

**MINUTES
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OF THE
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

Assembly	Year	Name	Place of Assembly
1st	1981	Rev. Calvin Gray	Livonia, Michigan
2nd	1982	Mr. Irvin Rinehart	Aurora, Colorado
3rd	1983	Dr. James Van Dyke	St. Louis, Missouri

MINUTES - MONDAY EVENING

June 20, 1983
First Session

3-1 Evening Worship

At 7:30 P.M. the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church convened for the opening worship service with TE Andrew Jumper, Senior Pastor of the host church, Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO, presiding. The service began with the reading of Psalm 135, followed by the singing of the "Doxology." Special music was presented by Soloist, Sue Chrisco, singing, "We Shall Behold Him."

The Moderator, Irvin Rinehart called the Assembly to order and gave the convening prayer. After the singing of the "Gloria Patri," the anthem, "Come Let Us Sing" was sung by the Central Choir. TE Andrew Jumper welcomed the Assembly and read Scripture from Luke 24. The offering was received, accompanied by the offertory anthem, "In Remembrance of Me" by the host church choir. The Moderator then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. E. V. Hill, pastor of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA. He used Scripture from Exodus 3 and the theme of his sermon was "God's Answer."

The Stated Clerk, TE Edward Davis gave the invitation to Holy Communion, followed by the unison reading of "The Apostles' Creed." The Words of Institution were given by TE Andrew Jumper, using Scripture I Cor. 11. After the distribution of the elements, the Assembly was dismissed to witness in the world.

3-2 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 9:45 P.M.

MINUTES TUESDAY MORNING

June 21, 1983
Second Session

3-3 Morning Worship

The Call to Worship was given by Dr. William M. Flannagan, Associate Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church. The Opening Hymn was "Come Thou Almighty King." After the Morning Prayer, a solo, "Lord God of Israel" was sung by Victor Jannett. The Message was given by the Moderator, Mr. Irvin Rinehart, and the theme of his message was "How God Put Together the Evangelical Presbyterian Church." He used Scripture from Psalm 50:7-15. The worship service ended with the singing of the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way Lord," at 8:40 A.M.

3-4 Assembly Reconvened

The General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was reconvened by Moderator Irvin Rinehart at 8:45 A.M.

3-5 Election of Recording Clerk

Stated Clerk Edward Davis, nominated RE Jeanne White to be Assembly Recording Clerk.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

3-6 Presentation of the Docket

The Stated Clerk presented the "Proposed Docket" with the request to delete the "Remarks of the Moderator" as such had already been done, and the "Passing of the Gavel as a Ceremony," in order that such can be done at the Tuesday Evening Service.

ON MOTION the Docket was adopted as amended.

3-7 Election of Moderator

The Stated Clerk introduced TE Bartlett Hess, representing the Committee on Administration who placed the name of TE James Van Dyke, First Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA into nomination for the office of Moderator. There being no further nominations from the floor, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for TE Van Dyke. A prayer of dedication was given by past Moderator Irvin Rinehart. Moderator Van Dyke gave a short speech to the Assembly.

3-8 Amendment to the Rules of the Assembly

The Stated Clerk moved that the Assembly amend the RULES FOR ASSEMBLY, Article VIII, Sec. 8-1, to add a number 8, a committee on "Memorials and Appreciation," and a number 9, a committee on "Overtures and Resolution."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to so amend.

3-9 Commissioners Briefing

The Stated Clerk briefed the Commissioners on the registration information they have on hand, as well as the purposes of the Permanent Committees and the Assembly Committees. Permanent Committees are structured on a three year class basis, while Assembly Committees are established on Assembly year basis only. Chairpersons are appointed by the Moderator and committee personnel are elected by the Assembly Committee on Nominations (Rules VIII, sec. 8-2) which meets on the day preceding the convening of the Assembly. Further explanation of the duties of the Assembly committees was given.

3-10 Introduction of Committee Chairpersons

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| 1. Presbytery Review | TE Lowry Horner |
| 2. Christian Educations Publications | RE Marlene Westberg |
| 3. World Outreach | RE Julian Hopkins |
| 4. Fraternal Relations | TE Kent Bull |
| 5. Ministerial Vocation | TE William Moore |
| 6. Church Development | TE Bruce Ferry |
| 7. Memorials and Appreciation | RE Homer Graham |
| 8. Administration | RE Armin Remke |
| 9. Overtures and Resolution | TE Calvin Grey |
| 10. Committee on Nominations | RE Sue Shirley |

3-11 Partial Report - Committee on Nominations

RE Sue Shirley announced that lists would be posted on the Education Building Bulletin Board of Assembly Committee Assignments. The posting was as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

TE

RE

1. Armin Remke, Chairperson
2. Carlton Baker
3. Bill Flannagan
4. Stew Pohlman
5. Fred Lian
6. Jim Van Dyke
7. Bob Woodburn
8. George Woodcock

9. Waightstill Avery
10. Will Bethel
11. Don Burnett
12. Bob King
13. Bob Julin
14. Ed McCallum
15. Vern Schneider
16. Jim Van Dyke
17. Dean Robinson
18. Leuretta Rallens

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

TE

RE

1. Bruce Ferry, Chairperson
2. Steve Barrett
3. Robert Balnicky
4. Ed Davis (Ft. Collins)
5. Andy Jumper
6. Wally Hostetter
7. Gerry Kelly
8. Ted Kline
9. Tom Musselman

11. J. Robert Brown
12. Al Carlisle
13. Jack Houghton
14. Norm Huebl
15. Frank Johnson
16. Louise Penney
17. Leonard Pilgrim
18. Vern Porter
19. John Pound
20. Richard Oestreicher
21. Charles Ross
22. Albert Schoenbeck
23. Rollin Wilcoxson
24. Dennis Young
25. Dick Young

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/PUBLICATIONS

1. Marlene Westberg, Chairperson (RE)

TE

RE

2. Don Van Dyke
3. Tom Shields
4. Eddy Swieson

5. Lynn Eastman
6. Elizabeth Holmes
7. Donald Reinke, II
8. Maryon Remke
9. David Stickle
10. Alex Whitaker, III

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

TE

RE

1. Kent Bull, Chairperson
2. David Massimi
3. Larry Schmoekel
4. Darryl Sparling

5. Bob Bole
6. Earle Chism
7. Gary Cunningham
8. Mark Floyd
9. Bob Mount

MEMORIALS & APPRECIATION

1. Homer Graham, Chairperson (RE)

TE

RE

2. Roy Howes
3. Jim Morrison
4. Jeanne Snyder
5. Walter Lobdell

OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS

TE

RE

1. Calvin Gray, Chairperson
2. Bart Hess
3. Glenn Hickman
4. Paul Moon
5. Wayne Peterson
6. Mark Moore

7. Burton Cowan
8. Michael Farrand
9. Kenneth Hancock
10. Paul Lawrence
11. George Motto
12. Irv Rinehart
13. W. Lee Robertson
14. Roger VonderBruegge

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL VOCATION

TE

RE

1. Bill Moore, Chairperson
2. Malcolm Brown
3. Paul Brown
4. Don Green
5. Dave Herbertson
6. Don Hyer
7. Paul Westberg

8. Leah Brenton
9. Harlen Dewey
10. Frank Douglas
11. Ralph Hennings
12. Rom Juillerat
13. Steven Sacco
14. Jack Schlosser
15. Sue Shirley
16. Phil Tiews
17. Don Harms

PRESBYTERY REVIEW

TE

RE

1. Lowry Horner, Chairperson
2. Mark Brewer
3. Don Galardi
4. Robert Ralston

5. Jan Bole
6. Don Fifield
7. Duane Francis
8. Bob Garringer
9. Donald Robertson
10. Edward Staley

COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH

1. Julian Hopkins, Chairperson (RE)

TE

RE

2. Bob Bayley
3. Don Fortson
4. Alex Koval
5. Bob Stauffer
6. Fred Stifel
7. Doug Thompson
8. Wallace Wise

9. Jack Beatty
10. Albert Brown
11. Lucille Delzell
12. Jan Garringer
13. Leonard Parsons
14. John Prentis
15. Jane Rader
16. Ruth Schlessner
17. Ralston Willis
18. Margaret Wolds
19. Larry Youse
20. Barbara Mansfield

3-12 Report of Stated Clerk

A Quorum is present. The Stated Clerk requested that the Moderator introduce the new member churches and their representatives:

1. Central Northwest Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI.
2. Christ's Evangelical Presbyterian, Chandler, AR.
3. Grace Presbyterian Church, Covington, LA.
4. Dundalk Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, MD.
5. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia City, IN.
6. Hemet Valley Presbyterian, Homeland, CA.
7. Tabernacle Presbyterian, Youngstown, OH.
8. Evangelical Presbyterian, Wickliffe, OH.
9. Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian, Littleton, CO.
10. Reformed Fellowship, Ann Arbor, MI.
11. Christian Covenant Church, Glen Echo, MD.
12. Grace Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC.
13. Louisville Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS.
14. Plumbtree Presbyterian, Plumbtree, NC.
15. Evangelical Presbyterian Communion, Albuquerque, NM.
16. Santa Maria Community, Santa Maria, CA.

Mission Churches:

17. Woodward Church, Woodward, OK.
18. Southwest Community Church, Denver, CO.
19. Ft. Collins Fellowship, Fort Collins, CO.
20. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Elkton, VA.
21. Roanoke Fellowship, Roanoke, VA.

3-13 Matters Received and Referred

The Stated Clerk asked the Commissioners to review the booklet entitled Proposed Overtures and Communications.

3-14 Referral of Overtures and Resolutions

The Stated Clerk recommended that the following Overtures be referred to the following Committees:

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| 1. Overture A | to | Overture Committee |
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OVERTURE A

WHEREAS, it is the firm conviction of the Presbytery of the South that the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, authoritative Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and,

WHEREAS, this conviction is reflected very clearly by the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter One; and,

WHEREAS, the "Essentials of Our Faith" of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church attest to this conviction that the Scriptures

are the "infallible Word of God," and "the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks;"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church amend its Book of Order, Book of Government Sections 14-1(A)2, and 14-1(E)2 by deleting these sections as they now read, and substitute the following as the new Sections 14-1(A)2 and 14-1(E)2 to wit:

"Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?"

Attest:
James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk,
Presbytery of the South

2. Overture B to Overture Committee

OVERTURE B

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of the South is convinced that the Scripture and confession of our Church strongly affirm the dignity and value of every human life,

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you: I appointed you a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)

My frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:15)

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar: the Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name. (Isaiah 49:1)

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:41)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of life while demanding the preservation of life:

"The Sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others."
(Question 68)

"The Sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth there unto." (Question 69)

Scripture teaches that it is insufficient to avoid involvement in injustice. God's people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that such unborn children are therefore to be protected and valued along with all other human life.

We have a special responsibility as Christians to protect and care for the unborn and for others who are unable to protect themselves. Scripture consistently calls the strong to protect and care for the poor and weak. Jesus stated clearly that "As you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 24:40). There is no segment of our population more hopeless than the unborn, nor more in need of the support of those who are strong.

Be it also resolved that, in addition to these uniquely Christian responses to the crisis of the unborn children, we urge all citizens to promote legislation that brings our judicial and legal system into line with the Scriptural views on protecting the poor and weak. Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. Although all citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues since "God alone is Lord of the Conscience" the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state are not private but public matters.

The Biblical witness clearly affirms that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life. See for example, Amos, Chapters 1 & 2. We cannot willfully disregard or evade this responsibility with impunity. For these reasons, the protection of innocent unborn life is a very important agenda for the Christian community and we urge all Christians to become personally, professionally, and religiously involved in serving those who cannot adequately help themselves. The fact that individual Christians, Churches, and the Nation have often neglected to do this suggests the need for repentance and forgiveness.

Be it further resolved that, besides prayer and general assistance on behalf of all weak persons, the General Assembly also suggests that the following steps be implemented by

individuals, congregations, and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies.

A. Women facing problem pregnancies should receive the support, love, acceptance, and counsel of Christians both during and after the decisions they face; and that the Church must provide the ethical, moral, theological, and spiritual guidance to these persons facing problem pregnancies.

B. The men involved must be confronted with their responsibilities on these matters.

C. There is a need for Biblically-based counsel by pastors, counselors, physicians, and Christian friends for women and men who face difficult decisions raised by problem pregnancies.

D. The Church must increase its support, care, and nurture for all children, but a special need exists for support of children who result from unwanted pregnancy.

E. The Church must consciously plan to support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.

F. The Church is best able to serve as a therapeutic community to those women who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption.

G. Both individual Christians and the various judicatories of the Churches should do everything in their power to provide supportive communities, alternatives to abortion, and strongly discourage abortion as a means or birth control.

Taken together, these steps can go a long way toward involving Christians in the cause of alleviating the burden of those who suffer because of this issue.

Attest:
James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk,
Presbytery of the South

3. Overture C to Church Development

OVERTURE C

WHEREAS, Presbyteries of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church are to exercise oversight over the life of a number of churches within a designated area and;

WHEREAS, Presbyteries of the EPC are to encourage evangelism and renewal within their bounds; and

WHEREAS, the EPC Presbytery of the South is so geographically large that achieving these goals is made inconvenient, expensive, and time-consuming; and

WHEREAS, some prospective churches of the EPC have already been discouraged from applying for membership in our denomination because of the immense size of the Presbytery of the South;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Presbytery of the South ask that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church allow the Presbytery of the South to divide into two presbyteries as follows, as soon as there are at least five congregations and a communicant membership of at least 750 in the bounds of both presbyteries;

The Presbytery of the Southeast: The states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, plus eastern Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The Presbytery of the Central South: The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, plus western Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

- NOTE: 1. Churches in Florida, Kentucky, & Tennessee may affiliate with either Central South or Southeast, at their option.
2. Churches in Southern Illinois may affiliate with Central South or Midwest, at their option.
3. Churches in eastern Texas may affiliate with Central South or West, at their option.

Attest:
James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk,
Presbytery of the South

4. Overture C

to

Overture Committee

OVERTURE D

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has from its formation subscribed to the Westminster Confession of Faith as teaching the doctrines of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, the already-adopted Essentials of Our Faith relies upon the Westminster Confession for a fuller understanding; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an "official" version of the Confession from among the various editions presently in existence;

The Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Butler, Pennsylvania hereby overtures the Presbytery of the East to petition the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to adopt as its official statement the Westminster Confession of Faith in the following edition:

The Westminster Confession of Faith, edited by Douglas Kelly, Hugh McClure, and Philip Rollinson; The Attic Press, Greenwood, SC, 1979, with the following notations;

1. Chapters numbered as followed by the UPCUSA.
2. Chapter 24, "Concerning Marriage Vows and Divorce," as previously adopted by the PCUS.
3. Chapters 34 & 35, "Of the Holy Spirit," and "Of the Gospel of the Love of God and Missions," are to be included.
4. Chapter 25, Section 6 to read, "There is no other head of the Church than the Lord Jesus Christ. The claim of anyone to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church is without warrant in fact or in Scripture even anti-Christian, a usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Attest:

Frank Johnson

Stated Clerk,

Presbytery of the East

OVERTURE E

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as comprising the infallible, written revelation of the mind and will of God; and

WHEREAS, it is our position that these Scriptures contain everything that is necessary for the salvation of man and for his living successfully, both individually and in families and in societies; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ethical principles contained in the Scriptures are timeless and universal in their application; and

WHEREAS, it is our further understanding that the Scriptures not only fail to distinguish between pre-natal and post-natal life, but also attribute full human identity to the unborn human fetus; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is certainly and necessarily committed to both the sanctity and the inviolability of human fetal life, and is unalterably opposed to any and all systems of thought which deny that sanctity and to any and all attempts to destroy that life, save in the most extreme of circumstances; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church encourage its congregations to incorporate into their services of worship, their ministries of teaching, their opportunities for counseling and their efforts to influence the wider communities about them, this Scriptural view of the sanctity and inviolability of all innocent human life--born and unborn--as the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, leads them and gives them opportunity; and be it finally understood and

RESOLVED that the purpose of this statement is pastoral, not judicial; that the petition it contains is best proclaimed by those profoundly aware of their own continuous need for the mercy and forgiveness of God; and that in this and all other matters the Church must always follow the compassionate example of Christ who said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

Attest:
Dean Robinson
Stated Clerk,
Presbytery of the Midwest

6. Recommendation #1 from the Permanent Judicial Commission to the floor.

RECOMMENDATION #1

TO: The 3rd General Assembly
FROM: The Permanent Judicial Commission

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that sections in the Book of Order concerning local church representation at Presbytery and the General Assembly be amended as described below:

Book of Government 2-3

Present Wording Recommended for Deletion:

"The General Assembly shall consist of representatives from each Presbytery, two Ruling Elders and one Teaching Elder, for each 2,000 members, or part thereof."

