

MINUTES OF THE  
151st GENERAL SYNOD

**REFORMED**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

EVANGELICAL SYNOD



HELD AT COVENANT COLLEGE  
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE

MAY 18-24, 1973

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## **PREFACE TO SYNOD MINUTES**

These minutes, according to action of Synod, are to be distributed free of charge to all ministers, elders, and deacons in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. They are also available at a nominal charge to others who wish to have them, from the Office of the Stated Clerk.

When quoting actions of Synod, caution should be exercised as to whether the reports were merely received or if they have been adopted. In some cases, study papers have been assigned and they are the product of the particular committee unless the action stated by the minutes is that they were adopted as the position of the church.

At the end of the minutes, we have included the members of committees and agencies of the denomination. A directory of presbytery officers including moderators and stated clerks is also given. Then a directory of ministers according to their home addresses and later the directory of churches according to presbyteries. The statistics are to be found at the end, with a recognition that in some instances the figures are not up to date. I trust that this will be considered a request that pastors and stated clerks of our churches seek to keep good records as part of their stewardship.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Sovereign Head of His Church, be glorified and exalted through the publication of these minutes.

—PRG

## MARGINAL INDEXING

NOTE: For quick reference to items sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for study and/or action we have marked the outside edge of these minutes from the top down as follows:

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**MINUTES**  
**of the 151st General Synod**  
**Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod**  
**Held at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee**  
**May 18-24, 1973**

The 151st General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod was opened at 8 p.m. with Reverend Charles W. Anderson reading from Isaiah 55. Synod then joined in singing "O For a Thousand Tongues," after which an offering was received. Elder Marion D. Barnes, Ph.D., retiring Moderator and President of Covenant College, read from John 17. He then addressed Synod using the theme "Why Did Jesus Come Into the World," stressing the text John 17:8. Mr. Anderson prayed and afterwards led in singing "Till He Come." The whole assembly then read together a confession of faith in preparation for the Lord's Supper. Reverend William McColley administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper assisted by four elders. At the close, the Synod sang "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing." The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Anderson.

At 9:30 p.m., Dr. Barnes called the meeting to order. Rev. William Leonard was called upon to lead in prayer. Nominations were presented for Moderator, William McColley, Edward Steele III, Dr. William Barker. It was moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. The gavel was turned over to Dr. Barker, newly elected Moderator who was escorted to the podium by Dr. John M. L. Young. Dr. Herries led in prayer of blessing for Dr. Barker.

Floor was opened for nominations for Vice Moderator. The names of Edward Steele III, L. L. Donaldson and George Smith were presented. Nominations were closed. Edward Steele was elected. On motion, Synod was adjourned. Rev. Roger Hunt led in closing prayer.

**SATURDAY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. William Barker, at 8:00 a.m. The hymn "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne" was sung. Harold Mare led in opening prayer.

**Formation of the roll:**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT FIRST BUSINESS MEETING:**

**CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—D. G. Buchanan, J. Buckley, J. D. Winscott

**DELMARVA PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—D. A. Aquila, G. L. Blomquist, G. R. Bragdon, A. L. Herries, W. T. Kirwan, H. W. Mischke, J. Senneker, R. G. Shaffer, S. Smallman, F. Smick Jr., R. P. Warren, M. Youndt.

*Ruling Elders*—R. C. Chewning, W. G. Grantham, I. W. Hudson, T. Lancaster, W. G. Vannoy

**FLORIDA PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—R. Adelman, J. R. Caines, C. D. DePrine III, L. L. Donaldson, D. C. Harris, D. W. Hein, F. Shepperson Jr., P. W. Taylor.

*Ruling Elders*—M. S. McDonough.

**GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—N. C. McCall, D. P. Peterson, R. A. Wildeman Sr.

**MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—R. Aeschliman, W. O. Armes, A. M. Baldwin, W. S. Barker, J. W. Buswell, W. A. Collins, F. P. Crane, C. D. Darling, T. H. Engstrom, J. W. George, R. W. Graham, E. G. Gray, R. G. Hamilton, R. L. Harris, R. W. Hunt, D. C. Jones, J. M. MacGregor, D. J. MacNair, W. H. Mare, Dr. R. McDonough, E. A. Middelman, A. F. Mognot Jr., J. B. Payne, M. E. Pett, R. L. Reymond, A. P. Soltau, E. A. Steele III, W. J. Swenson, W. B. Wallis, D. M. Watson, D. R. Wilson, K. A. Wolf.

*Ruling Elders*—T. R. Elliott, J. L. Kalleen Jr., W. J. Lynn, F. McDowell, M. O. Peacock, G. D. Shaw, T. Smith, F. Stroup, H. R. Winscott.

**NEW JERSEY PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—H. T. Cross, K. A. Horner Jr., J. M. Kay Jr., J. A. Smith, L. H. Stewart.

**NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—S. R. Brown, E. R. Eckerson, R. Edmiston, A. L. Fawthrop, A. L. Kay, J. F. Pokrifka, G. W. Smith, M. A. Weiford.

*Ruling Elder*—K. H. Wood.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—G. H. Ackley, L. D. Billiter, J. Hoogstrate, W. D. McColley, P. Morison, J. B. Youngs.

*Ruling Elders*—D. M. Crozier, L. Malkus, R. F. Mercer.

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—L. Andres, E. Breen, M. D. Brown, J. P. Clark, F. S. Dyrness Sr., D. F. Fleece, R. W. Gray, E. Johnson, E. Potoka, J. L. Ransom, W. Shannon, W. Siddons.

*Ruling Elders*—M. E. Brown, P. Goldsborough, W. F. Zumbach.

**PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—C. L. Fritz, C. B. Holliday, H. E. Johnson, W. E. McNutt, R. Raines, R. Rowe, J. C. Taylor Jr., S. S. Ward, W. R. Wolfgang.

*Ruling Elders*—D. J. Allen, F. S. McLane, R. A. Titmus.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—F. S. Dyrness Jr., W. B. Leonard Jr., T. W. Martin, J. Perry, A. E. Scott, J. E. Singleton.

**SAHARANPUR PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elder*—G. R. Taylor

**SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—W. H. Albany, T. G. Cross, W. G. Cross Jr., E. C. DeVelde, W. H. Folds Jr., R. I. Hoyle, C. A. Lutz, S. Lyra Jr., G. Malkus, N. Malkus, W. G. Mietling, W. E. Myers, R. Tevebaugh, J. A. Wiest, H. B. Williamson.

*Ruling Elders*—H. G. Shelley, W. Smith.

**SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—P. H. Alexander, W. M. Alling, C. W. Anderson, A. K. Austin, R. H. Cox, R. Dameron, M. C. Freeland, P. R. Gilchrist, R. M. Nuermberger, L. S. Pitcher, H. A. Rapp, L. H. Withington, J. M. L. Young.

*Ruling Elders*—R. M. Crisler, C. W. Donaldson, C. F. Edgar, G. B. Huisman.

**SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY:**

*Teaching Elders*—J. J. Conrad, L. E. Sheldon Jr., K. Thurman, T. Waldecker.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT FOR PART OF SYNOD,  
BUT NOT FOR FIRST OR LAST ROLL CALL:**

DMV—R. F. Auffarth, W. A. Mahlow, L. J. Roberts, K. Smartt.

MW—*Elder*: E. Deckard.

NJ—G. Jaggard II, J. Palmer; *Elder*: V. C. Pierce.

RM—R. C. Barrett.

SE—D. Alexander, S. Hartman; *Elder*: L. W. Moore.

SO—R. H. Countess, D. Orme; *Elder*: R. VanderZwaag.

SW—J. H. Langford.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT FOR LAST ROLL CALL—See page 135**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED—See page 127**

The Stated Clerk asked for an interpretation of the Form of Government, page 13 and page 22f, concerning representation at Synod. The Moderator asked the Form of Government Committee for a ruling. The committee later reported as follows: (given here for the sake of convenience)

- 1) In the light of FOG IV, 1, f and j, (Standards, p. 23) sessions no longer elect delegates to Synod, but this responsibility now rests with the presbyteries, these provisions now making FOG II, 10, i (Standards, p. 13) not applicable as far as sessions electing delegates to Synod is concerned.
- 2) In the light of FOG IV, 1, f (Standards, p. 23) which states that presbyteries are to elect delegates to Synod, it is the responsibility of the presbyteries and not Synod, to determine how many and which elders are to be delegates.
- 3) By definition an alternate delegate is an alternate to another specified

delegate, voting only in his absense. Therefore, the designation of alternates no longer applies.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Harold Mare, Chairman  
Richard Gray  
Robert Reymond  
DeWitt Watson

By motion, seconded and passed, the Moderator was instructed to appoint a special committee to study representation to Synod. This committee was to report back to this Synod. (See page 101). The following men were appointed by Dr. Barker: W. Harold Mare, chairman, Richard Gray, Robert Reymond, DeWitt Watson, Laird Harris, Donald MacNair, Robert Titmus, Wesley Vannoy.

### **Seating of Corresponding Members and Visiting Brothers**

During the course of Synod, the following men were introduced and seated by proper motion:

*Corresponding Members*—Marion D. Barnes, Joel Belz, D. Clair Davis, Richard L. Harbison, Dean R. Smith, G. Aiken Taylor, Ben Wilkinson.

*Visiting Brothers*—Cal Boroughs, Richard W. Chamberlin, Don K. Clements, Philip E. Cox, Philip Gruner, Robert H. Heyer, David J. Hoover, Richard Horner, Kevin Ivery, Dr. Justin L. Jones, Samuel H. Larsen, John C. Pickett, Robert Smallman, Presley E. Smith III, John Vance.

### **Adoption of the Docket**

After some adjustments the docket was duly adopted.

### **Arrangements Committee**

Rev. John M. MacGregor spoke about prayer groups and other arrangements.

### **Election of Assistant Clerk**

The name of Rev. James A. Smith was placed in nomination and the election completed by motion to close nominations and cast a white ballot.

### **Standing Committees Appointed by Moderator**

#### *Attendance and Expense Committee*

Charles Donaldson, chmn.  
Howard Cross

Albert Moginot  
Fletcher McDowell

#### *Audit Committee*

Don Shaw  
Thomas Elliott

Harold Rapp  
I. W. Hudson

*Bills and Overtures Committee*

Marion D. Barnes, chmn.	John Young
Barton Payne	David Winscott
Werner Mietling	William Kirwan
Gordon Taylor	R. K. H. Mercer
Laird Harris	W. G. Grantham

*Resolutions and Memorials Committee*

Ed Steele III, chmn.	Robert Reymond
William McNutt	Richard Tevebaugh

*Presbytery Records Committee*

Paul Alexander, chmn.	Truman Lancaster
Norman McCall	Charles Edgar
Richard Aeschliman	Ken Austin
Robert Cox	Ronert Weeber
Frank Crane	John Hoogstrate
Donald Crozier	Richard Rowe
Roger Shafer	James Conrad
Ted Smith	Dale Dykema

*Sergeants-at-Arms*

David Alexander	Al Lutz
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*Parliamentarian*

John M. L. Young

*Assistant Parliamentarian*

William McColley

**Overtures and Communications**

Overtures A through K were referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee by motion, seconded and passed. They are listed here by title as follows:

*OVERTURE A—Action to Alleviate Burden for Western Churches*

*OVERTURE B—Ruling on Application of FOG to Decision on Merger*

*OVERTURE C—Rescind Action to Waive Six Month Licensure Requirement*

*OVERTURE D—Cooperative Efforts Without Synod Endorsements*

*OVERTURE E—Advise WPM to Revise Policy for Support of Missionaries*

*OVERTURE F—Advise Regarding WPM Support of Saharanpur Pastors*

*OVERTURE G—Study on Support in India and Feasibility of Worldwide Presbyterian Church*

*OVERTURE H—Ruling on Dual Membership in Presbyteries*

*OVERTURE I—Refuse Nominations to Synod Agencies of Men in Liberal Bodies*

*OVERTURE J—Study on Abortion Decisions of Supreme Court*

*OVERTURE K—Change Recommendation 3 on “Speaking in Tongues”*

It was moved and seconded to suspend standing rule VII to consider Overture L. The motion lost, and on call for a division of the house, the Moderator's judgment was confirmed.

## Stated Clerk's Report

Fathers and Brethren:

This is now my second full report to you. It has been an exceedingly full year of activities for me, serving the Lord and you not only through this office but also at Covenant College and the Lookout Mountain Christian School.

The minutes of the 1972 General Synod were completed by mid-July. Correspondence on behalf of Synod has continued apace. As every organization might testify, we have had our share of problems with faulty mail service.

I am not yet fully satisfied that we have the most efficient system of coordinating vacant pulpit and potential candidates. Even so, I do rejoice that several churches have found pastors and that pulpit candidates have found placement. May the Lord enable all of our churches without pastors to find God's chosen servant to be a true undershepherd.

During the past year I have had the privilege of representing the denomination in several churches. It has been my purpose to bring a sense of communion and encouragement especially in churches that are small or at a distance from centers where several congregations exist.

I need to draw your attention to definitions regarding actions of Synod. A word of caution is in order when reading and quoting from reports in Synod's minutes. We all need to be careful to determine whether a committee's report was *adopted* or merely *received* as information. The Standing Rules VIII, (2) states: "If a report or paper contains only a statement of fact or opinion for the information of the Synod, there is no necessity for action upon it. But if the Synod desires to endorse the statement and thus assume responsibility for it, the proper motion is to adopt it."

Synod statistics are perennially incomplete to make any analytical report. There are still some churches that report statistics on a late fiscal year basis rather than the calendar year which Synod has requested. It should be understood that churches need not change their fiscal year, but their membership and financial statistics could be reported on a calendar basis.

The adult Sunday School class of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lookout Mountain has heard interesting reports on the statistics of various presbyteries. I would urge our churches and presbyteries to look at their growth patterns, identifying fastest growing churches, determining what they are doing that is being used of the Lord.

As of Synod time the statistics for our denomination in 1972 are as follows (excluding mission churches):

	1972 Statistics	Compared to 1971
Communicants	15,945	14,934
Ministers	332	328
Total communicants	16,277	15,262
Covenant Children	4,708	4,268
Total Membership	20,985	19,530

Writing of statistics, I must advise Synod that our ministerial membership remains about the same, with 332 and, based on that, presbyteries will have to elect 90% of their ministers as commissioners for the 152nd General Synod.

Finally, I have considered it a real privilege to serve on the Administrative Committee of Synod. May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Sovereign Head of this church, continue to be magnified through the effort of dedicated men who serve Him. To Him be glory for ever.

Respectfully,  
 Paul R. Gilchrist  
 Stated Clerk of Synod

*Errata for Minutes of 1972, p. 122: Last line should read: "Ten presbyteries (Delmarva . . .)".*

## Administrative Committee Report

Dr. Barnes reported for the committee as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Administrative Committee of Synod has met twice during the past year: September 27 and 28, 1972 at Covenant College and March 7, 1973 in Indianapolis. We reviewed reports from the Stated Clerk and the Treasurer. The attached budget for the fiscal year April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974 was prepared with the assistance of Dr. Donaldson for your preliminary approval at this first business meeting and for final adoption on Wednesday.

Much of our business centered around planning and making arrangements for this Synod. Because of the importance of the Fraternal Relations Committee report, we felt it wise to allow a considerable amount of time for plenty of dialogue. We had hoped to have several seminars or workshops in the afternoons, but for various reasons several were scratched with only one seminar being planned. The Administrative Committee would appreciate hearing from you regarding arrangements and programs in order to make Synod a more profitable experience.

Plans are continuing for a bicentennial celebration in 1974. Special programs are being planned with Edward Steele III chairing the committee with the assistance of the members of the History of the Church Committee. Based on last year's action (see Minutes 1972, pp. 10f) the 152nd

General Synod will meet at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. This would be fairly close to the site in Paxtang, Lancaster County, where the first Reformed Presbyterian Presbytery was organized in 1774. We are recommending the dates of May 17-23, 1974 for Synod's approval.

Reverend Arthur Scott has written us requesting Synod to meet in Colorado Springs in 1975 or 1976. Your committee felt that with the progress of merger with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church we were not at liberty to recommend acceptance of the invitation, but that we certainly would urge Synod to meet in Colorado as soon as feasible.

The Administrative Committee further discussed the need for holding Synods at locations where meetings and housing would be adjacent. Gone are the days when more than 200 commissioners can be housed in homes scattered over a wide area and meet for sessions from early morning till late in the evening. Hence, we are recommending a possible addition to the Standing Rules of Synod. (See recommendation 4).

Perhaps one of the most important events in the communal life of our church is the Day of Prayer. We feel that our churches should take advantage of these days to concentrate on prayer for the needs in their own congregations, for our presbyteries and agencies and for our nation. We urge pastors to share experiences and programs with one another so as to help make these days more meaningful. We recommend that Synod set aside Wednesday, November 14, 1973 and Wednesday, February 27, 1974 for special Days of Prayer.

Regarding the status of the Evangelism Committee after discussing the situation, we are recommending that it be continued on a temporary basis for another year.

Finally, it is the responsibility of this committee to recommend a guide for proportionate giving so that our churches may realize the needs of our several agencies. The following are the needs for this coming year and suggested amounts per members which our churches may want to contribute:

	Needed from RPCES	%	Amount Per Member
WPM	\$677,900	54.9	\$45.17
Covenant Seminary	225,000	18.2	14.97
Covenant College	150,000	12.2	10.04
CTI	43,300	3.5	2.88
Home Board	20,000	1.6	1.32
NPM	104,500	8.5	6.99
Synod	13,525	1.1	.91
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	\$1,234,225	100.0%	\$82.28

**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974**

According to the Minutes of the 150th Synod, page 9, we are operating on this Fiscal Year (i.e. April 1-March 31)

**INCOME**

Receipts from 151st Synod	
Registrations	1,000.00
Offerings	500.00
Church Support	10,425.00
Agency Support	1,000.00
Individual Gifts	500.00
Sale of Minutes and Forms	100.00
	\$13,525.00

**EXPENDITURES**

151st Synod Expenses	
Arrangements	200.00
Clerical Help	200.00
Guest Speakers	300.00
Travel Expenses	3,000.00
Promotion	200.00
	3,900.00
Stated Clerk	
Salary	2,200.00
Office Rental	500.00
Office Expenses	500.00
Clerical Help	750.00
	3,950.00
Assistant Clerk Honorarium	100.00
Treasurer's Expenses	25.00
Archivist's Expenses	50.00
Travel: Moderator, Clerk, Administrative Com.	1,200.00
Printing and Mailing Minutes	3,000.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	500.00
Other Committees	500.00
Printing of Forms	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	\$13,525.00

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Synod set aside Wednesday, November 14, 1973 and February 27, 1974 for Synod-wide days of prayer.
2. Evangelism Committee be continued as a temporary committee of Synod for one more year.
3. 152nd General Synod be held on May 17-23, 1974 in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.
4. The Standing Rules be changed to include a statement that arrangements for Synod be made whereby commissioners can be housed in the same building or adjacent buildings to the general meeting location.
5. Preliminary adoption of the proposed budget and urge all churches to seek to contribute \$1.00 per member for Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marion D. Barnes  
Chairman

Recommendation 1 was adopted.

Recommendation 2 was presented and action was postponed to the Report of the Evangelism Committee on Wednesday A.M. (See page 113).

Recommendation 3 was withdrawn from consideration at this time. (See page 113 for later action)

Recommendation 4 by motion was amended as follows: delete "the Standing Rules be changed to include a statement" and substitute "An endeavor be made that . . ." The recommendation as amended was adopted.

Recommendation 5 was postponed until after consideration of Overture A. (See page 103).

Synod was recessed with prayer at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 with prayer by Dr. Fletcher McDowell.

## Report of Knollwood Lodge

A slide presentation with record was presented by Rev. Theodore Engstrom who made other comments and answered questions. The report follows:

Jesus told his disciples to "Come apart and rest awhile." Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge was host to 113 guests who did that last summer. This is the purpose of KPL—that members and friends of our respective denominations may have a vacation place of rest, relaxation, and spiritual refreshment. The past season, Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Dunn were hosts along with Mrs. Olin as cook, and 3 young people, assisted guests in having a refreshing vacation.

Spiritually, it was a profitable summer with one couple professing Christ as Savior, others receiving assurance of salvation, and many ex-

pressing appreciation for the spiritual benefits they received. One group of young people from Hazelwood, Mo., used the facilities.

With regret, we report that we still operated with a deficit. Friends have generously assisted in making up this deficit, so that we are able to continue operation. While expenses have been held to a minimum, and some desired expansion and improvements have been delayed because of lack of funds, the Lodge could be self-supporting with more aid from our respective churches. We do not ask for cash contributions (though we won't refuse them!) but we ask that pastors assist by distributing the brochures that are sent to their churches, and give KPL some promotion as an ideal vacation spot for their members. With about 75% capacity guest days, we should easily be self-sustaining. We do not have the personnel, nor other facilities, for direct mailing to our church membership. Full capacity is about 38.

Facilities at KPL consist of a large room or rooms, with private bath, for each family unit. All the rooms of the lodge and cabin overlook the beautiful Red Cedar Lake. There are various recreational facilities available, such as shuffleboard, table tennis, volley ball, basketball, golf at our own small course, or across the lake at a large club. Of course, waterfront activities are important—we have 3 small boats with motors, one canoe, and a large speed boat for use by the guests. Fishing is excellent, though the catch isn't guaranteed! There are many historic and scenic spots in the vicinity, as well as a public campground adjoining our property for those who desire to use their own units, but have fellowship with KPL guests.

For the coming season, two special weeks have been set aside: July 7-13 as Family Bible Conference, with Rev. Harvie Conn as speaker; and August 4-11 as Minister's Conference with Dr. J. Barton Payne of Covenant Seminary and Dr. Richard Gaffin of Westminster Seminary as speakers. If a particular church, or group, would desire a particular week this season, it still could be arranged. We would suggest that our various committees consider Knollwood as a site for their meetings.

Any time spent at Knollwood is a fine investment. The beauty of God's creation and the Christian fellowship are both very rich at Knollwood.

We are seeking an Executive Director who would reside at KPL during the summer season, and promote KPL during the "off season." Such would possibly give us a longer season.

The Financial report summary is as follows:

Balance on Hand, Sept. 30, 1971	\$117.04
Special contributions and patron's receipts	4186.50
Church offerings at Lodge	312.88
Receipts for room, board, etc.	4043.58

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\$8660.00

Disbursements:

Operating expenses	\$5527.17
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Patron's program	384.46
Capital outlay	917.91
Loan repayment	691.51
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Total	\$7521.05
Balance on hand, Sept. 30, 1972	\$1138.95

Bills during the months since September have cut the balance to about \$300.00.

The property of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge was valued at \$50,000 in October, 1971, and property values have risen since then.

Present officers of the board are: Rev. Ted Engstrom, President; Rev. Donald Stanton, Vice-President; Rev. Willard Armes, Secretary; and Dr. George Knight, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. T. H. Engstrom

## National Presbyterian Missions Report

Rev. Wilbur Siddons, Chairman, introduced Rev. Donald J. MacNair for the report which follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

### *INTRODUCTION:*

This report and the financial report cover the calendar year 1972.

In some areas they will be updated in the oral reports given at Synod. The home office always stands ready to attempt to answer any questions you may have about the report or the NPM ministry. Please let us hear from you.

### *STATISTICS:*

This material has been compiled in order to give the church a general idea of the workload of NPM.

- "New Contact" in-depth follow-up (From among well over 100 inquiries, these in-depth follow-up contacts have received correspondence, telephone calls, and at least one visit by an executive director) 25
- New mission churches established 2
- New particular churches received by a presbytery (either from mission church status or as a previously organized church assisted by NPM) 8\*
- Formal consultative responsibilities (including several trips and much correspondence and telephone contacts):

–with mission churches	12
–with particular RPCES churches	10
–with particular RPCES churches, but not on a regular schedule	4
● Presentation in-depth of RPCES to established non-RPCES congregations	8
● Presentation of NPM at Missionary Conferences	7
● Presentation of RPCES at special meetings, other church related organizations, etc. (not including presbytery meetings)	13

### *PRESBYTERY MANUAL*

NPM has sent two copies of the textbook “The Birth, Care, and Feeding of a Local Church” and two copies of its “Manual for Working Relationship Between: Presbytery and the Church Extension Committee of Presbytery and National Presbyterian Missions” to each presbytery. The textbook is used as the basis of church development. The manual contains all the basic policies followed by NPM and a thorough explanation of the working relationship maintained between NPM and the presbytery. It is hoped that this data will make these areas of operation more widely understood by and used by each presbytery.

### *NELSON K. MALKUS TO SERVE WPM*

The Rev. Nelson K. Malkus, Associate Executive Director of National Presbyterian Missions, has accepted the call from World Presbyterian Missions to become its General Secretary. Mr. Malkus was the first of three Associate Executive Directors to be employed for the development of the “New Concept for the 70’s” program adopted by NPM. (The Reverend James L. Ransom is the second of the three; NPM is not yet ready to employ the third.) Mr. Malkus will be replaced, Lord willing, by summer or early fall of 1973.

NPM’s Board, Mr. Ransom, and I all regret the loss of Mr. Malkus for selfish reasons, but all also believe God is providentially supplying WPM’s need, and hence rejoice at the move. We want to express our commitment

\*The new particular churches are:

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, News Brunswick, Canada

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hanna City, Illinois

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Limestone, Illinois

Christ Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Town North Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas

Grace Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Virginia

First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bellingham, Washington

Highline Reformed Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington

to support our brother in prayer in his new task and to thank him publicly for his three years of devoted and profitable service to NPM.

### *“NEW CONCEPT FOR THE 70’S” PROGRAM--PROGRESS REPORT*

In almost all of its component parts, this program is moving along very well. We have much for which to praise the Lord.

For reasons we do not understand, the program failed to maintain its momentum in the spring and summer of '72. By late summer the slump was reversed. The fall of '72 proved to be exceptionally busy and, we believe, profitable for the glory of the Lord.

The financial support for the “New Concept” program has been good. The Thanksgiving Thankoffering picked up the expected lag in the financial development.

During the year, the first of the two potential California City projects was aborted by NPM. The second project will be “on the drawing boards” in about 6-7 years. This could prove to hold great promise for related diaconal projects as well as for establishing a church. NPM holds the privilege of first right of refusal on the land offered in this second project.

An increasing responsibility to assist established churches going through times of crises has been thrust upon NPM. NPM has not sought this ministry. It may well be able to help in unique ways, however. In order to be properly safeguarded and also to keep the major purposes of NPM in proper balance, the Board has developed explicit policy about this ministry. It is included in the Presbytery Manual.

One area of the “New Concept” program has, by and far, been a failure. This is the Vanguard Committee program. The essence of this program is to begin to get the presbyteries and local churches to do much of the initial work for extending the church, under the guidance of NPM. We are convinced that something of this nature must become a working part of our church if we are to grow. Therefore, you may expect a renewed effort to establish the Vanguard Committees, or whatever is needed, until this goal is achieved.

### *“MEMORIAL PROGRAM”*

NPM has launched a major effort to provide a special Christian service to people going through a bereavement. The key to this effort is the standard, gracious memorial gift given in honor of the deceased, coupled with a steadily increasing number of donors who give a memorial gift to NPM every time they are aware of the death of a friend or acquaintance. The amount of the gift is entirely up to the donor; the family of the deceased receives a handwritten note, but no disclosure of the dollar amount. We urge you to respond to this program and thus give a living memorial rather than the soon withered cut flower memorial now usually sent.

## THANKSGIVING THANKOFFERING—1973

NPM, through a motion to be made by the Administrative Committee of the General Synod, would like the General Synod to designate Sunday, November 18, 1973, as National Presbyterian Missions' Sunday.

### TRAINING ORGANIZING PASTORS

Starting this year, all the men who accept the call to serve as organizing pastors are receiving an in-depth orientation to better fit them for the task. They are invited to St. Louis for several days to study with the Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. MacNair  
Executive Director  
National Presbyterian Missions

#### NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS, Inc. Summary of Operations For Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1972

INCOME	Year-to-date 1971	Budget 1972	December 1972	Year-to-date 1972
Gifts—Unrestricted	\$82,872.86	\$101,000.00	\$16,631.72	\$98,473.26
—Restricted—Administration	1,630.40	2,400.00	280.36	3,026.47
—Restricted—Churches	19,152.78	26,000.00	1,137.25	120,555.05
Revolving Building Fund	23,651.50	18,000.00	561.67	28,067.05
Other Income	6,905.09	7,000.00	3,507.12	12,622.46
Total Income	\$134,212.63	\$154,400.00	\$22,118.12	\$262,744.29
Less Income for Other Funds	35,428.26	30,500.00	914.17	131,946.05
Total General Fund Income	\$98,784.37	\$123,900.00	\$21,303.95	\$130,798.24
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Personnel Expense	\$28,686.46	\$40,730.00	\$3,115.16	\$40,028.16
Office Expense	9,183.93	10,200.00	694.82	12,606.82
Rent and Utility Expense	10,847.80	15,400.00	1,321.87	15,562.06
Travel Expense	17,300.54	20,400.00	722.09	21,657.92
Promotional Expense	6,143.42	9,740.00	282.75	6,723.95
Church Mission Payments	25,132.69	37,500.00	1,555.33	34,105.67
Revolving Building Fund	8,500.00	16,000.00		12,050.00
Other Expenses or Payments	2,745.80	2,900.00	429.83	4,194.65
Capital Purchases or Payments				5,799.91
Total Expenditures	\$108,540.64	\$152,870.00	\$8,121.85	\$152,729.14
Less Allocations to Other Agencies			95.62	2,697.81

Less Expenditures for Other Funds	19,827.07	28,500.00	80.00	15,477.00
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$88,713.57	\$124,370.00	\$7,946.23	\$134,554.33
Total Income Over (Under) Expenditures	\$10,070.80	(470.00)	13,357.72	(3,756.09)

## *STRENGTHENING THE WORK OF NPM*

### *I. Immediate Steps to Strengthen NPM's Present Ministry*

A. Increase the scope of the in-depth orientation/training program now provided for new organizing pastors. The major addition would be an increase on the emphasis given to the practice of personal evangelism, possibly even to the extent of field practice.

B. The Executive Director would select one or two seniors each year with whom he would arrange to spend considerable time personally tutoring them. During the course of that year, the students would make at least one field trip with the Executive Director at NPM's expense. It is possible that this ministry later could be expanded both in numbers and by using the Associate Executive Directors to do this in seminaries in their area of service.

It would be understood that the student would be expected to give priority consideration to serving as an organizing pastor upon graduating from seminary if indeed NPM has an opportunity to propose to him.

### *II. Immediate Steps to Strengthen the NPM-Presbytery Working Relationship*

A. Propose to the presbyteries to elect NPM Board members and pastors who are or were organizing pastors to membership on the Church Extension Committee of Presbytery.

B. An NPM executive officer will meet with each church extension committee at least once a year. This probably will be done on a regional basis for a two-day conference where geographically feasible. The purpose of the meetings would be to:

- o train/review in methods of church extension ;
- o help establish new goals for each church extension committee;
- o set financial goals and priorities, especially as to possible NPM obligations.

C. A special channel of communication, probably on a monthly basis, would be established with the members of the church extension committees.

D. Urge the church extension committees to further develop and use Vanguard Committees.

### *III. A long-Range Proposal—To Strengthen Both NPM and the Presbyteries' Church Extension Committees*

A. Consider developing a core of field missionaries who would be used to establish initial nuclei for potential mission churches.

B. One possible approach to this ministry would be to have NPM join with church extension committees both in seeking men for the task and serving the committees in its customary consultative role. If this approach were used, the following arrangements would probably be made:

1. The field missionary would be employed by the church extension committee.
2. If necessary, NPM could handle the financial bookkeeping chores.
3. The man would raise a portion of his support as an evangelist/missionary, and the presbytery would make up the difference. (NPM may find it necessary to consider designing a presbytery-assistance program to supplement the support of a field missionary).

C. Upon adoption of the basic concept of using field missionaries, each church extension committee would be challenged to consider the program. One presbytery would be used to develop the program on a trial basis. Later, the refined program would be extended to other presbyteries.

Rev. Mark Pett reported concerning the work at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Rev. DeWitt Watson made remarks concerning his coming as an Associate Director. Sunday, November 18 was designated NPM Sunday by Synod action.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Eugene Potoka reported. Lists of Ministers and Elders and Committee assignments and a preliminary ballot were distributed.

### **Election to NPM**

The Nominating Committee presented a ballot with the following names:

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| <i>*Donald Crozier INC</i>          | <i>*William Lynn</i>         |
| <i>*Harold Jones INC</i>            | <i>*Rev. Nelson Malkus</i>   |
| <i>*Rev. Dr. Harold Mare INC</i>    | <i>*Rev. William Swenson</i> |
| <i>*Rev. Harold Rapp INC</i>        | <i>*Anson Loose</i>          |
| <i>2/3 Home Missions</i>            | <i>*Rev. David Winscott</i>  |
| <i>*Rev. Everett DeVelde ('75)</i>  | <i>Rev. Norman McCall</i>    |
| <i>*Rev. Dr. Richard Gray ('75)</i> |                              |

Rev. Egon Middelmann was nominated from the floor. Nominations closed. (The names of those elected are italicized throughout these reports).

## **Election to Knollwood Lodge**

The following men were on the ballot:

*\*Melvin Jones* INC

*\*Rev. Don MacNair* INC

By motion, nominations were closed and a white ballot cast for the Knollwood Lodge slate.

Synod was recessed with prayer by Dr. Robert Reymond at 12:03 p.m.

Dr. William Barker, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked Rev. James Perry to lead in prayer.

## **Christian Training, Inc., Report**

Fathers and Brethren:

Last year our report to synod closed with these words, "This is a crucial year for Christian Training, Inc. There is a need for increased financial support. There is a need for CTI to do an even more effective work with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. What is truly needed is increased prayer. . . ."

You prayed. We prayed. You gave. We gave. Together we can praise God. CTI's Board of Directors and staff are thankful for what God has done during this crucial year and we are challenged to greater dependence on Him in the year ahead.

Let us share some highlights:

- I. New Headquarters
- II. New Associate Executive Director
- III. New Publications
- IV. Youth Training—Student Summer Service
- V. Seminary Internship
- VI. Christian Day Schools
- VII. Christian Education Principles
- VIII. Coventry House
- IX. Covenant College Extension Course

### *New Headquarters*

The facility at Coventry, Connecticut makes an excellent headquarters in which to carry on every part of Christian Training's activities. More room for the book store. Three offices. A year-round center for retreats and training activities.

### *New Associate Executive Director*

The Rev. Robert E. Edmiston moved his family to Connecticut in June '72. Mr. Edmiston began full-time work for CTI on July 1st. His understanding of the Scriptures, his interest in people, his administrative and writing abilities have greatly strengthened our staff. Mr. Edmiston shares the general administrative responsibilities and is specifically responsible for publications.

### *New Publications*

The long-awaited STANDARDS of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod are now available.

A SHARE IN PRAYER information letter is regularly mailed to those interested in our ministry.

The first issue of ADVANCE, a digest of ideas to advance Christian Education, has appeared. This will be available to subscribers on a quarterly basis at a cost of only \$1 per year.

### *Youth Training*

Student Summer Service proved to be of great benefit to team members and to the churches at Bellingham, Washington and Huntsville, Alabama, where they served last summer. Teams have been recruited to serve at Grand Cayman Island, B.W.I.; Trenton, N.J.; and Oreland, Pa. in '73.

### *Seminary Internship*

Mack and Karen Gray are thankful for the opportunity to be the first couple from Covenant Theological Seminary to participate in CTI's internship program. They have had the opportunity to learn about themselves and others and how important this is in communicating the Gospel and truly knowing and trusting God. Mack has preached, taught S.S. classes and Bible studies. He has visited in homes and hospitals. He has led weekend retreats and week-long seminars. He has written papers and read books. He's listened to and counselled others. Soon Tim and Patty Stigers, another Covenant couple, will begin their 15-month stint in the intern program.

