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**5th General Assembly**

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**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**June 17-20, 1985**

**Aurora, Colorado**

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**OFFICERS OF THE 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**MODERATOR:** JAMES MORRISON  
North Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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Wexford, PA 15090

**STATED CLERK:** L. EDWARD DAVIS  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
26049 Five Mile  
Detroit, MI 48239

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NUMBER  
for the  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
38-2329622**

**PLEASE ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

The Reverend Mr. L. Edward Davis  
26049 Five Mile  
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## SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

ASSEMBLY YEAR	NAME	PRESBYTERY	PLACE OF ASSEMBLY
1st	1981 Calvin Gray, TE	Midwest	Livonia, MI
2nd	1982 Irvin Rinehart, RE	West	Aurora, CO
3rd	1983 James Van Dyke, TE	Southeast	St. Louis, MO
4th	1984 Donald Harms, RE	Midwest	Jackson, MS
5th	1985 James Morrisison, TE	East	Aurora, CO

## SUCCESSION OF STATED CLERK

YEARS	ORIGINAL PRESBYTERY
1981	Rev. L. Edward Davis Midwest

# Journal

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## MINUTES-MONDAY EVENING

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5th General Assembly  
First Session  
Monday, June 17, 1985

### 5-1 Evening Worship

At 7:30 p.m., the 5th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church convened in the sanctuary of Faith Presbyterian Church for the opening worship service. Moderator Donald C. Harms presided.

**FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of the  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Monday Evening, June 17, 1985**

CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Don Harms, Moderator 4th General Assembly</i>
INTROIT	<i>Psalm 100 "Shout and Be Joyful" H. Schultz</i>
HYMN OF PRAISE #323	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>
WORDS OF WELCOME	<i>Mark Brewer Faith Presbyterian Church — Cherry Creek</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>L. Edward Davis</i>
OFFERING	<i>Donald Harms</i>
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>"I Need Thee Every Hour" R. Lowry</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	<i>Andrew Jumper</i>
MESSAGE	<i>Chuck Colson</i>
HYMN #547	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i>
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>"Gaelic Blessing" J. Rutter</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Andrew Jumper</i>

**5-2 Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 9:00 to reconvene for worship at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

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## **MINUTES-TUESDAY MORNING**

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Second Session  
Tuesday, June 18, 1985

**5-3 Morning Worship**

The Assembly convened at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for worship. Dr. James Dixon, pastor of Cherry Hills Community Church, was worship leader and devotional speaker. Special music was provided by Sue Chrisco.

**5-4 Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly was called to order for business session at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Stated Clerk, Edward Davis nominated TE Larry Schmoekel and TE Robert Bayley to serve as Assembly Recording Clerks. The Clerk ruled that a quorum was present.

ON MOTION a unanimous ballot to elect was cast.

81 Teaching Elders and 94 Ruling Elders as recorded as follows. (102 Observers were registered).

### **THE ROLL OF THE ASSEMBLY** Commissioners

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>RULING ELDERS</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>
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#### **Presbytery of the Central South**

Central .....	1. Joseph Bunting	1. Andrew Jumper
	2. Gary Cunningham	2. William Flannagan
	3. Dexter Kuhlman	3. Donald Fortson
	4. Alex Miltenberger	4. John Splinter
	5. Charles Moore	
	6. Dale Schafer	
	7. Roger Vonder Bruegge	
	8.	