Proposed Wording Recommended for Substitution:

"The basis of representation to General Assembly shall be the same as representation to Presbytery."

Book of Government 16-14

Present Wording Recommended for Deletion:

"The Presbytery: The Presbytery has oversight of the life of a number of churches within a designated area. It is composed of all ministers of the Presbytery and at least two Ruling Elders elected by the Church Session. The Church Session shall elect two additional Ruling Elders for each additional Pastor, whether Associate or Assistant. In any case, a particular church shall have no less than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or portion thereof."

Proposed Addition:

members or major portion thereof."

Book of Government 16-20

Present Wording Recommended
for Deletion

"It is composed of Commissioners elected by the Presbyteries, one Minister and two Ruling Elders for each 2,000 members or part thereof."

Proposed Wording Recommended
for Substitution

"It is composed of all the Ministers of the Presbyteries and at least two Ruling Elders elected by the Church Session. The Church Session shall elect two additional Ruling Elders for each additional Pastor, whether Associate or Assistant. In any case, a particular Church shall have no less than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or major portion thereof."

Attest:

John A. Baird

Clerk,

Permanent Judicial Commission

7. Resolution #2

to

Church Development

RESOLUTION #2

The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to establish a voluntary, cooperative, or affiliate status for churches whose pastors are members of the EPC and who, due to their present legal or ecclesiastical status, cannot unite at this time with the EPC but who are one in spirit with the denomination and desire to fellowship with and to further its work and mission.

Such churches may be represented and may have the privilege of the floor, but would be without vote in any and all judicatories of the EPC. The Presbytery suggests an appropriate committee be assigned to study this matter and report its findings to the 4th General Assembly.

Attest:

Bruce Ferry

Clerk Pro-Term

Presbytery of the Far West
(Provisional)

RESOLUTION #3

The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to give full presbytery status to the above named provisional presbytery and that the Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) be authorized to initiate the election of appropriate officers and to properly organize itself according to need.

Attest:

Bruce Ferry

Clerk Pro-Term

Presbytery of the Far West
(Provisional)

3-15 Referral of Committee Reports and Recommendations

<u>Handbook</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Referral</u>
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	A-2	Administration Committee
	A-3	Administration Committee
Pg. 11	W-1	World Outreach
Pg. 12	W-2	World Outreach
Pg. 14	W-3	Administration Committee
Pg. 16	D-1	Administration Committee
Pg. 17	D-2	Church Development
	D-3	Church Development
	D-4	Church Development
	D-5	Church Development
	D-6	Church Development & Administration
	D-7	Administration
	D-8	Church Development & Woman's Task Force
Pg. 20	C-1	Christian Education
	C-2	Christian Education
	Error corrected from, (appointed by permanent CEP Committee) to read, Appointed by Moderator.	
Pg. 22	M-1	Ministerial Vocation
	M-2	Ministerial Vocation
	M-3	Ministerial Vocation
Pg. 24	PJ-1	Overtures Committee
	PJ-2	Ministerial Vocation
	PJ-3	Overtures Committee
Pg. 31	Overture B is actually Overture D in the Handbook	

ON MOTION by Stated Clerk to recommend and refer all matters above, a unanimous ballot was cast.

3-16 Prayer & Recognition

The Moderator requested TE Mark Brewer to lead in special prayer for all the new churches received by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Moderator then requested that the Observers introduce themselves after which the Assembly warmly greeted them.

3-17 Announcements

TE Andrew Jumper, Host pastor requested the indulgence of the Commissioners regarding parking in the area of the church. He further announced that there would be lunch served gratis to all Observers in the Education Building - Room G. Joseph Schluchter, Local Assembly Coordinator was introduced and made announcements about the Centreat program and transportation.

3-18 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 10:15 A.M. with a closing prayer by TE Steve Barrett.

MINUTES TUESDAY EVENING

June 21, 1983
Third Session

3-19 Evening Worship

At 7:30 P.M. the Assembly reconvened for a worship service with TE Andrew Jumper, Senior Pastor of the host church, Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO, presiding. The service began with the Call to Worship, followed by the prelude, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" performed by the Adult Bell Choir of the Host church, and then sung by the Assembly. Following this was the singing of the "Doxology" and the corporate Confession of Sin. After singing "The Gloria Patri," the Chancel Choir sang an anthem, "O Clap Your Hands."

The outgoing Moderator, Mr. Irvin Rinehart, then proceeded with the Investiture of the New Moderator, TE James Van Dyke. The Stated Clerk then recognized the past Moderators, with after which the hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," was sung. During the offering, the anthem, "Let the People Praise Thee," was sung by the Chancel Choir. Moderator, TE James Van Dyke, then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. William R. Bright. The theme of his sermon was "Give Every Man the Opportunity to become a Christian," using Scripture from I Corinthians II and III. The recessional hymn was "We Have a Story To Tell To The Nations," followed by the benediction by the Host Pastor, TE Andrew Jumper.

3-20 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 P.M.

MINUTES WEDNESDAY MORNING

June 22, 1983
Fourth Session

3-20 Morning Worship

The Call to Worship was given by Dr. Eddy Swieson, Pastor, Christian Covenant Church, Potomac, Maryland. The Opening Hymn was "Holy, Holy, Holy." After the Scripture reading of Romans 8:28-39, the Morning Prayer was given, followed by the solo, "All Earth Adorned," sung by Judy Liddle, Central Presbyterian Church. The Message was given by the Moderator, Dr. James Van Dyke. The Scripture chosen was from Revelations 3:14-16 and his theme was "Do not make the mistake of being neither hot nor cold." The assembly sang in closing the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

3-21 Assembly reconvened

The Moderator reconvened the Assembly at 8:40 A.M., and requested TE Don Van Dyke, Central Northwest Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI to open the Assembly with prayer.

3-22 Docket of the Day

The Stated Clerk presented a revised Docket:

- Minutes of 2nd General Assembly
- Minutes of Monday and Tuesday meetings
- Report of Enrollment
- Introduction of Friends and Observers
- Report of Arrangements Committee
- Partial report of Memorials and Appreciation Committee
- Partial report of Permanent Judicial Commission
- Assembly Committee Reports:

1. Christian Education/Publications
2. Fraternal Relations
3. World Outreach
4. Ministerial Vocation

Delete:

1. Overtures and Resolutions (1st Reading)
2. Administration (1st Reading)
3. Church Development (1st Reading)

ON MOTION the docket as amended was adopted.

3-23 Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly

ON MOTION the Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly were presented and a unanimous ballot to approve was cast.

3-24 Minutes of Tuesday's meetings

The Recording Clerk read the Minutes of Tuesday's meetings.

ON MOTION the Minutes were approved as read.

3-25 Introduction of Friends and Observers

The Moderator took opportunity to acknowledge many friends and observers on behalf of the Assembly and warmly welcomed them.

3-26 Report of Enrollment

The Stated Clerk announced that there were in attendance: Sixty-two (62) Teaching Elders; Ninety-five (95) Ruling Elders; for a total of One hundred fifty-seven (157) Commissioners; and One hundred twenty-two (122) Observers, for a total of Two hundred seventy-nine persons in attendance. The final enrollment was as follows:

THE ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Commissioners

Churches	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
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PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH

EPC	Balnicky, Robert	King, Robert
Faith EPC	Hickman, Glenn	Lawrence, Paul
	Westberg, Paul	Westberg, Marlene
Louisville Presby.	Shields, John	
Zachary Presbyterian	Barrett, Steven	Floyd, Mark
		Slaughter, Gil
		Snyder, Jeanne Marie

PRESBYTERY OF THE EAST

Ashland EPC	Horner, C. Lowry	Johnson, W. Frank
Calvary EPC	Hyer, Donald	Schlosser, Jack
		Brown, J. Robert
Christian Covenant	Eddy Swieson	Stickle, David
		Mayer, Ron
Dundalk Presbyterian	Bull, J. Kent	Motto, George
		Douglas, Frank
First Love EPC	Pohlman, Stewart	Willis, Ralston
		Cowan, Burton
North Park EPC	Morrison, James	Ross, Charles
	Stauffer, Robert	Lacich, Don
		Staley, Edward

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

Calvary Presbyterian	Polk, Harold	Eastman, Lynn
Central Northwest	VanDyke, Don	Robinson, Dean

Churches	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
Central Presbyterian	Flannagan, William Fortson, S. Donald Jumper, Andrew	Cunningham, Gary Robertson, W. Lee Schmidt, Eric Schneider, Vern Schoenbeck, Albert VonderBruegge, Roger Farrand, Michael Young, Dick
Community EPC EPC Faith EPC Fellowship EPC	Galardi, Don Brown, Paul Massimi, David Baker, Carlton	Lobdell, Walter VanDyk, Jim Burnett, Don Rader, Jane Brown, Albert Parsons, Leonard Heenan, Palmer Schlessner, Ruth Houghton, Jack McCallum, Edward Francis, Duane Tiews, Philip
First - Anna	Albright, Clair	Garringer, Bob Garringer, Jan Juillerat, Tom Scotchmer, George Fifield, Donald Mount, Robert Carlisle, Alfred Harms, Donald Holmes, Elizabeth Julin, Robert Mansfield, Barbara Oestreicher, Richard Wolds, Margaret Young, Dennis
First - Trenton	Gray, Calvin	
Knox Presbyterian Military Avenue Mt. Pleasant Comm.	Woodcock, George Brown, Malcolm	
Oakwood Avenue Reformed Fellowship Tabernacle EPC Trinity - Columbia	Moon, Paul Ralston, Robert Schmoekel, Lawrence	
Trinity - Plymouth	Moore, William	
Ward Presbyterian	Hess, Bartlett Hostetter, W. Wallace Thompson, Douglas Woodburn, Robert	

PRESBYTERY OF THE FAR WEST

Calvary Chapel Christ's EPC	Bayley, Robert	Beck, Jean Brenton, Leah Wilcoxson, Rollin
Hemet Valley Santa Maria Comm.	Kline, Theodore Ferry, Bruce	Graham, Homer Hennings, Ralph

Churches

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

	Green, Don	
	Musselman, Tom	
Church - Open Door		Sacco, Steven
First - Chesterfield	Koval, Alex Peter	Hopkins, Julian
		Penney, Louise
First - Rome	VanDyke, James	Bethel, Will
		Dewey, Harlen
		Hancock, Kenneth
Grace EPC	Herbertson, David	Whitaker, Alex
New Covenant Comm.	Mulford, Terry	Beatty, Jack
Plumtree Presby.	Wise, Wallace	Pilgrim, Leonard
		Avery, Waighstill

PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST

EPC	Kelly, Gerald	
Cherry Hills	Dixon, Jim	Sadler, Mike
Faith - Aurora	Chism, R. Earle	Huebl, Norm
	Lian, Fred	Ingles, Jack
	Moore, B. Mark	Porter, Vern
	Sparling, Darryl	Pound, John
	Stifel, Fred	Rallens, Leuretta
	Wolf, Dean	Remke, Armin
		Remke, Maryon
		Robertson, Donald
		Shirley, Sue
		White, Jeanne
		Williamson, Dale
		Youse, Larry
Faith - Cherry Creek	Brewer, Mark	Bole, Bob
	Peterson, Wayne	Bole, Jan
		Rinehart, Irv
Ft. Collins	Davis, Ed	Moran, Jerry
Trinity EPC	Hiett, Dan	Delzell, Lucile
		Reinke, Donald
Trinity EP Communion	Howes, Roy	

3-27 Local Arrangement Committee Report

Joe Schlucter read the announcements for the day.

A request was made of the Assembly that the Overture and Resolutions Committee be excused at 9:30 A.M. to work on their report.

3-28 Partial Report of Memorials and Appreciation Committee

RE Homer Graham, Chairman requested permission of the Assembly to return with a complete report later in the Assembly.

3-29 Report of Permanent Judicial Commission

TE Clair Albright, Chairman, presented the Assembly with the following recommendations:

1. That in Sec. 11-2 in Rules for Assembly, the sentence "When a majority of a Committee...majority report affected." be stricken.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

A request for interpretation of Sec. 11-2 with special reference to above statement came to Committee. Rationale for recommendation to strike:

- a) Committees naturally have the right to permit monthly reports.
- b) These Rules ought not to give the floor to non-commissioners.
- c) All commissioners (including dissenting committee members) have full access to the floor including the right to make comments, amendments, substitute motions, and the like.

2. That the text of Sec. 13-3 (Handbook, p. 30) in Recommendations PJ-2 be corrected so that it corresponds to the same section in the Book of Government.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

3. That the Substitute amendment to Sec. 12-2(H) (Handbook, p. 29) from the PJC be corrected to include commas as follows:
"In extraordinary circumstances, a Presbytery, for reasons it judges adequate, may..."

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

A late Overture to the 3rd General Assembly was received from the Session of the Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, OH.

ON MOTION this Overture was received as a late Overture (Rules, 6-4) and the Permanent Judicial Commission having reviewed the Overture, will present the Overture to the Assembly.

YOUNGSTOWN OVERTURE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Chapter 8 of the Book of Government does not distinguish between a special meeting of the congregation and a regular, stated meeting of the same, but treats all meetings as if they were special meetings and

WHEREAS, the desire has been expressed by some members of our church for the continuance of the previous practice;

THEREFORE, we the Session of Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio, at our stated meeting on the fourth Tuesday of May, 1983, request that the Presbytery of the Midwest overture the General Assembly for the following change in the Book of Government (the change underlined below) 8-1(C), Agenda of Meeting, "Only those matters stated in the call may be presented and handled," except in the case of a regular, stated meeting at which any constitutional action may be taken.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

Recommendations:

1. The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends the General Assembly not concur with the Youngstown Overture.
2. The PJC recommends rather that Sec. 8-1 be amended by substituting the following: "Only those matters stated in the call may receive action. Other matters may be presented and discussed, but may not receive action at that meeting."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to amend.

3-30 Report of Christian Education/Publications Committee

Your Committee has examined the report and recommendations of the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications, and offers the following responses:

1. That Recommendation C-1 (Handbook, p. 20) be answered in the affirmative. This recommendation states: "The General Assembly charge its Committee on Ministerial Vocation with the responsibility for developing a thorough Continuing Education Program for Ministers. To be included in such study are the following needs:
 - a. the need for pastoral development in study leave
 - b. the need for quality content in the study leave
 - c. the need for non-pastoral professional staff to be included in professional development time

While your committee would encourage all of our churches to participate in continuing education programs, we would also urge the Ministerial Vocation Committee, in devising such a plan, to preserve the ministers' and local session's liberty to choose those quality programs which best meet their needs, whether or not they be denominationally sponsored.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

2. That Recommendation C-2 (Handbook, p. 20) be answered in the negative. This recommendation reads as follows:

"That a 'Sub-committee on Worship Service Book' be established to develop a source book for the EPC. Chairman to be Dr. George Scotchmer with one CEP committee representative. Four additional persons, geographically representative, are to be appointed by permanent CEP committee. Sub-committee to report to 4th General Assembly."

The Assembly Committee recommends in the negative for the following reasons:

a. The Book of Order is sufficiently clear on matters essential to worship, yet maintains the flexibility needed by local churches. We feel that a book of services might tend to discourage diversity and creativity within the parameters established by the Book of Order.

b. Worship is not properly a sub-section of Christian Education and we feel the area of worship is too expansive and too important to the life of the Church to be relegated to a sub-committee.

c. The decision to publish a book of services is premature.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to defeat recommendation C-2.

In lieu of C-2, your Assembly committee offers an alternative Recommendation:

"That the General Assembly establish a permanent committee on Worship to study available worship material and to provide leadership in resourcing our churches for the enrichment of their worship."

Reasons:

a. Since worship is to be a priority in the life of the Church, your committee feels that the creation of a permanent Committee on Worship would reflect this opinion in the structure of our denomination.

b. A permanent Committee can and should provide greater leadership in the provision of resources and the improvement of worship leadership skills before embarking on the extremely expensive course of publishing a new service book.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to refer the alternative recommendation to the Permanent Christian Education/Publications Committee for further study.

3. Your committee recommends that the results of the CE survey mailed out to the churches be referred back to the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications for more intensive study.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to receive the Christian Education/Publications report as a whole.

3-31 Report of Fraternal Relations Committee

Your committee recommends to the 3rd General Assembly:

1. That a Permanent committee of Fraternal Relations consisting of six members be elected at this Assembly.

Reasons:

a. The work of our denomination in seeking out and examining groups with which we might relate would be greatly enhanced by a continuing committee.

b. The work would be able to be done in a more informed manner, and a much more timely manner which is especially important since several items of possible relationships have been neglected this past year.

c. We desire to be known as a gracious and prompt fellowship.

d. The EPC needs a continuous and permanent committee to disseminate and exchange accurate information that will promote a clear understanding of our denomination among other denominations and parachurch groups.

e. Most comparable denominations have committees on Fraternal Relations.

f. Such a committee is needed to evaluate and recommend to the GA possible correspondence with other denominations.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast. The action referred to Assembly Nomination Committee for their consideration.

