the organizing pastor will attend continuing education seminars provided by the Committee on Christian Education and Publications, and those sponsored by PCA approved seminars.

The Committee on Mission to the United States will periodically bring all organizing pastors and their wives together for seminars on the particular needs of the organizing pastor and his family. Although these are scheduled yearly, the frequency and length of such seminars will depend on the Committee's ability to financially support them.

EVALUATION

1. The organizing pastor will be evaluated by the Mission to the United States, according to his diligence in the various aspects of his ministry, his accomplishment of the goals and objectives outlined in this manual, and the Procedures Manual for Organizing Pastors, as well as the specific measurable goals for church growth mutually arrived at by the various parties involved. In addition, there will be continued evaluation of the location where the organizing pastor is ministering. If the M-US Committee determines, over a period of time, that a certain area is resistant to the Gospel and that that is a major factor why certain church growth and development goals have not been reached, the M-US Committee may choose to move him to a different, more fruitful place of service.
2. The function of the Coordinator and his staff is to support, encourage and aid, according to the organizing pastor's need. But he also has the responsibility to report progress to the Committee at regular intervals. The following reports are required:
 - a. The Organizing Pastor's Progress Report will be completed by the organizing pastor, on a quarterly basis and forwarded to the Coordinator, with a copy to the office his presbytery may designate.
 - b. A companion financial report form will be completed by the organizing committee, or the session of the congregation served by the organizing pastor. Support will not be continued unless all sections of the progress report are received within 30 days of the close of the previous quarter.
 - c. A semi-annual report of progress from one of the following as applicable:
 - 1) The pastor who is providing oversight
 - 2) The presbytery Minister of Church Growth, or
 - 3) The presbytery M-US chairman.
 - d. An annual report from the General Assembly M-US staff or a Committee member based on a personal visit to the area of ministry.
3. The Committee on Mission to the United States will:
 - a. Receive a summary progress report from the Coordinator on each organizing pastor twice in each year (usually in March and September),
 - b. Suggest any remedial action that might be dictated by the report,
 - c. 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.
 - d. Notify the organized church pastored by an "Organizing Pastor" and their presbytery of any changes in the Committee's financial support.

GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE RELATIONSHIP MISSION TO THE U.S. WITH ALL LAY WORKERS

DEFINITION

Lay workers may be any unordained individual with special skills and training needed to support the mission of Mission to the United States.

SUPPORT

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.

SUPERVISION & ASSESSMENT

The lay worker will be supervised and evaluated according to the procedures already in force or those that will be later established to effect organizing pastors and Special Ministry missions.

MINISTRIES FOR LAY WORKERS

Those men and women serving as lay workers may be involved in any activity which will promote the purpose of the church. Some possible roles are as follows:

- a) Providing program support either to a ministry or 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.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

1. Only those 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 lay worker must have a positive recommendation from the session of the local church.

**GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE RELATIONSHIP OF MISSION TO THE U.S.
WITH ALL UNORDAINED WORKERS**

DEFINITION

Unordained may be theological students on summer vacation, students participating in a clinical year, men who are in a second year of post-M. Div. training, or any man in the process of preparing for service in the Gospel ministry.

They are fulfilling a dual role in their ministries with M-US, in that they are receiving training necessary to their future ministries, and, they are supplementing and supporting the ministries of others.

SUPPORT

It is understood that the support of the unordained worker must be a cooperative effort between the M-US, the presbytery and the local church. Basic living expenses will be met, but that aspect of support, normally construed as benefits (insurance, pension, etc.), will be the sole responsibility of the worker himself.

SUPERVISION & ASSESSMENT

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.

The minister charged to supervise will also be asked to make assessments of the unordained worker's ministry and progress at regular intervals. MINISTRIES FOR THE UNORDAINED

Unordained workers may be used in a number of ways, some of which might be:

1. To survey an area, gathering data, developing interest and ministering from house to house, in hopes that a PCA church will be established.
2. Participate in a team ministry with an evangelist, organizing pastor, a Special Ministries missionary, or other unordained men and lay workers.
3. Serve as a short-term assistant to the pastor of an established church as a part of the training process.
4. Serve as a short-term assistant of an evangelist in a mission church.
5. Work in some specialized ministry of benefit to the PCA, as in a summer conference, youth ministry, rehabilitation center, etc.

COOPERATION

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 worker.

The Assembly's Committee will cooperate with presbyteries and local churches in assigning the unordained so as to support their ministries.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Only those unordained workers that are members of a local PCA church or mission will be eligible for employment under these guidelines.

Before appointment to a ministry, the unordained 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. Such a letter may be forgone in the case of Special Ministry workers, and missionaries where deemed appropriate by M-US.

FINANCE

PROVISION FOR MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

The First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America enacted the following:

"Each committee shall be responsible to raise the financial support for its own work and distribute its funds through its own treasurers elected by each committee."

The Assembly then added this statement:

"No committee of the Assembly is precluded by an act of the Assembly from having direct access to all of the churches of this denomination by direct mail." (MIGA, Pages 45-46, Par. 5)

Thus, while giving M-US the responsibility to fund its own programs, the Sixth Assembly cautioned its committees:

"not to lose the vision of the overall work of the church so necessary to her welfare: to direct the staff to maintain such vision even when pursuing the objectives of their particular areas of responsibility, and to so conduct their promotional and fund raising efforts as well as the development of their budgets in a

manner that will also promote and consider the needs and responsibilities of other committees as charged to them by the Assembly; to the end that we will move forward in unity and harmony under our Lord's banner to be used mightily in His work." (MGA, Page 79, II, Par. 6)

The General Assembly has also called to the attention of its presbyteries the need to develop ministries outside their bounds and to help finance these ministries. Thus, the Assembly has consistently called upon its member churches to support Mission to the United States in order that the Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed through America.

The 6th General Assembly stated that donors to M-US may designate a particular ministry to receive their contributions provided that the donations are marked for PCA work or work approved by any church court. Funds so designated which meet these criteria must be disbursed according to the wishes of the donor. The Committee on Mission to the United States treasurer is instructed by the Assembly to receive such funds and to transmit these funds to the approved and designated individuals and/or programs.

GUIDELINES FOR MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT

The Assembly's Committee on Mission to the United States will, at the beginning of a new ministry, usually provide no more than two-thirds of the organizing pastor's personal support. A common support situation is one in which one-half of the organizing pastor's support comes from at least ten seed families while the other half comes from the Assembly's Committee on Mission to the United States, from the presbytery or a combination of both.

From the beginning, the seed families in a church development should be expected to apply at least one-half of their total offerings toward the support of the organizing pastor. As the group grows in size and commitment, it might provide a great proportion of its offerings for the support of the organizing pastor; but the group should not give less than one-half of its total income for the pastor's support, until the pastor is fully supported by the congregation.

Until self-support has been achieved, no more than 10 percent of the budgeted offerings in a mission church, that is being supported by the Assembly's Committee, should go toward benevolences. Congregational giving over what is provided the pastor and benevolences should apply toward general operating expenses and a future building program.

From the beginning, the goal of the mission church should be to achieve self-support within two years. Some ministries will develop more rapidly; and there is no guarantee that the Committee on Mission to the United States of the General Assembly will continue for the entire two-year period, simply because it is a beginning goal. Each ministry receiving support from the Assembly's Committee will be reviewed at the end of each six-month support period, support being subject to reduction at that time. When it is perceived that a mission can fend for itself, the Assembly's Committee will withdraw its support. Some ministries must, because of location or the economic conditions within the congregation, be subsidized for three years. Only in rare instances, and because of adverse circumstances developing after the M-US Committee has become involved, will the Assembly's Committee on Mission to the United States support the mission for more than three years. It is not expected that the Committee will continue its support of a mission or church after the fourth year under any circumstances; and if the church or mission continues in need, alternate methods of support should be undertaken.

GUIDELINES FOR MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES LOANS TO CONGREGATIONS

A loan may be available to a PCA congregation in the United States or Canada, provided that its application meet the following conditions as a prerequisite for consideration:

1. Loans will be made only to organized congregations. Such congregations must be members of a Presbytery or the Presbyterian Church in America.
2. In instances where land only is to be purchased, then, ordinarily, the amount of the loan will be an amount which, when added to the amount raised by the applying congregation, will permit purchase of the land without the necessity of borrowing additional funds by the applying congregation. A copy of the land purchase contract should be furnished with the application.
3. In instances where the loan is to be used in connection with the building of a facility, or the acquiring of a facility that has already been constructed, then ordinarily the amount of the loan will be an amount which, when added to the amount raised by the congregation, will permit the applying congregation to have sufficient equity to borrow the needed funds from an outside lender to construct or acquire the contemplated facility. A copy of the construction contract, if the new

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- building is to be built, or a copy of the purchase contract on an existing building, should be furnished with the application.
4. All loans will be unsecured and will be interest free (until maturity or default).
 5. All loans will be represented by a promissory note to Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America. The borrowing congregation will be expected to furnish Mission to the United States the following, on an annual basis:
 - a. Copy of the financial statement of the congregation;
 - b. Copy of the operating statement of the congregation for the preceding year;
 - c. A repayment schedule shall be agreed upon by the Mission to the United States Committee, and the borrowing congregation, prior to the time the loan is funded. A copy of the congregation's budget shall be submitted annually. Any change in the repayment schedule must be approved by the Mission to the United States Committee.
- It is understood that, should the borrowing congregation be dissolved or voluntarily withdraw from a Presbytery, which is part of the Presbyterian Church in America, that the Committee on Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America, will be expected to make demand that the outstanding balance of the note be paid.
6. Loans will be made only to a congregation that is recognized as a legal entity under the laws of the State in which such applying congregation is located.
 7. Ordinarily any loan application must be submitted to the Presbytery in which the applying congregation is a member, and forwarded to the Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America, by the Presbytery with its recommendation.
 8. The Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America, reserves the right to make an independent investigation of any application for a loan to accept, reject or delay action on any such application. In addition, the Mission to the United States, Presbyterian Church in America, reserves the right to reduce the amount requested by such applying congregation.
 9. 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 are accepted by the Mission to the United States, in accordance with the restrictions or designations placed thereon by the donor.

ADDENDUM B

PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED JOINT COMMISSION
ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
REPORT
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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

For the first time since forming our Joint Commission, we had planned a trip in March 1980, across the Central United States to the East Coast, visiting a dozen or so military bases where some of our chaplains are serving. But God in His sovereign care planned otherwise. Both Mrs. Leonard and I have recently been hospitalized for rather serious treatment, but both of us, happily and thankfully, are now well and returned to normal activities. I am now planning our military visits in the fall of this year. The attached roster indicating all chaplains (PCA) now endorsed by your Commission, shows steady progress this past year and a widening ministry. The PCA gained two active duty chaplains and the RPCES one. There were significant gains in reserve chaplains and in seminarians, both excellent ways to expand your ministry. The Civil Air Patrol is another area of gain, and we rejoice. We urge prayerful support for all our chaplains, active and reserve, as they reach many for Christ whom our churches cannot reach.

ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES

All endorsements originate at presbytery level. In the PCA, presbyteries endorse to the M-US and M-US to our Commission. In the OPC and RPCES they endorse directly to the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Because of our recent difficulties, the attached financial report is not as up to date as originally planned, but it does cover the period from the time the Joint Commission was formed through September 17, 1980. We recommend our denominations follow the financial guidelines given in the constitution and bylaws approved last year by the General Assemblies.

CURRENT STATISTICS

Current statistics are required annually by the Department of Defense in Washington. Inasmuch as these are due by January 15 each year, it has been difficult, if not impossible, to obtain accurate figures so early in the year for the preceding year. We are asking for a possible change to a later reporting date at our next meeting in Washington, set for March 11-12, 1981, which I plan to attend. Your Commission was represented at the October 1980, meeting. Combined totals sent in this year for our three denominations are as follows: 893 churches, 1,405 ordained ministers, and 131,100 combined membership - still very small compared with the giants, but one with God's blessing is a majority in any case.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

William B. Leonard, Jr., Executive Director
PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED JOINT COMMISSION ON
CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

ROSTER OF CHAPLAINS - March 7, 1981

ACTIVE DUTY	CIVIL AIR PATROL
Fred Carr USA	Charles H. Dunahoo
Donald K. Clements USN	Morton H. Smith
David K. Crocker USAF	Leon F. Wardell
Robert W. Gardner USAF	
W. Ingram Phillips, III USA	
John D. Register USN	
David Roberts USA	
Richard H. Rosser USAF	AUXILIARY PRISON CHAPLAIN
	Charles F. Kukal
NON-ACTIVE DUTY	RETIRED
Charles Frost	Charles D. Brewer USAF
James R. Griffith	Sam S. Cappel USN
Marvin L. Harris	John P. Clark USAF
Albert C. Hitchcock	Edward A. Jussely USA
Wayne Jamison	Theodore Kline USA
Robert I. Jarrett	
David H. Jussely	
Douglas B. McCullough	
James C. Pakala	
John C. Ropp, Jr.	
H. Franklin Smith	
Fred D. Thompson, Jr.	
William N. Whitwer	
SEMINARIAN PROGRAM	
Arnold Johnson USA	
Alan Gardiner USN	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Reporting Period: 2/9/79-9/17/80

Funds Received:	
From Individual Chaplains	\$ 830.00
Churches	532.50
Private designated gift	70.00
Pres. Church in America (PCA)	1,800.00

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Refund State of Colorado	<u>2.50</u>
Total:	\$ 3,235.00
Expenditures:	
Conference Fees, Washington, D.C.	105.00
Travel	1,777.00
Auto Expense	126.39
Literature	7.00
Endorsing Agents Manual	25.00
Bulk Mailing Permit & Fee	70.00
Office (designated gift)	
Postage	15.00
Bank Charges	12.49
Attorney Fees & Corporate Seal	<u>32.62</u>
Total:	\$ 2,170.50
Balance for reporting period:	\$ 1,064.50

ADDENDUM C

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
AND
WESTERN INDIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

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. All deputation work shall be coordinated by Committee on Mission to the United States within the churches of the Presbyterian Church in America in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
4. The Committee on Mission to the United States shall be the primary sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
5. Western Indian Ministries, Inc., in consultation with Mission to the United States 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 Western Indian Ministries, Inc., but it shall be exercised only after consultation with Mission to the United States.
7. While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Western Indian Ministries, Inc.
8. While on the field the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as other Western Indian Ministries missionaries and being subject to the policies and direction of Western Indian Ministries, Inc.
9. The Mission to the United States missionary is to have liberty in the full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view. The manner of this presentation on the field shall be subject to the field policies of Western Indian Ministries, Inc.
10. The Mission on the field will initiate furlough planning. Approval shall be by Western Indian Ministries, Inc., after consultation with Mission to the United States.
11. While on furlough, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the United States. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration

will be given by Mission to the United States to the possible need for the missionary to have additional training or study suggested by Western Indian Ministries.

12. While on furlough the missionary shall be expected to carry on a deputation ministry for Mission to the United States within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America. Mission to the United States shall assume local arrangements and the expenses of deputation.
The missionary shall not solicit constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency and under the policies of Western Indian Ministries.
14. In reference to the financial relationship, the Mission to the United States shall receive and receipt all of the missionary's funds and transfer them to the missionary (support) and to Western Indian Ministries (maintenance). This shall be done monthly.

SIGNED:

General Director, Western Indian Ministries, Inc.

Date:

Chairman, Committee on Mission to the United States
Presbyterian Church in America

Date:

Coordinator, Committee on Mission to the United States
Presbyterian Church in America

APPENDIX G

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

It is the conviction of the permanent Committee on Mission to the World that this is a "good report" and that we should "think on these things"(Phil.4:8). We praise our sovereign God for His faithfulness in a time of world-wide turmoil and economic crises. Surely "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning" (Lam. 3:22,23). He started a good work in 1973, and we are convinced that He will "perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." It is with a deep sense of humility and praise to Him that we offer this report.

OVERVIEW:

During the year 1980 Mission to the World has had a net growth of 15 missionaries, giving us a total of 178 in our working force. There is a continual movement across the denomination as candidates and missionaries on furlough seek to acquaint the church with the opportunities and needs that exist in the world. There continues to be an attitude of expectancy as the PCA family overseas matures and expands in 26 countries. We are happy to repeat our goal: "to maximize the PCA's resources by bringing us to the forefront of what God is doing in the world."

Specifically, it is our desire to focus our ministry in the following areas:

1. An emphasis upon unreached peoples; i.e., the strategy of working with people groups that are responsive and yet beyond the scope of ministry for existing churches or missions.
2. Producing churches with a similar vision to that of PCA in terms of sending missionaries to cultures other than their own.
3. Developing a team concept whereby missionaries are placed to function in fellowship with one another and that task forces working together will accomplish biblical goals.
4. Ministering the whole counsel of God committed to the standards of our church to produce results in which we see God's Lordship exercised in every facet of life.

Our Servants in Missions Abroad (SIMA) program has opened an exciting dimension to us and our people. This short-term program, administered by a separate committee that reports to MTW, is coordinated by the Reverend Jayson Kyle. This first year of operation could be compared to a "shake-down cruise" of an ocean-going vessel. The program is "on target" and is developing in a healthy fashion.

FINANCES:

No other area of the committee's responsibilities has come under closer study and evaluation than has the matter of financial concern. The Eighth General Assembly gave the committee some much needed relief when we were permitted to transfer funds from our Restricted (or Designated) Funds to the General Fund when needed. The amount of \$54,684.97 was transferred from the period of July 1 through December 31, 1980. We praise God for enabling us to return \$44,000 of this amount.

Income for 1980 totaled out at 91.3% of the budgeted amount. Expenses for 1980 were 88.5% of the budgeted amount, enabling us to finish the year in a favorable condition. Careful planning on the part of the staff, plus the fact that we had anticipated 189 missionaries at the end of the year rather than the 178, enabled us to end the year positively.

In November action was taken by the permanent committee to join the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). The qualifications were met and Mission to the World was officially accepted as a member in February 1981.

MISSIONARY FORCE:

The PCA missionary family number 176 as of March 1, 1981. It continues to concern us that the recruiting efforts by presbyteries and our staff have not produced as many church planters as we had envisioned. Our ideal ratio is 60% of our missionary force as church planters with 40% in technical, or support, roles. With the assistance of informed and alert presbyteries and with the earnest and specific prayer of our people (Matt. 9:38), we believe that our goals can be attained.

Presently, our missionary family is as follows:

USTRIA:

Miss Marie Dooley; women's worker, assigned to Greater Europe Mission.

BOLIVIA:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hutson; pilot, JAARS, Wycliffe Bible Translators.

BRAZIL:

Miss Miriam Stout; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (but serving Zaire):

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Adams; pilot, assigned to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

COLUMBIA:

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson; administrator/buyer, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitesides; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

ECUADOR:

Rev. and Mrs. David Clopton; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. David Hamilton; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen Hatch; administrator, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Miss Mayetta Lee; medical technologist, assigned to WRMF.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Mateer, church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Timothy McKeown; church planter/evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Wood; youth worker/educator/musician, assigned to WRMF.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Woodham; church planter/evangelist.

FRANCE:

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Boyer; evangelist/pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. William Edgar; professor/theological education, Reformed Seminary.

Miss Susan Harville; Christian educator/student worker.

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Jones; professor/theological education, Reformed Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Miller; evangelist/discipler in church renewal.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Wessel; church planter, assigned from World Presbyterian Missions.

GREECE:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Van Rusling; administrator, assigned to Greater Europe Mission.

GUATEMALA:

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Powllson; evangelist/student worker; on furlough until November 1981.

HAITI:

Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Miedema; medical doctor/urologist, assigned to Worldteam.

HOLLAND:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Youngblood; administrator, assigned to WEF Theological Commission.

INDONESIA:

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Akovenko; pilot, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. Jakob S. Susabda; professor, assigned to South East Asia Bible College.

Mr. Edgar W. Travis; teacher/computer specialist, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shelden; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

ITALY:

Mrs. Mary Jane Wilburn; administrative assistant, assigned to Greater Europe Mission.

IVORY COAST:

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Bud) Frank; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

JORDAN:

Miss Jean Lappin; nurse, assigned to World Presbyterian Missions.

KENYA:

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carney; administrator (serving in Sudan), assigned to Wycliffe.
Miss Sarah Cox; educator, assigned to Daystar Communications.

KOREA:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Cunningham; administrator, assigned to Campus Crusade for Christ International
Rev. and Mrs. Ronald R. Ellis; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Henderson; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. David Linton; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Linton; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Gary Nantt; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Hyung Young Park; professor, assigned to Presbyterian General Assembly Reformed Seminary.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thrasher; educator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

MEXICO:

Miss Ellen Barnett; Christian educator.
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Courtney; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Creech; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dye; church planter/evangelist.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farris; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.
Rev. and Mrs. William Goodman; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Jose Martinez; area representative, assigned to Logoi, Inc.
Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Toth; church planter/Theological Education by Extension.
Miss Jennie Wilson; Christian educator.

NIGERIA:

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Anderson; professor, assigned to Christian Reformed Board of Foreign Missions.
Miss Dorrie Poland; teacher, assigned to Sudan Interior Mission.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mahaffey; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.
Miss Judy Mayo; teacher, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.
Mr. and Mrs. James Thrasher; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

PERU:

Miss Ann Marie Monroe; teacher, assigned to South America Mission.

PHILIPPINES:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Arciaga; director, assigned to Translators Committee of Philippines.
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kyle; administrator/literacy worker, assigned to Wycliffe. Mr. and Mrs. John Rollo; administrator, assigned to Wycliffe.

PORTUGAL:

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Camenisch; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Paul Long, Jr.; church planter/evangelist.
Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Quarterman; church planter/evangelist.

SURINAM:

Miss Jeanne Ropp; teacher, assigned to Worldteam.

TAIWAN:

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph N. Farlow; pastor, Friendship Church.
 Mrs. Judith Hurley, teacher, Christ's College.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hipple; teacher, Christ's College.
 Miss Julia McLean; teacher, Christ's College.
 Miss Marion R. Mounger; teacher, Christ's College.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schorr; teacher, Christ's College.
 Rev. Charles F. Sledge; teacher, Christ's College.
 Rev. and Mrs. W. Calvin Smith; church planter/evangelist.
 Rev. and Mrs. David C. White; administrator/teacher, Christ's College.
 Mrs. Sarah Wright; teacher, Christ's College.

INTERNATIONAL:

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gahagen; pilot/administrator, assigned to Mission Aviation Fellowship.
 Rev. and Mrs. Jayson Kyle; SIMA Coordinator, assigned to MTW office.
 Rev. and Mrs. John E. Kyle; administrator, assigned to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

ASSIGNMENTS PENDING:

Rev. and Mrs. Cecilio N. Lajara
 Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Nasekos
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Williams; translator/literacy worker, assigned to WBT.
 Rev. and Mrs. G. Michael Wilson; trainer in discipleship, assigned to O.C. Ministries.

CANDIDATES AS OF MARCH 1, 1981:BOLIVIA:

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Valentine; pilot, assigned to South America Mission.

COLUMBIA:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Aschmann; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Michael; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

ECUADOR:

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Depue; finance manager, assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship.
 Miss Marcia Huth; nurse, assigned to WRMF.
 Mr. Glenn LaFitte; medical missions, assigned to WRMF.

FRANCE:

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Stewart; church planter, assigned from World Presbyterian Missions.

FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES:

*Mr. Galen Manapat; church planter/Muslim worker, assigned to North Africa Mission.
 Rev. and Mrs. Randy Smith; church planter/Muslim worker, assigned to NAM.
 *Mr. and Mrs. John Steketee; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.
 Rev. and Mrs. James Young; church planter/Muslim worker, assigned to NAM.

*in language study in Montpellier, France.

HAITI:

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Chambers; hospital maintenance worker, assigned to Worldteam.

KENYA:

Miss Leoma Gilley; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

KOREA:

Rev. and Mrs. James Kobb; church planter/evangelist.

MALAYSIA:

John W. King; translator, assigned to Wycliffe Bible Translators.

PHILIPPINES:

Miss Judith A. Johnston; teacher of missionary children, assigned to Wycliffe.

PORTUGAL:

Rev. and Mrs. William Hermann; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson; church planter/evangelist.

TAIWAN:

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Cathey; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Fairies, Jr.; church planter/evangelist.

Rev. and Mrs. James Stewart; church planter/evangelist.

ADMINISTRATION:

Our executive staff and office personnel continue to satisfy the committee with their more than effective work. Our coordinator, Paul McKaughan, has visited our missionaries in 13 countries. All of our church-planting fields were visited and 32% of our missionaries under cooperative agreements. His counsel, direction and oversight have challenged and encouraged our people. His wealth of information and aggressive leadership has been of invaluable assistance to this committee. Mr. McKaughan has been elected to the Board of Directors of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, a signal honor. Our Coordinator of Church Relations, Kennedy Smartt, has assumed a similar title with the Committee on Mission to the United States. This unique relationship is proving to be valuable to the two committees and to the church at large. He is in constant demand, as is our Missionary-Evangelist, Jimmy Lyons, for conference work and other speaking engagements. Mr. Lyons had 53 assignments last year, most of which were three-day conferences.

As the writer of the Epistle of the Hebrews lists the heroes of the faith, he states: "And what more shall I say?" and he lists more of the faithful. This committee is deeply grateful for the ministry of John McDavid, our financial secretary; James Hughes, director of personnel; Allan McLean, itineration secretary; Carl Wilhelm, administrative director; Helene Spears, administrative assistant; Jayson Kyle, coordinator of SIMA; Shirley McLean, June Blankenship, Anne Kelley, Barbara Johnson, Susan Morris, Charlotte Dean, and Pamela Bassett.

The Committee on Mission to the World has entered a study of the World Presbyterian Missions and Orthodox Presbyterian Church Missions and forwarded to the Ad Interim Committee on Interchurch Relations our findings and suggestions concerning a possible consolidation. Further, Committee on Mission to the World representatives have met with corresponding representatives of WPM and OPC Missions with fruitful mutual discussions.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS:

Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources
 Christian Reformed World Missions
 Daystar Communications
 Greater Europe Mission
 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
 LaFaculte de Theologie Reformee/Aix-en-Provence, France
 Logol, Inc.
 Mission Aviation Fellowship
 North Africa Mission
 O. C. Ministries, Inc.
 Presbyterian General Assembly Theological Seminary/Seoul, Korea
 South America Mission, Inc.
 Sudan Interior Mission
 Translators Committee of the Philippines
 World Evangelical Fellowship
 World Presbyterian Missions
 World Radio Missionary Fellowship
 Worldteam
 Wycliffe Bible Translators

WORLD RELIEF:

The World Relief Corporation continues to be our avenue of assisting those who are the victims of natural or man-made catastrophes. While our churches contributed slightly more than \$40,000 to World Relief, one of our own church-planting teams received more than this amount from WRC.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD:

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

1981

Joseph C. Morecraft III
G. Allen Fleece

Walter Lastovica

1982

Donald B. Patterson

Donald Comer
Gerald Sovereign

1983

William J. Stanway
R. Thomas Cheely

Loyd Strickland

1984

Charles R. Young III

Harry Musser, Jr.
Ashton Stewart

Alternates

Jack Ross

George Fox

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to God for each missionary and candidate and ask His continued provision for their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.
2. That the General Assembly call our denomination to prayer to the "Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest," and that the day of May 16, 1982, be set aside as a day of prayer and fasting for world evangelism.
3. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to Paul McKaughan, Kennedy Smartt, and Jayson Kyle and that these men be re-elected to the office of Coordinator, of Coordinator of Church Relations, and of Coordinator of SIMA, respectively.
4. That the General Assembly express its appreciation to Missionary-Evangelist, Jimmy Lyons, and the entire MTW staff for their faithful and untiring service on behalf of our missionaries and MTW.
5. That the General Assembly urge the churches to set aside a portion of their budgets for the suffering peoples of the world.
6. That presbyteries and local churches be urged to recruit gifted and committed men for world evangelism.
7. (a) That the revised 1981 budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee be approved.
(b) That the budget for 1982 as presented to the Stewardship Committee be approved.
(c) That the 1982 SIMA budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee be approved.
(d) That the revised 1981 SIMA budget as presented to the Stewardship Committee be approved.
8. That the attention of the General Assembly be directed to a Handbook change, page 61, 5.02.6 which now reads:

RESPONSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL REPORT.

Responsibility for the raising of financial support will be a cooperative effort of the MTW staff, MTW Committee, and the approved candidate or furloughing missionary, working with presbyteries, sessions, local pastors and other groups and individuals. Candidates and furloughing missionaries will not be approved for departure for the field until full support has been pledged.

EXHIBIT A

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION TO THE WORLD
MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
WORK WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL,
INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES.

THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT RELATE TO THE CATEGORY OF
MEMBER MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP.

1. The missionary will have dual membership status with both the Mission to the World and Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
2. The appointment of the missionary will be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials will be shared with the understanding that the materials will be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary candidate will participate in the full candidate and training program of Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
5. Time will be allowed for the candidate, if necessary, to do itineration or deputation work under the coordination of the Mission to the World within Presbyterian Church in America churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources, will supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. Mission to the World will be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources, will be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
9. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America.
10. The Mission to the World missionary will have liberty in the full and free presentation of the gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view, as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, recognizing that must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
11. While on the field and traveling to and from the field, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
12. While on the field, the missionary will be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
13. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with Mission to the World and also with Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
14. While on furlough, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Mission to the World. Among the missionary's furlough responsibilities, consideration will be given by Mission to the World to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources. Progress and activity information during furlough will be provided for Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources.
15. While on furlough, the missionary will be expected by Mission to the World to carry on a deputation ministry for Mission to the World within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America congregations. Each agency will assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be within the Presbyterian Church in America under Mission to the World coordination.
16. The missionary will not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
17. The financial relationship of the missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources, will be the same as that for all other members including the assessment and support quotas, except that during any portion of furlough under Mission to the World, the quota may be set by that agency. Mission to the World will receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Presbyterian Church in America and transfer them monthly to Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources, to be transmitted to the field by that agency. Campus Crusade for Christ International, International Resources, will inform Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. The hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans provided by Mission to the World will be available to the missionary by mutual agreement of both agencies.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

MISSION TO THE
WORLD (PCA)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 1980.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. William R. Bright, San Bernardino, CA
Mr. S. Elliot Belcher, Montgomery, AL
Mr. Clarence Brenneman, Portland, OR
Mrs. Vonette Bright, San Bernardino, CA
Mr. Claude Brown, Atlanta, GA
Mr. Bruce Bunner, Los Angeles, CA
Mr. Edward Johnson, Los Angeles, CA
Mr. L. Allen Morris, Miami, FL
Mr. Arlis Priest, Phoenix, AZ

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible Word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those large areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians. Because of the specialized calling of our movement, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us. We explicitly affirm our belief in basic Bible teachings, as follows:

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.
2. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
3. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
4. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died.
5. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own.
6. Man was originally created in the image of God. He sinned by disobeying God; thus, he was alienated from his Creator. That historic fall brought all mankind under divine condemnation.
7. Man's nature is corrupted, and he is thus totally unable to please God. Every man is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
8. The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or godness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight.
9. It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit, but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written Word.
10. The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith.
11. Every believer is called to live so in the power of the indwelling Spirit that he will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.

12. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
13. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.
14. At physical death the believer enters immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting glory and blessing.
15. At physical death the unbeliever enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting judgment and condemnation.
16. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth--personally, visibly, and bodily--to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
17. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to disciple men of every nation. The fulfillment of that Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

EXHIBIT B

WORLD MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA WORK WITH DAYSTAR COMMUNICATIONS,
NAIROBI, KENYA

The subject of this agreement relates to the category of a member missionary relationship. It is agreed that:

1. The missionary will have dual membership status with both the Mission to the World and Daystar Communications.
2. The appointment of the missionary will be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials will be shared with the understanding that the materials will be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary candidate will participate in the full candidate and training programme of Daystar Communications.
5. Time will be allowed for the candidate, if necessary, to do itineration or deputation work under the coordination of the Mission to the World within the Presbyterian Church in America churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Daystar Communications will supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. Mission to the World will be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Daystar Communications will be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
9. While on the field and while traveling to and from the field, the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of Daystar Communications.
10. While on the field the missionary will be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Daystar Communications Afro-Asian Board. It is also understood that the outline of Daystar's philosophies is accepted in all aspects.
11. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in conjunction with the Mission to the World and also with Daystar Communications.
12. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Presbyterian Church in America.
13. The Mission to the World missionary will have liberty in the full and free presentation of the gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed Faith as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism, recognizing that he must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
14. While on furlough the missionary will be under the jurisdiction of the 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 Daystar Communications. Progress and activity information during furlough will be provided for Daystar Communications.
15. While on furlough the missionary will be expected by Mission to the World to carry on missionary deputation of the Mission to the World within the constituency of the Presbyterian Church in America congregations. Each agency will assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibility will be within the Presbyterian Church in America under the Mission to the World.

16. The missionary will not solicit homeland constituency of either agency for personal funds or field needs without permission of the respective agencies.