### *Christian Day Schools*

At its two-day annual board meeting, the Board of CTI took note of important developments in the field of Christian Day Schools and adopted the following statement:

"One of the most important responsibilities of the church and the families of the church is to raise children up to understand, and be shaped by a Biblical view of God's total creation.

"In that contemporary public education does not usually foster such a point of view, CTI encourages Christian parents to consider the importance of the Christian school.

"We do not consider it wise to prescribe a detailed program and procedure for Christian training in the school for the reason that local situations and personal characteristics are so widely variant.

"We do, however, urge our people to strive earnestly to see that their covenant children are given training in the home, school and church which is harmonious with the Word of God.

"CTI is prepared to offer assistance to Christian Schools in the areas of

fund raising and development, curriculum, personal and spiritual growth of faculties and staffs, and implementation of the newer electronic remote teaching techniques now available.”

### *Christian Education Principles*

Also, the Board officially adopted four principles as the Biblical basis of CTI's ministry. These were developed by the Rev. Stephen Smallman and are included in last year's report to Synod.

During the year, two position papers were written. COVENTRY HOUSE, by Robert E. Edmiston, deals with the questions “What happens at Coventry House? Why is there a place like Coventry House? What is the relationship between the Coventry House program and Christian Education?”

Another paper, entitled CHRISTIAN GROWTH GROUPS, was prepared by Rev. William Kirwan. This paper also shows the Biblical basis for seminars conducted by CTI personnel at its headquarters and in local churches throughout the denomination.

These papers are available from CTI, free of charge, upon request.

### *Coventry House.*

A place where Christian Training, Inc. conducts small-group training seminars and retreats, similar to those that we hold in any locality.

During the summer of '72, seven week-long sessions were held. Since the end of September, twelve week-end retreats have been conducted. A full spring and summer schedule is planned. With the added personnel (including 2 interns during the summer) there is the flexibility to provide leaders for the seminars held at a distance from Coventry while activities there continue.

Rev. William G. Phillips brought his College and Career group for a weekend retreat. Here was his reaction: “. . . [Coventry House] has as its purpose the need Christians have of knowing themselves better so as to be more useful in the Body of Christ. . . . Your endeavor to get me to see and appreciate the gifts and talents God has given me will in the long run benefit not only me but others as well. . . . I appreciated your attempt to place the program in light of Scripture and your natural way of explaining to the group (some of whom were non-Christians) that in the long run, the only way our gifts can be most used is by our personal submission to Jesus Christ. . . . Finally, I guess I should add the wonderful news . . . one of the boys who was present . . . accepted Christ as his Savior. Though the program was not an evangelistic rally, your consistent endeavor to point the people to Christ was obviously blessed of God. . . .” A Christian Day School principal wrote, “Thank you for adding muchly to my maturity.” A minister spent a couple of days at Coventry House last summer. He shared how frustrated he was in trying to communicate to his congregation. He listened and learned. Later he wrote, “You are filling a very important role in our denomination and in the lives of those who come to you.”

It's exciting to see the kind of education spoken of in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 taking place before our eyes, in every situation of life. That's what we see in the Book of Acts. That's what is possible in your home and local congregation.

*Covenant College Extension Course*

Continuing in its goal to work closely with all agencies of the RPCES, Christian Training, Inc. is happy to announce that the Rev. Charles Anderson will teach a three-week, three-credit course, *Ephesians* and *Colossians*, at Coventry House this coming summer. Registration is to be made through the college for this fully-accredited course. Dates are June 18 to July 6.

We urge you to avail yourself of the many services of Christian Training, Inc. Support CTI with your faithful prayers and regular monthly gifts. Our goal is that together we may "speak the truth in love and grow up into Him in all things which is the head, even Christ." (Eph. 4:15)

Arthur L. Kay  
Executive Director

Arthur Kay reported and distributed a financial report and "The Biblical Basis of Christian Growth Groups." (See page 27).

CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.  
General Fund  
Cash Basis Financial Report  
For the Eight Months Ended October 31, 1972\*

*Income*

Gifts from churches and related organizations	\$16,618.44
Personal gifts and honorariums	4,857.30
Robert Young Bequest Fund	246.23
Cedarville College Fund	97.02
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation	303.49
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Total income	\$22,122.48

*Expenses*

Executive Director	
Salary	\$4,174.00
Housing	2,250.00
Pension payments	180.00
Hospitalization	309.00
Social Security	506.25
Travel expenses	3,006.94

\*The Board voted to change the start of fiscal year from March 1 to November 1.

Associate Director	
Salary	2,400.00
Housing	900.00
Pension payments	60.00
Hospitalization	194.00
Social Security	168.75
Travel and other expense	2,651.37
Internship program	
Salary	800.00
Housing	200.00
Office Manager	
Salary	3,128.00
Pension payments	180.00
Other expenses	
Payroll taxes	245.76
Office supplies	3,454.30
Office equipment	126.04
Synod contribution	45.00
Reformed Presbyterian Foundation	90.00
Robert Young Bequest Fund expense	113.83
Headquarters rent	1,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$26,183.24
Received from Dept. of Publications	4,800.00
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21,383.24

Excess Income Over Expenses

\$739.24

CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.  
Department of Publications  
Cash Basis Financial Report  
For the Eight Months Ended October 31, 1972

*Income*

Sale of books and supplies	\$26,998.39
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*Expenses*

Purchases	\$19,568.35
Overhead—C.T.I. general expense	4,800.00
Postage and freight expense	365.00
Office and miscellaneous expense	75.81
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Total Expenses	24,809.16
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NET INCOME	<u>\$ 2,189.23</u>
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Bank balance March 1, 1972	\$ 1,520.54
Net Income	<u>2,189.23</u>
Bank balance October 31, 1972	\$ 3,709.77

CHRISTIAN TRAINING, INC.  
 Coventry House Account  
 Cash Basis Financial Report  
 For the Eight Months Ended October 31, 1972

*Cash in Bank*

Bank balance March 1, 1972	\$315.96
Receipts over disbursements for eight months ended Oct. 31, 1972	<u>790.50</u>
Bank balance October 31, 1972	<u><u>\$1,106.46</u></u>

*Income*

Registration, conference, and resident fees	\$3,638.23
Gifts (scholarships)	<u>57.97</u>
Total income	\$3,696.20

*Expenses*

Operation (food, etc.)	\$2,326.23
Utilities	483.87
Insurance	<u>95.60</u>
Total expenses	<u><u>\$2,905.70</u></u>
Excess Income over Expenses	\$790.50

**THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH GROUPS**

*I. The Christian's Relationship to God.*

The Scriptures lay great emphasis upon the fact that once an individual submits and bows before Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, he becomes a child in God's family, and a new creature or creation. By virtue of this new birth, one becomes a *new person* through the Spirit of Christ. Whereas, once he was a person separated from God, himself and his fellowman, now all three of these broken relationships can be restored. The individual, once alienated from God, on the basis of his new and restored relationship with Him can now find and experience significant healing within himself, can see himself in a totally new perspective, and experience totally new and uniquely Christian feelings of self-worth. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

or "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" are statements which can honestly be made and appreciated only by one who has experienced the unconditional love and acceptance which comes from obedient response to the living Person of the Lord Jesus.

Even more, such a person has also been adopted into God's family, and now the Father has become One who loves and cares for His child every moment. Whereas, once the Father saw him as an alienated, hostile, and depraved rebel, He now lovingly embraces the wayward and depraved son, "kissing him upon the neck," His arms encompassing the tattered rags, still bearing the stench of the pig sty in a far-off country. A Christian truly is a member of "the household of faith," "a child of God," having within him God's Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba Father!" Indeed, the relationship which the believer now has with the Father far exceeds, in intensity, purity, love and excellence, any which flesh and blood can ever know, far exceeding even the very best of earthly and human relationships. On the basis of this relationship alone, can the basic and the deepest needs of the human soul and the fallen heart be met.

## *II. The Christian's Relationship to Himself*

A basic need of all men is to love and be loved, and thereby feel worthwhile. If this basic need is not met, then myriads of symptoms result as evidenced by the horrors of our modern society. Even further, however, the Word of God and human experience strongly testify that man's deepest need is to know love from God and to love Him in return. Human love is necessary and essential, but by itself is not enough, for man needs God's love as evidenced by his gnawing unconscious fear that he will be rejected by Him. Being loved only by one's surrounding family and friends, does not suffice to bring the peace, joy, and serenity for which purposeful man strives. Thus, only when one is called to faith in Christ and filled with God's love are his basic needs fully and completely met.

Once this happens, the Christian finds a new relationship with himself. His deepest longings begin to be satisfied, he learns his place in the world, and the inward testimony of Christ through the Holy Spirit unfolds to him a totally new perspective of himself. As a mature Christian the Apostle Paul testified that he was sufficient through Christ to meet the vicissitudes of life (Phil. 4:11-13; cf. II Cor. 2:14-3:6). Further, the Apostle describes the believer's new condition as being "in Christ," an expression he uses some 130 times. Thus, when God sees the believer, He sees him "in Christ." The Christian in turn has the sure and certain knowledge that he is loved by Christ and that he can love Him in return and thereby feel worthwhile. Now he can see himself through the eyes of the Father, and his feeling of self-worth is such that he can exhort men as did Paul to be imitators of him as he was an imitator of Jesus Christ. At this point, we could say that Paul was following Christ's words to "love yourself" and he demonstrates the true confidence, and sense of well-being and self-esteem, which only can and should come from a right relationship with Jesus Christ. Not to love something which God loves is wrong, even ourselves.

### *III. The Christian in Relationship to Christians*

a. New Testament Instruction—Based on a new relationship with God and oneself, the Christian stands uniquely alone in his capacity to love others. You can't give what you do not have, and if one does not have the sense of self-worth which can come only from God in Christ, then one is not in a position to be able to give love and acceptance to others. The Christian, however, having Christ's indwelling power, is called to a "new commandment" which was to love fellow humans (believers) in a way which the world cannot do.

Jesus, at the pinnacle of His earthly teaching in the upper room, laid great emphasis upon the relationships which His redeemed and obedient "friends" are to have for each other. There we are given the new commandment, (actually a new expression of principles found in the Law, especially Deuteronomy), that we are to love and relate with each other just as He selflessly loved and related with His "friends." The Apostle Paul likewise lays constant emphasis upon this matter of the practical demonstration of mutual love, comfort, exhortation and edification which the saints are to exhibit for each other. The Apostle John, as well, strongly affirms the same necessity of love between the members of the Father's family even claiming that if such love is lacking, then there is room for doubt as to true Christianity being present for "he who does not love abides in death."

b. New Testament example—It is obvious in the lives of many of the New Testament personalities that they had great openness of feeling toward each other. Sometimes Paul's feelings were negative (viz. his disagreement with Barnabas, and also his confrontation with Peter at Antioch), but the greater thrust of his feelings were those of love and of his positive affection for fellow-believers. Even in his rebuking, his warmth and love, without exception, never fail to shine through to those whom he addresses. He constantly expresses his own personal love for his Christian brothers and sisters while continually exhorting them to realize their position "in Christ" and to realize how "precious" and important they are to God and to each other. In Romans 12:3 he says, "For I am saying through the grace which is given to everyone who is among you, not to be thinking more highly of one's self, beyond that which one ought necessarily to be thinking, but to be thinking with a view to a sensible appraisal (of one's self) according as to each one God divided a measure of faith."

c. The necessity for Christian love—Here, then, is a clear call for us to accurately perceive and to recognize our unique gifts as believers in the body of Christ. We must however make one important point. For the most part our feelings (positive or negative) about ourselves come or have come from the feelings of others who are important in our lives. We learn who we are from one basic source, and that is from the evaluations and judgments we get from those outside of ourselves. As children, we basically learned about ourselves from our parents as they related with us and gave us love, approval, discipline and so forth. How do we know who we are as we mature? Again, primarily from those outside of us, but here

we find an important order of internalized influences by which we are to shape our feelings and perceptions of ourselves. First and foremost, we learn from God who speaks to us in His Word. What we learn is that we are His creatures, created in His image, but fallen. As previously stated, those who have been called to faith in Christ also know that they are His loved children, whom He sees "in Christ." Secondly, the Bible tells us that we are to learn about ourselves from each other. Paul says in I Thessalonians, "Therefore, encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing." Again, Paul says in Romans 15, "Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification." The writer to the Hebrews twice says to gather together "to encourage one another." Paul's letters are filled with the constant outpouring of his concern for fellow-Christians as he shares his feelings for them. To the Philippians he says that every time he thinks of them, he has to stop and thank God for them because of their participation with him in the Gospel, "For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense of the Gospel you all are partakers of grace with me. For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus."

It should be noted that this demonstration of Christian love includes following the Biblical formula of rebuke and reproof when it is necessary. We must always strive to speak the truth in love and sometimes it may mean a confrontation with a brother or sister over some wrong in his life. We can never shrink from this or any part of the Biblical counsel to teach and proclaim the whole counsel of God to the whole man. As Paul always addressed himself to willful disobedience and sin in the church, so too we must also "gently but firmly restore any who have fallen into sin."

d. A Practical Case—Timothy was in a situation where outside encouragement and love was desperately needed. Paul exhorts him to "stir up" the gifts which God has given him.

Apparently Timothy was experiencing feelings of fear, inadequacy, and discouragement, so Paul exhorts and encourages him to see himself as one who has been called and equipped to be a servant of God.

Again, Paul's own feelings emerge when he tells Timothy how much he "longs to see him" and is "constantly praying for him, day and night." We see the great Apostle's own need for Christian love, companionship, and fellowship when he says to Timothy, "Make every effort to come to me soon" and then a few lines later, "make every effort to come before winter."

e. Summary—God's order for us to know ourselves, then, is to look at reality head on and face what we see. Our image of ourselves comes first from Him, and then from brothers and sisters in the Lord as we demonstrate love toward each other as it is so practically spelled out in I Corinthians 13. Tragically, however, the church has often failed to manifest interpersonal relationships or "orthodoxy of community." Dr. Francis Schaeffer points out in *The New Super Spirituality*, that "there has been a tendency to act as if the only thing that mattered was to see that a man's soul

is saved so that it could go to heaven. The person disappeared” (p. 12). Indeed there is not enough warmth, love, and tenderness communicated among those of us who adhere to a strong Biblical position. Subsequently, we too often, like Timothy, fall victim of our natural man (Adam after he fell went and hid, out of a feeling of guilt, shame, and insecurity) and become subjective, discouraged, and lost in our feelings of inadequacy and loss of self-esteem, unable to see the reality of who and what we are.

#### *IV. The Practice of Christian Growth Groups—Christian Training, Inc.*

CTI growth groups seek to practice and promote the Biblical principles outlined above. Any group of believers (session, Sunday school class, women’s group, etc.) is potentially a growth group. CTI would like to help these groups of believers interact according to Biblical patterns. Christian growth groups are a simple tool to help saints get to know, appreciate, and love their spiritual brothers and sisters in the family of God more fully and thus fulfill the new commandment of our Lord “to love one another as I have loved you.” For example, at one point the group may relate and communicate with each other by sharing important events in their lives and thus establish new lines of communication. Another time, the groups may “stir up” or “encourage” each other by pointing out gifts and talents which many of the group members have failed to recognize in themselves and consequently never used in the Lord’s work. Or, the group may manifest the love of Christ for a lonely or discouraged brother who needs the love and acceptance of others. A group may also follow Paul’s example of “pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” by evaluating their goals realistically and then charting a plan to accomplish these tasks. Our hope is that these activities will edify the body of Christ. We strive to glorify Christ and to help His church mature. It is also our hope that real feelings of Christian love will be communicated to each other, not just at special CTI gatherings, but in all our churches, at all times.

Written by the Rev. William T. Kirwan  
in cooperation with the members of the  
Board of Christian Training, Inc.

Miss Nelle VanderArk, Professor of English at Covenant College, was presented for a presentation on Christian Education. Mr. Robert Edmiston reported concerning “Student Summer Service” with additional remarks by David Winscott. Rev. George Smith spoke on the Internship program and concluded the report.

#### **Elections to CTI**

Mr. Potoka presented the ballot:

\*Rev. Max Belz INC 2/3  
\*Rev. David Fleece INC

\*Rev. Eugene Potoka INC  
\*Rev. A. Dale Umbreit INC

*\*Robert Heerdt* INC

*\*Rev. John Kay* INC

*\*Rev. Robert Palmer* INC 2/3

*\*Rev. Malcolm Brown*

*\*Richard Strong*

Rev. Arthur Scott and Dr. *Synesio Lyra* were nominated from the floor. Nominations closed.

By motion, seconded and passed, Synod was adjourned until Monday morning at 8:00. The Rev. Render Caines led in prayer at 3:05 p.m.

## MONDAY MEETING

The Synod was called to order by the Moderator who read from John 10. After the singing of "The Lord Is My Shepherd," the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Wilber Wallis.

### Covenant College Report

The report was presented by Dr. Marion Barnes who introduced Dr. Nicholas P. Barker for comments on academics, Rev. John M. MacGregor on spiritual life, Rev. C. Don Darling on development, and Mr. Vernon Pierce commenting on Trustee affairs. The written report follows:

#### Fathers and Brethren:

In the beginning, Covenant College would like to give thanks to God for all that He has done for it during the past year. This has been one of the best years in the college's history and we are deeply grateful to God for His mercies and for his abundant grace.

#### *Students*

Enrollment at Covenant College reached an all-time high of 473 students in September with approximately 425 in May. In addition to having a very substantial number of students, there seems to prevail amongst the students a very fine spiritual attitude. We believe that the Lord has been at work in our midst.

Applications at this time for next fall, appear to be running about 15 percent ahead of this time last year. Last year the college enjoyed a 19 percent increase in enrollment over the previous year and it is our expectation that this fall will see another 15 percent increase over last year.

#### *Faculty*

Covenant College's greatest asset is its faculty. All of these people are dedicated, evangelical Christians and are deeply involved in making their particular discipline meaningful from a Christian point of view to the students which they teach. The total number of people employed at Covenant College on the faculty last year was 34. Of this number 12 had an earned

doctorate. Next year will see the addition of several new faculty people. Dr. Henry Krabbendam, pastor of a church in Sunnyvale, California, will join our Bible Department in August. Mr. Jim Hurley, soon to receive his doctorate from Cambridge University in England will join our faculty January 1. With the addition of these 2 people to an already outstanding departmental faculty, we believe Covenant College will have the best Bible Department of any college in the country.

There have been several faculty changes this year. Mr. Bill Mahlow, Jr. who taught Bible will be leaving us for the pastorate. Dr. Robert Nuermberger who taught psychology and counselling will be leaving us for a full-time counselling job in Chattanooga with the Christian Counselling Service. Mr. Warren Myers who helped with our recruiting will be leaving to take a church in Australia.

### *New Programs Added*

The college is very fortunate to have been able to add 2 new programs this year to meet demands that have been known for sometime. An art program will be started by Mr. Ed Kellogg, son of one of our O.P. pastors in San Diego. A program in engineering in cooperation with Georgia Tech has been arranged. The prospective engineering student will take 3 years with Covenant, all of which will be transferred to Georgia Tech where he will take 2 years in their engineering school and receive at the end of that time a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Engineering degrees.

### *Finances*

The college's financial situation shows that we have operated in the red again this year. Projected budget shows that by the end of our fiscal year, June 30, we will be \$31,000 in the red. This is not much worse, but certainly no improvement over last year and we are praying that the Lord will enable us during the coming year to overcome both of these deficits.

### *Development*

Covenant College's Development Department which at the moment is charged with public relations and fund raising is adding an additional man. Mr. Robert Adams, previously business manager at Bryan College, subsequently business manager at the University of Dubuque for 13 years, will be joining the Development Department with particular responsibilities for deferred giving. Mr. Don Darling who is head of our Development Department along with Chaplain MacGregor devotes his time largely to church contacts and some foundation giving. Mr. Richard Steensma who previously was business manager with us at this time is devoting part of his time to the Development Department and the remainder to his own private interests.

Covenant College completed and dedicated and is now using 3 additional buildings this year; a library, a physical education building and a new dormitory. These several buildings have given the campus a new atmosphere and are considered by many to be very attractive buildings and we are more than thrilled to have them in service.

Thanks also to the generosity of the Kresge Foundation, the Great Hall at the college is being redecorated, completely renovated and enlarged to accommodate almost 50 percent more people.

Again let me say that Covenant College is deeply grateful to the Lord for all that He has done for us and for all that you have done for us and we pray that you may take an increasingly greater interest in this your college.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marion D. Barnes  
 President

**COVENANT COLLEGE**  
 Pro Forma  
 Statement of Current Fund Revenues,  
 Expenditures, and Transfers  
 Year Ended June 30, 1973  
 Date Prepared 3/30/73

*Revenues*

Educational and General:

Student Fees	\$708,553
Sponsored Research and Government	87,864
Gifts	171,595
Other	10,000

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978,012

Student Aid	41,000
Auxiliary Enterprises and Service Groups	521,737

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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,540,749</b>
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*Expenditures*

Educational and General:

Instructional	340,659
Sponsored Research	13,181
Library	75,675
Student Services	116,981
Maintenance of Plant	101,071
General and Administrative	119,616
Development	52,515
General Institutional	48,580

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868,278

Student Aid:	120,000
Auxiliary Enterprises:	409,884
Service Groups:	80,000
Conferences:	53,288

Transfers:		
To Loan Fund	3,610	
To Net Investment	36,702	
	<hr/>	40,312
Total Expenditures and Transfers		1,571,762
Excess Expenditures and Transfers over Revenues		(31,013)

**BALANCE SHEET—UNRESTRICTED CURRENT FUND**  
March 31, 1973

*Assets*

Cash	\$5,785.25	
Investments	207,359.54	
Accounts Receivable	75,103.19	
Notes Receivable	13,211.83	
Inventories	35,383.94	
Prepaid Expenses	30,751.00	
Travel Advance	400.00	
Due from Other Funds		
Unexpended Plant Fund	\$81,814.85	
Net Investment in Plant	637,330.83	
	<hr/>	719,145.68
Total Assets		\$1,087,140.43

*Liabilities and Fund Balances*

Accounts Payable	55,442.37	
Notes Payable	141,706.59	
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,135.08	
Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes	8,643.17	
Accrued Interest Payable	1,666.63	
Accrued Property Taxes Payable	718.44	
Deferred Revenues	121,364.51	
Due to Other Funds		
Restricted Current Fund	13,605.23	
Endowment, Similar Funds	1,140.00	
Unexpended Plant Fund	76,992.68	
Agency Fund	63.53	
	<hr/>	91,801.44
Fund Balance—Unappropriated	664,662.20	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$1,087,140.43

**BALANCE SHEET—RESTRICTED CURRENT FUND**

March 31, 1973

*Assets*

Cash	\$85.52
Investments	75,000.00
Accounts Receivable—	
Federal Government	34,086.00
Deposits	4,425.00
Due from Others Funds	
Unrestricted Current Fund	13,605.23

Total Assets	\$127,201.75
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*Liabilities and Fund Balances*

Fund Balances:

College Work Study Program	35,799.17
Federal Library Program	1.86
Educational Opportunity Program	111.42
United Student Aid Program	4,000.00
Trans World Airlines	425.00
Library Grant—S. S. Kresge	86,672.47

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$127,201.75
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**LOAN FUND**

*Assets*

Cash	\$4,986.85
Notes Receivable	
College Loan Funds	2,644.83
National Direct Student	
Loan	223,160.19

225,805.02

Total Assets	\$230,791.87
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*Liabilities and Fund Balances*

Fund Balances

College Loan Funds	\$7,227.28
National Direct Student	
Loan Program	223,564.59

\$230,791.87

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$230,791.87
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## ENDOWMENT AND SIMILAR FUNDS

### *Assets*

Cash	4,165.71	
<i>Investments</i>		
Collective Endowment Fund	\$61,863.02	
Common Stocks	40,595.10	
	102,458.12	
Due from other Funds		
Unrestricted Current Fund	1,140.00	
	102,458.12	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u><u>\$107,763.83</u></u></b>
 <i>Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>		
Fund Balances	\$107,763.83	
	\$107,763.83	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b><u><u>\$107,763.83</u></u></b>

## UNEXPENDED PLANT FUND

### *Assets*

Cash	\$16,219.72	
<i>Investments</i>		
Savings Account	897.27	
Certificates of Deposit	72,769.82	
	73,667.09	
Unamortized Bond Expense	3,765.20	
Due from other Funds		
Unrestricted Current Fund	76,992.68	
	76,992.68	
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u><u>\$170,644.69</u></u></b>
 <i>Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>		
Bonds Payable—Capital Improvement Program	1,750.00	
Accrued Interest Payable	7,993.35	
Due to Other Funds		
Unrestricted Current Fund	81,814.85	
Fund Balances		
Building Program	\$49,836.14	
General	29,250.35	
	\$79,086.49	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b><u><u>\$170,644.69</u></u></b>

## NET INVESTMENT IN PLANT

### *Assets*

Land	\$600,887.63	
Buildings	425,595.84	
Improvements other than Buildings	154,095.17	
Equipment	358,575.96	
Construction in Progress	1,580,338.16	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$3,119,492.76</b>

### *Liabilities and Fund Balances*

Notes Payable	\$83,445.66	
Bonds Payable	896,250.00	
Due to Other Funds		
Unrestricted Current Fund	637,330.83	
Fund Balance	1,502,466.27	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$3,119,492.76</b>

## AGENCY FUND

### *Assets*

Due from Other Funds		
Unrestricted Current Funds	\$63.53	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$63.53</b>

### *Liabilities and Fund Balances*

Fund Balances		
Men's Dorm Council Fund	\$262.55	
General (Designated Expenditures)	(199.02)	
	63.53	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$63.53</b>

Dr. Barnes presented the recommendation that the first Sunday in October be designated Covenant College Sunday. On vote this was adopted.

## **Elections to Covenant College**

It was moved and seconded to proceed with the other business of Synod and elect the members of the College Board after the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee on Overture I concerning the election to our agencies of men with possible liberal church connections. The motion was lost.

Rev. Eugene Potoka presented the ballot for the election to the College Board:

\*Max Brown INC  
\**Charles Cox* INC  
\*Rev. Dr. *Thomas Cross* INC  
\*Rev. Dr. Richard Gray INC  
\*John Loeks INC  
\*Earl Witmer INC  
\*Rev. *Tom Watson*  
\*Rev. Dr. Arthur Herries  
\*Rev. *Luder Whitlock*

\*Rev. *Louis Barnes*  
\*Herbert Crews  
\*Rev. George Smith 2/3  
Rev. Laurence Withington  
Rev. Robert Wildeman, Sr.  
H. Gordon Shelley  
Rev. Dr. *Will Barker*  
Winston Lindley  
Richard Mercer

The Rev. *Kennedy Smartt* and Dr. *Richard Chewning* were nominated from the floor and nominations were closed by motion duly carried. (Elected are italicized).

### **Revision of Standing Rules Committee**

Dr. Gilchrist, chairman, requested that the committee be continued. It was moved, seconded and passed to continue the committee.

Rev. Raymond Dameron led in prayer and the Moderator declared Synod in recess until 11:00 a.m.

Synod reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with prayer by Rev. Gordon Taylor.

### **Minutes of Friday and Saturday Meetings**

The minutes of the Friday evening and Saturday meetings were presented and after corrections were adopted by motion.

### **World Presbyterian Missions Report**

Rev. Frank Smick, President of WPM, introduced Rev. William A. Mahlow who is terminating his service as General Secretary. Synod gave a rousing applause in honor of the faithful work of Mr. Mahlow through several decades. The report follows:

#### **Father and Brethren:**

There are many definitions of faith. The simplest—"Taking God at His Word." To the Christian, this includes allegiance to and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. It means we are convinced that God exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him; that He has a plan for our lives—the life of our Church—and we may trust Him to fulfill and carry out this plan.

The word "faith" also refers to our "creed"—an acceptance of the whole System of Doctrine as taught in the Bible.

So there are many aspects to faith.

While I have been working with World Presbyterian Missions, one aspect

has been particularly meaningful to me, and I feel it is an aspect of faith which is especially needed at this time.

Faith is visualizing what God is going to do and wants us to do in accordance with the principles laid down in His Word. Paul visualized the spread of the Gospel throughout an empire and set out to do just that. Indeed, this was in accordance with the Great Commission given to the Church. Of course, Paul made false starts, and doors were closed; the ministry was more successful in some places than in others. But the purpose of his life, the essence of his faith, was stated to King Agrippa: "I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, but kept declaring, both to those at Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem, and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God." We can hear Paul say with vision and conviction, "I must see Rome also."

This is the faith that makes a missionary—that makes a missionary church. We need a constant vision that some from every tribe and nation must be reached, and then the faith to accomplish that task under God and through the ministry of His Spirit within us.

We are thankful for the vision our Church has had to this end, and pray that it may ever increase.

### *The Work*

As we make this report to Synod, we offer thanks to God and express our gratitude to those of you who have given sacrificially for the best year financially we have yet experienced. Also, we have seen ten furloughed missionaries return to their fields and twelve candidates go out to the fields. Reports have been encouraging.

In *AUSTRALIA* there has been an increase in both the membership and the attendance of the Perth Church. It is about to elect elders and has been incorporated in the State of Western Australia. The work in Brookton among the Aborigines has been showing some new life. And a new Bible study has been started some 60 miles to the south of Perth, meeting each Monday night.

Of special interest in regard to Australia is the fact that two of our own Reformed Presbyterian ministers in this country, both of whom are members of the Board of World Presbyterian Missions, have received calls from local churches in Australia. The Rev. Linleigh Roberts has been called to Melbourne and the Rev. Warren Myers has been called to the church in Perth which was started by the David Crosses. Mr. Roberts, of course, returns to his native land, and Mr. Myers goes to a land to which he has already given two years of service. Both these men will go as Board representatives of World Presbyterian Missions, though not as members of our missionary body. They will be supported by local churches in Australia but nevertheless, will work with us and with our missionaries, David and Barbara Cross. Australia is a "dry and thirsty land" spiritually, and this is a real step of faith on the part of Mr. Roberts and Mr. Myers. We commend them to you for your prayers.

In *KOREA* since last Synod, the publication society with which we closely work, the Korea Society for the Reformed Faith in Action, has published a record high of six books in one year. This includes perhaps the most valuable book it has ever published, "Old Testament Theology," by E. J. Young. It also includes "Motive and Aim of Missions" by our own former missionary—now a Board member—John M. L. Young. Some original writing is now being done by some of the Koreans. Our missionaries ask for prayer with regard to a Theological Dictionary that the Society is preparing for this year which, hopefully, will be printed early in 1974. This work is being edited by a Covenant Seminary graduate, Dr. Pyeng Seh Oh, and will contain some articles by our missionaries.

The work in Korea also includes considerable teaching ministry. Our missionaries have still been teaching in the main Seminary in Seoul, and in Taejon and in Kwangju branch Seminaries this past year. Seoul Seminary was closed due to martial law during the last semester, but the Taejon and Kwangju Seminaries were not affected.

A major cause for rejoicing is the return to Korea of some Korean men who had been in America. Three fulltime professors have returned, two with their doctor's degrees to Seoul Seminary, and one other very well qualified fulltime professor who is now strengthening the Kwangju Seminary faculty.

In *JAPAN* we have faced setbacks as far as our missionary body is concerned, leaving only two families and one single woman—the Foxwells and Miss Wigglesworth and the Fretts on the field. We have enjoyed the help of Bruce Young, however, who spent most of a year of internship working with the Mission in Japan. Japan does remain one of the great challenges to the Christian Church. A very small percentage of the people have confessed Christ; building a church is not easy; the language is difficult. And yet, Japan is the leading nation in the Far East, and the need for evangelism and church building is as great in Japan as in any country.

The work of the Seminary in Tokyo continues to prepare men for the ministry. There have been real encouragements in the starting of new groups and new churches. But personnel is in very short supply.

We are happy that our work in Ras al Khaimah (*ARABIA*) has been reinforced by, first, a nurse and then a nurse-midwife after many years of prayer for reinforcements. The Arab Christian girl who served as registrar for some years has also arranged to return; she can handle Arabic Bible lessons too. Most of the money is in hand to build the needed mothers' hospital which has thus far been carried on in small quarters;

*INDIA* has seen another increase in the enrollment at the Seminary which has led the Seminary now to plan on a building program. Dr. John Sanderson of Covenant College has taught for some months at the Roorkee Seminary and has visited other of our fields. Dr. George Knight also spent time to teach a short course last summer at the Seminary in Roorkee. We rejoice that we are still able to get our missionaries back into India, though

new missionaries have not been able to gain entrance. The work through the radio, at the Bhogpur Children's Home, and through the churches, continues.

In *JORDAN* the new TB sanatorium is nearing completion; dedication is scheduled for May. Dr. Ulrich has made unusual progress in the language and his presence will enable Dr. Soltau and Miss Coleman to take their first real furlough in many years. Relationship between missionaries, hospital staff, and local churches is excellent. Nursing school, improved lab and surgical facilities are planned for the future. Work on the new structure continues, but part of it will be occupied following the staff vacation period.

In *KENYA* the availability of several reinforcements to our missionary staff has enabled the Mission to open a second station—in the capital city of Nairobi. Miss Ooms will be returning to her usual opportunities of teaching teachers not only science but also Bible in the public schools. The evangelistic and church-building work and the Bible institute all continue with the Lord's blessing, though problems are always faced, and the new station in Nairobi will be located in an unchurched section of this strategic city for eastern Africa. A headquarters home and office building is being purchased, and at least two of our missionary families and one single missionary will work in Nairobi toward building up a church in this African section of that city.

Recently a committee for the Board, Rev. George Bragdon, Associate General Secretary; Dr. Nelson Kennedy, medical officer; and Rev. Kenneth Horner, member of the Executive Committee, visited our South American fields. They came back with a very encouraging report. Details of their trip will be carried in WPM literature, but we can say that the following remarks are particularly worthy of note:

In *CHILE* there has been an increase not only in the student body of John Calvin Seminary in Quillota, but also in the effect of the work there. Revival has broken out in a group which has now separated from an old-line presbyterian denomination as a result of some students who attended the Seminary. It is true that inflation and the devaluation of the dollar will seriously affect our missionaries' well-being in Chile, and they need special prayer that God will do a very special thing for them in regard to making the dollar go farther or supplying more dollars.

In *PERU* the outreach of the radio has greatly increased the spread of the Church. Improvements at the station bring its message to a potential of several million listeners. Church attendance is up; there continue to be confessions of faith; some of the best attendance at the Ayacucho and the regional Bible institutes and at conferences was seen this past year, as well as at Summer Bible Schools. The Quechua translations will shortly include not only the New Testament but books of the Pentateuch, of poetry, the

Shorter Catechism; and harmonizations of the Quechua hymnal have now been completed. Two universities and several schools in Ayacucho have brought thousands of students into the city where a very successful work has been done by Lois and Ruth Marshall and Bob Woodson.

### *Personnel*

Our missionaries, Board and Staff suffered a real loss when in July the Lord called Home the Rev. T. Stanley Soltau, D.D., His faithful servant and our Board's president from its inception until June 1971, and then President Emeritus. Dr. Soltau had visited most of our fields personally, had shared his love for Christ and the Word with us all, selflessly giving of himself and his rich experience as a missionary, pastor and warm friend. We shall always be grateful to God for the rich heritage His saint has left to us.

For some time the Board has sought for a man as fulltime General Secretary who would be engaged only in the work of the Board. The Board has found such a man in the Rev. Nelson K. Malkus, well known to most of you. Mr. Malkus comes with experience in foreign missionary service, having served in Mexico and the Philippines, with experience in the pastorate and as a member of this Board, and also with experience in national missions work as well. Add to this that he is a man of thorough dedication to all we hold dear, and a man of many years experience in the battle for the faith. We commend him to you for your prayers and support. He will add a few words to this report, since he will be taking over full responsibilities in June.

I personally wish to thank the members of Synod for the support I have enjoyed as WPM's General Secretary for the last fifteen years—in fact, from its inception. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity. We look forward to being of any service to the foreign work of our Church that seems feasible in the future. May the vision never perish in any of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
William A. Mahlow  
General Secretary

For as long as Bill Mahlow has been General Secretary of World Presbyterian Missions I have served, first on the expanded foreign missions committee of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Inc., and then on the board of World Presbyterian Missions. He and I, therefore, have had a long association in the foreign missions outreach of our church. I have greatly admired Bill and have appreciated his dedication to the task, his faithfulness to his duties, and his able direction of the whole program. I am glad he will be readily available for consultation and help.