ON MOTION a recommendation was passed that the Stated Clerk draw up a Job Description for the permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations.

2. A Recommendation was made by the Committee to General Assembly, that Gordon Bacon of the National Association of Evangelicals, be given three minutes to address the Assembly.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot to approve was cast. Dr. Bacon addressed the Assembly, explaining:

- a. the reason for NAE existence,
- b. the benefits of our membership in NAE,
- c. the NAE as witness, watchman, workman.

3-32 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 10:10 A.M. for twenty minutes.

3-33 Assembly reconvened

The Moderator called the Assembly back to order at 10:45 A.M. and requested RE John Prentis, Central Presbyterian Church to open the meeting with prayer.

3-34 Fraternal Relations Committee Report (Cont'd)

3. Recommendation that two representatives from the EPC be appointed by the Moderator to attend the National Association of Evangelicals Convention next March in Columbus, Ohio.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

4. Recommendation that material describing the World Alliance of Reformed Churches be referred to the appropriate committee, (see p. 61, #5, of the Minutes of the 2d General Assembly.)

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

5. Recommendation that \$1,000 be budgeted by the Administration Committee for the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

6. Recommendation to refer continuing EPC evaluation of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Conference (NAPARC) to the new permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to receive the report as a whole.

3-35 Introduction of Seminary representative

The Moderator introduced Dr. Will Barker, President of the Covenant Seminary.

3-36 Report on World Outreach

RE Julian Hopkins, Chairman, requested that the General Assembly amend the docket in order that the World Outreach report be rescheduled for Thursday A.M.

ON MOTION approved.

3-37 Report of Ministerial Vocations Committee (Partial)

TE William Moore, Chairman, made the motion to receive a partial report.

ON MOTION the receiving of a partial report was approved.

1. We commend the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation for the work it has done to develop procedures regarding care of ministerial candidates for use by presbyteries and recommend they represent a first draft of a procedural manual to the 4th General Assembly.

ON MOTION adopted.

2. We commend the CMV for the work it has done to develop standardized ordination tests for presbyteries and recommend they report more fully on this matter to the 4th General Assembly.

ON MOTION adopted.

3. The Committee concurs with the CMV's plan to write a pastoral letter suggesting that each session prayerfully review the compensation of their pastors and staff as part of the annual budgetary process, taking into account such factors as:

- a. changes in the cost of living,
- b. performance,
- c. capabilities of the congregation,
- d. economic conditions in the community.

We recommend rather, that this letter be sent to the presbyteries, and that presbyteries determine how best to use it.

ON MOTION adopted.

4. We recommend that the Insurance Subcommittee of the CMV be ordered to continue to solicit bids for a standard health insurance plan with better benefits than current coverage and that the Committee on Administration be authorized to approve such a plan between Assemblies.

ON MOTION adopted.

5. We recommend that the GA adopt a policy that, effective January 1, 1984, expenses for health, life, and disability insurance be allocated on the basis of a set percentage of the salaries of all participants.

ON MOTION adopted.

6. We recommend adoption of the Permanent Judicial Commission Proposal, to amend the Book of Government by:

- a. deleting the current section 12-2(H) from the Book of Government and substitute new wording regarding candidates for ministry pursuing an extraordinary route to ordination, and
- b. deleting the phrase "the extra-ordinary candidate for the ministry ..." from the beginning of Section 13-3.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot to amend the Book of Government was cast.

7. We recommend that the GA not approve the recommendation of the MVC that the position of Licensure be discontinued.

ON MOTION this question was referred to the Permanent Judicial Commission for further discernment. Motion to refer sustained by a 60/53 vote.

8. We recommend that the MVC proceed to design a process for the proper maintenance of the Military Chaplaincy Program.

ON MOTION adopted.

9. We recommend that the request of J. David Rider (Presbytery of the West) to be accepted by the EPC as a candidate for Chaplaincy be referred to the MVC.

ON MOTION adopted.

10. We recommend to the General Assembly that, at future assemblies, opportunity be provided for pastors seeking a call to meet with churches and other ministries seeking to issue a call.

ON MOTION adopted.

3-38 Report of Overtures and Resolutions Committee

Calvin Gray, Chairman, presented the Committee's response to Overture A.

Response:

Overture A which calls for the amending of the Book of Order Sections 14-1(A)2 and 14-1(E) by deleting sections as they now

read and substitute the following as the new sections as they now read, and substitute the following as the sections 14-1(A)2 and 14-1(E)2:

"Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?"

The Overtures and Resolutions Committee recommends the above sections (BOG Sec. 14-1(A)2 and Sec. 14-1(E)2,) be amended with the following substitute question rather than the proposed substitute.

"Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and infallible rule of faith and practice?"

Rationale for the above recommendation:

1. The consideration of the response of the Permanent Judicial Commission to Overture A.
2. The need for a tightening of the subscription question regarding the Scripture.
3. The considered opinion of the committee that the Word inerrant posed interpretive problems but the thought needed to be communicated in a positive way.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to amend the Book of Government Sections as indicated.

3-39 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 12:00 P.M. with the singing of the "Doxology" and a prayer by the Moderator.

MINUTES WEDNESDAY EVENING

June 23, 1983
Fifth Session

3-40 Evening Worship

The Call to Worship was given by the Moderator at 7:30 p.m., followed by the opening hymn, "How Great Thou Art." The opening prayer was given by TE Donald Fortson. Following this was a time of singing with hymns, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Because He Lives." Presentation of Offerings was given by Robert Fenn and the Offertory Solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" was sung by Pat Lee. The Evening Address was given by Dr. Bartlett Hess, Senior Pastor of Ward Presbyterian Church. Reading Scripture from Matt. 16:13-19, the theme of his message was "Who is Christ?" The closing hymn was "Now The Day is Over," and the

Moderator gave the Benediction after which the Assembly sang, "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me."

3-41 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 9:15 P.M.

MINUTES THURSDAY MORNING

June 24, 1983
Sixth Session

3-42 Assembly Reconvened

The Moderator reconvened the Assembly at 9:05 A.M. with prayer.

3-43 Introductions

The Moderator introduced the following evangelical Institutions:
King College, Bristol, TN, Jack Snyder, Vice-President of
Development
Belhaven College, Dr. Verne Kennedy

3-44 New Ministers in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Presbytery of the South:

1. Tommy Shields, Louisville, MS.
2. Rev. Don Herwick, Grace Presbyterian Church, Covington, LA.
3. Rev. Sam Harris, Evangelist, organizing Faith Presbyterian Church, Salem, VA.
4. Rev. James Martin, Evangelist, organizing the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Elkton, VA.

Presbytery of the West: (Accepted for Ordination)

5. Gary Reddish

6. Richard Alberta

Presbytery of the East: (Accepted for Ordination)

7. Dan Lacich

3-45 Docket of the Day

The Stated Clerk gave a revised Docket, to receive:

1. Minutes of Wednesday's Meetings
2. Final Report of Nomination Committee
3. Supplemental Report Ministerial Vocation
4. Permanent Administration Committee
5. Church Development
6. Presbytery Review
7. Memorials and Appreciation
8. Overtures and Resolutions
9. New Business
10. Minutes of Thursday's meeting
11. Service of adjournment

ON MOTION to dispense with the reading of Wednesday's Minutes, a unanimous ballot was cast.

ON MOTION to accept the revised Docket of the Day, a unanimous ballot was cast

3-46 Report on World Outreach

RE Julian Hopkins, Chairman, presented the following recommendations relative to the Proposed Section I of the World Outreach Missions Manual.

1. We recommend that the following paragraph
"Relative to specific congregations, the World Outreach Committee seeks to provide instructive counseling and programming. However, the committee encourages local churches to exercise the prerogative of establishing their own mission goals."
be inserted following paragraph 2, pg. 11 of the Manual.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

2. We recommend that the Manual, pg. 5-2.01.1(1), paragraph one should read 'words' rather than "worlds."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot cast to approve.

3. We recommend that the following original paragraph (Manual, p. 11, paragraph two) be amended by substitution:
Original: "When our Evangelical Presbyterian Church missionaries are working with independent agencies in a church planting capacity, our missionaries must be at liberty to establish churches which are Presbyterian in theology and government."
Amended: "When our Evangelical Presbyterian Church missionaries are working with independent agencies in a church planting capacity, they shall endeavor, as much as possible, to establish churches which are Presbyterian in theology and government."

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

4. We recommend that Manual, p. 12, last paragraph be rephrased to read:
"The Commissioning of missionaries should be done by the sending body - the session for lay people, or the presbytery for ministers."

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

5. We recommend the adoption of Exhibit 1 - Manual, p. 18.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

6. We recommend the adoption of Exhibit 2 - Manual, p. 23 & 24.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

7. We recommend the adoption of Exhibit 3 - Manual, p. 25.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

8. We recommend the adoption of Exhibit 4 - Manual, pp. 26-28.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

9. We recommend that in Exhibit 4, (Manual, p. 27) item T, the word 'isolation' be added.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

10. We recommend that in Exhibit 4, (Manual, p. 28) an item Z be added to read: "Please add anything else you would like to share with the committee."

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

11. We recommend the adoption of Exhibit 5 - Manual, p. 30.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

12. We recommend that the World Outreach Manual as amended be accepted in substance, subject to proper editing.

Adopted unanimously ON MOTION.

Recommendation made by committee to approve Recommendation W-2, Handbook, p. 12, as written:

"The Committee recommends "EPC through World Outreach set in motion a 'Sons and Daughters' program to encourage those who are presently serving as missionaries with EPC roots to become EPC missionaries."

Qualifications:

1. Home church or present membership in an EPC church;
2. Substantial financial support from EPC sources.

Benefits to Missionaries:

1. Greater prayer and care base from entire EPC constituency;
2. EPC initiative in gathering support and other necessary funds;
3. Ministry among EPC churches within a primary region (preferably within a Presbytery) to reduce travel time and costs during home service (furlough);
4. Scheduling assistance from the World Outreach office.

Benefits to EPC:

1. Strong sense of missions from with EPC family, leading to "ownership" from all of EPC.
2. Sons and Daughters of one church become adopted by others within a region.
3. Opens a way for maximum but realistic growth rapidly and from within.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

Recommendation made to accept the World Outreach report as a whole.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

On request of the Chairman, Richard Oestreicher spoke to the Assembly.

The Stated Clerk at this time honored a point of order, raised by TE Tommy Shields, concerning carrying unfinished business from one meeting to another.

3-47 Report of Nominating Committee

RE Sue Shirley, Chairman presented the Committee nominations with the following additions:

Permanent Judicial Commission:

1986 - Steel Stewart (in place of George Motto)

Church Development:

1984 - Glenn Hickman (in place of Tom Musselman)

Fraternal Relations:

1986 - Kent Bull TE East

1986 - Lester Landon RE South

1985 - Gary Cunningham RE Mid-West

1985 - David Massimi TE Mid-West

1984 - Robert Bayley RE Far-West

1984 - Robert Bole RE West

The Stated Clerk brought to the attention of the Assembly, that Steel Stewart, Class of 1986, Permanent Judicial Commission, was ineligible to serve on this committee. Recommendation was made to refer this vacancy back to the Nominating Committee.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

There being no nominations from the floor, a recommendation was made that the nominations be closed and that the Assembly accept the slate of Officers as written and the report as a whole.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

3-48 Report of Ministerial Vocation

TE William Moore, Chairman, made the following recommendation to the Assembly: (See Partial Report Sec. 3-37 for recommendations 1-10)

11. We recommend acceptance of the standardized form entitled "APPLICATION - Candidate for Gospel Ministry" as presented to the Assembly.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

12. We recommend acceptance of the form entitled "Dear Moderator, Clerk of Session, Session Members," pertaining to session approval of candidate.

A Motion was made to amend the form to include the letters and date, MV/83 in the lower left hand corner of this form, and that it receive an appropriate title, "Session Approval Form."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot to amend was cast.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt the Motion as amended.

13. We recommend that the Stated Clerk write a Standardized Personal Information Form for ministers within other denominations interested in becoming ministers in the EPC and for EPC ministers seeking a change in call.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

14. We recommend the acceptance of the "Call for Pastor or Associate Pastor" form.

A motion to amend the language (considering changes in cost of living) to "(considering all applicable factors, including changes in cost of living)."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the amendment.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the "Call for Pastor or Associate Pastor" form as amended.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee deferred the rest of their report to the Report on Memorials and Appreciation.

3-49 Report on Memorials and Appreciation

Homer Graham, Chairman asked the Assembly for permission to yield the floor to TE James Morrisison, who presented tokens of appreciation to:

- Jeanne White, Recording Clerk
- Joe Schluchter, Local Assembly Coordinator
- Mike Gloto, Assistant Assembly Corrdinator

He also asked the Assembly to show their appreciation to the

Pastors and staff, as well as the members of Central Presbyterian Church for all their kindnesses in making this such a great Assembly.

3-50 Report of Ministerial Vocation, (cont.)

15. We recommend and endorse the approval of the "Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program," the model which the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation is developing for the purpose of preparing Candidates for the Ministry, who have extra-ordinary circumstances. Motion made and seconded.

Motion to amend the form by changing the word "determine" in the seventh paragraph to "recommend," withdrawn.

Motion to amend the form by changing the word "determin" in the seventh paragraph, to "evaluate."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the "Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program as amended.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the report as a whole.

3-51 Report of Nominating Committee (final)

RE Sue Shirley, Chairperson, recommended the name of Lynn Eastman, Presbytery of the Mid-West, be placed in nomination for the Permanent Judicial Commission, 1986.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the complete report of the Nominating Committee.

3-52 Recommendation from Permanent Committee on Administration

It is recommended that the 1984 Fourth General Assembly convene on June 18, Monday at 1:30 P.M. through 12:00 P.M. June 21st, Thursday, in Columbia, South Carolina. It is also recommended that the 1985 Fifth General Assembly, convene on the 17th of June through June 20th, in Denver, Colorado, hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church - Cherry Creek.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

3-53 Report of Committee on Administration

Re Armin Remke presented the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that:

"The administration and operation of the General Assembly ought to be supported entirely by per member* giving. (NOTE: Giving per member* is not a tax or requirement, but a suggested amount to fall equal upon each congregation for the support of the work of the General Assembly.)

*Original wording as underlined was per capita in Handbook, p.39. Assembly committee amended recommendation by substituting words "per member" for "per capita."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt budgetary policy #1 as amended.

2. We recommend the adoption of budgetary policies #2 and #3 as follows:

Policy #2: Aside from Assembly operations, the programs and activities of the Assembly in such areas as world missions, new church development, etc., are to be supported by the benevolence offerings of the various congregations as follows:

- A. Each committee shall make a request to the Assembly through the Administration Committee for funds for specific projects in following year.
- B. Upon approval by the Assembly, this shall become the Benevolence Askings of the denomination.
- C. Local congregations may give to this objective in the following manner:
 - 1. Undesignated giving to all objectives which gifts shall be applied according to the percentage of the budget for each program.
 - 2. Designated giving to a specific program. All designated giving shall go to the program for which it was given. However, when the full budget of a program is reached, while designated giving shall continue to go to that program, undesignated giving shall then be distributed to other programs proportionately until 100% of budget for each program is reached. Once each program has reached 100% of benevolence, undesignated

Administration Budget for the General Assembly (Handbook, p.38) (NOTE: Subsequent actions increased accounts 550 and 554 by 13,500 - see Appendix J for adopted budget)

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

6. We recommend the adoption of World Outreach's recommendation of:
"the expansion of the Committee on World Outreach by the addition of three new Ruling Elders, one each from the Far West, South, and East for 1, 2, and 3-year terms."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

7. We recommend adoption of the following from the Committee on Church Development:
"That General Assembly endorse a three-fold statement of purpose for General Assembly meetings:
1. To do the business of the assembly,
 2. to be a time of celebration and fellowship,
 3. to provide an opportunity for growth in ministry skills.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

8. We recommend adoption of the Church Development recommendation (Handbook, D-6, p.17) that
"912,500 of the 1983 General Assembly budget, and \$25,000 of the 1984 budget be redirected towards
- a. obtaining the services of a church growth training specialist,
 - b. providing training for church development committees and mission pastors,
 - c. providing training of regional representatives in church development.

ON MOTION passed unanimously

9. We recommend adoption of Church Development recommendation (Handbook, D-7, p.17) that
"the 1984 General Assembly printing and promotion budget be \$20,000, of which \$5,000 would be geared to church development."

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

10. We recommend that account 550 be increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000 to accomodate committee expenses of the new Fraternal Relations Committee.

*Original wording as underlined was per capita in Handbook, p.39. Assembly committee amended recommendation by substituting words "per member" for "per capita."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt budgetary policy #1 as amended.