17. The financial relationship of the missionary with Daystar Communications will be the same as that of all other members including the assessment and support quotas, except that during any portion of furlough under Mission to the World, the quota may be set by that agency. Mission to the World will receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Presbyterian Church in America and transfer them monthly to Daystar Communications, Nairobi. Daystar Communications will inform Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.

18. The medical and hospital insurance plan shall be provided by Mission to the World through the Christian Medical Society.

19. The retirement and disability insurance plan provided by Mission to the World will be processed for the missionary by mutual agreement with both agencies.

DAYSTAR COMMUNICATIONS

MISSION TO THE WORLD (PCA)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 1981.

ADDENDUM TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WHEREBY MISSION
TO THE WORLD MISSIONARIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN AMERICAN WORK WITH DAYSTAR COMMUNICATIONS.

Item No. 17 of the cooperative agreement signed on December 9, 1980 and February 27, 1981, shall be corrected to read as follows:

17. The financial relationship of the missionary with Daystar Communications will be the same as that of all other members including the assessment and support quotas, except that during any portion of furlough under Mission to the World, the quota may be set by that agency. Mission to the World will receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Presbyterian Church in America and transfer them monthly to Daystar Communications, Eugene, Oregon. Transmission of funds to Nairobi, Kenya, will be handled according to financial policies established by Daystar Communications for their missionaries. Daystar Communications will inform Mission to the World of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.

DAYSTAR COMMUNICATIONS AFRO-ASIAN BOARD

Mr. James Mageria, Chairman, Nairobi, Kenya

Mr. Barack Odhiambo, Nairobi, Kenya

Rev. Johana Mbogori, Nairobi, Kenya

Mr. Sam Matu, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr. Stephen Talitwala, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr. Donald K. Smith, Nairobi, Kenya

Mr. Richard Ondeng, Nairobi, Kenya

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Gitari, Nairobi, Kenya

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

I declare that I am a Christian, that I hold the Protestant Evangelical Faith, and that I believe in:

- a) The inspiration by the Holy Spirit of the Old and New Testaments as originally given, as the complete Word of God and its supreme authority for faith and practice;
- b) The Trinity - the deity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
- c) The Incarnation, death, resurrection, ascension, and second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the universal sufficiency of His atoning death upon the cross for the sins of the whole world;
- d) The personality of the Holy Spirit;
- e) The personality of Satan;
- f) The depravity of man's fallen nature, and the necessity of the Holy Spirit's work as the only means of regeneration and sanctification of the believer;
- g) The eternal salvation of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost; the free justification by faith in Christ alone of every sinner who believes in and receives Him as personal Saviour; present conscious assurance of salvation;
- h) Absolution of sins through Christ our High Priest alone;
- i) Holiness of heart and life and the full provision of this in Christ Jesus, and good works as the proof and result of saving faith;
- j) The individual priesthood of the believer;
- k) The joyful anticipation of Christ's return; and
- l) The urgent obligation of each believer to witness to the lost of His saving grace."

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPENDIX H

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

- I. BUSINESS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE: Election of one nominee to each Committee, Sub-Committee, or Board of Trustees for positions indicated.
- II. STATEMENT OF ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- A. In accordance with previous General Assembly Action, it was decided by motion that only nominees for whom biographical forms were available would be considered as eligible nominees from the respective presbyteries.
 - B. The nominees herein presented were elected by the process of nomination by a committee member, with each position being voted upon separately.
 - C. There was discussion (in the absence of the chairman) as to whether nominees for the Covenant College Board of Trustees should be considered if nominated by the Covenant College board but not by their presbyteries. This was decided affirmatively, the names of Morton Smith and Jack Williamson being considered even though not nominated by their presbyteries.
- III. RECOMMENDATIONS:
- A. That the Assembly clarify the procedure for Covenant College nominations.
 - B. That the Stated Clerk of the Assembly include in the biographical data form a place to designate whether the service on the General Assembly level is on a permanent committee or the committee of commissioners.
 - C. That the Assembly receive the following nominations for the respective vacant positions, and vote upon these nominees, along with any others nominated by due process at the Ninth General Assembly.
- IV. NOMINATIONS PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE: Appendix A.
- V. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM THE ASSEMBLY: To be added by due process during the Assembly.
- VI. ROLL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Name</u>
Ascension	C. E. LeSuer, RE
Calvary	James L. Moss, TE
Central Carolina	Dewey D. Murphy, TE
Central Florida	H. Charles Green, Jr., TE
Central Georgia	Henry Hope, TE
Covenant	
Eastern Carolina	C. Gene Parks, RE
Evangel	Bill Hay, TE
Grace	Norman A. Bagby, Jr., TE
Gulf Coast	Thomas G. Birr, RE
Louisiana	J. R. Ayres, RE
Mid-Atlantic	George B. Bringle, TE
Mississippi Valley	Joe H. Treloar, RE
New River	Ron Parrish, TE
North Georgia	Joe C. Gardner, Jr., TE
Pacific	G. Brent Bradley, TE
Philadelphia	Leo Karlberg, TE
Southern Florida	James R. Harding, RE
Southwest	Merle A. Messer, RE
Tennessee Valley	Fred Marsh, TE
Texas	Victor A. Jones, Jr., TE
Warrior	Charles A. Miller, Jr., RE
Western Carolina	J. T. Russel, Jr., RE
Westminster	Ivan L. Ward, RE

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Marsh, Chairman-----
Ron Parrish, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

I. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

A. Present Personnel

<u>Teaching Elders:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ruling Elders:</u>
	Class of 1984	
John Sartelle, Covenant		Mike Hodgkinson, Cent. Florida
Tom Meyer, Grace		
	Class of 1983	
Richard Harris, TN Valley		John Culver, Gulf Coast
		Jack Lonon, West. Carolinas
	Class of 1982	
Paul G. Settle, Calvary		Charles Lowry, Westminster
James W. Lipscomb, Louisiana		
	Class of 1981	
Gordon Reed, Cent. Georgia		Ralph Langford, Evangel
		Richard Ayres, Louisiana
	Alternates	
George Fuller, Ascension		

B. To be Elected:

	Class of 1985	
One Teaching Elder		Two Ruling Elders
	Alternates	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

	Class of 1985	
Don Clements, Mid-Atlantic		William Joseph, Evangel Robert Liken, Philadelphia
	Alternates	
George Fuller, Philadelphia		John T. Clark, Cent. Georgia

Biographical Sketch for Committee on Administration nominees

Teaching Elders: Don Clements, - Previous experience on Administration
Committee 1977-1979(Alt.) George Fuller - Served as an alternate to this committee
1980 -Dean, Westminster Seminary

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- Ruling Elders: William Joseph - Former Moderator of the General Assembly
 -wide variety of experience on both Presbytery and General Assembly Committees
 -County Commissioner, Montgomery, Ala.
 -Structural Architect
- Robert Liken -Retired Regional Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service
 -has practiced Tax Law for 28 years
 -has represented numerous Churches and Religious Organizations in matters before the I.R.S.
- (Alt.) John T. Clark -Former Moderator of the General Assembly
 -wide variety of experience on both Presbytery and General Assembly Committees

II. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

A. Present Personnel

<u>Teaching Elders:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ruling Elders:</u>
	Class of 1984	
Harris Langford, Cent.Georgia		Earl Ross, Pacific Joe Treloar, MS Valley
	Class of 1983	
James Hatch, Evangel		William Huffman, East. Carolina
Paul Kooistra, Warrior		
	Class of 1982	
Eugene Hunt, North Georgia		Donald R. Kimsey, Cent. Florida John Spencer, Evangel
	Class of 1981	
David H. Bryson, Cent.Georgia		O. H. Smith III, Gulf Coast
Michael Schneider, Jr., MS Valley		

Alternates

B. To be Elected:

	Class of 1985	
Two Teaching Elders		One Ruling Elder
	Alternates	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder

C. Nominations:

	Class of 1985	
Terry Moore, Southern Florida Charles E. Turner, South West		Denis Stager, Ascension
	Alternates	
Joseph Pipa, Texas		James Richard Bibb, Covenant

Biographical Sketches for Committee on Christian Education nominees

Teaching Elders: Terry Moore -President of the National Institute of Biblical Studies
 -Former Minister of Education at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

Charles Turner -active service on both Presbytery and General Assembly Committees

(Alt.) Joseph Pipa -a writer of Great Commission Publications 1977-1980
 -taught Pastoral Theology and Christian Education at Westminster Seminary 1978-1979
 -taught teacher training seminars

Ruling Elders: Denis Stager -Audio-Visual Specialist, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
 -Photographer, Ligonier Valley Study Center

(Alt.) James R. Bibb -Mayor, City of Munford, Tennessee
 -Certified Senior Engineering Technician the
 -Served for 10 years a Superintendent of the Tennessee Department of Education, Vocational Technical Division.

III. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

A. Present Personnel

<u>Teaching Elders:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ruling Elders:</u>
	Class of 1984	
David Nicholas, So. Florida		Robert Vinson, Pacific
Fred Marsh, TN Valley		
	Class of 1983	
Robert Cannada, Jr., Covenant		Murdock Campbell, Gulf Coast
		Robert Wilcox, Cent. Carolina
	Class of 1982	
Stuart H. Perrin, Ascension		Stephen Fox, Evangel
Charles McNutt, New River		
	Class of 1981	
James M. Baird, Jr., So.FL.		Earl Russell, Calvary
		Logan Porter, East Carolina
	Alternates	
Leonard Van Horn, Westminster		

B. To be Elected:

	Class of 1985	
One Teaching Elder		Two Ruling Elders
	Alternates	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder

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C. Nominations:

Class of 1985

Cecil Williamson, Warrior	John T. Bailey, Jr., Central Georgia
	Howard E. Perry, Philadelphia

Alternates

Leonard T. Van Horn, Westminster	Frederick A. Archer, Texas
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Biographical Sketches for Committee to the Teaching Elders:	Cecil Williamson	United states nominees
	(Alt.) Leonard T. Van Horn	-previous experience on MUS Committee 1973-1976
Ruling Elders:	John T. Baillie, Jr.	-served as alternate to MUS Committee 1980
	Howard E. Perry	-member of MUS sub-committee on church development
	(Alt.) Frederick A. Archer	-Retired from Civil Service
		-Active member of Presbytery MUS Committee
		-Intelligence Officer, Air National Guard
		-has been active in founding two new congregation.
		-Research and Planning officer U.S.P.S., East Texas District
		-knowledgeable in key areas for church planting in East Texas

IV. COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

A. Present Personnel

<u>Teaching Elders:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ruling Elders:</u>
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Class of 1984

Charles Young, Warrior	Ashton Stewart, Mid-Atlantic
	Harry P. Musser, New River

Class of 1983

R. Thomas Cheely, Calvary	Loyd Strickland, North Georgia
William J. Stanway, Grace	

Class of 1982

Donald Patterson, MS Valley	Gerald Sovereign, Gulf Coast
	Donald Comer, Central Georgia

Class of 1981

G. Allen Fleece, Cent. Georgia	Walter Lastovica, Mid-Atlantic
Joseph Morecraft, North Georgia	

Alternates

Jack Ross, Grace	George Fox, Ascension
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B. To be Elected:

Class of 1985

Russell Toms, Central Florida Stanley D. Wells, Texas

Alternates

Thomas A. Roberts, Louisiana Henry G. Smith, Cent. Georgia

Biographical Sketches for Sub-Committee on Judicial Business nominees:

Teaching Elders:	Russell Toms	- Served as alternate to this Committee 1978-1979
		- Service on Judicial Commissions on the Presbytery level
(Alt.)	Thomas A. Roberts	- Service on General Assembly Judicial Commissions 1980
Ruling Elders:	Stanley D. Wells	- Radiologist
		- Served as alternate to this Committee 1980
(Alt.)	Henry G. Smith	- Attorney at Law, 15 years
		- City Attorney 7 years
		- Committee on Commissioners on Judicial Business 1980

VII. TRUSTEES FOR INSURANCE AND ANNUITY FUND

A. Present Personnel

Class of 1985	Thomas Leopard, Evangel
	Thomas Lowe, Westminster
Class of 1984	Allen Morris, Southern Florida
	J. Edmund Johnston, Mississippi Valley
Class of 1983	Robert G. Sweet, Western Carolinas
	Sam Chester, Jr., Tennessee Valley
Class of 1982	James Lipscomb, Louisiana
	Seixas G. Milner, North Georgia
Class of 1981	Russell Flaxman, Mid-Atlantic
	E. Crowell Cooley, Mid-Atlantic

B. To be Elected:

Class of 1986 Two members, either Teaching or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1986 John W. Todd, Jr., Ascension
Robert E. Kresge, New River

Biographical Sketches for Committee on Insurance and Annuities nominees:

Ruling Elders	John W. Todd	- Retired Executive Vice President of U. S. Steel Corporation
	Robert E. Kresge	- Stated Clerk New River Presbytery 1977-1980
		- Professional experience in the area of insurance and annuities.

VIII. ASSEMBLY THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

A. Present Personnel

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<u>Teaching Elders:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ruling Elders:</u>
	Class of 1983	
Norman Evans, New River		Millard Tate, East. Carolina
	Class of 1982	
Robert Vincent, Louisiana		James Peaster, MS Valley
	Class of 1981	
Douglas J. Culver, Ascension		George Calhoun, Grace
	Alternates	
Ronald Harding, Mid-Atlantic		Robert Cato, MS Valley
B. To be Elected:		
	Class of 1984	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder
	Alternates	
One Teaching Elder		One Ruling Elder
C. Nominations:		
	Class of 1984	
Ronald C. Harding, Mid-Atlantic		Bill Stevenson, North Georgia
	Alternates	
J. Robert Vannoy, Philadelphia		Doug Haskew, Evangel
Biographical Sketches for Assembly Theological Examining Committee nominees		
Teaching Elders:	Ronald C. Harding	- Served as alternate to this committee 1979
(Alt.)	J. Robert Vannoy	- Professor Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, Pa.
Ruling Elders:	Bill Stevenson	- Pharmacist
		- Solid commitment to Reformed Standards
(Alt.)	Doug Haskew	- Vice President, Liberty National Life Insurance Co.
		- Has Master's degree in Christian Education
IX. BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION		
A. Present Personnel:		
	Class of 1984	
	Andy Trotter, Tennessee Valley	
	Robert Brown, Pacific	
	Class of 1983	
	John Albritton, Evangel	
	James Wasson, Calvary	

Class of 1982

James E. Moore, Covenant

Steve A. White, Eastern Carolina

Class of 1981

Laurie V. Jones, Covenant

Robert Baxter, Texas

B. To be Elected:

Class of 1985

Two members, either Teaching or
Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1985

Arnold Lee, Grace

F. E. Brasfield, Mississippi Valley

Biographical Sketches for Trustees for P.C.A. Foundation

Ruling Elders:

Arnold Lee - Justice court Judge, 5th
District of Copiah County,
Crystal Springs, Miss.F. E. Brasfield, Jr. - Vice-President, Deposit
Guaranty National Bank,
IRA/Keogh Administrator

X. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RIDGE HAVEN

A. Present Personnel

Teaching Elders:ClassRuling Elders:

Class of 1983

Rhett Sanders, Calvary

Charles T. Wolf, Jr., Cent.GA

Gordon Reed, Cent. Georgia

Class of 1982

Royce G. Waites, Calvary

Harrison R. King, Calvary

Alex Keleman, New River

Class of 1981

Paul G. Settle, Calvary

Ken Keyes, So. Florida

Douglas Patton, Calvary

B. To be Elected:

Class of 1984

Three members, either Teaching or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1984

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Newton Brooks, Gulf Coast
 Robert Harris, North Georgia
 Harold Tolsma, Texas

Biographical Sketches for Trustees for Ridge Haven nominees:

Ruling Elders	Newton Brooks	- Retired Hydro-power Operator - Has spent three months in volunteer work at Ridge Haven
	Robert Harris	- Executive with Georgia Power Co. - Helped in wiring Director's home
	Harold Tolsma	- Interior Designer

XI. COVENANT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Present Personnel:
Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Class of 1983

Robert Butterfield, Cent. Florida	Ralph Langford, Evangel
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Class of 1982

David H. Bryson, Cent. Georgia	Oliver Smith, Jr., Tenn. Valley
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Class of 1981

Morton H. Smith, Western Carolinas	W. Jack Williamson, Evangel
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B. To be elected:

Class of 1984

Two Teaching or Ruling Elders

C. Nominations:

Class of 1984

Fred Marsh, Tennessee Valley	William Hall, Central Florida
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Biographical Sketches for Covenant College Board of Trustee nominees:

Teaching Elder:	Fred Marsh	- Pastor, St. Elmo Church, Chattanooga, TN - Present ministry brings continual contact with Covenant College Faculty, students and staff - Graduate of Covenant College - Experience with Board participation in Parent-Controlled Christian (School K-12)
Ruling Elder:	William Hall	- Approved by Covenant College Board - Physician - Previously served as Covenant College Trustee 1974-1978

APPENDIX I

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION
TO THE NINTH 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 Savior 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 Ninth General Assembly will elect two men for the class of 1985.

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. To date approximately \$6,500 undesignated funds have been distributed to the four standing Committees.

The Foundation's program was greatly curtailed this past year due to lack of operating funds. As a result the Foundation Board of Trustees proposed a plan of operation for 1981 that the Eighth General Assembly referred to an Ad Hoc Study Committee for study and recommendation to the Ninth General Assembly. Emergency funding in the amount of \$6,000 for the balance of 1980 was arranged by the Eight General Assembly and a 1981 Budget of \$20,500 approved and funding arranged.

Despite the curtailed operation, since the last Assembly, \$262,257 have been distributed for the work of the church according to donor's wishes. Wills seminars are continuing to be held as requested.

The program of the Foundations is long-range and its full potential will not be realized for several years to come. However, we have on file several wills with a value of approximately \$750,000. We will also be distributing over \$800,000 during the next four years from gifts already in hand.

To God be the glory, great things He has done.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PCA FOUNDATION PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>1980</u> Actual	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Salaries			
Director		\$ 6,000	\$ 7,500
Bookkeeper	\$ 1,200.00	1,200	2,000
Taxes - Payroll	64.33	100	150
Literature	280.62	1,000	1,000
Legal & Accounting	7,927.07	3,000	3,000
Misc.	361.98	700	1,500
Office Supplies	241.57	250	850
Postage	57.42	1,600	1,600
Printing	10.80	1,400	1,500
Rent	1,551.50	1,550	1,550
Telephone	162.40	1,000	1,000
Travel	561.99	1,000	1,000
Comm. Meetings	2,204.31	1,600	2,000
Subscriptions	95.00	100	100
	<u>\$14,719.04</u>	<u>\$20,500</u>	<u>\$24,750</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the 1982 Budget be approved as presented.
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 J

REPORT OF RIDGE HAVEN, INC.
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

I. INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION

The Ridge Haven Conference Center continues to grow in physical facilities and in the use of these facilities. In October we held a formal dedication of the Conference Center as a whole, of Iverson Lodge (named to honor the memory of Rev. Daniel Iverson), and Webb Cashion picnic shelter. The Moderator of the General Assembly and representatives of each of the four permanent Program Committees of the Assembly participated in dedicating Ridge Haven and its use to the glory of our Lord.

From May through October Iverson Lodge was booked almost every week. During the winter months there were just a few scattered weekends when it was not reserved. A variety of groups utilized Ridge Haven for conferences, retreats, and meetings. There were junior high, senior high, college and career, and senior citizens groups. One church had two spiritual enrichment retreats for a number of its members. One of General Assembly's judicial commissions held a three day meeting at Ridge Haven at a considerable monetary saving, instead of meeting in a motel. One Christian school brought a number of students for a weekend of nature and Bible studies.

We are pleased with the favorable comments about the benefits and results of using Ridge Haven. A second lodge was completed and put in service in April. Each of the two lodges can accommodate groups of 50 for a total capacity of 100. Advance reservations for groups wanting both lodges already cover periods extending into August.

The family camping area opened for use in May. It has a rest room building with showers and a washing machine and dryer. A ball field and play area adjoin the camping spaces. The camping area has provision for drive-in, pull-through, and tent spaces. Water and electricity are available at the camp sites.

No lakes have been built. Engineering studies revealed that the sub-surface rock is fractured. This requires pressure grouting to seal and increases the cost of any dams by about 1/3. We have not had sufficient funds available to make the lakes appear feasible at this time.

There is still a lack of general knowledge and interest concerning Ridge Haven across the denomination. The potential for blessing is fantastic as is attested by those who have used Ridge Haven. It offers a truly unique opportunity to worship our Lord and grow spiritually. We urgently need more cooperation in acquainting the people of our churches with Ridge Haven. Two mass mailings to all of the churches in the PCA gave very disappointing results. We know some churches did not even make the information available to their members. We pray this circumstance will not continue in the future. Ridge Haven is the Conference Center for all of the PCA, and it needs the support of all of the churches.

The lease lots adjoining Ridge Haven are enjoying good interest. An additional 110 acres, which contains some of the most outstanding building sites with panoramic views in the entire mountain region, were made available. Two houses are presently under construction with summer completion schedules.

Through the generosity of a Methodist and a Lutheran friend a large metal building for maintenance equipment, office area, and storage has been erected. To date Ridge Haven primarily results from a number of fairly large gifts and one exceptionally large, generous gift. The rate of development of the Conference Center from this point on will depend upon the gifts of congregations and individuals within the Presbyterian Church in America, since we may only proceed as the money is in hand. We pray that enough people in the Church will show an active and generous interest in Ridge Haven to enable us to build and maintain a Conference Center which will serve the Lord and His Church.

II. RIDGE HAVEN PROPOSED BUDGET

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Administrator's Salary	\$28,016	\$ 30,000	\$ 34,090
Supt. of Bldg. & Grounds	12,600	13,200	14,250
Part Time Workers	4,616	12,000	*
Secretary	5,309	7,200	6,250
Equipment-Operation & Maint.	8,349	8,500	9,000
Tools	561	1,000	1,500
Utilities	4,964	6,000	8,625
Taxes (Payroll & Property)	6,164	6,300	6,200
Buildings & Grounds Maint.	855	5,500	6,000
Insurance	2,270	4,600	5,000
Promotion	10,365	15,700	50,000**
Travel Expense	1,585	1,700	1,000
Board Meeting Expense	1,114	1,400	2,000
Office Expense	2,133	2,250	2,500
Audit Fee	1,390	1,400	1,500
Miscellaneous Expense	416	250	500
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Total Expense	\$90,707	\$ 17,000	\$148,415
Property Pmt. (Principal)			30,606
(Interest)		-----	17,140
		17,140	17,140
TOTAL	\$90,707	\$134,140	\$196,161

* This Budget classification has been discontinued. We believe that future part time workers will be used for development and building and that payments made to those workers should be charged to capital assets.

** This figure includes travel expenses of \$15,000, promotional literature of \$15,000 and salary for a Promotion Person of \$25,000.

General Note: The 1981 budget has been subjected to some reclassification in an effort to make it comparable with the proposed 1982 budget.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 1982 Budget be approved
2. That the following proposed Amendment to the BYLAWS OF RIDGE HAVEN be approved and become effective with this meeting of the General Assembly. Amend Article V, Section 3, "Regular Meetings" (page 268 of MINUTES OF SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1979) by

deleting the words "at General Assembly on the opening day of business" and substituting the words "during the month of August". (The rest remains the same.)
3. That Ridge Haven be granted ten minutes to give a presentation on the Conference Center to the General Assembly.
4. That sessions and churches be encouraged to have a Ridge Haven representative present the Conference Center to their congregations.
5. That churches, presbyteries, and General Assembly Committees be encouraged to use the facilities of Ridge Haven for retreats, conferences, and other meetings whenever possible.
6. That sessions and churches be encouraged to include Ridge Haven Conference Center in their annual budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Rhett Sanders
Secretary, Ridge Haven, Inc.
Board of Directors

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RIDGE HAVEN TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

III.

7. That all Committees of the General Assembly be encouraged to use the facilities at Ridge Haven.

Appendix K
REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE FOR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES
TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The 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. The Sub-Committee endeavors to raise the support for the total budget of the one work of the church as it is carried out through the four program committees.

I. 1980 GIVING

A Total of \$4,230,253 was received by the four permanent committees of the General Assembly in 1980. This was the largest total yet for our P.C.A. agencies. The 1979 combined income of the four committees was \$3,506,826.00.

The Committee on Mission to the World received \$2,628,005.00 in 1980, for 91% of its approved budget. The Committee for the Mission to the United States received \$630,248.00 (73%). The M-US FIVE IN FIVE program received \$343,987.00. Christian Education and Publications received \$449,913.00 (80%), and the Committee for Administration \$178,100.00 (80%). These figures show a steady growth in the giving of our people to P.C.A. causes, even in the midst of inflation and yearly increased budgets by the Assembly. We believe the efforts of the Stewardship Committee on behalf of the four committees are certainly reflected in these increases.

The Sub-Committee rejoices in the fact that total benevolent giving in 1980 increased 8.7%, with the percentage of disbursements allocated for P.C.A. causes increasing by 8.7%. Non P.C.A. causes increased 7.3% per capita giving to all causes increased from \$507.00 to \$561.00, an increase of 9.0%.

II. Stewardship Network

The establishment of a Stewardship network to facilitate communication of important information between the program committees and the presbyteries is closing the communication gap in these presbyteries that have Stewardship chairmen. The presbytery "Key-Men" receive a periodic update of vital information concerning the four committees. These men in turn, are responsible for communicating this information to the local congregations and appropriate presbytery committees. The key man serves as a catalyst and as an advocate for the General Assembly causes on the presbytery and local church level. As of this date we have a Stewardship key-man in 21 of our presbyteries.

III. Presbytery Askings

At the direction of the General Assembly, the Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries calculated the per capita contributions to the four permanent committees that would be necessary to meet their committee 1981 budget. This information was distributed to each local church and the presbyteries with the request that each church indicate the amount it plans to give to the work of the General Assembly. A summary of the response of these churches is attached to this report.

IV. Quarterly Financial Reports

One of the most effective methods of keeping our pastors and sessions informed as to the financial status of the four permanent committees has been the Quarterly Financial Report. These reports list income, percent of income to budget, expenses (both program and administration expenses), and balance on hand for each of the four committees.

V. Stewardship Materials

The Sub-Committee continues to make Stewardship materials available to our churches. In 1980, we distributed 150,000 pieces of literature in the form of tracts, pledge cards and brochures to our people. This was an increase of 9% over 1979. This year the Sub-Committee introduces a new packet of material based upon the theme "Giving Yourself First". Samples of these materials will be mailed to our churches in August. They may be ordered from the Stewardship office.

VI. Stewardship Seminars

To assist local church officers, pastors and members in the preparation and implementation of an effective stewardship program in the local church, your Sub-Committee continues to conduct Stewardship Seminars. These one day seminars (usually held on a Saturday) consist of at least two general sessions and 6 work shops. These seminars are a proven method of assisting local churches and the Assembly in the area of Stewardship. We have many letters on file in our office attesting to the success of these meetings. Time and time again our record show that after the Stewardship Seminar, the giving of the participating church to General Assembly causes increases and in some cases there is a significant increase. Over 80 churches have participated in these seminars since their inauguration in March of 1978.

VII. 1981 Calendars

Your Sub-Committee continues its efforts to publicize and assist in the coordination of assembly, presbytery and committee events through the publication and distribution of the Stewardship Calendar. This year the calendar contains printed dates (when information was available) of all presbytery meetings, as well as the regular meetings of the four permanent committees. This Calendar was distributed to each minister and clerk of session in the denomination, each member of the General Assembly's permanent committees and each committee staff person.

VIII. Speakers Bureau

The Sub-Committee further served the church through its Speakers Bureau. This is a pool of laymen who are available for special messages on Stewardship. These laymen fill the pulpits of several of the churches across the denomination proclaiming God's Stewardship message of Time, Talents and Treasure. This service is provided without cost to any church which desires a Stewardship speaker.

IX. 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 1980 Statistical Report, indicated what each church had received in total contributions, what amount was given to P.C.A. causes (including presbytery) and what was given to non-denominational causes.

X. Media Presentation

The Sub-Committee continues to seek ways to promote the one work of the church across the denomination. This year we have produced and made available to the local church a slide-tape presentation entitled "No Congregation is an Island". The purpose of this presentation is to show that each congregation of the P.C.A., regardless of size, is not an island unto itself, but is part of the larger body of Christ and has the responsibility of helping to fulfill the great commission through the one work of the church.

XI. Budgets

Operating under the guidelines of the General Assembly, the Sub-Committee reviewed each of the budgets of the program committees. The guidelines used to review the budgets of these committees were as follows:

- (1). Review the history of giving for each committee.
- (2). Project from that history what could be expected for the coming year.
- (3). Add a faith percentage to the figure derived in step number 2.

Attached to this report are copies of these budgets which we are recommending to the Assembly for its approval.

Recommendations

1. That the General Assembly now view the slide-tape presentation entitled "No Congregation is an Island".
2. That the period of Sunday, October 18, 1981, through Sunday November 8, 1981 be a special Stewardship Season and Sunday, November 8, 1981, be recommended as Commitment Sunday.
3. That the Presbytery encourage each local church to appoint a Stewardship Key-Man.
4. That Presbyteries encourage each church to participate in a Stewardship Seminar when it is offered in their area.
5. That each church be encouraged to use the 1981 Stewardship materials "Giving Yourself First".
6. That churches and presbyteries be used to complete the report on the 1981 Assembly Askings as soon as possible.
7. That the report on the Statistical Summaries be received as information.
8. That the revised Budgets for Mission to the World and Stewardship Ministries be approved as submitted.
9. That the 1981 Budgets be approved as submitted.

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 contradistinction from 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 roll, 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. Even since Eve, they have been endowed with a capacity for sensitivity to others, for tender love, for self-giving, and for understanding. God put 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" (1. 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 (11 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 (11 Co. 9:7), and understand that generous giving is a grace or gift from God (11 Co. 8:1,2). To "seek the Lord first" (Mt. 6:33) is the goal of life and of Christian giving (De. 6:17, 1 Co. 6:2, 11 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? Are spiritual causes given the priority? Are my offerings a generous portion or percentage of my income? Am I willing to live without some of the luxuries of our America 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 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 tankofferings 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 1 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 is the practice of love (John 14:15, 11 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 cummin, 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 yet 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."¹

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% 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 1 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, 1 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 alway, 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. Second Chronicles 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. 4:7ff). 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 of 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 work 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 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 (1 Jn. 3:14). This love of brethren is of the essence of the Christian message (1 Jn.3:11), is an imperative because of God's love for us (1 Jn. 4:11), evidences the maturing of God's love within us (1 Jn. 4:12), and is the test of our love for God Himself (1 Jn. 4:20). In such an atmosphere of love, there is no room for mistrust (1. Jn. 4:18).

We need to practice the Biblical principle of 1 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...Trus 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 faithfully carry out the work of the church 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 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 fund 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 Philipians. 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 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 polity 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 denominations 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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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNIFORM BUDGET FORMAT
Progress Report

In accordance with the directive of the Eighth General Assembly (See minutes, Pg. 190 8-80) the following is a report of the progress made to establish a uniform budget format to be used by all General Assembly committees.

Two meetings have been held thus far with the Administrative staffs, all the committees being present. A third meeting is scheduled during the month of August to finalize the chart of accounts in order that the committees may approve the new standard format prior to preparing their 1983 budgets.

This report considers proposed budget forms developed in cooperation with the administrative staffs of the various General Assembly committees. The forms present the proposed budget in terms of object expenditure line-items such as salaries, supplies, etc. Functional budgeting by programs and supporting service activities has been discussed and a uniform reporting of functional expenditures may be easily integrated with the forms presented in this report.

The forms are presented without assignment of account code classifications pending development of a complete standard chart of accounts and numerical coding system for use by the the Committees.

This report consists of the following forms and comments:

Budget Form No. 1 - This one-page form presents a summary of the total proposed budget classified by object expenditure account. The expenditures are separated into two groups identified as Committed and Growth budgets. The headings are as follows:

1. The first two columns compare the most current full year of actual expenditures with the budget for that year.
2. The third column reflects the current year approved budget for which there would generally be little actual information available for comparison.
3. The fourth column is for the budget being proposed for consideration.

It is anticipated that Budget Form No. 1, after approval, would become the official budget of the Committee and would be included in the General Assembly minutes.

Budget Form No. 2 - This form is to provide more detail on expenditures proposed in Budget Form No. 1 for the benefit of budget review committee members and others interested in the details of the summarized official budget. This form is to supplement Form no. 1 for review and evaluation purposes but would not necessarily become an integral part of the official record in the General Assembly minutes. In order that each committee report in a uniform manner, the accounts and account codes would be the same for all committees even though a particulars account may be required by some committees and not required by others. Any expansion of the chart of accounts will be approved by all the committees.

Narrative Description of Selected Accounts - This narrative describes generally the types of expenditures that may be included in a particular account classification in order that the various Committees include comparable expenditures. The narrative may be expanded to include more accounts or more details of includable expenses.

As suggested in the first paragraph, the format for presenting program and supporting service activities is to be developed which logically would be Budget Form No. 3. Subsequently, the official approved budget expenditures may be presented both in summarized object expenditure format (salaries, supplies, etc.) and by functional distributions (program, fund raising, etc.).