Bill has asked that I add a word to his report. What shall I say? First, I am profoundly grateful for the confidence my fellow board members have shown by calling me to this high post. Since it was to the foreign mission field that I first felt called, this will be, in a sense, a return to my "first love." Second, I am sure we are all aware of the great task which will re-

main ours until Jesus returns—the dissemination of the Gospel throughout the world. This will require additional personnel and additional support in the days ahead. Third, I do beg the members of Synod for their most earnest prayers for me and my wife, Florence, as we engage in this new challenge.

Let there be no faltering in the ongoing of WPM's ministry to mankind throughout the nations of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelson K. Malkus  
General Secretary Elect

**WPM CASH STATEMENT**  
April 1, 1972-March 31, 1973

Balance		\$76,898.95	
<i>Receipts</i>			
General Purposes	\$78,301.97		
Support—Missionaries	451,221.43		
Support—William A. Mahlow	6,855.00		
Support—George R. Bragdon	1,580.00		
Special Funds Designated	126,730.11		
Income—Endowments	6,469.71		
Income—Estates and Legacies	8,643.10		
Personal Gifts	12,166.95		
Interest—Savings a/c	1,150.46		
Books and Tracts	180.05		
Sinking Fund	1,546.20		
Newsletter	370.00		
Missionary Accounts Receivable	8,808.25		
Rental Income	2,315.00		
Notes Receivable—WOC	1,331.36		
Notes Receivable—Missionary Housing	4,660.81		
Various Miscellaneous Receipts	8,942.72		
Notes Payable	71.11	721,344.23	\$798,243.18
<i>Expenditures</i>			
Personal Gifts	\$12,301.69		
Missionary Salaries	134,368.98		
Pre-College Allowance	11,406.45		
Children's Allowance	33,294.81		
Direct Expense of Missionaries	30,771.70		
Field Expense of Missionaries	56,631.35		
Hospitalization—Missionaries	14,895.52		
Pension Payments—Missionaries	15,675.00		
Year End Bonus—Missionaries	13,185.85		
Special Purposes Designated	122,559.89		
Missionary Accounts Receivable	8,620.17		

<b>Salaries</b>			
Executive	\$20,264.70		
Clerical	45,537.86		
Miscellaneous	<u>3,633.00</u>	69,435.56	
Executive Expense		5,404.65	
Executive Housing		5,392.45	
Loans Receivable		36,000.00	
Sinking Fund		5,720.00	
Notes Payable		20,972.04	
Mortgage Payable		2,871.60	
General Headquarters Expense	89,474.80	688,982.51	
FICA and Taxes Withheld		<u>(13,289.76)</u>	<u>675,692.75</u>
<b>Balance—3/31/73</b>			<b>\$122,550.43</b>

*Distribution of Balance:*

Checking Account	\$55,784.17
On Hand	50.00
Bank of Delaware	26,716.26
9th Ward Savings	20,000.00
Wilmington Savings	<u>20,000.00</u>
	<b>\$122,550.43</b>

The following men were called on to speak: Rev. Walter Cross, Rev. Gordon Taylor, Rev. George Bragdon, Rev. Linleigh Roberts and Rev. Warren Myers.

The Moderator called Synod to the orders of the day postponing the conclusion of the report and elections to WPM until after lunch.

It was moved and carried to amend the docket to make the Tuesday evening meeting a business session on the question of "Enlarging the Definition of Ministry to Include Counseling."

The Moderator announced a recess until 1:30 p.m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Jan Senneker.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Edward A. Steele III and opened with prayer by Rev. David Fleece.

Dr. D. Clair Davis, Associate Professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, was introduced as Fraternal Delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and seated as a corresponding member by motion.

## **WPM Report Continued**

Rev. Nelson Malkus made remarks as incoming General Secretary.

**Elections to World Presbyterian Missions**

Rev. Potoka presented the Nominating Committee ballot for World Presbyterian Missions.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| *Rev. <i>Willard Armes</i> INC      | *Rev. <i>William Mahlow</i> 2/3           |
| * <i>William Bonner</i> INC         | *Rev. <i>Werner Mietling</i>              |
| * <i>George Fielding</i> INC        | *Rev. Raymond Wright                      |
| *Rev. <i>Arthur Herries</i>         | *Rev. Dr. <i>Franklin Dyrness</i> INC 2/3 |
| *Rev. <i>Kenneth Horner</i> INC 2/3 | Rev. Donald Buchanan                      |
| *Rev. Arthur Kay INC                | Rev. <i>William McColley</i> (1975)       |

Nominations were opened to the floor and the name of Dr. *Synesio Lyra* (1974) was added to the ballot. (Elected are italicized).

**Board of Home Missions Report**

Rev. Samuel Ward reported for the board:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Home Missions is glad to report that the work at the Oklahoma Mission is going forward under the direction of Rev. Hayes Henry. Preaching is conducted regularly for the congregation at Peavine and also at the preaching station at Piney. Summer Bible Schools were held last year and a good number of young people were sent to a presbytery camp. Special meetings were held with Rev. Sam Shepperson as the speaker in March with attendance reaching 77 on one of the four nights. Eight juniors made a public profession of faith. We commend the work to the denomination for financial and prayer support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samuel Ward, President

**BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS**  
Financial Report for 3/31/72-12/31/72  
(9 months only)

Balance March 31, 1972		\$521.46
Income		
Withdrew from savings (Houston)	\$1000.00	
Distributions from Trustees (Houston)	765.80	
From Churches and Individuals		
Oklahoma Mission	7747.91	
Houston Retirements	131.25	
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	9644.96	<u>9644.96</u>
Total Income		\$10166.42

## Expenses

Oklahoma Account	
Salary	\$4500.00
Housing Allowance	900.00
Car Allowance	900.00
Summer VBS and Camp	315.00
Deputation Travel	200.00
Pension	180.00
Hospitalization	193.00
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	\$7183.00
 Houston Account	
Retirements	\$1800.00
Hospitalization (Miss Foster)	31.60
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	\$1831.60
 Office (Postage)	16.00
 Total Expenses	<hr/>
	\$9035.60
 Balance December 31, 1972	<hr/>
	\$1130.82

Carl A. Stewart, Treasurer

## Covenant Seminary Report

Dr. William Barker presented the report:

March 28, 1973

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

It will not be my privilege to be with you at the meeting of the Synod this year due to an extended trip which the Board of Trustees has authorized me to take (not at seminary expense!) on which I will be visiting many of our seminary alumni who are serving Christ in other lands of the world. I am sure that it will be a thrill for me to see how the ministry of Covenant Seminary has reached out to the "four corners of the earth," and I will hope to report to you on the impressions which I receive.

I do want to give you my report of this year at the seminary, however, for as we look back over it we can only echo the words of the Psalmist when he said of the Lord, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms, for the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods" (Psa. 95:2,3). Our God has demonstrated the wonders of His grace, and the power of His love in many ways at the seminary during the past year.

We are especially thankful for having reached the significant goal of regional accreditation! Ever since the seminary was organized it has been the aim of the Board of Trustees, the administration and faculty to qualify for accreditation. During the last two or three years very special effort has

been made to attain this end. The faculty embarked upon an extensive self-study of the institution, with Dr. W. Harold Mare as chairman of the self-study committee. An examining team from the North Central Association visited the campus for three days in December, and this team prepared a report which was reviewed by a larger committee which in turn made its report and recommendation to the executive committee of the association. The announcement of accreditation was made at the annual meeting of the North Central Association in Chicago on March 28, 1973. All of the seminary family, students, faculty, administration, staff and board members rejoiced in this answer to prayer and this reward for diligent effort. We are confident that the members of all of the Reformed Presbyterian congregations over the country are rejoicing with us also in this milestone which has been reached. The experience of preparing for the examination was a profitable one, and our school is stronger as a result. We now expect to press on to continually improve the quality of our seminary education.

Two administrative appointments recently made provide ample additional evidence of the Lord's blessing upon the seminary. I refer to the coming of the Rev. P. Robert Palmer as Vice-President in Development and Mr. Gordon Shaw as Business Manager. These two men will take up their assignments at Covenant Seminary on the first of July, and they will round out an administrative team of unusual quality.

Mr. Palmer is well known to members of the Synod having served two very successful pastorates, first at Bethany in New Castle, Delaware, and more recently at Covenant in Naples, Florida. He has also served for several years as a member of the board of Covenant College and chairman of that board's committee on development. He brings to his new responsibilities with the seminary a number of years of experience in the field of public relations with a large merchandising firm before he went into the pastorate. As an alumnus of the seminary himself he has felt called of the Lord to devote his talents to the promotion and strengthening of the seminary. We thank God for this.

Mr. Gordon Shaw's coming is an equally significant indication of God's gracious provision for the needs of the seminary. Mr. Shaw has been an elder in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod for a number of years and has participated in the work of several of our churches, most recently the Westminster congregation of Elgin, Illinois. Both by education and experience he is highly qualified for the responsibilities which he will have in directing the business affairs of the seminary. He has a master's degree in Business Administration and has had a number of years of experience as business manager of Judson College, a rapidly expanding Baptist institution. His desire to be actively engaged full time in the work of his own denomination caused him to respond favorably to the seminary's invitation to join its administrative team.

Dr. William S. Barker has served his first year as our Dean of Faculty, and special appreciation should be given here to his outstanding contribution to the life of the seminary. Highly respected by faculty and students

alike he has demonstrated an unusual capacity for both teaching and administration.

Dr. J. Barton Payne has also spent his first year with us as Professor of Old Testament and has made a place for himself in the hearts of all students and faculty. His remarkable knowledge of the scriptures, his careful scholarship and his teaching gifts have impressed us all with the fact that his coming to Covenant Seminary was indeed a gracious gift of the Lord.

Mention should be made of each of the other members of our outstanding faculty, but time and space prohibit any detailed listing of their contributions to the seminary life. We feel, however, that although our faculty is not the largest seminary faculty in the country it is second to none in its quality.

Our student enrollment has not grown significantly this year, and we would urge the ministers and elders of our denomination to consider their own serious responsibility of placing the challenge of the ministry before the capable young men in their congregations, and then being careful to put the seminary in touch with the young people in the churches who are giving consideration to full-time Christian service. If our denomination is to be supplied with a continual stream of qualified young men for the pastorates in this country and the mission fields abroad, we must all be diligent in keeping the challenge of obedience to the Lord's commission before our youth.

A report of the year would be incomplete without mention of the rich blessing we have enjoyed by observing the spiritual growth and maturity in many of our students. It is cause for praise to God that many of the problems of former years have not been evident during this school year. Student morale has been excellent. The student leaders have fostered a positive spirit and a deep interest in spiritual growth has been manifest.

A special program designed to provide continuing education for all of the ministers of our denomination has been inaugurated at the seminary. A two-week program offering two hours of credit to our alumni was instituted last summer. This provided a means whereby those who had graduated with a B.D. degree could earn the M.Div. This program was received so enthusiastically by the men who came to the campus for two weeks that they urged us to make it a permanent part of the seminary program. This we are doing and two weeks of instruction will be offered again this summer, May 28-June 8, but it will be open to any ministers in our denomination. Sessions are urged to make it possible for their pastors to take advantage of these refresher courses, and pastors are urged to make arrangement to avail themselves of returning to the classroom for the instruction and inspiration which will be available.

The financial situation at the seminary has been somewhat encouraging, especially during the last part of 1972 and the first few months of 1973. Gifts from churches and individuals ran substantially ahead of the previous year during these months. At the end of the calendar year the seminary was in better financial condition than it had been for a number of years. We are especially grateful to the faithful members of the Covenant Semin-

ary Club who have contributed regularly month by month. However, with increasing costs in all areas and with the additional administrative officers which have been added, the budget for next year will of necessity be substantially increased. We actually will need to receive from Reformed Presbyterians next year as much as we received from all donors in 1971. The fact that many of our churches have taken steps to increase their regular contributions to the seminary is a great encouragement to us, and we earnestly hope that every Session will carefully and prayerfully consider doing all that is possible to strengthen the work of the seminary. We have made a diligent effort to develop a theological seminary which would have the confidence of every member of the denomination. We pledge our best efforts in the future to continue to send forth men who not only love the Lord and His inspired Word and will be loyal to His truth but who are also skilled in preaching it and dedicated to a practical demonstration of its precepts in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert G. Rayburn, President

#### COVENANT SEMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1972

*Income (Accrued and Actual)*

Student Educational Fees	\$66,940.00	
Endowment Earnings	420.32	
*Gifts and Grants	228,740.34	
Miscellaneous Income	354.55	
Residence Halls	5,140.25	
Dining Hall	3,124.41	
Other Enterprises	885.07	
Rental Income	900.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$306,504.94</b>

*Expenditures (Accrued and Actual)*

General Administration	\$69,703.62
Student Services	9,502.32
Staff Benefits	20,049.18
General Institutional Expenses	14,085.96
Resident Instruction	95,417.59
Library	16,968.47
Operation and Maintenance	52,285.32
Residence Halls	531.52
Dining Hall	3,781.37
Student Activities Fees	400.00
Other Enterprises	2,355.50

Student Aid	6,435.00	
Funds Invested in Plant	26,398.81	
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Total Expenditures		\$317,914.66
Excess of Expenditures over income		\$11,409.72
<i>Accounts Payable</i>		
Monthly Obligations	\$5,158.97	
General Operating	15,483.27	
Short-term Loans	34,725.00	
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Long-term indebtedness		\$55,367.24
		241,968.89
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		297,336.13
Faculty Equity		18,277.56
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Total indebtedness		\$315,613.69

Mr. John Pickett and Dr. J. Barton Payne were presented and spoke as a recent graduate and a recent addition to the faculty. Mr. Gordon D. Shaw, the new Business Manager, also made remarks.

Rev. Dean R. Smith of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America, was introduced and by motion, seated as a corresponding member.

### **Election to the Board of Home Missions**

Rev. Potoka presented the ballot for the Board of Home Missions:

*\*John Hocanson INC*

*\*Rev. Samuel Ward INC*

*\*Rev. Charles Holliday INC*

*\*Rev. William McNutt INC*

The following were nominated from the floor: Rev. Robert Hamilton, Rev. Frank Crane and Rev. John M. Kay, Jr. Nominations were then closed by motion.

### **Election to Covenant Seminary**

The ballot for the Seminary Board was presented:

*\*Rev. Allan Baldwin INC*

*\*Fred Peace INC*

*\*Dr. Marion Barnes INC*

*\*Arthur Stoll INC*

*\*Rev. Thomas Jones INC*

*\*Ed Gorab*

*\*Rev. William B. Leonard INC*

*\*Ted Smith*

*\*Rev. William McColley INC*

*\*Lanny Moore (1974)*

The name of Dr. *Fredric Sloan (1974)* was added by nomination from the floor. It was announced that the name of Rev. William McColley should be removed from the ballot. It was moved and carried to close nominations and cast a white ballot for the names on the ballot.

It was moved and seconded to allow the Seminary Board to select which wo men should serve in the class of 1974.

It was moved and carried to substitute that the Nominations Committee select the two to serve in the class of 1974 from among the nonincumbents by lot. This was then carried as the main motion.

The Vice Moderator declared a recess until 4:00 p.m. as the orders of the day.

The Vice Moderator called Synod to order and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Theodore Smith.

Dr. D. Clair Davis, Fraternal Delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, addressed Synod.

## **Report of Study Committee on Divorce and Remarriage**

Dr. David Jones presented the report as follows:

### *Background of the Present Report*

The Florida Presbytery overtured the 149th General Synod of the RPCES anent "Clarification of the teaching of Scripture and the Westminster Confession of Faith on divorce and remarriage," proposing that Synod

1. Proclaim guidelines regarding persons who have become new creatures in Christ subsequent to divorce and now wish to remarry, and
2. Advise whether a person, having become a new creature in Christ, may remarry and become an officer of the Church.<sup>1</sup>

The overture was referred to a committee appointed by the moderator, with instruction to report to the 150th General Synod.

On the first question the committee in its report to the 150th General Synod took the position that where repentance is evident, but reconciliation appears impossible, such persons as are truly penitent, whether divorced before or after profession of faith, may remarry. The committee argued that to forbid remarriage to such persons would be inconsistent with the forgiveness of God.<sup>2</sup>

On the second question the committee cited a decision of the 28th General Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (St. Louis, April 1-7, 1964) to the effect that a person divorced before becoming a Christian who has since shown "a firm allegiance and obedience to Jesus Christ" may be considered as a candidate for ecclesiastical office. The committee felt that this principle applies to the penitent believer as well.<sup>3</sup>

It was the recommendation of the committee that its work be continued by a new committee "in order that a wider representation of the church be possible." Synod adopted this recommendation and the minutes record that "an attempt will be made to have a deeper exegetical study of these matters to be presented by the new committee."<sup>4</sup>

The new committee in the present report addresses itself only to the first question, desiring to be sure of the mind of the church on divorce and

remarriage before attempting to speak on the question of divorce and ecclesiastical office.

### *On Divorce and Remarriage*

Marriage is the unique one-flesh relationship of a man and a woman joined together by God in a union that He wills to be both permanent and exclusive, binding the couple to each other in a life-long companionship of common life and conjugal love. (Gen. 2:23-24, Matt. 19:4-8, Rom. 7:2-3).

It is the duty of husband and wife to maintain the unity and integrity of their marriage by cohabitation and coition. (Cf. Larger Catechism, Q. 138). Should separation occur, reconciliation is to be sought. (I Cor. 7:10-11). Deliberate severance of the marriage bond is open violation of the seventh commandment and merits God's disapprobation in the strongest possible terms. (Mal. 2:14-16).

Divorce is therefore always an abnormality arising out of human sinfulness. It was tolerated in the civil legislation of the Old Testament, but the Mosaic provision was given only "for the hardness of your hearts." (Deut. 24:1-4, Matt. 19:3-8). The civil legislation took into account in this matter the insubordination to the will of God characteristic of unbelieving Israel.

In the New Testament Jesus calls his people to faithfulness to the original will of God for marriage as expressed in the creation ordinance. (Matt. 5:31, 32, 19:3-8). The apostle Paul presses this teaching of our Lord upon the early Christian community. (I Cor. 7:10-11). The original ideal of marriage is to be maintained by the people of God in this age of the fullness of God's saving blessing.

This is not to say that divorce is never sanctioned in the New Testament. But it is only sanctioned in circumstances of grave infidelity—adultery and wilful, irremediable desertion. (Matt. 5:32, 19:9; I Cor. 7:15. Cf. Confession of Faith, XXIV, v-vi). These are definitive actions that strike at the heart of the marriage relationship. Adultery violates the exclusiveness of the marriage bond, malicious desertion its permanence. Both radically affect the one-flesh union and so provide "cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage."

The "innocent party" in such circumstances is free to remarry. However, a word of caution is in order lest the impression be given that "innocence" means "without any fault in the broken marriage relationship." It may be more helpful to speak of the "offended party," that is, the one against whose will to maintain the marriage the definitive actions which led to its dissolution were taken.

The Florida presbytery raised the question of remarriage in regard to pre-Christian marital failure ending in divorce. It would not be inconsistent with faithful maintenance of the ideal pressed upon the people of God in the New Testament age to overlook a divorce that may have occurred in the time of "hardness of heart" so far as the marital status of the person is concerned. Moreover, just because of unregenerate obduracy, such divorces frequently amount to willful, irremediable desertion on the part of one or

both partners, in which case the marriage may be regarded as dissolved.

Scripture does not forbid the remarriage of the "guilty party" in such cases. Where there is genuine conversion, evidenced by sincere and heartfelt repentance and faith in Christ, the church, after providing pastoral counseling and instruction in the biblical teaching concerning marriage, may approve remarriage in the Lord.

### *On Separation and Reconciliation*

The previous synod committee raised the further question of Christian marital failure. The apostle Paul speaks to this question in I Corinthians 7. It is especially instructive to note the contrast between verses 10-11, where Paul addresses the Christian couple, and verse 15, where separation on the part of the unbelieving partner is in view.

In verses 10-11 the apostle, appealing to the express teaching of the Lord, instructs the wife not to separate (*choristhenai*) from her husband and the husband not to send away (*aphienai*) his wife. In the event that the wife should separate, Paul's imperative is, "Let her remain unmarried or else (e) be reconciled to her husband."

It is a misunderstanding to regard "remain unmarried" and "be reconciled" as two equally valid alternatives for the Christian spouse. In light of what Paul has just said concerning conjugal duty (vv. 2-5) it is hardly likely that he should suggest permanent separation as a solution for marital problems. The particle *e* can be used for a comparison which is really exclusive (meaning "rather than the other")<sup>5</sup> and that would seem to be force required by the context. Thus, Paul mentions the possibility of remaining unmarried as the necessary precondition of reconciliation, the burden of the passage in delineating Christian responsibility.

In verse 15, when an unbeliever separates from a believer, Paul's advice is "Let him (or her) depart." Instead of an exhortation to remain unmarried we find the affirmation that the believer is not bound to the marriage in such cases. The marriage bond, as in the case of adultery, has in effect been dissolved, not by the religious incompatibility of the couple but by the act of irremediable infidelity on the part of the unbelieving spouse.

The difference of tone between verses 11 and 15 may be accounted for by Paul's anticipation of reconciliation in the case of a marriage where both partners are Christians, and his realistic appraisal of the situation where an unbeliever deserts a believing spouse.

The question naturally arises, is the principle of I Corinthians 7:15 applicable when a professed Christian deserts a brother or sister? If the desertion is willful and can no way be remedied, including through the ministry and discipline of the church, the answer will have to be in the affirmative. At the same time, the sinful action on the part of the offender is of such grave nature as to require church censure, and possibly excommunication.<sup>6</sup>

### *Recommendation*

The committee recommends that it be continued for another year in order to prepare a report on the question of divorce and ecclesiastical office.

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>Minutes of the 149th General Synod of the RPCES, (Covenant College, May 14-20, 1971), p. 14

<sup>2</sup>Minutes of the 150th General Synod of the RPCES, (Harvey Cedars, May 12-18, 1972), p. 88.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>Blass-Debrunner-Funk, 245a(2).

<sup>6</sup>James Oliver Buswell, Jr., *Systematic Theology*, I 393. Cf. John Murray, *Divorce*, p. 76n.

Respectfully submitted,  
David C. Jones, Chairman  
William B. Leonard, Jr.  
Albert F. Moginot, Jr.

**Recommendations:**

1. Adoption of the present report as providing guidelines in the matter of divorce and remarriage.

By motion, seconded and carried, debate was postponed to Tuesday at 8:00 A.M. (See below).

It was moved and carried to grant three minutes for explanation of proposed amendments to the Form of Government being distributed by the Special Committee appointed by the Moderator. (See page 101).

Synod adjourned until Tuesday at 8:00 A.M. The Vice Moderator led in prayer.

## **TUESDAY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who read from Psalm 89. "My Song Forever Shall Record" (paraphrase of Psalm 89) was sung and Rev. Robert Cox led in prayer.

### **Report on Divorce and Remarriage Continued**

A motion to amend the report by adding to the last paragraph of the section "On Separation and Reconciliation" the following sentence was seconded, "However when the marriage bond is permanently dissolved and repentance becomes evident, the offender must again be accorded the full privileges of a child of God." It was moved and carried to add the words "in accord with our Book of Discipline," after the word "However" in the amendment. The motion to amend carried.

It was moved and seconded to recommit the report to the committee. It was amended by setting the time for the report at this session of Synod. The motion passed.

(See page 132 where the committee made the further change in the third

paragraph in the section *On Separation and Reconciliation*: make the third sentence a footnote to be numbered 5, and insert footnote number 5 at the end of first sentence. The study as changed and amended was adopted as a guideline).

The Moderator declared a recess to 11:00 A.M. as orders of the day.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and asked Rev. Richard Tevebaugh to lead in prayer.

The minutes of the Monday meeting were presented and after corrections, approved.

## **Fraternal Relations Committee Report**

Rev. Dean R. Smith, Fraternal Delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, was presented and addressed Synod.

Dr. Richard Gray presented the committee's report as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee has had a very busy year meeting four or five times with the corresponding committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and having sub-committee meetings in addition.

As a result the plan of union is about complete. The doctrinal elements are completed, several practical elements are being worked out.

The Joint Committee of RPC,ES and OPC took the following actions at its meeting April 12-14, 1973, that they:

- (1) Send Sections I and II of the Proposed Plan of Union to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and recommend that these bodies send them to their presbyteries for study with the request that any comments on these sections be sent to the chairman of the respective Fraternal Relations and Ecumenicity committees by December 31, 1973; and
- (2) Inform the Synod and General Assembly that it will send to the presbyteries and sessions a draft of the additional elements of a plan of union necessary for consummation of union.

Sections I and II are appended with this report.

Your committee recommends:

- (1) That Synod send to presbyteries and sessions by June 1 Sections I and II of the Proposed Plan of Union *for study* requesting that their reactions to these sections be sent to the chairman of this committee by December 31, 1973.
- (2) That Synod ask presbyteries and sessions *to study* the draft of the additional elements of the proposed plan of union (to be sent them by the Joint Committee) and submit comments on them to the chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard W. Gray  
Chairman pro tem

*Committee:*

Robert G. Rayburn, Chairman	R. Laird Harris	Donald J. MacNair
J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.	Kenneth A. Horner	Gustav Blomquist
Franklin S. Dyrness	Thomas Cross	Richard Gray
		Lynden Stewart

*PROPOSED PLAN OF UNION*  
*of the*  
*REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD*  
*and the*  
*ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

PART I

PREAMBLE: TESTIMONY AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church come together committed to the supremacy and authority of the Scriptures, the inerrant Word of God, and confessing one Lord, one faith, one baptism. These churches\* come together to unite as the \_\_\_\_\_ Church in one scriptural faith and order, in full fellowship in the service of Christ under the divine authority of the whole of Scripture for all of faith and life. We come to this union acknowledging both God's grace and our sins in days past, and trusting in the renewal of the Holy Spirit for days to come.

In this union we seek first the honor of our Saviour's name; we wish to be found pleasing in the sight of the Lord who prayed for the deepest unity of His people. In particular, we would praise God in his mighty grace for bringing us together after a sad experience of division in the history of our churches. Soon after the Presbyterian Church of America was established in 1936 to continue faithful witness to Christ of the Scriptures, a grievous division brought reproach upon this testimony. We recognize the genuine and deep concerns that influenced this division: on the one hand,

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\*The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod was formed in 1965 by the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, originally called the Bible Presbyterian Church. The former was a church of Scottish descent. The first Reformed Presbyterian congregation in the United States existed as early as 1738 and the Reformed Presbytery was organized in 1774. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church began as part of the Presbyterian Church of America which was established in 1936 to continue the spiritual succession of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Presbyterian Church of America in 1939 took the name The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

a fear that indifference or hostility to characteristic features of the piety and hope of American Presbyterianism would doom the church to sectarian isolation; on the other hand, a fear that the reformation of the church would be crippled by adherence to requirements for life or faith that went beyond the teaching of Scripture.

We do not claim to have achieved unanimity of opinion on all the issues that led to that division, but in effecting this union we do confess that the unity of Christ's church should not have been broken as it was in 1937. Both those who left and those who suffered them to leave did so without pursuing with zeal all the Scriptural means for reconciliation. Each sinned in a measure, and even the least sin against the love of Christ brings reproach on His name.

In seeking the joy of restored fellowship, we would confess afresh our need of the heartsearching and healing work of God's Spirit to convict us of all sin and lead us into the obedience of Christ. We express, by this union, our obligation and determination to maintain, by God's grace, the unity of the church in the mutual faith, love and confidence which we profess.

#### **THE TESTIMONY OF THESE CHURCHES**

Humbled, but rejoicing in our renewed and extended fellowship, we would call on others to join with us in confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures. To that end we would recall the testimony that has been raised in our communions by God's grace. In our united fellowship we pray that the Lord will receive our confession of His name and build His church.

##### *1. A Testimony to the Christ of Scripture*

Both churches come to this union rejoicing in one Sovereign Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess Him as the Bible presents Him, not dividing a Christ of faith from a Jesus of history, but confessing one Jesus Christ, true God and true man, whose words and deeds were reported by those who were eyewitnesses of His majesty, and recorded for us in Scripture.

##### *2. A Testimony to the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible*

Both churches believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Both churches therefore have sought to be obedient to Scripture in teaching and life, in order and worship. Because the inspiration and divine authority of Scripture have been questioned and denied within the professing church, the acknowledgement of the Bible to be the Word of God written is the more necessary for those who would stand today in the apostolic gospel: "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was

buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

These two churches have a common background in our struggle to maintain the clear teachings of the Word of God that our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, worked mighty miracles, offered up Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, that on the third day He rose again from the dead with the same body with which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His father, until He shall come again bodily and visibly in power and great glory.

Modernism, old and new, in denying these doctrines and the infallibility of the Word that teaches them, denies the Lord of the Word and casts aside the scepter of His rule in His church. Since the fellowship of the church of Jesus Christ must be grounded in the truth, the spread of apostasy brings division. Our churches exist because we have chosen to obey God rather than man in conflict with false teaching in the church.

### *3. A Testimony to the Whole Counsel of God*

Yet in opposing such denials of doctrines essential to the Word of God and our secondary standards, these churches have not reduced the whole counsel of God to a few fundamentals of Christian faith. Rather, as we have separated from unbelief and renewed our commitment to obey the Word of God we have found fresh occasion for rejoicing in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. Both churches have previously adopted the Confession of Faith in virtually identical form, a form that precedes the major modifications made to the Confession by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1903. The two churches have one Confession, a Confession that expresses the glorious fullness of the Reformed Faith, declaring without equivocation that salvation is of the Lord. *Soli deo gloria!*

To set aside the Westminster Confession for a contemporary creed might be laudable if the new creed set forth more clearly the great doctrines of God's sovereignty in salvation, if it summarized more fully the riches of God's revealed Word, if it condemned more pointedly modern errors in the light of God's abiding truth. But when new and proposed creeds frame ambiguous statements to cloak error, when they labor to break down the doctrine of inspired Scripture expressed in the Westminster Confession, when they substitute a social gospel for the Biblical doctrine of salvation, then loyalty to the Westminster Confession is simply loyalty to the truth of God revealed in Scripture. To confront the sophisticated errors of our day, those who teach and rule in Christ's church need to hold fast to the whole counsel of God as He has revealed it. The high mysteries of salvation by grace alone, in particular unconditional election, definite atonement, and effectual calling including the need of regeneration for faith, as taught in the Westminster Confession may be distorted by those who set

man's wisdom above God's Word, but no lesser confession is adequate for guiding the church of Christ today.

#### *4. A Testimony to Holy Living*

New obedience to the revelation of the grace of God in Jesus Christ has kindled new desire for holy living. Both churches have manifested deep concern that Christians be not conformed to this world in an age of license, but rather be transformed into the image of Christ. These churches have honored the law of God, believing that contemporary immorality springs not only from the lusts of the flesh but also from hatred of the truth. The apostasy that casts off the authority of God's Word of commandment revealed in Scripture is at the last more destructive than guilty sensuality.

Because both churches teach obedience to the revealed commandments of Christ they have also sought to apply these specific commandments to modern life.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has called attention to the specific instruction of our subordinate standards, particularly the Larger Catechism, on the requirements of the Word of God for holy living. The Westminster Larger Catechism so applies the Ten Commandments, warning that each commandment implies the specific forbidding of all sins of that kind, "together with all the causes, means, occasions and appearances thereof and provocations thereunto" (Q. 99). In the exercise of pastoral supervision ministers and assemblies of the church have similarly warned against specific breaches of God's law. The application of the teaching of Scripture to the question of abortion was a recent example of such warning.

The plan for the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, contained a declaration of the Christian life in which the united church emphasized the applicability of God's commandments to questions of conduct and practice that arise in the modern world.

The acknowledgement of Scripture as the infallible rule of faith and life has therefore borne fruit in both these churches in specific exposition and application of the Bible to learn what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. In life as in faith, the rule of the Word of God is both specific and inclusive. As the church is led into all truth by the Word, so is it led into all righteousness: whatever we do, individually in our hearts, together in our homes and communities, or corporately in the church of Christ, we are to do to the glory of God.

In uniting their witness, these churches would seek to grow in love and new obedience to Christ, finding in that obedience the remedy for both legalism and antinomianism. We dare not build a hedge around God's law, adding to it the burdensome traditions of men. Neither may we ever cease to hear in the law the voice of the living God, whose will and nature are revealed in His commandments. Yet respect for the liberty of the sons of God must not dampen our pastoral zeal to warn those in our charge against particular sins and against those practices in contemporary life that become frequent occasions of sin. When the mass media pander to unlawful

sexual appetites, the Saviour's warning about the lustful look must be part of the church's instruction. When respect for human life is cheapened by revolutionary violence and socially sanctioned murder, the church must declare that man is made in the image of God, and apply the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" not only to the murderous hand but to the murderous heart. When the proper function of the body is impaired through the vain pursuit of pleasure and escape by the use of narcotics, stimulants, depressants, and hallucinogenic drugs, the church must teach that our bodies are for the Lord; it must warn not only the drunkard and the addict of his sin, but also caution all those who would begin in their desires to rebel against God's ordinances for sober and responsible human life; and it must charge all Christians to obey the law of love in every situation where the exercise of their own liberty under the gospel might offer an occasion to sin to another, or impede the service of Christ's church. When lusts and abuses of every kind are exploited for gain and power, the prophetic warnings against men who profit by pandering to vice must be heard in the preaching of God's Word. Apart from the courageous application of Scripture to individual and social sins in the context of modern life, the church cannot fulfill the whole ministry of the Word of God. As the occasion demands, such application must be made not only by pastors and sessions, but also by presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies according to the principles of Chapter 31 of the Confession of Faith ("Of Synods and Councils"), which are based upon the council of Jerusalem (Acts 15). The forming of Christian consciences to prove the things that differ is most necessary so that the church shall not be conformed to the lawlessness of an unbelieving world.

### *5. A Testimony to the Mission of the Church*

Nowhere does the direction of the Word of the Lord appear more clearly in the witness of these churches than in the work of missions and evangelism. Not only do the doctrines of grace require the seeking of the lost by those who are drawn by the Son of God to know the Father's heart of mercy; the express command of the arisen Saviour sends His disciples to the ends of the world and the end of the age. In obedience to Christ's Great Commission the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod have carried forward constantly expanding missionary programs at home and abroad. Concern for the soundness of the missionary message in the former Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. led to the establishment of an independent board for Presbyterian foreign missionary work and to the division that was forced upon those who refused to surrender to that testimony. In the work of World Presbyterian Missions, National Presbyterian Missions, and the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the cause of truly Presbyterian missions has prospered. Missionaries supported by these agencies now serve throughout the United States and Canada as

well as in thirteen other countries. Evangelism is also served by the printed word through the labors of our committees on Christian education.

In contrast to the secularized evangelism that would substitute political and social action for the proclamation of Christ's kingdom, the Biblical evangelism to which these churches are committed recognizes that Christ must be obeyed in His program; that the gospel must be preached to all nations, and that until He comes only the sword of the Spirit may be wielded in His name. These churches have sought to manifest the compassion of Christ by deeds of mercy and to proclaim the gospel of Christ by words of power, but the power they claim is spiritual. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God . . . , casting down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God . . ." (II Corinthians 10:3-5).

#### **DECLARATION OF PURPOSE**

In so speaking of the witness of our churches, we know that we have nothing that we have not received, and that we have this treasure in earthen vessels. Yet in dependence upon the Sovereign God of grace and truth, we come together reaffirming our commitment to Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, to His infallible Word, the Holy Bible, and to the pattern of sound words set forth in Scripture and summarized in the Westminster standards. We would now with lowliness, meekness, forbearance, and longsuffering give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To this end we of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would remove every wall of partition that divides us, manifesting in one fellowship of order and service that unity under the Word of Christ that we profess as members of His body.