2. We recommend the adoption of budgetary policies #2 and #3 as follows:

Policy #2: Aside from Assembly operations, the programs and activities of the Assembly in such areas as world missions, new church development, etc., are to be supported by the benevolence offerings of the various congregations as follows:

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Administration Budget for the General Assembly (Handbook, p.38) (NOTE: Subsequent actions increased accounts 550 and 554 by 13,500 - see Appendix J for adopted budget)

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

6. We recommend the adoption of World Outreach's recommendation of:
"the expansion of the Committee on World Outreach by the addition of three new Ruling Elders, one each from the Far West, South, and East for 1, 2, and 3-year terms."

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

7. We recommend adoption of the following from the Committee on Church Development:
"That General Assembly endorse a three-fold statement of purpose for General Assembly meetings:
1. To do the business of the assembly,
 2. to be a time of celebration and fellowship,
 3. to provide an opportunity for growth in ministry skills.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

8. We recommend adoption of the Church Development recommendation (Handbook, D-6, p.17) that
"912,500 of the 1983 General Assembly budget, and \$25,000 of the 1984 budget be redirected towards
- a. obtaining the services of a church growth training specialist,
 - b. providing training for church development committees and mission pastors,
 - c. providing training of regional representatives in church development.

ON MOTION passed unanimously

9. We recommend adoption of Church Development recommendation (Handbook, D-7, p.17) that
"the 1984 General Assembly printing and promotion budget be \$20,000, of which \$5,000 would be geared to church development."

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

10. We recommend that account 550 be increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000 to accommodate committee expenses of the new Fraternal Relations Committee.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

11. We recommend adoption of the Proposed 1984 Budget, (Handbook, p.38) with "Proposal A" total being changed from \$166,783 to \$180,283.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to receive as a whole the report of the Committee on Administration.

3-54 Report of Committee on Church Development

Bruce Ferry, Chairman, presented the following recommendations.

1. We recommend adoption of A-1 (Handbook, pg.9) as follows:
"That the General Assembly concur in the establishment of the Presbytery of the Far West with geographical boundaries of the states of California and Arizona."

ON MOTION passed unanimously

2. We reomend adoption of D-2 (Handbook, pg.17) which reads:
"the General Assembly endorse and promote the 'Mission to the Nation' in an effort to secure a minimum of \$150,000 for the General Assembly year 1 83/84. This would allow at least \$25,000 to be disbursed to each Presbytery for the planting of new mission churches."

Motion to amend above by inserting "authorize the Permanent Committee on Church Development to" between 'endorse and promote'."

Amended motion passed unanimously.

3. We recommend adoption of D-3 (Handbook, Pg.17) that:
"the General Assembly establish a loan fund for church development whereby on a revolving capitalization basis, low interest monies will be available to mission churches and other churches in need. Special campaigns will be implemented to raise at least the amount of one and one half million dollars through the means of designated gifts, special church offerings, and short-term loans."

Motion to amend by adding words "site and building development" after word "church" (sentence #1) and by adding words "by the Permanent Church Development Committee" after word "implemented" (sentence #2). Amendment passed.

ON MOTION the motion as amended passed.

4. We recommend that the following be substituted for recommendations D-4, D-5, and D-6 (Handbook, p.17)
"That until a full-time Director of Church Development is

secured, that the General Assembly authorize the use of funds, available for such a Director, be used by the Committee on Church Development, to contract for consultative services as the Committee may deem appropriate. Further, that the General Assembly designate up to \$12,500 for such services and other purposes of the Committee in 1983, and up to \$25,000 in 1984"

ON MOTION the motion to substitute passed unanimously.

5. We recommend that Resolution #3 (Proposed Overtures) be adopted as written:
"The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to give full presbytery status to the above named provisional presbytery and that the Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) be authorized to initiate the election of appropriate officers and to properly organize itself according to need."

ON MOTION resolution unanimously passed.

6. We recommend that Overture C (Proposed Overtures) be amended by
- a. Regarding paragraph 5 - deleting all word after the word "two presbyteries...."
 - b. Regarding paragraph 6 - after the word "eastern," add "portions of...."
 - c. Regarding paragraph 7 - after the word "western," add "portions of...."

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of the South ask that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church allow the Presbytery of the South to divide into two presbyteries.

The Presbytery of the Southeast: The states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, plus eastern portions of Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The Presbytery of the Central South: The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, plus western portions of Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

- NOTE:
1. Churches in Florida, Kentucky, & Tennessee may affiliate with either Central South or Southeast, at their option.
 2. Churches in Southern Illinois may affiliate with Central South or Midwest, at their option.

3. Churches in eastern Texas may affiliate with Central South or West, at their option.

7. We recommend the adoption of Resolution #2 (Proposal Overtures) as written:
The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to establish a voluntary, cooperative, or affiliate status for churches whose pastors are members of the EPC and who, due to their present legal or ecclesiastical status, cannot unite at this time with the EPC but who are one in spirit with the denomination and desire to fellowship with and to further its work and mission.

Such churches may be represented and may have the privilege of the floor, but would be without vote in any and all judicatories of the EPC. The Presbytery suggests an appropriate committee be assigned to study this matter and report its findings to the 4th General Assembly.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

8. We recommend that a clear definition and commitments of church growth projection for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church be done by its permanent Church Development Committee for the General Assembly.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

9. We recommend the General Assembly give special charts to Dr. E.V. Hill for his outstanding challenge given the EPC Monday evening and that we pursue his charge to us with all diligence.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

10. We recommend thanks be expressed to the permanent Committee Church Development for this diligence and hardwork, for their insight and future projections relative to church development. This committee stands then and prays God to continue His blessing upon their work.

ON MOTION passed unanimously.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot cast to receive its report as a whole.

3-55 Report of Committee in Presbytery Review

TE Lowry Horner, Chairperson, noted to the Assembly that this committee does not specially review presbyteries but does review the Minutes of each presbytery. He further commended the presbytery clerks for their diligence and recommended that they refer to the "Guidelines" now available for further writing of the Minutes.

He requested the General Assembly approve the Minutes without exception with the following notations.

1. Presbytery of East through April 16, 1983
2. Presbytery of Midwest through May 20, 1983
3. Presbytery of South through March 4, 1983
4. Presbytery of West through March 26, 1983.

ON MOTION, a unanimous ballot passed.

As the Presbytery of Far West was just formed, they were excused from submitting minutes.

ON MOTION, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the report as a whole.

3-56 Report of Overtures and Resolutions (Final Report)

TE Calvin Gray, Chairperson, presented the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the General Assembly defer action on Overture D until the 4th General Assembly with following stipulations:

- a) That the work of the Session of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of the East be affirmed by this Assembly.
- b) That Overture D be resubmitted to the 4th General Assembly for action.
- c) That a program of study be initiated by the 3rd General Assembly and be submitted to the presbyteries so that each church and session will have opportunity to thoroughly study the Westminster Confession of Faith, with particular reference given to the version submitted and the accompanying recommendations.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

2. We recommend that Overture B be approved as amended.

Motion to further amend Overture B to include thanks to Presbyterian Charismatic Communion for usage of their position paper on the sanctity of life discussed and then withdrawn. Further motion to instruct the Moderator to do the above also turned down by Assembly.

A motion was made to amend a word in the paragraph beginning with the word, "Therefore. . ." The word "fetus" to "embryo." Motion withdrawn.

A motion was made to amend the same paragraph, changing the word "identity" to "personhood" and the words "human fetus" to "child."

ON MOTION amendment sustained.

A motion was made that Overture B be referred back for further study to the Permanent Judicial Commission, to present their findings at the 4th General Assembly. Motion denied.

A motion to call the question was made. Motion sustained.

A further motion was made to amend Overture B as follows:

1. Paragraph beginning with the words, "Scripture teaches," strike the words, "for the oppressed and defenseless;"
2. In the paragraph beginning with the words, "BE it also" after the words "Scriptural views" omit "on protecting the poor and weak;"
3. After the words, "good citizens," omit "by impacting the state in positive ways."

No action taken.

A motion was made to adopt Overture B as amended as a provisional pastoral guide and refer it to the Permanent Judicial Commission for careful study and refinement.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast that no action on Overture E be taken.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the report as a whole.

3-57 New Business

The Stated Clerk reported no new business.

3-58 Reading of the Day's Minutes

ON MOTION the Assembly dispensed with the reading of the day's Minutes.

3-59 Assembly adjourns

ON MOTION the Assembly adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

3-60 Call to Worship

The Moderator gave the Call to Worship with the opening prayer. Following the singing of the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the Moderator gave the Statement of Adjournment. He then gave the prayer of dedication to service and asked missionaries Doug and Linda Thompson and their baby to come forward for dedication. The closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was followed by the benediction, given by the Moderator.

ON MOTION the 3rd General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

PART II

APPENDICES

The Appendices include the Reports of the Moderator, Stated Clerk and the Committees as originally submitted to the General Assembly, except where the text may have been amended by the Assembly.

The recommendations in this section are those originally submitted by the sources alone and may not have been adopted by the Assembly. See the Reports of the Assembly Committees (Journal) for each of the respective committees to find the recommendation as they were adopted by the Assembly.

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APPENDIX A

REPORT OF MODERATOR

What a tremendous year this has been for the new Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination. Certainly it has been a year of growth. Last General Assembly we had 30 churches. This year we will have over 50. The interesting thing is that this growth came through fellowship groups and churches who came to us. Although we have made EPC known wherever we traveled, those who came into our denomination know of us and chose to become a part of us. At this writing, there are dozens of other groups watching us. Some will be visiting us in St. Louis to get a firsthand look at EPC.

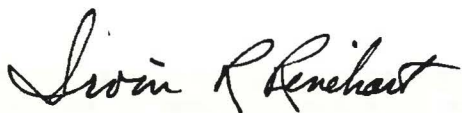
I consider this past year the highlight of my walk in Christ's church. The 2nd General Assembly gave me the highest privilege in serving as your Moderator. This gave me the great experience of being in many churches all over the country. We saw the common thread running through all these groups, a relief from the pressures of hierarchy, freedom to move ahead as sessions and leadership felt God was leading them. Many of our churches are without buildings and in some cases, it's a real benefit. In one city, 170 people moved out of an old building into a new, shared church building, leaving only a handful of folks to carry on in obsolete facilities. Without large debts to carry on buildings, many congregations are faring well financially as they emphasize evangelism and growth to a point where they can build new, modern practical facilities. We see this as a real advantage in the next decade. Some cities with a small church are looking to church planting of three to six new churches in their area and we see this as the way to grow in metropolitan areas.

As I pass on the Moderator's Cross to the 3rd Moderator, I do so with much gratitude to all of you for your love and friendship. I also have great expectations for EPC in the next decade; expectations that we will become a great church in this land. There are groups in all the major denominations that are fed up with the social gospel and the debates and task force studies on issues already clearly defined in the Scriptures. We are offering the alternative of following the Scriptures as they are inspired to us by God and exercising the freedom in the nonessentials to manage our churches as local sessions desire. This will make EPC attractive to many who are disenchanted with

the large denominations in existence today. We will welcome these groups into our fellowship.

Our main mission for this decade is to be open to all people who love the Lord. Thousands of people pass through the doors of churches all over this land every Sunday, hungry, even starved for spiritual help in their lives -and walk out unfed. Our church must be a feeding church, loving and caring for all who come. If we continue to be this kind of fellowship, God will set our size and we will be ready to be what He wants us to be.

May God richly bless us and keep up according to His plan and the vision He laid upon our founders three years ago.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Irvin Rinehart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Irvin Rinehart
Moderator, 2nd General Assembly

APPENDIX B

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND STATED CLERK

The permanent Committee on Administration has met in stated meetings on three occasions in the past year -September 14, January 11, and April 25 & 26. On February 25 the Committee convened by telephone. The Stated Clerk will combine his overview with the Committee's report.

1. Church and Presbytery Development

A. Churches Received:

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| 1. Central Northwest Presbyterian | Detroit, Michigan |
| 2. Christ's Evangelical Presbyterian | Chandler, Arizona |
| 3. Grace Presbyterian Church | Covington, Louisiana |
| 4. Dundalk Presbyterian Church | Baltimore, Maryland |
| 5. Trinity Presbyterian Church | Columbia City, Indiana |
| 6. Hemet Valley Presbyterian | Homeland, California |
| 7. Tabernacle Presbyterian | Youngstown, Ohio |
| 8. Evangelical Presbyterian | Wickliffe, Ohio |
| 9. Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian | Littleton, Colorado |
| 10. Reformed Fellowship | Ann Arbor, Michigan |
| 11. Christian Covenant Church | Glen Echo, Maryland |
| 12. Grace Presbyterian Church | Franklin, North Carolina |
| 13. Louisville Presbyterian Church | Louisville, Mississippi |
| 14. Plumbtree Presbyterian | Plumbtree, North Carolina |
| 15. Evangelical Presbyterian Communion | Albuquerque, New Mexico |
| 16. Santa Maria Community | Santa Maria, California |
| <u>Mission Churches</u> | |
| 17. Woodward Church | Woodward, Oklahoma |
| 18. Southwest Community Church | Denver, Colorado |
| 19. Fort Collins Fellowship | Fort Collins, Colorado |
| 20. Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Elkton, Virginia |
| 21. Roanoke Fellowship | Roanoke, Virginia |

Churches - 2nd General Assembly	30
Churches - 3rd General Assembly	+21
	51

B. Presbytery Development

The Committee granted the request of the three churches and several ministers to establish a provisional fellowship of the Far West. A request in the Proposed Overtures booklet seeks the constituting of said presbytery.

Recommendations:

- A -1 That the General Assembly concur in the establishment of the Presbytery of the Far West with geographical boundaries of the states of California and Arizona.

II. Financial Matters

The Assembly should take note of the 1982 Audit completed for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church by Robert C. Julin & Associates of Southfield, Michigan (Addendum #1).

ADDENDUM 1

ROBERT C. JULIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
3000 Town Center, Suite 2090
Southfield, Michigan 48075

To the General Assembly of the

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We have examined the balance sheet of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1982, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance, and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and other such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church at December 31, 1982, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Robert C. Julin & Associates
January 25, 1983

This audit has been received gratefully by the Committee on Administration with its financial notations to be carefully studies for future implementation.

Having received our first audit, the EPC is now eligible to apply formally for membership with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. Action affirming this step was taken early on by the Committee on Administration. We affirm the principle that fiscal integrity constitutes an important witness.

The 2nd Assembly adopted an '82 budget of \$190,000 (Addendum #2).

ADDENDUM 2
PROPOSED 1984 BUDGET

A/C	1983 BUDGET	1984 PROPOSAL A	1984 PROPOSAL B
I PERSONNEL			
502 Exec. Staff Salaries/Housing/Auto	70,000.00	37,450.00	72,450.00
504 Office Staff Salaries	10,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
506 Exec. Staff Insurance & Pension	12,600.00	6,741.00	13,041.00
508 Exec. Staff Car Allowance	4,800.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
510 Staff Study Leave Allowance	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00
512 Staff Travel & Entertainment	10,000.00	6,000.00	10,000.00
514 Executive Travel (Mod. & Clerk)	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
516 Employee Taxes & Insurance	1,500.00	4,092.00	4,092.00
II ADMINISTRATION			
520 Contingencies	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
522 Telephone	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
524 Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
526 Printing & Promotion	12,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
528 Postage	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
530 Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
532 Financial Audit	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
534 Professional Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
536 Miscellaneous	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
III PROPERTY MANAGEMENT			
540 Office Rental	6,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
542 Insurance	800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
544 Utilities	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
546 Office Development	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
IV GENERAL ASSEMBLY			
550 Committee Travel/Meetings	8,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
552 General Assembly Administration	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
V DEVELOPMENT			
560 Presbytery Development	2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
566 Leadership Development	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTALS	190,900.00	166,783.00	215,083.00

* Proposal A represents the projected '84 budget without the Director of Church Development filled (cf. Church Development Committee recommendation).

** Proposal B represents projected '84 budget with above position filled.

This represents a faith budget. Present church membership at 100% participation (\$5.00/member) represents \$95,000. Actual giving participation by our churches through the 2nd quarter was running at approximately 80%. The Assembly is greatly indebted to our three largest churches who have each made an "extra-budgetary" commitment of \$25,000 to the '83 Assembly budget. One recognizes that the total budget exceeds even the above considerable degree.

The necessity of stabilizing the Assembly budget in terms of per capita giving cannot be overstressed. Each congregation should be challenged to step up to the matter. A quick perusal of the proposed budget(s) for 1984 reveals the importance of such (Addendum #2).

Recommendations:

A-2 The Committee recommends both Proposal A and Proposal B for 1984 to the Assembly Committee to review in relationship to item A-3 and bring back to the Assembly a projected 1984 budget for adoption.

A-3 The Committee recommends the adoption and implementation of its position paper on "Unified Budget" (Exhibit #3).