If adopted, the suggested forms will be used in the next budgeting period, January, 1982.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

BUDGET FORM NO. 1

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 19 ____
 NAME OF COMMITTEE/DENOMINATIONAL AGENCY _____

ACCT. NO.		1980	1981	1982
UNASSIGNED		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
0000	<u>Coordinator's Salary/Benefits</u>			
	0000 Salary			
	0000 Housing & other allowance			
	0000 Insurance & annuity			
	Total Coord. Sal./Bene.			
0000	Other Salaries			
0000	Other Employee Benefits			
0000	Professional Services			
0000	Supplies			
0000	Telephone & Telegraph			
0000	Occupancy Costs			
0000	Promotional			
0000	Travel & Hotel			
0000	Committee Meetings			
0000	Computer Expenses			
0000	Conferences			
0000	Dues, Publications & Subscriptions			
0000	Printing			
0000	Postage and shipping			
0000	GA Assigned Expenses			
0000	Rental & Maint. - Equipment			
0000	Capital Expenditures			
0000	Miscellaneous			
	Total Committed Expenditures			
0000	Growth			
	Grand Total			

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BUDGET FORM NO. 2

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 DETAILS OF PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 19 ____

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NAME OF COMMITTEE/DENOMINATIONAL AGENCY _____

ACCT. NO.		1980	1981	1982
UNASSIGNED		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
0000	<u>Other Salaries</u>			
	0000 Administrative Staff			
	0000 Office Staff			
	0000			
	0000			
	Total other salaries			
0000	<u>Other Employee Benefits</u>			
	0000 Insurance & Annuity			
	0000 Payroll taxes			
	0000			
	Total other employee benefits			
0000	<u>Professional Services</u>			
	0000 Audit fee			
	0000 Legal			
	0000 Management Consultant			
	0000 Program Consultant			
	0000 Miscellaneous			
	Total professional services			
0000	<u>Supplies</u>			
	0000 Office			
	0000 Building			
	0000 Program			
	0000			
	Total supplies			
0000	<u>Telephone & Telegraph</u>			
	0000 Telephone			
	0000 Telegraph (mailgrams)			
	Total Telephone & Telegraph			

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 DETAILS OF PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 19 ____

NAME OF COMMITTEE/DENOMINATIONAL AGENCY _____

ACCT. NO.		1980	1981	1982
UNASSIGNED		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
0000	<u>Occupancy Cost</u>			
	0000 Rent			
	0000 Utilities			
	0000 Interest on mortgage			
	0000 Property Taxes			
	0000 Insurance			
	Total occupancy cost			
0000	<u>Promotional</u>			
	0000 Publicity			
	0000 Materials			
	0000			
	Total Promotional			
0000	<u>Travel & Hotel</u>			
	0000 Coordinator's Travel			
	0000 Staff travel			
	0000 Program			
	0000 Candidate travel			
	Total travel & hotel			
0000	<u>Committee Meetings</u>			
	0000 Travel			
	0000 Hotel			
	0000 Group meals			
	0000			
	Total committee meetings			
0000	<u>Computer Expenses</u>			
	0000 Equipment lease			
	0000 Consultant			
	0000 Supplies			
	0000 Service Bureau			
	0000 Software			
	0000 Repairs & Maintenance			
	Total computer expenses			

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
 DETAILS OF PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 19 ____

NAME OF COMMITTEE/DENOMINATIONAL AGENCY _____

ACCT. NO. UNASSIGNED		1980 ACTUAL	BUDGET	1981 BUDGET	1982 PROPOSED BUDGET
0000	<u>Conferences</u>				
	0000 Registration Fees				
	0000				
	0000				
	0000				
	0000				
	Total Conferences				
0000	<u>Dues, Subscriptions & Pub.</u>				
	0000 Dues and memberships				
	0000 Subscriptions & publications				
	0000				
	0000				
	Total dues, subs., pub.				
0000	<u>Printing</u>				
	0000 Promotional				
	0000				
	0000				
	0000				
	Total printing				
0000	<u>Postage and Shipping</u>				
	0000 Postage				
	0000 Freight				
	0000				
	0000				
	Total postage & shipping				
0000	<u>General Assembly Assigned. Exp.</u>				
	0000 Support-Steward. Comm.				
	0000 Support-PCA Foundation				
	0000 GA - Committee Expense				
	Total General Assy. Assign. Exp.				
0000	<u>Rent & Maintenance of Equipment</u>				
	0000 Service Contracts				
	0000 Lease payments				
	0000 repairs				
	Total rent & Maint. of equip.				

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DETAILS OF PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 19 ____

NAME OF COMMITTEE/DENOMINATIONAL AGENCY _____

ACCT. NO.		1980	1981	1982
UNASSIGNED		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
0000	<u>Capital Expenditures</u>			
	0000 Office Equipment			
	0000 Transportation Equipment			
	0000 Computer Hardware			
	0000 Buildings			
	0000 Land			
	Total capital expenditures			
0000	<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
	0000 Moving			
	0000 Insurance & bonding			
	Total Miscellaneous			
0000	<u>Growth</u>			
	0000			
	0000			
	0000			
	0000			
	Total Growth			

GRAND TOTAL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

NARRATIVE OF SELECTED EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

- 0-0000 Professional Fees
This classification includes: Fees and expenses of professional practitioners and consultants who are not employees of the Committee and are engaged as independent contractors for specified services on a fee or other individual contract basis. Examples: Legal and auditing fees and expenses; contract payments to independent professional consultants, except computer consultants shown under "Computer Expenses" below.
- 0-0000 Supplies
This classification includes: Cost of material, appliances and other supplies used by the Committee. Examples: Food and beverages (coffee, cookies, etc.); laundry, linen and housekeeping supplies; stationery, typing, accounting and other office supplies; paper, ink, film and other printing and duplicating materials; first-aid supplies and all other supplies except computer supplies shown under "Computer Expenses" below.
- 0-0000 Occupancy Costs
This classification includes: All costs arising from a Committee's occupancy and use of owned or leased land, buildings and offices. This would exclude costs reported elsewhere, e.g., salaries, depreciation on buildings, etc. Examples: Office rent; building and equipment insurance; mortgage interest; electricity, heat and other utilities; janitorial and other maintenance services under contract.
- 0-0000 Promotional
This classification includes: All costs of promotional publicity and media expenses. Cost of promotional printing is included under "Printing" below.
- 0-0000 Travel and Hotel
This classification includes: Expenses of travel and transportation for Committee representatives. Examples: Transportation fees, mileage allowances, hotel, meals and incidental expenses; local bus and taxicab fares; expenses of operating Committee-owned vehicles; allowances for use of employee's or volunteers' automobiles on business for Committee. All travel expenses are included here except Committee meetings travel shown under "Committee Meetings" below.
- 0-0000 Committee Meetings
This classification includes: All expenses related to Committee meetings of all kinds, including travel, hotel, etc.
- 0-0000 Computer Expenses
This classification includes: All expenses related to the maintenance and operation of computer equipment and service bureau expense. This includes software, supplies, equipment lease, consultants and all other except capital expenditures.
- 0-0000 Conferences
This classification includes: Expenses of all meetings related to the organization's activities, except Committee meetings included above. Examples: Expense of family conferences, seminars, retreats, including registration fees, but excluding travel and hotel.
- 0-0000 Dues, Subscriptions and Publications
This classification includes: Costs of subscriptions and reference and resource publications purchased for use by the staff of the Committee, but not for distribution. Binders, card indexes, book shelves, magazine racks, etc. to operate staff library should be charged to supplies or capital expenditures as appropriate. Amounts paid for staff for memberships in other organizations are charged to this account.
- 0-0000 Printing
This classification includes: Cost of all outside printing.
- 0-0000 Rental and Maintenance of Equipment
This classification includes: Costs of renting and maintaining equipment, such as typewriters, calculators, dictaphones and similar equipment, except electronic data processing equipment included in "Computer Expenses" above.
- 0-0000 Capital Expenditures
Intended for: Costs of all budgeted equipment and other fixed assets acquired or used by a committee, including provisions for replacement of owned assets applicable.
- 0-0000 Miscellaneous
Intended for: All expenses not reportable in another account classification.

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- 0-0000 Miscellaneous
Intended for: All expenses not reportable in another account classification.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

	1980 <u>Actual</u>	1981 <u>Budget</u>	1982 <u>Proposed Budget</u>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>			
OFFICE OF MODERATOR	\$ 722.96	\$ 500	\$ 500
OFFICE OF COMM. ON ADMINISTRATION			
Meetings	33,761.01	35,000	43,000
Contingencies	.00	10,000	4,000
Share of General Assembly	3,474.52	3,000	3,000
Share of Auditor	1,717.50	3,000	2,500
Legal Expense	4,151.75	1,300	1,300
Stewardship	8,671.60	12,550	13,313
Foundation	1,500.00	2,050	2,475
Equipment	9.33	2,000	2,000
Staff Training	.00	1,000	1,000
Office Expense	3,401.99	4,000	4,000
Postage	1,742.08	1,000	3,000
Telephone	3,654.17	4,000	4,000
Rent	2,461.86	3,000	3,000
Travel	3,839.59	7,000	5,000
Office Staff: Salaries (1 1/2)	12,808.51	(2) 18,000	(2) 18,000
Office Staff: Benefits	2,638.32	3,800	4,000
Computer	4,505.94	8,000	8,000
Office Insurance	909.25	-0-	1,000
Associate Coordinator	.00	(1/2) 13,000	(1/2) 13,000
Bus. Administrator Salary (1)	25,420.71	(1) 27,112	(1) 29,190
Annuity (12%) & Ins.	4,344.29	4,453	4,900
FICA	1,558.32	1,768	1,950
Sub Total	<u>120,570.54</u>	<u>165,033</u>	<u>163,628</u>
OFFICE OF STATED CLERK			
Office Expense	2,042.01	3,000	3,000
Postage	1,288.53	1,500	1,000
Telephone	3,141.50	3,000	3,250
Office Rent	2,600.00	2,600	3,000
Travel	6,186.75	5,000	6,000
Equipment	1,370.85	1,000	4,200
Historical Files	.00	6,000	8,000
Printing	805.82	20,000	10,000
Office Staff: Salaries (1)	11,489.70	(2) 18,000	(2) 20,000
Office Staff Benefits	3,307.18	3,800	4,000
Assistant to Stated Clerk	.00	5,000	5,000
Stated Clerk Salary (1)	17,779.16	(1) 19,126	(1) 21,090
Housing	8,500.00	9,000	9,000
Annuity (12%) & Ins.	3,485.84	3,439	4,000
Sub Total	<u>61,997.34</u>	<u>100,465</u>	<u>101,540</u>
Total	<u>\$183,291.04</u>	<u>\$265,998</u>	<u>\$273,668</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1982

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

	1980 <u>Budget</u>	1980 <u>Actual</u>	1981 <u>Revised</u>	1982 <u>Proposed</u>
Operations:				
Continuing Education Staff	1,000	125	1,200	1,500
Travel Staff	13,000	7,122	13,000	15,000
Coordinator - Salary	18,527	18,913	19,072	21,597
- Housing	8,500	8,500	10,000	10,000
- Ins. & Annuities	2,738	2,355	2,493	2,493
Asst. to Coordinator - Salary	7,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Magazine Editor - Salary	21,500	21,672	23,220	25,078
- Ins. & Annuities	2,893	2,225	2,475	2,737
Administrative Manager	21,500	21,550	23,220	25,078
- Ins. & Annuities	2,893	2,844	2,930	3,186
Writer/Consultant Salary	17,632	17,464	19,043	20,649
- Housing	6,930	7,200	7,484	8,000
- Ins. & Annuities	3,906	4,008	4,377	4,632
Office Salaries	43,300	48,908	47,419	57,000
Church Relations Consultant	10,000		10,000	30,000
- Ins. & Annuities	1,379			
Sub-Total	<u>\$183,198</u>	<u>\$171,386</u>	<u>\$194,433</u>	<u>\$235,450</u>
Expenses:				
Equipment Purchases	4,000	(1) 12,669	4,000	5,000
Office & Printing Supplies	5,000	(2) 6,229	7,000	9,000
Postage	2,700	5,171	6,000	6,500
U.P.S.	4,500	(3) 1,387	6,000	1,000
Rents	21,000	21,347	23,000	30,000
Telephone	7,500	8,032	8,500	9,000
Vehicle Operation & Maint.	2,500	(4) 5,631	4,000	6,750
Books (Library)	1,000	441		
Promotion	4,000		6,000	4,000
Annuities	3,150	1,207		
Health & Life Ins. Staff	2,500	(11) 1,014	1,000	2,800
Fire & Liab. Ins.	1,000	559	1,000	2,267
Auditing	3,000	2,797	4,000	4,000
Equipment repairs & Maint.	1,000	2,109	2,500	3,000
Printing	8,000	5,178	5,000	6,000
Subscriptions	1,800	316	1,500	1,000
Payroll Taxes	5,000	7,070	7,000	8,950
CE Committee Meetings	8,500	(5) 5,246	9,000	9,000
Contingency Fund	4,000	(6) 6,636	4,000	4,000
Computer Service	11,400	9,430	12,000	10,000
Sub-Total	<u>\$101,550</u>	<u>\$102,469</u>	<u>\$111,500</u>	<u>\$122,167</u>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1982

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COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

	1980	1980	1981	1982
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Programs: Committed				
Leadership Training-Mt. Olive	2,500	1,250	3,000	2,000
Family Ministries-Family Conference	4,000	5,555	6,000	6,500
Women In The Church	3,000 (7)	3,782	3,000	4,000
Great Commission Publ.	150,000 (8)	100,000	125,000	125,000
Resources	1,000		2,000	2,500
Seminary Education	4,000	1,406	1,500	1,500
Messenger	50,200	48,975	73,000	85,000
Annual Ministers Conference	500	(41)	500	500
Sub-Total	<u>\$215,200</u>	<u>\$160,927</u>	<u>\$214,000</u>	<u>\$227,000</u>
Assembly Assigned Expenses:				
Stewardshp Ministries	30,000 (9)	19,300	37,650	39,939
General Assembly Costs	12,000 (10)	5,502	12,000	12,000
PCA Foundation	2,000	500	6,150	7,425
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 44,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,302</u>	<u>\$ 55,800</u>	<u>\$ 59,364</u>
Programs: Growth				
Information Services	5,000		5,000	5,000
Men of The Covenant	3,000		3,000	3,000
Youth Ministries	10,000		10,000	10,000
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 18,000</u>		<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$561,948</u>	<u>\$460,084</u>	<u>\$593,733</u>	<u>\$661,981</u>

(1) Equipment	
Computer	3,974
3M Equipment	1,905
Shelving, etc.	2,293
Mag Card Typewriter	434
Office Desk, pictures, etc.	913
Telephone Answering Service	213
Typewriter and Dictating machine	226
Check Protector	<u>197</u>
	10,163
Payments on Ford	<u>2,304</u>
	12,467
(2) A.B. Dick	1,120
3 M	613
Xerox	2,019
Sloan Paper Co.	1,426
DeKalb Office	1,015
(3) UPS paid from bookstore after January, 1980.	
(4) Includes car and van.	
(5) No committee meeting in December.	
(6) Contingency Fund:	
Consultant	3,122
Relocation Fee	1,000
Moving Expense	2,514
(7) Special gifts from WIC groups were received during the year for Sub-Committee travel, \$875.00 and for a WIC Training Film, \$1,080.	
(8) An additional \$10,000 was sent from bookstore funds making the year's total \$110,000.	
(9) November and December support was sent to Stewardship in January, '81. Total support was \$23,165.	
(10) General Assembly expenses from COA were \$8,750. We were able to pay \$4,000 in December and still owe \$4,750.	
(11) Insurance is shown with salaries listed above. Only secretaries, etc. included in this figure.	

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

Proposed Budget for 1982

	1980 Budget	1980 Actual	1981 Budget	1982 Budget
OPERATIONS:				
Coordinator Salary	\$ 15,775	\$ 12,311	\$ 17,575	\$ 16,590
Housing & Utilities	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Annuity & Insurance	<u>3,990</u>	<u>7,514</u>	<u>3,990</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total Coordinator	\$ 29,765	\$ 29,825	\$ 31,565	\$ 34,090
Administrative Personnel:				
Assist. Coordinator Salary	\$ 15,113	\$ 15,098	\$ 16,473	\$ 16,626
Housing & Utilities	5,700	5,700	6,213	8,000
Annuity & Insurance	<u>3,504</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Total	24,317	24,377	26,506	28,626
Business Manager Salary	\$ 16,789	\$ 17,193	\$ 20,617	\$ 20,596
Annuity & Insurance	<u>386</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total	\$ 17,175	\$ 18,060	\$ 21,385	\$ 23,096
Office Expenses:				
Office Salaries	\$ 38,486	\$ 32,114	\$ 49,000	\$ 45,000
Benefits		1,522		3,000
Taxes		3,018		4,000
Travel/Admin. Staff	15,000	14,907	15,000	20,000
Supplies	5,000	5,333	5,000	5,000
Printing	10,000	16,062	10,000	20,000
Postage	12,000	7,808	10,000	10,000
Telephone	11,000	7,985	10,000	10,000
Rent	9,760	10,113	10,470	15,000
Maint. Contracts	4,000	4,202	5,500	6,000
Computer	12,000	8,052	12,000	8,000
Comm. Meetings & Work	17,000	14,068	17,000	15,000
Audit	2,750	2,463	3,025	3,000
Consultants		4,401		2,000
Contingencies/Misc.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,611</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Office Total	\$ 138,996	\$ 136,659	\$ 149,995	\$ 169,500
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 210,253</u>	<u>\$ 208,921</u>	<u>\$ 229,451</u>	<u>\$ 255,312</u>
GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPENSES:				
GA Expenses	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,139	\$ 11,550	\$ 12,000
Stewardship Min.	32,519	23,739	37,650	39,939
PCA Foundation	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>7,425</u>
Total	<u>\$ 45,019</u>	<u>\$ 36,378</u>	<u>\$ 55,350</u>	<u>\$ 59,364</u>

MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

	1980 Budget	1980 Actual	1981 Budget	1982 Budget
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES:</u>				
Committed:				
Presbytery	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$
Organizing Pastors	300,000	244,935	331,500	331,500
Ministers at Large		12,418		70,000
Field Budget - Ministries		2,384		9,000
Special Ministries	100,000	95,701	110,000	100,000
Field Budget - Special Min.	10,000	15,780	10,000	5,000
Campus Ministries	21,000	4,500	21,000	24,000
Chaplains	1,500	994	2,500	2,500
Travel	9,000	7,556	9,000	10,000
Training	10,000		10,500	15,000
Advertising	5,000	6,558	10,000	5,000
Contingencies/Misc.		41,436*	9,740	6,000
Total	<u>\$458,500</u>	<u>\$433,762</u>	<u>\$516,240</u>	<u>\$578,000</u>
Growth:				
Asst. Coord. for Church Development with Travel	\$	\$	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000
Organizing Pastors	100,000		90,000	100,000
Special Ministries	38,000		40,000	70,000
Travel & Training	4,000		4,000	4,000
Contingencies/Misc.	8,000		8,000	8,000
Total	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
<u>SUMMARY:</u>				
Operation	\$210,253	\$208,921	\$229,451	\$255,312
General Assembly Expenses	45,019	36,378	55,350	59,364
Program: Committed	<u>458,500</u>	<u>433,762</u>	<u>516,240</u>	<u>578,000</u>
Sub Total	<u>\$713,772</u>	<u>\$679,061</u>	<u>\$801,041</u>	<u>\$892,676</u>
Growth	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>\$863,772</u>	<u>\$679,061</u>	<u>\$981,041</u>	<u>\$1,112,676</u>
*Contingencies/Misc.				
1. Mobile Chapel	\$ 20,569.76			
2. Presbyterian Alternatives	<u>13,768.27</u>			
	<u>\$ 34,338.03</u>			

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIVE IN FIVE BUDGET

	1980 Budget	1980 Actual	1981 Budget	1982 Budget
Director's Support	\$25,000	\$10,200	\$31,565	\$28,626
Travel	10,000	1,491	15,000	10,000
Committee Travel	800		1,000	1,000
Secretarial	5,000		6,000	6,000
Office Expense	500	163	500	500
Printing - Publicity	5,000	450	6,000	6,000
Telephone	480	7	500	500
Taxes	250		2,000	2,000
Contingencies/Misc.	5,029	608	2,000	4,000
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TOTAL	<u><u>\$52,059</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,919</u></u>	<u><u>\$64,565</u></u>	<u><u>\$58,626</u></u>

MISSION TO THE WORLD

(Proposal D)

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>1980 Actual</u>	<u>1981 Budget</u>	<u>1982 Proposed Budget</u>
Personnel Expense			
Coordinator Cash Salary	\$17,861.15	\$19,251	\$21,325
Housing Allowance	7,800.00	7,800	7,800
Benefits	4,103.85	4,514	4,965
Subtotal No. 1	<u>\$29,765.00</u>	<u>\$31,565</u>	<u>\$34,090</u>
Coordinator of Church Relations Cash Salary	15,267.36	16,975	18,933
Housing Allowance	7,500.00	7,500	7,500
Benefits	3,925.80	4,250	4,675
Director of Personnel Cash Salary	20,217.96	21,734	23,473
Benefits	3,619.91	3,923	4,315
Missionary Evangelist Cash Salary	13,599.52	15,220	17,078
Housing Allowance	7,000.00	7,000	7,000
Car Allowance	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Benefits	3,785.76	4,100	4,510
Administrative Director Cash Salary	5,089.12	16,975	18,933
Housing Allowance	2,500.00	7,500	7,500
Benefits	1,001.72	4,250	4,675
Financial Secretary Cash Salary	21,599.52	23,220	25,078
Benefits	3,785.73	4,100	4,510
Office Staff	(8 1/2) 93,048.13	(9 1/2) 115,430	(9 1/2) 124,664
Benefits	11,176.05	12,200	13,420
Temporary Employees	518.00	2,000	2,160
Employer FICA	8,554.29	11,367	12,470
Consultants	1,405.25	2,750	3,025
Subtotal No. 2	<u>\$224,594.12</u>	<u>\$281,494</u>	<u>\$304,919</u>
Travel and Meetings			
Committee Meetings	14,544.73	11,845	13,622
Other Committee Meetings	10,419.19	1,265	15,000
Coordinator Travel	5,027.86	5,060	5,819
Coordinator of Church Relations Travel	6,186.45	6,900	7,935
Director of Personnel Travel	2,832.75	3,450	3,968
Missionary Evangelist Travel	5,625.01	6,440	7,406
Administrative Director Travel	84.57	4,000	4,600
Financial Secretary Travel	629.20	805	926
Other Staff Travel & MTW Car	2,058.06	2,373	2,619
Subtotal No. 3	<u>\$ 47,407.82</u>	<u>\$ 42,138</u>	<u>\$ 61,895</u>

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	<u>1980 Actual</u>	<u>1981 Budget</u>	<u>1982 Proposed Budget</u>
Office Related Expenses			
Rent	\$20,275.49	\$22,550	\$24,805
Telephone	15,220.32	16,720	18,392
Office Supplies	5,630.87	5,720	6,292
Office Stationery and Forms	3,823.84	4,730	5,203
Missionary Evangelist Office Expense	1,000.08	1,100	1,210
Mailing Service Expense	998.36	1,100	1,210
Postage and UPS	9,937.75	11,770	12,947
Equipment Purchases	10,558.55	8,600	6,000
Equipment Rental and Maintenance Fees	6,926.81	8,250	9,075
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	979.89	990	1,089
Computer Supplies and Forms	333.65	550	605
Computer Services	30,073.19	29,700	32,670
Computer Equipment Rental	2,319.64	2,420	2,662
Literature for Distribution	526.85	880	968
Publicity	21,021.17	28,490	31,339
Auditing Fees	5,193.00	8,320	9,152
Membership Fees, Subscriptions	5,711.99	3,850	4,235
Miscellaneous	5,228.80	4,950	5,445
Subtotal No. 4	<u>\$145,760.35</u>	<u>\$160,690</u>	<u>\$173,299</u>
Discretionary Funds	1,661.61	4,690	2,420
General Assembly Expense	11,924.88	17,600	19,360
Stewardship Programs	31,303.76	35,160	39,939
PCA Foundation	-0-	6,150	7,425
Service Provided to SIMA	(2,772.00)	(5,544)	(6,098)
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$489,645.54</u>	<u>\$573,943</u>	<u>\$637,249</u>

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	<u>1980 Actual</u>	<u>1981 Budget</u>	<u>1982 Proposed Budget</u>
Committed:			
Missionaries - Persons	163	178	193
Personal Support	\$1,639,717.52	\$2,046,110	\$2,588,968
Work Budgets	<u>101,692.91</u>	<u>144,841</u>	<u>174,557</u>
Subtotal No. 1	<u>\$1,741,410.43</u>	<u>\$2,190,951</u>	<u>\$2,763,525</u>
Projects	88,033.51	88,034	148,593
National Workers	7,800.00	7,800	9,200
Subtotal No. 2	<u>\$ 95,833.51</u>	<u>\$ 95,834</u>	<u>\$ 157,793</u>
Candidate Expense	9,294.15	14,311	15,518
Mission Consultant	25.00	430	1,150
Field Trips and Evaluation	<u>13,394.56</u>	<u>13,395</u>	<u>29,000</u>
Subtotal No. 3	<u>22,713.71</u>	<u>28,136</u>	<u>45,668</u>
Subtotal Committed	<u>\$1,859,957.65</u>	<u>\$2,314,921</u>	<u>\$2,966,986</u>
Growth:			
Missionaries - Persons	15	15	10
Personal Support	150,894.25	172,425	134,143
Work Budgets	<u>43,148.03</u>	<u>21,726</u>	<u>17,456</u>
Subtotal No. 1	<u>\$ 194,042.28</u>	<u>\$ 194,151</u>	<u>\$ 151,599</u>
Projects	-0-	13,205	14,859
National Workers	-0-	1,170	1,380
Subtotal No. 2	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 14,375</u>	<u>\$ 16,239</u>
Candidate Expense	5,016.77	2,147	2,328
Mission Consultant	405.00	65	173
Field Trips and Evaluation	-0-	8,008	1,211
Subtotal No. 3	<u>\$ 5,421.77</u>	<u>\$ 10,220</u>	<u>\$ 3,712</u>
Subtotal Growth	<u>\$ 199,464.05</u>	<u>\$ 218,746</u>	<u>\$ 171,550</u>
SUMMARY			
OPERATION	\$ 489,645.54	\$ 573,943	\$ 637,249
PROGRAM: Committed	1,859,957.65	2,314,921	2,966,986
Growth	<u>199,464.05</u>	<u>218,746</u>	<u>171,550</u>
TOTAL MISSION TO THE WORLD	<u>\$2,549,067.24</u>	<u>\$3,107,610*</u>	<u>\$3,775,785</u>

* The 1981 Budget approved at the 1980 General Assembly was for \$3,607,610. The new Budget of \$3,107,610 is recommended by the MFW staff and will be presented to the MFW Committee at its February, 1981 meeting.

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MISSION TO THE WORLD
(Proposal B)
SIMA

	Actual for July 1 thru Dec. 31, 1980	Revised 1981 Budget	1982 Proposed Budget
Administrative Assistant Cash Salary	\$	\$ 11,800	\$ 12,980
Benefits		100	110
Office Staff	3,579.42	4,800	10,560
Benefits	85.48	-0-	2,096
Employer FICA	219.42	1,162	1,648
Consultants	<u>303.75</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>880</u>
Subtotal No. 1	4,188.07	18,662	28,274
Travel & Meetings			
Committee Meetings	43.66	500	575
Coordinator Travel	1,468.99	3,000	3,450
Other Staff Travel & MTW Car	<u>-0-</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>144</u>
Subtotal No. 2	1,512.65	3,750	4,169
Office Related Expenses			
Rent	\$ -0-	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,640
Telephone	7.53	3,500	3,850
Office Supplies	94.14	2,000	2,200
Office Stationery and Forms	753.16	1,000	1,100
Postage and UPS	-0-	2,500	2,750
Equipment Purchases	300.00	3,000	3,000
Equipment Rental and Maintenance Fees	-0-	200	220
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	-0-	150	165
Computer Supplies and Forms	-0-	200	220
Computer Services	1,913.88	3,000	3,300
Literature for Distribution	13.00	200	220
Publicity	1,048.77	5,000	5,500
Miscellaneous	<u>-0-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>770</u>
Subtotal No. 3	4,110.48	23,850	25,935
Discretionary Funds	\$ -0-	\$ 500	\$ 550
Services Provided by MTW	<u>2,772.00</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>6,710</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$12,583.20</u>	<u>\$ 52,862</u>	<u>\$ 65,638</u>

	Actual for July 1 thru Dec. 31, 1980	1981 Budget	1982 Proposed Budget
PROGRAM			
Committed:			
Personnel Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Coordinator Cash Salary		12,826	14,109
Housing Allowance		6,000	6,600
Benefits		<u>2,847</u>	<u>3,132</u>
Subtotal No. 1		<u>21,673</u>	<u>23,841</u>
Missionaries (Persons)		5	40
Personal Support		<u>49,459</u>	<u>455,040</u>
Subtotal No. 2		<u>49,459</u>	<u>455,040</u>
SUBTOTAL COMMITTED		<u>71,132</u>	<u>478,881</u>
Growth:			
Personnel Expenses			
Coordinator Cash Salary	5,830.02		
Housing Allowance	2,970.00		
Benefits	<u>1,293.60</u>		
Subtotal No. 3	<u>10,093.62</u>		
Missionaries (Persons)	4	35	40
Personal Support	<u>1,363.00</u>	<u>346,213</u>	<u>455,040</u>
Subtotal No. 4	<u>1,363.00</u>	<u>346,213</u>	<u>455,040</u>
Emergency Support	-0-	30,000	30,000
Candidate Expense	<u>738.75</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,450</u>
Subtotal No. 5	<u>738.75</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,450</u>
SUBTOTAL GROWTH	<u>12,195.37</u>	<u>379,213</u>	<u>488,490</u>
SUMMARY:			
OPERATION	12,583.20	52,862	65,638
PROGRAM: Committed	-0-	71,132	478,881
Growth	<u>12,195.37</u>	<u>379,213</u>	<u>488,490</u>
TOTAL SIMA	<u><u>\$24,778.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$503,207</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,033,009</u></u>

*The 1981 Budget was approved for \$854,124 at the 1980 General Assembly. The amount shown at \$503,207 was a staff recommendation made at the November, 1980 Mission to the World Committee Meeting. This budget will be reconsidered during the Mission to the World Committee Meeting in May, 1981.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PCA FOUNDATION PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>1980</u> Actual	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Salaries			
Director		\$ 6,000	\$ 7,500
Bookkeeper	\$ 1,200.00	1,200	2,000
Taxes - Payroll	64.33	100	150
Literature	280.62	1,000	1,000
Legal & Accounting	7,927.07	3,000	3,000
Misc.	361.98	700	1,500
Office Supplies	241.57	250	850
Postage	57.42	1,600	1,600
Printing	10.80	1,400	1,500
Rent	1,551.50	1,550	1,550
Telephone	162.40	1,000	1,000
Travel	561.99	1,000	1,000
Comm. Meetings	2,204.31	1,600	2,000
Subscriptions	<u>95.00</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	\$14,719.04	\$20,500	\$24,750

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the 1982 Budget be approved as presented.
2. That each church in the Assembly be encouraged to participate in a willis Seminar for the benefit of their members.
3. That each church be encouraged to participate in the Memorial Gift Program.

APPENDIX

RIDGE HAVEN PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Administrator's Salary	\$28,016	\$ 30,000	\$ 34,090
Supt. of Bldg. & Grounds	12,600	13,200	14,250
Part Time Workers	4,616	12,000	*
Secretary	5,309	7,200	6,250
Equipment-Operation & Maint.	8,349	8,500	9,000
Tools	561	1,000	1,500
Utilities	4,964	6,000	8,625
Taxes (Payroll & Property)	6,164	6,300	6,200
Buildings & Grounds Maint.	855	5,500	6,000
Insurance	2,270	4,600	5,000
Promotion	10,365	15,700	50,000**
Travel Expense	1,585	1,700	1,000
Board Meeting Expense	1,114	1,400	2,000
Office Expense	2,133	2,250	2,500
Audit Fee	1,390	1,400	1,500
Miscellaneous Expense	416	250	500
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Total Expense	\$90,707	\$ 17,000	\$148,415
Property Pyt. (Principal)			30,606
(Interest)		<u>17,140</u>	<u>17,140</u>
TOTAL	\$90,707	\$134,140	\$196,161

* This Budget classification has been discontinued. We believe that future part time workers will be used for development and building and that payments made to those workers should be charged to capital assets

** This figure includes travel expenses of \$15,000, promotional literature of \$15,000 and salary for a Promotion Person of \$25,000.