We do confess that all saints that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory; and, being united to one another in love, have communion in each other's gifts and graces. As God now offers to us opportunity we would assume the obligation of our profession to extend and maintain toward one another a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, in performing such other spiritual services as tend to our mutual edification, and in relieving one another according to our several abilities and necessities.

And we pray that the ascended Lord will fill us with His Spirit, will give us grace to be faithful to our affirmations, and will bless this our work of ministering in His name till we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and that to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

## PART II

Resolved, that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be united on the following bases:

A. The supreme standard shall be the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the Word of God written, inerrant in the original writings, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

B. The following subordinate doctrinal standards:

1. The text of the Confession of Faith of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster in 1646, except for those slight revisions adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. The Westminster Larger Catechism with questions 86-89 amended to read as follows:

*Q. 86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?*

A. The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the return of Christ they be again united to their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.

*Q. 87. What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?*

A. We are to believe, that at the last time there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the self-same bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

*Q. 88. What shall follow after the resurrection?*

A. After the coming of the Lord and the resurrection of the just and the unjust shall follow the final judgment of angels and men. The day and the hour of the coming of the Lord no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray and be ready.

*Q. 89. What shall be done to the wicked when they are judged?*

A. When they are judged, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand, and, upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own consciences, shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced

against them; and thereupon shall be cast out from the favourable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, his saints, and all his holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments, both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels forever.

### 3. The Westminster Shorter Catechism.

#### C. Form of Government—

1. The congregations, sessions, and presbyteries of the united Church shall operate under one or the other of the present Forms of Government concerning all matters, according to their preferences.

2. The constitution and actions of the general assembly shall be regulated by the Form of Government in force in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

3. The Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the present Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and the proposed revisions to the Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on Form of Government in the united Church for further study and recommendations.

#### D. Book of Discipline—

1. The united Church shall operate under the Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. This Book, the Book of Discipline of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the proposed revisions to the Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on the Book of Discipline of the united Church for further study and recommendations.

#### E. Directory for Worship—

1. The united Church shall operate under the Directory for Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. This Directory, the Directory for Worship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the proposed revisions to the Directory for Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on the Directory for Worship of the united Church for further study and recommendations.

Rev. Samuel Ward reported concerning the committee to revise the language of the Westminster Standards. (See page 132 for action). Recommendation number one of the Fraternal Relations Committee was presented.

The Moderator called for a recess until 1:30 p.m. according to the orders of the day. Rev. Egon Middelmann led in prayer.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and asked Rev. James Singleton to pray.

The Fraternal Relations Committee report was continued. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Fraternal Relations Committee, or a committee appointed by the Moderator, consider the problem of Southern Presbyterian ministers associated with the "continuing Presbyterian Church" who apply to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod for temporary membership. Consideration should also be given the matter of whole congregations applying to the RPC,ES. We ask that the committee recommend to this meeting of Synod a policy presbyteries can follow in dealing with these situations. The Moderator appointed the Fraternal Relations Committee augmented by Rev. Stephen Smallman, Rev. Paul Alexander and Rev. DeWitt Watson to respond to the request for advice concerning Southern Presbyterian ministers and congregations. (See page 132 for action).

The Vice Moderator assumed the chair.

### **Chaplains Committee Report**

Rev. William Leonard presented the report. He called on Chaplain Howard Cross and Chaplain David Peterson to give reports of their ministries. The report follows:

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

With the ending of the grievous war in southeast Asia the number of chaplains on active duty is being reduced. The only branch of the armed force in which we anticipate possible openings this year for active duty chaplains is the Army, and these will be very limited. At this time we do not anticipate any openings whatever in the Air Force or Navy chaplaincy programs, active duty. However, it is in these times of relative "peace" that the Reserve forces will be built up. Therefore applications to the reserve branches, plus the Civil Air Patrol, are welcomed. Interested men should contact the branch of the service in which they are interested. Remember, ecclesiastical endorsement originates at presbytery level, with the proper endorsement prepared for the signatures of the Clerk of Presbytery, Stated Clerk of Synod and the Chairman of the Committee on Chaplains. Seminarians may also apply for the Chaplain Candidate programs of the various branches. These programs will vary according to the needs of the service branches.

For those who may be new to the Synod, the purpose of the Committee on Chaplains is as follows:

"The Chaplains Committee, through its chairman, assists in the procurement of Chaplains from the denomination for the armed forces, Army, Navy, Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol. It coordinates the endorsing procedures required by these services through Presbytery, Synod and the Chaplains Committee. It represents the denomination, for chaplaincy matters, in the offices of the Chiefs of Chaplains, and assists active and reserve chaplains where needed. It disseminates information on chaplaincy matters throughout the Synod. For service and information contact the Chairman at the address given at the end of this report."

### *Some News From The Field:*

Tom Sidebotham (Navy) is now stationed in Okinawa, "the best Chaplain's billet west of Hawaii," with an active fellowship of believing Christians, and an effective training program for witnessing, aided by some fine Navigator personnel.

Howard T. Cross (Army) promoted to Colonel, is located at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, as staff chaplain for the U.S. Army Training Center, a big job with excellent opportunities for service, with some 25 chaplains assigned.

Arthur E. Hegeman's new address: U.S. Naval Security Group Activity  
Box 200, FPO New York 09555

Jerome W. Brock (Navy Reserve) has transferred to the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, for "practical and doctrinal reasons." We pray God's leading and blessing in this new relationship.

Jonas Shepherd's name should be added to the list of our retired chaplains, retired from service in the Canadian Army.

Harris Langford and Jim Singleton have been released to inactive duty as of June, 1972. Jim is serving in our congregation in Wheat Ridge, Colorado and John is pastoring our church in Richardson, Texas.

Robert H. Needham is now serving with Destroyer Squadron 5, FPO San Francisco. The family reside at: 7982 Rancho Fanita Drive, Santee, California 92071

J. Robert Fiol has been endorsed by his presbytery, Clerk of Synod and Committee Chairman in his application for augmentation into the regular Navy chaplaincy.

Again, this year, we have received a much appreciated and generous check for \$100 from the Air Force Palm Sunday offerings, 1972. This was forwarded to Covenant Theological Seminary, so vital in the training of our chaplains.

As a Synod, let us continue to remember, to write, and to pray for our "brothers in uniform" as they seek to glorify God and to enjoy Him in the service of the military chaplaincy, active and reserve.

Respectfully,  
William B. Leonard, Jr.  
6520 Old Ranch Road  
Colorado Springs CO 80908  
(303) 495-2740, 2741

### **CURRENT ROSTER:**

#### **United States Army:**

Robert H. Ackley (CPT)  
Walter Ronald Case (CPT)  
Howard T. Cross (Col)  
David P. Peterson (Maj)

#### **United States Navy:**

Robert A. Bonner (Captain)  
Robert J. Fiol (LCDR)  
Arthur E. Hegeman (LCDR)  
Robert B. Needham (Lt)  
Thomas E. Sidebotham (LCDR)

#### **United States Air Force:**

Beryl T. Hubbard (Cpt)

**Reserve Chaplains:**

Alan K. Austin (Navy)  
Patrick Morison (Air Force)  
John Harris Langford (Army)  
James E. Singleton (Army)

**Civil Air Patrol:**

Larry Billiter  
George Ackley

**Retired Chaplains:**

William B. Leonard, Jr. (CDR, Navy)  
James S. Martin (LTC, Army)  
John M. MacGregor (Col, Army)  
J. Norman McConnell (LTC, Air Force)  
Laurence H. Withington (Major, Air Force)  
John B. Youngs (LTC, Army)  
Robert G. Rayburn (Col, Army)  
Jonas Shepherd (Canadian Army)

**CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES, TAKE NOTE: Correct addresses are important!**

Department of the Army  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Department of the Navy  
Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D.C. 20370

Chief of Chaplains, USAF (AF/HCP)  
Washington, D.C. 20330

**When writing regarding CAREER RESERVE STATUS:**

U.S. Air Force  
Department of the Air Force  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D.C. 20330

**When writing regarding *CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM*: (Seminar-ians)**

Department of the Air Force  
AFMPC/HC  
Randolph Air Force Base  
Texas 78148

RECOMMENDED FORM FOR ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT  
(Note: Please use Presbytery letterhead. This form can be changed, or  
reworded, as desired, but the following data should be included).

*ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT*

To: (Use one of the following addresses as desired)      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Chaplains, USAF (AF/HCP)  
Washington, D.C. 20330

Department of the Army  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Department of the Navy  
Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Office of the Chief of Chaplains  
Washington, D.C. 20370

*Name (of man being endorsed), Address, City, State, Zip Code*

has been granted ecclesiastical endorsement for:

(choose one category) Extended Active Duty, Career Reserve Status,  
Appointment to the Regular (Army, Navy, Air Force), Appointment  
as a Chaplain Reserve Officer of the (Air Force, Army, Navy).

This endorsement certifies that (name);

a. Is a fully ordained clergyman of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,  
Evangelical Synod. He was ordained at (city, state) on (date—day, month  
year).

b. Is professionally qualified and authorized to be appointed as an offi-  
cer of the (Army, Navy, Air Force) with the specialty of chaplain.

c. Is engaged in the full-time pursuite of his religious vocation.

d. Has completed \_\_\_\_ years of active professional experience after  
graduation and ordination.

COMMENTS: (to be added as presbytery may desire)

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Clerk of Presbytery

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Stated Clerk of Synod

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Chairman, Committee on  
Chaplains  
6520 Old Ranch Road  
Colorado Springs CO 80908

## Magazine Committee Report

Mr. Joel Belz presented the Magazine Committee Report as follows:

Brethren:

I would like this communication to serve both as my annual report and as a specific call for help to capitalize on opportunities before us.

### (1) ANNUAL REPORT

#### 1. Circulation

- 1.1 During the time since my last report one year ago, we have been able to publish eight issues of MANDATE, five of which have included eight pages. During the previous year, we had published seven issues, only one of which contained eight pages. If the content has been as good—and generally speaking, I think it has been better—that is progress of a kind.
- 1.2 Our monthly circulation has gone from 1,528 one year ago to 3,522 for the last issue. The average circulation for the year just ended was 2,400, compared to an average for the year previous of 1,360.
- 1.3 About half the growth has come through requests from local churches to add lists of their members; the other half has come from individual requests.
- 1.4 The growth has also come concurrent with the establishment of our new policy of free circulation.

#### 2. Content

- 2.1 It has been encouraging through the past year to note greater diversity among the people contributing article for the paper.
- 2.2 The enlarged format has allowed better balance in each issue, and for that reason alone, is worth continuing.
- 2.3 There has been a conscious shift from a heavy emphasis on issues to a greater emphasis on people, trying to focus on issues t'rough the lives and experiences of people in the denomination.
- 2.4 A couple of articles were published which, with further time for reflection, the editor would not again publish.
- 2.5 Primarily because of the editor's travel schedule, he has not been able to organize regular monthly meetings with the Lookout Mountain editorial committee as he hoped to do. He expects to do this before Synod, and because his own activities will be more focused on the local scene, such regular meetings should be easier to have during the coming year.
- 2.6 The committee should know that so long as the editorial position must be filled by volunteer labor, the quality of editing is likely to suffer. There have been frequent occasions when the luxury of even nominal payment would have freed the editor from other pressures and allowed him to do a more thorough job.

### 3. Finances

3.1 Although we have more than doubled circulation and nearly doubled the number of pages produced through the year, this has been done at a deficit of about \$700.00. This is sobering when it is remembered that we began the year with a deficit of about \$640.00. At the present time, the editor and a Seventh-Day Adventist printer carry the bulk of that deficit.

#### 3.2 Financial Statement

Balance, April 1, 1972	\$7.47
Receipts	
Gifts	2046.27
Disbursements	
Starkey Printing Company, on old account	50.00
Diana Belz, mailing list maintenance	340.60
Joel Belz, typesetting and layout	402.46
Postage	109.69
Phone	26.52
Evangelical Press Association, old account	25.00
Bank charges	12.77
Kickoff Addressing Agency	408.42
Summerville News, printers	497.35
Masters Agency, cartoons	18.00
	1890.81
Balance, March 31, 1973	\$162.93
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Assets	
Bank Balance, March 31, 1973	\$162.93
Liabilities	
Kickoff Addressing Agency	86.90
Starkey Printing Company (bills which are now nearly three years old)	400.00
Masters Agency, cartoons	12.00
Evangelical Press Association	90.00
Joel Belz (1972-73 typesetting, mileage, expenses, etc.—see below)	707.35
Summerville News, printers (bills about 60 days old)	237.82
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Total liabilities	1534.07
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DEFICIT, MARCH 31, 1973	\$1371.14

Charges by Joel Belz during year April 1, 1972-March 31, 1973

Typesetting and layout for 52 pages	\$1160.00
Travel and registration expenses, synod	206.30
Mileage to printer and addressing service	52.00

- 3.3 *Unless the committee can make immediate arrangements to pay the \$400.00 owed to the Seventh-Day Adventist printer, I can only recommend that we cease publication until that bill is paid. We are robbing him of his money.*
- 3.4 Perhaps I am optimistic to a fault. But I am encouraged with the financial response to our free circulation policy. Especially heartening is the fact that the response is increasing. During the nine-month period in 1972 covered by this report, we received about \$1,200.00. During the first three months of 1973, we have received about \$850.00. I am enclosing the day-by-day listings of the gifts received for those three months so that you can see the diversity of the donors.
- 3.5 I will risk the appearance of immodesty by pointing out that we are getting a lot done for a little money. Even when you consider and include our current deficit in operations, we have succeeded in getting the paper out for less than 10¢ per copy, including all related costs. I don't think most of synod's agencies approach that in their own distribution expenses for their own literature. My point here is that we are demonstrating that we can get the paper out at a reasonable cost. The challenge now primarily is to improve the quality of the editorial content.

## (2) CALL FOR HELP

Because I think we are on the right track with our current policies, I am not recommending urgent action of any kind except that in 3.3 above. I do fervently request, however, that all committee members, and all pastors and elders who read this report at the time of Synod, take every opportunity to support the paper themselves (first of all, through the recommended \$5.00 annual gift!), then, that they recommend such support of the paper to others whenever the paper is discussed. Finally, the editor would profit personally from one concrete suggestion from each person who reads this report as to how the paper might be improved in a single, concrete way.

I thank you all in Christ's name, especially those who have taken the time to write and to send their support. I want to single out for thanks, however, Jean Andreae Shaw of Elgin, Ill., who faithfully contributes "Lydia's House" without compensation, much to the delight and blessing of many of our readers who consistently mention it in their letters. Mrs. Shaw, however, is never content simply to contribute in such a manner, but regularly sends \$5.00 gifts for herself, her husband, her in-laws, and anyone else who seems to be a good excuse for such a gift. That kind of en-

thusiasm has greatly encouraged me, and I hope it proves contagious among some of the rest of you.

Respectfully,  
Joel Belz, Editor

### **Report of Judicial Commission**

Dr. Wilber Wallis reported that there had been no cases submitted this year.

### **Election to the Fraternal Relations Committee**

The following ballot was presented by the Chairman of the Nominations Committee:

- \*Rev. Dr. *Franklin Dyrness* INC
- \*Rev. Dr. *R. Laird Harris* INC
- \*Rev. *Kenneth Horner* INC

It was moved and passed to close nominations and cast a white ballot for those nominated.

### **Election to the Chaplains Committee**

The Chairman of the Nominations Committee presented the following ballot:

- Rev. Laurence Withington* INC
- Rev. David Winscott*
- Rev. Patrick Morison*

It was moved and carried to close nominations.

### **Election to the Magazine Committee**

The following nominating committee ballot was presented and the men elected by motion to close nominations and cast a white ballot:

- Rev. John Buswell* INC
- Rev. Robert Edmiston*
- Dr. Nick Barker*

### **Election to the Judicial Commission**

The committee presented an incomplete ballot, presenting only two names, Rev. Dr. *Robert Raymond* and Rev. Dr. *Wilber Wallis*, for four positions. The names of Rev. *William McColley*, Rev. James Perry and Rev. *John Kay* were added by nomination from the floor. It was moved and carried to close nominations. (Kay and McColley are alternates).

The Vice Moderator declared a recess until 4:00 p.m.

The Moderator called Synod to order asking Rev. Ronald Shaw to pray.

## Reformed Presbyterian Foundation Report

The Rev. Donald J. MacNair, President of the Foundation, introduced Mr. Gordon D. Shaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation.

Mr. Shaw stated that a report of audit had been made this year for the first time since 1965, the summary of which is included as part of the Foundation's report.

The Foundation has no director or other paid employees with the officers serving the needs of the Foundation as necessary. Fourteen individual contracts are being handled by the Foundation with a contingent asset value of \$51,690 worth of insured gift annuities listed on the books. There was some increase in existing contracts this year.

An appeal was made to the members of Synod, particularly the pastors of churches, to include a statement in their bulletins once a month that members should consider the church in their wills. The offer was made by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation to assist pastors or other interested parties in the matter of wills, deferred giving or estate planning, gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts.

A service profile has been submitted to the board of the Foundation as a guide for future areas of service. It is expected that the Secretary-Treasurer will be able to service the agencies and churches of our denomination to a greater degree because of his contemplated move to the business manager's position of the Seminary.

The nominating committee suggested that the six members of the board of the Foundation be elected in classes. This was not specifically acted upon since twelve members of the board of directors are already picked from the agency directors and one appointee from each agency. It was felt that the Synod should continue to exercise the election of at least 1/3 of the board each year.

Mr. Shaw stated that he has been in conversation with the controller of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Home Mission and Foreign Mission Board. They have explored ways of cooperating together and also possible areas of mutual involvement should a merger be consummated.

## THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

### Balance Sheet

December 31, 1972

ASSETS	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Cash—On Demand	\$23,155.49	\$18,299.49	\$4,856.00
—Savings	3,382.37		3,382.37
Savings Certificates	11,100.00		11,100.00
Accounts Receivable	3,915.02	3,915.02	

Notes Receivable			
Government—At Cost	10,022.19		10,022.19
Agency—At Cost	44,118.31		44,118.31
Investments			
Stocks—At Cost	74,833.18		74,833.18
Bonds—At Cost	37,415.02		37,415.02
Office Equipment	291.45	291.45	
Total Assets	<u>\$208,233.03</u>	<u>\$22,505.96</u>	<u>\$185,727.07</u>

Contingent Asset			
Annuities—Insurance Companies at Current Value	\$51,690.16		

#### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$281.20	\$281.20	\$ —
Fund Balances	<u>207,951.83</u>	<u>22,224.76</u>	<u>185,727.07</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$208,233.03</u>	<u>\$22,505.96</u>	<u>\$185,727.07</u>

### THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

#### Summary of Financial Activities

#### For the Year Ended December 31, 1972

#### INCOME

##### Unrestricted

##### Agency Support

Christian Training Inc.	\$180.00	
Covenant College	2,070.00	
Covenant Theological Seminary	1,800.00	
National Presbyterian Missions, Inc.	2,400.00	
World Presbyterian Missions	<u>2,550.00</u>	\$9,000.00

##### Other

Fee —Sale of Property	\$313.79	
Administrative Fees	775.56	
Miscellaneous	<u>517.47</u>	1,606.82

Total Unrestricted Income		<u>\$10,606.82</u>
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**Restricted****Investment Income****Annuities—Insurance Companies**

\$8,469.98

Stocks, Bonds, Savings 7,951.35

Agency Notes 2,150.05 \$18,571.38**Other**

For Other Agencies \$1,000.00

Annuities 5,500.01

Memorial Endowments 3,879.99

Deposit Agreements 8,500.00

Sale of Property 7,036.67 25,916.67**Total Restricted Income** 44,488.05**Total Income (Carried Forward)** \$55,094.87**EXPENDITURES****Unrestricted****Personnel Expense**

Salaries—Office Staff \$2,261.49

Payroll Taxes 110.87

Pension Program 110.88 \$2,483.24**Office Expense**

Stationery and Office Supplies \$57.54

Postage and Mailing 105.23

Contractual Services 786.33 949.10**Rent and Utility Expense**

Office Rental 90.00

Telephone 27.89 117.89**Travel Expense**

Board Travel 632.34

**Miscellaneous Expense** 253.93**Total Unrestricted Expenditures** \$4,436.50**Restricted****Designated for Other Agencies**

World Presbyterian Missions 2,818.33

Covenant Theological

Seminary 1,209.17

Covenant College 1,009.17 \$5,036.67

Contract Payments		
Annuities—Insurance		
Companies	\$8,469.98	
Annuities—Foundation		
Insured	1,122.41	
Trusts, Deposit Agree-		
ments, Etc.	10,588.53	
Principal Repayment	1,500.00	
Other	3,000.00	24,680.92
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Investment Purchases		
Annuities		3,519.22
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Total Restricted Expenditures		33,236.81
Total Expenditures		\$37,673.31
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Excess of Income over Expenditures		\$17,421.56
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Allocated as Follows		
Unrestricted		\$6,170.32
Restricted		11,251.24

## Trustees of Synod Report

Dr. Frank Dyrness presented the report of the Trustees as follows:

### Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Trustees met several times during the past year to deal with various important matters of Synod under its jurisdiction.

The capital funds totaling \$309,429.28 have been serviced by this Board. A report of the securities, income and disbursements are a part of this report in the form of the Treasurer's Report. The accounts have been duly audited by a Certified Public Accountant, David M. Huber, Jr.

A report has been made to the Internal Revenue Service through Attorney Donald Semisch, Legal Counsel for the denomination, reporting all our churches and any changes in same. This matter is most important and assures the tax-exempt status for our churches and agencies. The identification number for the entire denomination is 23-6399328. A letter from Attorney Semisch is part of this report, in which he outlines the services rendered in legal matters.

The Commercial Blanket Bond covering all the Boards, Agencies, and Committees of the denomination where funds are handled, continues in full force.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Trustees  
Charles B. Holliday, Secretary

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) The Capital Fund balances shown in Exhibit II are held by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, in the nature of endowment of trust funds. The principal amounts of these funds may not, therefore, be used by the Synod.

(2) The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, is receiving income from investments of the John Buchanon Trust. Income for the twelve month period ended December 31, 1972 amounted to \$3,308.39. The principal value of John Buchanon Trust of \$62,464.85 is combined with the principal value of World Presbyterian Missions in determining the income available to World Presbyterian Missions.

(3) All current income attributable to the Capital Funds shown in Exhibit II has been distributed.

(4) The \$2,420.80 shown on Exhibit I as Equity Reserve represents the gain on sale of securities which is to be accounted for separately in accordance with the 142nd General Synod, April 2-6, 1965.

(5) The National Central Bank account includes deposit in transit in the amount of \$11,592.87.

### THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVANGELICAL SYNOD

Statement of Condition December 31, 1972      EXHIBIT I

ASSETS		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Banks		
Lancaster Co. Farmers National Bank	\$12,833.63	
(Checking Account)		
Philadelphia Savings Fund Society (PSFS)	12,912.02	
(Savings Account)		
Roosevelt Savings Bank, New York	17,155.75	
(Savings Account)		
Waterville Savings Bank, Maine	4,295.40	
(Savings Account)		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$47,196.80
<b>INVESTMENTS (AT COST)</b>		
Mortgages Receivable (Schedule A)	\$22,650.68	
Notes Receivable (Schedule B)	21,686.66	
Stocks and Bonds—At Cost (Schedule C)		
(Market Value \$178,093.67)	138,594.02	
Certificate of Deposit (Rockland Savings Bank)	20,000.00	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		202,931.36
TOTAL ASSETS		\$250,128.16

## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

### LIABILITIES

Payable for Real Estate Taxes on Mortgages	\$742.93	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		742.93

### EQUITY

Capital Funds (Exhibit II)	\$246,964.43	
Reserve—Appreciation on Sale of Investments (Note 4)	2,420.80	
TOTAL EQUITY		249,385.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$250,128.16

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of this report.

## THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

#### Cash Basis

EXHIBIT III

*For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1972*

### INCOME

Investment Income		
Mortgages and Notes Interest	\$3,119.80	
Dividends and Interest from Stocks and Bonds	8,337.56	
Interest on Savings Accounts	1,757.81	
Interest on John Buchanon Trust	3,308.39	
TOTAL INCOME		\$16,523.56

### EXPENSES

Legal Retainer (Denomination's Attorney)	\$300.00	
Auditing Fee	190.00	
Mortgage Collection Commission	20.17	
Telephone	70.14	
Stationery and Postage	28.00	
Insurance—Bond	462.00	
Safe Deposit Box	3.00	
Board Meeting Travel Expense	107.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,180.31
NET INCOME FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD		\$15,343.25

The "Notes to Financial Statement" are an integral part of this report.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

EXHIBIT II

*CAPITAL FUNDS*

*For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1972*

	Board of Home Missions	World Presbyterian Missions	National Presbyterian Missions	Lamb and Theological Seminary	Cedarville College Fund	Robert Young Bequest	Elizabeth Taylor Fund	Total
BALANCES— December 31, 1971	\$22,718.67	\$66,864.15	\$32,790.77	\$113,000.00	\$2,894.16	\$7,300.00	\$1,232.00	\$246,799.75
ADD— Contributions Received Net Income for the Year (Exhibit III)	1,126.20	6,413.48	1,626.39	5,603.35	142.68	362.11	164.68 69.04	164.68 15,343.25
DEDUCT— Distribution of Net Income	1,126.20	6,413.48	1,626.39	5,603.35	142.68	362.11	69.04	15,343.25
BALANCES— December 31, 1972	<u>\$22,718.67</u>	<u>\$66,864.15</u>	<u>\$32,790.77</u>	<u>\$113,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,894.16</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$1,396.68</u>	<u>\$246,964.43</u>

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THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1972

EXHIBIT IV

CASH RECEIVED:

Income (Exhibit III)		\$16,523.56
Contributions Received:		
Elizabeth Taylor Memorial Fund	\$164.68	
Trevor Nichols Estate	<u>7,000.00</u>	7,164.68
Sale of Investments:		
Sales of Securities	15,000.00	
Reduction on Mortgages	19,398.53	
Reduction of Notes	<u>4,211.87</u>	38,610.40
Escrow Taxes and Insurance		<u>1,120.78</u>
Total Cash Received		<u>63,419.42</u>

CASH DISBURSED:

Expenses (Exhibit III)		\$1,180.31
Distributions (Exhibit II)		15,343.25
Distribution from prior year (Lamb Fund)		4,281.50
Distribution of Trevor Nicholas Estate:		
Covenant College	\$5,000.00	
Harvey Cedars	<u>2,000.00</u>	7,000.00
Investments Purchased		21,755.26
Escrow Taxes and Insurance		<u>1,223.86</u>
Total Cash Disbursed		<u>50,784.18</u>

Excess of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements	12,635.24
Cash in Banks December 31, 1971	<u>34,561.56</u>
Cash in Banks December 31, 1972	<u><u>\$47,196.80</u></u>

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD

MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1972

SCHEDULE A

<i>Mortgagor</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>		
Calvary Presbyterian Church	6%	Warminster, Pa.	\$10,500.00
Open Door Children's Home	6%	Houston, Ky.	6,698.42

Charles J. and Isabel Scaveti	5%	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,097.38
Michael F. and Eleanor Panunto	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	770.00
Daniel J. and Anne W. Miller	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,863.32
Alexander and Daisy Davis	6%	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,721.56
<b>TOTAL MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE</b>			<u><u>\$22,650.68</u></u>

**THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD**

<i>Maker</i>	<i>Notes Receivable</i>		<b>SCHEDULE B</b>
	<i>December 31, 1972</i>		
	<i>Interest Rate</i>		<i>Balance 12/31/72</i>
Beechwood Community Reformed Presbyterian Church, Havertown, Pa.	5%		\$2,076.92
Calvary Presbyterian Church, King of Prussia, Pa.	5%		7,786.24
First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250	5%		4,000.00
Lansdale Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lansdale, Pa. 19446	3%		2,142.40
Lansdale Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lansdale, Pa.	5%		1,781.10
Presbyterian Church Manchester, Connecticut	5%		3,900.00
<b>TOTAL NOTES RECEIVABLE</b>			<u><u>\$21,686.66</u></u>

**THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL SYNOD**

<i>STOCKS AND BONDS</i>				
<i>December 31, 1972</i>				
<b>SCHEDULE C</b>				
<i>No. of Shares or Par Value</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Unit Market Value</i>	<i>Total Market Value</i>
129.982	Allegheny Power System, Inc.	2,911.05	24½	3,184.56

443.080	American Telephone and Telegraph Co.	29,052.54	52¾	23,372.47
20	American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (¾% Pref.)	1,008.84	61	1,220.00
195.	Associated Dry Goods Corp.	5,274.38	52½	10,237.50
\$3,000.	Bethany Presbyterian Church (6% Bonds)	3,000.00	100	3,000.00
500	Chase General Corporation	25.00	1/8	62.50
100	Cincinnati Gas-Electric Co.	2,617.04	25¼	2,525.00
\$22,000	Covenant College, 6% Bonds	22,000.00	100	22,000.00
\$5,000	Daylin Corp., 5% Bonds	2,711.11	67 5/8	3,381.25
200	Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corp.	3,100.00	17	3,400.00
200	Eagle-Pitcher Industries, Inc.	4,528.94	27	5,400.00
53.773	Exxon Corp.	4,232.99	87½	4,705.14
892	First Pennsylvania Corp.	13,998.07	51	45,492.00
\$2,000.	Immanuel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 7% Bonds	2,000.00	100	2,000.00
171	Keystone Custodian Fund Series B-4	1,871.61	9.18	1,569.78
\$7,000.	Lykes-Youngstown Corp., 7½% Bonds	3,574.19	77 7/8	5,451.25
400	National City Lines, Inc.	5,050.00	17 1/8	6,850.00
110	Niagara Mohawk Power Co.	2,242.92	17¾	1,952.50
236	Penn Square Mutual Fund	2,047.20	8.07	1,904.52
48	Proctor & Gamble Co.	2,031.00	111½	5,352.00
249	Puritan Fund, Inc.	2,413.26	10.71	2,666.79
203.913	Putnam Income Fund, Inc.	1,974.44	8.60	1,753.65
93.215	Putnam Investors Fund, Inc.	706.48	11.32	1,055.53
114	Talcott National Corp.	2,593.50	19¼	2,194.50
2	United States National Bank	62.00	25½	51.00
45	Warner-Lambert Co.	2,769.83	97½	4,387.50
382.666	Wellington Fund	5,506.69	12.39	4,741.23
48	Westgate-California Corp.	468.00	8½	408.00
100	Wilmington Trust Co.	5,500.00	46½	4,650.00
100	F. W. Woolworth Co.	3,322.94	31¼	3,125.00
		<u>\$138,594.02</u>		<u>\$178,093.67</u>
	Unrealized Gain	<u>39,499.65</u>		
		<u>\$178,093.67</u>		

## Lamb Fund Report

Dr. Frank Dyrness gave the report of the Lamb Fund as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Trustees of the Lamb and Theological Fund have transacted their routine business during the past year.

The following men received Lamb Fund Loan Aid for the year 1972-73, totalling \$5,148.25:

Acker	McWilliams
Armes	Midberry
Clements	Nixon
Hill	Pettison
Holliday	Stigers
Kennedy	Tyson
Leonard	Young, B.
Marsh	Young, S.
McFarland	

The revised application instructions approved by the 150th General Synod (Minutes page 89-93) extended the cut-off date for application to June 30th. Consequently, we will not be able to give a complete list of applicants at this time. Those approved thus far are:

John Hill	Barry McWilliams
Calhoun Boroughs	Steve Leonard
Thomas Kennedy	Mark Tedford
Paul Meiners	Peter Cross

The total amount available for distribution is \$4,750.00. This will be divided according to the schedule set up and approved by Synod.

Last year's Synod Overture A asked that our churches be appealed to on behalf of the Lamb Fund Aid, suggesting this need be included in their budgets. A copy of this action was mailed to all Clerks of Presbyteries along with a supply of the new application forms. To date, no additional funds have been received from the Churches.

If the trend of the last few years continues, there will be an increased number of applications. With no additional income, the amount of aid per student will be greatly reduced. Former beneficiaries of the Lamb Fund Aid now pastoring churches should be especially interested in encouraging their congregations to help this means of assisting in the education of our future ministers. If each church would endeavor to include the Lamb Fund in their benevolent budget, it would not only help in assisting our young men in their seminary training, but be of great encouragement to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
McGregor Scott, Secretary

**LAMB FUND TRUSTEES  
TREASURER'S REPORT**  
April 17, 1972 to February 20, 1973

**RECEIPTS:**

<b>Balance April 17, 1972</b>		
Savings Account	\$50.76	
Checking Account	28.79	\$79.55
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<b>Income from Board of Trustees:</b>		
Second Quarter, 1971	1,337.88	
Third Quarter, 1971	1,373.30	
Fourth Quarter, 1971	1,570.32	4,281.50
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First Quarter, 1972	1,039.67	
Second Quarter, 1972	1,504.54	
Third Quarter, 1972	1,265.98	
Fourth Quarter, 1972	1,793.16	5,603.35
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Interest—Savings Account		36.06
Interest—Mr. Buckley		23.55
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		10,024.01

**EXPENDITURES:**

Lamb Fund Aid, September, 1972	2,637.50	
Lamb Fund Aid, January, 1973	2,510.75	5,148.25
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Office Expense	24.13	
Bank Charge	6.51	
Printing—Application Blanks	62.70	93.34
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		5,241.59
<b>Balance February 20, 1973</b>		
Savings Account	4,574.05	
Checking Account	208.37	4,782.42
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		10,024.01

Respectfully submitted  
Ernest Breen

**Pension Fund Report**

Rev. Charles Holliday presented the following report:

**Fathers and Brethren:**

The Pension Fund Committee has met several times during the past year to deal with the responsibilities entrusted to it.

Work has been done on revising the Pension Plan and it is hoped to have it in new printed form in the relatively near future.

Rev. James McClintock, a participant, died in April, 1973. Benefits to his widow will be in next year's report.

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Chisholm have been approved for pension payments.

At present there are 309 Participants (22 new) in the Pension Plan, representing the majority of our missionaries and ministers. Most Presbyteries are requiring that Pastors be placed in the Pension Plan when a Call is presented to them. A number of Participants and Dependents were paid Pension benefits for a total of \$3,499.44 this past year.

The Treasurer's Report is as follows: (See attached list)

An audit will be made of the Treasurer's Accounts by Miller and Miller, Certified Public Accountants, and made a part of the Synod Minutes.

The total credit to the participants is \$235,536.49. Participants Life Insurance coverage carried by the Plan totals \$622,000.00.

The bookkeeping for the Plan has been through WPM but with the growing work and the change in the administrative staff there, the Committee has voted to move this work to the Office of The Quarryville Presbyterian Home. Rev. William A. Mahlow has resigned as Treasurer. Mr. Floyd Rundle has been elected as the new Treasurer as of June 1, 1973. We are most grateful for the work of Rev. William A. Mahlow as Treasurer, as well as that of Miss Katharine Richards, who handled the bookkeeping and other financial matters.

All future payments after June 1, 1973, should be mailed to "Pension Fund," R.D. 2, Box 12-A, Quarryville, Pennsylvania 17566. All correspondence regarding financial matters of the Pension Fund should be addressed to Mr. Floyd Rundle at the same address.

With the rising cost of living, Churches should endeavor to increase the payments being made into the Pension Fund for their Pastors. The amount of pension to be realized at retirement is in direct proportion to the amount paid in for the participant.

The following recommendation is submitted:

"That the Pension Committee be permitted to grant requests for pension benefits to those eligible, at any time during the fiscal year. Such pensions to be figured on the basis of the special credit of the last audit of the Pension Fund."