ADDENDUM 3 UNIFIED BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Administration Committee recommends to the General Assembly the following:

RECOMMENDATION:

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Committee on Administration
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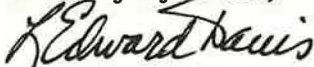
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L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk
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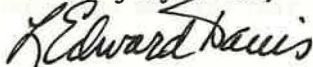
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June, 1983

APPENDIX C

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH

The Committee on World Outreach met on two occasions: November 29-30, 1982 in St. Louis and April 28-29, 1983, in Livonia, Michigan. We have divided our responsibilities as follows:

- Administrative & Personnel - Detroit area group
- Project Development - St. Louis group
- Missions Information & Education - Denver area group

1. Administration and Personnel

A. Personnel

The committee worked with TE Douglas and Linda Thompson in preparation for their service in France immediately following General Assembly. Several conferences and correspondences were held to establish a support level, accountability and supervision, payment procedures, benefits and other miscellaneous matters.

B. World Outreach Manual and Handbook

We are forming policy and plan to complete the project in three annual sections.

Section 1: "Introduction, Theology, and Practices" This is being submitted with this report for approval by General Assembly.

Section 2: "Handbook for Candidates" will be presented in 1984 and

Section 3: "Handbook for Missionaries" in the following year.

Recommendation:

We recommend the General Assembly endorse Section I as proposed for the World Outreach Manual and Handbook and Exhibits 1-5 as attached thereto.

A basic approach for processing missionary support and reporting support information to General Assembly, supporting churches and our missionaries was formulated. Exhibit 3 is submitted for General Assembly approval.

We recommend General Assembly endorse the proposed mission support system for World Outreach implementation.

C. Application Procedures

While details for candidates will be presented next year, the committee did work through a processing outline (Manual -Exhibit I) as well as a preliminary information form (Manual -Exhibit 4) and an application form (Manual - Exhibit 5).

D. Secretarial Position

The Committee approved a part-time secretarial position of from 8 to 20 hours per week at from \$4.50 - \$5.50 per hour. Actual hours to be based on workload and pay upon skill level.

Recommendation:

W-2 The Committee recommends "EPC through World Outreach set in motion a 'Sons and Daughters' program to encourage those who are presently serving as missionaries with EPC roots to become EPC missionaries."

Qualifications:

1. Home church or present membership in an EPC church;
2. Substantial financial support from EPC sources.

Benefits to Missionaries

1. Greater prayer and care base from entire EPC constituency;
2. EPC initiative in gathering support and other necessary funds;
3. Ministry among EPC churches within a primary region (preferably within a Presbytery) to reduce travel time and cost during home service (furlough).
4. Scheduling assistance from the World Outreach office.

Benefits to EPC

1. Strong sense of missions from within EPC family, leading to "ownership" from all of EPC.
2. Sons and Daughters of one church become adopted by others within a region.
3. Opens a way for maximum but realistic growth rapidly and from within.

The Committee strongly recommends approval of the Sons and Daughters Program.

II. Project Development

- A. Hidden People -To provide prayer concern for the unreached people of the world, the Committee decided to produce and distribute an EPC version of the Daily Prayer Guide issued by the National Frontier Fellowship of the US Center for World Evangelization. The first issue should be available at General Assembly and monthly copies will be distributed to EPC churches starting in the fall.
- B. Recommended Mission Projects -a brochure describing several projects screened and approved by the Committee is being prepared for General Assembly distribution. EPC churches will be asked to consider contributing to these projects through EPC World Outreach.
- C. In the future, the Project Group will recommend opportunities for summer and short term mission service, and preparation for EPC missions at Urbana '84.

III. Missions Information and Education

- A. A listing of recommended mission awareness information and education materials for EPC churches is being prepared for General Assembly this year.
- B. In the future, this listing could develop into a full catalogue of resource materials. We also envision a World Outreach brochure -a companion piece to the EPC brochure - by next year and the development of helpful statistical information on missions through EPC churches.

IV. Budget for 1983 (from designated monies)

Decisions were made on the following:

A. Promotion and Development	
1. 500 copies Manual and Handbook	1,200.00
2. 2000 copies Project Brochure	500.00
3. 1000 copies Daily Prayer Guide (5 issues)	3,000.00
4. EPC bulletin inserts on world outreach (2 issues)	1,200.00
B. Ministry	
1. Buffer in Missionary Support Fund	5,000.00
2. 2 Committee members (and spouses) to APMC	1,000.00
C. Administrative	
1. Office Equipment	2,120.00
2. Part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper	1,500.00
3. Materials & Supplies	500.00
	<u>16,020.00</u>

V. Committee Membership

- A. The Committee is just beginning to move and we are reappointing TE Carlton Baker and RE Roger Vonder Bruegge for three-year terms.

Recommendation:

- W-3 The Committee also recommends the expansion of the Committee on World Outreach by the addition of three new Ruling Elders, one each from the Far West, South, and East for 1, 2, and 3-year terms.

Summary of Recommendations:

- W-1 Approve World Outreach Manual & Handbook, Section 1 and Exhibits 1 - 5
- W-2 "Sons and Daughters" Program
- W-3 Addition of three new committee members

Respectfully submitted,

RE Richard Oestreicher
Chairman, Committee on World Outreach
June, 1983

APPENDIX D

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Church Development was charged by the General Assembly to develop a comprehensive strategy for planning new mission churches referred to in this report as "Mission to the Nation". We have adopted a goal of planting twenty-five new mission churches by 1985.

A mission church exists when the goal of organization of a particular congregation is being pursued under the oversight of either Presbytery, a mother church, or a combination of both. In areas lying outside of Presbytery boundaries, a mission church may be planted by the General Assembly Committee on Church Development. When possible, a mother or sister church nearby may hold members on its roll as affiliate members until the day of the congregation's organization. A church shall continue as a mission church until it is deemed by the nurturing body or bodies to be ready to stand on its own.

To this end, the Committee on Church Development would like to encourage all local Presbyteries to initiate at least one mission church in their Presbytery. We affirm that the Presbytery has the primary responsibility for church planting and we therefore encourage all Presbyteries to establish and recruit a Committee on Church Development. The General Assembly Committee on Church Development will equip such Presbytery committees by providing the appropriate bibliographical materials on church planting and revitalization, by providing training for Presbytery church development personnel, and by assisting in demographic studies basic to church planting in their area, and by providing assistance to the Presbytery Committees on Church Development in evaluating and encouraging the growth of new churches in their early stages of development.

The Committee also encourages the aggressive support and development by established and stable congregations of the mother-daughter concept of church planting. By this we mean the commitment of established congregations to give resources, families, prayers and personnel towards the objective of initiating mission churches. Large churches are especially encouraged to accept this challenge as an ongoing objective of their local mission.

The Church Development Committee encourages local EPC congregations to give monies voluntarily through their church budget to the General Assembly for the purpose of planting new churches. Designated monies received through the Assembly office for "Mission to the Nation" shall be distributed quarterly to presbyteries with a project. Presbyteries

should present projects for funding annually for approval by the General Assembly Committee on Church Development. When a presbytery applies for funding help from the General Assembly Committee on Church Development it is assumed that there will be at least a matching dollar amount contributed from either the Presbytery, the local congregation helping with the church project or from local people who are involved in the project. Initiation for all church planting projects should have the support of either a Presbytery or a mothering session. Mother-daughter projects should be done in consultation with the local Presbytery Committee on Church Development.

The Committee on Church Development also worked in a number of other areas such as the development of the informational pamphlet, "A New Creation", seeking ways to revitalize congregations, and the appointing of a special women's task force to begin to develop a ministry to women.

The Church Development Committee is very excited about the denomination developing a special ministry to the women of our congregations. A women's task force was called together by the Church Development Committee for the development of a strategy for meeting the needs of our women. Nine women were brought together with Colleen Rinehart as the chairperson & they are recommending that a national women's conference be held in 1984 to help the new ministry to women come into being. We look forward to the implementation of this by the Committee on Women's Ministries if the General Assembly proceeds with the adoption of a new permanent Committee on Women's Ministries.

Recommendations:

- D-1 The General Assembly endorse a three-fold statement of purpose for GA meetings: a) to do the business of the assembly; b) to be a time of celebration and fellowship, and c) to provide an opportunity for growth in ministry skills.
- D-2 We recommend that the GA endorse and promote the "Mission to the Nation" in an effort to secure a minimum of \$150,000 for the General Assembly year 1983/84. This would allow at least \$25,000 to be disbursed to each Presbytery for the planting of new mission churches.
- D-3 That the GA establish a loan fund for church development whereby on a revolving and capitalization basis, low interest monies will be available to mission churches and other churches in need. Special campaigns will be implemented to raise at least the amount of one and one half million dollars through the means of designated gifts, special church offerings, and short-term loans.

The Committee on Church Development recommends to the General Assembly that implementation of the General Assembly action to secure a full-time Director of Church Development be tabled for the year 1983.

The Church Development Committee recommends that in lieu of a full-time Director of Church Development, we seek to contract the services of Dr. Donald MacNair (CVI, Inc.) for a minimum of 20 days consultative service for the purposes of a) resourcing the work of the General Assembly Committee on Church Development; b) training our mission pastors and presbytery church development committees; and c) resourcing local congregations in areas of vitalization, decision making, and problem solving.

In light of the foregoing motion, it is recommended that \$12,500 of the 1983 GA budget, and 25,000 of the 1984 budget be redirected towards a) obtaining the services of a church growth training specialist (Recommendation #5); b) providing training for church development committees and mission pastors, and c) providing training of regional representatives in church development.

The Church Development Committee petitions the GA to make the 1984 General Assembly Printing and Promotion budget \$20,000, \$5,000 of which would be geared to church development.

The Church Development Committee recommends that the Committee on Women's Ministries be set up as a permanent committee by the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

TE James Morrison, Chairman
June, 1983

APPENDIX E

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

Committee on Christian Education and Publications met May 19 & 20, 1983. Members present were TE William Moore, RE Leuretta Rallens, RE Barbara Mansfield, TE George Woodcock and Stated Clerk TE L. Edward Davis.

Organization:

Discussion was held regarding tasks of the committee and of the chairperson. Stated Clerk TE L. Edward Davis recommended that the committee meet two times per year from Thursday evening to Saturday noon. The chairperson is an ex-officio member of the EPC Administration Committee. The fall committee dates were established by members present: October 20-22.

Continuing Education Programs for Ministers

TE George Woodcock moved that the CEP Committee request the General Assembly to assign the topic "Continuing Education Program" for Ministers as a transferred topic at the Ministerial Vocation Committee. Motion approved.

Topics discussed related to the Continuing Education Program:

- a. the need for pastoral development on study leave;
- b. the quality content of the study leave;
- c. the need for other staff being considered for involvement in the study leave, e.g., Christian Education staff and other non-pastoral staff members recommended as recipients of a planned study leave.

Curriculum Development

Discussion was held regarding the need for gathering curriculum study information from our member churches prior to the General Assembly and request return prior to the EPC General Assembly. The survey results will be a major topic of committee work at General Assembly.

Resource Book - Publications

The need to develop a listing of publications available by publishing companies. Sample copies of present publications available for EPC insert information were presented by TE L. Edward Davis. Publications discussed were:

- a. A monthly bulletin
 - b. Quarterly letter for church leadership
 - c. Presbyterian Journal supplement
 - d. Question and Answer publication
- The committee listed topics for a Question and Answer brochure as listed below:

1. Are women in leadership positions?
2. Scripture: Discuss the authority of Scripture in the EPC
3. Holy Spirit: Discuss the ministry of the Holy Spirit in EPC
4. NCC/WCC
5. Confession
6. National programming: Is there a specific national program to be followed by member churches?
7. Property: Does the EPC own property of member churches?
8. Lay representatives
9. Evangelism
10. Divorce: What is the EPC's position regarding divorce and the role of the divorced person in the EPC?
11. Institutions: Does the EPC own and operate institutions such as retirement housing, camps, etc.?
12. World Missions: What is the mission program of the EPC?
13. Social Issues: What major social issues are of concentration by the EPC?
14. Baptism
15. Size of denomination: What is the size of the EPC?
16. Pensions: What is the pension policy for ministers?
17. Church development
18. Denominational membership: What is.....?
19. What is the responsibility one incurs when joining the EPC?
20. Homosexuals: What is the EPC's position regarding homosexuals?
21. Abortion: What is the EPC's position regarding abortion?

Worship and Music Resources

TE George Woodcock volunteered to serve as liason with other EPC representatives to develop a source book for our denomination. TE George Scotchmer will be asked to serve as chairman for this sub-committee. The committee suggested that the Moderator in consultation with the Stated Clerk, TE George Scotchmer, and TE George Woodcock appoint four (4) additional members for this committee. Wide geographic representation is recommended for this sub-committee. A suggestion from the CEP members is that the first draft may be available at the 1984 General Assembly.

Sunday School Development and Operation

Information regarding materials utilized will be gathered from the survey from member churches. Additional discussion of this topic will be held at future meetings.

Camps and Conferences and

Christian Day Schools

will be discussed at future meetings of the committee.

Committee Job Description

The committee prepared a job description for the Christian Education and Publications Committee.

Recommendations:

- C-1 The Committee recommends that General Assembly charge its Committee on Ministerial Vocation with the responsibility for developing a thorough Continuing Education Program for Ministers. To be included in such study are the following needs:
- a. the need for pastoral development in study leave;
 - b. the need for quality content in the study leave;
 - c. the need for non-pastoral professional staff to be included in professional development time.
- C-2 The Committee recommends that a "Sub-committee on Worship Service Book" be established to develop a source book for the EPC. Chairman to be TE George Scotchmer with one CEP committee representative. Four additional persons geographically representative, are to be appointed by permanent CEP committee. Sub-committee to report to 4th General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

RE Leuretta Rallens
Chairperson

APPENDIX F

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Vocation Committee met on June 1, 1983, at the Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Present were TE Lowry Horner, RE Norman Huebl, TE Robert Woodburn, TE William Flannagan, Chairman Pro-Tem. Stated Clerk, TE L. Edward Davis was present as Advisor.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 8:15 A.M.

The following matters of business were conducted and are presented to the General Assembly for 1) information and/or 2) action.

1. Information:

- A. The matter of extra-ordinary status for candidates for the ministry was discussed at length. The Committee voted unanimously to present to the Permanent Judicial Commission, requests for the amendments to the Book of Government regarding extra-ordinary candidates. (Addendum #1)

ADDENDUM #1

June 1, 1983

TO: The Permanent Judicial Commission, EPC
FROM: The Ministerial Vocations Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
William M. Flannagan, Chairman, Pro-Tem

The Ministerial Vocation Committee requests to amend the Book of Government of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church by deleting Section 12-H and adding the following Section 12-G:

- G-1 "In an extra-ordinary case, a candidate may be received by the Presbytery for reasons it judges to be adequate, in which part of the formal (traditional) educational requirements may be waived in view of other equivalent experiences.
- G-2 "This power should be exercised most judiciously and must be approved by a two-thirds vote by the Presbytery."
- G-3 When such a candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person."

In Chapter 13-3, we request that the Book of Government be amended by Striking the caption, "The.....ministry."

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Flannagan

- B. The Committee is in the process of developing a "Model for Extra-ordinary Candidates." TE Robert Woodburn and TE L. Edward Davis are developing a brief statement explaining the philosophy and program for training candidates who are classified as extraordinary cases. This paper will be distributed at General Assembly.
- C. TE William Flannagan is preparing a first draft recommendation for the Procedural Manual for Ministerial Committees to use in the candidacy process. This information will eventually be presented to the General Assembly.
- D. The Committee is in the process of collecting copies of ordination tests. In September, the Committee will develop uniform documents for testing on a rotational basis. The Committee will also develop procedure for distributing the testing materials.
- E. The Committee will prepare a "pastoral" letter for all church sessions. The letter will recommend guidelines for salary evaluation.
- F. The Committee is to design a process for the proper maintenance of the Military Chaplaincy Program.
- G. The Committee is to meet June 20, 1983, 1:30 P.M. and September 22-24, 1983, at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

II. Recommendations:

- M-1 The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Third General Assembly that the position of licensure be discontinued. (Addendum #2).

ADDENDUM #2

In view of the fact that there is no reference to the position of Licensure in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Book of Government; and, that the Westminster Confession of Faith in 27-4, states:

"There be only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord, in the gospel, that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord; neither of which may be dispensed by any but by a minister of the Word, lawfully ordained."

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Ministerial Vocation Committee that the statement of the Second General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church regarding Licensure be rescinded, and that the position of Licensure be discontinued.

(NOTE: Second General Assembly Action)

"Licensure shall be granted to eligible candidates according to the following:

- a. Persons may be licensed by the Presbytery for specific duties within the church (extra-ordinary candidates) including the possibility of offering the sacraments if situation warrants such.
- b. Such persons shall be licensed by the Presbytery prior to ordination: such licensure shall be for a stated period of time and a specific place. All licensures are to be reviewed annually by the appropriate Presbytery committee."