General Note: The 1981 budget has been subjected to some reclassification in an effort to make it comparable with the proposed 1982 budget.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Revised Budget 1981
Sub-Committee for Stewardship Ministries

	1981 <u>Budget</u>
Director	
Salary	\$ 16,113*
Annuity/Ins.	3,087
Asst. Director	
Salary	18,928
Annuity/Ins.	3,072
Secretary	
Salary	8,500*
Ins.	500
Annuity/Ins.	
Taxes	3,900*
Ofc. Supplies	3,000
Printing	3,500
Shipping	3,000
Rent	3,255
Telephone	3,000*
Meetings	3,500
Travel	12,000
Training	1,000
Promotion	1,500
Regional Confs.	3,000
Stewardship Materials	6,000
Network	2,000
Seminars	3,000
Implement G.A.	
Mandate	11,400
Contingency	<u>3,945</u>
Total	\$117,200

Budget reduced \$8300 to allow for compensation received from PCA Foundation.

Stewardship Ministers

BUDGET

	1980 <u>Actual</u>	1981	1982
Director			
Salary	\$20,554.44	\$ 22,113	\$ 16,530
Annuity/Ins	2,721.73	3,087	3,486
Asst. Director			
Salary	17,087.34	18,928	20,560
Annuity/Ins	2,613.91	3,072	3,300
Secretary			
Salary	8,493.27	9,700	7,260
Ins.	410.00	500	500
Office Supplies	1,609.59	3,000	2,000
Printing	3,692.81	3,500	3,500
Postage/UPS	2,433.53	3,000	3,000
Rent	3,255.00	3,255	3,255
Payroll Taxes	2,604.79	4,000	3,380
Telephone	4,207.34	4,000	3,800
Travel			
Director	6,054.48	6,000	8,500
Asst. Dir.	7,847.18	6,000	8,500
Stewardship Seminar	752.40	3,000	1,000
Comm. Meetings	3,527.10	3,500	4,000
Key Men	1,849.89	2,000	2,500
Vision 82	992.14	3,000	2,000
Training		1,000	1,000
Calendars		1,500	1,500
Stewardship Mat'ls		6,000	9,000
Accounting & Legal	988.50		2,000
Subscriptions	72.90		100
Conferences	310.25		500
Askings		11,400	10,000
Contingency	<u>187.20</u>	<u>3,955</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$92,265.79	\$125,500	\$123,171

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPENDIX L

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Board of Directors held a called meeting at the Howard Johnson Airport Inn in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, January 10, 1981.

Meeting convened as a Board of Directors meeting.

A quorum was declared present with the following in attendance:

Members

R.E. Richard Ayres
R.E. John Culver
T.E. George Fuller - Alternate
T.F. Richard Harris
R.E. Mike Hodgkinson
R.E. Ralph Langford
T.F. James Lipscomb
R.E. Jack Lonon
R.E. Charles Lowry
T.E. Tom Meyer
T.E. Paul Settle

Advisory Members

T.E. Morton Smith - Stated Clerk
T.F. Don Patterson - MtW Representative
R.E. Steve Fox - MUS Representative

Visitors

R.E. M. H. Howland - Director of Stewardship
R.E. Arthur H. Matthews - Editor of PCA Messenger
R.E. Dan Moore - COA Business Manager

I. Motion duly made and passed that the following resolution presented by Dan Moore be adopted:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1974, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution authorizing various committees of the corporation to open brokerage accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to confirm, through the adoption of the following resolution, that under said resolution of April 16, 1974, Dr. Dan M. Moore, the Business Administrator of the Corporation, has had and does have the authority to open brokerage accounts on behalf of the corporation and to purchase and sell securities through said accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors that the Business Administrator, Dr. Dan M. Moore, is hereby authorized and empowered to open and maintain accounts with Brokerage Firms as chosen by him, for the purchase and sale of stocks, bonds or securities, and that he hereby is, authorized to give written or verbal instructions by telephone, or telegraph, or otherwise, to the brokers to purchase or sell stocks, bonds, or securities, either for immediate or future delivery, and he shall at all times have authority in every way to bind and obligate this corporation for the carrying out of any such contract, arrangement or transaction which shall, for or on behalf of this corporation, be entered into or made with or through the brokers; and the said brokers are authorized to receive from him or from any other officer or employee of this corporation, stocks, bonds, or other security for the account of this corporation with said brokers; said brokers are further authorized to accept instructions from him as to the delivery of stocks, bonds, and other securities held in said account to be purchased or sold at his discretion; and the purchase or sale of any such stocks, bonds, or securities, purchased or sold as directed by him, shall be deemed as purchased or sold by this corporation; and he shall have the fullest authority at all times with reference to any such purchase or sale deemed by him to be proper to make or enter into

for or on behalf of this corporation with the brokers or others. That this resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation hereof shall be delivered to the brokers.

2. T.E. Don Patterson, Chairman of MtW, presented an oral report on the work of MtW. This Committee received 91% of its budget. Received as Information.

3. R.E. Milton Howland, Director of Stewardship, covered past work and future goals of his Committee. Financial situation poor. Received as information.

4. R.E. Arthur Matthews, reporting on Christian Education, advised that 80% of its 1980 budget had been achieved, and that they are receiving many requests for training of people. Received as Information.

5. Report of T.E. Paul Settle

a. Ad Interim Committee on joining and receiving other denominations progressing with no serious problems.

b. Ridge Haven - progress good in all areas, building, facilities, use, etc.

c. In his position as moderator, Paul Settle is keeping a low profile position, and is concerned with some divisions in the Church.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Hodgkinson,
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPENDIX M

REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AREAS OF AGREEMENT, DIFFERENCES AND DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD AND THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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

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

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

The Committee entered into extensive discussions with the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The exchanges were made with the utmost honesty, candor, and openness in an atmosphere of mutual respect, Christian love, and sincerity.

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

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

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

We recognize, however, that due in part to differences of historical development, there are differences among us as to how our common Presbyterian convictions are applied in practice. We have given careful attention to those that have been referred to us, and have provided a comparison of similarities and differences

that we have discussed. No doubt there are variations of practice that have little or no theological significance, but would require mutual forbearance and understanding during a period of adjustment in the augmented church. It is also true that there are differences of emphasis among our churches that are to be found within each of them, as well as between them; some of these have their roots deep in the history of Presbyterianism.

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

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. That these recommendations shall be acted upon without amendment or deletion, due to the fact that this plan has been approved by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;
2. That in view of our prior invitation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to effect and perfect one church with the Presbyterian Church in America, the General Assembly take the first formal vote under paragraph 14-6 of the Book of Church Order: "to receive under its jurisdiction, with the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries, other ecclesiastical bodies whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of this Church." (The adoption of this recommendation confirms the interpretation that the words "ecclesiastical bodies" include an entire denomination.) Thus all ordained officers in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod will be received into the Presbyterian Church in America without examination;
3. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their approval a plan for the reception of the RPCES as follows:
 - a. Upon the approval of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America and the completion of the constitutional process in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod the presbyteries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall become a part of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America according to the boundary proposals contained in recommendation 3-b;
 - b. Presbytery boundaries shall be drawn as follows:
(See Addendum I for maps and explanatory text.)
 - c. Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries whose boundaries are affected by these changes shall take separate action regarding their consent (BCO 14-6). Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries which do not consent to the proposed boundaries shall negotiate their boundaries or difficulties with the assistance of an ecclesiastical commission (BCO 15), consisting of representatives from each of the joining bodies, appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly, which commission shall report to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America following the reception of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod;
 - d. Churches and missions from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod which have difficulties adjusting to the new boundaries shall make their concerns known to the presbytery of jurisdiction, which shall follow ordinary procedures for resolution of their problems;
4. That boards and agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall be received by the appropriate committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:
 - a. The following Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod agencies, World Presbyterian Missions, Board of Home Ministries, Christian Training Incorporated, National Presbyterian Missions, shall have the privilege of designating not more than four persons each as members for an advisory sub-committee to each of the corresponding permanent committees of the Presbyterian Church in America (Mission to the World, Mission to the US, Christian Education). These sub-committee members shall serve for a period of two years from the date of reception of the church. At the expiration of the two-year period the sub-committee shall be discontinued. The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod Committee on Ministerial Welfare and Benefits and the Board of Pensions shall have the privilege of designating not more than two persons each as an advisory sub-committee to the PCA Board of Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Fund. This advisory sub-committee shall serve for a period of two years, after which it shall be discontinued. Corporate Charters: The existing corporation charters shall be maintained. The Presbyterian Church in America shall determine, with the advice of legal counsel, which of these corporations shall be active and which shall be dormant. For those corporations which shall be active, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be elected as provided in the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the corporation. For those corporations which shall be dormant, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America.
The Stated Clerk of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall serve as an associate clerk for a period of two years. The

- compensation shall be determined by the Committee on Administration on the basis of the work load required.
- b. The staff persons serving the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod in the following positions shall be retained by the Presbyterian Church in America permanent committees for at least one year following reception, to wit: World Presbyterian Missions - Executive Director, Associate Director, Financial Director, Officer Director; National Presbyterian Missions - Executive Director, Director of Church Planting, Director of Development; Board of Home Ministries - Executive Director; Christian Training Incorporated - Executive Director, Reformed Presbyterian Foundation - Executive Director. The salaries and benefits of these persons shall continue at their present level, but no higher than the maximum salary set by the General Assembly for their counterparts. These persons will be received without examination by the Theological Examining Committee.
 - c. Out of respect for the integrity of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the approval of its acceptance of the invitation shall be understood to honor such commitments as it may have. The ministries presently conducted by the agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall be continued, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies.
5. That Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary shall be received as denominational institutions under their present Articles of Incorporation and By-laws with proposed amendments, copies of which are attached (See p. 317). These institutions shall be treated in a manner similar to the Ridge Haven Conference Center, with the following specifics:
 - a. Their Boards of Trustees shall be retained as presently constituted;
 - b. These institutions shall remain as separate, non-profit civil corporations;
 - c. They shall be governed by their Boards of Trustees through their administrative personnel;
 - d. The General Assembly shall elect subsequent trustees through its regular nominating process. These institutions may suggest nominations to the presbyteries or interested commissioners may make nomination from the floor of the General Assembly;
 - e. The number and terms of the trustees shall be determined by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Institution;
 - f. The Bylaws of the General Assembly of the PCA shall be amended to allow the Board of Trustees of these institutions to govern the institutions according to their approved Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
 - g. These institutions shall report annually to the General Assembly through a Committee of Commissioners;
 - h. These institutions shall be included annually in the General Assembly's askings for special benevolent support. These askings shall be submitted to the local churches along with the askings for the permanent committees although not as a part of the General Assembly's budget for these permanent committees;
 - i. Since the General Assembly is responsible for the conduct of the work which the whole church does unitedly, the powers and activities that it has delegated to institutions under its jurisdiction shall always be subject to review. It shall not delegate any of its general powers beyond its own recall so as to cease to be fully responsible for the spiritual oversight of the entire denomination.
 6. That any judicial case pending at the time of the reception of the church in a court of original jurisdiction shall be continued in the corresponding court of the Presbyterian Church in America which has jurisdiction of the accused. Any appeal or complaint pending at the time of the reception shall be returned by the appellate court of the PCA to the lower court which has jurisdiction of the appellee/respondent. In all cases the PCA court shall treat the case as a new case timely instituted as of the date of reception and shall begin the process anew (*de novo*). The accuser/appellant/complainant shall have the right to prosecute the case whether or not the trial court has present jurisdiction of the accuser/appellant/complainant.

B. In regard to the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we recommend:

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. That these recommendations shall be acted upon without amendment or deletion due to the fact that this plan has been approved by the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
2. That in view of our prior invitation to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to effect and perfect one church with the Presbyterian Church in America, the General Assembly take the first formal vote under paragraph 14-6 of the Book of Church Order: "to receive under its jurisdiction, with the consent of three-fourths of the presbyteries, other ecclesiastical bodies whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of this Church." (The adoption of this recommendation confirms the interpretation that the words "ecclesiastical bodies" include an entire denomination.) Thus all ordained officers in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be received into the Presbyterian Church in America without examination;
3. That the Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their approval a plan for the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as follows:
 - a. Upon the approval of three-fourths of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America and the completion of the constitutional process in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church the presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall become a part of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America according to the boundary proposals contained in recommendation 3-b;
 - b. Presbytery boundaries shall be drawn as follows:
(See Addendum I for maps and explanatory text.)
 - c. Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries whose boundaries are affected by these changes shall take separate action regarding their consent (BCO 14-6). Presbyterian Church in America presbyteries which do not consent to the proposed boundaries shall negotiate their boundaries or difficulties with the assistance of an ecclesiastical commission (BCO 15), consisting of representatives from each of the joining bodies, appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly, which commission shall report to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America following the reception of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church;
 - d. Churches and missions from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, which have difficulties adjusting to the new boundaries shall make their concerns known to the presbytery of jurisdiction, which shall follow ordinary procedures for resolution of their problems;
4. That committees and agencies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be received by the appropriate committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America as follows:
 - a. The following Orthodox Presbyterian Church agencies, Committee on Foreign Missions, Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, Committee on Education, Committee on Stewardship, shall have the privilege of designating not more than four persons each as members for an advisory sub-committee to each of the corresponding permanent committees or subcommittees of the Presbyterian Church in America (Mission to the World, Mission to the US, Christian Education). These sub-committee members shall serve for a period of two years from the date of reception of the church. At the expiration of the two-year period the sub-committee shall be discontinued. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Committee on Diaconal Ministries with its personnel and assets, shall become an advisory subcommittee of the Mission to the US Committee. The Ministerial Committee on Pensions and Hospitalization shall have the privilege of designating not more than two persons each as an advisory sub-committee to the PCA Board of Trustees for the Insurance and Annuity Fund. This advisory sub-committee shall serve for a period of two years, after which it shall be discontinued.
Corporate Charters: The existing corporation charters shall be maintained. The Presbyterian Church in America shall determine, with the advice of legal counsel, which of these corporations shall be active and which shall be dormant. For those corporations which shall be active, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be elected as provided in the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the corporation. For those corporations which shall be dormant, the Board of Directors/Trustees shall be the Committee on Administration of the Presbyterian Church in America.

The Stated Clerk of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall serve as an associate clerk for a period of two years. The compensation shall be determined by the Committee on Administration on the basis of the work load required.

- b. The staff persons serving the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the following positions shall be retained by the Presbyterian Church in America permanent committees or sub-committees for at least one year following reception, to wit: Committee on Foreign Missions-General Secretary, Controller, Committee on Home Missions-General Secretary; Committee on Christian Education General Secretary, Committee on Stewardship-General Secretary. The salaries and benefits of these persons shall continue at their present level, but no higher than the maximum salary set by the General Assembly for their counterparts. These persons will be received without examination by the Theological Examining Committee.
 - c. The ministries presently conducted by the agencies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be continued, subject to the review of the permanent committees and the approval of subsequent General Assemblies.
5. That any judicial case pending at the time of the reception of the church in a court of original jurisdiction shall be continued in the corresponding court of the Presbyterian Church in America which has jurisdiction of the accused. Any appeal or complaint pending at the time of the reception shall be returned by the appellate court of the PCA to the lower court which has jurisdiction of the appellee/respondent. In all cases the PCA court shall treat the case as a new case timely instituted as of the date of reception and shall begin the process anew (de novo). The accuser/appellant/complainant shall have the right to prosecute the case whether or not the trial court has present jurisdiction of the accuser/appellant/complainant.
- C. Proposed enabling procedures to be followed:
1. That the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America be requested to vote on the reception of each of the denominations during the Fall of 1981, and submit a report on the vote to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as early as possible.
 2. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to notify the Stated Clerks of the other denominations as soon as the outcome of the voting is clear. These Clerks in turn shall notify the presbyteries of their denominations the results of the voting.
 3. That when and if it appears that the presbyteries of each of the denominations are voting favorably for the joining and reception, the presbyteries affected, and the agency representatives shall be authorized to meet together prior to the next Assembly meetings to prepare for the transition that would be required, in the event that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and/or the Orthodox Presbyterian Church vote final approval of the joining and receiving.

ADDENDUM I

SUPPLEMENT ON BOUNDARIES (referred to in 3.B. above):

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

A. Criteria

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

1. Will it be possible for the presbytery within the boundaries drawn to exercise pastoral care and oversight over all its ministers and churches?
2. Will the presbytery be able to equip and organize churches and members for the common mission tasks within its boundaries; can it accept responsibility to evangelize and develop churches in all that territory reserved to it by the General Assembly?
3. Will it be able to develop and employ its financial resources so that the program of the church within its bounds, and the programs developed by the General Assembly receive proper support?
4. Considering the natural weaknesses of the denomination's infancy, will the presbytery have at least 1,000 communicant members in no less than ten churches so that it is not subject to domination, or threatened by internal difficulties?
5. Will the increasing cost of travel as well as the inherent value of time make attendance at regular and special meetings of the presbytery and of its committees difficult?
6. Will the fellowship and working relationships of past associations be preserved wherever possible?
7. Will major metropolitan areas be kept intact so that they can be addressed as a whole, even if state and natural boundaries are crossed? (For ease of identification, county lines were always followed.)

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

B. Churches That Are "Out of Bounds"

The Presbyterian Church In America has not, in its brief eight years, divided the whole of the United States into presbyteries. The reason is not because of some well thought out program of development. Rather, it is due to the fact that no church enrolled in the First General Assembly was located in territory outside the historic boundaries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Since 1973, as churches and missions have been added in the North and West, experience has taught some of the lessons implied by the criteria listed above. Therefore, the PCA is now operating under the assumption that boundaries do not need to encompass every particular church or mission. Yet, every church and mission belongs to a presbytery, receives its care and participates in all the life of that presbytery. The only difference between the church within boundaries and the one outside is that the geographical context of the one outside is reserved to the entire General Assembly, and the people of the area are the subjects of missionary concern in all courts of the church.

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

presbytery exists. But within a presbytery's territory those assembly mission programs are conducted only with the concurrence of that presbytery.

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

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

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

1. Mid-Atlantic Presbytery would give its four most northerly counties in Virginia, the Washington D. C. metropolitan area, and all of its territory within Maryland and West Virginia to a new Delmarva Presbytery.
2. Philadelphia Presbytery would give its territory in New Jersey to a new Presbytery of New Jersey and would at the same time extend its boundary in the west to create a common boundary with Ascension. (New York City metropolitan area and Long Island will remain outside bounds in the hope that the whole assembly will join in developing the church in that metropolis.)
3. Ascension Presbytery will extend its northwesk boundary to include the Cleveland metropolitan area and at the same time add two Ohio counties in the South.
4. Tennessee Valley Presbytery will expand a short way into Ohio to include Hamilton and Clermont Counties in Ohio (the Cincinnati metropolitan area). Upon mutual agreement with North Georgia, five counties of Georgia in the Chattanooga metropolitan area would be added to Tennessee Valley. Tennessee Valley would give up seven counties in northwest Kentucky, the area around Owensboro, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana.
5. While a three-way division of the state of Texas was suggested by some Texas presbyters, by testing the concept against the criteria it seemed that south Texas would not yet have sufficient strength to stand alone. At the same time it is hoped that Texas Presbytery will concur with breaking off west Texas according to market districts drawn by the Texas Planning Commission.
6. The Provisional Presbytery of Slouxlunds in eastern South Dakota would be enlarged to include all the Dakotas.
7. Southwest Presbytery, now the PCA's weakest, still would not have sufficient strength without the addition of the state of Colorado. This "trade-off" enlarges the territory considerably in order to add sufficient communicant membership. Because churches in southern New Mexico are in the El Paso market area, the Texas county of El Paso has been added to the Southwest Presbytery.
8. Pacific Presbytery would have a new northern border just above Sacramento. (The present OPC Presbytery of Northern California did not have the communicant strength to satisfy the criteria.) This would return territory in the far north of California to the assembly, as well as territories largely east of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Hawaii would be outside of presbytery boundaries. Western Oregon and Washington would become a Northwest Presbytery.

All of this would add ten presbyteries and approximately 35,000 communicants to the PCA's present 24 presbyteries and 80,000 communicants. Many will have concern for the Presbytery of Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces), at present a presbytery of the RPCES. It is thought by RPCES leaders that although the presbytery now has only five churches and 144 communicants, it would be a step backward in relationships with neighbors to the north of the national boundary if these churches were added to a New England Presbytery.

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

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

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

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The following figures are approximations of communicant strength using the latest available statistics, to indicate presbytery size:

1. So. Florida	1. PCA	12,417	15. New England	1.	88
	2. RPCEs	357		2.	417
	3. OPC	<u>336</u>		3.	<u>1,044</u>
		13,110			1,549
2. C. Florida	1.	1,182	16. Lake Mich.	1.	353
	2.	704		2.	1,050
	3.	<u>174</u>		3.	<u>1,702</u>
		2,060			3,105
3. C. Georgia	1.	3,923	17. TN Valley	1.	3,686
	2.			2.	589
	3.	<u> </u>		3.	<u>44</u>
		3,923			4,319
4. Calvary	1.	8,287	18. N. Georgia	1.	2,088
	2.	1,748		2.	
	3.	<u> </u>		3.	<u>44</u>
		10,035			2,132
5. W. Carolina	1.	1,313	19. Evangel	1.	9,352
	2.	69		2.	256
	3.	<u>32</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		1,414			9,608
6. C. Carolina	1.	1,512	20. Warrior	1.	1,930
	2.	617		2.	
	3.	<u> </u>		3.	<u> </u>
		2,129			1,930
7. E. Carolina	1.	1,439	21. Gulf Coast	1.	2,569
	2.			2.	
	3.	<u> </u>		3.	<u> </u>
		1,439			2,569
8. Westminster	1. PCA	1,952	22. Grace	1.	4,068
	2. RPCEs			2.	
	3. OPC	<u> </u>		3.	<u> </u>
		1,952			4,068
9. New River	1.	958	23. MS Valley	1.	7,696
	2.	101		2.	
	3.	<u>36</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		1,095			7,696
10. Mid-Atlantic	1.	2,526	24. Louisiana	1.	996
	2.	329		2.	30
	3.	<u>115</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		2,970			1,026
11. Delmarva	1.	1,518	25. Covenant	1.	2,066
	2.	4,586		2.	
	3.	<u>650</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		6,754			2,066
12. Ascension	1.	1,546	26. St. Louis	1.	
	2.	1,445		2.	1,196
	3.	<u>586</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		3,577			1,196
13. Philadelphia	1.	792	27. Illinois	1.	
	2.	2,314		2.	906
	3.	<u>1,368</u>		3.	<u> </u>
		4,474			906

14. New Jersey	1.	387	28. Dakotas	1.	1,025 (Siouxlds)
	2.	596		2.	209
	3.	<u>1,712</u>		3.	<u>420</u>
		2,695			1,654
29. Oklahoma	1.	590 (Olathe)			
	2.	356			
	3.	<u>114</u>			
		1,060			
30. Texas	1.	1,949			
	2.	355			
	3.	<u>355</u>			
		2,659			
31. Southwest	1.	371			
	2.	1,222			
	3.	<u>241</u>			
		1,834			
32. Pacific	1.	437			
	2.	471			
	3.	<u>1,840</u>			
		2,748			
33. Northwest	1.	608			
	2.	903			
	3.	<u>450</u>			
		1,961			
34. E.Canada	1.				
	2.	144-(5 churches			
	3.	and			
		<u>144</u> ministers)			

OPC AND PCA ONLY - Map B

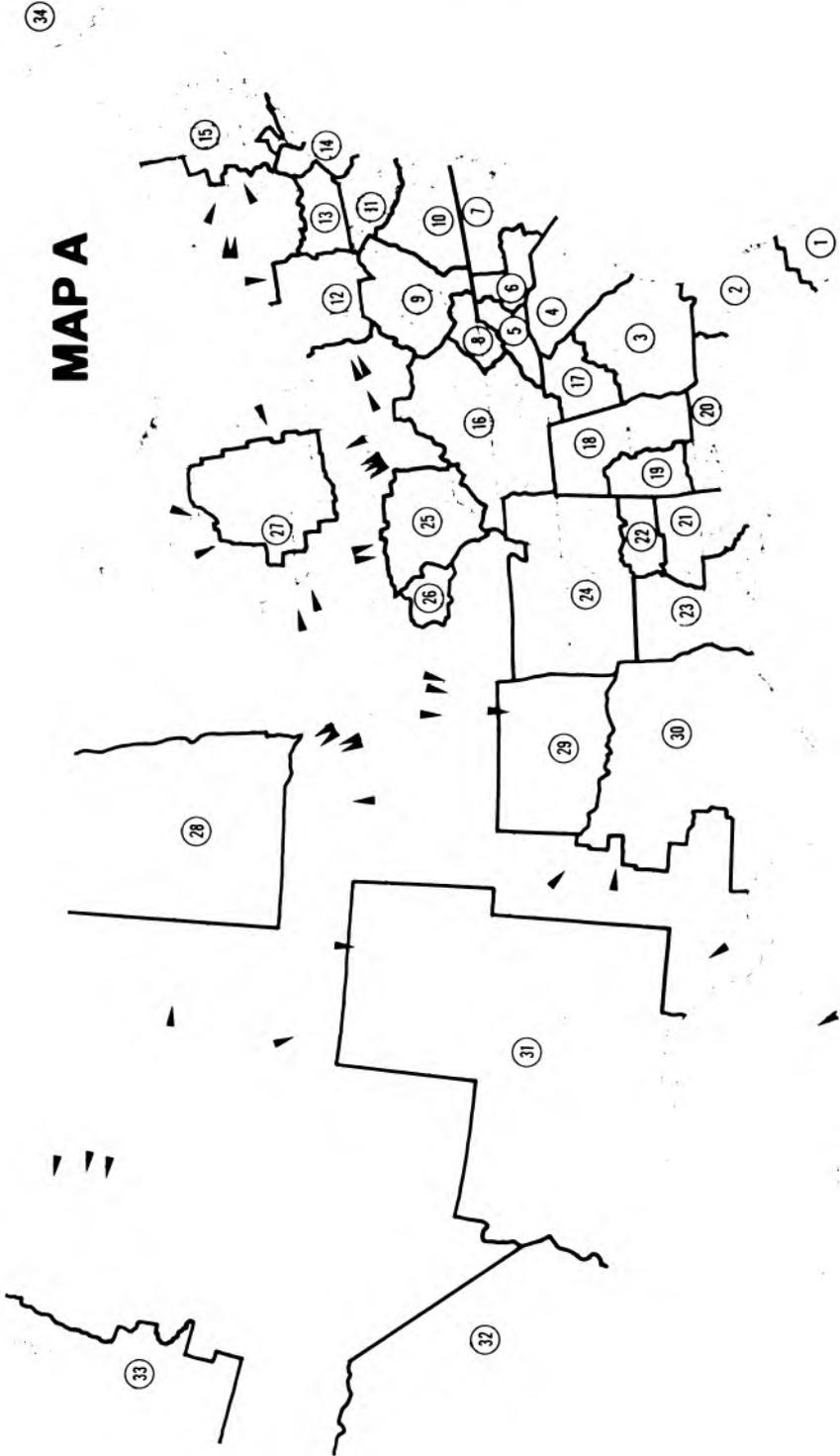
1. S.Florida	12,753	16. Lake Michigan	2,055
2. C.Florida	1,356	17. TN Valley	3,730
3. C.Georgia	3,923	18. N.Georgia	2,132
4. Calvary	8,287	19. Evangel	9,352
5. W.Carolina	1,345	20. Warrior	1,930
6. C.Carolina	1,512	21. Gulf Coast	2,569
7. E.Carolina	1,439	22. Grace	4,068
8. Westminster	1,952	23. MS Valley	7,696
9. New River	994	24. Louisiana	996
10. Mid-Atlantic	2,641	25. Covenant	2,066
11. Delmarva	2,168	26. S.Dakota	1,420
12. Ascension	2,132	27. Texas	3,363
13. Philadelphia	2,160	28. Southwest	612
14. N.J. & N.Y. Metro.	2,099	29. Pacific	2,277
15. N.England	1,594	30. Northwest	1,058

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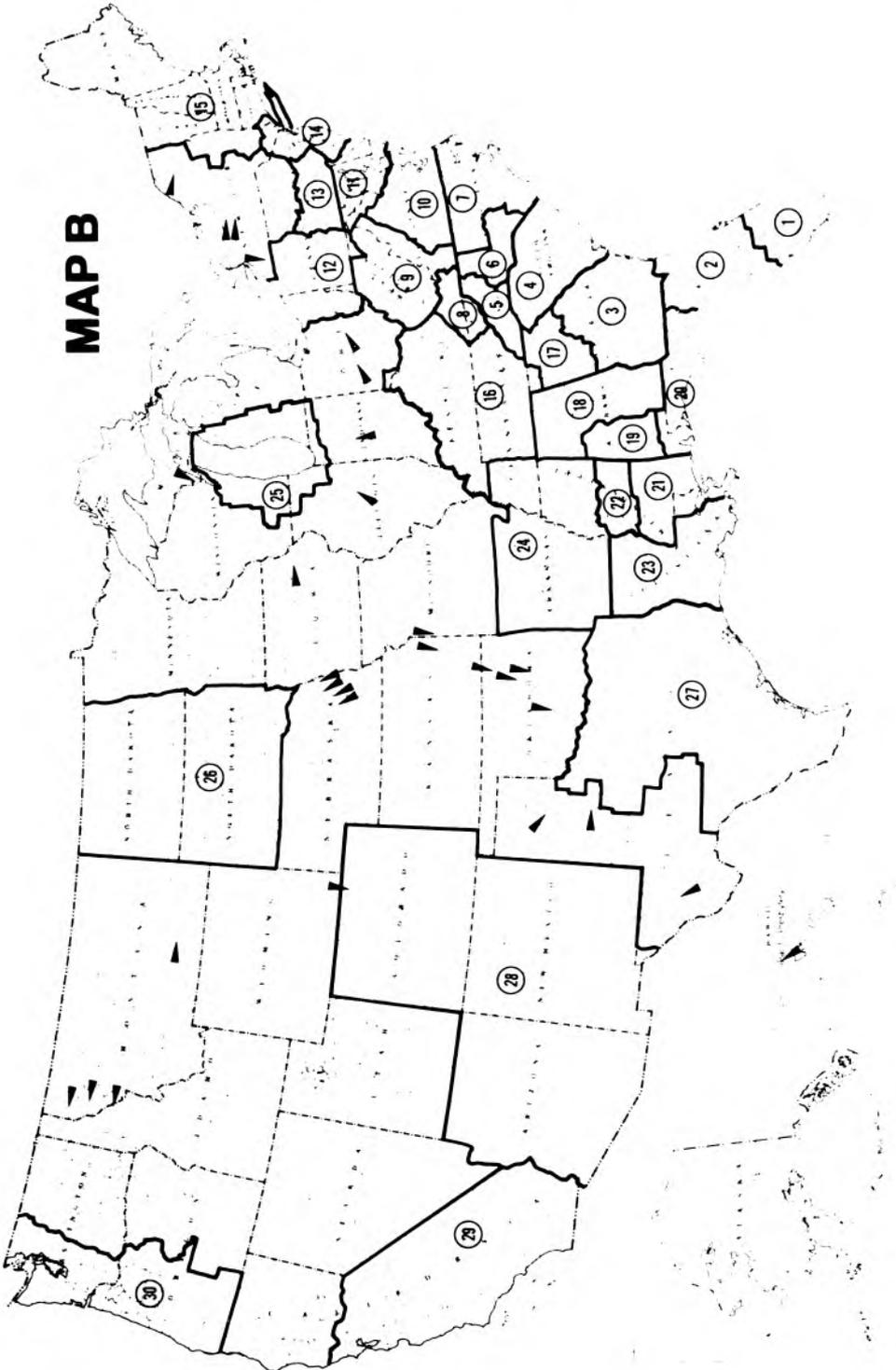
RPCES AND PCA ONLY - Map C

1. S. Florida	12,774	18. N. Georgia	2,088
2. C. Florida	1,886	19. Evangel	9,608
3. C. Georgia	3,923	20. Warrior	1,930
4. Calvary	10,035	21. Gulf Coast	2,569
5. W. Carolina	1,382	22. Grace	4,068
6. C. Carolina	2,129	23. MS Valley	7,696
7. E. Carolina	1,439	24. Louisiana	1,026
8. Westminster	1,952	25. Covenant	2,066
9. New River	1,059	26. St. Louis	1,196
10. Mid-Atlantic	2,855	27. Illinois	906
11. Delmarva	6,104	28. Dakota	1,163
12. Ascension	2,991	29. Oklahoma	946
13. Philadelphia	3,106	30. Texas	2,304
14. S. Jersey	807	31. Southwest	1,593
15. N.E. and N.Y.	671	32. S. Cal.	907
16. Great Lakes	1,672	33. Puget Sound	1,511
17. TN Valley	4,186	34. E. Canada	144 (5 churches and ministers)

MAP A

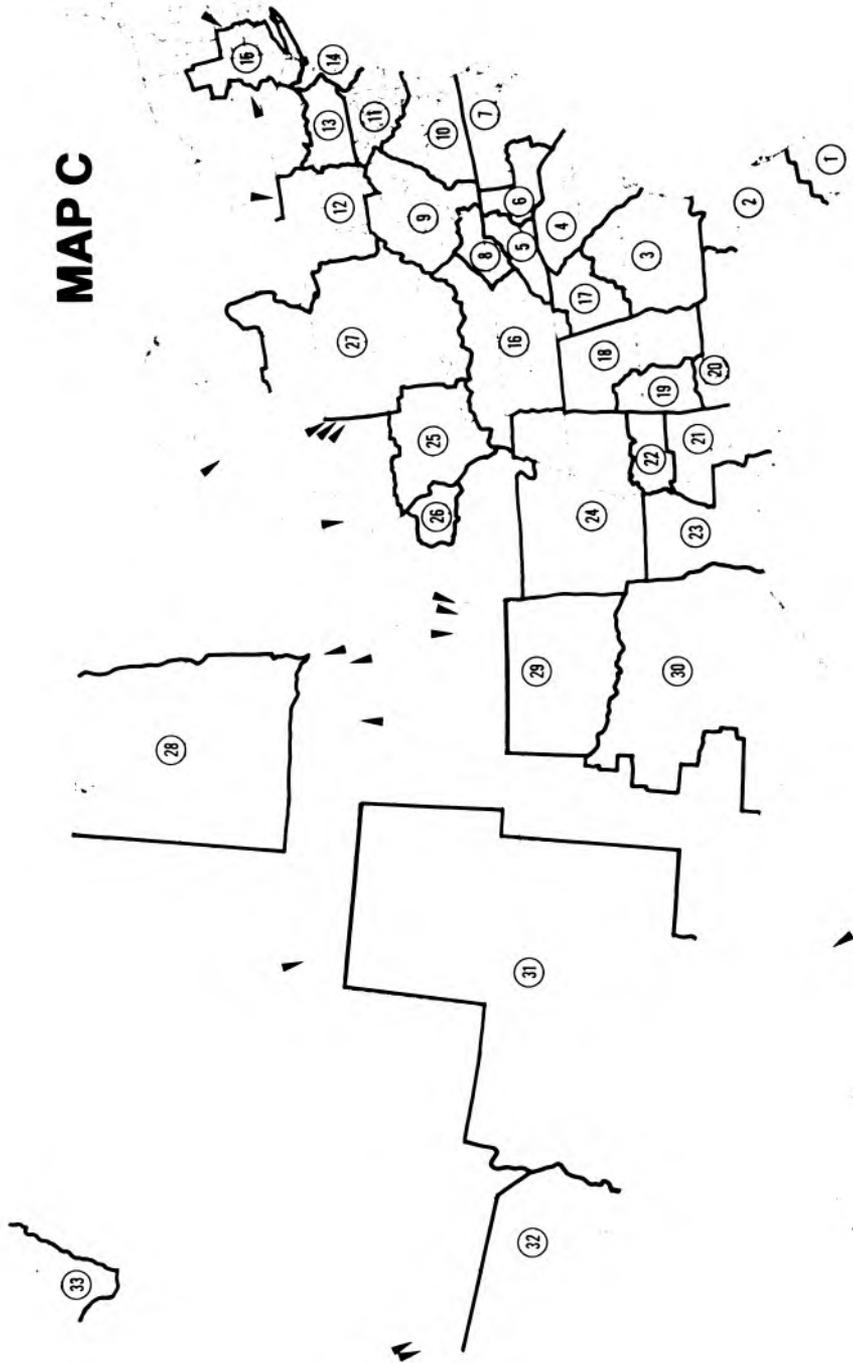


MAP B



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MAP C



ADDENDUM II

PROPOSED REVISION OF
COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is Covenant Theological Seminary, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Covenant Theological Seminary is a graduate and professional school of higher learning having as its principal purpose the education and preparation of qualified candidates for the gospel ministry both in the United States and on foreign mission fields.