Respectfully submitted,  
F. S. Dyrness, Secretary

#### THE PENSION FUND

*CASH STATEMENT April 1, 1972-March 31, 1973*

Balance—4/1/72	\$4,713.66
Cash Received	
Contributions—Participants	\$43,230.00
Cash Realized—Bonds Matured	5,000.00
Interest Received—Church	
Bonds	2,342.00

Interest Received—9th		
Ward Savings and Loan	368.33	
Dividends on Securities	10,581.68	
Sale of Delmarva Rights	.91	
Late Payment Penalties	69.30	
Cash Surrender Value—		
Life Insurance	4,288.49	
Life Insurance—Premium		
Refunds	511.20	
Miscellaneous Cash Received	191.05	
Transfer from Wilmington		
Savings Fund	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>86,082.96</u>
		\$90,796.62

#### Expenditures

Transfer to Savings Accounts	38,000.00	
Insurance Premiums Paid	12,073.18	
*Purchase of Investments	2,638.00	
Pensions Paid	2,150.42	
Balance H. K. Ribí to		
Mrs. Ribí	650.00	
Balance Oliver Juliusson to		
Mrs Juliusson	699.02	
Refund—Timonium R.P. Church	200.00	
Refund—Dividends due WPM, wrongly credited to Pension Fund	245.96	
Interest due WAM on bond purchased from him (An- napolis church)	44.00	
Office Expense	<u>808.71</u>	<u>57,509.29</u>
Balance—3/31/73		\$33,287.33

\*Delmarva Power, 44 shares, \$638.00  
440 rights+\$14.50 per sh.  
2 Annapolis Church Bonds 2,000.00  
\$2,638.00

#### Savings Accounts:

Ninth Ward Savings and Loan	\$10,000.00
Philadelphia Savings Fund Society	21,579.26**
Wilmington Savings Fund Society	<u>500.00</u>
	\$32,079.26

\*\*Reduced to \$1,079.26 on 4/2/73 to aid in purchasing \$50,000.00 Treasury certificate,

The recommendation was presented and adopted.

## Ministerial Welfare and Benefits and Hospitalization Report

Dr. Frank Dyrness reported for the Committee as follows:

Synod's Hospitalization Plan through Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc. continues to grow and be well accepted. At present there are 253 participants representing about 800 persons. These are all covered with complete hospitalization costs, diagnostic and Blue Shield 100 (this pays prevailing rates of doctors in the area in which a claim is made). Routine doctor bills are *not* covered—see booklet describing the Plan.

There are also 97 persons on Medicare A and B who are covered by Inter-County and Blue Shield "65 Special."

Total claims paid for the calendar year, 1972, were \$38,792.43 plus 12% (\$4,655.09) of this amount paid in addition to Inter-County for servicing these claims for a total of \$43,447.52. This was for 212 claims. This does not include Blue Shield or "65 Special" claims.

There are 242 persons covered with Term Insurance through Ministers Life and Casualty Union for a total of 282 units. Each participant names his own beneficiary. This is reducing term insurance. One may take ordinary insurance without a medical examination in the amount of the reduction of his coverage at each reduction period providing an application is made with Ministers Life and Casualty Union three months prior to change in attained age. Thus far, there have been no deaths of those covered in the Plan. One unit is required for all those covered by Hospitalization Insurance except Elders, Deacons, Trustees, ministerial students or persons over 65 years of age. A second unit of term insurance is available at \$2.00 per month for those eligible and meeting the health standards of the company.

This year a rebate was received from Ministers Life and Casualty Union in the amount of \$3,608.40. Inter-County gave a rebate of \$12,555.22 covering a twenty-one month period April 1, 1971-December 31, 1972. The total rebate from both insurance companies received this year totals \$16,163.62. This has been added to the Reserve Account of the Plan which now totals \$32,470.45.

Inter-County has suggested an increase as of June 1, 1973, based on our experience as shown in the attached rate sheet. The cost is still far below average for such insurance. The need for this increase has become evident by a deficit in the First Quarter of 1973 of \$5,613.97.

The Plan is serviced through the office facilities of The Quarryville Presbyterian Home at no cost as seen in the Auditor's Report, a part of this report. Last year a total of \$104,773.91 was handled.

There have been a few complaints about claims not being paid or delayed. Upon investigation, this is almost entirely due to improper submitting of claims. Some have sent claims to Blue Cross and Blue Shield. *All claims* must be sent to *Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc., Fox-*

croft Square, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046 (See Booklet, Page 10). There have been a few claims denied because of existing conditions, which are not covered during the first year in the Plan (See Page 6 of the booklet).

Where Elders, Trustees, and Church workers desire to enter the Plan, Pastors should be careful not to recommend those in poor health, as this may endanger the Plan and increase the cost for our Ministers and Missionaries, who are the main reason for the Plan's existence.

A splendid cooperation has been evidenced by participants. This lessens the office work and cuts postage and printing costs. Premiums are expected to be paid by the 15th of the month prior to coverage period. The service charge is to be included with each payment. Mail all payments and inquiries to "Hospitalization," R.D. 2, Box 12-A, Quarryville, Pennsylvania 17566.

Respectfully submitted,  
 F. S. Dyrness, Treasurer  
 Charles L. Eckardt, Assistant Treas.

"HOSPITALIZATION"—R.D. 2, Box 12-A, Quarryville, PA 17566

F. S. Dyrness, D.D. Treasurer

Telephone: (717) 786-7321

Charles L. Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

*Rates—Effective June 1, 1973  
 Hospitalization, Diagnostic and Blue Shield "100"*

	<i>Monthly Payment</i>
One Person	\$11.00
Husband and Wife (No Maternity or Children)	26.00
Husband and Wife (With Maternity and Children under 19 and up to 23*)	31.00
Parent and One Child under 19 and up to 23*	26.00
Parent and Children under 19 and up to 23*	29.60
Related Dependent under 65	12.50
65 Special—A supplement to Medicare A and B	5.10

\*Unmarried dependent children 19 to 23 who are full-time college students will be covered at no extra charge. Each subscriber must notify our office of any changed status of such children to make certain they do not lose their coverage in this Plan.

*Term Insurance*

This is included and required for those eligible. The rate is \$2.00 per month. Optional double coverage is available for Ministers and Missionaries for an additional \$2.00 per month.

Term Insurance is *not* available to Elders, Deacons, Trustees, ministerial students or persons over 65 years of age.

*Decreasing Term Group Life Insurance Benefit Schedule*

Attained Age:	Insurance Amount
Less than 31 years	\$12,000.00
31 years but less than 36 years	10,000.00
36 years but less than 41 years	7,500.00
41 years but less than 46 years	5,000.00
46 years but less than 51 years	3,000.00
51 years but less than 56 years	2,000.00
56 years but less than 61 years	1,300.00
61 years but less than 66 years	1,000.00

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "HOSPITALIZATION,"—  
PREMIUM PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 15th OF THE  
MONTH PRIOR TO THE COVERAGE PERIOD:**

**NOTE:** Please consult your "Hospitalization" Booklet, Pages 9 and 10, for detailed information regarding the Plan, coverage, method of making claims, etc.

*Synod's Hospitalization Plan, Inc.  
Hospital Claims Paid—January 1-December 31, 1972*

<i>Name of Insured</i>	<i>No. of Claims</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
Albany, W.	2	\$55.00
Alexander, J.	4	65.00
Alexander, P.	2	399.15
Andres	3	248.90
Armes, J.	2	544.50
Bair, C.	2	1,718.18
Baker, D.	1	45.00
Baldwin, A.	1	28.25
Blakely, W.	3	105.25
Blakely, W.	1	25.00CR
Brauning, W.	3	63.80
Breen, E.	1	304.15
Broadbooks, E.	4	24.50
Brown, S.	2	1,588.95
Campbell, S.	1	598.60
Clark, J.	2	35.65
Cochran, E.	1	793.75
Conrad, J.	2	944.80
Crane, F.	6	743.80
Cross, W. G.	1	27.12
Cross, W. G. III	1	251.00
DeVelde, E.	1	19.40
Downing, R.	1	252.10
Dykema, D.	1	19.25
Dyrness, F. S. Jr.	1	7.00

Eckardt, C.	3	357.80
Edminston, H;	5	101.60
Emerson, H.	2	783.50
Feder, R.	3	1,057.45
Fiol, B.	2	757.80
Folds, W.	1	288.00
Francis, C.	1	30.00
Gilchrist, J.	2	96.12
Gonzalez, T.	1	55.00
Gray, R.	2	45.00
Grayson, C.	1	1,267.65
Harris, D.	2	366.14
Hatcher, D.	4	919.12
Hathaway, H.	1	24.00
Henry, H.	1	20.00
Hicks, D.	2	549.75
Hight, H.	3	49.15
Hogan, J.	1	170.00
Holliday, C.	1	378.50
Isa, N.	1	699.15
Jennings, B.	1	420.75
Kaufmann, S.	3	681.77
Kay, A.	2	45.50
Kay, J.	2	45.00
Kirwan, W.	1	48.00
Laird, H.	2	503.35
Lefever, E.	2	790.95
Leonard, W.	1	461.53
Little, J.	2	99.25
Lyons, W.	1	621.30
McCall, N.	3	1,313.40
McDonough	1	404.75
McNutt, W.	1	19.00
McWilliams, R.	1	1,646.50
Mahlow, W.	4	84.00
Meiners, B.	2	150.15
Mietling, W.	2	32.75
Moginot, A.	2	62.50
Morison, P.	3	257.20
Morison, P.	2	253.20CR
Morton, J.	1	27.00
Noe, E.	2	1,523.07
Omerly, G.	1	89.50
Palmer, J.	1	1,118.08
Perry, J.	1	11.00
Philips, F.	1	448.49
Potoka, E.	4	1,257.18

Powlison, H.	1	161.30
Ransom, J.	2	45.25
Roberts, L.	2	43.50
Schmoyer, R.	1	496.11
Scott, A.	2	607.88
Shaffer, R.	2	278.45
Sharp, L.	2	41.50
Shepperson, F.	1	771.30
Shepperson, S.	1	32.00
Smallman, S.	1	55.00
Smick, F.	3	930.33
Sneller, A.	1	237.70
Sneller, A.	1	18.54CR
Steele, E.	3	56.27
Stevens, H.	1	341.40
Stewart, C.	3	70.75
Stewart, L.	1	3.50
Strom, R.	1	93.00
Taylor, G.	1	4.08
Thompson, D.	1	40.00
Thurman, K.	2	475.55
Tonnessen, G.	2	201.85
Umbreit, D.	1	40.00
Underwood, A.	2	641.10
VanHorn, L.	2	577.20
Wallace, K.	1	20.00
Ward, S.	3	388.25
Watson, D.	1	490.10
Weeber, R.	2	76.00
Weiford, M.	2	58.00
Weston, D.	6	1,288.90
Wiest, J.	3	131.00
Wildeman, R. A. Jr.	7	188.00
Wildeman, R. A. Sr.	1	22.00
Wilson, J.	3	117.00
Winscott, J.	2	952.60
Wolf, K.	1	36.50
Youndt, M.	1	15.00
Total for Year	212	\$38,792.43
Plus 12% Paid Inter-County		4,655.09
Total Benefits to Participants		\$43,447.52

This report does not include Blue Shield or "65 Special" Claims.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Condition—December 31, 1972**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash in Banks

Farmers National Bank of Quarryville—	
Checking Account	\$4,089.52
Roosevelt Savings Bank, New York—	
Savings Account	33,993.40
Rockland Savings Bank—	
Savings Account	<u>5,936.01</u>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$44,018.93</u></u>
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**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES**

Hospitalization and Life Insurance	
Payments Received in Advance	\$11,548.48

**EQUITY**

Reserve 1-1-72	\$16,110.32	
Net Income for the Period	<u>16,360.13</u>	
Reserve 12-31-72		<u>32,470.45</u>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$44,018.93</u></u>
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**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE—STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**For the Period January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972**

**EXHIBIT II**

**INCOME**

Hospitalization Payments	\$78,912.18
Life Insurance Payments	7,166.35
Service Charges	1,033.38
Interest on Savings Account—Roosevelt Savings Bank	1,445.74
Interest on Savings Account—Rockland Savings Bank	52.64
Refund from Inter-County Hospitalization	12,555.22
Refund from Ministers Life & Casualty Insurance Co.	<u>3,608.40</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$104,773.91</b>

**EXPENSES**

Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.	\$78,445.25
Ministers Life & Casualty Insurance Co.	8,329.52
Refund of Overpayments	254.78

Postage, Stationery, and Telephone	165.35
Audit	<u>127.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>87,322.30</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	<u><u>\$17,451.51</u></u>

**ALLOCATION OF NET INCOME:**

Income In Advance Payment	\$1,091.38
To Reserve	<u>16,360.13</u>
	<u><u>\$17,451.51</u></u>

Cash in Banks and Savings Accounts, December 31, 1971	<u>\$26,567.42</u>
Cash in Banks and Savings Accounts, December 31, 1972	<u><u>\$44,018.93</u></u>

It was moved and carried that if the Committee finds it feasible, it should provide major medical coverage for all the participants.

**Elections to Board of Trustees**

The following ballot was distributed by the Nominations Committee.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>*Richard Ellingworth</i> | <i>*Rev. Charles Holliday</i> INC |
| <i>*Floyd Rundle</i>        | <i>*John Paist</i> INC            |
| <i>*Vernon Pierce</i>       |                                   |

When the floor was opened for nominations, Rev. Paul Taylor was nominated. It was then moved and carried to close nominations.

**Elections to Reformed Presbyterian Foundation**

The slate for the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation was presented.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>*William Gerstung</i> INC   | <i>*Rev. Dr. Elmer Smick</i> INC |
| <i>*Rev. Robert Palmer</i> INC | <i>*Ronald Dykema</i>            |
| <i>*Vernon Pierce</i> INC      | <i>*John Lewis</i>               |

It was then moved and carried to complete the election by closing nominations and casting a white ballot.

**Elections to Lamb Fund**

The following ballot was presented:

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| <i>*Rev. George Bragdon</i> INC | <i>*Robert Gray</i> |
| <i>*Rev. James Ransom</i>       |                     |

It was moved and passed to close nominations and cast a white ballot for those nominated.

### **Election to Ministerial Welfare and Benefits and Hospitalization**

The following ballot was presented:

\**Rudolph Schmidt* INC

\*Rev. Arthur Scott

\**Rev. John Clark* INC

\**Gordon Shaw*

By motion the time for business at this time was extended ten minutes. Nominations were closed by motion.

### **Election to Pension Fund**

The ballot of the Nominating Committee was presented as follows:

\**Rev. William A. Mahlow* INC

\*Rev. Charles Holliday INC

Rev. Eugene Gray and Mr. *Gordon D. Shaw* were nominated from the floor and nominations were then closed by motion seconded and passed.

The Moderator declared the body in recess to 7:15 p.m. and asked Rev. Ross Graham to close in prayer.

The Vice Moderator called Synod to order and asked Rev. Eugene Potoka to pray at 7:15 p.m.

### **Report of the Committee on "Enlarging the Definition of Ministry to Include Counseling"**

Rev. Charles B. Holliday, chairman, presented Dr. Richard Gray who presented the committee's report:

The Committee appointed by the 151st General Synod to answer Overtures S and T (Minutes p. 118,119) to study: (1) the FOG's definition of the Gospel ministry; (2) ordination for ministries "not accompanied by installation in a pastoral charge" re pastoral counseling; (3) whether oversight of a minister not laboring in a pastorate shou'd be implemented; (4) what, if anything, should be done about men no longer carrying on the ministry for which they received ordination.

I. The FOG is somewhat ambiguous on the subject "who is to be ordained."

On the one hand, it says that a licentiate should undergo a period of trial to determine whether he possesses the "special gifts of preaching, teaching, shepherding and soul winning." This seems to suggest he is being licensed and ordained in order to exercise all of these (FOG V,4n).

On the other hand, it says that a presbytery may ordain without installing in a pastoral charge a candidate to serve "as a chaplain, as a teacher of biblical subjects, as an administrator in Christian Education or in mis-

sions, . . . or in some other capacity within the proper functions of the ministry.” (V,5s)

In several of these categories it is difficult to see why certain of the four gifts mentioned above are needed or would be exercised in any significant way. This suggests that testing in the four special gifts may be intended by the FOG only if a man is to be installed in a pastoral charge. There is no indication of what trials re special gifts is to be made *if* a candidate is to be ordained for the alternate callings mentioned above.

1. Therefore, *we recommend* a careful, extended study of the Scripture with a view to discovering what gifts are necessary for ordination and what callings, other than to a pastorate, may be considered valid for ordination.

II. The FOG as it presently stands is open to the interpretation of ordaining a man as a Pastoral Counselor under circumstances analagous to ordaining a man under some of the other categories. It is conceivable that a Pastoral Counselor serving a Christian agency under an inter-congregational or inter-denominational board would exercise *some* of the special gifts mentioned in the FOG, V,4n, but *all* of them would *not* be exercised significantly. But this is also the case in reference to one of the other categories, i.e. an administrator in a Christian school. It is to be noted, though, that Pastoral Counseling in a Christian agency requires the special gift of shepherding, and the gift of teaching may also be exercised.

2. Therefore, *we recommend* that until such a study is completed the decision whether a candidate should be ordained if his main task is to be Pastoral Counseling be left to the discretion of the presbytery with the admonition it satisfy itself that such a candidate

- 1) Has a personal conviction that God is calling him to minister the Word in his Pastoral Counseling
- 2) Has a formal call to a Christian agency
- 3) Believes he is exercising one or more of the special gifts mentioned in V,4n in his Pastoral Counseling and the presbytery satisfies itself that he has these gifts by observing him in the trial period between licensure and ordination.
- 4) Has been given a trial period between licensure and ordination to satisfy itself as to whether he has the gift of shepherding and/or the gift of teaching in Pastoral Counseling.

III. Regarding the request of Overture T asking the Synod to provide “for oversight of a minister not laboring in a pastorate and/or providing the machinery for a man to withdraw from the responsibilities for which he was ordained when called to some other area of service,”

*We recommend* that the committee to be appointed include this in their study.

Charles B. Holliday, Chairman

Rev. Lawrence G. Andres presented a minority report which follows:

As a member of this committee I heartily concur with the first point of our committee's report, but not with the second point. I therefore offer the following minority report which concerns the last point of our report. For this minority report I have taken the report of the Philadelphia Presbytery's Committee to consider the definition of the gospel ministry as given in the Form of Government. To this report I have added my comments which are in full capitals.

A special committee of Presbytery was established by our Philadelphia Presbytery on April 3, 1971, to (a) consider the definition of the gospel ministry as given in the Form of Government and to (b) consider the place of pastoral counseling in relation to the same. The committee has met to study the question and the following report sets forth the opinion of a majority of the committee.

(a) What are the limits of "the gospel ministry" as described in the Form of Government?

The qualifications of a gospel minister are described in I Timothy 3:1-7 and in Titus 1:5-9. These men are distinguished from ruling elders by their special vocation, that they shall "labor in the word and doctrine" (I Timothy 5:17,18).

The Form of Government (Chap. V, Ministers, p. 50) describes the various functions of the minister. These include supervision, counseling, teaching, discipline, preaching and administering the sacraments. The Form of Government infers that the gospel minister is to function to some degree in *every* area (and would seem to argue against specialization in any one area).

What about the exceptions to the pastoral ministry, where ordination is also indicated, described on p. 61 of the Form of Government? Doesn't this argue for specialization? No, rather it recognizes that the church may exist in extraordinary circumstances (chaplaincy), or the minister may serve where the church does not yet exist (missionary or evangelist) or where a minister familiar with the various functions of the ministry is engaged in the training or supervision of others directly engaged in the ministry (seminary instructor or administrator or missions administrator). The labor must in every case be one in "the word and doctrine."

The Form of Government (p. 58) requires that a candidate for ordination satisfy the Presbytery of his special gifts of "preaching, teaching, shepherding, and soul-winning." There would be no need for these particular gifts if they were not regularly exercised in the vocation of the gospel ministry. **A CANDIDATE MAY BE STRONGER IN ONE AREA THAN ANOTHER, BUT OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT INSISTS THAT EACH GIFT BE PRESENT IN THE CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION.**

Our Form of Government states that we, as a Presbytery, "... license ... to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry ... ." If we were to ordain individuals for the exercise of gifts other than that

of preaching, to what purpose would we license these individuals? IF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT PUTS EMPHASIS ON ANY ONE GIFT OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, IT IS ON PREACHING. THIS IS THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF A CANDIDATE BEING LICENSED ACCORDING TO OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

That the gospel ministry is primarily concerned with a ministry to the church as a whole (contrasted with a primarily person to person ministry) is described in the Westminster Form of Presbyterial Church Government (1645), that section "Touching the Doctrine of Ordination" which states, "Ordination is the solemn setting apart of a person to some *public* church office" (emphasis added). The office of teaching elder or minister is related to the public life of the church just as the offices of ruling elder and deacon are related to the public life of the church. COUNSELING IS BY NATURE PRIVATE RATHER THAN PUBLIC.

We consider I Timothy 5:17 ("they who labor in the word and doctrine") to mean persons whose ministry is characterized by preaching and teaching the gospel. Since every Christian's vocation must be consistent with the Word of God and since every Christian should apply the precepts of the Word to the vocational circumstances in which he finds himself, to assume a different meaning of this particular scripture would eliminate entirely the scriptural basis for ordination of any gospel ministers as distinct from other elders. Hence we cannot consider persons as gospel ministers solely because a comprehensive knowledge of scripture may assist them in their vocation.

Therefore, we find that the definition of "Ministers" in the Form of Government is rather limited to a pastoral ministry and those exceptions explicitly mentioned in the Form of Government, p. 61. We find no basis for taking under care, licensing or ordaining persons whose vocations are other than those mentioned. Our church government warns against "... ordaining men who have no definite prospect of service in any particular field appropriate to the ministry." (p. 61). We find no Biblical basis for recommending any revision in the Form of Government.

(b) What is the place of specialized pastoral counseling in relation to the gospel ministry?

The care of the people of God, including the counsel given to them, is primarily the responsibility of the Church, and particularly that manifestation of the body to which the person(s) belong. The letters to the churches at Corinth, Ephesus and Philippi clearly teach this primary responsibility.

Because of the qualifications of the teaching and ruling elders (being grounded in the word of God) and because of their unique position (persons called of God and ordained to a position of government) the church officers alone can authoritatively counsel and discipline their brothers. To remove this responsibility from the pastors and elders is to prevent them from fulfilling their calling.

From Ephesians 4:11-16, I Corinthians 12, and other passages it is obvious that there are different gifts and callings or vocations. It is also ob-

vious that these gifts are to be used for the benefit of the church. We find the vocations of counselor, psychologist, and psychiatrist to be consistent with the scriptures. Those primarily responsible for the care of the flock should be encouraged to recognize the specialized training and proficiency of others and to use these gifts as an adjunct to the gospel ministry. In utilizing the gifts of others, however, the church officers and pastor can in no way abrogate their scriptural responsibility for the counseling and discipline of the church.

Although the ministry of counseling may be a neglected or abused ministry within the church, the correction of this abuse lies not in delegating this responsibility to others, but in the responsible fulfilling of this facet of the church's ministry by those who are the church, and particularly by her pastors and ruling elders. I THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT ACCORDING TO OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT ONE IS ORDAINED TO THE "PUBLIC" CHURCH OFFICE WHICH IS TO INCLUDE PREACHING, TEACHING, SHEPHERDING, AND SOUL-WINNING. EACH OF THESE GIFTS HAVE THEIR PLACE AND CAN BE A SPECIAL CALLING IN THEMSELVES, BUT TO BE ORDAINED INTO THE "GOSPEL MINISTRY" ONE MUST POSSESS ALL FOUR. THEREFORE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ACCORDING TO OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WE CAN ORDAIN A MAN TO BE A "COUNSELOR," "PSYCHOLOGIST," OR "PSYCHIATRIST."

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence G. Andres  
Member of the Committee

The Committee's recommendation 1 was presented. A motion to extend the time for debate fifteen minutes was carried. The previous question was moved and carried. The recommendation was voted on and it carried.

The committee's recommendation 2 was presented. It was moved and carried to postpone indefinitely.

The committee presented recommendation 3. On call for the question the recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Andres moved and it was seconded that Synod adopt this minority recommendation: "A teaching elder is to be ordained to the public church office which is to include preaching, teaching, shepherding and soul winning as well as the administration of the sacraments and discipline. Each of these gifts have their place and can be a special calling in themselves but to be ordained into the Gospel Ministry one must possess and practice all of the above gifts and duties."

It was moved and carried to extend the time fifteen minutes.

A motion to postpone indefinitely the minority recommendation carried.

On motion Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Nelson Malkus.

## WEDNESDAY MEETING

The Moderator called the meeting to order and read from the Book of Revelation. After the singing of "The Old Hundredth" Dr. Robert Countess led in prayer.

It was moved and seconded that the study committee to implement the action pursuant to the action taken in response to the report of the Committee on "Enlarging the Definition of the Ministry" be the Form of Government Committee plus the Moderator. It was moved and carried to substitute that the Committee be one which the Moderator would appoint plus the Moderator himself. This then was adopted as the main motion.

### Archivist Report

Rev. Edward Steele III reported as follows:

#### Fathers and Brothers:

##### 1. ACQUISITIONS

(1) Professor J. Barton Payne recently encouraged Pastor Robert Stewart to donate to the Archives a variety of valuable materials. Pastor Stewart made a very generous gift to Synod; the following gives a sample of what was given to the Archives:

a. almost a complete set of RP minutes from 1798 to the present—except 1846 and other years; Stated Clerk Paul Gilchrist has helped fill in the gaps; we hope to xerox a copy of the 1846 minutes;

b. a large supply of various RP journals, both *New Light* and *Old Light*, including nearly all issues of the *Advocate* from about 1868, and copies of the *Banner of the Covenant* published by George Stewart;

c. the original charter of the RP Seminary from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the Seminary began operation in 1810);

d. several copies of *Reformation Principles Exhibited by the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States of America* (in appreciation for the industry and assistance of Professor Payne the Archivist has given to him on permanent loan a copy of this now rare volume);

(2) Professor William S. Barker has given some histories of congregations written by former students; Mr. Barker has given other materials of procedural interest; the Archives have benefited from the interest shown by Messrs. Barker and Payne.

(3) President S. Bruce Willson of the Covenanter Seminary has made a gift of Glasgow's history of the RP church and other volumes;

(4) Mr. Fred F. Marshall has loaned important materials that will be xeroxed;

(5) One of our venerable Fathers, a Presbyterian in Darlington, Mr. Chalmers Elder, has given issues of the *Advocate*.

(6) The Archives now have the third volume of a three-volume set: *Lectures in Pastoral Theology* by R. J. George, professor of theology and church history in the Covenanter Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., 1892-1910. Does anyone have volume one and/or two?

(7) Pastor DeVelde has been sending pertinent materials to the Archives on a monthly basis; Pastors! do you have church histories, *et alia*, that should be in the Archives?

(8) President Barnes of Covenant College sent materials concerning the dedication of the new buildings on the Campus; any documents relating to any significant enterprise in Synod should be sent to the Archives!

(9) *Summary*: Other items were collected; the preceding is a selective report. The gains in the Archives have been modest; we have grown primarily through the gifts of a few individuals. Synod at large is not yet cooperating with the Archives by sending on a continuing basis minutes, *et alia*, which should be collected in this central depository. *Mandate* kindly printed a plea to Synod to begin this kind of regular support. *Please put us on your mailing list*, agencies, presbytery clerks, session clerks, commissions, committees, *et alii*!

## 2. STIPEND MANAGEMENT

In 1971 \$25, in 1972 \$50; Accumulated *total* \$75. Last Synod the Archivist reported frugality and a balance of \$25. This Synod the Archivist does not report frugality, rather, imagination; the current balance is \$76.57! The annual stipends are being accumulated (with interest) towards the purchase of a fire-proof and secure filing cabinet. As you have noted in this report there are documents presently in the Archives that warrant such security. At the present rate of support (Synod has been asked for a '73 stipend of \$50) Synod should have adequate depository facilities in about ten years.

## 3. LOCATION

The Archives continue in a large closet on the Seminary campus—in Edwards Hall. Seminary Librarian Joseph Hall has agreed to take bound volumes from the Archives and integrate them with the Library collection so as to make the archival data accessible. At present there does not appear to be any available room in the Library complex—or in the Administration Building for that matter—for the unbound papers. It is our goal to remove all the Archives from Edwards Hall to the Library complex. It would appear that until NPM should have quarters elsewhere no additional space will be found there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward A. Steele III

A motion was seconded and approved that Synod approve the purchase of appropriate storage for the archives.

## Special Committee on the Form of Government

Dr. W. Harold Mare brought the following report:

The Special Committee on the Form of Government appointed at the 151st Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, May 18-24, 1973, recommends that the following amendments to the Form of Government be adopted by Synod and sent down to the presbyteries for their consideration and report of action to the Stated Clerk of Synod:

A. The committee recommends that the following sections of the Form of Government be amended to read as follows (*italicized words indicate the changed wording*):

1. FOG IV, 1,b: Until such time as there are *four hundred* ministers and *two hundred churches* in this denomination all ministers able to attend a meeting of the synod shall be enrolled as members thereof, their names being certified by the clerks of their respective presbyteries to the stated clerk of synod.

2. FOG IV, 1,c: omit the present paragraph and adopt the following: *The elder delegates and alternates, if any, who are entitled to represent their churches and presbyteries as members of a meeting of synod shall be certified by the clerks of sessions to the clerks of their respective presbyteries. The clerks of presbyteries shall then certify these names to the clerk of synod.*

3. FOG IV, 1,e: When there are as many as *four hundred* ministers and *two hundred churches* in the denomination, the stated clerk . . . (continue as in the present FOG paragraph).

4. FOG IV, 1,g: When the number of ministers who may be commissioners to a meeting of synod shall again reach the number of *four hundred*, notice shall again be given as provided above, and the number of minister (omit, "*and elder*") commissioners shall be further reduced by ten percent to the nearest whole number below ninety percent of the previous number.

5. FOG IV, 1,h: The process of ten percent reductions herein provided for shall be continued so that the total number of ministers to be commissioners shall be kept below *four hundred* (omit, "*with a corresponding number of elders*") provided that every presbytery shall always be entitled to elect at least one minister and one elder as commissioners.

6. FOG IV, 1,f: At the next stated meeting of the synod following such announcement, and thereafter, the commissioners to the synod be only ninety percent of the ministers of the several presbyteries or the next whole number below ninety percent, (omit, "*with an equal number of elders from each presbytery*") such ministers (omit, "*and elders*") being elected as commissioners to the synod by their several presbyter-

ies and such elders selected by the sessions of the churches being certified by the presbyteries (omit the last sentence of the paragraph, "The presbyteries . . . practicable" and substitute:) *The number of elder delegates from each church shall be determined on the following representative principle that there be one delegate for each two hundred communicant members or fraction thereof.*

7. FOG IV, 1j: The sentence beginning with the words, "Yet it be desirable" and ending with the words, "insofar as possible" be deleted.

8. FOG III, 1: the second paragraph be deleted and the following paragraph be substituted: *The number of elder delegates from each church shall be determined on the following representative principle that there be one delegate for each two hundred communicant members or fraction thereof, with every congregation represented by at least one elder.*

B. The Special Committee on the Form of Government recommends that for the 152nd Synod all sessions of churches elect delegates to be then elected and certified to the clerk of synod by the several presbyteries on the proportionate basis of one elder delegate for every three hundred members or fraction thereof.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Harold Mare, Chairman  
Richard W. Gray  
R. Laird Harris  
Donald J. MacNair  
Robert L. Reymond  
Robert Titmus  
Wesley Vannoy  
DeWitt Watson

Part A was proposed. After some discussion it was moved and carried to commit the report to the Form of Government Committee with instructions that they take into consideration the following principles which at times may be in conflict:

1. The Biblical and Presbyterian principle of the parity of elders
2. The ideal of ruling elder representation from sessions
3. The pragmatic, logistical problem of the practical number of delegates at a General Synod.

## **Bills and Overtures Report**

Dr. Marion Barnes presented the response of the Committee to the Overtures submitted to Synod.

### *OVERTURE A—Action to Alleviate Burden for Western Churches*

The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Seattle on 21 March 1973, respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod meeting at Covenant College, 18-24 May, 1973,

to take action to alleviate the special burden of those from the far west participating in synod meetings.

WHEREAS the great distances and heavy expenses involved in attending Synod every year work an extra burden on pastors, elders and congregations in the far western part of the U.S. and Canada and greatly limit their ability to participate in Synod;

AND WHEREAS our congregations are also asked to bear equally the financial burden of Synod with other churches;

AND WHEREAS we want to participate fully in Synod;

THEREFORE WE HUMBLY OVERTURE the 151st General Synod to adopt the following means of equitably distributing this burden:

- a. Have Synod meet west of the Mississippi River at least every fourth year.
- b. Hold Synod at a time of year when men could combine Synod with family vacation travel to save expenses.
- c. Consider requesting a lesser amount of support for Synod from the congregations west of the Rocky Mountains.

*Response:*

a. Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the adoption of a. "Have Synod meet West of the Mississippi River at least every fourth year."

b. Bills and Overtures recommends referring paragraph b to the Synod Administrative Committee—"Hold Synod at a time of year when men could combine Synod with family vacation travel to save expenses."

c. Bills and Overtures Committee recommends asking the Attendance and Expense Committee to give an appropriately larger percentage of travel expense to commissioners that come from a greater distance.

*Action:*

It was moved and carried to consider the parts of the response *seriatim* and in separate actions, each part was adopted.

*OVERTURE B—Ruling on Application of FOG to Decision on Merger*

The Southeast Presbytery respectfully overtures the 151st Synod of the R.P.C.E.S. meeting at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, May 18-24, 1973 to make a determination as to the application of the Form of Government, chapter II, Section 6, paragraph 7 (beginning, "All ecclesiastical rights . . .") particularly as it relates to the matter of merger with other denominations. Inasmuch as this important matter is not "expressly designated for the . . . courts of the church by the . . . government . . . of this denomination," does the paragraph mean that the decision on any Plan of Union with another ecclesiastical body must be "reserved to the congregations of the several particular churches"?

*Response:*

With regard to the question whether congregations should vote on the

plan of union, the Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the following answer: it is true that our government reserves otherwise unspecified powers to the congregation level, FOG II, Section 6, paragraph 7.

However, FOG IV, 9,e, places the power of interdenominational communications and transaction of business in the hands of the Synod specifically, not in the hands of particular churches. Furthermore, the history of our union between the EPC and RPC gives strong precedent for voting on the subject by presbyteries and synods as the way contemplated for changes in the procedure for amending the standards of our church FOG VI, 1.

At the same time it is the sense of the Synod that the matter of union should be thoroughly discussed and should be brought to the attention of our people by their representatives in sessions and presbyteries.

*Action:*

Synod adopted 89 to 48 the committee's response.

It was moved and seconded that the Form of Government Committee be instructed to prepare an amendment to the Form of Government outlining the procedure for church merger. The vote required a division of the house. The motion was lost 51-78.

The Moderator declared a recess until 11:00 a.m.

The Moderator called the meeting to order asking Dr. Kenneth Wolf to pray.

The minutes of the Tuesday meeting exclusive of the evening session were presented and approved with corrections.

It was moved and carried that the Stated Clerk be instructed to extend the apology of Synod to the Pacific Northwest Presbytery and specifically to Rev. Lyall Detlor for the loss of action on its Overture in the minutes of the 1970 Synod and the subsequent failure of response to Presbytery.

## **Administrative Committee Recommendation No. 5**

Recommendation 5 of the Administrative Committee's report was adopted. This reads as follows: "Preliminary adoption of the proposed budget and urge all churches to seek to contribute \$1.00 per member for Synod."

## **Bills and Overtures (continued)**

### *OVERTURE C—Rescind Action to Waive Six Month Licensure Requirement*

At the Winter Stated meeting, January, 1972, the Midwestern Presbytery voted to "waive the six-month requirement" as found in the *Form of Government* (V,5,g). The Midwestern Presbytery acknowledges that to "waive" any provision in the *Form of Government* is a violation of Presbyterian polity for the following reasons:

(1) The authority of the Form of Government over the actions of every Presbytery and Synod arises from its adoption by the General Synod. The provision for amendments in chapter VI specifies that such can be made only

by a vote of the majority of the Presbyteries plus a vote by the next ensuing Synod. No Presbytery acting singly has authority to amend, alter, or waive any section of the *Form of Government*.