M-2 The Committee voted unanimously that a uniform contract for Call to Pastor/Associate Pastor be prepared and presented by the Stated Clerk to the General Assembly.

M-3 The Committee voted unanimously that a new Personal Information Form and Candidate Form be prepared and presented by the Stated Clerk to the General Assembly.

M-4 There being no further business, the Committee was closed in prayer at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

TE William M. Flannagan
Chairman, Pro-Tem

APPENDIX G

REPORT OF PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The Permanent Judicial Commission met once (June 6) at the Assembly Office in Dearborn. It plans to convene during the 3rd General Assembly to continue to work. In Proposed Overtures, Recommendation #1 is given the Assembly from the PJC for consideration. In addition, the Permanent Judicial Commission conveys the following:

PJ - 1 Recommendation on Overture A

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

I. Text of Overture

The Text of Overture A, submitted by the Presbytery of the South is as follows:

OVERTURE A

"WHEREAS, it is the firm conviction of the Presbytery of the South that the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, authoritative Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and

WHEREAS, this conviction is reflected very clearly by the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter One; and

WHEREAS, the "Essentials of our Faith" of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church attest to this conviction that the Scriptures are "the infallible Word of God," and "the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks;"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church amend its Book or Order Sections 14-1(A)2, and 14-1(E)2 by deleting these sections as they now read, and substitute the following as the new sections 14-1(A)2 and 14-1(E)2, to wit:

'Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?'

II Recommendations

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the General Assembly not concur with Overture A.

III Rationale:

Whereas, from the beginning, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has taken a high view of Scripture -referring to the Scriptures as "Truth...the infallible Word of God....uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit....the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks;"
and

Whereas, this view is clearly conveyed in the present ordination vows;

Therefore, it is the opinion of the Permanent Judicial Commission that the addition or substitution of the word "inerrant" is unnecessary.

PJ - 2 Recommendation on Ministerial Vocation Proposal

Ministerial Vocation Committee Request of 6/1/83 To Revise Book of Government Sections 12-2 and 13-3

I. Request:

The Ministerial Vocation Committee requests to amend the Book of Government of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church by deleting Section 12-2(H) and adding new wording to Section 12-2(G). A complete description of the proposal is contained in Section II below.

In addition, the Ministerial Vocation Committee requests that the caption "The...ministry" be deleted from Section 13-3 of the Book of Government.

II. Recommendations:

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the proposal be modified as described below and the Modified Proposal be approved.

PRESENT WORDING: BOOK
OF GOVERNMENT
Section 12-2(G)

PROPOSED MINISTERIAL
VOCATION COMMITTEE

MODIFIED
PROPOSAL

A candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a degree from a four-year college and a degree from a seminary approved by the Presbytery, requiring at least three years of study. The candidate shall have had appropriate courses in the original languages of the Scriptures and shall complete an exegesis in one such language on a passage assigned by the Presbytery.

Retain present wording.

Retain present wording.

Add:

- G-1 In an extra-ordinary case, a candidate may be received by the Presbytery for reasons it judges to be adequate, in which part of the formal (traditional) educational requirements may be waived in view of other equivalent experiences.
- G-2 This power should be exercised most judiciously and must be approved by a two-thirds vote by the Presbytery.
- G-3 When such a candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study under some appropriate person.

Section 12-2(H)

An extra-ordinary candidate may be received by the Presbytery for reasons it judges to be adequate, in which part or all of the formal educational requirements are waived. However, this power should be exercised judiciously, and must be approved by a two-thirds vote by the Presbytery. When such a candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study under some appropriate person.

Delete Sec.
12-1(H)

Substitute: In extra-ordinary circumstances a Presbytery for reasons it judges adequate may receive a candidate for whom it may waive part or all of the total educational requirements for ordination. This action requires a two-thirds vote by the Presbytery. When such a candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person.

Section 13-3

The extra-ordinary candidate for the Ministry: If the Presbytery has previously received a candidate and has not required the stipulated work of college and/or seminary, the requirements for language shall be omitted. However, every other part of the examination must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Presbytery.

Delete: "The extraordinary candidate for the Ministry..."

Concur with the proposal.

III. Rationale

A. Substantive Change to the Proposal of the Ministerial Vocation Committee:

The Permanent Judicial Commission does not wish to bind Presbyteries but prefers to give them liberty to ordain under extra-ordinary circumstances. Accordingly, wording that would continue to permit Presbyteries to waive "part or all" (emphasis added) of the formal educational requirements is proposed by the PJC.

B. Linguistic Changes:

Linguistic changes are proposed by the PJC to add clarity to the proposal.

C. Organizational Changes:

The PJC recommends that separate sections "G" and "H" be retained. Otherwise, the sections proposed as G-1, G-2, and G-3 would refer to other portions of section G and require, for example, that an "ordinary" candidate receive a two-thirds vote to be accepted by a Presbytery.

Permanent Judicial Commission

I. Text of Overture

Overture B, referred by the Presbytery of the East, is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has from its formation subscribed to the Westminster Confession of Faith as teaching the doctrines of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, the already adopted Essentials of Our Faith relies upon the Westminster Confession for a fuller understanding; and

WHEREAS, there is need for an "official" version of the Confession from among the various editions currently in existence:

THEREFORE, the Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Butler, Pennsylvania, hereby overtures the Presbytery of the East to petition the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to adopt as its official statement the Westminster Confession of Faith in the following edition:

The Westminster Confession of Faith, edited by Douglas Kelly, Hugh McClure, and Philip Rollinson: The Attic Press, Greenwood, SC, 1979, with the following notations:

1. Chapters numbered as followed by UPCUSA.
2. Chapter 24, "Concerning Marriage Vows and Divorce," as previously adopted by the PCUS.
3. Chapters 34 and 35, "Of the Holy Spirit," and "Of the Gospel of the Love of God and Missions," are to be included.
4. Chapter 25, Section 6, to read, "There is no other head of the Church than the Lord Jesus Christ. The claim of anyone to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church is without warrant in fact or in Scripture, even anti-Christian, a usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ."

II. Recommendation:

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that action on Overture B be deferred until the 4th General Assembly.

III. Rationale

The permanent Judicial Commission requests that it be provided adequate time for review and study.

Respectfully submitted,

John Baird, RE
Chairman, Pro-Term

APPENDIX H

RULES FOR ASSEMBLY

As Amended by 3rd General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

I. Date and Place of Meeting

- 1-1 The General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall meet annually on the date and at the place fixed by the preceding General Assembly, between May 1 and June 30.
- 1-2 The place of meeting shall be rotated among the various areas of the church as much as is practical. Any presbytery or church outside of presbytery that desires to entertain the General Assembly shall forward an invitation to the Stated Clerk no later than a month before the preceding Assembly.

II. Organization of a General Assembly's Meeting

- 2-1 The General Assembly shall be called to order at the designated time by the Moderator, and shall begin with a worship service.
- 2-2 The Stated Clerk shall present a report on the enrollment and declare if a quorum is present. If such is present, the Assembly shall be declared to be properly constituted.
- 2-3 The first order of business shall be the election of a Moderator. There shall be only one nominating speech not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.
- 2-4 If more than one Commissioner is nominated, election shall be by ballot, on ballots provided by the Stated Clerk. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk shall gather, count and report the ballot tabulation to the Stated Clerk. Election shall be by majority. Should no majority exist among a plurality of nominees, a second ballot shall be called for the two highest nominees. The Moderator shall declare the election.
- 2-5 As soon as the Moderator shall have been declared elected, he shall assume his duties as Moderator.

III. The Moderator

- 3-1 The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except for those times when the Moderator may temporarily invite another Commissioner to act as the presiding officer.
- 3-2 The Moderator shall call the succeeding Assembly to order and preside until a successor has been elected. A sermon from the retiring Moderator is appropriate. If the Moderator is unable to act, the most immediate past moderator present, or in the absence of any, the Stated Clerk shall call the Assembly to order and preside over its session until a Moderator has been elected.

IV. The Stated Clerk

- 4-1 The Stated Clerk shall be elected on the last day of the Assembly. A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of the Assembly, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly.
- 4-2 The Stated Clerk shall perform the duties assigned by the Book of Government and by the Standing Rules of the Assembly, and such other duties as are assigned by action of the Assembly.
- 4-3 The Stated Clerk shall assemble the items of business to come before the Assembly and prepare a daily docket for the receiving of committee reports and consideration of all appropriate business to come before the Assembly.
- 4-4 The Stated Clerk shall keep the Minutes of the General Assembly. He shall publish them annually with statistical reports of the Church and reports of the committees of the Assembly.
- 4-5 The Stated Clerk shall have the privilege of the floor in all matters pertaining to his office and at such times when the Moderator, chairperson of Assembly committees, or any commissioner request clarification of Assembly business.
- 4-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

V. The Assembly Arrangements

- 5-1 The Moderator of the last General Assembly and the Stated Clerk shall plan the periods of worship at the meeting of the Assembly, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper and public services. A brief worship service

shall be included at the beginning of each day's session.

- 5-2 The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated by the General Assembly on the first day of its meeting. The retiring Moderator shall preside on this occasion and shall preach a sermon or deliver an appropriate address. The newly elected Moderator shall assist in this service.
- 5-3 The first order of the day, except the opening day, at the beginning of the business session shall be the presentation of a docket listing the business which is to be considered that day. Revision of the docket may be necessary during the day.
- 5-4 The Stated Clerk shall oversee all arrangements for the meeting and housing of the General Assembly in conjunction with the host presbytery and/or host church.

VI. Communications and Overtures

- 6-1 A communication to the General Assembly is formal correspondence received by the Stated Clerk from other churches, interchurch agencies, and from other organized bodies outside the church proper having business with the Assembly.
- 6-2 The Stated Clerk shall recommend to the Assembly reference for all communications.
- 6-3 An overture ordinarily is the request of a presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter.
- 6-4 All overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures received by the Stated Clerk less than one month prior to the opening of the Assembly shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled commissioners.

VII. Reports to the General Assembly

- 7-1 The Moderator, Stated Clerk, standing committees and special committees shall make annual reports. Such reports shall be transmitted to the Stated Clerk by at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. These reports shall be referred to the Assembly by the Clerk.

VIII. Assembly Committees

- 8-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Assembly Committees, except reports of Ad Interim Committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:
1. Administration - concerning administrative matters
 2. World Mission - concerning world outreach
 3. Church Development - concerning home missions and evangelism
 4. Christian Education and Publications - concerning Christian education and publications
 5. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers
 6. Presbytery Review - concerning presbytery ministry and action
 7. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies
 8. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciations
 9. Overtures and Resolution - concerning communication received
- 8-2 The Moderator will appoint chairpersons of each Assembly Committee. Representation will be presbyterial with membership-at-large being no greater than 10%. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect committee personnel from commissioner registrations prior to Assembly convening. Ratio should be as close to 2 : 1 (RE : TE) as possible.
- 8-3 The Committees may be scheduled to meet prior to the opening session of the Assembly to handle business referred by the Stated Clerk.
- 8-4 The Assembly Committees shall proceed as follows:
1. At the assigned time, each committee shall assemble in its assigned place, elect a secretary, review material in hand and begin its work.
 2. Each committee shall be available to reconvene to consider additional matters referred from the Assembly floor.
 3. A quorum is considered to be a simple majority.
- 8-5 The Assembly Committee's report shall be brief and concise. It shall include the following:
1. A list of all items referred to and considered by the committee;
 2. A statement of all issues discussed;
 3. A report of all recommendations contained in reports, communications, and overtures referred. Action taken by the Assembly committees to approve, modify, or not approve those items referred shall be reported back to

the Assembly with reasons.

- 8-6 Minutes of the correspondent permanent committee shall be submitted to the Assembly committee for review.
- 8-7 Informational presentation of some special aspects of the work reported by a particular Assembly committee shall be limited to five minutes.
- 8-8 Any recommendation affecting the Budget of the Assembly shall be referred to the Committee on Administration for review before presentation to the Assembly.
- 8-9 The completed report of an Assembly committee shall contain the full text of the report and handled as follows:
 - 1. Typed in double space
 - 2. Proofed and signed by chairperson of committee and thereafter given to Stated Clerk for permanent record.
 - 3. Presented to the Assembly during docketed time by chairperson or designate.
- 8-10 No partial report of an Assembly committee shall be presented without consent of the Assembly.
- 8-11
 - 1. Presbytery Minutes shall be examined for conformity to:
 - a. the constitutional standards of the church, as to substance of the actions recorded;
 - b. appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
 - 2. Each set of Presbytery Minutes must be read by at least two members of the Committee on Review.
 - 3. The findings of the Committee with respect to the Minutes of each Presbytery shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate;
 - a. Notations: Typographical errors, misspellings, improper punctuation, non-prejudicial statements of facts and other variations in form may be reported here. Also, failure to provide sufficient or proper information or identification, misstatement of facts, etc., may be included here.
 - b. Exceptions: Violations of constitutional standards or actions which in substance appear not to conform to EPC standards should be reported here.
 - 4. The Committee should prepare a report concerning the Minutes of each Presbytery. After action by the Assembly, two copies shall be given the Stated Clerk, one for his permanent file and one to be mailed to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.
 - 5. Notations and exceptions in the Committee's report shall be handled as follows:
 - a. Notations shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery without being read to the Assembly or recorded in its Minutes;

- b. Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its Minutes, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
6. The Presbyteries shall take note in their Minutes of exceptions and notations conveyed from the Assembly and advise the next Assembly of the disposition they have made of such.

IX. Permanent Committees

9-1 The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through Permanent Committees, to wit;

1. Committee on Administration

- a. Chaired by most immediate past moderator;
- b. Committee membership: Moderator, Stated Clerk, Immediate Past Moderator, six elected members plus chairperson of other permanent committees. The chairpersons from other committees shall be advisory members and have voice but no vote.
- c. Functions in the following ways:
 1. Administrative oversight
 - Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education, and Ministerial Vocation Committees
 - Responds to emergency and disaster situations
 - Serve as Directors of the Corporation
 2. Denominational Development
 - General Assembly Planning
 - Promotion - Public relations
 - Personal Administration - staff hiring, staff accountability
 - Budget development - receive projections from all committees and submit to General Assembly a proposed budget
 - All legal and corporate matters
 - Insurance, pension, retirement
 3. All other business or ecclesiastical matters not specifically assigned to any other committee.

2. Committee on Christian Education

- a. To be composed of six members, to elect own chairperson;
- b. Duties:
 1. Curriculum development
 2. Provide resources for church/Christian day schools - all levels
 3. Provide assistance in Sunday School development and operation
 4. Publications - other than curriculum
 5. Camp and conference development
 6. Lay leadership development
 7. Worship and music resources

3. Permanent Judicial Commission

"The Permanent Judicial Commission: The General Assembly shall establish a PJC. The Commission shall consist of a minimum of nine persons in three classes of three each, and of which at least two-thirds must be Ruling Elders. The Assembly shall determine their eligibility to succession. Efforts shall be made to give fair representation to various presbyteries. During service on this Commission, no member may hold office or employment in the court. Its quorum shall be two-thirds of its membership. It shall elect its own moderator and a clerk from among its members and a careful and accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these minutes filed with the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly." Duties of the PJC described in Book of Government, 16-27.B.

4. Committee on World Outreach

a. To be comprised of six members on a three year, three class system, with the EPC Moderator and Stated Clerk to serve ex-officio members. The CWO will elect replacement members from within EPC membership. Members may serve a maximum of two terms and then may not be re-elected without at least one year's break. CWO members are to include two teaching elders and four ruling elders. The CWO to meet at least twice a year including the General Assembly.

5. Committee on Denominational Development

a. Membership to be six members, chairperson elected by committee;
b. Duties: to give oversight and planning to the domestic ministries in church planting, evangelism, and church development.

6. Committee on Ministerial Vocation

a. Membership to be six members, chairperson elected by committee;
b. Monitor and aid ministerial relations committees of local presbyteries;
c. Placement of pastors and helping churches to find pastors;
d. Provide information on colleges and seminaries;
e. Examine extraordinary candidates;
f. Theological testing oversight.

7. Committee on Nominations

a. Membership shall consist of one teaching elder and one ruling elder elected by each Presbytery.
b. The Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee.
c. Duties: to serve and nominate persons for all Assembly Committees, both permanent and standing.

- 9-2 The power and authority of the Permanent Committees shall be those set forth in these Rules or by direction of the General Assembly.
- 9-3 The power and authority of the Permanent Committees shall be constituted on a three-year, three-class structure. All members shall be teaching elders or ruling elders. In so far as practicable the ratio of ruling elder to one teaching elder shall be maintained.
- 9-4 A majority of a Permanent Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 9-5 The chairman or secretary of each Permanent Committee shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the committee following the General Assembly.