CHURCH	RULING ELDERS	TEACHING ELDERS
Faith EPC . . . . .	1. Paul Lawrence 2. Marlene Westberg	1. Paul Westberg
First . . . . .	1. Jim Corman 2. Chuck Dettling	1. N. Lanier Ellis
Louisville . . . . .	1. 2.	1. Tommy Shields
Westminster . . . . .	1. R. Glen Moon 2. Les Williams	1. Donald Van Dyke
Zachary . . . . .	1. Mark Floyd 2.	1. David Hicks
Other Ministers on Roll . . . . .		1. Steven Barrett 2. Donald Herwick 3. Robert Wilbur

#### Presbytery of the East

Ashland EPC . . . . .	1. 2.	1.
Calvary EPC . . . . .	1. 2.	1. Donald Hyer
Christ Church . . . . .	1. 2.	1. L. Michael Winship
Christian Covenant . . . . .	1. Byron Lord 2.	1. Eddy Swieson
Dundalk . . . . .	1. William Barnes 2. Ralston Willis	1. Kent Bull
EP Fellowship . . . . .	1. 2.	1. Hugh Gowman
Faith EPC . . . . .	1. 2.	1. David Massimi
First Love . . . . .	1. Burton Cowan 2.	1.
Harford EPC . . . . .	1. 2.	1.

CHURCH	RULING ELDERS	TEACHING ELDERS
New Hope .....	1. Michael Dodasovich 2.	1. Don Clark
North Park .....	1. Thomas Jones 2. Jan Kronmiller 3. 4.	1. Dan Lacich 2. James Morrison
Oakwood .....	1. 2.	1. David Hadden
Tabernacle .....	1. Richard Roumfort 2. John Trube	1. Robert Ralston
Other Ministers on Roll .....		1. David Bucci 2. Steward Pohlman

#### Presbytery of the Far West

Carmel Valley EPC..	1. Loren Hatlen 2.	1. Robert Stauffer
Christ's EPC .....	1. Jim Wilcoxson 2.	1. Doug Van Gaalen
Hemet Valley EPC..	1. 2.	1. Ted Kline
Santa Maria .....	1. Homer Graham 2. Ralph Hennings	1. James Brown
Other Ministers on Roll .....		1. Robert Bayley 2. Rocky McElveen

#### Presbytery of the Midwest

Calvary .....	1. Dick Heidtman 2. David Roberts	1. Harold K. Polk, Jr.
Central Northwest..	1. 2.	1.
Community EPC...	1. 2.	1. Donald Galardi
Covenant .....	1. Philip Tiews 2.	1. (Pulpit vacant)

CHURCH	RULING ELDERS	TEACHING ELDERS
EPC (Anna, IL) . . . .	1. Carol Burnett 2. Barbara Diefenbach	1. George Scotchmer
EPC (Lake City, MI) . .	1. Richard Young 2.	1.
Faith EPC (Rochester) . . . . .	1. 2.	1. (Pulpit vacant)
Fellowship EPC . . . .	1. Walter Lobdell 2.	1. Carlton Baker
First . . . . .	1. Leonard Parsons 2. Gordon Sheill	1. Ian Leslie (AP)
Grace Chapel . . . . .	1. Percy Andrews 2.	1. Douglas Klein
Knox . . . . .	1. David Curd 2. Hubert Rennie	1. George Woodcock
Military Avenue . . .	1. 2.	1.
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	1. Ed McCallum 2. Robert Smith	1. Malcolm Brown
Oakland Avenue . . .	1. Bruce Brede 2. Duane Francis 3. 4.	1. Kurt Gebhard (AP) 2.
Trinity (Columbia City) . .	1. 2.	1. Larry Schmoekel
Trinity (Plymouth) . .	1. 2.	1. William Moore
Ward . . . . .	1. Alton Bennett 2. Elden Brieschke 3. Ron Grant 4. Donald Harms 5. Elizabeth Holmes 6. Robert Innes 7. Eugene Jordan 8. Dick Oestreicher	1. John Crimmins, III 2. Bartlett Hess 3. Wallace Hostetter 4. Peyton Marshall 5. Robert Woodburn 6.



**CHURCH****RULING ELDERS****TEACHING ELDERS**

9. Tom Thompson

10.

11.

12.

Other Ministers

on Roll . . . . .

1. Clair Albright (HR)

2. L. Edward Davis

(General Assembly  
staff)**Presbytery of the Southeast**

Asheville EPC . . . . .