(2) Any alteration of the *Form of Government* by a lower judicatory acting unilaterally destroys the principle of graded courts and allows Presbyteries to differ in their requirements for ordination.

(3) If a Presbytery can waive one requirement for ordination, it can with equal force and legality waive any other. Therefore it could waive any or all of the ordination questions in chapter V,3.

When this matter was brought to the attention of the 150th General Synod, was Synod voted to approve the principle that a lower court could legally and properly waive the provisions of the *Form of Government*. The motion adopted by Synod is found on page 110 of the Minutes, and reads in part: "nor has the Presbytery been improper in regard to the six-month requirement in that the Presbytery waived that requirement by proper vote (see Presbytery Minutes, page 54)." The motion as carried by General Synod constitutes a serious violation of Presbyterian polity.

Therefore, the *Midwestern Presbytery respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod* of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (1) to rescind the Synodical approval of the Presbyterial Records Committee's recommendation that the Midwestern Presbytery has not "been improper in regard to the six-month requirement in that the Presbytery waived that requirement by proper vote . . ."; and (2) to rule whether the six-month requirement begins at the time of licensure or at any point six months prior to ordination.

*Response:*

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that Synod (1) rescind the synodical approval of presbyterial records committee's recommendation that the Midwestern Presbytery has not been improper in respect to the 6-month requirement in that the presbytery "waive that requirement by a proper vote . . ."; and (2) rule that the 6-month requirement begins at the time of licensure.

*Action:*

It was moved and carried to postpone action on *part b* until the report by the Study Committee on "Preparation for the Ministry." The committee response to *part a* was adopted. (See page 123).

*OVERTURE D—Cooperative Efforts Without Synod Endorsement*

The Southeast Presbytery respectfully overtures the 151st Synod of the R.P.C.E.S. meeting at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, May 18-24, 1973 to answer the following question: Is it proper for a committee of Synod to enter into co-operative efforts with other ecclesiastical bodies, e.g. Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, without proper action by Synod granting permission?

*Response:*

With regard to the question of cooperative effort with such bodies as the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, we recommend the reply that the Synod has the authority to act in the area of interdenominational activity (FOG IV, 9,e). The authority of committees of Synod depends on the powers given by the Synod. When authority is not specified, the said committee must use its judgment and initiative. For instance, the Fraternal Relations Committee has at times initiated the exchange of fraternal greetings.

The PEF is not an arm of any denomination. It would seem therefore that our Evangelism Committee is within its authority in engaging in some types of cooperation with the PEF.

*Action:*

Synod adopted the response of the committee.

*OVERTURE E—Advise WPM to Revise Policy for Support of Missionaries*

The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Seattle, Washington on March 21, 1973, respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod, meeting at Covenant College, May 18-24, 1973, as follows:

- 1) Since World Presbyterian Missions is an agency of Synod, the Board of World Presbyterian Missions should approve a budgeted program of support for its missionaries and accepted candidates.
- 2) That in persuance of this new policy the burden of securing support be removed largely from the responsibility of the missionary or accepted candidates,
- 3) That missionaries home on furlough and accepted candidates be assigned in consultation with them, to one of the various Presbyteries to live for at least six months of the year prior to their going to the field in order to gain the saturation interest of that Presbytery. Each Presbytery is to provide necessary housing.

THEREFORE WE HUMBLY OVERTURE the 151st Synod, convening at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, during the month of May in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three to advise the Board of World Presbyterian Missions to revise its policy of providing support for World Presbyterian Missions missionaries and accepted candidates.

*Response:*

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that Synod refer these matters to the board of WPM for their evaluation.

*Action:*

It was moved and carried to amend by adding "and that WPM report back to the 152nd Synod. The response of committee as amended was adopted.

*OVERTURE F—Advise Regarding WPM Support of Saharanpur Pastors*

We, the members of Saharanpur Presbytery put the following request for your kind consideration.

As you are already aware the mission has been supporting the work of R.P. Churches as the people are not in a position to support their pastors fully. The mission has changed its policy and declared to the churches that the mission will no longer support the work. This year 20% support is cut off and the presbytery is facing great difficulty in taking care of the pastors. The pastors are not getting any medical, travel aids and the salary is so low that they are not able to maintain their households. We do not have any other means of income as some of the other denominations have shops, schools and other means of income.

If we do not get any support the Reformed Presbyterian Churches will no more operate. People are not very much concerned as they can take membership in other Union Churches which are rich and well organized.

The presbytery is uncertain, so all the members felt that we should bring this difficulty before others to help us and advise us so that the work may not be hindered.

*Response:*

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the matter be referred to W.P.M. with Synod's approval of the policy of reducing, gradually as far as feasible, the amount given for the support of certain of the Saharanpur Presbytery's pastors, but recommends that small existing works be not jeopardized by premature withdrawal of funds.

*Action:*

It was moved and adopted by adding "and that WPM report back to the 152nd Synod." The response as amended was passed.

*OVERTURE G—Study on Support in India and Feasibility of Worldwide Presbyterian Church*

WHEREAS our foreign mission agency, WPM is committed to the policy of building self-supporting indigenous churches, and

WHEREAS our denomination has a presbytery in India and has churches in other countries with the prospect of new churches in yet other countries,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Presbytery meeting in Auburn, Alabama on April 6-7, 1973 respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod to study in the light of Biblical principles and practices

- (1) the best resolution of the self-support problem in India, and
- (2) the possibility of one world-wide presbyterian framework which will embrace all churches now or to be affiliated with us.

*Response:*

The Committee suggests that

- (1) "The best resolution of the self-support problem in India" is already

responded to in Overture F.

In reference to

(2) “the possibility of one world-wide presbyterian framework which will embrace all churches now or to be affiliated with us,” it is recommended by the Bills and Overtures Committee that the Moderator appoint a study committee to deal with this.

*Action:*

The response of the committee was adopted.

#### *OVERTURE H—Ruling on Dual Membership in Presbyteries*

The Delmarva Presbytery respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod to advise its foreign missionary members that there is no constitutional provision for dual presbytery membership and that Synod recommend that their relationship to presbyteries on the foreign mission field be that of corresponding members or visiting brethren or of fraternal delegates or advisors rather than actual members. In cases where it seems advisable to join the presbytery on the foreign mission field, their membership in their home presbytery should be relinquished.

*Response:*

The Bills and Overtures Committee in response to Overture H recommends that Synod recognize under special circumstances, particularly in the early stages of the formation on a foreign mission of a local church or presbytery, that it is permissible for its ministers to have an associate or corresponding membership in the foreign presbytery if it is not an integral part of the RPCES and that WPM be asked to establish a uniform policy covering various categories for such membership for its missionaries.

*Action:*

It was moved and seconded to amend by inserting after “corresponding membership” “or in very special cases full membership.” Synod adopted the amendment 57-43. The amended response was adopted.

The Moderator declared Synod in recess until 1:30 p.m. and asked Rev. Martin Freeland to dismiss the meeting in prayer.

#### **Memorial Service**

The Vice Moderator called the Memorial Service to order by reading from Psalm 116. Following the singing of “Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne” Dr. Robert Reymond led in prayer, read from I Thessalonians 4, recited an appropriate poem, and gave a brief homily. Afterwards, the Synod Chorale sang a selection from Brahms’ *Requiem*. The following memorials were then presented:

## G. WESLEY WILLIAMS

The Rev. G. Wesley Williams was taken to be with the Lord on November 22, 1972.

Funeral services were conducted on November 25th in Seattle. Participating in the service were Reformed Presbyterian ministers Larry Billiter, Lyall Detlor, and John Hoogstrate.

Mr. Williams began to preach in Watford City, North Dakota, when the Church in which he served as an elder was without a pastor. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel by the Great Plains Presbytery in July of 1953. At the time of Presbytery's examination for ordination, Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer was speaking at the Bible Camp of Presbytery, and at Presbytery's invitation, he examined Mr. Williams in Systematic Theology.

In later years Mr. Williams moved to Seattle, and worked for the Christian organization, King's Garden. He was associated with the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Seattle, and more recently with the Highline Reformed Presbyterian Church of South Seattle. He loved his Church and was a faithful attender even in recent months when his health was failing. He had a warm spirit of Christian fellowship which gained for him the love and respect of many Christians of other communions. He will be remembered as very zealous for souls and diligent in personal witnessing.

The Rev. Mr. Williams attended Synod faithfully for many years and was one of the original committee of seven who established Covenant College for our Synod.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Paul Warren, of the Seattle area, and six grandchildren.

## JAMES H. McCLINTOCK

The Rev. James H. McClintock was snatched away to glory as the result of a heart attack on Saturday, April 21, 1973. His wife of 35 years was the former Catherine Marshall of Charlotte, N.C., Jim's own birthplace. She was his helpmeet as he labored for 25 years as a pastor in 5 churches in Washington, D.C. and the Carolinas. Except for 10 years when he served an independent church, Jim was a member of the Bible, Evangelical, and Reformed Presbyterian Churches out of a deep conviction of the rightness of their position. He graduated from Davidson College in 1934. After 11 years as an accountant, he felt God's call to the ministry and received his M.Div. degree from Faith Theological Seminary in 1948. Only in March of 1972 did he resign the pulpit in Reidsville, N.C. to return to the business world while taking every opportunity to continue to preach the Word of God, which activity was the joy of his heart. The men of the Southeast Presbytery, particularly, within whose borders he labored for so long, will miss him, as will those who learned to love him and who enjoyed his fellowship from time to time. We pray God's comfort and blessing upon his wife, his two children, Mrs. C. N. Bell and James, Jr., both of Charlotte, and the three grandchildren.

## MARINUS HOOGSTRATE

Marinus Hoogstrate was called to be with the Lord on November 29, 1972. Born on June 23, 1890, in Holland, he passed away in Everett, Washington, at the age of 82 years. He was a veteran of World War I and a printer by trade.

He first confessed Christ as Saviour in the Christian Reformed Church in Passaic, N.J., where he was also ordained an elder. He moved to Morrisville, Pa., and spent most of his life there. He joined the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Trenton, N.J. and served as elder in that church for many years. He lived through testing times of expansion and growth in the life of the church; he was always faithful to his Lord and to his convictions. In an expanding church facing many new situations, he was a godly, spirit-filled assistance to the pastor. He often provided an indispensable, conservative balance, evaluating Session and Congregation actions in light of Scripture and church standards.

Upon moving to Everett in 1969 he joined Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church of which his son is minister.

Mr. Hoogstrate is survived by his wife, Clara, and a son, Rev. John P. Hoogstrate, both of Everett, and a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Lothers of Wheaton, Ill.

Following the funeral service in Everett, interment took place in New Jersey. "Absent from the body; present with the Lord."

## T. STANLEY SOLTAU

Through a long, useful life Theodore Stanley Soltau, D.D. served faithfully and well the Lord he loved.

Dr. Soltau was born of missionary parents in Tasmania, and throughout his life was himself a missionary in every sense of the word. He received his early schooling in England, his undergraduate training in Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. His theological work was done at Princeton Seminary under men whose names are familiar to all in our church.

Shortly after graduation from seminary Dr. Soltau began a quarter of a century of profitable missionary endeavor in Korea. During these years he served under the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. working in pioneer missionary endeavor as well as in the administrative work of the mission in that land. It was while Dr. Soltau was in Korea that the church there suffered much persecution for its faith from the Japanese. Dr. Soltau stood firmly with the Church in resisting the attempts of the government to interfere with its service for the Lord.

Forced, through illness, to return from the foreign field in the late 1930's he entered on a new phase of his service. He was pastor in Evanston until 1942 when he was called by the First Evangelical Church of Memphis, Tenn.

The blessing of the Lord was upon his ministry in Memphis and the church grew in number and service. Dr. Soltau's life-long interest in missions was reflected in the interest of First Evangelical Church in missions across the world.

After 26 years of an active and valuable pastorate, Dr. Soltau resigned in June of 1968. In his "retirement" he was, if anything, more active in his ministry for people and for mission endeavor. He traveled extensively in the U.S. and on missionary trips to South America and around the world.

In the early 1950's Dr. Soltau united with the then Bible Presbyterian Church. His help in the formation of W.P.M. was great and he served until 1971 as the president of our mission board. He was for a time on the board of the North Africa Missions as well as that of Greater Europe Mission and Columbia Bible College.

T. Stanley Soltau, Christian gentleman, scholar, missionary, statesman, pastor, in the midst of an active life, stepped into the presence of the Lord on the afternoon of July 19, 1972. "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord."

### WILLARD GIBSON

Mr. Willard Gibson, an elder in the Bible Presbyterian Church of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, passed away September 20, 1972. For the believer it is written, "... absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). And again, "... To depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:23).

Willard was a charter member of the church, an elder from the beginning of the church, a trustee, and a Sunday school teacher. The need for him was felt so much that after his passing one lady remarked, "We say no one is indispensable, but Willard almost was."

Willard saw the apostasy of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and took a stand upon the Bible as the Word of God and left that denomination. Because of this stand he and others suffered for Christ.

Willard was loved by many—the funeral director said that as long as he has operated the funeral home he had not seen so many people to come to the funeral home. Just a few days ago, Mr. John Moore told me that he had lost (better, separated for a short time) one of his best friends.

Willard was concerned to see others receive Christ. In God's own way for him, he was a witness for Christ. One incident I now relate. Willard was an electrician in B&W and also did electrical work on the side. Through his side work he had many contacts—one was with a young lady who began to attend our church. What a joy it was to him when she responded to the gospel invitation and received Christ.

Is it any wonder that God gave to me for a funeral text—"Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Sam. 3:38).

### RICHARD L. HAGGARD

Richard L. Haggard, or "Dick" as he was widely known in Auburn, Alabama, and Covenant Presbyterian Church, went to be with Christ on August

11, 1972. A native of Perry County, Alabama, he spent his early years in Gadsden, Alabama, moving to Auburn in 1945. He took his stand with those who organized Covenant Presbyterian Church in Auburn in 1966. He opposed the liberalism which he found in the local Southern Presbyterian Church and desired to be identified with a church committed to the Scriptures as the fully inspired Word of God and the message of a miraculous Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord. As a charter member he in due time served as a deacon, a ruling elder, and clerk of session. He took a very practical and personal interest in the church's building and grounds. He was known for his readiness to serve in any way he could. He is remembered for what he was, how he served and his commitment to the Cause of Christ.

The Service was concluded with the singing of Psalm 23 and prayer by Dr. Reymond.

The Moderator assumed the chair.

### **Evangelism Committee Report**

Dr. Thomas G. Cross gave the report for the committee.

Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee has prepared a paper in response to an action of the 150th synod under the title, "An Evaluation of Contemporary Evangelistic Methods and Theology and a Statement of Biblical Principles of Evangelism."

Your committee has communicated with every church of our denomination encouraging each session and pastor to plan special evangelistic meetings.

Several of our churches have held successful meetings and your committee would urge each church to plan such meetings in the future.

Your committee will examine evangelists of P.E.F. at their "Montreat Conference" and make recommendations of some of their men to our churches for evangelistic services. These men have certain advantages in carrying out their work:

- (1) They are full time in the work and are free to schedule meetings according to the need of the churches.
- (2) They have a plan book for meeting preparation.
- (3) They have developed a certain expertise because of regular labors in this field.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas G. Cross, Chairman

Rev. Ben Wilkinson who will become President of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship in July, 1973, addressed Synod. Rev. Frank Smick told of the experience in their church in a recent evangelistic series. Time for

the report was extended ten minutes by motion. Rev. Frank Crane reported on his experience in the Coral Ridge program and Rev. Tom Watson gave some thoughts arising from the experiences in their church.

The Moderator declared a recess until 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who then asked Rev. Richard Aeshliman to pray.

### **Administrative Committee (continued)**

Recommendation 2 of the Administrative Committee, that the Evangelism Committee be continued for one more year was adopted.

The Administrative Committee presented the following recommendation regarding time and place of next Synod:

Fathers and Brethren:

Due to recent developments in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, where we were scheduled to meet in 1974, according to actions by the 150th General Synod, it was impossible for the Administrative Committee to make arrangements for next year's General Synod. Consequently we would make the following recommendations:

(1) That Synod empower the new Administrative Committee of Synod to make arrangements for the place of Synod in 1974 according to the following priorities:

1st) in Pennsylvania, at some location appropriate for the bicentennial celebration. The first Reformed Presbyterian presbytery was organized close to Paxtang, Pennsylvania, in 1774;

2nd) in Colorado, since we have had requests to meet in the western part of the nation;

3rd) at Covenant College, where facilities are available perhaps as nowhere else for a growing attendance at general synods.

(2) that Synod set May 31 to June 6, 1974, as the time for the 152nd General Synod, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Respectfully,

Marion Barnes, Chairman

Paul R. Gilchrist

Edward Steele

John MacGregor

Richard Tevebaugh

It was moved and carried to amend the recommendation by making the dates May 24-30 a first choice for time. The recommendations were adopted as amended.

### **Election to Pension Fund**

A runoff election for the Pension Fund Committee was held between Mr. *Mahlow*, Mr. *Holliday*, and Mr. *Shaw*.

## Election to Nominations Committee

The ballots were distributed for the Nominations Committee:

Rev. James Singleton (RM)

Dr. David Jones (MW)

Rev. Darrell Harris INC (FL)

Rev. Dr. John Taylor, Sr. INC (SA)

Rev. Robert Hamilton (MW)

Robert Titmus INC (PI)

It was moved and carried to close nominations.

## Election of Archivist

Rev. Edward Steele III was nominated for Archivist and elected by motion to close nominations and that a white ballot be cast.

## Bills and Overtures Committee Report (continued)

### *OVERTURE I—Refuse Nominations to Synod Agencies of Men in Liberal Bodies*

The Rocky Mountain Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Kearney, Nebraska, October 4, 1972, respectfully overtures the 151st Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, meeting at Covenant College as follows:

“To take action regarding the nomination of men (man) to serve on agencies, and/or committees of Synod, particularly Covenant College, who are not in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and who, in some cases, may be in denominational affiliation which is marked by liberalism and/or potential heresy.

“It would be our opinion that such men who are deemed essential to our agencies, and/or committees, because of their kinship and identity with our denominational purpose, should sever their affiliation with the denomination where there are serious questions regarding doctrinal subscription and adherence and join the denomination with which they can more readily identify and support and function, before they are nominated for an agency and/or committee of Synod.”

### *Response:*

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the Synod adopt the following policy on nominations to the boards and committees of Synod.

In answer to Overture I on nominations of men to serve on agencies of the RPCES who are not in the RPCES the Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the Synod reply that the situation concerns what is often called second-degree separation. It has long been our policy to avoid spiritual fellowship with unbelief. However, in the case of men who are personally orthodox but in denominations marked by liberalism, our position has been that this situation is in the sphere of expediency.

If the man concerned is in sympathy with our separated position and is furthering that cause in his present relations, he may be considered as a

qualified nominee. If, however, he is satisfied with his connections and has no intention of separation, he should not serve on the boards of our agency. In any case our agency should only accept a small minority of such men. In the case considered, no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  are allowed.

*Action:*

The vote to adopt carried. Dr. Harold Stigers requested his negative vote be recorded.

*OVERTURE J—Study on Abortion Decisions of Supreme Court*

“We, the Southwest Presbytery petition the 151st General Synod to set up a committee to study the Scriptures relating to the January 22, 1973 decision of the United States Supreme Court regarding the abortion laws and that it report back to the 152nd General Synod.”

This overture was adopted at our Spring Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 10, 1973.

*Response:*

Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the Moderator of the 151st General Synod appoint a study committee to study the scriptural teaching on abortion.

*Action:*

Synod adopted the recommendation.

*OVERTURE K—Change Recommendation 3 on “Speaking in Tongues”*

The Delmarva Presbytery respectfully overtures the 151st General Synod to replace recommendation 3 of Synod Committee Report on “Speaking in Tongues” (1971 minutes, page 99) with the following:

Speaking in tongues, according to 1 Corinthians 14, is not to be encouraged and any sovereignly given gifts are to be strictly regulated and governed by the instructions of the Apostle Paul.

*Response:*

Bills and Overtures Committee in response to Overture K recommends that the 151st General Synod replace recommendation 3 of Synod Committee report on Speaking in Tongues (1971 Minutes, p. 99) with the statement that I Cor. 14:19, 22-23 discourages the speaking in tongues in church assemblies, where it must be strictly regulated and governed by the instructions of the Apostle Paul.

*Action:*

It was moved and seconded to substitute, “I Cor. 14 discourages the disorderly and uninterpreted speaking in tongues in church assemblies. Therefore where speaking in tongues occurs in church assemblies of our denomin-

ation it must be strictly regulated and governed by the instruction of the Apostle Paul.” It was moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee for further study on the issue of speaking in tongues considering such issues as:

1. The word “mysteriēs” in I Cor. 14:2
2. Whether one who speaks in tongues himself understands what he is saying.
3. The exegesis of I Cor. 13:10 “that which is perfect.”

The previous question was moved and carried 87 to 22.

The motion to commit carried.

The Moderator declared a recess to the call of the Moderator following the evening meeting and Rev. Richard Rowe led in prayer.

The Vice Moderator called Synod to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Darrell Harris.

## History of the Church Committee Report

Rev. Wyatt George presented the report.

Fathers and Brethren:

The History of the Church Committee reports delay in its main efforts, that of publishing the Reverend Mr. George Hutchinson’s manuscript on the history behind the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. The MS. is being considered by several parties for publication, but in every case, to our knowledge, the question is not the value of the work, but the foreseeable marketability of the book. If the marketability is thought to be low, the willingness to finance the printing is nil.

The problem, essentially, is the lack of confidence that the book can sell outside of the RPC,ES. And, it must be sold outside of the RPC,ES if it is going to be profitable to the publisher.

Considering that question, the history committee thinks that the book would appeal to every Reformed Presbyterian minister and probably to most of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Many ruling elders and local church historians should also be expected to show some interest. Local church librarians would certainly want to consider getting a copy. In short, we feel that there is potential within these two communions to sell a good number of 1,000 copies.

With the National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship in view, there is likely to be more correspondence between members of our church and members of other Reformed and Presbyterian bodies. This should add to the total market in a considerably substantial way.

Furthermore, the libraries of seminaries, Christian colleges and Bible schools would be immediately challenged to secure copies of the book.

The history committee, therefore, does not think that the market is seriously limited.

We look upon this book as a major contribution to the overall stability and vitality of our total witness. It is the only thing in print (even in manu-

script form) that does as good a job of tying our present church to the theology and traditions of the earliest and most significant portion of Presbyterianism in America. Its value is therefore proclaimed to the Synod and to everyone who has an interest in our witness. Selling the saleability of the book is a key part of our task at present. We ask for Synod's cooperation; we ask for individuals within the Synod to support the effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wyatt George, Chairman  
William S. Barker  
Joel Belz  
George P. Hutchinson  
Edward A. Steele III

The committee's recommendation that it be continued for another year was adopted.

The committee recommended that Synod grant it \$150.00 for expenses. This was passed.

The recommendation of the committee that the Moderator be authorized to appoint another member to the committee if necessary was also adopted.

## Form of Government Committee Report

Dr. Harold Mare reported.

Fathers and Brethren:

In response to the instruction given the Form of Government Committee by the 150th General Synod that the committee "bring recommendations regarding the setting aside by judicatory the provisions of the Form of Government and report the same to the 151st Synod," the committee reports and recommends the following:

(1) Whereas setting aside one provision of the Form of Government by a judicatory of the RPC,ES would logically mean that other provisions of the FOG might be set aside, and

(2) Whereas setting aside even a procedural provision of the FOG by a judicatory might logically lead to the conclusion that such FOG provisions as those in Chapter V, 3 (pp 47-50) on the subscription of ordination or induction vows for all ministers, licentiates, elders, deacons, and trustees could be set aside or changed without proper constitutional amendment, and,

(3) Whereas the Form of Government and any changes in it which have been sent down to the presbyteries for action have become and do become binding only after a majority of the presbyteries have given their approval by vote and in writing, and only after this the Synod has made declaration that the Form of Government or changes in it have been adopted and are in effect (see RPC,ES *FOG*, Chapter VI, "Amendments," page 73;

and cf. *Presbyterian Digest*, 1898, Chapter XXIII, "Amendments," pp. 601-2), this meaning that any individual judicatory on its own cannot set them aside,

### *Recommendation 1*

Therefore, the FOG Committee recommends that Synod adopt the action that "no judicatory has the right to set aside any part of the Form of Government unless and until the majority of the presbyteries has voted to set aside that particular provision in question and the next ensuing synod has declared such changes to have been adopted and are in effect."

Further, in response to Synod's direction to the committee (see Minutes 1972, p. 115) to consider amending FOG II, 5 and II, 7c regarding voting age requirements for corporation matters, the committee reports as follows:

Whereas the Form of Government II, 3 (p. 8) states the general rule that children must become communicant members of the church before they are entitled to vote in any meeting of the church, and

Whereas FOG, II, 6 states in its second paragraph that "all communicant members of a particular church shall be entitled to vote in meetings of the congregation, unless an age limit is specified in the rules governing the particular church," and thus minors in those churches where no age limit is specified in the local church's rules would be permitted to vote in non-corporate (legal) matters, but

Whereas there are states which have established the legal age of 21 as necessary for a person to vote in any corporation meeting and the RPC,ES Form of Government, II, in sections 3 and 7c, has rightfully recognized this in its provision,

### *Recommendation 2*

Therefore, the FOG Committee recommends for adoption by Synod the following:

That FOG, II, 5 (p. 9-10) and 7c (p. 12) be amended by adding in each section after the words, "twenty-one years of age or older" the words, "unless the laws in particular states in which the churches are located have corporate voting ages lower than twenty-one, in which cases these churches may follow the corporate voting age requirements in such states."

### *Recommendation 3*

In response to the instruction given the Form of Government Committee by the 150th General Synod that the committee consider amending the Form of Government V 6.g to include the requirement of a doctrinal examination of ministers transferring from one presbytery to another, the committee reports and recommends that the Form of Government V, 6.g

be amended by adding after the last words of the paragraph("member of the latter") the following:

*"and he shall not be accepted by the presbytery to which he is transferring until he has passed a doctrinal examination."*

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Harold Mare, Chairman  
Richard W. Gray  
Robert G. Rayburn  
Robert L. Reymond  
DeWitt Watson

The following three recommendations, all of which are amendments to the Form of Government, were presented by the committee and adopted by Synod in separate actions, and to be sent to presbyteries for action.

## Treasurer's Report

Dr. Charles Donaldson presented the Treasurer's Report.

### Fathers and Brethren:

The Lord has continued to bless the work of the Synod from a financial point of view. All of our bills have been paid, even though our income was somewhat below projections. Approximately half of our churches contributed to Synod expenses during the past year, and three agencies (National Presbyterian Missions, Covenant Seminary, and Christian Training, Inc.) also sent support.

While we can be thankful for our current financial condition, there are still a number of things we could do with increased income. More help could be given to the various committees of Synod to increase the effectiveness of their work. It would also be possible to help more commissioners with travel expenses to Synod. With these goals in mind I would like to encourage more churches to contribute to Synod following the guideline of \$1.00 per member per year. The various agencies will need to continue their support unless support from churches increases substantially.

The auditing committee of the 150th Synod recommended that the treasurer use a double entry system in bookkeeping. I am now in the process of converting to such a system, and the records for the current fiscal year (April 1, 1973-March 31, 1974) will be kept by this method. I am also initiating the practice of receipting contributions to Synod.

Let me express my own appreciation for the privilege of serving Synod in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles W. Donaldson  
Treasurer of Synod

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURES**  
for period from May 10, 1972 to March 31, 1973

**GENERAL FUND**

**INCOME**

Balance, May 10, 1972 \$2,051.28

Receipts

Income from 150th Synod

Registrations \$975.10

Offerings 299.87

Church Support 7,485.24

Agency Support 1,499.08

Individual Gifts 220.00

Designated Gift (Women's Synodical) 50.00

Sale of Office Equipment 40.00

Sale of Minutes and Forms 131.26

10,700.55

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR REPORT PERIOD \$12,751.83**

**EXPENDITURES**

150th Synod Expenses

Arrangements \$193.08

Clerical Help 125.00

Guest Speakers 185.00

Travel Expenses 1,571.00

Promotion 0.00

\$2,074.08

Stated Clerk

Salary \$1,666.60

Office Rental 500.00

Office Expenses 301.49

Clerical Help 533.00

3,001.09

Assistant Clerk Honorarium 100.00

Treasurer's Expenses 0.00

Archivist's Expenses 50.00

Travel Expenses: Moderator, Clerk, Ad. Com. 1,194.59

Printing and Mailing of Minutes 2,674.96

Fraternal Relations Committee 504.00

Other Committees 77.20

Miscellaneous 0.00

Printing of Forms 285.92

9,961.84

**BALANCE, March 31, 1973 \$2,789.99**

*MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND*

Balance, May 10, 1972	\$1,021.63
Receipts	100.00
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Balance, March 31, 1973	\$1,121.63

FINAL BUDGET  
April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974

**INCOME**

Receipts from 151st Synod	
Registrations	1,000.00
Offerings	500.00
Church Support	10,925.00
Agency Support	1,000.00
Individual Gifts	500.00
Sale of Minutes and Forms	100.00
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	\$14,025.00

**EXPENDITURES**

151st Synod Expenses	
Arrangements	200.00
Clerical Help	200.00
Guest Speakers	300.00
Travel Expenses	3,000.00
Promotion	200.00
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	3,900.00
Stated Clerk	
Salary	2,200.00
Office Rental	500.00
Office Expenses	500.00
Clerical Help	750.00
	_____
	3,950.00
Assistant Clerk Honorarium	100.00
Treasurer's Expenses	25.00
Archivist's Expenses	550.00
Travel: Moderator, Clerk, Administrative Committee	1,200.00
Printing and Mailing Minutes	3,000.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	500.00
History of Church Committee	150.00
Other Committees	350.00
Printing of Forms	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	_____
	\$14,025.00

It was moved and carried to adopt the budget.

## **Study Committee on "Preparation for the Ministry"**

Rev. William McColley presented the committee's report.

The Southern Presbytery overtured the 150th General Synod to change the Form of Government as follows:

1. Chapter V, Section 5b (p. 32 in *The Standards*). After the word preparation in the second paragraph of the section add the words "which shall include opportunities for the public ministry of the word under the supervision of presbytery."

2. Chapter V, Section 5f (p. 33). In the first paragraph of the section delete the words "and at least two years . . ." to the end of the sentence, replacing these words with the clause: "A candidate for the ministry shall ordinarily prepare for licensure not later than the completion of the second year of seminary. Under extraordinary circumstances a candidate may present himself for licensure without the usual academic qualifications."

A committee was appointed to study the proposed change and report to the 151st General Synod.

After making minor changes in the overture, the committee recommends that the change in the Form of Government be adopted. The first change is designed to encourage presbyteries to supervise a practical aspect of the candidate's preparation. It is certainly not unusual in our denomination for candidates for the ministry to preach, but too frequently presbyteries or their appropriate committees have not exercised their proper role in caring for the candidate's public ministry.

The second change merely brings the Form of Government for licensure into agreement with its statement for ordination, which allows for an exception, Chapter V, Section 5m, "A candidate for ordination shall have completed his college and seminary training and shall have received the usual degrees thereupon. The presbytery may, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, make an exception to these academic qualifications but only if it is the judgment of the presbytery that the candidate has the equivalent of such training." As the Form of Government now reads we theoretically allow for an exception in the third step to the ministry that the second step practically disallows.

Specifically we recommend the following proposed changes be sent to the presbyteries (as per Form of Government, Chapter VI, Section 1).

1. Chapter V, Section 5b. After the word "preparation" in the second paragraph of the section add the words: "which may include opportunities for the public ministry of the Word, under the supervision of presbytery."

2. Chapter V, Section 5f. In the first paragraph of the section delete

the words "and at least two years . . ." to the end of the sentence, replacing the words with the sentence: "He shall ordinarily prepare for licensure not later than the completion of the second year of seminary. Under extraordinary circumstances a candidate may present himself for licensure without the usual academic qualifications."

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Reymond  
Winston Lindley  
Paul Alexander  
Nelson Malkus  
William McColley, Chairman

#### **Action:**

It was recommended to amend the Form of Government according to recommendation 1.

This was passed, and will be sent down to presbyteries for their action.

It was recommended to amend the Form of Government according to recommendation 2. It was moved and seconded to amend by adding "but only if it is the judgment of the presbytery that the candidate has the equivalent of such training." The motion to amend carried 57-31. The motion as amended lost.

#### **Action on Overture C, Part b**

The motion to adopt *part b* carried.

It was moved and carried to refer this interpretation to the Form of Government Committee.

#### **Auditing Committee Report**

Mr. Gordon D. Shaw reported the results of the committee examinations.

The committee examined the following CPA audited financial reports of the following boards, agencies or committees and audited by the following firms:

1. Christian Training, Inc.—October 31, 1972—Neil Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard
2. Covenant College—June 30, 1972—Hazlett, Lewis and Bieter
3. Covenant Theological Seminary—June 30, 1972—Burleigh L. Coombes Jr.
4. Health and Welfare Committee—December 31, 1972—David M. Huber, Jr.
5. National Presbyterian Missions, Inc.—December 31, 1972—Swanson, Ogilvie & McKenzie
6. Reformed Presbyterian Foundation—December 31, 1972—Swanson, Ogilvie & McKenzie
7. Board of Trustees—December 31, 1972—David M. Huber, Jr.

The committee was informed that the audit for the following agencies or committees were not sent to Synod in time for the committee's usage and would be sent at a later date:

1. World Presbyterian Missions—June 30, 1972—Miller, Miller, & Co.
2. Pension Fund—June 30, 1972—Miller, Miller & Co.

The financial reports of the following boards and agencies, appearing as part of their report to Synod, were found to be in order. There was neither time nor substantiating data available to fully audit the books as would be the case of a CPA audit:

1. Lamb Fund
2. Treasury of Synod
3. Knollwood Lodge
4. Mandate Committee
5. Home Missions Board

Suggestions for improving the financial record keeping of the boards and agencies suggested by the committee are as follows:

1. Covenant Seminary—refrain from using the category “other” or provide a typical explanation of what might be included in this category.
2. That all agencies or boards make sure that abbreviations used are spelled out at least once in the documents.

The following recommendation is made by the committee for Synod consideration:

1. As in past Synods we recommend that boards, agencies and other committees handling over \$10,000 annually or employing 1 or more full time employee have their books audited by a CPA firm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon D. Shaw, Chairman  
The Rev. Harold Rapp  
Iver Hudson  
Tom Elliott

Recommendation 1 was adopted.

## **Presbytery Records Committee Report**

Rev. Paul Alexander gave the report as follows:

It was moved and carried that the minutes of Delmarva Presbytery and Southwest Presbytery be approved without exceptions.

On motion, Synod approved the minutes of the following presbyteries with exceptions as noted below:

### **CALIFORNIA**

- 1) May 4, 1972 minutes not included in Report of Synod on Records Committee (which met May 17, 1972)

- 2) Ministers without excuses are not noted
- 3) Time and date of adjournment not noted
- 4) Person offering adjourning prayer not noted
- 5) Date of minutes of previous meeting not given when approved
- 6) Bottom of page 89 not "X" out
- 7) Motion to constitute presbytery as a committee of the whole (page 83) should include the names of all three of the men to be examined.

### *FLORIDA*

- 1) April 9, 1972—p. 91, Selection of Clerk pro-tem not recorded
- 2) p. 92, minutes unsigned
- 3) p. 97, Aug. 11, 1972—Selection of clerk pro-tem not recorded. Minutes unsigned
- 4) p. 101, Oct. 9-10, 1972—Record of nomination for Moderator but no record of who was elected.