X. New Business

- 10-1 Any matter presented in any form which has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of General Assembly shall be treated as new business.
- 10-2 New business must be presented to the Assembly before the close of the second day of business. The Steering Committee may assist the Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.

XI. Parliamentary Procedure

- 11-1 Except at otherwise specifically provided in these Rules, Revised Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.
- 11-2 In presenting the report of a committee, the Chairperson shall lead the Assembly in a brief prayer before making the report. The entire report shall be read before any comment. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of those present. When a majority of a Committee wishes to present a minority report, the member reporting for the minority shall have the privilege of presenting the minority report and moving it as a substitute for the portion of the majority report affected.
- 11-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately.
 - 1. The Chairman moves the adoption.
 - 2. Motion to adopt is seconded from the floor.
 - 3. The Moderator asks: Is there objection or question?
 - 4. Hearing no objection or question, the Moderator states: It is adopted. (Above procedure known as "Short Form of Voting.")

11-4 Procedure in debating a question:

1. The Committee chairperson may answer questions concerning the report addressed through the Moderator.
2. The Chairperson shall have the opportunity to make the final statement in debate.
3. No Commissioner may speak on the same question more than once until all desiring to speak have done so.
4. Debate on the main motion shall be limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended. A simple majority may extend debate an addition five (5) minutes.
5. Debate shall be free, open and responsible with equal time being given to proponents in so far as possible.

11-5 All motions should be presented in writing and read before being voted on.

XII. Amendment or Suspension of Rules

12-1 The Rules of the General Assembly may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total enrollment of the Commissioners. A motion to amend is debatable. A motion to suspend is not debatable.

MINISTERIAL VOCATION FORMS

-APPLICATION- CANDIDATE FOR GOSPEL MINISTRY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Date _____

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
 City _____ State/Country _____
- Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____
2. Present Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Include Area Code _____
3. Permanent Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Include Area Code _____
4. Home Church _____
 City _____ State _____
 Pastor's Name _____
 Pastor's Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
5. Your Baptism: infant? _____ other? _____ by which church _____

II. WORK AND EDUCATION HISTORY

6. Your present occupation (if student, give institution and class) _____

Dates of Employment

7. Formal education (last three institutions you attended, including High School)

Institution	Dates	Major	GPA	Degree
1.	From / / to / /			
2.	From / / to / /			
3.	From / / to / /			

8. Employment record (list last two (2) employers)

Employer	Address	Dates Employed
1.		From _____ to _____
2.		From _____ to _____

9. Indicate any languages other than English in which you have speaking ability. _____

III. FAMILY HISTORY

10. What are your chief hobbies and activities?

11. Marital Status:

Single _____ Married _____ Widowed _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Remarried _____
Date of Marriage _____ If engaged, expected date of
Marriage _____

12. Spouse/Betrothed

Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Formal Education after High School

Name of Institution	Years Attended	Degree
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Present Employment _____

Church Membership _____

13. Family

List your children, indicating names, year of birth, whether or not each lives with you. You may also indicate if each is married, in service, at college, etc.

14. What are the attitudes of your parents (if living) and spouse (if married) toward your decision to make application for candidacy?

15. Give information concerning any serious disabilities or health factors affecting yourself, spouse, or family that may limit your geographical location or ministry at this time.

IV. PERSONAL INFORMATION

16. Describe your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. When did you become a Christian?

17. At this point what sense of call to the ministry do you have? What people and experiences have influenced you to make this application for candidacy?

18. What activities and organizations have you been involved in that have given you an opportunity for Christian service?

19. "Our constitution recognizes ordination to the ministry as a setting apart of the individual to the use of his spiritual gifts as a pastor, teacher, evangelist, administrator and chaplain. His primary duty shall be sharing the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, always making the Word the focus and center of his ministry. In light of this goal for ordination, what type of full-time ministry do you foresee yourself involved in after ordination?

20. NAME BELOW FIVE REFERENCES WHO KNOW YOU WELL, INCLUDING YOUR PASTOR, A PERSON YOUR OWN AGE, AND ONE OF YOUR PROFESSORS OR EMPLOYERS.

(Name)

(Address)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

SESSION APPROVAL FORM

Dear Moderator, Clerk of Session, Session Members:

The Candidates Care Committee of this presbytery would like to help in preparing members of our churches for the Gospel Ministry. The normal process would be as follows:

A member senses God's leading to pursue the Gospel Ministry..

This member share his convictions with his Session.

The Session encourages and interviews the member.

The member that is approved by Session is recommended to the Candidates Care Committee to be taken under care of the Presbytery.

We are providing the following form to guide your Session in its interview with a potential candidate for the Gospel Ministry. If you desire to recommend to our Presbytery a potential candidate, then we would like this form filled out and forwarded to us.

NAME OF MEMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

NAME OF CHURCH _____

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP _____

NAME AND TELEPHONE OF ELDER FILLING OUT THIS FORM _____

1. What evidence/testimony does this person give of his salvation through death in Christ?

2. What evidence does this person give/demonstrate of his call to the Gospel Ministry?

3. Please mention in specific details your observations regarding this person's potential fulfillment of the qualifications mentioned in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Mention specific strengths and weaknesses.
4. How do you evaluate this person's potential giftedness for the Gospel Ministry? Does the Session recommend this applicant for candidacy? Would this recommendation be with any qualifications? If so, what?
5. Does the person seem to sincerely desire to pursue God's will relative to the Gospel Ministry?

Sincerely,
Candidates Care Committee

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: We, the Session of _____
Presbyterian Church, certify that the above applicant has been a
member of the church since _____ and we commend this member
to the Committee on Candidates as an applicant for candidacy in the
Gospel Ministry.

Signature of Moderator of the Session _____
Date _____
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CALL TO PASTOR OR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The _____ Evangelical Presbyterian Church of _____, feeling led by the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, have covenanted together to call you, _____, as Pastor/Associate Pastor. In issuing this call to you to be our _____ and spiritual leader, we commit ourselves to support you in every way. We commit ourselves to support you in prayer, in participation in the work of ministry, and in your material needs.

In meeting your material needs, we initially commit ourselves as follows:

1. Annual Salary _____ Frequency of payment _____
2. Manse or manse allowance _____
3. Utilities and maintenance _____
4. Car and expence allowance _____
5. Percentage _____ of gross salary for government approved pension plan _____
6. Medical/disability/life insurance for you and family as provided by EPC group plan _____
7. Annual vacation leave of _____
8. Study leave (2 week minimum) _____
Study leave allowance _____
Other allowance _____

We commit ourselves to continue this remuneration as long as you continue as our Pastor/Associate Pastor. We commit ourselves to review this pledge annually and adjust it appropriately (considering all applicable factors including changes in cost of living) with the consent of Presbytery. In addition, we commit ourselves to paying the expense related to your move.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names on behalf of the congregation this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____

Clerk of Meeting

Chairman of Search Committee

I, _____, having moderated the meeting which extended the call to _____ for ministerial services, certify that the call was made in complete conformity with the Book of Government and that the persons signing the call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

Moderator of the Meeting

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ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE CALL

A. BY THE CHURCH'S PRESBYTERY

1. ACTION OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

This call has been reviewed by the Ministerial Committee and found to be in order. The Committee recommends that Presbytery approve (not approve) this call.

Date of Action _____ Chairperson _____

2. ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY

This call was approved by the Presbytery of _____

Date of Action _____ Stated Clerk _____

B. BY THE MINISTER'S PRESBYTERY

1. ACTION OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

This call has been reviewed by the Ministerial Committee and recommends that the Presbytery find it expedient (not expedient) to release _____ to accept this call.

Date of Action _____ Chairperson _____

2. ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of _____ hereby finds it expedient (not expedient) to release _____ to accept this call and therefore placed (did not place) this call in the minister's hands.

Date of Action _____ Stated Clerk _____

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALL

This is to certify that I have received and accepted the call.

Date of Acceptance _____ Signature _____

D. BEGINNING DATE OF MINISTRY

Ministry to begin on _____
(Date)

PROPOSED OVERTURES
and
COMMUNICATIONS

SENT TO
THE 3RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1983

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OVERTURE A

WHEREAS, it is the firm conviction of the Presbytery of the South that the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, authoritative Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and,

WHEREAS, this conviction is reflected very clearly by the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter One; and,

WHEREAS, the "Essentials of Our Faith" of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church attest to this conviction that the Scriptures are the "infallible Word of God," and "the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks;"

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church amend its Book of Order, Book of Government Sections 14-1(A)2, and 14-1(E)2 by deleting these sections as they now read, and substitute the following as the new Sections 14-1(A)2 and 14-1(E)2, to wit:

"Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?"

Attest:

James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk, Presbytery
of the South

OVERTURE B

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of the South is convinced that the Scripture and confession of our Church strongly affirm the dignity and value of every human life,

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you: I appointed you a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)

My frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:15)

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar: the Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name. (Isaiah 49:1)

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:41)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of life while demanding the preservation of life:

"The Sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others." (Question 68)

"The Sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth there unto." (Question 69)

Scripture teaches that it is insufficient to avoid involvement in injustice. God's people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that such unborn children are therefore to be protected and valued along with all other human life.

We have a special responsibility as Christians to protect and care for the unborn and for others who are unable to protect themselves. Scripture consistently calls the strong to protect

OVERTURE B (cont.)

and care for the poor and weak. Jesus stated clearly that "As you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 24:40). There is no segment of our population more hopeless than the unborn, nor more in need of the support of those who are strong.

Be it also resolved that, in addition to these uniquely Christian responses to the crisis of the unborn children, we urge all citizens to promote legislation that brings our judicial and legal system into line with the Scriptural views on protecting the poor and weak. Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. Although all citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues since "God alone is Lord of the Conscience" the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state are not private but public matters.

The Biblical witness clearly affirms that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life. See for example, Amos, Chapters 1 & 2. We cannot willfully disregard or evade this responsibility with impunity. For these reasons, the protection of innocent unborn life is a very important agenda for the Christian community and we urge all Christians to become personally, professionally, and religiously involved in serving those who cannot adequately help themselves. The fact that individual Christians, Churches, and the Nation have often neglected to do this suggests the need for repentance and forgiveness.

Be it further resolved that, besides prayers and general assistance on behalf of all weak persons, the General Assembly also suggests that the following steps be implemented by individuals, congregations, and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies.

A. Women facing problem pregnancies should receive the support, love, acceptance, and counsel of Christians both during and after the decisions they face; and that the Church must provide the ethical, moral, theological, and spiritual guidance to these persons facing problem pregnancies.

B. The men involved must be confronted with their responsibilities on these matters.

OVERTURE B (cont.)

C. There is a need for Biblically-based counsel by pastors, counselors, physicians, and Christian friends for women and men who face difficult decisions raised by problem pregnancies.

D. The Church must increase its support, care, and nurture for all children, but a special need exists for support of children who result from unwanted pregnancy.

E. The Church must consciously plan to support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.

F. The Church is best able to serve as a therapeutic community to those women who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption.

G. Both individual Christians and the various jurisdictions of the Churches should do everything in their power to provide supportive communities, alternatives to abortion, and strongly discourage abortion as a means of birth control.

Taken together, these steps can go a long way toward involving Christians in the cause of alleviating the burden of those who suffer because of this issue.

Attest:
James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk, Presbytery
of the South

OVERTURE C

WHEREAS, Presbyteries of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church are to exercise oversight over the life of a number of churches within a designated area and;

WHEREAS, Presbyteries of the EPC are to encourage evangelism and renewal within their bounds; and

WHEREAS, the EPC Presbytery of the South is so geographically large that achieving these goals is made inconvenient, expensive, and time-consuming; and

WHEREAS, some prospective churches of the EPC have already been discouraged from applying for membership in our denomination because of the immense size of the Presbytery of the South;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Presbytery of the South ask that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church allow the Presbytery of the South to divide into two presbyteries as follows, as soon as there are at least five congregations and a communicant membership of at least 750 in the bounds of both presbyteries:

The Presbytery of the Southeast: The states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, plus eastern Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The Presbytery of the Central South: The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, plus western Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

- NOTE:
1. Churches in Florida, Kentucky, & Tennessee may affiliate with either Central South or Southeast, at their option.
 2. Churches in Southern Illinois may affiliate with Central South or Midwest, at their option.
 3. Churches in eastern Texas may affiliate with Central South or West, at their option.

Attest:
James Van Dyke
Stated Clerk, Presbytery
of the South

OVERTURE D

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has from its formation subscribed to the Westminster Confession of Faith as teaching the doctrines of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, the already-adopted Essentials of Our Faith relies upon the Westminster Confession for a fuller understanding; and

WHEREAS, there is need for an "official" version of the Confession from among the various editions presently in existence;

The Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Butler, Pennsylvania hereby overtures the Presbytery of the East to petition the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to adopt as its official statement the Westminster Confession of Faith in the following edition:

The Westminster Confession of Faith, edited by Douglas Kelly, Hugh McClure, and Philip Rollinson; The Attic Press, Greenwood, SC, 1979, with the following notations;

1. Chapters numbered as followed by the UPCUSA.
2. Chapter 24, "Concerning Marriage Vows and Divorce," as previously adopted by the PCUS.
3. Chapters 34 & 35, "Of the Holy Spirit," and "Of the Gospel of the Love of God and Missions," are to be included.
4. Chapter 25, Section 6 to read, "There is no other head of the Church than the Lord Jesus Christ. The claim of anyone to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church is without warrant in fact or in Scripture even anti-Christian, a usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Attest:
Frank Johnson
Stated Clerk, Presbytery
of the East

OVERTURE E

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as comprising the infallible, written revelation of the mind and will of God; and

WHEREAS, it is our position that these Scriptures contain everything that is necessary for the salvation of man and for his living successfully, both individually and in families and in societies; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the ethical principles contained in the Scriptures are timeless and universal in their application; and

WHEREAS, it is our further understanding that the Scriptures not only fail to distinguish between pre-natal and post-natal life, but also attribute full human identity to the unborn human fetus; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Third General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is certainly and necessarily committed to both the sanctity and the inviolability of human fetal life, and is unalterably opposed to any and all systems of thought which deny that sanctity and to any and all attempts to destroy that life, save in the most extreme of circumstances; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church encourage its congregations to incorporate into their services of worship, their ministries of teaching, their opportunities for counseling and their efforts to influence the wider communities about them, this Scriptural view of the sanctity and inviolability of all innocent human life--born and unborn--as the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, leads them and gives them opportunity; and be it finally understood and

RESOLVED that the purpose of this statement is pastoral, not judicial; that the petition it contains is best proclaimed by those profoundly aware of their own continuous need for the mercy and forgiveness of God; and that in this and all other matters the Church must always follow the compassionate example of Christ who said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

Attest:
Dean Robinson
Stated Clerk, Presbytery
of the Midwest

RECOMMENDATION #1

TO: The 3rd General Assembly
FROM: The Permanent Judicial Commission

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that sections in the Book of Order concerning local church representation at Presbytery and the General Assembly be amended as described below:

Book of Government §2-3

Present Wording Recommended for Deletion:

"The General Assembly shall consist of representatives from each Presbytery, two Ruling Elders and one Teaching Elder, for each 2,000 members, or part thereof."

Proposed Wording Recommended for Substitution:

"The basis of representation to General Assembly shall be the same as representation to Presbytery."

Book of Government §16-14

Present Wording Recommended for Deletion:

"The Presbytery: The Presbytery has oversight of the life of a number of churches within a designated area. It is composed of all ministers of the Presbytery and at least two Ruling Elders elected by the Church Session. The Church Session shall elect two additional Ruling Elders for each additional Pastor, whether Associate or Assistant. In any case, a particular church shall have no less than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or portion thereof."

Proposed Addition:

members or major portion thereof"

RECOMMENDATION #1 (cont.)

Book of Government §16-20

Present Wording Recommended for Deletion

"It is composed of Commissioners elected by the Presbyteries, one Minister and Two Ruling Elders for each 2,000 members or part thereof."

Proposed Wording Recommended for Substitution

"It is composed of all the Ministers of the Presbyteries and at least two Ruling Elders elected by the Church Session. The Church Session shall elect two additional Ruling Elders for each additional Pastor, whether Associate or Assistant. In any case, a particular Church shall have no less than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or major portion thereof."

Attest:

John A. Baird
Clerk, Permanent Judicial
Commission

RESOLUTION #2

The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to establish a voluntary, cooperative, or affiliate status for churches whose pastors are members of the EPC and who, due to their present legal or ecclesiastical status, cannot unite at this time with the EPC but who are one in spirit with the denomination and desire to fellowship with and to further its work and mission.

Such churches may be represented and may have the privilege of the floor, but would be without vote in any and all judicatories of the EPC. The Presbytery suggests an appropriate committee be assigned to study this matter and report its findings to the 4th General Assembly.