1.

2.

1. Howard Shockley

Bethesda . . . . .

1.

2.

1. Ron Glover

EPC (Elkton) . . . . .

1.

2.

1.

Fairview . . . . .

1.

2.

1.

Faith EPC . . . . .

1. Ed Dickerson

2. Robert Woolwine

1. Sam Harris

First

(Chesterfield, SC) . . .

1.

2.

1.

First (Rome, GA) . . .

1. Will Bethel

2. Harlen Dewey

3.

4.

5.

1. James Van Dyke

2. Stephen Wilkinson

Grace Presbyterian . . .

1. Jack Beatty

2.

1. David Herbertson

Community Bible . . .

1.

2.

1. Robert Bryan

New Covenant . . . . .

1. Leonard Pilgrim

2.

1. Terrence Mulford

CHURCH	RULING ELDERS	TEACHING ELDERS
Plumtree . . . . .	1. 1.	1.
Trinity (Florence) . . . .	1. Al Harley 2. James Hawthorne	1. Perry Mobley
Winchester . . . . .	1. 2.	1.
Other Ministers on Roll . . . . .		1. James Hicks 2. Jimmie Hollandsworth 3. Tom Musselman 4. Jerry Robinson

#### Presbytery of the West

Bear Creek . . . . .	1. Glenn Masters 2. Hugh Bradley 3. 4. 5.	1. Calvin Gray 2. George Kirsten
Cherry Hills Community . . . . .	1. Robert Benson 2. Gary Fields 3. Hal Goble 4. Dudley Mitchell 5. Michael Sadler 6. Jim Warren	1. James Dixon 2. Robert Beltz 3. Richard Savidge
Christ Fellowship. . .	1. Eddie Castro 2. Bill Miles	1. Ed G. Davis
Covenant Community . . . . .	1. Paul Moller 2. Bill Miles	1. Darryl Sparling
EPC (Amarillo, TX) . . .	1. Ray Sammons 2. David Wilks	1. (Pulpit vacant)
EP Communion (Albuquerque) . . . .	1. 1.	1.

CHURCH	RULING ELDERS	TEACHING ELDERS
Faith (Aurora) . . . . .	1. Norm Huebl 2. Jack Ingles 3. Al McLaughlin 4. Caryle Pringle 5. Charles Pringle 6. Armin Remke 7. Claude Russell 8. Melvin Stedman 9. Dale Williamson	1. Lester Felker 2. Fred Lian 3. Mark Moore 4.
Faith — Cherry Creek . . . . .	1. Myra Fead 2. Carl Fischer 3. Charles Hunsberger 4. Irv Rinehart 5. Paula Shira	1. Mark Brewer 2. Gary Reddish
Freedom Presbyterian . . . . .	1. James Green 2. Jack Stone	1. (Pulpit vacant)
Parker Presbyterian . .	1. 2.	1. Wayne Peterson
Southwest Community . . . . .	1. 2.	1. Christian Smith
Trinity EPC . . . . .	1. Robert Hawn 2. Edward Lacey	1. Dan Hiatt
Other Ministers on Roll . . . . .		1. Robert Lodwick 2. Frank Meyer 3. Dean Wolf

**5-5 Presentation of the Docket**

The Moderator presented the proposed docket.

ON MOTION the proposed docket was unanimously adopted.