### *GREAT PLAINS*

- 1) p. 281, Identification of the individual who offered prayer is vague
- 2) page reflecting approval of 150th Synod missing

### *MIDWESTERN*

- 1) This Presbytery is commended for thoroughness in its record; errors are very few considering the large amount of business and voluminous minutes. However, Synod's Committee strongly urges simplification and brevity following its notations of a year ago in the interest of a better permanent record.
- 2) Clerk and Presbytery did not heed Synod's instructions and advice of last year.
- 3) Marginal notes and footnotes should be initialed by the clerk.
- 4) Churches without elder representatives not listed at Stated Meeting 5/12-18/72
- 5) Reference to Lamb Fund applications "apparently in order" should be decisive
- 6) p. 85—no listing of unexcused ministers and churches at a Stated Meeting
- 7) p. 86—consideration of minutes postponed to next sederunt; no record there

### *NEW JERSEY*

- 1) Stated Meeting Minutes do not indicate "Churches Without Elder Representation"
- 2) p. 7, The motion in paragraph 2 is not noted as amendment although the next paragraph indicates "The motion carried"; which seems to be original motion as amended.

### *NORTHEAST*

- 1) p. 15, C., List elder's church
- 2) p. 23, J., Moderator instructed to appoint replacement for Mr. Crane.  
Not reported in Jan. 13 minutes.
- 3) X-in Blank space (see p. 14)

### *PACIFIC NORTHWEST*

- 1) Not properly bound minutes
- 2) Page 250, a dubious interpretation of the facts relative to the ordination of Mr. James MacDonald Bell leading to a violation of the Form of Government, Chapter V, paragraph 5g. The requirement of a six month probation period between licensure and ordination was not fulfilled.
- 3) No signature of Clerk pro-tem on page 251.
- 4) In adopting minutes, day and month of meeting should also be included.
- 5) Page 241—Is Moderator authorized to appoint commissions (which is actually presbytery) without action of presbytery to do so in each instance?
- 6) Minutes of Stated Meeting, May, 1972 referred to on page 243 are missing.

### *PHILADELPHIA*

- 1) p. 61, no record of commission's installing David Fleece
- 2) p. 69 (F), apparently "minutes of 8/1/72" should read "1/8/72"

### *PITTSBURGH*

- 1) p. 242, 2 elder delegates are listed from Kittaning; one should be alternate
- 2) p. 242, churches not represented by elder delegates should be listed—also p. 252
- 3) p. 243, corresponding members and visiting brethren should be distinguished; the status of a corresponding member should be clear as N-M—an elder of the ——— church.
- 4) p. 244, overture to Synod should be included in minutes
- 5) p. 247, not clear as to meaning "moved by C. Holliday for the continued financial support of the conferences."
- 6) p. 252, clerk should initial additions and corrections
- 7) p. 257, reason should be given for dropping Mr. Townsend from care of Presbytery
- 8) p. 259, the call of a pro-re-nata meeting should be included in the minutes

### *ROCKY MOUNTAIN*

- 1) No record of selection of clerk pro-tem for pro-re-nata meeting held 5/26
- 2) Minutes not signed for meeting 5/26

- 3) irregular book
- 4) action taken item 13, p. 5, not stated in the call
- 5) churches without elder representation not listed—Fall Stated Meeting, 1972, p. 5
- 6) Inconsistent listing of ministers—e.g., some named in some minutes and not in others
- 7) Ministers absent not listed in meeting 2/19/73
- 8) Minutes of meeting 2/19/73 not signed
- 9) Selection of Clerk Pro Tem 2/19/73 not listed

### *SOUTHEAST*

- 1) Identification of the individual who offered prayer is not clear in the following places:
  - p. 124, under call to order
  - p. 130, under adjournment
  - p. 130, under call to order
  - p. 132, under ordination of Gerald Malkus
  - p. 145, under adjournment
  - p. 148, under adjournment
- 2) There is no record of action on the exception taken to these minutes by the Presbytery Records Committee of the 150th Synod of the RPCES

### *SOUTHERN*

- 1) Minutes not signed: pages 72, 86, 87, 90
- 2) Blank spaces: pages 46, 48, 56, 59, 60, 64, 72, 74, 86
- 3) No church name with elder delegates (page 93)
- 4) No place of meeting indicated for adjourned 1971 Spring Stated Meeting (page 57)

*SAHARANPUR (See page 134).*

## **Attendance and Expense Report**

Dr. Charles Donaldson reported for the committee. It was moved and carried that the requests be granted for excuse for absence from Synod as follows:

Florida—Rev. Max Stowe	P.N.W.— Rev. J. M. Bell
Midwest— Rev. C. H. Gosling	Rocky Mtn.—Rev. R. Kamrath
Rev. A. E. Hegeman	Southeast— Rev. A. Mersman
Rev. H. Hight	Southern— Rev. G. A. Anderson
Rev. D. Rogers	Rev. C. T. Grayson
Rev. E. B. Smick	
Rev. R. O. Wolf	
New Jersey—Elder Wm Shay	

Requests for excuse were also received from the following ministers who were not certified:

Cal.—	Rev. C. Bunzel	P.N.W.—	Rev. R. B. Brown
	Rev. G. R. M. Gilchrist	Southern—	Rev. J. L. Cox
Florida—	Rev. T. E. Sidebotham		Rev. J. W. Sanderson
		Phila.—	Rev. W. W. Blakely

It was moved and carried that requests for early excuse from Synod be granted the following men:

DMV—	Rev. G. R. Bragdon	Phila.—	Rev. R. Gray
GP—	Rev. N. McCall		Rev. D. Fleece
MW—	Elder Eugene Deckerdt		Rev. E. Johnson
	Rev. T. Engstrom		Rev. W. Siddons
		SE—	Rev. S. Hartman
			Rev. S. Lyra, Jr.
			Elder L. Moore
			Rev. A. Lutz
			Rev. J. Wiest
		SO—	Elder R. M. Crisler

It was moved and carried to grant reimbursement for travel expenses as follows:

Florida—	Rev. J. R. Caines	P.N.W.—	Rev. L. Billiter
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The committee recommends that the following receive 75% of the amount of their request:

Cal.—	Rev. D. G. Buchanan	P.N.W.—	Rev. G. H. Ackley
	Rev. J. Buckley		Elder L. Malkus
DMV—	Rev. R. G. Shafer		Rev. W. D. McColley
Florida—	Rev. L. L. Donaldson		Elder R. F. Mercer
Gt. Plns.—	Rev. R. A. Wildeman Sr.		Rev. P. H. Morison
Midwest—	Rev. J. W. Buswell	Phila.—	Rev. R. W. Gray
Northeast—	Rev. S. R. Brown	Rocky Mt.—	Rev. W. B. Leonard
			Rev. J. Perry
			Rev. A. Scott
			Rev. J. E. Singleton

The Moderator announced the following Committee appointments:

***COMMITTEE TO STUDY GIFTS FOR ORDINATION***

Egon Middelmann (Chairman), Arthur Kay, Lynden Stewart, John Buswell, William Barker, William Swenson, Robert Raymond, Robert Rayburn.

***COMMITTEE ON A WORLD WIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

Ronald Shaw (Chairman), William McColley, Robert Auffarth, Paul Gilchrist Gordon Taylor, Addison Soltau, John Young.

### ***COMMITTEE TO STUDY ABORTION***

Mark Pett (Chairman), David Jones, Dr. Fredric Sloan, Claude DePrine, Wilber Wallis.

### ***COMMITTEE TO STUDY SPEAKING IN TONGUES***

Robert Reymond (Chairman), William Kirwan, Gustav Blomquist, Ted Smith, Herman Mischke, Charles Anderson.

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE***

William Barker (Moderator), Paul R. Gilchrist, Marion Barnes, Edward Steele III, Barton Payne, plus executive officers of major agencies.

It was moved and passed to adjourn and Dr. Wesley Vannoy led in prayer at eleven o'clock.

## **THURSDAY MEETING**

The Moderator called the meeting to order and read from Psalm 36. Following the singing of the hymn "Awake My Soul In Joyful Lays" Dr. R. Laird Harris led in prayer.

### **Nominating Committee Report (continued)**

Rev. Eugene Potoka reported for the Nominating Committee and presented the following recommendations which propose amendments to the Standing Rules:

1. That the Home Missions Board be enlarged by six members (2 in each class) next year for the purpose of looking into other phases of Home Missions work such as Inner City, Drug Rehabilitation, etc., with a view to bringing such works under the Board.
2. That incumbents of all Agencies and Service Committees be limited to 2 full terms with one year off, except by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of Synod.
3. That the Reformed Presbyterian Foundation set up the six elected members in 3 classes of 2 each.
4. That Synod make the Presbyterial Records Committee a permanent Service Committee, consisting of 15 members in 3 classes, with the Moderator authorized to appoint pro tem members in case any members of the Committee are not present at Synod, the chairman to be elected annually by the Committee.

Recommendation 1 was adopted. Recommendation 2 was amended to read  $\frac{2}{3}$  rather than  $\frac{3}{4}$  and then adopted. Recommendation 3 was approved. Recommendation 4 was approved.

## Study Committee on "Seeking Tax Funds for Christian Schools"

It was moved and carried to continue the committee.

## Study Committee on "Demonic Activity"

Rev. Tom Watson presented the results of a committee questionnaire and introduced Rev. F. Seth Dyrness, Jr. and Rev. William Kirwan for remarks on their study and experiences concerning demonic activity.

Rev. Seth Dyrness presented the following paper to the commissioners as part of the committee report:

It is possible to give only a cursory statement on the matter of "demonic activity today" in the time which has been allotted for this report. Therefore the brevity of the report should in no way be construed as indicating that the subject matter is of secondary importance to us as a Synod and to the total ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ. This matter is of extreme and crucial importance as I will seek to show in the following report.

We have talked much about the past and the present and have projected some into the future during this meeting of Synod. But what are the dominant influences which are molding the future into which we are moving? I get the impression at times that we think they will not be radically different from those which have molded the past ten to thirty years. However, to the point that the dominant influences of the remaining part of the Twentieth Century are different, if we do not sufficiently and adequately understand them we will find ourselves isolated from our culture and unable to effectively minister the truth of the Gospel to its spiritual, personal, emotional, psychological, and sociological needs. We will also face the threat of being engulfed and overwhelmed by these dominant influences to the point of doing great damage to the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ and the lives of individuals within it as well as outside it.

### *I. Dominant Influences In The Present And Future*

Many have predicted that the future will be dominated by manipulation from two sources—technology, and the tremendous influence of an unrestrained, non-rational mysticism. In the recent feature series on "Second Thoughts About Man" in *Time* magazine the editors have stated this concerning some of the radical questioning and changes taking place in our culture today:

"... Some hail it as an evolutionary crisis, with the cells of the old humanity fairly bursting to reassemble into some more spiritual being. To others it may be a more prosaic phenomenon, the inevitable swing of the pendulum, the return to some forgotten truths—or to dangerous superstitions. . . . By whatever name, there is an impending sense of change in the world of ideas. The reigning wisdom that informed and

compelled the past few decades is under attack—or, at the very least, under cross-examination.” (*Time*, April 2, 1973, p. 78)

This wisdom the editors identify as “liberalism, rationalism, and materialism.”

In the April 23, 1973 issue of *Time* in the same series we are confronted with the incredible fact that even modern science and scientists are turning to consider mysticism as a possible source for answers to questions which they have been unable to answer.

“There is a deepening disillusionment with both science and technology, as well as a new view among some scientists that there should be room in their discipline for the non-objective, mystical and even irrational. . . .” (p. 83)

“At his institute outside Munich, the eminent German physicist—philosopher Carl Friedrich von Weizsacker, is attempting to show the essential convergence between Eastern mysticism and Western science. Gopi Krishna, an exponent of Kundalini Yoga, was his guest there for six months. From their discussions, Weizsacker has become increasingly convinced that ‘mysticism is one of the great discoveries of mankind.’ He adds: ‘It may turn out to be far more important than our time is inclined to believe.’” (p. 86)

The significance of this serious interest in mysticism is that some of it has been heavily influenced by the occult. The rest of it tends to create a vacuum in our culture and the lives of individuals into which the influences of the occult and false spiritual forces can easily flow. As we move into what has been defined as a “post-Christian world” with its propensity towards the mystical, the whole area of the occult is increasingly becoming a dominant and prominent influence in our culture.

Two men who have influenced my thinking, and who are basically committed to our theological position upon the ultimate authority of the Word of God, indicate this same fact in their writings. They are Mr. Os Guinness, and Dr. Kurt Koch. For the sake of time I will quote only from Os Guinness’s recent book, *The Dust of Death*. In the eighth chapter, “The Encircling Eyes,” he states:

“With the erosion and breakdown of the Christian culture of the West, the resulting vacuum has been filled by an upsurge of ideas that would have been unthinkable when the fires of the Christian culture were high.” (p. 277)

The occult is the most sinister of all current trends.

“It is far more than another compulsive spiral down which many have plunged, caught by the current of fascination with the weird and the wonderful. The trend is difficult to chart except for the points that are spectacular, silly or sinister and thus basically irrelevant to its deeper reality. At this deeper level the occult needs to be felt to be understood. So far as its future is concerned, only the gray outlines are emerging. But those are enough to quicken an appreciation of the

horror of great darkness which is sweeping over the West, inexorably rolling inward like a swelling black tide. . . ." (p. 277)

"We are seeing (in the West) an unmistakable resurgence in the belief and practice of the occult, ranging from the harmless to the horrifying." (p. 279).

This is a view of the future into which we step. To the point that our thinking is influenced by the skepticism of the rationalism of the 30's and 40's concerning the reality of demonic activity and spiritism today, we will find ourselves hopelessly lost and confused in dealing with the influences of it in the lives of our people, our communities, and our culture.

## *II. Aspects of Demonic Activity Today*

Evidence of activity today which is related to Satanic forces or influence can be classified in three basic areas—Spiritism, Satanism, and Satanic oppression, possession, or harrassment.

### *Spiritism:*

Spiritism does not involve actual Satan worship. Rather in the context of a "religious" or ritualistic setting it carries out various activities in the area of prophecy, healing, speaking in tongues, and other counterfeit manifestations of true charismatic gifts due to real occult influences. Often people involved in different aspects of spiritistic activity speak of conversion and claim to have had a conversion experience and direct contact with God. However, when groups such as these are carefully examined much of their activity and teaching is clearly unbiblical and has no relationship with the person and work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This type of activity is the same as that which the Lord warned Israel to avoid when they entered the land of Canaan.

"When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 18-9-13)

From the instruction of this passage we are not only able to conclude that the reality of such activity is supported by the Scriptures, but also that it is possible for the people of God to be influenced and deceived by it. It is in this area that there seems to be so much confusion and misunderstanding today.

A more extreme form of spiritistic activity is found in witchcraft and the use of mediums. With the repeal of the Witch Act in England in 1951

witchcraft both in England and the United States has grown at an alarming rate and to unbelievable proportions. Today there are hundreds of witch covens across the country and the number is continuing to grow. These groups touch every strata of our society and can be found in public schools from junior high schools to Ivy League colleges, as well as in other places where it would be least likely to expect them. Their practices range from what is claimed to be the “innocent” (but dangerous because of the vulnerable exposure to spiritistic forces) rituals of White Magic to the more macabre, grotesque, and retributive rituals of Black Magic.

Others in our culture today are turning to mediums in order to have contact with deceased relatives and friends, and to find guidance for the future in the midst of the ferment, confusion, and fragmentation of life in our present society. The most well known account of this is Bishop Pike’s contact with his son James shortly after he had committed suicide. Noticing certain poltergeist phenomena in his apartment after James’ death, Pike felt that his son was trying to communicate with him. Consequently, he employed the services of the late medium, Arthur Ford, through whom he claimed to have reestablished communications with his son. It is interesting to note that now the late Ford is supposedly communicating through the writing activity of Ruth Montgomery. Recently she has published a book, *A World Beyond*, which she claims was written by Ford as he communicated the information for the book by controlling her hands through a spiritistic force as she sat at her typewriter. This book claims to give information concerning the incarnate activity of men like Bishop Pike, John Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy.

The tendency today has been to consider such activity either with skepticism or open-minded tolerance as something which is unusual but harmless. It is true that much in the way of modern astrology, the use of the horoscope, fortune telling, palm reading, tarot cards, the ouija boards, etc., have no connection with spiritistic forces. They usually work because of the power of suggestion or coincidence, and have a far greater psychological and emotional influence than anything else. However, all of these things can be used by spiritistic forces to draw individuals who use them into a real involvement in spiritism. For those who have become involved in spiritism in an attempt to find answers for particular needs—healing, guidance, spiritual reality, etc.—the results are far from harmless. Usually two things take place: 1) There is a hardening against biblical spiritual reality, and spiritual things. 2) They often suffer from what is called the “Devil’s Compensation.” This is manifested by intense experiences of depression, obsession, addiction, and fear.

Because of the variety and widespread interest in this type of occult activity, it is more likely that we will be called upon to deal with situations involving spiritism rather than the next two aspects of the occult.

#### *Satanism:*

In his book, *The Dust of Death*, Os Guinness points out that this area of the occult is divided into two groups: 1) “Conservatives” who explicitly

believe in the objective reality of a devil. 2) "Liberals" who demythologize the devil and turn "the whole 'religion' into a semantic Satanism, a psychological reality with the connotations of magic." (p. 304)

The first group involves itself in the actual worshipping of Satan as you find in the Satan Churches, and the Church of the Anti-Christ. They celebrate the Black Mass which is a grotesque and vile perversion of the Roman Catholic Mass, including sadism, sex, and violence. This aspect of demonic activity is typified in films such as "Rosemary's Baby" and exemplified in real life in groups like the Manson family. Charles Manson claimed to be both Christ and Satan and rewarded his followers with sex as they worshipped him. An aspect of their life included macabre acts of violence such as the Tate-Labianaca murders.

The second group is represented by Anton LaVey with his "Church of Satan" in San Francisco, California, and the Satanic Bible published in 1968. LaVey demythologizes Satan by identifying him as the evil in man which must be "exercised rather than exorcised." Basically his philosophy tends to be neo-Nazi in that he is seeking "the creation of a police state in which the weak are weeded out and the 'achievement-oriented leadership is permitted to pursue the mysteries of black magic.'" (*Newsweek*, August 16, 1971, p. 56)

Both of these groups have made a significant impact upon American society and are spreading in their influence.

#### *Demonic Possession and Oppression:*

Probably the most disputed question concerning demonic activity today is that of the reality, nature, and extent of demonic possession and oppression at this point in history. Some would argue that with the coming of the Kingdom at the first "parousia" of Christ the power of Satan was bound to the extent that it is highly unlikely that demonic activity in the form of possession or oppression continues today. This is basically the position of Dr. Jay Adams who states:

"This curtailment or restraint (through the coming of the Kingdom) upon Satanic power and influence necessarily involved the virtual cessation of such activity by his demonic forces. This accounts for the rare incidence, if not the entire absence, of demonic possession in modern times. It is possible, of course, that demonic activity is still being curtailed as the gospel penetrates new and previously untouched communities of the world." (*The Big Umbrella*, p. 118)

Others, like Dr. Kurt Koch, believe that demonic activity does continue today to the point of possession and oppression (even in the lives of Christians for a limited period of time) and that in Christ we can claim and find real deliverance from such demonic activity. Although there seems to be increasing evidence (some of which has been witnessed by ministers and individuals in our Synod) to support Dr. Koch's position, the lack of agreement on this question shows the need for a careful, objective, in-depth, exegetical, and definitive study of this matter in particular.

### *III. How Are We To Deal With The Question of Demonic Activity?*

Basically, it must not be dealt with as a curio from a remote region that is real, interesting, and sensational, but has little significance for us. The late C. S. Lewis wisely warns concerning this in his introduction to *Screw-tape Letters*:

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.” (p. 3)

If we are going to properly understand and deal with this subject we must consciously seek to avoid both of these extremes. It is my personal concern that we in Reformed circles are not sufficiently open to the reality of demonic activity in the world today. Too often we have viewed Satan in the way the Neo-Orthodox theologians view God—totally other. However, the Scriptures teach us that Satan is active in seeking to destroy whatever and whoever he can (I Peter 5:8). Paul states in Ephesians 6:12 that as Christians we are in a warfare which brings us into direct encounter with the spiritual forces of evil and wickedness. He encourages the Ephesian Christians to stand against these forces with the full armor of God. Peter also in I Peter 5:9 calls us to resist Satan in his activity. It is impossible to go into the full exegetical and theological implications of these passages here, but I am convinced that they will explain the true nature of much which has been unsatisfactorily explained today as psychological or emotional problems, or mental illness, etc.

Certainly we must be careful to be discerning and guard against the error of too quickly attributing strange activity of groups and individuals to the work of Satan. But at the same time we cannot negate Satanic activity and demonic possession. To negate the presence of Satanic activity today is difficult to defend from Scripture as well as in light of the external evidence in our Society. And as C. S. Lewis has well pointed out, to minimize the presence of demonic activity today is just as dangerous and incorrect as to be overly preoccupied with it. Consequently as we consider this subject we must heed the admonition of the Apostle John when he states: “Test (‘dokimazo’: examine, scrutinize, prove) the spirits” in order to discern the true source and nature of that which we hear and see. (I John 4:1)

Beyond this I think a careful study of Ephesians 6, and especially the use of the word—“*ekousias*”—as it relates to demonic power, and the power of Christ in Matthew 28:18, and Colossians 2:15 would be helpful in giving us understanding of how we are to deal with these forces today. We cannot challenge Satan in our own strength or wisdom. It is only through the power, wisdom, and blood of Christ who has spoiled principalities and powers and has triumphed over them that we as His servants will be able to understand and deal with demonic activity today.

Therefore in conclusion I would like to give you five points that are important to remember in dealing with this subject. 1) The reality of

things done through the influence of occultic power is not to be mistaken for legitimacy. 2) The Scriptures alone are ultimately normative. 3) We must be selective and critical in choosing literature on this subject, and in evaluating different incidents and situations. We cannot be superficial, naive or unduly skeptical in this. 4) We must actively put on the whole armor of God in our personal lives. 5) We must always be alert and persevering in prayer.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a continuing committee on demonic activity and that presbyteries and churches communicate with the committee concerning questions which should be included in this study. The following men were appointed: Seth Dyrness (chairman), George Miladin, Dan Orme, Theodore Martin, Robert Nuermberger, John Sanderson, Jack Buckley.

## **Women's Synodical Report**

Mrs. Roger Hunt presented the following report for the ladies.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Women's Synodical Society met on Saturday, May 19, 1973 at 9:30 a.m. at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

As the women arrived for our annual meeting in the new library they were given a portfolio containing the schedule of events, minutes, reports and Synod's docket.

The meeting was opened with a welcome and greetings from the women of Lookout Mountain by Mrs. John Young.

Mrs. Earl Eckerson (Duanesburg, N.Y.), Vice-President, read a portion of Psalm 34, and led in prayer and in the singing of "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love."

Mrs. John Young brought a brief devotional in keeping with our Synodical theme, "Liberated Women"—women of the Covenant of Grace, in which she remarked, "Each of us (women) has to define freedom as we see it . . . in the boundaries of the revealed will of God through Christ."

The business session, Women of the Covenant at Work, was presided over by our retiring President, Mrs. Wilber Wallis (St. Louis, Mo.). Our hostesses, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Gilchrist (Lookout Mountain) were recognized and introduced. As delegates and visitors were recognized, it was noted that there were 44 delegates representing all of our presbyteries, including India. Mrs. Gordon R. Taylor, India, and Mrs. Emily Cochran, Peru, were among those present. In addition, there were some thirty or more non-voting women in attendance.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the 1972 minutes and to accept them as corrected by the Executive Committee and mimeographed. The audited and mimeographed Treasurer's report presented by Mrs. Roger Hunt (Indianapolis, Ind.) noted a balance of \$146.28.

Mrs. John MacGregor, Fellowship (Lookout Mountain), presented a random sampling of ideas furnished through letters received from six of our presbyterials. She also made a folder of these letters available for all to peruse at leisure.

Missions chairman, Mrs. Nelson Malkus, (Claymont, Del.) was unable to attend, but furnished a mimeographed report in which she brought to our attention ways in which the Lord is blessing both of our mission agencies. She encouraged our churches to become more informed about the work of these agencies, and listed ways in which we could assist them in their important work.

The Education Committee report was furnished by Mrs. Wyatt George (Carbondale, Ill.) in the form of a mimeographed report in which she outlined some projects under way in that committee. These projects include an updating of the slide program "Our Stake in the Little Red Schoolhouse"; more publicity about our chaplains; projects, including a child's coloring book of our historical heritage.

Mrs. Robert Reymond (St. Louis, Mo.), read a report submitted by Mrs. David Jones (St. Louis, Mo.) for the Covenant Seminary Auxiliary in which Christmas card sales nationwide for the benefit of the Seminary were reported as well as ways in which the Auxiliary is able to aid the Seminary.

The program chairman, Mrs. Paul Gilchrist, announced the various seminars scheduled throughout the week for the women included, "Liberated Woman: Miss . . . Mrs. . . . Ms . . . Myths," led by Mrs. Allan Baldwin (Grand Rapids, Mich.) and Mrs. Wyatt George, "The Liberated Woman and Contemporary Literature," led by Mrs. Wilber Wallis. Other activities scheduled are a "nature walk" and "Exchange Shop."

In the president's report, Mrs. Wallis continued with our theme by remarking that "it is Satan's lie that I am free (liberated) by giving up God" and that "His (Christ's) yoke is an invitation to bondage that is truly liberty." She pointed out that we should make a real attempt to become acquainted with each other and enjoy real fellowship.

Mr. Don Darling, Development Director of Covenant College, brought an appeal that we help in the enlisting of students for the college.

It was voted and carried to take the recommendation of the Executive Committee to allow Covenant Seminary to take over the handling and developing of the slide programs in the name of Women's Synodical.

It was also voted that the Executive Committee set up a workable budget for the Synodical, and allocate funds presently in the treasury. The offering was \$60.15 bringing the balance to \$206.43.

Mrs. Rick Raines (Industry, Pa.) presented the report of the Nominating Committee in the absence of the chairman. After nominations from the floor, officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Roger Hunt, Indianapolis, Ind.

Treasurer—Mrs. George Fielding, McLean, Va.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. William Lynn, Indianapolis, Ind.

Missions Chairman—Mrs. Nelson Malkus, Claymont, Del.

Dr. Marion Barnes, retiring moderator of Synod, installed the new officers.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Following the meeting a lovely luncheon was held in the dining room of Carter Hall. Mrs. Charles Anderson (Lookout Mountain) presided. Mrs. Art Kay (Coventry House, Conn.) gave an informative report on the work of Coventry House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Roger Hunt, President

Dr. David Jones led in prayer on behalf of Synodical and the women of the church.

The Moderator declared a recess until 10:20 a.m.

The Moderator called Synod to order and Rev. William Wolfgang led in prayer.

The minutes for Wednesday session through 5:30 p.m. recess were presented and approved with corrections.

### **Report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage (continued from page 55)**

Dr. David Jones reported changes in the report: in the third paragraph of the section entitled "On Separation and Reconciliation," make the third sentence a footnote to be numbered 5. Place the 5 at the end of the first sentence in that paragraph. The completed report as amended and changed was adopted for providing guidelines in the matter of divorce and remarriage.

The Committee's recommendation that it be continued for study on Divorce and Ecclesiastical office was adopted. A motion of thanks to the Committee for its fine work was passed.

### **Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee**

Rev. Kenneth Horner, reporting for the Committee, brought in the following recommendations:

(1) That our presbyteries receive ministers coming to us from the Presbyterian Church, U.S. into full and regular standing upon the usual examination even though they express the desire and intention to unite with a continuing church at a later date and that they receive churches by the usual procedures of examining the eldership plus any needed orientation program.

(2) That Synod approve the suggestion that a joint committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, be authorized to prepare a modern but meticulous revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith that will retain the exact content but up-

date the language and that the Fraternal Relations Committee be authorized to appoint the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod representatives on that committee.

Recommendation 1 was adopted by Synod. Recommendation 2 carried 64-37.

### **Report of the Resolutions Committee**

Rev. Edward Steele III presented the following resolutions which were adopted in separate actions:

#### *RESOLUTION 1*

The 151st General Synod of the RPCES praises and thanks God for the gracious hospitality of Covenant College under the oversight of President Marion Barnes. We extend a special word of appreciation to Chaplain MacGregor for his careful and diligent attention to our every need. To Mr. Jay Lykins and those who assisted him—our thanks. And to Professional Food Service a hearty “thank you” for the good and generous fare and service.

#### *RESOLUTION 2*

The 151st General Synod of the RPCES is grateful to God for the hospitality of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lookout Mountain. To Pastor-elect, George Miladin, our gratitude for his strong and compelling ministry of the Word of God.

#### *RESOLUTION 3*

The 151st General Synod of the RPCES expresses its appreciation to Dr. Paul Gilchrist for his labor in preparing for Synod and his work through the sederunts; we thank Mrs. Paul Gilchrist for her steady work through the week; we thank our Moderator for his leadership, his composed control of the body, his gentle and godly example throughout Synod; we wish Dr. Will Barker Godspeed throughout the coming year as he extends his oversight to our Synod; and we wish to thank Rev. Edward Steele and Rev. James Smith for their excellent endeavors throughout Synod as Vice Moderator and Assistant Clerk respectively.

#### *RESOLUTION 4*

The 151st General Synod of the RPCES expresses appreciation to the Kresge Foundation for the generous gift to Covenant College that made possible the renovation of the Great Hall, thus providing a spacious and pleasant place of assembly.

#### *RESOLUTION 5*

The 151st General Synod of the RPCES is grateful to God for the generous personal gift of Mr. Stanley Kresge to Covenant College that made possible the completion of the library building on the Covenant campus. Mr. Kresge,

we thank you for your interest and generous participation in the development of our college.

### **Report of Presbytery Records Committee (continued from p. 127)**

Rev. John Hoogstrate brought the recommendation of the committee that the records of the Saharanpur Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:

- 1) Roll fails to indicate churches which the elders represent
- 2) No absentee roll at all
- 3) No date given for minutes of last meeting
- 4) The minutes should be on numbered pages and in some way indicate that they will be made part of a permanent bound volume
- 5) It is not clear whether Emmanuel Johnson was examined for licensure at the March 10 meeting or whether this was planned for a subsequent meeting or by commission

The Saharanpur records were approved with exceptions as noted.

### **Form of Government Committee**

Dr. W. Harold Mare gave the committee report.

The Form of Government Committee recommends:

- (1) That in regard to minister and elder representation to Synod, the 152nd Synod continue to operate according to the present stipulations set forth in FOG IV 1, f and j, and,

The FOG Committee further recommends as guidelines:

- (2) That the presbyteries determine the number of elder delegates from the churches to Synod be calculated according to the following method;
  - a. Determine the number of minister delegates so as to find the number of elder delegates allowable.
  - b. Divide the number of elder delegates allowable into the number of communicant members of the churches of the presbytery in order to determine the number of communicant members each elder represents.
  - c. Then advise the session of each church to elect the appropriate number of elder delegates to represent their church based upon the membership of that local church, each church having the right to at least one delegate.
  - d. Make certain that the last sentence of FOG IV, 1, f (“but care . . . practicable”) and the third sentence of FOG IV, 1, j (“Yet it is desirable . . . as possible”) are adhered to.

Synod adopted the committee recommendations.

## Miscellaneous Business

(1) It was moved and carried that Synod express its thanks to the Rev. Eugene Potoka and the members of the Nominations Committee for their excellent work before and during Synod in expediting the important business of electing members to boards, agencies and committees of Synod.

(2) It was moved and passed that the Form of Government Committee be continued.

(3) It was moved, seconded and carried that Synod instruct the Administrative Committee to:

1) present to the 152nd General Synod of the RPCES an estimate of the expenses, including travel, of the fraternal delegates the Fraternal Relations Committee invites to address the General Synod; and,

2) present to the 152nd General Synod of the RPCES a recommendation whether or not the General Synod should assume this responsibility.

## Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the Wednesday night session were presented and by motion approved with corrections. The minutes of the Thursday session were reported and by motion approved with corrections.

## Final Roll Call

### CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY

*Teaching Elders*—D. G. Buchanan Jr., J. Buckley, G. C. Miladin, J. D. Win-scott.

### DELMARVA PRESBYTERY

*Teaching Elders*—D. Aquila, G. Blomquist, W. Kirwan, H. Mischke, J. Sen-neker, R. G. Shafer, S. Smallman, F. Smick Jr., R. P. Warren, R. C. Weeber, M. Youndt.

*Ruling Elders*—R. C. Chewning, P. Drechsel, W. G. Grantham, W. F. Herd, I. W. Hudson, T. Lancaster, W. G. Vannoy.

### FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

*Teaching Elders*—J. R. Caines, C. D. DePrine III, L. L. Donaldson, D. K. Dykema, D. C. Harris, D. W. Hein, F. Shepperson Jr., P. W. Taylor III, T. Watson Jr.

*Ruling Elders*—M. McDonough, J. Roth.

### GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERY

*Teaching Elders*—D. P. Peterson, R. A. Wildeman Sr.

#### **MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—R. Aeschliman, W. O. Armes, A. Baldwin, W. S. Barker, J. W. Buswell, W. A. Collins, F. P. Crane, C. D. Darling, W. George, R. W. Graham, E. G. Gray, R. G. Hamilton, R. L. Harris, R. Hunt, D. C. Jones, J. M. MacGregor, D. J. MacNair, W. H. Mare, D. R. McDonough, E. A. Middelmann, A. F. Moginot Jr., E. T. Noe, J. B. Payne, R. Reymond, E. A. Steele III, H. Stigers, W. B. Wallis, D. M. Watson, D. R. Wilson, K. A. Wolf.

*Ruling Elders*—T. R. Elliott, C. McIntyre, M. O. Peacock, G. D. Shaw, T. Smith, F. Stroup, H. R. Winscott.

#### **NEW JERSEY PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—H. T. Cross, K. A. Horner, J. M. Kay Jr., J. Smith, L. Stewart

#### **NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—S. R. Brown, A. Fawthrop, M. Weiford

*Ruling Elders*—K. Wood.

#### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—G. Ackley, L. Billiter, J. Hoogstrate, W. D. McColley, P. H. Morison.

*Ruling Elders*—L. Malkus, R. F. Mercer

#### **PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—L. G. Andres, F. S. Dyrness Sr., E. Potoka, J. Ransom.

*Ruling Elders*—M. E. Brown, W. L. Zumbach.

#### **PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—C. L. Fritz, C. B. Holliday, H. E. Johnson, W. E. McNutt, R. Raines, R. Rowe, C. Stewart, D. Sutton, S. S. Ward, W. Wolfgang.

*Ruling Elders*—D. J. Allen, F. S. McLane, R. A. Titmus.

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—F. S. Dyrness Jr., W. B. Leonard, T. W. Martin, J. Perry, A. E. Scott, J. E. Singleton.

#### **SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

*Teaching Elders*—W. A. Albany, W. G. Cross Jr., E. C. DeVelde, W. Folds, R. J. Hoyle, G. Malkus, N. Malkus, W. Mietling, R. Tevebaugh, E. D. Thomas, A. D. Umbreit, H. B. Williamson.

*Ruling Elder*—W. M. Smith.

#### **SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY**

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### **Adjournment**

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

The Moderator pronounced the constitutional words of dissolution as follows:

“By virtue of the authority delegated to me, by the Church, let this Synod be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it, and require another Synod the members of which shall be chosen as provided in our Form of Government, to meet at a place to be designated at least three months in advance by the Administrative Committee duly authorized by the Synod on the twenty fourth day of May, A.D. 1974.”

Synod joined in the singing of Psalm 133 followed by prayer by Rev. L. LaVerne Donaldson and Rev. Samuel S. Ward and the benediction by the Moderator.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1235, South Avenue and  
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FL 33595. Rev. L. LaVerne Donaldson. (813) 426-1230  
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81.

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- Grandcote Reformed Presbyterian Church, Coulterville, IL 62237.  
Rev. Dennis McDonough. (618) 758-2432  
*Clerk of Session:* D. J. Gallagher, Box 46, Coulterville, IL 62237.
- Faith Bible Presbyterian Church, Box 272, Cutler, IL 62238.  
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- Westminster Presbyterian Church, 991 Deborah Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.  
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*Clerk of Session:* James L. Stites, 708 Mary's Dr., Brick Town, NJ 08723

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Rev. John Palmer.