ARTICLE III - DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

The doctrinal standards of this corporation are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America subordinate to the Word of God.

The seminary is committed to the defense of the historic Christian faith and to the scriptural doctrine of the purity of the visible church.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. Election. The powers of this corporation shall be vested in a board of trustees which will consist normally of not less than twelve and not more than thirty-two members. It shall be composed of four classes, the term of each class being four years, members being chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the General Assembly. Vacancies which occur between General Assemblies shall be filled by the next succeeding annual Assembly.

Each trustee shall be an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church in America and elected by the General Assembly, except that up to two members of each class may be elders of denominations with whom we have fraternal relations.

Each member of the board of trustees shall each year, no later than the first meeting after the General Assembly, subscribe by signature without any mental reservations to the doctrinal standards of the Presbyterian Church in America, and to the bylaws of this corporation.

Section 2. Quorum. A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum except when the number of trustees exceeds thirteen in which case not less than seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Relationship to Church. Covenant Theological Seminary shall be a continuing and permanent board of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America. All of the affairs of this corporation shall be controlled by the board of trustees who will in turn be responsible to report annually or more often as required by the Church to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Section 4. Number and Tenure. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will, when duly assembled, and subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, increase and decrease the number of the trustees, having due regard for the tenure of office of those presently holding the office of trustees, and may elect additional trustees, as limited by these bylaws, and fill vacancies in the board of trustees as same occur.

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

Upon the election of additional trustees such additional trustees shall hold office for four years, except as an individual trustee may be elected specifically to fill an unexpired term of another trustee.

Section 5. Change in Bylaws. Changes in the bylaws with respect to the statement of purpose and the membership of the board shall be approved by the General Assembly. The board of trustees shall normally initiate ordinances necessary and proper to carry into effect the purposes of the corporation and to advance the interests of the seminary.

Section 6. Officers. The officers of the board of trustees and of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, one or more vice-chairmen, secretary, and treasurer. They shall be elected annually at the first full meeting of the board of trustees following the General Assembly's election of trustees. Every officer shall serve until his successor is chosen.

Section 7. Office. The office of the corporation shall be at the seminary, 12330 Conway Road, Creve Coeur, St. Louis County, Missouri, 63141, or at such place as may be designated by the board of trustees.

Section 8. Regular Meetings. Three regular meetings of the board of trustees shall be held each year on the seminary campus as follows:

1. Spring meeting on the Friday and Saturday before commencement.
2. Fall meeting on the fourth Friday and Saturday of September.
3. Winter meeting on the second Friday and Saturday of January.

In addition, the board of trustees shall meet at the General Assembly.

The time and place of the regular meetings may be changed by the chairman only if special notice is sent to reach each member two weeks before the meeting is to be held. If regular meetings should fall on holidays, they should be held on the next succeeding business day thereafter.

Section 9. Special Meetings. Written notice of any special meeting shall be mailed to each trustee at least ten days before the meeting. Special meetings of the board of trustees may be called at any time by the chairman of the board, or if he is absent, unable to act or refuses to act, by the vice-chairman, or by any three trustees. A quorum for a special meeting of the board of trustees shall be 50 percent of the board of trustees.

Section 10. Executive Committee. The board of trustees shall have an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers of the board and additional members as elected by the board. The board of trustees may delegate to such executive committee any of the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation. The chairman of the board shall be the chairman of the executive committee. In his absence the vice-chairman or another member of the committee may be selected to act as chairman. For the transaction of business 50 percent of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. Its transactions shall be reported regularly to the board of trustees.

Ordinarily there shall be three regular meetings of the executive committee each year as follows:

1. The first Friday in March.
2. The fourth Friday in June.
3. The first Friday in December.

The time and place of regular meetings may be changed by the chairman only if special notice is sent to reach each member two weeks before the meeting is to be held.

Special meetings of the executive committee may be called by ten-day's advance notification.

Section 11. Property. The board of trustees may acquire, buy, sell, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, hold and otherwise deal in real and personal property, wheresoever situated, either by purchase, gift, bequest, or otherwise, as may be necessary, convenient or useful, in carrying out any and all of the objects and purposes of this organization.

The board of trustees has full power and authority to borrow money on behalf of the corporation and to incur indebtedness on behalf of the corporation. The board may cause to be executed on the part of the corporation written evidence of any such indebtedness with the stipulated obligation to pay interest thereon at a specified rate.

Great care shall be taken at all times to make it clear to all concerned that the financial obligations which the board of trustees incur do not become financial obligations of the Presbyterian Church in America but are the responsibility of this corporation.

The board of trustees may publish and distribute publications and literature in connection with its purposes and to do all things necessary in establishing and conducting an Institution of higher learning.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Chairman. The chairman shall preside over all meetings of the board of trustees. He shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. He shall have such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the board of trustees.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman. The first vice-chairman shall in the absence or disability of the chairman perform the duties and exercise the powers of the chairman.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall keep, or cause to have kept, a record of the proceedings of the board of trustees and have charge of the files and documents pertaining to the affairs of the corporation. The secretary shall serve all notices required by law or by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America or by the bylaws of the corporation and, in case of his absence, inability or neglect to do so, such notices may be served by the assistant secretary or by any person directed thereunto by resolution of the

board of trustees. The secretary shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office and as may be prescribed by the board of trustees or by the bylaws. He shall be the custodian of the corporate seal, to use of which shall be directed by the board of trustees.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall be responsible for all the funds of the corporation and shall supervise the handling of these funds according to principles established by the board of trustees. He shall receive reports from the executive officer of the seminary and shall be responsible to initiate an annual audit of the books of the seminary. The treasurer shall also serve as the assistant secretary.

Section 5. Compensation. The members of the board of trustees and its officers designated above in this article shall not receive compensation for their service as such. However, in case any member of the board or any officer is authorized to perform onerous duties, involving devotion of unusual time and effort, he shall then have such remuneration as the board of trustees shall prescribe.

Section 6. Assistants. The board of trustees may appoint from time to time, as the business of the corporation may require, assistants to the above-named officers designated in this Article, and fix the tenure of office and allow suitable compensation for such assistants.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS OF THE SEMINARY

Section 1. The President. The board of trustees shall appoint a president of the seminary who shall be the chief officer of the institution. He shall be responsible to the board of trustees to operate the seminary in conformity with the basic policies developed by the board of trustees. The basic policies are expressed in the faculty-board adopted purpose of the school. He shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a program of instruction, research and service which will be consistent with the high aims of the institution and needs of the students admitted.

The president shall be responsible for the selection of the administrative staff and with the cooperation and counsel of the faculty for the nomination of new faculty members. He shall report all of his selections and recommendations to the board of trustees for its approval. No regular faculty member shall be appointed until his application has been approved by the board of trustees.

The president shall be responsible for developing and maintaining the spiritual welfare of the entire seminary family, and for promoting the spiritual and academic interests of the seminary throughout the Church.

A report on the spiritual, academic and material conditions of the seminary and the progress achieved therein shall be made by the president at each regular meeting of the board of trustees. He shall also report annually for the board to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Section 2. Executive Vice President. The board of trustees may appoint an executive vice-president to assume such administrative and other duties as may be assigned by the board of trustees. In the absence of the president, he shall also assume the duties of the president.

Section 3. Vice President. The board of trustees may appoint one or more vice-presidents of the seminary who shall assist in carrying out particular functions and responsibilities of the institution.

Section 4. Dean of the Faculty. The dean of the faculty of the seminary shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board of trustees. He shall be responsible to the president for the promotion and maintaining of the highest possible academic standards of the seminary, and for the welfare of all faculty personnel. He is responsible to maintain a highly qualified faculty with a strong Christian commitment as well as an ability and an eagerness to share their spiritual experiences as well as their academic knowledge with all the students.

Section 5. Registrar. Upon nomination by the president, the board of trustees shall appoint a registrar who shall receive and file all students' applications and submit the same to the president of the seminary and to the admissions committee of the faculty. He shall be responsible, in consultation with the president and the admissions committee, for the admission of students according to the requirements established by the board of trustees, the faculty, and the president of the seminary. He shall register all students whose applications have been accepted. He shall be responsible to keep and maintain all academic records of every student enrolled in the seminary or graduated therefrom.

Section 6. Business Manager. The board of trustees may appoint a business manager who shall be nominated by the president and executive vice-president. He shall have charge of the buildings and grounds owned by the corporation and of the purchasing for and managing of all the business interests of the various departments of the seminary. He may, as the need arises, have assistants appointed, but he shall be responsible for the over-all business management. Included in his responsibilities will be the operation and upkeep of the kitchen, dining room and dormitories of the seminary as well as the student store.

The business manager shall have the authority to meet, according to his best judgment, any emergency requiring immediate attention, reporting his decisions and actions to the administration, which in turn shall report to the board of trustees. Any contractual work, however, which is to be done for the seminary shall first be authorized by the board of trustees.

Section 7. Tenure and Compensation. The officers of the seminary shall hold office at the pleasure of the board of trustees and shall receive such compensation as the board of trustees shall prescribe.

ARTICLE VII - DEGREES

The board of trustees shall have the power to grant and confer degrees and other academic and literary honors of the corporation. Earned degrees as well as honorary degrees and other honors shall be granted and conferred only in accordance with the regulations and requirements established by the board of trustees and the faculty of the seminary.

ARTICLE VIII - FACULTY OF THE SEMINARY

Section 1. Appointment. Members of the faculty shall be nominated by the president of the seminary after full consultation with the faculty and appointed after their applications have been approved by the board of trustees. In addition to being academically qualified for a faculty position, each member of the faculty must be in hearty agreement with the special and peculiar standards and testimony of the seminary and shall subscribe to them annually in writing.

Section 2. Grades and Compensation. There shall be four ranks of faculty members: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Instructor. Compensation will be fixed by the board of trustees according to the rank which a faculty member holds, according to length of service, special qualifications, and special needs.

Section 3. Tenure. Instructors shall be appointed year by year. Assistant Professors shall be appointed yearly for two years and thereafter for three-year terms. Associate Professors newly elected to this institution shall be appointed yearly for three years and newly elected Professors yearly for two years. Visiting Professors or Lecturers shall be appointed year by year when need arises without tenure.

After two years of satisfactory service a Professor may be given tenure until age 65; after three years of satisfactory service an Associate Professor may be given tenure until age 65. When he has reached this retirement age, it is possible for him to be appointed one year at a time.

A contract may be terminated with findings of doctrinal deviations, moral failure, incompetence, neglect of duty, disagreement with the standards of the institution as set forth in the contract, or such friction with his colleagues or with the administration as would be disruptive to the unity of the seminary. When personal attempts at negotiation and reconciliation between the administration and a faculty member have failed, the faculty member shall be given notice of the administration's termination of his services and a clear statement of the grounds for removal.

The faculty shall appoint a committee to investigate the basis of charges. When informal efforts to rectify an unsatisfactory situation have failed, the faculty member shall have two weeks notice of a hearing and an opportunity to defend himself, if he so desires, before the administration and the heads of the departments of the faculty. He will then be granted a hearing before the board of trustees if he so desires. The action of the board of trustees shall be final.

Except in cases of serious moral failure, the faculty member under notice of dismissal will be permitted to continue his duties until proceedings are complete unless immediate harm to himself or others is threatened by his continuance. Any suspension, however, shall be with pay. A faculty member dismissed for grounds other than moral failure shall receive his salary for no less than three months and no more than a year.

ARTICLE IX - FEES

The board of trustees shall, from time to time, set the fees or price for all instruction and for all services of the seminary, including lodging, meals, rental of facilities. The board of trustees shall also prescribe the manner and time of payment of all fees.

ARTICLE X - THE SEAL

The corporation shall have a common seal, consisting of a circle, in which there will be written the words: COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, St. Louis, Missouri, and the year of incorporation.

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ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended, altered or new bylaws adopted at any meeting of the board of trustees duly assembled, by a majority vote of these members present or voting by mail, only after the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and forwarded to any absent member.

These bylaws may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the board of trustees by a unanimous vote.

ADDENDUM III

INFORMATION PAPERS
 INTRODUCING AND COMPARING
 THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
 THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD
 THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
 THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

(Clerk's Note: These papers were published and sent to all of the Churches of the PCA. They are not a part of the Report, but are included for the information of the commissioners, as a part of the Committee's work.)

Brethren:

The Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America instructed the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss.... as follows:

"That the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss.... be continued for one year, and that in the event approaches from any other Churches are made to the PCA during the coming year, the Ad-Interim Committee be authorized to welcome, receive and study such approaches; be directed to communicate such information to the Church-at-large by all means available; and report to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at the Ninth General Assembly of the PCA."

Further, the Ad-Interim Committee was instructed to "continue to work on its original mandate ... meet with the representatives of the OPC, RPCES, and RPCNA, if the latter so desires, to draw up a statement that exhibits the representatives' understanding ... of the compatibility of the participating Churches ... and report by ... letter to all teaching elders and clerks of sessions no later than February 1, 1981, areas of similarity and difference among the PCA, OPC, RPCES, and RPCNA, giving a brief summary of each Church's position on these areas ... along with a description of the size and location of the individual churches of each denomination."

Please find enclosed the information specified in our instructions:

1. A brief history of each of the denominations listed.
2. A comparison of areas of similarity and differences among the Churches.
3. A brief statement of the Distinctives of Polity as held by the and compared to the other denominations.
4. Statistical summaries of each denomination with maps, with which you should be able to determine the size and location of each of our sister denominations.
5. A statement of the constitutional method of effecting one Church.

These materials are the fruit of extensive discussions with the brethren representing the OPC and RPCES (the RPCNA declined the invitation to join the discussions at this time). They are intended to assist you as you seek before God to evaluate the merits of the proposed "joining and receiving" as outlined in the invitation extended by the Eighth General Assembly.

Due to the fact that the RPCNA has declined the invitation, the history and map for this Church, which were not readily available, are not included.

Please continue to pray for us as we prepare our report, with recommendations, for the Ninth General Assembly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Paul G. Settle
 Chairman

Enclosures

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE CONSTITUTIONAL METHOD
OF EFFECTING ONE CHURCH

After full discussion the following motion was adopted by the Ad-Interim Committee to Discuss ...:

"This committee agrees that Paragraph 15-6 of the Book of Church Order contains the clause under which the reception of the RPCES the OPC into the PCA should be implemented; and this clause provides for a vote of a General Assembly and subsequent approval by three-fourths of the presbyteries, and when such votes have been taken in the affirmative, presbyteries of the RPCES and OPC shall become presbyteries of the PCA, and shall continue their separate existence until such time as new presbytery boundaries are agreed upon by their mutual consent and by concurrence of the General Assembly; and further, that the staffs of the boards and agencies of the RPCES and OPC will then be received under the jurisdiction of the counterpart permanent committees of the PCA."

(Note: At a subsequent meeting of the Ad Interim Committee with the Committees of the OPC and RPCES it was decided that possible boundaries of the presbyteries should be proposed prior to the votes on this question. A study of this is now under way, and the results should be able to be reported after the next meeting of the Committees scheduled in March.)

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Presbyterian Church in America is a young Presbyterian denomination. It came into being at its constituting General Assembly, held at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, during the week of December 4, 1973. At that Assembly the Church adopted a "Message to All Churches of Jesus Christ throughout the World," from which the following citation gives the official statement as to the reasons for this Church's separate existence:

We gather as a true branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm our allegiance to Him as the sole Head of the Church and the sole Lawgiver in Zion. We remember that 'the gates of hell shall not prevail' against His Church.

The constituency of this new denomination for the most part have separated themselves from the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The decision to separate has come only after long years of struggle and heartache on the part of many of us to return the Church to purity of faith and practice. Principle and conviction entered into that decision reached only after much soul-searching and earnest prayer. We have reluctantly accepted the necessity of separation, deeming loyalty to Christ to take precedence over relationship to any earthly institution, even to a visible branch of the Church of Christ.

First, we declare the basis of the authority for the Church. According to the Christian faith, the Bible, the Word of God written, carries the authority of its divine Author. We believe the Bible itself asserts that it has been given by inspiration, or more literally, has been 'God-breathed' (II Timothy 3:16) ... We declare that, therefore, the Bible is the very Word of God, so inspired in the whole and in all of its parts, as in the original autographs, to be the Inerrant Word of God. It is, therefore, the only infallible and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice ...

We have called ourselves 'Continuing Presbyterians' because we seek to continue the faith of the founding fathers of that Church (PCUS). Deviations in doctrine and practice from the historic Presbyterian positions as evident in the PCUS, result from accepting other sources of authority, and from making them coordinate or superior to the divine Word. A diluted theology, a Gospel tending toward humanism, an unbiblical view of marriage and divorce, the ordination of women, financing of abortion on socio-economic grounds, numerous other non-biblical positions are all traceable to a different view of Scripture from that we hold and that which was held by the Southern Presbyterian forefathers.

Change in the PCUS came as a gradual thing, and its ascendancy in the denomination, over a long period of time. We confess that it should not have been permitted. Views and practices that undermine and supplant the system of doctrine or policy of a Confessional Church ought never to be tolerated. A Church that will not exercise discipline will not long be able to maintain pure doctrine or godly practice.

When a denomination will not exercise discipline and its courts have become heterodox or disposed to tolerate error, the minority finds itself in the anomalous position of being submissive to a tolerant and erring majority. In order to proclaim the truth and to practice the discipline that they believe obedience to Christ requires, it then becomes necessary for them to separate. This is the exercise of discipline in reverse. It is how we view our separation ...

We declare also that we believe the system of doctrine found in God's Word to be the system known as the Reformed Faith. We are committed without reservation to the Reformed Faith, as set forth in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. It is our conviction that the Reformed Faith is not sectarian, but an authentic and valid expression of biblical Christianity. We believe it is our duty to seek fellowship and unity with all who profess this faith. We particularly wish to labor with other Christians committed to this theology."

With these affirmations, the new denomination came into being. She adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as they were originally adopted by Presbyterians when they formed the first General Assembly in America in 1789, with only two minor deletions. The Confession and Catechisms are the same as those of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. She requires in the ordination vows belief in the inerrancy of Scripture as the Scriptures were originally given. This is a change from the original

ordination vows in the old Church, but it is in conformity with the positions of both the OPC and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

Though the Church grew out of the old Southern Presbyterian Church (PCUS), which had always confined its boundaries to the Southeast, the first General Assembly of this new denomination recognized that it should become a national Church. For this reason, she adopted the name "National Presbyterian Church" at that first Assembly. This name was changed at the second Assembly so as not to be confused with the name of a particular congregation in Washington, D.C. of the UPCUSA. The name "Presbyterian Church In America" was adopted at that Assembly, which still speaks to the national aspirations of this new denomination. It is of interest to note that within the first year of the denomination's life, congregations outside of the Southeast affiliated with the denomination. The Presbytery of the Pacific was established during that year, and encompasses churches along the West Coast.

At the third Assembly a Presbytery was brought into the Church which included churches in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. In July 1980, the Presbytery of the Southwest was formed, which includes the churches in Arizona and New Mexico. In September 1980, a Presbytery of Philadelphia was formed, which encompasses Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. There are churches in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, and Hawaii, which are outside of normal Presbytery boundaries. The attached Statistical Summary shows the growth of the denomination through December 1979.

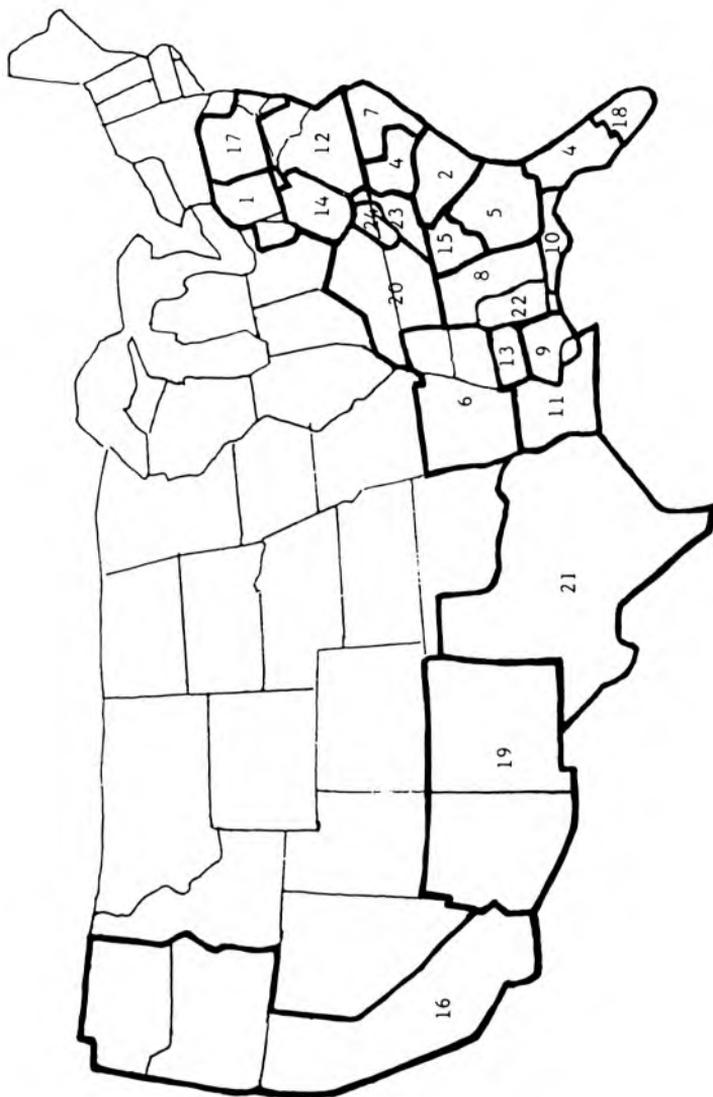
The Church has three primary Program Committees, namely, Mission to the World, Mission to the United States, and Christian Education and Publications. The Mission to the World Committee reports as of March 1, 1980, that there are 169 missionaries on the field and candidates itinerating in the churches at home in preparation for going to the field. These missionaries are found in 23 different countries. The Mission to the World Committee has been granted permission by the Assembly to send out missionaries jointly with other denominations, or with para-church organizations, so long as they are permitted to exercise their ministries in accord with the Reformed Faith. 77 of the missionaries serve only with the PCA, and 92 serve with other agencies, under cooperative agreements.

The Mission to the United States Committee is charged with the task of getting the Gospel out to the nation and to plant and develop the PCA in unreached areas of America. The results of some of this Committee's work has already been noted above in the description of the expansion of the PCA.

The Christian Education and Publications Committee has entered into a joint venture with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the area of publications. Great Commission Publications is now operated jointly by both of these denominations. It also cooperates with the OPC and the RPCES in maintaining a joint Chaplains Commission. The PCA has members on the Board of Covenant College in a plan of joint governance of the College.

Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America

1. Ascension
2. Calvary
3. Central Carolina
4. Central Florida
5. Central Georgia
6. Covenant
7. Eastern Carolina
8. Evangel
9. Grace
10. Gulf Coast
11. Louisiana
12. Mid-Atlantic
13. Mississippi Valley
14. New River
15. North Georgia
16. Pacific (includes Hawaii)
17. Philadelphia
18. Southern Florida
19. Southwest
20. Tennessee Valley
21. Texas
22. Warrior
23. Western Carolina
24. Westminster



STATISTICAL SUMMARIES OF PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR 1979

Line	Post Office	Number of Churches	Ministers	Licentiates	Candidates	Number of Elders	Number of Deacons	Total Last Year (1978)	ADDITIONS				LOSSES				Total Non-Communicant Members	Family Units	Sunday School Enrollment	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms
									Professions of Faith	Reaffirmation	Transfers	Other	Death	Transfer	Other	Total Communicants 1979					
1	Ascension	11	28	2	13	59	52	1,437	107	62	76	3	4	56	79	1,546	486	783	1,115	7	62
2	Cabary	50	58	6	8	366	352	8,059	173	95	296	32	80	203	116	8,287	1,103	3,532	5,310	52	104
3	Central Carolina	10	15	—	2	63	56	1,515	40	31	39	2	12	57	46	1,512	219	735	1,138	14	15
4	Central Florida	7	15	2	2	29	40	1,114	59	29	51	4	4	49	22	1,182	279	587	735	12	31
5	Central Georgia	17	31	2	7	131	122	3,738	96	93	181	69	27	118	109	3,923	426	1,394	2,338	36	89
6	Covenant	24	31	1	1	129	118	1,983	31	68	77	7	37	58	45	2,066	314	1,044	1,162	11	38
7	Eastern Carolina	8	13	—	3	48	42	1,423	46	34	28	23	19	52	44	1,439	206	704	1,104	47	25
8	Evangel	43	60	2	10	317	322	8,872	158	128	469	78	71	216	242	9,352	1,406	4,211	5,339	48	157
9	Grace	38	38	2	2	210	269	3,948	91	48	138	9	58	83	25	4,068	512	1,910	2,019	26	89
10	Gulf Coast	18	23	2	1	62	85	2,587	60	52	63	10	23	70	110	2,569	372	1,214	1,023	7	34
11	Louisiana	8	10	1	2	40	40	968	21	16	35	5	11	53	5	996	208	495	505	4	19
12	Mid-Atlantic	25	48	3	15	129	128	4,247	138	201	120	140	27	127	90	4,602	643	1,735	2,500	30	76
13	Mississippi Valley	55	60	4	17	320	348	7,631	117	85	254	56	80	230	138	7,695	634	3,581	4,618	39	134
14	New River	9	12	—	6	40	36	1,047	31	18	4	2	16	17	117	958	56	448	576	10	11
15	North Georgia	11	25	1	5	60	88	1,881	59	55	147	138	13	49	130	2,088	446	972	1,249	33	64
16	Pacific	11	34	—	2	54	37	854	41	49	35	1	17	37	460	1,252	164	710	727	11	34
17	Southern Florida	20	52	10	10	180	229	11,448	783	236	727	301	79	494	505	12,417	1,042	3,726	5,301	152	204
18	Tennessee Valley	16	26	1	11	130	160	4,191	58	83	106	29	49	140	320	3,958	230	1,703	2,493	27	26
19	Texas	17	28	—	3	68	67	1,727	53	45	156	10	10	52	26	1,903	457	848	1,041	7	38
20	Warrior	28	15	—	1	108	117	1,977	35	10	51	24	25	44	98	1,930	222	803	1,085	17	22
21	Western Carolinas	10	19	1	—	53	56	882	17	17	451	4	10	26	22	1,313	113	543	868	7	13
22	Westminster	24	27	2	6	108	84	1,827	34	46	135	11	10	28	63	1,952	286	911	1,517	28	30
	Totals	460	668	42	127	2,704	2,848	73,365	2,248	1,501	3,639	956	682	2,253	2,812	77,008	9,874	32,589	43,763	625	1,295

* 1978 figures incurred — changes made

This figure varies from that which was reported in 1978 Yearbook. See footnotes of individual presbyteries for adjustments that have been made.

Seven Year Summary of the Presbyterian Church in America
(As reported by the Congregations as of each December 31st)

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Presbyteries	16	19	21	21	21	22	22
Churches	260	346	393	405	428	440	460
Ministers	196	313	397	457	536	584	668
Candidates	22	55	94	120	142	159	127
Professions of Faith	976	1,380	1,416	1,468	1,586	1,946	2,704
Communicants	41,232	55,206	60,134	62,100	66,461	73,665	77,008
Non-communicants		6,264	7,211	6,893	7,438	8,430	9,824
Family Units		21,596	24,915	26,678	27,452	30,106	32,589
Sunday School Enrollment	25,690	32,790	36,830	36,577	35,734	40,595	43,763
Adult Baptisms	318	466	536	547	545	559	625
Infant Baptisms	505	612	721	779	841	1,133	1,295
Total Contributions	9,208,823	14,244,676	17,438,850	20,143,308	24,680,181	33,759,726	39,077,017
Per Capita Giving	222.85	258.03	290.00	324.37	371.35	458.00	507.00
Assembly Giving	172,563	908,334	1,429,784	1,704,675	2,041,680	2,660,497	3,133,929
Presbytery Causes	94,120	283,673	392,881	503,410	603,409	723,438	831,634
Congregational Benevolences	961,835	731,179	2,776,626	2,936,840	3,689,224	4,803,061	6,201,195
Total Benevolences		3,792,310	4,576,735	5,173,498	6,335,648	8,186,970	10,166,047
Per Capita Benevolences	69.71	71.31	76.11	83.31	95.33	111.00	132
Congregational Current Expenses		7,889,441	9,741,631	11,404,239	13,981,150	18,042,996	20,188,705
Congregational Building Expenditures		2,008,621	1,955,501	3,744,729	5,476,443	6,406,755	7,787,253
Total All Disbursements		14,250,882	16,873,561	20,913,881	25,928,470	32,633,747	38,142,005

THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church came into being organizationally on June 11, 1936, when 34 ministers, 17 ruling elders, and 79 "laity" stood up at the New Century Club in Philadelphia to show their desire to affiliate with what was then called the Presbyterian Church of America. The First General Assembly convened immediately from that gathering, and Dr. J. Gresham Machen was elected Moderator. The Rev. Paul Woolley became clerk of the assembly. Dr. Machen's deposition by the Presbytery of New Brunswick of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. had just been upheld by the General Assembly of that body, thereby exhausting his final appeal on charges associated with his refusal to resign from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

Although that was the ostensible issue, the deeper issue was doctrinal declension in the church, whose ordained ministers and elders had publicly subscribed to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, but great numbers of whom either repudiated the clear teaching of the Confession or refused to act against those who did. Machen's deposition capped a series of losses by those concerned to uphold the church's confessional standards, extending back to the early 1920s. These events are ably set forth in books by the late Ned B. Stonehouse, J. GRESHAM MACHEN, a biography; John P. Galbraith, WHY THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?; and Paul Woolley, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF J. GRESHAM MACHEN TODAY. A civil court suit instituted by the parent church resulted in the new church being required to change its name, and the present name was chosen in 1939.