<b>DOCKET for TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1985</b>	
<b>SECOND SESSION</b>	
1. Morning Worship service	8:00
Dr. James Dixon, Leader	
2. Business Session	8:30-11:00
*Election of Recording Clerks	
*Adoption of Docket	
*Election of Moderator	
*Announcements	
*Introduction of Fraternal Observers and Guests	
*Report of the Stated Clerk	
*References	
3. Moderator's Communion Service	11:00
4. Recess for lunch	
*Observers Luncheon	12:00
<b>THIRD SESSION</b>	
5. Assembly Committee Meetings	1:30-5:00
<b>FOURTH SESSION</b>	
6. Evening Worship Service	7:30
*Investiture of Moderator	
*Stuart Briscoe, Keynote Speaker	
7. Assembly Committees	Post service
(To convene if necessary)	

**5-6 Election of the Moderator**

The Stated Clerk called upon TE James Van Dyke who represented the Committee on Administration in placing in nomination the name of TE James Morrison (North Park EPC, Wexford, PA) for the office of Moderator. The Moderator declared the floor open for nominations.

ON MOTION, the Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect TE James Morrison Moderator of the 5th General Assembly.

Jim and his wife Beth were presented to the Assembly. TE Bartlett Hess, speaking for the Assembly, offered them its prayers and support.

## 5-7 Announcements

Several announcements were made. Note was made of the numerous organizations and colleges who had exhibits and displays at this Assembly.

It was announced that the Moderator's Luncheon would be held at noon this day. Non-EPC observers were encouraged to attend and a count was taken for planning purposes.

## 5-8 Fraternal Visitors

The Stated Clerk recognized numerous observers, friends, and guests from other Reformed bodies and explained the process of establishing relationships with these various ones. He noted that **fraternal observers** included individuals officially designated by a denomination to represent it at General Assembly; **fraternal guests** are titular heads of fraternal type organizations such as colleges or agencies; **fraternal friends** are those people representing an institution, mission agency, etc., who have an exhibit or display at General Assembly.

Fraternal Observer, Dr. Gordon Parkinson, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was introduced and given five minutes to address the Assembly. The Clerk noted that the ARP is the first denomination to send a fraternal observer to an EPC General Assembly. Dr. Parkinson's visit formally initiated the fraternal relations between the ARP and the EPC, approved by both bodies at their preceding assemblies. (Note: The ARP/EPC relationship is characterized by the exchange of fraternal observers in alternate years. In 1986, the EPC will send a Fraternal Observer to the ARP Synod. Clerk).

## 5-9 Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk presented his report as included in the Commissioner's Handbook, with the following correction: the Aiken, SC church as listed is not yet constituted, as is the Madison, MS Church. Del Mar Church should be correctly listed with its new name, Carmel Valley EPC. (Appendix A)

## 5-10 Assembly Committee Chairmen

The Clerk introduced chairmen of Assembly committees as noted in the **Commissioner's Handbook**. In accordance with *Rules for Assembly*, §8-2 the Moderator appoints chairman of each committee. These appointments are:

1. Committee on Administration: RE Buck Russell (West)

2. Committee on Christian Education: RE Tom Thompson (Midwest)
3. Committee on Church Development: TE James Van Dyke (Southeast)
4. Committee on Fraternal Relations: TE Steve Barrett (Central South)
5. Committee on Memorials & Appreciations: RE Ralph Hennings (Far West)
6. Committee on Ministerial Vocation: TE Hugh Gowman (East)
7. Committee on Nominations: TE Wallace Hostetter (Midwest)
8. Committee on Overtures & Resolutions: TE Andrew Jumper (Central South)
9. Committee on Presbytery Review: TE Sam Harris (Southeast)
10. Committee on World Outreach: TE Tommy Shields (Central South)

#### 5-11 Assembly Committee Assignments

The Moderator announced that all commissioners were assigned to an Assembly committee according to *Rules for Assembly* §8-2, and that rosters were posted in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. Any commissioner who did not find his or her name listed was instructed to see TE Wally Hostetter (Nominating Committee Chairman) for assignment.