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*Clerk of Session:* Wilbert J. Williams, 47 S. 42nd St., Camden, NJ 08109

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Kings Highway and Churchill Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Rev. Kenneth A. Horner Jr.

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*Clerk of Session:* William J. Bonner, 109 Homestead Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

Seaside Bible Church, Barnegat and Hancock Ave., Seaside Heights, NJ

08751. Rev. George Jaggard II.

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 35 Arlington Ave., Trenton, NJ 08613.

Rev. Lynden H. Stewart.

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*Clerk of Session:* Vernon C. Pierce, 33 Thurston Ave., Trenton, NJ 08618

Ventnor Presbyterian Church, 5000 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor NJ 08406.

Rev. John M. Kay Jr.

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06040. Rev. George W. Smith. (203) 643-0906  
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12056. Rev. Earl R. Eckerson. (518) 895-2142  
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Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2531 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201.  
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19342. Rev. William Shannon. (215) 459-0865  
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Calvary Presbyterian Church, 486 Keebler Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406.  
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- Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.  
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- Lansdale Reformed Presbyterian Church, 30 West Mt. Vernon St., Lansdale, PA 19446. Rev. John P. Clark. (215) 368-1119  
*Clerk of Session:* Fred Pletscher Jr., 709 Rosemont Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446.
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Pinewood Dr. and Link Ln., Levittown, PA 19054. Rev. Eugene Potoka. (215) 949-1166  
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- Calvary Presbyterian Church, 601 S. New Middletown Rd., Media, PA 19063.  
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- Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church, 210 Plymouth Ave., Oreland, PA 19075. (215) TU2-3924  
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- Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3024 Byberry Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154. Rev. Eugene L. Fackler. (215) 637-2266
- Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church, 2441 N. Front St., Philadelphia, PA 19144 (no mail). Rev. Charles Ellwanger (Stated Supply). (215) 634-0345  
*Clerk of Session:* Albert F. Tapken, 1327 E. Airdie St., Philadelphia, PA 19125 (all mail).
- Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, 425 S. Church St., Quarryville, PA 17566. Rev. Lawrence G. Andres. (717) 786-3509  
*Clerk of Session:* Lawrence E. Rineer, Box 286, R.D. 1, Strasburg, PA 17579.
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*Clerk of Session:* Joshua Beatty, 1234 Newtown Rd., Warminster, PA 18974.
- Calvary Presbyterian Church, 403 N. Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090.  
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- Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3728 Snouffer Rd., Columbus, OH 43085.  
 Rev. Richard L. Brinkley Sr. (614) 889-8551  
*Clerk of Session:* Clifford Hill, 3033 Creek Rd., Sunbury, OH 43075

- Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Box 5052, Poland, OH 44514.  
 Rev. Donald F. Hicks. (216) 757-4608  
*Clerk of Session:* Dr. Charles McGowen, 16 Centennial Dr., Poland, OH 44514.
- Robinwood Presbyterian Church, 471 Mathews Rd., Youngstown, OH 44512.  
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- Chapel Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3435 Dutch Ridge Rd., Beaver, PA 15009. Rev. Richard Rowe, moderator.  
*Clerk of Session:* Vernon Deffenbaugh, 3525 Dutch Ridge Rd., Beaver, PA 15009.
- Christ Presbyterian Church of Chippewa, Blackhawk Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Rev. Richard Rowe. (412) 843-1423  
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- Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Delivery, Darlington, PA 16115.  
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- Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church, 334 E. Moody Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Rev. David B. Hopkins.  
*Clerk of Session:* William R. McGuire, 117 Decker Dr., New Castle, PA 16105.

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CO 80907. Rev. Arthur E. Scott. (303) 634-1365  
*Clerk of Session:* O. Edwin Peterson, 516 N. Walnut, Colorado Springs,  
CO 80905

Village Seven Presbyterian Church, 4050 S. Nonchalant Circle, Colorado  
Springs, CO 80917. Rev. William B. Leonard Jr. (303) 495-2741  
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Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1530 Roosevelt Ave., (P.O. Box  
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*Clerk of Session:* Elton L. Mobley, 2044 Speir St., Savannah, GA 31406

Second Street Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Hearne Sts., Albemarle, NC  
28001. Rev. David Alexander. (704) 982-6824

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*Clerk of Session:* O.K. Griffith, Rt. 3, Box D-337, Charlotte, NC 28208
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Georgia St. (House of IQMA), Concord, NC 28025. Rev. Carl M. Sorenson, Stated Supply.  
*Clerk of Session:* Harold Watkins, 191 Tournament Dr. SW, Concord, NC 28025. (704) 782-4260.
- Lednum Street Presbyterian Church, 2403 Lednum St., Durham, NC 27705.  
 Rev. Harwell B. Williamson. (919) 477-3171  
*Clerk of Session:* J. C. Simpson, 1606 Dexter St., Durham, NC 27704.
- Meadowview Presbyterian Church, 204 Beethoven Ave., Lexington, NC 27292. Rev. Werner Mietling. (704) 249-2680  
*Clerk of Session:* William Smith, Rt. 5, Vanmar St., Lexington, NC 27292
- Reformed Presbyterian Church, 605 S. Main St. (P.O. Box 1047), Reidsville, NC 27320.  
*Clerk of Session:* F. T. Durham, Rt. 1, Ruffin, NC 27326.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3701 S. College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28401.  
 Rev. William H. Albany. (919) 791-1100  
*Clerk of Session:* Alan L. Brown, 121 Cheyenne Tr., Wilmington, NC 28401.
- First Reformed Presbyterian Church, P.O. 3031, Anderson, SC 29621.  
 Rev. James A. Wiest. (803) 224-1078  
*Clerk of Session:* Joseph E. Whitfield, 2184 Burson Rd., Anderson, SC 29621.
- Reformed Presbyterian Church, c/o 15 Ophir Dr., Charleston, SC 29407.  
 Rev. Gerald P. Malkus. (803) 766-7336
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1118 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29210 (no mail).  
*Clerk of Session:* Denis Yeo, 1901 Apple Valley Rd., Columbia, SC 29210 (mail to be sent here).
- Augusta Street Presbyterian Church, 705 Augusta St., Greenville, SC 29605.  
 Mark Evans (Asst.) (803) 235-2642  
*Clerk of Session:* W. H. McCall, 15 Forest Circle Dr., Greenville, SC 29611.
- Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, 207 Mitchell Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.  
 Rev. Thomas G. Cross D.D., Mr. Robert Caldwell (Asst.) (803) 268-2218  
*Clerk of Session:* Arnold Jackson, 209 Merrifield Dr., Greenville, SC 29607.
- Shannon Forest Presbyterian Church, Rt. 2 Garlington Rd., Greenville, SC 29607. Rev. Clarence A. Lutz. (803) 288-0436  
*Clerk of Session:* Lanny Moore, 7 Shelburne Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.
- Faith Presbyterian Church, 805 79th Ave., N., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.  
 Rev. Wyatt H. Folds Jr. (803) 449-7972  
*Clerk of Session:* Leon McLaurin, Arcodion Shores, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Rt. 1, Box 314A, Roebuck, SC 29376.  
Rev. Eulice D. Thomas. (803) 576-5296.  
*Clerk of Session:* Paul Finch, Rt. 1, Roebuck, SC 29376.

**SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY:** Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi,  
Dade and Walker Counties of Georgia

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Box 882, Shelton Rd., Auburn, AL 36830.  
Rev. Robert H. Cox.  
*Clerk of Session:* Fred C. Schlich, 806 Cary Dr., Auburn, AL 36830.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3100 University Dr. NW, Huntsville, AL  
35805. Rev. Paul H. Alexander. (205) 383-3251  
*Clerk of Session:* Duane V. Mattson, 3809 Jamestown Dr., Huntsville, AL  
35810.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Avalon and Firestone Aves., Muscle Shoals,  
AL 35660. Rev. Harold A. Rapp. (205) 383-3251  
*Clerk of Session:* Charles F. Edgar, 1112 Bessemer Rd., Huntsville, AL  
35805.

Ryder Memorial Bible Presbyterian Church, Rt. 3, Bluff City, TN 37618.  
Rev. Martin Freeland. (615) 538-8592  
*Clerk of Session:* W. M. Foster, Rt. 3, Bluff City, TN 37618.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scenic Highway, Lookout Mountain,  
TN 37350. Rev. George Miladin. (404) 831-9404  
*Clerk of Session:* John P. Cummer, 910 E. Brow Rd., Lookout Mountain,  
TN 37350.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1625 W. Massey, P.O. Box 17651,  
Memphis, TN 38117. Rev. Carl T. Grayson. (902) 684-2073  
*Clerk of Session:* Allen W. Aven, 2296 Ridgeland, Memphis, TN 38138.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1701 Eastland Ave., Nashville, TN 37206.  
Rev. Ronald Shaw. (615) 226-1697  
*Clerk of Session:* Roger VanderZwaag, 2106 25th Ave. S., Nashville, TN  
37212.

**SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY:** Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas

First Presbyterian Church, Box 156, Minco, OK 73059.  
Rev. Thomas Waldecker. (405) 353-4966  
*Clerk of Session:* W. A. Woodworth, Minco, OK 73059.

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Rt. 3, East Peavine, Stilwell, OK 74960.  
Rev. Hayes T. Henry.  
*Clerk of Session:* Robert L. Fields, Rt. 2, Lincoln, AR 72744.

Christ Presbyterian Church, 3901 E. 28th St. Tulsa, OK 74114.  
Rev. Leroy E. Sheldon, Jr. (918) 749-5102  
*Clerk of Session:* John W. Cleary, 6142 So. Victor Ave., Tulsa, OK  
74136

Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1810 Brown Trail, Bedford,  
Texas 76021. Rev. James J. Conrad. (817) 282-2338  
*Clerk of Session:* Mel Spatin, 702 Cannon, Euless, TX 76039

Town North Presbyterian Church (RP), 1422 Stagecoach Dr.,  
Richardson, TX 75080. Rev. J. Harris Langford.  
*Clerk of Session:* Peter Van't Slot, 4416 Dalny, Dallas, TX 75214

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Denton and Scott Streets, P.O. Box 47,  
Gainesville, Texas 76240. Rev. E. Kyle Thurman. (817) 665-5164  
(Sherwood Shores Chapel under this church).  
*Clerk of Session:* D. J. Murphy, 215 E. Tennie St., Gainesville, TX  
76240

**SAHARANPUR PRESBYTERY:** Northern India

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bhogpur, Dist. Dehra Dun, U.P. India.  
Rev. Johnson Dean.  
*Clerk of Session:* David G. Fiol, Children's Home, Bhogpur, Dist. Dehra  
Dun, U.P. India

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dehra Dun, U.P. India.  
Rev. Isaac Cornelius.  
*Clerk of Session:* Mrs. C. H. Josaph, Zaccha Bachcha Kender, Dehra  
Dun, U.P. India

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Deopura, Hardwar, U.P.,  
India. Rev. Ernest Charan Singh.  
*Clerk of Session:* S. F. Masih, QN 703/2/I BHEL, Ranipur, Hardwar,  
U.P. India

Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3 Civil Lines, Roorkee, U.P., India.  
Rev. Jos. D. Hmar, Pastor.

Leper Asylum Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chandar Puri, Ambar Talab,  
Roorkee, U.P., India. Rev. Eric Masih.

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<b>CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERY</b>																																		
Reformed Presbyterian Canoga Park, CA	58	54	31	3	6	2		2	115	69	27	90						1						4	25973		2058	28031	N	Y	N	N		
Covenant Evangelical Presby. Chatsworth, CA	85	53	44	4	3			1	99	69	28	88						3	1	4	2			11	17746	3086	3518	24350	N	Y	Y	N		
First Reformed Presbyterian Yucaipa, CA	17	4	11	2		2			40	15	8	25								2					11500	4500	1600	17600	N	Y	Y	N		
<b>Totals</b>																																		
Ministers	11																																	
Churches	3																																	
Missions	0																																	
<b>DELMARVA PRESBYTERY</b>																																		
Berea Presbyterian Hockessin, DE	60	63	39	3	4				87	30	18	62													14376		3234	17610	N	Y	N	Y		
Evangelical Presbyterian Newark, DE	338	113	164	9	9		1	3	317	136	35	266	173					19		4	2		1	33978	20645	23609	78232	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Bethany Reformed Presby. New Castle, DE	113	58	49	6	8		1	6	172	88	12	104	110					2	6				1	25306	1677	2834	29818	Y	Y	N	Y			
Manor Presbyterian New Castle, DE	44	9	27		3		2	2	50	35	15	41	98					1	8		2		10	11585	599	743	12927	Y	N	Y	N			
Faith Presbyterian Wilmington, DE	539	66	307	8	8		2	10	315	134	56	260	185	19	4	25	25	4					15	74245	18000	35774	128019	Y	Y	Y	N			
Evangelical Presbyterian Annapolis MD	220	44	55	6	10	1	7	1	291	132	37	201	115	25	28	7	10						4	70331	1156	10278	81860	N	Y	N	N			
Armistead Gardens Presby. Baltimore, MD	109	15	63	5	3		4	4	82	31	23	75	62					2		1		1		16632						Y	Y	N	Y	
Evangelical Presbyterian Baltimore, MD	254		122	7	12			2	240	125	60	200	170	4	7	7					4	1	9	48870	4259	11765	64893	Y	Y	Y	Y			

Evangelical Presbyterian Elkton, MD	22	7	11	2	1	1	1	2	53	23	12	32	30	1	3	2	1	10900	947	11847	Y	Y	Y	N					
Liberty Reformed Presby. Randallstown, MD	162	64	77	9	6	6	8	152	110	16	140		42					21100	7350	6500	34950	N	N	Y	Y				
Timonium Presbyterian Timonium, MD	275	52	156	9	6	7	3	3	234	89	40	157		14	45	14	1	5	4	34018	100389	15286	149693	N	N	N	Y		
Evangelical Presbyterian Chesapeake, VA	171	25	64	5	5	4	5	130	45	25	130	150		4	12	1	1	1		16198	13963	2447	32608	Y	N	Y	Y		
Munson Hill Presbyterian Falls Church, VA	125	34	67	10	8	2		125			75	35						1		48000	1800	966	50766	Y	N	Y	N		
Calvary Presbyterian Hampton, VA	75	21	43	4	4			81	30	7	88	96								14137		585	14722	Y	Y	N	Y		
Grace Presbyterian Lexington, VA	38			3	1			55	35	18	61	38						1		14021		845	14866	Y	N	N	Y		
McLean Presbyterian McLean, VA	135	52	62	6	6	1	1	180	75		131	80	13	11	2	4			7	21421	7192	12698	41311	Y	Y	N	Y		
Stony Point Reformed Presby. Richmond, VA	37	18	22	3				100	25		60			1	1	5				14900		1720	16620	N	N	N	N		
Westminster Reformed Presby. Suffolk, VA	68	10	34	4	4		1	53	16	18	26				6	1	1	1		12087	10736	453	23277	N	N	N	Y		
<b>Totals</b>																													
Ministers	37																												
Churches	18																												
Missions	0																												
	2676	636	1299	94	95	15	24	43	2635	1128	369	2034	1280	126	150	64	49	19	50	485473	187766	130684	804019						

**FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**

First Reformed Presbyterian Bradenton, FL	33	3	22	3				85	40	10	14			1	2	1	1			11200	700	1100	12900	N	N	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Fort Walton Beach, FL	202	23	77	6	8	2	3	130	35	16	125	115		7	8	18	13		2	19633	4157	4097	27887	Y	N	Y	N
Immanuel Evangelical Presby. Goldenrod, FL	48	18	29	3	3	2	3	83	40	19	67	89		8	3	4	2		6	25510	3160	1477	30147	Y	Y	Y	N
Covenant Presbyterian Lakeland, FL	287	30	134	9	7	3	1	253	122	39	190	124		34	29	8	4	1	35	40353	20801	16833	77987	Y	N	N	N
Covenant Presbyterian Naples, FL	131	46	62	8	6			172	94	39	76			4	16	2	2		7	36973	28612	18511	84097	Y	Y	N	Y



**MIDWESTERN PRESBYTERY**

Westminster Presbyterian Alton, IL	62	25	38	3	5	2	42	12	8	31	58					12429	1220	1483	15131	Y	Y	N	N		
Evangelical Presbyterian Carbondale, IL	(M) 15	13	12		5	1	1	60	11	6	64	1	1	5		11040	500	240	11780	Y	N	N	N		
Grandcote Reformed Presby. Coulterville, IL	214	33	114	6	5		80	30	12	102	55	3		4	6	1	15280		7373	22418	Y	Y	N	Y	
Faith Bible Presbyterian Cutler, IL	27	16	17	3	1		1	35	10	8	35	32					6648	500	601	7748	Y	N	N	N	
Westminster Presbyterian Elgin, IL	113	54	57	6	5		1	116	45	12	83	70		8	1	2	16314	12618	10298	39330	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Hanna City Reformed Presby. Hanna City, IL																									
Limestone Reformed Presby. Limestone, IL																									
Bethel Reformed Presby. Sparta, IL	140		45	6	7	2	115	46	20	105	60			1	3		17981	31	4224	22236	Y	Y	Y	Y	
First Bible Presbyterian Indianapolis, IN	77	15	41	4	2		1	52	21	11	50	93	1		4	1	6	16165		2858	19023	Y	Y	Y	Y
First Reformed Presbyterian Indianapolis, IN	77	21	42	1	1	1	4	65	25	10	45	50	5	10		1	24782	5673	5931	36386	Y	Y	Y	N	
Westminster Presbyterian Muncie, IN	62	11	24	5	3	1		75			60					1	1	12707	11442	7945	32095	Y	Y	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Vincennes, IN	(M) 23	22	13	1	1	1	4	41	18	6	29	35	1	1			9032	4505	379	13916	Y	N	N	N	
Indian Creek Presbyterian Cedar Rapids, IA	(M) 24	12	11	2			30		15	30			4	13	7		2	6500		420	6920	Y	N	N	N
Bible Presbyterian Walker, IA	51	11	29	3			1	80	70	56	70		1		2	1	8198	203	10303	18704	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Christ Reformed Presby. Grand Rapids, MI	100			4	3	4	100	40		80	20		18			3	21097		1925	23022	N	Y	N	N	
Bethel Presbyterian Affton, MO	53	25	32	1	3	1	2	45	20	17	35		3	4	3	10	1	9197	400	2541	11738	Y	Y	N	Y
Glen Ridge Reformed Presby. Chesterfield, MO	51	45	30	3	3		11	85	41	13	61		18		12	1	4	20505	7504	4257	32266	Y	N	N	Y

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Lafayette Presbyterian Ellisville, MO	31	22	12	2	1			1	51	30	5	46	40									4141	4700	1159	10000	Y	N	N	N		
Hazelwood Reformed Presby. Hazelwood, MO	131	61	65	7	6			5	149	79	23	119	101	4	11		4		1	1		25331	7855	3832	39658	Y	Y	N	Y		
Covenant Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	442	222	228	16	19			4	312	150	70	321	297	16	21	2	6	2	2	6		60045	14207	48884	123136	Y	Y	Y	N		
Grace and Peace Fellowship St. Louis, MO	88	21	30	2		1	4	4	150		65	105		11	9	30	9			1	4		17931	4782	9095	31808	N	N	N	N	
Korean Presbyterian St. Louis, MO																															
Olive Branch Presbyterian St. Louis, MO	41	7	30	2		8			49	25	10	44	36	1				2			1		9529	585	2909	13023	N	N	Y	N	
Bible Presbyterian Merrill, WI	74	18	49	3	3	3			50	20	10	33	25	2			3	3				7500	600	3730	11830	Y	Y	N	N		
<b>Totals:</b>																															
Ministers	68																														
Churches	21	1834	607	883	77	50	19	10	39	1651	664	350	1425	937	65	81	35	57	21	10	23	305780	72321	129348	509552						
Missions	3	62	47	36	3	1	6	1	5	131	29	27	59	99	6	14	8	5			2	26572	5005	1039	32616						
<b>NEW JERSEY PRESBYTERY</b>																															
Calvary Presbyterian Brick Town, NJ	51	21	31	2		5	2	1	55	20	15	80	100	11	2			1		8		17003	2662	1486	21121	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Evangelical Presbyterian Camden, NJ	85	8	48	8	2			2	98	49	23	101		2						2		17584	4800	7346	29730	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Covenant Presbyterian Cherry Hill, NJ	254	26	87	9	4	9	3	7	268	148	30	213	128	28	5	12	12	1				36575		17000	53575	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Seaside Bible Church Seaside Heights, NJ	17	2	8			3			25	8	4											10267		4974	15241	Y	N	N	N		

Evangelical Presbyterian Trenton, NJ	67	19	40	6	3		1	75	40	18	75	85						2	1	38183	13978	52161	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Ventnor Presbyterian Ventnor, NJ	38	15	25	2	1	2	2	48	20	8	33							1		6587	287	2034	8907	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Evangelical Presbyterian Williamstown, NJ	30	15	18	2	2	2		45	15	8	60	91	4					1		10642		1230	11872	Y	Y	Y	N	
<b>Totals:</b>																												
Ministers	16																											
Churches	7	542	106	257	29	12	21	5	13	614	300	106	562	404	45	7	12	12	6	1	10	136841	7749	48048	192607			
Missions	0																											

**NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

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Covenant Reformed Presby. Newcastle, New Brunswick, Can.	24	8	15	3			1	5	30		10	15								24	13159	915	361	14435	Y	Y	N	Y	
Westminster Presbyterian Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada	62	30	35	4					100	50	25	40			1					1	2	14575	875	8653	24103	Y	N	N	Y
Presbyterian Church of Manchester, CT (*)	110	50	67	5	6		1	3	140	40	15	88	128	10	7	2	2				19300	2000	5874	27174	Y	Y	N	N	
Grace Reformed Presbyterian Ballston Spa, NY	23	18	8	3	1		2	4	60	35	12	65								1	2	10850	100	199	11149	Y	N	Y	N
Duanesburg Reformed Presby. Duanesburg, NY	92	57	56	4	6		3		110	40	12	105	58	5		2	4				21036	5053	7022	33111	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Covenant Presbyterian Johnstown, NY	85	15	22	4					65	10	6	50								1		13000		1070	15989	Y	Y	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Newburgh, NY	94	13	59	6	3	6		4	86	27	12	54									1	18589	1249	4500	24338	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Totals:</b>																													
Ministers	14																												
Churches	7	490	191	262	29	16	6	7	16	591	202	92	417	186	16	31	4	7	4	3	110509	10192	27679	150299					
Missions	0																												

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY**

Glenmore Reformed Presby. Calgary, Alberta, Canada	40	20	16	2	1		3	2	71	31	15										3	2	3	17500	2900	20400	N	Y	N	N
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														Profession of Faith	Reaffirmation	Transfer of Letter	Letter of Dismissal	Death									Ordination
Crestwood Presbyterian Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (*)	55	10	30	4	3		1	80	18	10	48	72	5	1					13549		1911	15460	Y	N	N	Y	
Alderwood Evangelical Presby. Alderwood Manor, WA	38	14	30	4	4		1	45	18	7	48		5	1	4	2	1		12802		1042	13844	N	Y	N	N	
First Reformed Presbyterian Bellingham, WA	47	8	32	6	2			62	28	16	35	40		4	1				13500	2800	723	17103	N	N	Y	N	
Wwstminster Presbyterian Everett, WA	326	60	180	10	7	8	4	2	175	65	25	120	105	6	3	6	2	4	14	32298		9441	41740	Y	Y	Y	Y
Covenant Presbyterian Issaquah, WA (*)	99	45	42	5	7		1	85	17	10	70	93		3	1				15092		4964	20056	Y	Y	Y	Y	
First Evangelical Presbyterian Seattle, WA	178	45	90	9	6		1	110	50	20	100	135	2	1			1	8	20140	9394	15916	45450	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Highline Reformed Presby. Seattle, WA (M)	19	8	9	3	2		3	3	36	10	4	36							6671		1880	8551	N	N	Y	N	
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Tacoma, WA	335	47	172	12	15		13	6	215	78	15	150	85	20	6	2	6	2	40789		13571	54360	N	N	Y	Y	
<b>Totals:</b>																											
Ministers	17																										
Churches	8	1118	249	592	52	45	8	22	13	843	305	118	571	41	14	21	7	12	24	165670	12194	50468	228413				
Missions	1	19	8	8	3	2		3	3	36	10	4	36						6671		1880	8551					

### PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY

Covenant Presbyterian Glen Mills, PA	57	36	29	2	3		2	1	63	27	12	51	89	2	5	1	1		12473	3340	1862	17675	Y	Y	Y	N
Beechwood Reformed Presby. Havertown, PA	55		32	2		2	2		45	15	8	42	52	1	2	2	1		12411		3668	16078	N	Y	N	Y

Calvary Presbyterian King of Prussia, PA (*)	74	38	40	3	3		70	25	12	50	95	2	3	6	13948	100	14048	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Westminster Presbyterian Lancaster, PA	237	60	121	12	12		5	247	63	40	184	77	1	16	2	1	14	28376	49951	8147	86474	N	Y	Y	N	
Lansdale Reformed Presby. Lansdale, PA	102	77	44	4	3	2	2	120	30	15	85	108	9		2	3		20600	2000	9700	32300	N	Y	Y	Y	
Evangelical Presbyterian Levittown, PA	172	36	96	5	5	11	11	195	87	28	173		11	13	1	1	6	28705	2206	18230	49142	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Calvary Presbyterian Media, PA	124	6	48	8	1	1	2	90	30	10	50	60	6		3	1		18000	13000	2845	33845	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Christ Reformed Presbyterian Oreland, PA	58	31	19	3	3	2	2	85	65	7	48		6	2	8	1	2	13324		983	14307	Y	Y	Y	N	
Third Reformed Presbyterian Philadelphia, PA	144	96	75	8	2	12	1	5	165	70	10	150	150	5	4	1	24	34563	5000	5250	44813	N	Y	Y	Y	
Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Philadelphia, PA	84	6		5	5	4	40				50					2	1	7952		2592	10544	N	N	N	N	
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Quarryville, PA	108	35	50	6	5	1	110	52	55	130	30		1	3				17032	11438	17715	46186	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Calvary Presbyterian Warminster, PA	61	48	30	2	2	4	2	110	40	8	84	90	2	2			13	20750	1890	1002	23642	N	Y	N	Y	
Calvary Presbyterian Willow Grove, PA	554	358	210	9	12	12	1	5	395	170	80	291	73	7	7	3	13	60253	54192	28900	143345	Y	Y		Y	
Grace Reformed Presby. Camp Hill, PA (M)	15	10	13		4	2	60	8	8	60				15				10155		733	10888	N	Y	N	N	
<b>Totals:</b>																										
Ministers	37																									
Churches	13	1830	827	794	69	46	42	19	36	1735	674	285	1388	824	50	47	17	26	15	67	288387	141217	100994	532399		
Missions	1	15	10	13		4	2	60	8	8	60				15			10155		733	10888					

### PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

Trinity Presbyterian Columbus, OH	62	19	32	3	1	2	62	31	12	79	85	2	3		9	16200	3052	1028	15172	Y	Y	N	Y			
Immanuel Presbyterian Poland, OH	148	39	62	6	8	8	5	12	130	50	25	84		9	7	2	3	5	21917	18879	4251	45047	Y	Y	Y	Y



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY**

Evangelical Presbyterian Colorado Springs, CO	430	183	178	9	16	7	4	347	195	49	312	470		2	131	1		29153	25527	19988	74668	Y	Y	Y	Y
Village Seven Presbyterian Colorado Springs, CO	212	75	75	6	16	12	3	260	127	54	198	420	33	26	30			18991	13841	4147	36979	N	Y	Y	Y
Covenant Reformed Presby. Wheat Ridge, CO	52	6	29	3	4	2	56	31	19	32	31	5	2	9				10114		942	11056	N	Y	Y	Y
Trinity Presbyterian Kearney, NB (*)	76	14	44	4	4	2	103	52	26	74	48	6		2				14085	667	7097	21849	Y	N	N	Y
Westminster Reformed Presby. Alamagordo, NM	104	31	33	4	2	1	1	58		22	47		2	3	2	5		15400	310	1660	17370	Y	Y	N	N
University Presbyterian Las Cruces, NM	168	52	80	5	3	4	3	159	73	47	80	92	5	6	18	8		23640		4013	27652	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Totals:</b>																									
Ministers	10																								
Churches	6	1042	361	439	31	39	10	20	12	983	478	217	743	1061	51	37	43	156	1	8	111383	40345	29821	189574	
Missions	0																								

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**SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY**

Faith Presbyterian Savannah, GA	68	23	38	2	2	1	1	60	50	40	50		5	6	1	5		19324	4000	4906	28230	Y	Y	N	Y
Second Street Presbyterian Albemarle, NC	242	34	109	8	8	1	1	180	70	25	125	80	2		1			23476	18292	2736	44504	Y	N	N	Y
Faith Presbyterian Charlotte, NC	130	10	69	9	8			102	48	10	70	90	5	8	1	4	71	21888	1088	9101	32078	Y	Y	N	Y
Westminster Presbyterian Concord, NC	62		32	4	4	2	47			20	100				3			6582		50	6632	N	N	N	N
Lednum Street Presbyterian Durham, NC	41	4	12	1	2			28	28	15	37			1				4872	893	209	5973	Y	N	Y	N
Meadowview Presbyterian Lexington, NC	175		50	6	6			110	65	40	75	80			1	1		13100		1710	14810	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reformed Presbyterian Reidsville, NC (*)	27	11	17	1	1	1		30	18	12	29		1					6821	186	320	7327	Y	Y	N	Y
Trinity Presbyterian Wilmington, NC	56	9	25	6	2		3	60	30	25	40		2	24	22			9503	8786	2290	20579	Y	Y	Y	N



Reformed Presbyterian Muscle Shoals, AL	(M)	22		8	1					22	8	6	16			1				7474		623	8097	Y	Y	N	N	
Ryder Memorial Bible Presby. Bluff City, TN		34	5	20	2	1	3			59	30	25	64	101	3	3			2	4947		1284	6231	N	N	N	N	
First Reformed Presbyterian Lookout Mountain, TN		177	62	63	7	9		5	350	300	50	145	70	11	23	5			3	27258		22386	49644	N	Y	Y	Y	
First Reformed Presbyterian Memphis TN		79	10	43	7	5	2			66	41	29	49	32			8	1	11	18723	1732	4083	28620	Y	Y	Y	N	
Reformed Presbyterian Nashville, TN		23	19	12	2			1	46								1	1	1	12855	901	1220	14975	N	N	Y	Y	
<b>Totals:</b>																												
Ministers	30																											
Churches	6	517	200	217	27	24	3	5	8	784	488	152	426	258	27	17	30	15	2	31	119184	8005	39436	180517				
Missions	1	22		8	1					22	8	6	16				1			7474		623	8097					

#### SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Minco, OK		84	14	52	4	2				51	33	20	57	38					1	10575	3567	4537	18679	Y	Y	Y	Y
Calvary Presbyterian Stilwell, OK		21	2	11	4		1			20	39	20	26	83	1					5133	463	381	5976	Y	Y	Y	N
Christ Presbyterian Tulsa, OK		47	8	20	4	2	1	1		60		29	40	30	2	1	1		5	17842	1500	3283	22625	N	N	N	Y
Westminster Reformed Presby. Bedford, TX		50	12	24	2	1		2		57	24	13	30	75	1	6			15	12000	100	864	12964	N	Y	N	N
Town North Presbyterian Richardson, TX		32	10	15	3	3				30	10	9	38				5			17629	4620	1390	23639	Y	Y	Y	N
Westminster Presbyterian Gainesville, TX		205	23	110	6	5	4	3		204	78	44	98	132	11			2	4	21000	8000	11918	40918	Y	N	Y	N
Sherwood Shores Chapel Sherwood Shores, TX	(M)	<i>Statistics included with Gainesville church</i>																									

<b>Totals:</b>																												
Ministers	10																											
Churches	6	439	69	232	23	13	5	4	3	422	184	135	289	358	15	6	1	6	3	24	84179	18250	22373	124801				
Missions	1																											



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	Ministers	Churches	Missions	Communicant Members	Covenant Children	Families	Elders	Deacons	Trustees	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE					MEMBERSHIP CHANGES					FINANCES			Total Receipts		
												Sunday A.M. Worship	Sunday P.M. Worship	Midweek Prayer Mtg.	Sunday School	D. V. B. S.	Increase		Decrease			General Operating Budget	Capital Improvements	Benevolences			
California	11	3	0	160	111	86	9	9	4		3	254	153	63	203		4	1	6	2		15	55219	7586	7176	69981	
Delmarva	37	18	0	2676	636	1299	94	95	15	24	43	2635	1128	369	2034	1280	126	150	64	49	19	50	485473	187766	130684	804019	
Florida	19	11	0	1267	280	609	55	45	3	11	19	1166	528	219	821	616	64	74	51	25	7	2	53	215312	66987	52028	315750
Great Plains	5	2	0	118	18	60	5	4		1	1	75	27	20	51	7	1		1	2	2		9594		3027	12620	
Midwestern	5	2	3	1834	607	883	77	40	19	10	39	1651	664	350	1425	937	65	81	35	57	21	10	23	305780	72321	129348	509552
New Jersey	16	7	0	542	106	257	29	12	21	5	13	614	300	106	562	404	45	7	12	12	6	1	10	136841	7749	48048	192607
Northeast	14	7	0	490	191	262	29	16	6	7	16	591	202	92	417	186	16	31	4	7	4		3	110509	10192	27679	150299
Pacific Northwest	7	8	1	1118	249	592	52	45	8	22	13	843	305	118	571	530	41	14	21	7	12	24	165670	12194	50468	228413	
Philadelphia	37	13	1	1830	827	794	69	46	42	19	36	1735	674	285	1388	824	50	47	17	26	15	67	288387	141217	100994	532399	
Pittsburgh	19	14	0	1461	469	713	65	36	34	15	25	1295	491	204	1048	733	37	40	6	10	9	3	39	197536	81176	55247	321385
Rocky Mountain	10	6	0	1042	361	439	31	39	10	20	15	983	478	217	743	1061	51	37	43	156	1	8	111383	40345	29821	189574	
Southeast	30	15	1	2129	330	989	77	68	5	20	32	1765	1002	559	1335	976	68	73	104	51	22	4	115	346594	136979	114281	618453
Southern	30	6	1	517	200	217	27	24	3	5	8	784	488	152	426	258	27	17	30	15	2	31	119184	8005	39436	180517	
Southwest	10	6	1	439	69	232	23	13	5	4	3	422	184	135	289	358	15	6	1	6	3	24	84179	18250	22373	124801	
Saharanpur	9	5	0	269	135	80	12			1	13	274	35	1	149			1	2	1	7	1					
<b>TOTALS:</b>																											
CANADA	5	4	0	181	68	96	13	4		5	7	281	99	60	103	72	9	73	4	1	2		58783	1790	13825	74398	
INDIA	8	5	0	269	135	80	12			1	13	274	35	1	149			1	2	1	7	1					
USA	319	133	8	15442	4386	7336	629	498	175	158	259	14532	6525	2829	11210	8098	601	505	391	424	121	20	462	2572878	788977	796785	4175972
TOTAL	332	142	8	15892	4589	7512	654	502	175	164	279	15087	6659	2890	11462	8170	610	579	397	426	130	21	462	2631661	790767	810610	4250370

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Ministers	332
Communicants	15892
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Total Communicants	16223
Covenant Children	4589
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Total Membership	20812



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## PSALM 133

MANOAH C. M.



1. Be - hold how good a thing it is, And how be - com - ing well
2. Like pre - cious oint - ment on the head, That down the beard did flow,
3. As Her - mon's dew, the dew that doth On Zi - on's hill des - cend;



To - geth - er such as breth - ren are In un - i ty to dwell.  
Ev'n Aar - on's beard and to the skirts Did of his gar - ments go.  
For there the bless - ing God com - mands, Life that shall nev - er end.



*May be sung to the tune of "Ballerma," "Martyrdom," "Avondale," or  
"Alas! and did my saviour bleed"*