Perhaps none of those earlier events reveals the theological climate in the old church more clearly than the so-called Auburn Affirmation of 1924. In that document some 1300 ministers of the Presbyterian Church had declared that it was unnecessary, in order to remain true to one's ordination vows, to believe in the inerrancy of Scriptures, or in our Lord's virgin birth, miracles, substitutionary atonement, or bodily resurrection. Those truths they regarded only as "theories". By 1936 men of that persuasion, or those who tolerated them, had taken over Princeton Seminary and were fully in control of the church.

The new church adopted as its standards the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, without the compromising amendments that had been added in 1903, and they have remained its standards to the present day without further amendment.

A Committee on the Constitution was erected at the First General Assembly, resulting in the adoption of a Form of Government (1937), a Directory for the Public Worship of God (1939), and a Book of Discipline (1940). The Form of Government was thoroughly revised over a period of 29 years, culminating in 1978. The revision process included a study of the Forms of Government of the PCA, RPCEs, CRC, and several others; its aims were two: to express more fully and clearly the scriptural concepts of church government than were found in previous forms of government, and to make it useful by pastors and sessions as a handbook.

The new church also moved immediately to elect committees on home missions, foreign missions, and Christian education. It is significant, considering the difficulties its founders had with the boards of the old church, that the OPC found no inconsistency in these actions. It is also a minor commentary on their experience that they are still called committees, probably to emphasize their direct answerability to the general assembly.

The OPC does not operate any educational institutions - schools, colleges, or seminaries. Although Westminster Theological Seminary has mistakenly been thought, by some, to be an OPC institution, it was, in fact, founded seven years before the OPC independent of any ecclesiastical control, and has remained this ever since. Most OPC ministers have, historically, been graduates of Westminster, but in recent years some have come from other seminaries also, such as, Covenant and Reformed.

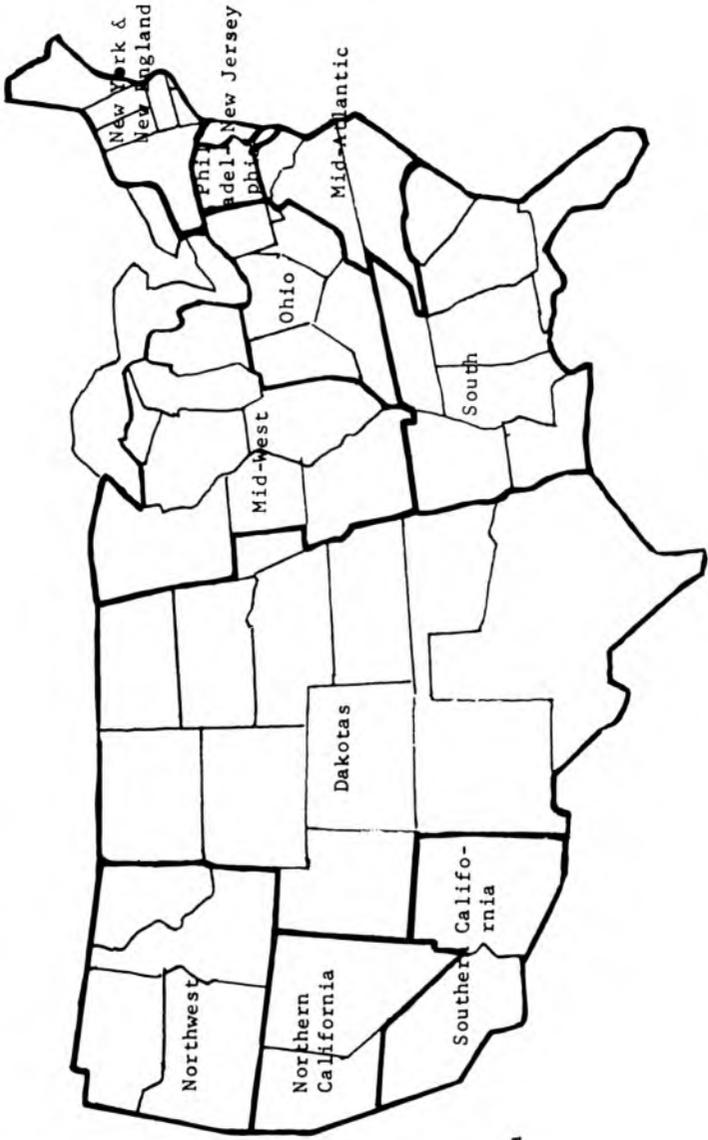
The record of the OPC since 1936 is statistically unremarkable. The earliest figures on membership appear in the Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly (1938). They show 4,225 communicant members, 99 ministers, and 60 congregations in 16 states. Only one congregation (Portland, Maine) was able to retain its property from the old church. The corresponding figures for the year ending December 31, 1979, are 11,306 communicant members and 4,964 non-communicants (16,526 total, up 2.2% from the year before); 146 congregations, 28 chapels, and 11 presbyteries, in 33 states; and 256 ministers.

Space does not permit a survey of the issues that have affected the life of the OPC since 1936. Suffice it to say, that some brought more glory to God than others. Throughout its life, however, the OPC has been free of controversy over the doctrinal issues that brought it into being. For that blessing its ministers and elders, and especially those members who have any connection with its formation, give great thanks to God.

Although the OPC was born through separation from another denomination, it has sought to recognize the oneness of the body of Christ. It has therefore been in the forefront in seeking to advance a biblical ecumenism and has been active in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod since 1949, was a founding member - with the PCA, RPCES, CRC, and RPCNA - of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, and has taken initiative to explore the possibility of Reformed churches affiliating in a fellowship of evangelical churches.

The objective of the OPC has been accurately describes as follows: "It takes its stand squarely upon the Bible as the Word of God as its only infallible rule of faith and practice, and upon the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as the faithful interpretation of the Bible."

Presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church



Alaska included
in Northwest

Hawaii included
in Southern California

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

PRESBYTERY	Total Mem.		Comm. Mem. 12-31-78	Bapt. Child. 12-31-78	Added				Removed				Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week	General Receipts	benevolence Receipts	Special Receipts	Total Receipts	Ministers	Churches	Chapels			
	12-31-77	12-31-78			Conf. Faith	Adults	Bapt. Child.	Reaf. Faith	Transfer	Death	Dismissal	Frasure or Discipline									Gain or Loss Bapt. Child.	May 1978	Nov. 1978
Dakotas	1,287	1,408	1,030	378	16	18	39	86	6	24	18	10	696	711	\$386,814	\$87,353	\$34,833	\$309,020	26	19	7		
Mid-Atlantic	1,092	1,091	747	344	19	5	33	45	5	75	26	3	551	536	284,350	129,088	18,266	431,704	19	13	1		
Midwest	2,394	2,466	1,610	856	24	18	75	30	12	54	26	17	1,360	1,193	438,526	138,289	50,214	627,029	22	11	9		
New Jersey	2,242	2,160	1,525	635	28	19	17	34	22	72	56	-30	850	894	378,675	168,229	39,810	586,714	30	16	0		
N.Y. & N.E.	1,553	1,623	1,110	513	26	12	41	29	5	26	30	23	744	733	322,085	110,647	21,541	454,273	23	17	4		
No. California	667	670	460	210	11	10	29	12	5	35	15	-4	352	359	203,554	50,688	11,481	265,723	16	9	1		
Northwest	628	653	443	210	6	4	19	51	7	47	18	17	381	430	206,437	49,147	10,240	265,824	12	8	4		
Ohio	860	896	559	337	37	6	20	12	3	17	14	5	410	436	171,485	43,379	18,018	232,882	13	7	2		
Philadelphia	2,120	2,119	1,499	620	46	21	64	42	9	87	69	-9	1,097	1,263	436,204	160,729	136,094	733,027	44	15	3		
South	814	809	586	223	24	16	23	18	5	28	25	-28	418	461	221,377	69,129	142,628	433,134	13	7	0		
So. California	1,896	1,911	1,370	541	34	21	54	48	9	57	61	-15	1,005	990	516,476	128,710	58,577	703,763	30	14	3		
TOTALS—1978a	15,553	15,806	10,939	4,867	261	150	414	407	88	522	358	-11	7,664	8,006	\$3,565,983	\$1,135,388	\$541,722	\$5,243,093	248	136	34		
TOTALS—1977b					264	188	383	233	94	361	326	-41	7,583	7,786	3,154,150	931,935	360,022	4,446,107	237	133	30		
TOTALS—1976c					268	150	326	309	93	351	382	37	7,833	7,962	2,921,041	818,589	366,571	4,106,201	230	131	20		
Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1978a															\$326	\$104	\$49	\$479					
Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1977b															295	87	34	416					
Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1976c															282	79	35	396					

Does not include bequests received in the amount of: a \$80,305 b \$30,452 c \$58,997

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 1965-1978

	Ministers*	Comm. Mem.	Bapt. Child	Total Mem.
1978	248	10,939	4,867	16,054
1977	237	10,683	4,862	15,790
1976	230	10,372	4,934	15,529
1975	224	10,129	4,874	15,266
1974	220	10,186	4,912	15,334
1973	210	9,940	4,893	15,013
1972	205	9,741	4,925	14,915
1971		9,536	4,890	14,427
1970		9,401	4,898	14,268
1969		9,276	4,849	14,165
1968		9,197	4,841	13,972
1967		8,975	4,848	13,826
1966		8,789	4,790	13,546
1965		8,285	4,582	12,882

Note: Total membership in each year was revised in the following year's report and the revised figures are shown above. Figures for communicant members and baptized children were not revised so that their totals differ slightly from the revised total membership

* Ministers included in Total Membership beginning in 1973.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
EVANGELICAL SYNOD

By Paul R. Gilchrist
Stated Clerk, RPCES

On April 6, 1965, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, came into existence from a merger of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, General Synod.

The RPCES affirms the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as the subordinate standards of the church. A Form of Government, Book of Discipline and Directory of Worship complement the standards for purposes of church order. There are 17 presbyteries, covering the U.S.A., Canada and British West Indies. Saharanpur Presbytery in India became an independent church in 1977.

The church today enjoys a very modest membership of 27,170, including 6,139 baptized covenant children and 416 ordained ministers (December 1979), which represents a growth of 61.8% in the past decade. Total receipts reported through our churches in 1979 was \$11,172,680 representing a \$542.00 per capita giving of the total membership. The relatively large number of ministers as compared to almost 200 churches (164 particular churches and 26 missions) reflects the impact on evangelistic and educational outreach. Seventy-nine percent of the ordained teaching elders are involved as pastors (238), missionaries (45), chaplains and evangelists (20), and college and seminary professors (32). The remainder are serving Christ's Kingdom as agency administrators, counselors, secular work often in a "tent-making" situation, or are honorably retired.

During the past decade, the general synods have spent much time and effort examining the Scriptures concerning many of the problems of our day. Numerous study committees have hammered out reports to synod which, when adopted by synod, have served as guidelines for actions by sessions and presbyteries. Some of the following issues have been dealt with: Children's Partaking of the Lord's Supper, Dispensationalism, Freemasonry, Tongues and the Work of the Holy Spirit, Second Ordination Vow, Divorce and Remarriage, Abortion, Demonic Activity, Gifts for Ordination, Amsterdam Philosophy, Ecclesiastical Separation, Functions of Deacons, Role of Women in the Church, Licensure and Ordination Examination, Beverage Use of Alcohol, Apostasy and Separation, and Pastoral Care for the Repentant Homosexual.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church had its historical roots in the modernist-fundamentalist controversy within the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (Northern). Starting with the heresy trials of Charles A. Briggs in 1893 through several general assemblies when the "fundamentals" of the Christian faith were reaffirmed (1909, 1916, 1923), the rigorous defense of the faith by conservative leaders like Francis L. Patton and B. B. Warfield of Princeton Seminary held the day.

However, in 1924, the infamous "Auburn Affirmation" was signed by approximately ten percent of the ministers, denying the necessity for believing in the inspiration of Scripture, the virgin birth of Christ, the substitutionary atonement, the bodily resurrection of Christ, and the possibility of supernatural miracles and predictive prophecy. The next twelve years marked the struggles under the leadership of J. Gresham Machen and others against modernism in the church, resulting in the formation of Westminster Theological Seminary (1929) and the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (1933). The General Assembly, 1934, ordered the men on the IBPFM to "cease and desist", or else be liable to censure. This proposal was rejected, resulting in 1936 in trials of Machen, together with J. Oliver Buswell, Harold S. Laird, Carl McIntire, and three or four others.

This led to the organizing of the continuing witness of the conservative Presbyterians under the name Presbyterian Church of America in 1936, with 34 ministers and 17 ruling elders. With Machen's premature death in January, 1937, the fledgling church suffered the loss of a most important leader, and factions emerged. The Bible Presbyterian Church was formed in 1937, keeping control of the IBPFM and organizing Faith Theological Seminary. The Presbyterian Church of America was forced to change its name by civil courts action, becoming the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The issues for disruption were questions of Christian liberty relating to the beverage use of alcohol and eschatological liberty relating to millennial views.

The Bible Presbyterian Church, through the leadership of Carl McIntire, was involved in the formation of the International Council of Christian Churches and the American Council of Christian Churches in the late 1940s. However, questionable statistics being used to

promote the ACCC led to the withdrawal of the BPC from that council in 1954, resulting in Carl McIntire's forming the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood Synod in 1956.

In order to avoid the confusion of almost identical names, the Bible Presbyterian Synod, Inc., changed its name to Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in 1961. The church, meanwhile, organized Covenant College and Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1955 and 1956, taking advantage of the well-trained faculty from Faith Seminary, Shelton College and Highland College who had been dismissed by McIntire-controlled boards. Also, World Presbyterian Missions was organized as the foreign missions agency, National Missions Committee was reorganized as National Presbyterian Missions as a church extension agency, and the Christian Education Committee was reorganized as Christian Training, Inc.

Following the merger in 1965 of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America General Synod, the RPCES has enjoyed a fruitful ministry. Covenant College separated in 1964 from the Seminary and was relocated on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Currently it serves under the shared sponsorship and control of the Presbyterian Church in America. An increasing number of PCA students are enjoying the high quality of a Christian liberal arts and professional program offered by the College. It had a student body of 522 in September, 1980. Covenant Seminary continues in St. Louis with around 150 students preparing for Christian service. As in the case of the College, there is an increasing participation of PCA personnel among the student body, faculty, staff and board of trustees. Both institutions have been recognized by their respective regional accreditation associations. Christian Training, Inc., continues its church education concerns, especially seeking to develop ways of training Sunday school teachers to adapt current materials to meet the particular needs of the local church.

The Board of Home Ministries, originally the Board of Home Missions under the RPCNA, GS has been reorganized and revitalized under the leadership of its executive director, Ruling Elder Earl Witmer. Its program includes not only the supervision of the Cherokee Indian ministry in Oklahoma, but inner city and minority ministries as well as synod wide diaconal services and out reach.

National Presbyterian Missions has been on the cutting edge of the church growth movement in the Reformed tradition. Through the energetic leadership of the Executive Director, Donald J. MacNair, NPM has succeeded in getting the presbyteries to be aggressively engaged in establishing new churches within their bounds. NPM deserves much of the credit for the RPCES growing from 112 churches and seven missions in 1966 to 167 churches and 23 missions in 1980, averaging one new mission church per month. The careful groundwork for these mission churches has resulted in a very high percentage of these becoming particular churches of the RPCES.

World Presbyterian Missions continues an active foreign ministry in 10 fields with some 68 missionaries under regular appointment. In addition, some 20 seminary interns, worker-visitors or field partners are serving abroad. Its program is primarily centered in church planting, with educational and medical ministries supporting this overall function. WPM has set its goals to doubling its full time missionary personnel by the mid-eighties because of the great need that exists to share the gospel cross-culturally to "the other sheep which are not of this fold."

The very rich heritage from the RPCNA, GS goes back to the time of the second Reformation in Scotland when the Covenanting Presbyterians were resisting the tyranny of the Stuart kings in England and Scotland. The non-indulged Covenanters would have none other than King Jesus as Head of His Church, resulting in persecution, execution and exile during the end of the 17th Century.

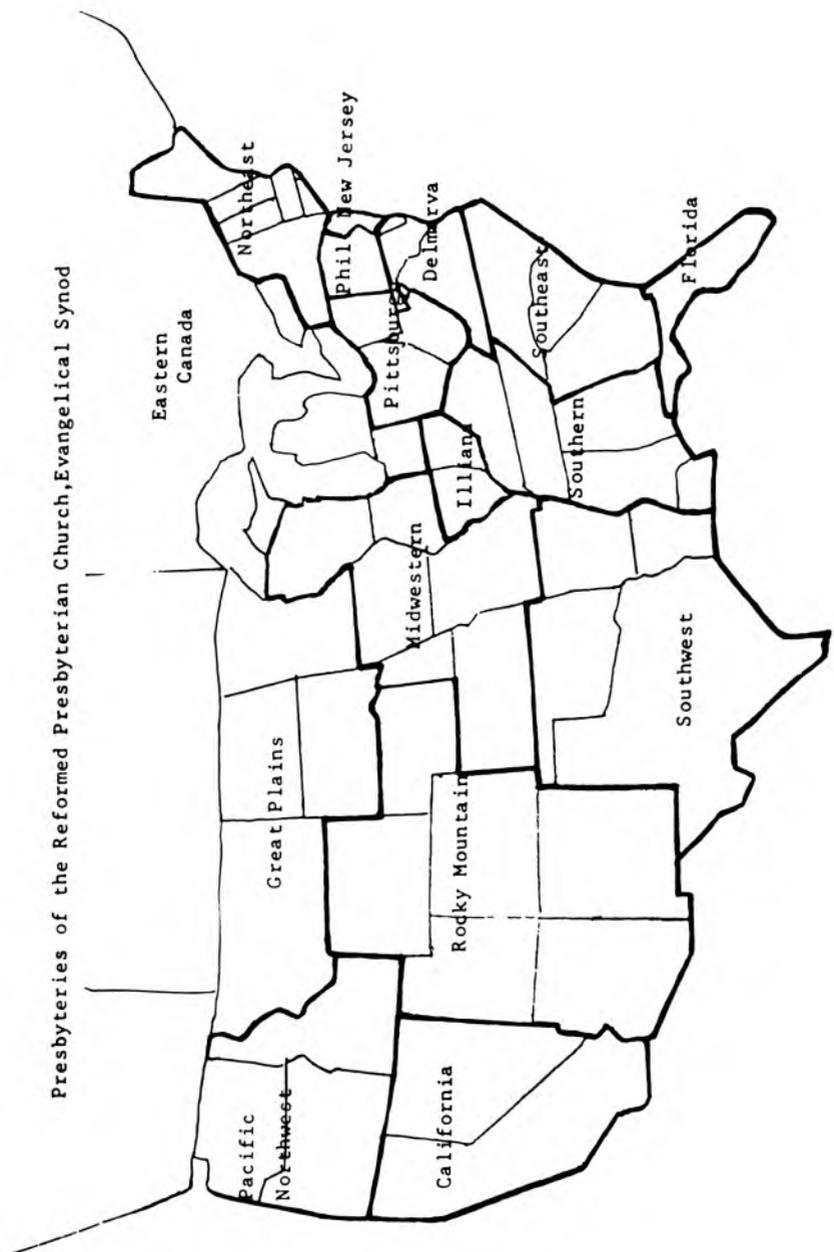
A large number of these persecuted Presbyterians migrated to the American colonies, settling in Eastern Pennsylvania, the first congregation being organized in 1743 near Octorora. By 1774 there were three pastors, who then organized the first presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Paxtang, Dauphin County. (During the 152nd General Synod, in 1974, a special service was held with brethren from the RPCNA participating. A historical marker near the original site was unveiled as part of the bicentennial celebration.) By 1798 the Reformed Presbytery of the United States of North America was formally constituted in Philadelphia thereby loosing its ties with Scotland. Then in 1809 the first synod was organized, meeting only once every other year through most of the 19th Century.

With the war of 1812, the Reformed Presbyterians were prepared to fight for their country, in essence pledging their allegiance and cooperation to a civil government for the first time in more than a century. However, in 1821, a question arose over the issue of

participating in juries of civil courts. The issue was finally confronted in 1832, with the disastrous results of a division in 1833, when members of the Eastern Subordinate Synod withdrew from the General Synod. The name "Covenanter" and "Old Light" stuck to the new group, while the General Synod was now nicknamed the "New Light" for favoring participation in governmental affairs.

During the century that followed, there was vigorous growth in church planting, education, social concerns and foreign missionary endeavors. However, the church dwindled to just a handful of churches by 1957, when the possibility of merger with the Bible (later Evangelical) Presbyterian Synod was broached, being successfully consummated in 1965.

The RPCES would be the first to recognize its own state of imperfection. We would confess that we are but pilgrims and strangers constantly in need of the sanctifying grace of our covenantal Lord. Nevertheless, we press on seeking to implant the banner of our Triune God in all the world and in every area of life. We rejoice that our hope and confidence is in our Sovereign Lord, to whom alone belongs honor and glory, dominion and power.



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	1966	1970	1972	1974	1976	1978	1979
1. Number of Churches	121	128	142	150	152	160	164
2. Number of Mission Churches	9	8	8	10	16	29	26
3. Number of Ministers	285	319	332	354	369	394	416
4. Number of Communicants	12,960	14,026	15,892	17,318	18,836	19,237	20,615
5. Number of Covenant Children	3,538	3,755	4,589	5,569	5,412	6,420	6,139
6. Total Membership	16,783	18,100	20,812	23,241	24,617	26,051	27,170
7. Total Giving	\$2,412,860	\$3,303,137	\$4,250,370	\$5,553,293	\$7,490,305	\$9,692,824	\$11,172,680
8. Percent for General Budget	79.3%	60.0%	61.9%	58.1%	63.7%	66.4%	64.2%
9. Percent for Capital Expenditures		19.5%	18.6%	23.8%	16.4%	16.5%	17.7%
10. Percent for Benevolences	20.7%	20.3%	19.0%	18.0%	18.8%	17.0%	18.1%
11. Per Capita Giving (Communicants)	\$211.67	\$248.43	\$267.45	\$323.47	\$397.66	\$493.75	\$542.00
12. Per Capita Giving (Total Membership)	\$143.77	\$183.04	\$204.23	\$240.85	\$304.27	\$372.07	\$411.21
13. Per Capita Personal Income (USA)	\$3,422.00	\$3,945.00	\$4,513.00	\$5,443.00	\$6,369.00	\$7,246.00	
14. Percent RP Giving/Personal Income	4.20%	4.64%	4.53%	4.42%	4.78%	5.13%	

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS BY PRESBYTERY

	Ministers	Churches	Missions	Communicant Members	Covenant Children	Number of Families	EPES	Deacons	Trustees	Adults	Baptisms	Infants	Baptisms	Professors of Faith	Reaffirmation	Transfer of Letter	TOTAL INCREASE	Letter of Dismissal	Death	Ordination	Dismissed from Roll	TOTAL DECREASE	Sunday A M	Worship Attendance	Sunday P M	Worship Attendance	Midweek Meeting Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Wesleyan Bible School Attendance
California	22	5	2	471	352	247	20	21	3	15	11			43	19	17	79	18	3	10	31	571	234	178	304	153			
Delmarva	65	26	4	5018	1730	2654	137	131	38	51	142			241	239	85	612	122	22	2	102	208	4847	1706	787	3121	1842		
E. Canada	6	4	1	144	85	107	9	3						4	10		10	2	2			4	170	92	58	55	64		
Florida	19	9	1	1072	362	618	40	28	7	12	28			67	66	15	148	15	11		21	47	1298	530	229	829	375		
Great Lakes	12	6	0	503	238	292	23	26	9	3	25			27	17	5	48	28	2		13	43	647	215	10	480	334		
Great Plains	8	3	0	143	35	83	9	3						1	1	3	7	1	2		3	140	55	26	88	55			
Illiana	18	7	2	729	150	420	20	4	21	13	20			56	47	7	110	10	9		5	24	812	158	118	409	172		
Midwestern	55	13	4	1621	430	795	86	54	14	20	80			47	83	41	202	58	9	2	39	107	1663	625	488	1140	724		
New Jersey	16	7	1	386	139	275	25	17	18	10	18			39	4	3	48	38	8		8	50	570	258	89	417	348		
Northeast	18	6	1	417	187	210	28	14	4	2	18			30	25	18	74	13	9		5	27	518	128	85	382	382		
Pacific NW	23	9	3	803	253	553	32	27	11	7	21			36	19	18	74	30	10		56	86	885	318	318	482	546		
Philadelphia	40	16	2	2314	840	1186	80	59	44	10	50			87	77	29	173	81	28	8	77	172	2003	841	405	1450	857		
Pittsburgh	24	16	1	1473	445	758	64	37	29	8	29			42	23	8	73	17	18		56	81	1129	413	208	743	812		
Rocky Mtn.	20	8	2	1286	299	647	37	30	8	21	39			53	113	14	180	43	8	1	27	78	875	321	195	382	884		
Southeast	27	13	2	2420	417	1117	87	87	3	15	25			71	77	100	268	87	18	3	71	157	1891	1002	523	1474	820		
Southern	27	8	0	788	150	375	32	34	5	4	21			18	44	38	100	49	3		35	87	1108	557	189	507	472		
Southwest	16	8	1	711	187	328	32	22	4	14	31			43	87	12	122	4	8		43	55	733	387	251	432	458		
TOTALS	416	164	26	20615	6139	10678	718	577	217	203	533			891	923	423	2327	575	166	14	568	1281	18859	7721	4135	12957	9101		

Some of the Characteristics of the Polity
of the Presbyterian Church in America
by
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The 1980 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America has issued an invitation to three other Presbyterian denominations, namely, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to come with it "for the purpose of effecting and perfecting one Church among us" under the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America. Since this is an invitation to others to unite with the PCA under its form of government, it seems only proper that a paper outlining some of the characteristics of the PCA polity be presented, so that intelligent decisions may be made.

It should be observed that it is not the purpose of this paper to present or discuss the positions of the other churches. Rather, this is a presentation of the distinctives of the polity of the Presbyterian Church in America, so that those who are faced with the question of whether they should vote to accept the PCA invitation can do so with a clear understanding of the way in which the PCA is governed.

It should also be noted that this is not intended to be a defense of Presbyterianism over against congregationalism or episcopacy. The basics of Presbyterian polity are assumed. The points discussed in this paper are some of the characteristics of the Presbyterian polity as developed by the PCA. It will be recognized immediately that some of the characteristics of the PCA polity are held in common with other Presbyterian bodies. They are treated here in order to give a well rounded picture of the PCA polity, and of some of its practices.

The basic approach in this article is to state the principle, and then to illustrate the way in which the PCA has sought to implement the principle. At some places, the history of the development of different approaches will be treated briefly.

The PCA had its primary roots in the Southern Presbyterian Church, and thus has adopted the polity that was developed historically in that Church. It is a position which she believes gives the best expression to the Biblical principles on polity. There are two particular characteristics of this polity that will be discussed, namely, the emphasis on the parity or equality of the ruling and teaching elders, and the use of committees instead of boards to carry out the church's work.

First, the PCA holds in common with most other Presbyterian bodies the concept of the parity of the ruling and teaching elders. After considerable study of the subject, the PCA has come to the conclusion that there are just two kinds of officers in the New Testament polity: namely, elders and deacons. Within the office of elder there are two classes of elders, ruling and teaching. The teaching elders are those who have added to their function of rule the additional function of teaching (1 Timothy 5:17). This additional function, though of great significance, does not elevate the teaching elder above the ruling elder. The authority of the ruling and teaching elders in the courts of the church is the same. They are both members of the court because they are both elders. The minister or teaching elder does not have any more authority than the ruling elder does. Although "parity" is not a term which refers primarily to numbers but to authority, the PCA does seek to give some visible expression to the concept by keeping an equal number of ruling and of teaching elders on the major committees of the General Assembly.

Another visible expression of the parity principle is the effort to provide for a balanced number of ruling and teaching elders in both the General Assembly and the presbyteries. This is done by allowing the larger congregations to have more than one ruling elder representative at both of these higher courts. Again, emphasis on the parity principle is seen in the fact that three ruling elders are needed in order to constitute the quorum of a presbytery meeting. Similarly, the quorum for the General Assembly is a minimum of forty commissioners, one half of which shall be ruling elders, representing at least seven presbyteries (BCO, 14-5, formerly 15-5).

There is also a requirement of the presence of at least two ruling elders for presbytery's commission. Along with this is the fact that ruling elders are to participate in the laying on of hands of the presbytery at the ordination of teaching elders. Ruling elders also lay on hands in the ordination of ruling elders and deacons (BCO, 21-7, formerly 22-7; 24-5, formerly 25-5).

A practical consequence of this stress on the parity of the ruling and teaching elders is the emphasis on the importance of the ruling elders. Generally speaking there is a high level of interest and participation in the life of the Church by the ruling elders in the PCA.

A corollary of this parity of the elders concept is the idea that the PCA is a "grass-roots" Church. That is, though the General Assembly is the highest court of appeal, it is not viewed as part of a hierarchical system of government. Except for matters already assigned by the Assembly to permanent committees, business is not generally initiated at the Assembly level. Rather, the Assembly responds to matters initiated by sessions or presbyteries.

Ultimately, the authority of the courts of the church in the Presbyterian system is the same throughout the system. Each court is made up of the same kinds of persons, ruling and teaching elders. Christ is the Head of each court. Thus, when any court acts in accord with His will, that action is authoritative. Of course, in matters of debate the graduated court system allows for review by a larger body of the Church, until it reaches the General Assembly, the highest or broadest court of appeal. Though the action of the Assembly is the final action, it is not because the Assembly is inherently more authoritative than the session, but only because it represents the largest portion of the church. That is, the Assembly is not more authoritative because it is made up of persons of higher rank or authority in the church than in the presbytery or session, but only because it represents the broadest thinking of the church at large.

A second characteristic of PCA polity is the use of committees instead of boards to carry out the functions of the church. This is not just a semantic distinction, but one of philosophic difference. It grows out of the historic developments in American Presbyterianism. In order to understand the difference, it is necessary to review briefly a bit of those developments.

First, the distinction between committees and boards as they developed historically needs to be understood. It may be granted that not everyone who uses these two terms necessarily makes the sharp distinction that was made historically; nevertheless the two concepts should be clearly understood. The difference as defined in the historical context of the American Church is that a board is an agency that has its own autonomy and authority. It may act without having to wait for permission of any other body.

Committees, on the other hand, are clearly the instrument of the appointing body, with authority to do only what the appointing body assigns to them. An example of how PCA Assembly committees function may be helpful to the better understanding of this principle. The Assembly has established the principle that the budget as established by the Assembly is the spending limit for the committees. They are given discretionary powers to adjust items within their over-all budget, but they are not to go beyond what the Assembly authorizes, or to spend money on matters not previously approved. Before a committee may begin a new kind of work, it must have authorization from the General Assembly to do so. For example, the Committee on Mission to the World did not enter in the area of cooperative agreements with non-PCA agencies, without first obtaining authority to do so by the Assembly. The Assembly placed certain restrictions on such agreements, and has asked to see each new agreement that the Committee makes. The same is true of the developing "short-term" missionary strategy. This was first brought to the Assembly for approval, and by direction of the Assembly it is to be developed under the careful supervision and review of the Assembly. If, on the other hand, the Assembly had erected a Board of World Missions, the board would have had authority to act on its own in the whole area of missions, simply to report its activities to the Assembly. Boards would have the authority to commission people to the mission field, and to superintend their work as missionaries.

The argument for boards is that no definite form of church government has been given by God. These matters have been left to the wisdom of men to organize, much as in the case of civil government. In other words, God has given us only broad general principles, and man is free to work out of them the best system he can devise. The establishment of boards to carry out the work of the Church is seen as a permissible procedure that has not been forbidden by the Bible.

The argument for committees over against boards is that the Church is the only God-appointed organ for carrying out the Great Commission. As such, she is a positive institution, and therefore, must have a definite warrant for everything she does. It is not enough

that her practices are not condemned. They must have the positive sanction of Christ the King. The Church may not appoint another coordinate body to do the work that God has appointed it to do. The General Assembly is the Board of Missions itself. Christ has not authorized us to put this work into the hands of others.

Those who hold to committees as the proper procedure believe that it is most in accord with the "Preface to the Book of Church Order" which says: Christ, as King, has given to His Church officers, oracles and ordinances; and especially has He ordained therein His system of doctrine, government, discipline and worship, all of which are either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary inference may be deduced therefrom; and to which things He commands that nothing be added, and that from them naught be taken away."

It is argued that since the Church is charged by Christ to carry out His will, it may not give its work to boards or agencies, which have an autonomy and power of their own. If it is necessary to delegate some of the work to smaller working groups than the whole Assembly, or Presbytery, then it is appropriate to use committees involving brethren who are submissive and accountable to the entirety of the elders. It is believed that this better preserves the Biblical teaching of rule shared by all elders in the various "presbyteries" (session, presbytery, synod and general assembly).