#### Standing Committee on Administration

TE Carlton Baker	RE Dick Oestreicher
RE Bruce Brede	RE Buck Russell, Chairman
RE Gary Cunningham	RE Dale Schaefer
TE Ed G. Davis	TE Phil Tiews
RE Mark Floyd	RE Roger Vonder Bruegge
TE Don Galardi	RE L. Williams
RE Jack Ingles	RE Dale Williamson
RE Eugene Jordan	TE Robert Woodburn
RE Ed Lacey	

#### Standing Committee on Christian Education & Publications

RE Carol Burnett	RE Leonard Parsons
RE Chuck Dettling	RE Tom Thompson, Chairman
RE Tom Jones	RE Jim Wilcoxson

TE Fred Lian  
TE Paul Moon  
TE Rhett Payne

TE Steve Wilkinson  
TE Mike Winship  
RE Robert Woolwine

### **Standing Committee on Church Development**

RE William Barnes  
RE Will Bethel  
TE Malcolm Brown  
RE Jay Bunting  
RE Burton Cowan  
RE Harlen Dewey  
RE Barb Diefenbach  
TE Kurt Gebhard  
TE Ron Glover  
TE David Hicks  
TE Roy Howes  
RE Norm Huebl

RE Jan Kronmiller  
RE Byron Lord  
TE Stewart Pohlman  
RE Richard Rounfort  
TE Eddy Swieson  
RE John Trube  
TE James Van Dyke, Chairman  
RE David Wilks  
RE Ralston Willis  
TE George Woodcock  
RE Richard Young

### **Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations**

TE Steven Barrett, Chairman  
TE Robert Beltz  
TE Robert Bryan  
TE Lanier Ellis  
RE Ron Grant  
RE Elizabeth Holmes

RE Alex Miltenberger  
TE Robert Ralston  
TE George Scotchmer  
RE Gordon Sheill  
RE Melvin Stedman

### **Standing Committee on Memorials and Appreciations**

TE Donald Fortson  
RE Ralph Hennings, Chairman

RE Marlene Westberg

### **Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

RE Robert Benson  
RE Gary Fields  
TE Hugh Gowman, Chmn.  
RE Al Harley  
RE Bob Hawn  
TE Ian Leslie  
RE Bill Miles

RE Dudley Mitchell  
RE Paul Moller  
TE John Splinter  
RE Doris Stokes  
TE Doug Van Gaalen  
TE Paul Westberg

### **Standing Committee on Nominations**

TE Robert Bayley  
RE Ed Dickerson

TE Donald Hyer  
RE Frank Johnson

RE Homer Graham	RE Armin Remke
TE Calvin Gray	RE Hubert Rennie
TE David Herbertson	TE Bob Wilbur
TE Wally Hostetter, Chairman	RE L. Williams

### **Standing Committee on Overtures**

TE James Dixon	TE Bill Moore
RE Hal Goebel	RE David Roberts
RE Richard Heidtman	RE Mike Sadler
TE Don Herwick	RE Ray Sammons
RE Bob Innes	TE Don Van Dyke
TE Andy Jumper, Chairman	RE Jim Warren
TE Dan Lacich	TE Bob Wilbur
RE Ed McCallum	RE David Wilks
TE David Massimi	
TE Perry Mobley	

### **Standing Committee on Presbytery Review**

TE Bob Bayley	RE Paul Lawrence
TE Kent Bull	RE Caryle Pringle
TE Sam Harris, Chairman	TE Larry Schmoekel
TE Doug Klcin	TE Howard Shockley

### **Standing Committee on World Outreach**

RE Percy Andrews	TE Alex Koval
RE Jack Beatty	RE Jan Kronmiller
RE Al Bennett	RE Walter Lobdell
RE Elden Brieschke	TE Peyton Marshall
RE Al Carlisle	RE Charles Moore
RE Eddie Castro	TE Phil Muir
TE Don Clark	RE Leonard Parsons
TE John Crimmins	TE Tommy Shields, Chairman
RE David Curd	RE Robert Smith
RE Jim Hawthorne	TE Bob Stauffer
TE Bartlett Hess	RE Jack Stone

## **5-12 Matters Received and Referred**

The Clerk presented the following to the Assembly with suggestions for reference.