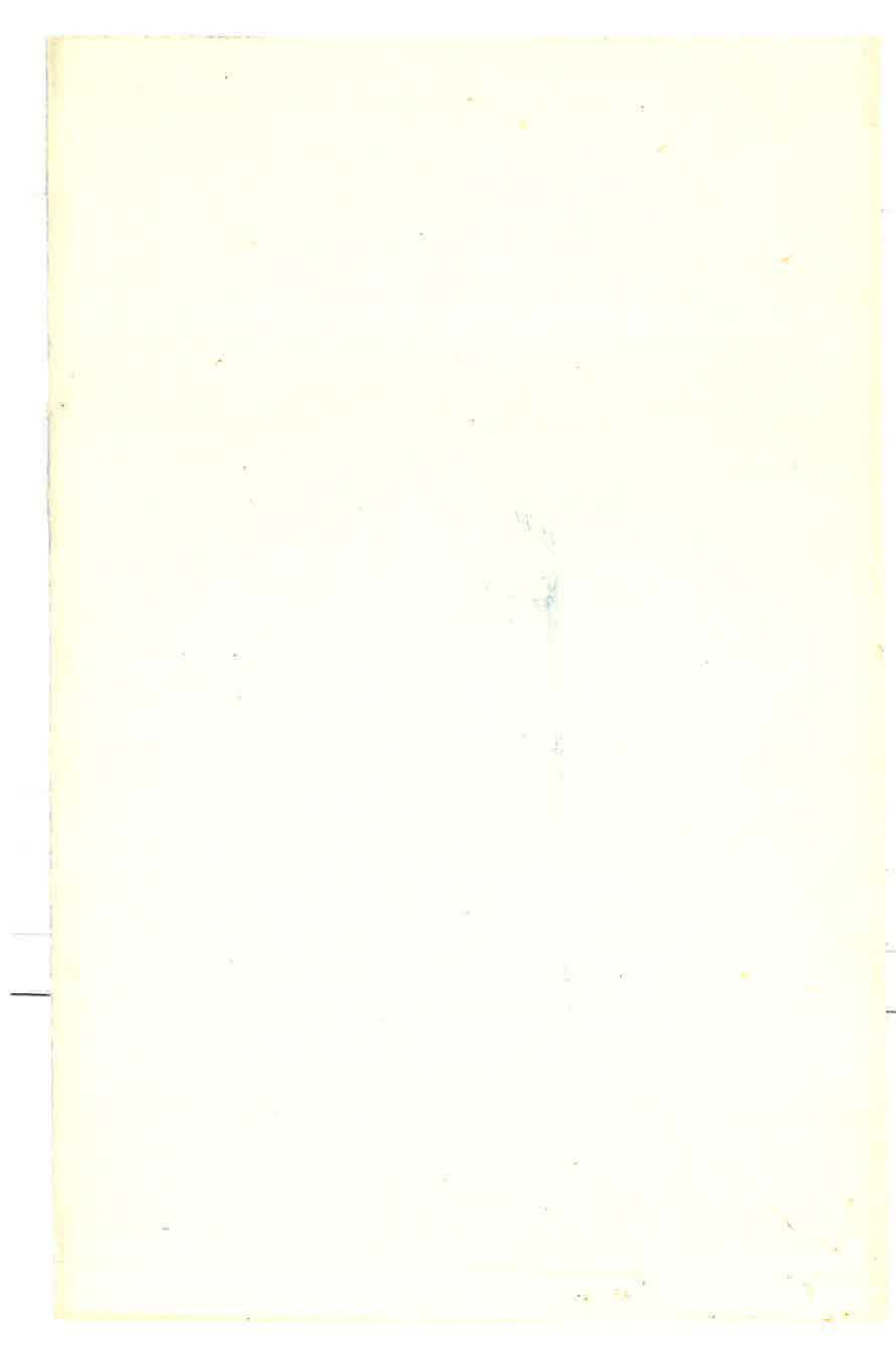
Attest:
Bruce Ferry
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RESOLUTION #3

The Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 1983, to give full presbytery status to the above named provisional presbytery and that the Presbytery of the Far West (provisional) be authorized to initiate the election of appropriate officers and to properly organize itself according to need.

Attest:
Bruce Ferry
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OVERTURE A

Shall the Book of Government, Sec. 14-1(A)2 and
Sec. 14-1(E)2 be amended by substituting the
question, "Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old
and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally
trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the
supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of
faith and practice?" for the sections as they now read.

Presbytery Votes

_____ Yes

_____ No

Number of votes cast _____

Date _____

NOTE: Above amendment offered by Assembly Committee on
Overtures and Resolutions as substitute for original
Overture A from Presbytery of the South. Adopted
unanimously by Assembly.

YOUNGSTOWN OVERTURE

Shall the Book of Government Sec. 8-1(C) be amended by deleting the sentence presently following the caption Agenda of Meeting and substituting the following: "Only those matters stated in the call may receive action. Other matters may be presented and discussed, but may not receive action at that meeting."

Presbytery Votes

_____ Yes

_____ No

Number of votes cast _____ Date _____

NOTE: Above was unanimously adopted at General Assembly.

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL #2

Shall the Book of Government, Sec. 12-2(H) be amended by deleting the current section and substituting the following:

"In extra-ordinary circumstances, a Presbytery, for reasons it judges adequate, may receive a candidate for whom it may waive part or all of the total educational requirements for ordination. This action requires a two-thirds vote by Presbytery. When such a candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person."

Shall the Book of Government, Sec. 13-3, be amended by deleting the opening phrase, "The extraordinary candidate for the ministry:"?

Presbytery Votes

_____ Yes

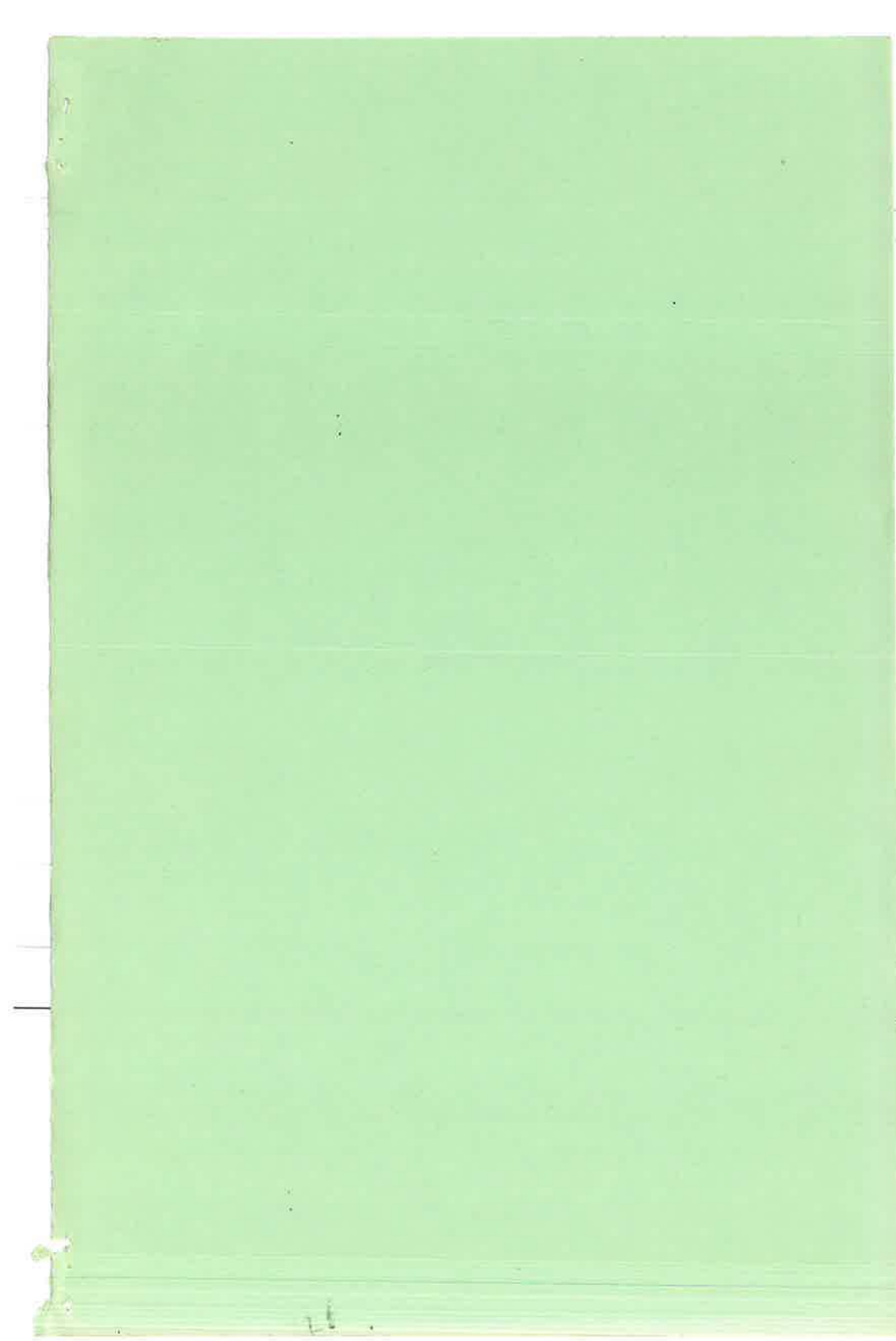
_____ No

Number of votes cast _____ Date _____

NOTE: Above adopted unanimously by General Assembly.







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STATISTICAL REPORTS

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Personnel

Financial Report of Presbytery of East

#	Churches	Beginning Balance	Receipts		Disbursements					Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance
			Contributions	Bequests	Local causes	Presbytery	Per Capita Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Ashland EPC	21,834	253,907	0	115,127	500	2100	0	21,518	253,907	139,245	136,396
2.	Calvary Pres.	53,049	128,305	38,764	129,024	0	1000	0	30,376	167,069	170,498	49,621
3.	Christian Cov.	0	82,743	0	31,127	0	0	500	0	82,743	31,627	51,116
4.	Dundalk Pres.											
5.	First Love	6,652	18,352	523	11,584	0	100	100	1,675	18,875	13,459	12,068
6.	North Park											

Statistical Report of Presbytery of the East

#	Churches	Location	# - Elders	# - Deacons	Total Member- ship - 1981	Gains			Losses			Total Member- ship - 1982	Sunday School Enrollment	Adult Baptism	Infant Baptism	Youth Professions
						Prof. of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificate	Death	Other					
1.	Ashland EPC	Voorhees, NJ	12	0	407	6	10	15	6	1	16	415	191	0	12	4
2.	Calvary Presbyterian	Butler, PA	18	10	465	5	2	9	12	8	4	457	325	0	8	3
3.	Christian Covenant	Glen Echo, MD	6	6	100	11	0	0	0	1	0	110	170	0	0	0
4.	Dundalk Presbyterian	Dundalk, MD														
5.	First Love	Babylon, NY	3	3	27	0	10	0	6	0	0	31	52	12	0	0
6.	North Park	Pittsburgh, PA														

Statistical Report of Provisional Presbytery of Far West

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Financial Report of Presbytery of Midwest

#	Churches	Beginning Balance	Receipts		Disbursements					Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance
			Contributions	Bequests	Local causes	Presbytery	Per Capita Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Calvary	37,646	124,277	0	109,883	800	2,200	0	5,150	124,277	118,033	43,889
2.	Central Northwest											
3.	Central	3,213,167	901,613	0	723,441	0	19,391	0	123,723	901,613	856,859	3,257,921
4.	Community EPC	584	19,168	849	17,392	0	0	0	2,582	20,317	19,973	937
5.	EPC-Lake City	6,540	39,992	2156	17,038	0	175	0	2,771	42,148	19,985	28,703
6.	EP Fellowship	29,348	107,797	12,499	64,693	0	0	0	8,538	119,596	73,231	75,713
7.	Faith-Richmond	7,236	71,714	0	60,645	0	300	0	5,698	71,714	66,643	12,307
8.	Fellowship EPC	12,807	223,528	0	212,161	0	0	900	8,060	223,528	221,121	15,214
9.	First-Anna	1,027	1,010	0	1,483	0	0	0	0	1,010	1,443	593
10.	First-Trenton	51,413	317,695	0	183,640	0	3864	11,842	115,785	317,695	315,131	53,976
11.	Grace (MC)											
12.	Knox	48,266	270,049	0	263,783	0	0	0	0	270,049	263,783	54,532

Statistical Report of Midwest Presbytery

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						Prof. of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificate	Death	Other					
1.	Calvary Presbyterian	Flint, MI	21	21	435	5	11	18	0	7	52	410	143	4	13	2
2.	Central Northwest*	Detroit, MI	* Received June, 1983													
3.	Central	St. Louis, MO	42	45	1290	42	50	25	8	14	38	1347	531	7	21	
4.	Community EPC	Owosso, MI	3	5	17	5	0	0	0	0	1	21	49	8	0	0
5.	EPC	Lake City, MI	5	0	35	1	4	0	0	1	2	37	61	4	0	0
6.	EP Fellowship	Wickliffe, OH	7	15	212	12	0	0	2	0	0	222	150	4	0	5
7.	Faith EPC	Richmond, OH	9	6	87	8	0	0	0	0	6	89	103	0	0	8
8.	Fellowship EPC	South Lyon, MI	7	6	86	18	0	0	0	0	0	104	111	0	2	6
9.	First Presbyterian	Anna, IL	6	9	178	12	0	0	3	4	25	158	66	1	1	5
10.	First Presbyterian	Trenton, MI	12	36	775	35	9	0	3	12	48	756	487	2	11	16
11.	Grace (MC)	Farmington, MI														
12.	Knox Presbyterian	Mt. Clemens, MI	9	0	347	28	5	0	9	5	13	353	272	7	8	6

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									Prof. of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificate	Death	Other										
13.	Military Avenue	Detroit, MI	3	0	38	3	0	0	5	0	0	41	70	0	7									
14.	Comm. Church	Mt. Pleasant, MI	13	12	244	14	10	2	6	2	1	261	163	2	4	6								
15.	Oakland Avenue	Pontiac, MI	16	16	427	6	7	3	6	16	2	429	397	4	1									
16.	Reformed Fellowship	Ann Arbor, MI	3	0	0	0	45	21	0	0	0	66	28	0	0	0								
17.	Tabernacle	Youngstown, OH	15	12	332	9	2	9	13	2	0	337	235	0	5	4								
18.	Trinity	Columbia City, IN	12	12	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	63	4	5									
19.	Trinity	Plymouth, MI	12	15	285	44	44	0	5	0	10	358	396	15	10	14								
20.	Ward	Livonia, MI	30	125	3864	348	120	0	43	16	176	4097	4200	46	42	77								

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Statistical Report of Presbytery of the South

#	Churches	Location	# - Elders	# - Deacons	Total Member-ship - 1981	Gains			Losses			Total Member-ship - 1982	Sunday School Enrollment	Adult Baptism	Infant Baptism	Youth Professions
						Prof. of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificate	Death	Other					
1.	Calvin Presbyterian	Houston, TX														
2.	EPC	Ft. Smith, AR	2	0	12	14	6	1	0	0	0	33	55	4	0	4
3.	Faith	Fayetteville, AR	6	0	17	11	0	0	2	0	4	22	19	2	1	3
4.	First Presbyterian	Chesterfield, SC	4	0	0	1	2	32	0	0	0	35	31	0	4	1
5.	First Presbyterian	Rome, GA	29	21	1007	19	23	4	81	9	13	950	345	5	12	17
6.	Grace Presbyterian	Franklin, NC	8	6	89	0	0	0	0	2	0	87	104	0	1	0
7.	Louisville Presbyterian	Louisville, MS	*Received June, 1983													
8.	New Covenant	Dunwoody, GA														
9.	Open Door	Asheville, NC	5	0	46	4	0	3	0	0	24	29	19	1	1	1
10.	Plumtree Presbyterian	Plumtree, NC	5	8	108	4	0	9	0	4	2	115	123	4	0	2
11.	Zachary Presbyterian	Zachary, LA	11	0	149	0	4	1	0	1	3	150	80	0	2	0
12.	Grace Presbyterian	Covington, LA	*Organized June, 1983													

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Financial Report of Presbytery of the West

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			Contributions	Bequests	Local causes	Presbytery	Per Capita Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Cherry Hills	8,960	409,669	0	431,135	0	1,163	0	8,467	409,669	441,135	-22,506
2.	EPC-Amarillo	-472	32,710	5,744	38,038	0	0	0	0	38,455	38,038	417
3.	EP Communion											
4.	Faith	451,191	1,526,173	0	1,642,870	0	19,320	1,868		1,526,173	1,664,058	313,306
5.	Faith-Cherry Crk											
6.	Ft. Collins											
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