The use of boards to carry on the work of the church had its origins in American church life in New England Congregationalism. Congregational churches do not have the concept of the presbytery or general assembly. The congregations formed associations of churches, but these associations are not the Church. They are associations of individual congregations. Therefore, in order to carry out joint mission efforts, the Congregationalists erected boards. During the 19th Century Presbyterians, particularly in the North and Middle West, worked in close cooperation with the Congregationalists, and thus adopted the use of boards. Even after the rejection of the cooperative plan, and the division of the Presbyterian Church, the Old School Church of which we are the descendants, incorporated the use of boards into its church structure. James H. Thornwell, who advocated committees, debated this issue with Charles Hodge, who advocated boards, prior to the division of 1861. With the division of the Southern Church from the Northern, the use of committees was adopted in the South, while boards continued in the North.

The PCA is convinced that the use of committees is more Biblical, and is the best structure by which the Presbyterianism of the Bible can be developed. The founders of the PCA set forth their convictions on this in a "Message to All Churches", adopted at the First General Assembly. This language was adapted from a similar statement made by the First General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

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 closely connected with itself, and yet logically and really distinct. It is our purpose to rely upon the regular organs of our government, 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, 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.

One may ask how well the PCA has been able to implement this concept thus far. She has written into the BCO the fact that the Assembly's primary work will be carried out by committees. To avoid the establishment of a "power structure" with the same men perpetuated in any committee, the committees are elected in classes, with some datory requirement of a year off after one has served for a term on a committee. No one is permitted to serve on more than one committee. The nominations for the committees are made at the presbytery level, and reported to the Assembly by an Assembly's Nominating Committee, which is also elected by the presbyteries. This again safeguards the Church from the development of a "power structure" at the Assembly level. Though this procedure may have some drawbacks in that there may be some lack of continuity on the committees, it has the great advantage of

drawing many more people into the work of the Assembly. It is an outworking of the concept of the parity of the elders, in that it is based on the idea that all elders should be qualified to serve the Church at any level. There is an implicit trust in the structure of the Church as Christ has ordered it in this concept. There is an element of faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit that is involved in this view of the Church and of how her work is to be carried out.

Another safeguard in the system is found in the way the Assembly itself reviews the work of each of the permanent committees. At each Assembly there are committees of commissioners attending the Assembly corresponding to each permanent committee. These committees of commissioners are elected by the presbyteries prior to the Assembly. It is their task to review the work and reports of their respective permanent committee, and then to bring a report to the Assembly regarding that committee. The advantage of this method is that a more intensive look at the work of each committee and its staff is made by the corresponding committee of commissioners than could be made by the Assembly at large. This helps to keep the permanent committees responsive to the Assembly.

The PCA has authorized the establishment of boards where the necessities of civil statutes and requirements have demanded this nomenclature. This is not a denial of the committee principle, but is done where separate corporations are necessary. For example, the insurance and annuity program is under a board, since this expresses in the eyes of the civil law the proper means of handling the financial responsibilities involved. The same is true of Ridge Haven and of the PCA Foundation. These are all incorporated as boards for legal purposes. These "boards" function as committees of the Assembly. The analogy for these boards is found in the civil requirements of some states for the trustees of the local congregation. Such trustees, however, do not become the "board" through which the church is governed. They merely sign deeds, hold titles, etc., in behalf of the congregation. The same is true of these boards which the PCA Assembly has erected.

Although the Presbyterian Church in America was necessitated by departures from the Bible and the historic Gospel primarily in the higher courts of the denomination from which it separated, it did not repudiate the form or structure of Presbyterianism with its graded courts and mutual submission. It repudiated the abuse of the power and form and sought to restore both to their proper use. There fore, it did not become congregational, but formed itself into a Presbyterian Church. In so doing it reaffirmed the Biblical truths set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXXI, Section II:

It belongeth to synods and councils, ministerially, to determine controversies of faith, and cases of conscience; to set down rules and directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God, and government of His Church; to receive complaints in cases of maladministration, and authoritatively to determine the same: which decrees and determinations, if consonant to the Word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission, not only for their agreement with the Word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God, appointed thereunto in His Word.

cf. Book of Church Order, 14-6, formerly 15-6.

At the same time the Presbyterian Church in America sought to reaffirm Section IV of that same Chapter XXXI of the Westminster Confession of Faith, which states that:

"Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical: and are not to inter-meddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth ..."

Our very special affirmation of this truth was to indicate in its BCO, 25-8 through 11, formerly 26-8 through 11, that the property of the congregation belonged to the congregation and not to the denomination or its courts.

By forming itself into graded courts (sessions and presbyteries) under the General Assembly, it maintained the Biblical teaching of Presbyterianism. By acknowledging the rights of congregations to own their own property, it removed the threat of tyranny. When these two actions are seen in correlation, we see an emphasis on submission in the spiritual realm coupled with rights and freedom of the local congregation in the civil realm. To put the situation in its most extreme or traumatic case, as does the BCO, 25-10, 11, formerly 26-10, 11, whenever a congregation seeks to withdraw from the submission involved in being a part of this Presbyterian denomination, it may do so and take its property with it. Thus, the Presbyterian Church in America sought to preserve at one and the same time both

ecclesiastical order in its graded courts and also the freedom of conscience and property rights for the local congregations.

As we draw this paper to a conclusion, let it again be observed that the purpose of the article is not argue one position over against another, but rather to give some sense of the positions held by the PCA in its current polity. In all of this, the PCA holds what it believes to be Biblical positions in these areas. As in the case of all churches on earth there may well be places in which there can be improvement by bringing the Church more and more into harmony with the teaching of the Bible, both in theory and in practice.

A WORKING COMPARISON OF AREAS OF SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD, AND THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

This paper is not an official statement of the Ad Interim Committee, but is for the information of the churches presently considering the possibility of coming together by joining and receiving in response to the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in America. It is a partial fulfillment of the mandate to the Ad Interim Committee by the Eighth General Assembly of the PCA (Minutes, p.83).

The items for comparison are from the list compiled by the Ad Interim Committee, September 13, 1979, a condensed form of which appeared in the Report of the Ad Interim Committee (MBSA, p123).

The question of "compatibility" in one sense is moot, if the churches should be received on the terms of the PCA Constitutional Standards, nevertheless, some evaluation is offered in this regard.

ISSUES	PCA	OPC	RPCES	RPCNA	COMPATIBILITY
1. Westminster Standards	Officially committed to the Standards as basic doctrinal position.	Committed	Committed	Committed (Use of original version of chapters 23 and 31.) In addition to Westminster Standards is the <u>Testimony</u> , a contemporary application of Scripture and the Confession to the present situation. The <u>Testimony</u> and the <u>Standards</u> are of equal authority in the Church except that where noted, earlier documents are to be interpreted by the later ones" (cf. <u>Testimony</u> , "Explanation," p.31)	Agreement on commitment to doctrines set forth in Confession and Catechisms. Constitutional status of Testimony unique to RPCNA. Emphasis historically and <u>de facto</u> may vary in different denominations, but practice is one of millennial neutrality.

ISSUES	PCA	OPC	RPCES	RPCNA	COMPATIBILITY
2. Eschatology and Standards	Westminster Standards	Westminster Standards	The RPCES has changed its confessional statement on eschatology from the form which was held in the Bible Presbyterian Synod's version of the Larger Catechism, so that the statement now does not commit the church to any particular millennial position.	Westminster Standards	Emphasis historically and <u>de facto</u> may vary in different denominations, but practice is one of millennial neutrality.
3. Inerrancy	Committed Confessionally and explicitly via ordination vows.	Committed Confessionally and via ordination vows (FOG, XXIII-8 and XXV-6).	Committed Confessionally and explicitly via ordination vows (FOG, V-3).	Committed Confessionally and in <u>Testimony</u> , p. 8.	Agreement
4. Justification by Faith Alone	Westminster Standards	Westminster Standards The issue is only raised because of a controversy current in regard to some theses proposed by Prof. Norman Shepherd of Westminster Theological Seminary. Related issues are now before the Presbytery of Philadelphia.	Westminster Standards	Westminster Standards	Agreement

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<p>5. Pentel Bible Conference</p>	<p>The issue has not been addressed by the PCA. Some members and officers are Masons. However, GCP printing of 1942 OPC report is utilized by PCA, as well as OPC, and there is much support in opposition to the Masonic order.</p>	<p>Cf. Also Report of the Faculty to the Board on Faith and Justification, "April 25, 1978, p. 1; "The Faculty has concluded that Mr. Shepherd's position does not contradict the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture and summarized in the Westminster Standards." Concern is over an un-Scriptural view of Guidance. Issue was before the OPC many years ago. Opposed on the ground that Scripture is our only rule for practice as well as for faith. Affirmed Confession re: no new revelation.</p>	<p>Report adopted (69 Minutes, pp. 41-42, 79-82), warns and questions, but less strong than OPC report. Strong debate indicated, but 70 Minutes, pp. 104-105, again refers any centure to come via judicial process. There are some RPCES members and officers</p>	<p>Opposition to "oath-bound societies" constitutionally set forth in Testimony, p. 88, re: Westminster Confession 25-6. "Membership in such organizations is inconsistent with a Christian profession, however good their announced purposes may be."</p>	<p>No issue today.</p> <p>RPCNA is only one with constitutional opposition, however, the practice of all three churches is much stronger in opposition to Masons as members or officers.</p>
<p>6. Membership in the Masonic order</p>	<p>The issue has not been addressed by the PCA. Some members and officers are Masons. However, GCP printing of 1942 OPC report is utilized by PCA, as well as OPC, and there is much support in opposition to the Masonic order.</p>	<p>No constitutional rule excluding members or officers who hold membership, but 1942 Report to the G.A. concludes that "membership in the Masonic fraternity is inconsistent with Christianity" (cf. Christ of the Lodge?, GCP). Position of this report is the position of virtually all sessions, though there are some OPC members and officers</p>	<p>Report adopted (69 Minutes, pp. 41-42, 79-82), warns and questions, but less strong than OPC report. Strong debate indicated, but 70 Minutes, pp. 104-105, again refers any centure to come via judicial process. There are some RPCES members and officers</p>	<p>Opposition to "oath-bound societies" constitutionally set forth in Testimony, p. 88, re: Westminster Confession 25-6. "Membership in such organizations is inconsistent with a Christian profession, however good their announced purposes may be."</p>	<p>RPCNA is only one with constitutional opposition, however, the practice of all three churches is much stronger in opposition to Masons as members or officers.</p>

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7. Charismatic Gifts	<p>BCCO, 7-1, affirms cessation of "extraordinary gifts," related to new revelation. 1974 report to the G.A. (74 Minutes, pp. 43-44, 170-175) is clear on the cessation of revelatory gifts and less clear on other extraordinary gifts.</p>	<p>(no ministers) who hold membership in the Masonic order.</p>	<p>FOC, V-1, states that "special gifts of demonstrative miracles . . . are not given to the church in all ages." For further elaboration cf. 75 Minutes, pp. 214-249, and 76 Minutes, pp. 140-141; 74 Minutes, pp. 113-131.</p>	<p>Permitting of church membership for Masons is unclear.</p>	<p>Positions appear similar, though occasional PCA and RPCES practice may be more tolerant of charismatic tendencies.</p>
	<p>FOC, V-1, states re: prophets, who spoke revelation, "When their testimony was completed . . . the powers and signs that ensued and sealed their ministry ceased." Non-constitutional report to G.A., "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" (75 Minutes, pp. 133-135, affirms cessation of all miraculous gifts. Cf. Discipline (Administration) of the Rev. Arnold S. Kress, (76 Minutes, pp. 33-39, 42, 145, 157, 160-161, 165).</p>				

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<p>7. Application of Regulative Principle (regarding music)</p>	<p>BCO, 47-9, expands what the Westminster Confession lists as being commanded by God for worship by adding "hymns" as well as Psalms.</p>	<p>The Directory for Worship, III-6 stresses frequent use of Psalms for singing, but permits songs "in perfect accord with the teaching of Holy Scripture."</p>	<p>The Directory of Worship, VII-1, states: "It is the duty of Christians to praise God publicly by singing Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs ..." in VII-3 hymns are defined as non-Psalms and spiritual songs as including Psalms and hymns. Regarding Psalms there is this admonition in VII-2: "Because ... of the Scriptural injunction to use Psalms in worship, it would seem wise to include them frequently as an important part of the worship service ..." It is ... altogether fitting to sing with musical accompaniment.</p>	<p>Testimony, pp. 61-62, applying the Westminster Confession, 21-5, commits the RPCNA to exclusive Psalmody and against the use of instrumental music.</p>	<p>Re: RPCNA distinctives, some have suggested that in a united church individual congregations may choose to exercise their convictions in this matter, as for example, some congregations in the OPC do. RPCNA would presumably feel conscience-bound to testify against the use of hymns other than the Psalms and against the use of instruments, even if they could conscientiously come in under such an agreement.</p>
<p>8. Christian Liberty (regarding alcoholic beverages).</p>	<p>Declined adoption of total abstinence, but some with strong sympathy for such a position</p>	<p>Refused to adopt statements (in general, as well as here), but practice has been to see use of alcoholic beverages as permitted by Scripture.</p>	<p>Practice historically has been strongly in favor of total abstinence. 77 Minutes, pp. 126-141, 171, placed alcoholic beverages in the area of liberty, but advocated total abstinence as a matter of prudence.</p>	<p>Historic stand of total abstinence. In revised Testimony, p. 90, prudence rather than absolute prohibition is stressed. "It is altogether wise and proper that Christians refrain from the use, sale, and manufacture of alcoholic beverages."</p>	<p>None now make abstinence a constitutional mandate, though RPCES and RPCNA recommend abstinence.</p>

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10. Abortion	<p>78 Minutes, pp. 71-72.</p> <p>80 Minutes, pp. 97-98, reaffirms Recommendation #1 of 1978 report denying the legitimacy of any exceptions. In problem pregnancy, child may be delivered prematurely if viable and best judgment is that this would save both lives.</p>	<p>72 Minutes, pp. 17-18, 149.</p> <p>OPC "adopted" (a notable exception to policy of not adopting any statements apart from the Standards) a statement: "Voluntary abortion, except to save the physical life of the mother, is a violation of the Sixth Commandment."</p>	<p>75 Minutes, pp. 98-108</p> <p>Sees Sixth Commandment as relevant for unborn child in all cases except when "the physical life of the mother ... is clearly threatened by the presence of the fetus ..."</p>	<p>A Synodical Committee is working on the implications of this new statement.</p> <p>78 Minutes, pp. 104-105.</p> <p>Adopted a resolution identical with adopted recommendation #8 of the PCA 1978 report, calling upon the civil government "to reverse the ruinous direction of both law and practice in this area."</p>	<p>Strong agreement among us with the possible exception of whether it is not a violation of the Sixth Commandment to kill an unborn baby when the life of the mother is threatened.</p>
11. Divorce and Remarriage	<p>78 Minutes, pp. 286-288.</p> <p>79 Minutes, pp. 105-110, 111-112, 116, and 126.</p> <p>Divorced are allowed to become officers with certain safeguards.</p>	<p>No G.A. Studies.</p> <p>Cf. Westminster Standards.</p>	<p>72 Minutes, pp. 88-89.</p> <p>74 Minutes.</p> <p>Divorced may be officers if "above reproach."</p>	<p>Testimony, p. 83, speaks of restoration to membership. RPCNA representatives say such may be officers also.</p>	<p>Apparently similar.</p>
12. Status of G.A. Adopted Position Papers	<p>79 Minutes, p. 112, where Dr. Smith set forth the "binding character of the different kinds of actions of the Assembly."</p> <p>"Guideline or pious advice ... not binding on the consciences ..."</p>	<p>Only those actions adopted as a part of the Standards by regular amendment procedure are binding (G.A. and presbyteries). Any position approved by a G.A. is only advisory and cannot bind the conscience. G.A.</p>	<p>RPCES practice is similar to both the PCA and the OPC.</p>	<p>A decision of a Synod is considered more than pious advice but not "binding". Degree of force depends on character of the issue, e.g. lowest level, such as "have a regular missions report in worship;" middle level,</p>	<p>Similar positions although RPCNA Testimony, has constitutional status and their G.A. positions are given more, though non-binding, authority.</p>

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<p>13. Number of Church Offices</p>	<p>79 Minutes, pp. 77-85. BCO, 7-2, re: two "offices" with two "classes" within the office of elder.</p>	<p>customarily does not adopt position papers; notable exception was statement on abortion which was "adopted". FOG, V-2, 3. "2. A general designation of office may be applied to a group of functions within which separate offices could be distinguished." "3. The ordinary and perpetual offices in the church are those given for ministry of the Word of God, of rule, and of mercy. Those who share in the rule of the church may be called elders (presbyters), bishops, or church governors. Those who minister in mercy and service are called deacons. Those elders who have been endowed and called of Christ to labor also in the Word and teaching are called ministers."</p>	<p>FOG, V-2, "We believe that the office of ministers, elders, and deacons are given in the Scripture as perpetual offices in the Church throughout this age." 75 Minutes, pp. 80-84, especially "III Summary" relates to special calling of teaching elder "within the single shepherd office." 79 Minutes, pp. 39-41, shows a similar struggle and sympathy with PCA debate but shows no desire to alter FOG. Adopted recommendation for further study included corresponding with PCA Committee.</p>	<p>Interpretation of Testimony, Confession, Book of Church Government, or Directory of Worship; and highest level, matters determined by overture. Two office theory "in process of adoption," but matter is under study with a committee to report in 1981. Present position somewhat unclear as Book of Church Government, V-1 Through 3, have pastor and ruling elder listed separately.</p>	<p>All churches share a common struggle in recent years to arrive at an acceptable statement of Scripture teaching. Respective conclusions show much similarity.</p>
<p>14. Role of Women Regarding Deacons</p>	<p>PCA permits no women deacons in ordained status, but BCO, 9-7,</p>	<p>FOG, XXV-1, Elders and Deacons "must be male communicant members..."</p>	<p>75 Minutes, pp. 250-251.</p>	<p>Men only for eldership, but women permitted as ordained deacon.</p>	<p>Officially, only RPCNA is not compatible. However, strong push</p>

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	<p>allows for appointment of men and women to assist in unordained status.</p>		<p>76 Minutes, pp. 65-112. 77 Minutes, pp. 73-111. For 3 years a study committee recommended ordination of women as deacons. Final action in 1977 rejected this, allowing for a separate body of unordained deaconesses. FOG, V-3, states that "elders, deacons, and trustees ... shall be men."</p>	<p>Book of Church Government, V-15: "Both men and women are eligible for the office of deacon."</p>	<p>for women deacons in RPCEs, even though defeated, suggests possible conflict with PCA which appears to have little sympathy for ordained women deacons. Some RPCEs Churches had ordained women as deacons, and are removing them from the office by natural attrition. Cf. <u>Minutes</u>, pp. 120-121.</p>
<p>15. Deacon/Trustee</p>	<p>BCO, 25-6, 25-7, 25-8. All members eligible for election to trustee, but under and not contrary to elders and deacons.</p>	<p>FOG, XXI-3: "The board of trustees of a particular church shall ordinarily be chosen from among the ruling elders and deacons in that church, but other communicant members of the church may be elected as trustees, if it seems desirable, provided, however, that the number of such members shall be less than one-half the total membership of the board."</p> <p>FOG, XIII-7: "The session ... shall</p>	<p>FOG, 11-3a, declares the trustees to be "the ruling elders serving in the session." FOG, 11-7a, allows for certain historical exceptions, and FOG, V-11, gives requirements for election under exception. 74 Minutes, pp. 146-147. Overture to permit deacons as well as elders to be trustees. Referred to FOG Committee, then to a special committee (75).</p>	<p>All members eligible to be trustees. Usually trustees are same as deacon board or are under the deacons and elders.</p>	<p>Conflict of both OPC and RPCEs FOG with BCO, but there appear to be harmony in terms of protecting Biblical church offices from intrusion. Historical differences especially the practice at local level, may have strong and emotional ramifications.</p>

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<p>16. Licensure</p>	<p>BCO, 19-1 through 19-14. Licensure is defined as the ordinary procedure prior to ordination, but it is not mandated (BCO, 19-3). Mandatory licensure has been proposed.</p>	<p>supervise the activities of the ... trustees ... and have final authority over the use of the church property." FOG, XXI-1 mandates licensure. " ... Candidates for ordination shall first be licensed by presbyteries to preach the gospel as probationers."</p>	<p>Parts of the Committee report were sent to the presbyteries for action (76), but passage failed (77). FOG, V-5g, mandates licensure. " ... Presbyteries shall license probationers to preach the Gospel for a period of time not less than six months ..." 79 Minutes, pp. 149-153. Proposed amendment to FOG to increase to twelve months was defeated.</p>	<p>Book of Church Government, VI-5, 6, mandates licensure (normally after second year of seminary), though no time limit is specified prior to ordination.</p>	<p>The PCA alone does not mandate licensure, but does treat it as preferred procedure.</p>
<p>17. Reformed Ecumenical Synod</p>	<p>Non-member. RES membership has been discussed without action. G.A. made available a list of RES publications and has sent observers to RES meetings.</p>	<p>Member of RES with regular reports to G.A. Some opposition, but majority has strong commitment to such an ecumenical calling as long as their witness is not compromised.</p>	<p>Never a member of RES but have studied affiliation.</p>	<p>Member of RES since 1950s, but withdrew in 1980. Continues observer status.</p>	<p>Should pose no difficulties.</p>
<p>18. N.A.E. and W.R.C.</p>	<p>World Relief Commission, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, is used as the relief arm of PCA Mission to the World, but the PCA is not a denominational member.</p>	<p>Rejected association with both NAE and WRC.</p>	<p>RPCEs has worked with WRC in famine in Kenya, and churches do give individually as well. Not as structured as with PCA but apparent positive evaluation of WRC.</p>	<p>Member of N.A.E. since 1950s.</p>	<p>No issue.</p>

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<p>19. Church/State re: Pronouncements</p>	<p>Two examples: 77 Minutes, pp. 62 and 69, re: U.S. troops in South Korea. 78 Minutes, p. 72, recommendation 8 re: abortion. Cf. also 78 Minutes pp. 277-279, "The Church's Relation and Responsibility to the State" in Abortion Report.</p>	<p>"We would advise or petition the state on matters of doctrine or ethics but not on other civil affairs (e.g. political or military pragmatic judgment)." Source: Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-church Relations, applying Westminster Confession, XXXI-4.</p>	<p>70 Minutes, pp. 143-144, a letter to President Nixon on S.E. Asia proposed but lost. 78 Minutes, pp. 200-201. re: Abortion "we call upon society." re: Homosexuality, "we declare to a watching world." re: Reserve military chaplain program, "We ask that synod inform the appropriate congressional leaders" was amended to "we encourage our members to inform the appropriate congressional leaders ..."</p>	<p>"Deep historic commitment to the church speaking to the Civil Magistrate ..." Testimony, pp. 67-77, contains evidence of that commitment. "... It is appropriate for churches and nations to covenant to be the Lord's ..." "We deny that constitutional recognition of Jesus Christ means union of churches and state." "We reject the teaching that Christians should not seek the establishment of Christian civil government." "... The church must witness that Christ is the Ruler of every nation." Book of Church Government, V-1,2: Commitment to parity, but working out implications (cf. 79 Minutes, pp. 173-178, "Report of the Committee on the Officers of the Church").</p>	<p>Extent and frequency of the RPCNA in addressing the Civil Magistrate would be quite distinctive from the practice of the other three denominations.</p>
<p>20. Parity of Elders</p>	<p>Commitment to parity but confusion on what it means and whose responsibility. Hodge/Thornwell debate continues.</p>	<p>FOC, III-2. Votes of ruling and teaching elders are equal in authority. However, teaching elders almost always out-number ruling elders in church assemblies except for local sessions.</p>	<p>Nothing of substance in recent Minutes. Cf. P.J. Aug. 27, 1980, p. 6, re: recent proposals on parity. Currently a ruling elder may not</p>	<p>"... The church must witness that Christ is the Ruler of every nation." Book of Church Government, V-1,2: Commitment to parity, but working out implications (cf. 79 Minutes, pp. 173-178, "Report of the Committee on the Officers of the Church").</p>	<p>No conflict in principle. Number of teaching elders without pastorate is a concern of all.</p>

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<p>21. Permanent Membership on Committees</p>	<p><u>BCO</u>, 14-12, mandates at least one year off after serving a term (or part term of 2 years or more) on a Permanent Committee or Sub-committee before eligible to be re-elected to an Assembly Committee</p>	<p>A former moderator and paternal delegate made the observation that ruling elders take part more in OPC G.A. than in PCA G.A.</p> <p>Ruling elders may be elected to moderate sessions, presbyteries, and the General Assembly of the OPC (cf. FOG, XIII-4, re:session).</p>	<p>moderate a session as in PCA, but a RPCES Committee is recommending that and much more. (e.g., ordination of all elders by presbyteries, all elders could participate in presbytery meetings, but only specified elders would vote, etc.).</p> <p>Ruling elders may be elected to moderate the presbyteries and the General Synod of the RPCES.</p>	<p>Required rotation of membership on committees except College Board.</p>	<p>Similar concerns are manifested differently.</p> <p>Institution's Boards may be considered in a different category from other committees.</p>
	<p>No mandatory time off to be eligible for re-election. OPC values the experience and wisdom on committees, and in addition, they feel this prevents executives and staff from exercising control which is properly the committees.</p> <p>No formal restrictions on the number of committees of the G.A. on which one may serve simultaneously, but "unwritten" rule in practice limits one to one major committee at a time.</p>	<p>No mandatory time off to be eligible for re-election. Stand-<u>In Rules of Synod</u> (as amended through 1979), XIV-2 (Service Committees): "Members shall not serve more than two full terms consecutively except by a 2/3 vote of Synod." Cf. also XVI-1, "Special Committee must continue its work more than three years, members may be continued only on a 2/3 vote of the Synod."</p>			

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<p>22. Status of Congregations re: Withdrawal with Property</p>	<p>BCO, 25-8 through 25-12.</p>	<p>FOS, XXXI-5: "All particular churches shall be entitled to hold, own, and enjoy their own local properties without any right of reversion to the OPC whatsoever unless the particular church should become extinct..."</p>	<p>Special concern with mandatory time off in regards to College and Seminary. FOS, 11-8, speaks of voluntary association, the congregation's having "sole title to real property," and process for leaving the denomination.</p>	<p>Book of Church Government, 111-16. Congregations cannot withdraw property without presbytery permission. "The congregation, or its board, holds the property ... in trust."</p>	<p>RPCNA has a position clearly different from other three denominations.</p>
<p>23. Procedures in Theological Training</p>	<p>No denominational seminary. Commend particular institutions, but presbytery is responsible to determine what is acceptable training.</p>	<p>Similar to PCA position.</p>	<p>Denominational seminary, but option to be trained elsewhere.</p>	<p>Book of Church Government, VI-3: "Only in exceptional cases shall a presbytery approve of a student of theology under its care attending another seminary. In any case at least one full year shall be taken in the seminary of our own Church."</p>	<p>Similar concerns. RPCNA with greatest restrictions.</p>
				<p>79 Minutes, pp. 151-152, amends the second sentence above by substituting: "In any case an academic year of instruction in our seminary in the distinctive tenets of our church or an equivalent to this requirement so determined by presbytery shall be taken."</p>	

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ISSUES	PCA	OPC	RPCES	RPCNA	COMPATIBILITY
24. Qualifications for Missionaries and Support Procedures	Cf. Mission Manual	<p>FOG, XXVII-1:</p> <p>Same basic requirements for ordained missionaries as for ministers at home.</p> <p>Additional requirements for the special circumstances of foreign missionaries.</p> <p>Unordained missionaries may be sent out for special tasks.</p> <p>As with a home missionary, a call to foreign service must be accompanied by promise of support (cf. OPC unified budget).</p>	Similar to PCA.	Similar requirements, but supported via unified budget.	Fundamental difference in area of financial support between PCA and RPCES on the one hand, and OPC and RPCNA on the other.
25. Cooperative Agreements with non-Reformed and Para-church Agencies	Officially committed to church planting and traditional denominational mission, but about 60% of the mission force are under cooperative agreements with non-Reformed, para-church agencies.	Where the proclamation of the Word is involved, cooperation may be with only Reformed parties. There is cooperation with other evangelists in non-teaching and non-preaching functions. Cf. "Foreign Missions Manual," 5.3.5.	Emphasis on Reformed Church planting. Some cooperation with others, but remain pretty much within the Reformed family.	Primarily relations are with sister Reformed Presbyterian Churches (cf. 78 Minutes, p. 32). The RPCNA has one missionary supported through Wycliffe Bible Translators, and also cooperates with the Reformation Translation Fellowship.	The practice of the PCA is apparently much broader than the other three churches in this area.
26. Unified Budget	Without a unified budget. A unified presentation of budgets, but raised	A comprehensive budget for most denominational agencies seeks to prevent any one agency from exceeding	Without a unified budget. Designation of benevolences by local churches.	Have utilized a unified budget for at least 20 years.	Practice of PCA and RPCES is similar to one another and different from the OPC and RPCNA practice of a unified budget.

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<p>27. OPC "Tendency to Persist in Litigation in Church Courts"</p>	<p>by committees with the help of the Stewardship Sub-committee, and dispersed by individual committees, etc.</p>	<p>its allotment until the other agencies have received their's. This is controlled through a central Stewardship Committee. Designations are discouraged.</p> <p>OPC response: "There is more shadow to this than substance ... However, the OPC does try to be careful in making decisions on questions that arise on the one hand, we try to exercise a biblical patience with individuals, and on the other hand, to deal with questions thoroughly, not superficially. The result of such carefulness sometimes may give the impression of argumentativeness, which is false."</p>			<p>An OPC strength is to do all things on principle rather than for pragmatic reasons. Issue is one of perception of how faithfully they succeed in their aim to follow both the letter and the spirit of the law.</p>

APPENDIX N

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY
THE PCA FOUNDATION TO THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

I. INTRODUCTION

The Eighth General Assembly gave direction to this Committee in the following instructions:

"The purpose of the Committee will be to study the proposed plan of operation of the PCA Foundation as outlined (MBGA, Appendix I, pp. 212-213) for the Eighth General Assembly and to report to the Ninth General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners of the PCA Foundation." (MBGA, 8-79-111-4)

The specific issues to which particular attention is to be given: a. "Whether Foundation activities be restricted to receiving, accumulation, managing, investing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc.

b. If the Foundation should also be allowed to solicit funds, gifts, bequests, etc.

c. To consider the relationship of the Foundation to the Subcommittee on Stewardship and to the four permanent committees.

d. Whether the Foundation should have a full-time director, and if so, what should his qualifications and duties be." (MBGA, 8-79-111-4)

"That the Ad Hoc Committee develop and present to the Ninth General Assembly a plan to place the operation of the PCA Foundation under the rules for General Assembly operation and Bylaws." (MBGA, 8-79-111-5)

II. DELIBERATION

The proposed plan of the operation of the PCA Foundation contains provision to place the responsibility for all fund raising in the PCA with a single agent, namely, the PCA Foundation. It proposes a dismantling of the General Assembly's Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries and assigning its duties to other committees. The advisability of this plan is the major assignment of the Ad Hoc Committee, and issue "c" above becomes the focal point of the report.

The Ad Hoc Committee affirms the wisdom of the Fourth General Assembly in establishing the PCA Foundation (MAGA, 4-75-IV, p.81) as a sub-committee under the supervision of the Stewardship Committee, and in approving the Manual of the PCA Foundation. (See Appendix H, pp. 198-200). The Eighth General Assembly approved the incorporation of the PCA Foundation by adopting the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Foundation. (MBGA, 8-79-111-3) (See Appendix I, pp. 215-221). We believe the PCA Foundation has great and growing potential as a servant of the PCA and of individual members and friends. It should be encouraged by the General Assembly to reach its full potential under the leadership of an eventual full-time director.