### **A. Communications:**

1. Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Dr. Boanerges Ribeiro 9/20/84) Appendix L-1



2. Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Dr. Boanerges Ribeiro (4/8/85) Appendix L-2
3. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ronald Beard (10/31/84) Appendix L-3
4. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ronald Beard (11/12/84) Appendix L-4
5. Dr. Edmond Perret, WARC (10/84) Appendix L-5

The above communications were referred to Fraternal Relations.

## ASCENDING OVERTURES

### 1. Overture 85-A: On Eliminating Usage of 'Chairperson'

WHEREAS, The Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church meeting at Hollins College, Roanoke, VA, on September 7-8, 1984 received an overture from the Reverend Roger L. Bush, requesting "that the 5th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church refrain from using the term "Chairperson" in all references to heads of committees, commissions, boards and agencies; and to designate those who hold these offices as "Chairman" or "Chairwoman," whichever is appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the Bills and Overtures Committee of the Presbytery of the Southeast answered said overture in the affirmative, with certain changes, and

WHEREAS, the Parliamentarian Society of America, which is the official group that deliberates and decides issues of a parliamentary nature has recently ruled that the term "Chairman" is completely appropriate for use to delegate heads of committees, boards, agencies, or commissions, no matter whether they are male or female, and since the qualifying "Madam Chairman" or "Mr. Chairman" can be used to denote whether heads of such committees or agencies are male or female.

RESOLVED, the Presbytery of the Southeast hereby overtures the 5th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to designate all heads of committees, boards, agencies, or commissions, whether male or female

as "Chairman," and to refrain from using the term "Chairperson".

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Shockley, Stated  
Clerk

**2. Overture 85-B: To Amend the Book of Government §15-7**

WHEREAS, there is a growing number of ministers on the rolls of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church presbyteries who are without call, and

WHEREAS, the **Book of Government** makes no expressed provision for such persons, and

WHEREAS, a regulation to inactive status seems inappropriate for said ministers,

RESOLVED, the Presbytery of the Central South respectfully overtures the 5th General Assembly to amend **the Book of Government** by adding to §15-7 the following sentence:

"A minister who is temporarily without call, but actively seeking one may maintain active membership in the presbytery for a period of up to two years, at which time the presbytery shall place him on the "Inactive Status Roll."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Lawrence, Stated Clerk

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**From Christian Education Committee**

- R-1 That a Committee on Women's Ministries be established in each presbytery and consist of three (3) members, one of which be identified as a coordinator/liaison for communications purposes with the Assembly.

*... Referred to Christian Education &  
Publications Committee*

**From Fraternal Relations Committee**

- R-2 That the General Assembly send official observers to the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council in the coming year through the Fraternal Relations Committee.

*... Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee*

- R-3 That the General Assembly establish Fraternal Relations with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and send a delegate to their Assembly every other year beginning in 1986.

*... Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee*

- R-4 That the Evangelical Presbyterian Church pursue Fraternal Relations with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with a mutual exchange of observers to each other's highest judicatories as soon as mutually convenient.

*... Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee*

#### **From Church Development Committee**

- R-5 WHEREAS, the 4th General Assembly asked the Church Development Committee to develop a Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reflected carefully over the enormous responsibility to do careful and comprehensive planning along with developing specific parts of that Master Plan; therefore,

RESOLVED, that permission be granted to continue its work to develop such a Master Plan in its entirety for consideration at the 6th General Assembly.

*... Referred to Church Development Committee*

- R-6 That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended by adding paragraph 9-7 to Section IX which would read as follows: "All members of program committees shall be ex-officio members of the corresponding committee within that member's presbytery. This member shall have voice but no vote."

*... Referred to Overtures & Resolutions Committee*

- R-7 That the General Assembly endorse "Project Atlanta" as presented to the General Assembly Committee.