With regard to issue "a" above, the Fourth and Eighth General Assemblies clearly have restricted the PCA Foundation activity to receiving, accumulating, managing, investing and disbursing funds. (MAGA, p. 198, Article I) (MBGA, p. 215, Article IVa). We believe this to be a wise action, giving the PCA Foundation a single purpose without the distractions of other fund raising within the PCA. (See Recommendation 1)

Issue "b" raises the question of the PCA Foundation functioning solely as a "passive" organization in receiving funds, or whether it has an "active" function in attracting funds for deferred giving purposes. Once again, the General Assembly clearly has given to the PCA Foundation the powers "to solicit" gifts, etc., as well as to "receive and accept". (MAGA, p. 198, Article IIa) (MBGA, p. 217, Article II-2.2a). The Committee sees the PCA Foundation as a "service", rather than a "fund-raising" organization. This is reflected in the General Assembly's decision to make it a sub-committee under the Stewardship Committee, emphasizing stewardship, rather than fund-raising. The concept of stewardship is expressed in the Manual, Article I. (MAGA, p.198). The method of operation is that of "informing" and "educating" and "assisting" its constituency. We believe that the term "solicit", as it applies to the PCA Foundation, should be limited to the concept of "service" to those who are deeply concerned that their estates and assets will continue to serve Christ and His

Kingdom in a plan of deferred giving. The PCA Foundation, as all committees of the General Assembly, has "direct access to all the churches of this denomination by direct mail" (MIGA, p. 45-46, Recommendation 5), with the approval of the permanent committee to which it is related. Solicitation, therefore, is the acquainting of the supporters of the PCA through publications, direct mail, seminars, and other appropriate means, of the opportunities of deferred giving. Through this process of interpretation it will attract a response from concerned individuals and organizations. Direct asking for funds is not part of our interpretation of the word "solicit". (See Recommendation 2)

Issue "c" deals with the complex subject of "relationships" between the PCA Foundation, the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries, and the four permanent committees. The responsibility for raising funds within the PCA is the central issue. From its inception the PCA recognized the One Mission of the whole church. However, it assigned the fulfillment of this One Mission to four permanent committees which were to develop their separate segments of the Mission, prepare their separate budgets and raise their own funds, reporting annually to General Assembly for approval. General Assembly established no clearly defined plan to coordinate these separate initiatives in their day to day work. Inevitably, each committee was thrust into an unintended position of competing with the other committees for the loyalty and funds of our local congregations. Now we must resolve this problem by creating the necessary method of coordinating the One Mission of the Church.

The Ad Hoc Committee recognizes fund-raising to be primarily the responsibility of the sessions and diaconates of local churches. Teaching elders and ruling elders are responsible regularly to preach and to teach Biblical principles of stewardship, to interpret the program of the Church and to challenge the entire membership to support the One Mission of the Church. The Book of Church Order (14-1-4) reminds us, "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." The form of government of the PCA also establishes the fundamental relationships in the following principles:

1. "The Church is responsible for carrying out the Great Commission. 2. . . .the Assembly is responsible to encourage and promote the fulfillment of this mission by the various courts.
3. 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 ...
5. 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 ...
7. The Assembly's committees are to serve and not to direct any church judicatories, they are not to establish policy, but rather to execute policy established by the General Assembly." (BOCO 14-1)

With these principles in mind, the Ad Hoc Committee finds the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries to be increasingly significant in coordinating the relationships of the committees as they interpret their work and budgets to the church at large.

1. History of the Development of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries:

- a. The First General Assembly assigned to the Committee on Administration the responsibility to "review the budget requests of the other three committees" ... and to "consider the requests of each committee as it relates to the requests of the other committees, to needs and to opportunities, and shall recommend a budget for each of the three committees to General Assembly." (MIGA, p. 51-54, bottom of page).
- b. The Third General Assembly established a Stewardship Committee as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, at their request, assigning the above responsibility to the Sub-Committee on Stewardship and indicated that the chairman should be chosen from the representatives of the Committee on Administration. (M3GA, Appendix A, p. 129).
- c. The Seventh General Assembly further refined this Committee, listing the membership to represent each of the permanent committees with a ruling and teaching elder; and the coordinators of the permanent committees together with the Director of Stewardship Ministries to be advisory members of the Committee. Its work is now enlarged to (a) promote Biblical Stewardship at all levels of the

Church, and (b) have the responsibility of "developing for, recommending to, and implementing for the General Assembly approved causes." This is to be accomplished by dividing Committee budgets into "committed" and "growth" budgets with the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries (as it is now named) developing a plan for "askings" of the congregations to raise the "committed" portion of the budget. The "growth" portion of the budget is to be raised by the permanent committee which proposes it. (M7GA, Appendix I, p. 257, "Advisory Committee Recommendations").

Function of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries

As we consider the function of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries, the Ad Hoc Committee recommends a functional change in the name and membership of the Committee which will enable it better to fulfill its assignment. We believe it should be named the "Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee" and that the advisory membership should be enlarged to include the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation, together with the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. (See Recommendation 3a and b)

BOCO, 14-1, in Principle 5 (see above) implies that over-all strategy and establishing goals for the denomination is being done. This idea is further affirmed in the initial assignment to the Committee on Administration. (MIGA, p. 51, bottom of the page (See "a" above). This planning and coordination is to guide the program and budget development of the permanent committees. But, the fact is, this responsibility never has been clearly defined by the Assembly. This becomes apparent when the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries attempts to "review budget requests of ... committees ... and to consider the requests of each committee as it relates to the requests of the other committees, to the needs and opportunities," and to recommend a budget to the General Assembly. There are no clearly defined denominational goals by which to evaluate the work and budgets of committees. For example, ten or twenty years hence will we find that MFW is crippled in its great work because today we are short-sighted by not establishing a sufficiently broad base of new congregations in the United States to support future world-wide evangelism? Is Christian Education today unable to prepare necessary assistance for the development of Christian homes, church-school educational materials and Christian schools for tomorrow, because funds are being diverted to other projects which appear to be more important at this moment? Are we being as responsible as possible today for carrying out the Great Commission in tomorrow's world?

The Ad Hoc Committee believes that the implied intention of the General Assembly is that the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries (now renamed the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee for the purpose of this report) should do this preliminary planning of goals and continuing strategy, presenting its finding to the General Assembly each year for Assembly's deliberation and decision. With Assembly's goal and strategy as a standard, the Committee will then be able to evaluate and recommend an effective budget for General Assembly's approval. This seemed to be the initial assignment to the Committee on Administration (MIGA, p. 51, bottom of the page) (See "a" above) and transferred to the Sub-Committee on Stewardship. (See "c" above) (See Recommendation 3c).

The Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee will now have three clearly defined functions, closely related to each other:

- a. The proposing of plans, goals and continuing strategy for the Assembly's annual deliberation and decision;
- b. Evaluating the budgets of the Committees of the General Assembly and recommending an annual budget to General Assembly, using these Assembly directed goals and strategies;
- c. Coordinating the interpretation of the Mission of the Church at every level of the denomination. This means developing education and promotional materials as well as developing a system of "askings" for "committed" budgets (M7GA, 7-22-1 and 2) and promoting the percentages which represent each committee's share of the askings in accordance with the Assembly approved standards above. (See Recommendations 3d and 3e).

Each congregation has the right to designate any or all of its gifts, "without equalization". (MIGA, pp. 51-52, 4). This right must faithfully be upheld. In its prayerful designation of its gifts, each congregation will welcome the guidelines that the General Assembly carefully has considered and established, by which the whole Church may support the One Mission of the Church.

The inter-related work of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee must be understood clearly. The One Mission of the Church is to fulfill Christ's Great Commission of evangelism and Christian nurture (Matthew 28:19-20). The local church is the source from which the gifted persons and the Kingdom funds are supplied. "Interpretation" of the One Mission of the Church is the key to getting the job done. "Interpretation" is defined as the process of informing the members of local churches of the One Mission of the Church, and encouraging them to understand and support it. When Christians understand, they will respond with their lives and with their resources. This is the task of the Session, the Presbytery and the General Assembly. As local congregations see the denomination working together for the One Mission of the Church, they increasingly will respond to meet the General Assembly goals and budget percentages as they designate their gifts for God's Glory.

Each permanent committee, and every other arm of our One Mission has the responsibility to be the best possible interpreter of the One Mission and of its portion of that One Mission. The Session is responsible to challenge the congregation to meet its responsibility for the One Mission of the Church, employing preaching, teaching, mission conferences, outside speakers, promotional materials, etc., supplied by the permanent committees and others who are the servants and interpreters of the Church's mission.

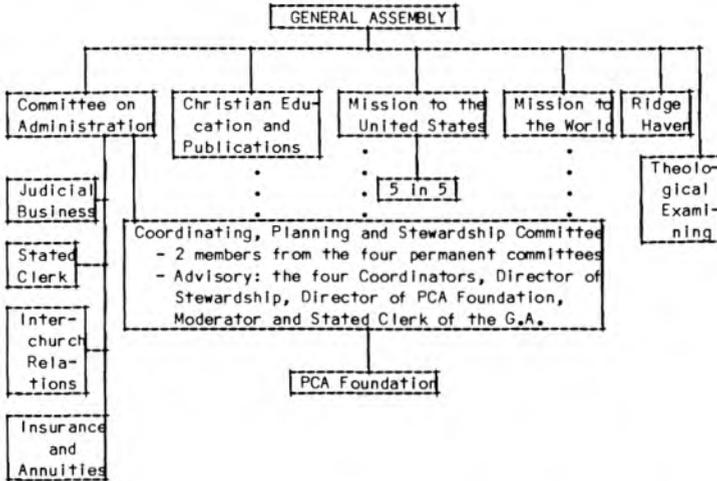
But the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee coordinates the whole interpretive process. It is the task of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee and its full-time staff to organize and orchestrate this assignment, to propose measurable goals for the denomination and to chart the progress to insure that the One Mission is adequately interpreted to the whole Church.

At this point in our deliberations the place of the PCA Foundation was considered. The Assembly has assigned the PCA Foundation to be a sub-committee under the Stewardship Committee (M4GA, 4-75-IV-2 & 4). The Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries is assigned as a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration (Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 10, M8GA, p. 217-221). Each of these sub-committees has been given its own G.A. Committee of Commissioners because of the magnitude and detail of its responsibilities and reports to the Assembly. We believe that the Assembly has acted wisely on this matter.

If the above administrative plan is to function properly, the authority for administration must be well-defined. It is the Committee's intent that both the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee, as well as the PCA Foundation, will come under the direction of the Committee on Administration for reporting and administrative functions. The PCA Foundation will report to the Committee on Administration through the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee. After review and evaluation by the Committee on Administration, both sub-committees will report directly to the General Assembly through their respective Committee of Commissioners. However, the functional work of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee and the PCA Foundation will continue to be done through its own Committee or Board of Directors respectively.

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The proposed administrative flow chart will be as follows:



The Ad Hoc Committee envisions that both the PCA Foundation and the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee eventually will require full-time directors. The qualifications and job descriptions for these two directors should be the responsibility of their respective organizations. When these are approved by the General Assembly, each organization should be authorized by the Assembly to nominate its own Director for Assembly's approval. (See Recommendation 4)

With the pending joining and receiving of other denominations with the PCA, the matter of full-time directors must be carefully coordinated with the personnel and needs of all denominations before any presentation is made to the General Assembly. We recognize the expediency of the present arrangement of having the Director of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee serving in an ad-interim capacity as Director of the PCA Foundation.

The funding of the PCA Foundation and the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committees will be done through the Committee on Administration beginning January 1, 1982. This presents an immediate major crisis for the Committee on Administration. Heretofore, each permanent committee shared in the funding of these two committees from its "committed" budget. Now, however, all funding will be re-directed through the Committee on Administration. This will approximately double its current budget. To prevent this financial crisis from occurring, the Ad Hoc Committee sees the following remedy:

- a. All undesignated General Assembly income will be shared equally by the four permanent committees in 1982 and 1983, 25% allotted to each committee.
- b. During the next two years, at least, the Committee on Administration will experience a diminishing "short-fall" in funding as local congregations become aware of the need to change their designated giving patterns to increase funding for the Committee on Administration. The following equitable formula will permit funds from each permanent committee to reinforce this "short-fall" on a diminishing basis until the proper funding pattern has been established:
 1. The benchmark will be the monthly report of the Committee on Administration's year-to-date income percent of the 1981 budget.
 2. The comparable figures for 1982 and 1983 will be measured against the benchmark.
 3. Any short-fall will be attributed to Stewardship and PCA Foundation.

4. The short-fall will be billed to the other three committees in equal amounts.
5. The billing will take place each month.
6. Any month that the year-to-date income exceeds 100% of the 1981 year-to-date budget, the billing will not take place.
(See Recommendation 5)

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly reaffirms its earlier restricting the activity of the PCA Foundation to receiving, accumulating, managing and disbursing capital funds, stocks, property, etc., in the development of a program of deferred giving.
2. That the General Assembly encourage the PCA Foundation to develop its program around the concept of service rather than fund raising; and that the term "solicit" be limited to the interpretation of its service to its constituents rather than any direct asking for funds.
3.
 - a. That the Sub-Committee on Stewardship Ministries be renamed the "Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee". This requires a change in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 10, changing the name of the Committee, wherever it appears, to conform with this recommendation.
 - b. That the advisory membership of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee be enlarged to include the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; and that the Chairman of the Committee be elected annually from among its voting members. This requires a change in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 10, next to the last line, following the words "four permanent committees" to read "the Director of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee, the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall be advisory members of this Committee."
 - c. That the General Assembly affirms its intention that the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee shall do "preliminary" planning and goal-setting studies for the denomination, and shall recommend its findings annually for Assembly's deliberation and decision.
 - d. That the General Assembly further clarifies the function of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee by affirming its responsibility to review and evaluate the budget requests of all agencies whose budgets must be approved by the Assembly (MBCA, 8-80-III-15), and recommend an annual budget to General Assembly.
 - e. That the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee is to coordinate the interpretive work of all committees of the General Assembly, and is itself the primary interpreter of the One Mission of the Church at every level of the denomination. It is responsible for developing and promoting a system of "askings" for congregational support of the budget of the General Assembly.
 - f. That the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee continues to be a sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, as provided for in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 10, for review and evaluation, but reporting directly to the General Assembly through its own Committee of Commissioners.
That the PCA Foundation continues to be a sub-committee of the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee, reporting through this Committee to the Committee on Administration for its review and approval. It will then report directly to the General Assembly through its own Committee of Commissioners.
4. That the PCA Foundation and the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee eventually shall have separate full-time directors. Each organization will be responsible to prepare a job description and qualifications for its own director which shall be approved by the General Assembly. Each organization will nominate its own Director for Assembly's approval. The salary of the Directors shall not exceed that of the Coordinators of the permanent committees.
5. That the funding of the PCA Foundation and the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee be through the Committee on Administration; and that to forestall a financial crisis for that Committee, the following plan be adopted:

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- a. All undesignated General Assembly income be shared equally by all permanent committees in 1982, 1983 with 25% allotted to each committee.
- b. The other three permanent committees temporarily support the funding of the PCA Foundation and the Coordinating, Planning and Stewardship Committee through diminishing contributions to the Committee on Administration according to the formula outlined below until normal funding is attained:
 1. The benchmark will be the monthly report of the Committee on Administration's year-to-date income percent of the 1981 budget.
 2. The comparable figures for 1982 and 1983 will be measured against the benchmark.
 3. Any short-fall will be attributed to Stewardship and Foundation.
 4. The short-fall will be billed to the other three committees in equal amounts.
5. The billing will take place each month.
6. Any month that the year-to-date income exceeds 100% of the 1981 year-to-date budget, the billing will not take place.

APPENDIX O

RULES FOR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS
As Amended by the Ninth 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 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 there from 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 references 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 publication of the Commissioners Handbook for the General Assembly unless said matter receive 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. Committee 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 Publications
4. Insurance and Annuities	Trustees	Touching Insurance and annuities
5. Interchurch Relations	Sub-Committee	Touching comity, cooperation relations to other churches
6. Judicial Business	Sub-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	Trustees	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 Committee 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.

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.

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(6) Reference to communications by number with brief statement of content and recommended answer.

(7) Only such portions of narrative sections of the printed reports as are necessary to make the report of the Committee of Commissioners intelligible.

(8) A note that the audit of the reporting Committee has been received and that the Committee is taking any necessary action on any recommendation of its audits.

8-7 The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall be granted the privilege of the floor of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners to present the report of the Permanent Committee to the Assembly. No report printed in the Handbook shall be read in full to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Committee of Commissioners shall present the recommendations of the Committee of Commissioners to the Assembly. The Chairman of the Permanent Committee or his designated representative shall have the privilege of defending the position of the Permanent Committee on any recommendations in which the Committee of Commissioners differ from the Permanent Committee's report.

8-8 Minutes of the Permanent Committee shall be submitted to the Committee of Commissioners for review. Copies of the Minutes shall be sent by the Stated Clerk to the members of Committees of Commissioners one month prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

8-9 Informational presentation of some special aspects of the work reported by a Committee of Commissioners shall be limited to five minutes.

8-10 Any recommendation affecting the Budget of the Assembly or the Coordination of the program of the church shall be referred to the Committee of Commissioners on Administration.

8-11 The completed report of a Committee of Commissioners shall contain the full text of the report and shall be handled as follows:

(1) Typed, double spaced, original and two carbon copies, by Assembly stenographers.

(2) Proofread and signed by the Chairman of the Committee; and then delivered to the Stated Clerk when duplicated copies are available for the commissioners.

(3) Docketed by the Program Committee (Moderator, Stated Clerk) for consideration by the Assembly.

(4) Presented to the Assembly by the Chairman or his designate, by reading through the entire text of the report from the original typed copy. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting. Any change ordered by the Assembly shall be noted and included by the Chairman with the assistance of the Stated Clerk on the original copy.

(5) The report, as adopted by the Assembly, shall be filed with the Recording Clerk for the permanent record.

8-12 No partial report of a Committee of Commissioners shall be presented without the consent of the Assembly.

8-13 GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING MINUTES OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Minutes of Assembly Committees should be kept either in a lock-type record book, with numbered pages, or be printed, mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced.
2. The Minutes should be typewritten or printed, or reproduced from typewritten masters, and should be neat and legible.
3. The opening paragraphs of the Minutes should contain the following information (which need not, however, be divided into numbered or separate items):
 - (a) The kind of meeting: regular, called, adjourned regular, or adjourned called;
 - (b) The name of the Committee;
 - (c) The date and time of the meeting, and the place;
 - (d) The name of the Chairman, and if someone other than the regular Secretary served as a Clerk Pro-tem, his name should be indicated;
 - (e) If the Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at that meeting, a record of their having been read and approved by this session should be indicated, including the date of the Minutes being so approved.
 - (f) The names of those present at the meeting should be recorded, indicating whether they were teaching elders or ruling elders, and the church represented in each case. The names of alternate ruling elders and their respective churches should also be included, and the names of visitors should be included.
4. The contents of the Minutes should include the following items:
 - (a) The names of persons leading in opening and closing prayers at all sessions;
 - (b) In the event of a called meeting, the portion of the call stating the purpose of the meeting should be recorded verbatim in the Minutes;
 - (c) The Minutes should record the actions of the Committee, including all motions adopted and business transacted, together with such additional information as the Committee deems desirable for historical purposes. Ordinarily in Church Courts motions that are lost are not included in the record unless an affirmative vote

for the post motion is recorded, in which case the post motion must be shown. Each main motion should normally be recorded in a separate paragraph. Subsidiary and procedural motions may be recorded in the same paragraph with the main motion to which they pertain. Main motions may be recorded in the same paragraph, if they are closely related and pertain to the same item of business.

5. It may be desirable to number these paragraphs consecutively, and to give a title over each paragraph indicating succinctly the content of business included. This is not mandatory, but is desirable for the later reading of the Minutes. For historical purposes, some notes as to the kind of extent and kind of debate may be included, but Minutes should never reflect the secretary's opinion, favorable or otherwise, on anything said or done.
6. The Minutes of the Committees should appear in the Minute book in the order in which the meetings occur. When a previous action of the Committee is cited, the date should 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..... 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; 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 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 of each Presbytery, shall meet the requirement for this section. After action by the Assembly, one copy of the next 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. Notations and exceptions in the Committee's reports shall be disposed of as follows:
 - (a) Notations shall normally be sent to the Presbyteries by the Stated Clerk without being read before the General Assembly or recorded in its Minutes.
 - (b) Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its Minutes, and disposed of as the Assembly determines. (c) The Assembly shall adopt an appropriate motion with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery, the following forms being examples:
 - (1) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of be approved without exception.(Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
 - (2) That the Minutes of the Presbytery of be approved with the exceptions noted.(Give dates of Minutes being approved.)
7. The Presbyteries shall take note in their Minutes of exceptions taken by the Assembly, together with the corrections or explanations adopted by the Presbytery to rectify them. Presbyteries shall advise the next General Assembly of the disposition they have made of the exceptions.
8. Reports to the Assembly from the Presbyteries concerning disposition of exceptions taken by the past Assembly shall normally be referred to the Committee without being

read before the Assembly. The Committee shall examine such reports and shall report to the Assembly its judgment as to the suitability of the disposition that has been made. Committees shall also present recommendations concerning all exceptions taken by previous Assemblies or Committees that have not been disposed of suitably.

IX. Assembly Expenses

9-1 The expenses of the following Permanent Committees shall be borne by that particular Committee:

- (1) Administration
- (2) Christian Education and Publications
- (3) Mission to the United States
- (4) Mission to the World
- (5) Stewardship
- (6) PCA Foundation
- (7) Trustees of Insurance and Annuities Fund

9-2 All other expenses of the General Assembly shall be divided between the four major Permanent Committees on the percentage basis of distributing undesignated gifts.

X. Parliamentary Procedure

10-1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules, Revised Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.

10-2 The Chairman shall lead the Assembly in a brief prayer before making his report. The entire report of each Committee of Commissioners, including narrative, shall be read before any comment. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting. When a minority of a Committee wishes to present a minority report, the member reporting for the minority shall have the privilege of presenting the minority report and moving it as a substitute for the portion of the majority report affected.

10-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted upon separately.

- (1) The Chairman moves the adoption.
- (2) Motion to adopt is seconded from the floor.
- (3) The Moderator asks: Is there objection or question?
- (4) Hearing no objection or question, the Moderator states: It is adopted. (The above procedure is known as the "Short Form of Voting.")
- (5) When it is necessary to postpone action on the completion of a report for some subsequent action of the Assembly, such as the approval of the budgets, or other special items, the report shall be approved as a whole pending the completion of these other items. At the time that the other items come to the floor, only these matters may be considered by the Assembly, since the report as a whole will have already been adopted.

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. Election of Permanent Committees and

Agencies of the Assembly

11-1. The Assembly's Nominating Committee as provided for in BCO, 14-1, shall present its nominations to the Assembly through the Commissioner's Handbook or Supplement. This presentation shall include a brief statement regarding each nominee.

11-2. Additional nominations may be made in writing on forms supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include consent of the nominee to serve, if elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. The nominee is to give consent to only one nomination. The deadlines for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the second day of the Assembly. The Clerk's office shall issue a supplement to the Assembly's Nominating Committee report during the third day's business sessions.

11-3. The time for the election shall be docketed as a special order. Only those commissioners present or on the floor of the Assembly shall be eligible to vote. The voting procedures may be conducted either by use of standing vote, or by use of ballots provided by the Stated Clerk's office.

XII. 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

BYLAWS
OF
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (A CORPORATION)
As Amended by the Ninth 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 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 (14-2) (See Article VI). Such individuals shall be the members of the corporation until the next annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America at which time the members of the Corporation shall be those individuals designated or commissioned as hereinabove set forth to attend such annual General Assembly.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be at such time and such place as designated by the General Assembly. Each General Assembly shall have the power to designate the time and place for more than one annual General Assembly, and shall also have the power to authorize the Committee on Administration to designate the time and place of the next General Assembly.

Section 3. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called in accordance with the Book of Church Order (14-3).

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 (14-5).

Section 5. The Moderator shall call all meetings to order and shall preside until his successor has been selected and takes office. If the Moderator is unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator has been elected.

Section 6. Proxies shall not be allowed at General Assembly meetings.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Moderator, the Clerk, the Business Administrator-treasurer, and such assistant clerks and treasurers as may be deemed desirable by the Committee on Administration. The officers, with exception of the assistant clerks or assistant treasurers, shall be elected by the General Assembly as set forth in the Book of Church Order and the Rules for Assembly Operation. In the event that the Stated Clerk or the Business Administrator is unable to act, the Committee on Administration shall be authorized to appoint a provisional Clerk or a provisional Business Administrator to serve until a regular Clerk or Business Administrator may be elected by the next General Assembly.

Section 2. The Moderator shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Book of Church Order and the Rules of Assembly Operation. The Moderator, unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly, shall have no authority to and shall not be expected to perform any functions for the Corporation other than those specifically set forth in these Bylaws or those set forth in the Book of Church Order, and the Rules for Assembly Operation.

Section 3. The Clerk shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Book of Church Order and Rules of Assembly Operation. He shall be immediately responsible to the Committee on Administration. The Clerk shall prepare and forward all notices required by law or by these Bylaws, and shall have general charge of the corporate books and records. He shall sign such instruments as may be required, and perform the duties incident to the office of Clerk, and such duties as may be assigned by the Moderator, the Committee on Administration, or the members of the Corporation in General Assembly.

Section 4. The Business Administrator-treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and securities belonging to the Corporation, and not otherwise designated to one of the three program Committees. He shall receive deposit and disburse such funds as directed by the General Assembly, including any provisions set forth in the Book of Church Order. He shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Corporation, not only of these funds in the custody, but by means of monthly reports from the other Committees of their funds also, on a uniform form, which he shall provide. He shall prepare or have prepared such reports of the financial condition of the Corporation as be required, and, in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Business Administrator-treasurer. He shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Committee on Administration.

ARTICLE IV. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted primarily through Permanent Committees, to wit: Committee on Administration; Committee for Christian Education and Publications; Committee on Mission to the United States; and Committee on Mission to the World. Each committee shall be composed of six Teaching Elders and six Ruling Elders divided into four classes of three men each serving four-year terms. There shall also be a Permanent Sub-Committee on Judicial Business composed of eight members divided into four classes of two members each serving four-year terms. Each class shall be composed of one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder. The Moderator, the immediate past Moderator, the Stated Clerk and one representative each of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, the Committee on Mission to the United States, the Committee on Mission to the World, and the Sub-Committee on Judicial Business shall be advisory members of the Committee on Administration. An advisory member shall be able to participate freely in the conduct of the business of the Committee, but he shall have no vote.

Section 2. The Power and authority of the Permanent Committees shall be those set forth in these Bylaws or by direction of the General Assembly.

Section 3. The Permanent Committees shall, unless specifically directed otherwise by the General Assembly, be authorized to operate from separate locations with separate offices and separate staffs. The budget for each Permanent Committee, including specifically the compensation to be paid the chief administrative officer of each Permanent Committee, shall be submitted to the Committee on Stewardship Ministries, which shall consider the requests of each Committee as it relates to the budget requests of other Committees, to needs, and to opportunities, and shall recommend an overall budget to the General Assembly, for its approval. All funds received by the Corporation that are designated for the benefit of any particular Permanent Committee shall be disbursed by the Business Administrator to the proper Committee. There shall be no equalization of funds so designated. Any funds received by the Corporation not designated as being for the benefit of a particular Permanent Committee shall be distributed by the Business Administrator as directed by the General Assembly.

Section 4. Each Permanent Committee, by resolution adopted by a majority of its Committee members, may designate the place, date, and time for regular meetings of the Committee, which should be held at least quarterly. Written or printed notice of such resolution should be given to all Committee members within a reasonable time after the adoption thereof. Notice of the time, place or purpose of such regular meetings of the Permanent Committee shall not be required to be given.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Permanent Committees may be called at any time or place by the Chairman of the Committee, or by a majority of the Committee members. Written notice stating the place, date, and hour of such special meeting shall be delivered by the Chairman of the Committee to each Committee member at least ten days prior to the date of such meetings, and such notice should specify the purpose of such special meetings. Attendance of a Committee member at such a meeting will constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. The act of the majority of the Committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.

Section 6. A majority of a Permanent Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Permanent Committee shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Committee following the General Assembly. The election of the Chairman and Secretary shall not take place until after 10 days notice of the proposed meeting has been given to all newly nominated members and all continuing members. The incumbent Chairman and Secretary shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected and assume their duties. In the event that the Chairman is rotated off of a Committee, the Moderator of the General Assembly shall name a Convener of the Committee, who shall preside over the Committee until a Chairman is elected and assume his duties.

Section 8. In the event any administrative personnel employed by a Committee and approved by the General Assembly is unable to act, such Committee may employ a provisional replacement, who has been examined and approved by the Assembly's Theological Examining Committee, and who shall serve until the next General Assembly.

Section 9. The Individual Permanent Committees

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. The Committee on Administration.

1. The business affairs of the Corporation as distinguished from the ecclesiastical matters, and those not specifically assigned to one of the other Permanent Committees by these Bylaws or an act of the General Assembly, shall be managed by the Committee on Administration, which serves as the Board of Directors provided in the Charter of Incorporation, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the General Assembly, including all applicable provisions of the Book of Church Order.

2. The Committee on Administration shall hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the annual General Assembly meeting, at a time and place to be determined by the Committee. Notice shall not be required to be given of the time or place of the annual meeting of the Committee, other than that which shall be included in the Commissioner's Handbook for the General Assembly.

B. The Committee for Christian Education and Publications.

The affairs of the Church in the areas of Christian education and publications are assigned to the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

C. The Committee on Mission to the United States.

The affairs of the Church involved in its extension in the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the United States, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

D. The Committee on Mission to the World.

The affairs of the Church in the area of world missions outside of the United States and Canada are assigned to the Committee on Mission to the World, whose duties and authority shall be designated by the General Assembly.

E. The Sub-committee on Judicial Business.

The Sub-committee on Judicial Business 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 Sub-committee shall not be separately funded but administratively will operate as a Sub-committee of the Committee on Administration. The Sub-committee will make direct report to each Assembly.

F. Other Committees

The Assembly may elect or appoint other committees of either a permanent or temporary character to handle particular matters of business as designated by the Assembly. The business handled by such committees shall be limited to those matters assigned by the Assembly.

The membership of other permanent committees, sub-committees, boards or agencies shall be limited to the same constitutional provisions (BC) 14-1-12) as those of the permanent committees: to wit, that those who have served for at least a full term, or at least two years of a partial term on one of the Assembly's permanent committees, or permanent sub-committees, or other agencies shall not be eligible for reelection to an Assembly committee or agency until one year has elapsed. Nominations shall be handled according to the BCO 14-2-11.

No individual shall serve on more than one Assembly committee, sub-committee, board or agency at one time. Employees of the Assembly's committees, or agencies are not eligible for office on an Assembly's committee, sub-committee, board or agency, which administers matters directly related to their area of employment.

G. Boards

When it is necessary for the handling of civil matters for the Assembly to authorize one of its committees, sub-committees, or agencies to incorporate and to form a board, the relationship of the board to the Assembly remains as a committee or sub-committee, and the provisions of the corporation charter and bylaws shall be in conformity with the constitution of the Church. The rules for membership and election of these boards shall be the same as provided for in the BCO 14-1, except that the number of classes and lengths of terms may vary.

H. Exceptions

The Assembly has authority to make exceptions to the above guidelines for those sub-committees or agencies not specifically covered by the BCO, by making amendments to these bylaws spelling out the specific exceptions, as well as approving corporation bylaws in conformity with these exceptions.

Section 10. The Sub-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, the Managing Director of the PCA Foundation, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall be advisory members of this Committee.

Section 11. Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Fund.

The Board of Trustees of the Insurance and Annuity Funds of the Presbyterian Church in America, hereinafter referred to as "Trustees", shall exercise such powers and conduct such business as delegated to it by the General Assembly from time to time. Specifically, but not in limitation thereof, the Trustees shall administer the Annuity plans, the group insurance programs and the relief programs of the Corporation. No action of the General Assembly or the Corporation shall conflict with provisions of the "Trust Agreement for the Annuity Funds for ministers of the Presbyterian Church in America," and the "Trust Agreement for the Annuity Fund for Lay Employees of the Presbyterian Church in America" without amendment of said Trust Agreements as provided in the Trust Agreements.

The Trustees will make a report to each General Assembly through the Committee of Commissioners on Insurance. The Trustees shall not be subject to the control or direction of any other Committee or organization of the Corporation.

The Trustees shall be ten (10) in number, divided into five (5) classes of two (2) men each serving five (5) year terms. The General Assembly shall elect at each Assembly a class of Trustees to begin service immediately following the conclusion of the Assembly. Each member of the Trustees must be either a Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder or Deacon in the Presbyterian Church in America. The Trustees are not subject to the provisions of the BCO, Chapter 15 relating to proportionate representation of all Presbyteries or for equal representation of Teaching and Ruling Elders.

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.

PART IV

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- 8 MUS Committee - Class of 1981 should read Fred Archer, Texas instead of Earl Russell, 6001 Ken, Arlington, Texas 76017
- 9 MTW Committee - William J. Stanway should read from Grace Presbytery
- 39 Line six should read "affirmative" instead of "negative"
- 94 Line five under DISSENT "cause" should read "case"
- 95 Under Judicial Business delete Fred Carr, who was not elected but an alternate who assumed a vacancy
- 100 Line 6, insert after "effort" "to support pro-life movements"
- 114 Paragraph 6-5 should be 6-4 - any subsequent paragraphs renumbered
- 116- "Probation" should read "internship", and "probationer" should read
118 "intern" throughout. (Clerk's note: the corrected text was sent to presbyteries for advice and consent, and adopted by the Ninth General Assembly.)
- 118 Line 3 of Recommendation 9 should read "Directory for Worship" not "of"
- 233 Under Judicial Business replace Fred Carr with Vaughan E. Hathaway
- 240 Line 1 in 8-4 "Committee" should read "Committees"

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