*... Referred to Church Development Committee*

- R-8 That the General Assembly endorse the Thanksgiving Offering appeal for 1985 with a goal of \$100,000.

*... Referred to Church Development Committee*

#### **From Ministerial Vocation Committee**

- R-9 That the General Assembly request the Permanent Judicial Commission to clarify the rule of the Assistant Pastor as to a) his availability to be called as an Associate, and b) his voting privileges in the courts of the Church.

*... Referred to Permanent Judicial Commission*

### **From World Outreach Committee**

- R-10 That the proposed cooperative agreement with Missionary Internship (World Outreach Attachment I) be approved.  
... *Referred to World Outreach Committee*
- R-11 That the cooperative agreement with Overseas Crusade (World Outreach Attachment II) be approved.  
*Referred to World Outreach Committee*
- R-12 That the 1986 Benevolence Askings for World Outreach (World Outreach Attachment III) be approved.  
... *Referred to Administration Committee*

### **From Ad Interim Committee on Theology**

- R-13 That the "Declaratory Statement" as attached to the committee's report be included as a permanent addition to the EPC version of the Westminster Confession of Faith with asterisks at Chapters 3 and 10, Sec. 3 referring to the "Declaratory Statement."  
... *Referred to Ad Interim Committee on Theology*
- R-14 That "The Essentials of the Faith" be included in the EPC version of the Westminster Confession of Faith as a prefatory statement under the title, "The Essentials of the Faith."  
... *Referred to Ad Interim Committee on Theology*
- R-15 That the **Book of Worship**, §3-1, be amended by
- a) inserting the word "ordinarily" before the word "only" in the third section of §3-1, so that the sentence shall read, "**Ordinarily** only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the Sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather in behalf of Christ and His Church."
  - b) adding the following sentence after the sentence just quoted: "In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the Sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with the consent of the Session. This privilege shall be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available."  
... *Referred to Ad Interim Committee on Theology*
- R-16 That the 5th General Assembly adopt the attached (Ad Interim Committee report) Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit.  
... *Referred to Ad Interim Committee on Theology*
- R-17 That the Assembly approve the continuation of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology for one additional year.  
... *Referred to Ad Interim Committee on Theology*

## From the Committee on Administration

- R-18 That the 6th General Assembly convene from June 16-19, 1986, at Ward Presbyterian Church (Livonia, MI) with host churches being Ward, Grace Chapel (Farmington Hills, MI), and Trinity Church (Plymouth, MI).

*... Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-19 That the General Assembly adopt the proposed '86 Administration Budget as presented for \$216,327 (see last document in "Matters Received").

*... Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-20 That the General Assembly adopt the proposed '86 Benevolence Askings as presented for \$552,500 (see last document in "Matters Received").

*... Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-21 That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended by adding, "The Stated Clerk shall have surveillance over denominational archives and historical documents on behalf of the General Assembly, and shall be responsible for the right of access to such documents"

*... Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-22 That the General Assembly encourage all presbyteries to develop presbytery councils consisting at least of its clerk, moderator and immediate past moderator. The council shall be responsible for planning arrangements for presbytery meetings, including the service of worship.

*... Referred to Overtures & Resolutions Committee*

- R-23 That the General Assembly be asked to draft a resolution in consultation with Dr. David Massimi that concerns coming out of the National Consultation on Pornography be publicized, and specific recommendations for action be made.

*... Referred to Overtures & Resolutions Committee*

- R-24 That the General Assembly endorse the concept of a special denominational Christmas offering to help needy ministers and missionaries, and to authorize EPC churches to receive such an offering.

*... Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

- R-25 That the *Rules for Assembly* be suspended in order that the Committee on World Outreach may have thirty (30) minutes of docket time to make a visual program presentation.

*(Procedural)*

- R-26 That the proposed **Cooperative Agreement** between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil be approved by the 5th General Assembly and then forwarded to the Presbyterian Church of Brazil for its concurrence.

*... Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee*

- R-27 That the *Rules for Assembly* be suspended in order that the Committee on Church Development may have twenty (20) minutes of docket time to make a programmatic presentation.

*(Procedural)*

- R-28 That the General Assembly consider the wisdom of instructing its presbyteries that positions of committee responsibility within a presbytery be held by people living within the bounds of that presbytery.

*... Referred to Overtures & Resolutions Committee*

**From the Committee on Administration** *(continued)*

- R-29 That the **Book of Government** be amended in §11-6 by adding at the end of the first sentence the following, "An Associate Pastor is not eligible to succeed the Pastor" and deleting the remainder of that section.

*... Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

- R-30 WHEREAS, per member contributions do not presently cover the entire Assembly Administration Budget, and

WHEREAS, increasing the per member giving goal at this time would seem prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, the denomination in its present growth phase needs further Assembly staff development, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the General Assembly set aside its Policy #5 of **Unified Budget (Minutes, 1983)** which states "additional staff [General Assembly] be funded out of the General Assembly Administration Budget" for a period of five (5) years during which time new staff development may be funded by benevolence giving.

*... Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-31 That the boundaries of the Presbytery of the Central South be changed to include Missouri and the portion of Illinois south of I-70.

*... Referred to Church Development Committee*

R-32 That the Assembly approve in principle the proposed "Articles of Agreement" between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) and that a commission composed of 1) Ed Davis, 2) Andrew Jumper, and 3) Bart Hess be appointed and authorized to negotiate the "Articles of Agreement" with the IPB or its assigned agents, and further be authorized to consummate the Agreement as long as such Agreement remains within the general parameters of the proposed Articles.

*... Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee*

### **From the Presbytery of the East**

R-33 WHEREAS, the metropolitan area of Washington, DC is larger than the one assigned to the Presbytery of the East, and

WHEREAS, church development concerns and opportunities include advice and counsel of churches already formed and forming in the area and involve the whole metropolitan area, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the 5th General Assembly add the counties of Loudon and Prince William to the bounds of the Presbytery of the East.

*... Referred to Church Development Committee*

ON MOTION all references made by the Clerk were approved, excluding Recommendations #25 and #27 which are Assembly procedural matters.

ON MOTION the *Rules for Assembly* were suspended to allow for the implementation of Recommendations #25 and #27 by the Assembly.

ON MOTION priority will be given Recommendations #31 and #33 in committee, with a partial report on these to be brought to the floor on Wednesday morning.

### **5-13 Recess**

ON MOTION the Assembly recessed for a brief break before the Moderator's Communion Service.

5-14 Moderator's Communion Service

**FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of the  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Moderator's Communion Service  
Tuesday Morning, June 18, 1985**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER	<i>Calvin Gray, Moderator, 1st General Assembly</i>
HYMN #258	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>
SCRIPTURE	<i>Luke 12:35-48 Irv Rinehart, Moderator 2nd General Assembly</i>
MODERATOR'S MEDITATION	<i>Don Harms, Moderator 4th General Assembly</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Debbie Stauffer</i>
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<i>L. Edward Davis Stated Clerk</i>
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	<i>James Van Dyke, Moderator</i>
HYMN #560	<i>"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</i>
CLOSING BENEDICTION	<i>James Morrison</i>

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## **MINUTES-TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

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Third Session  
Tuesday, June 18, 1985

5-15 The Standing Committees of the Assembly met during the afternoon session.



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## MINUTES-TUESDAY EVENING

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Fourth Session  
Tuesday, June 18, 1985

### 5-16 Evening Worship

**FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of the  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Tuesday Evening, June 18, 1985**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION	<i>Moderator 5th General Assembly</i>
INTROIT	<i>"O Most High, Almighty God" P. Sjoulund</i>
HYMN OF PRAISE #595	<i>"Lead On, O King Eternal"</i>
INVESTITURE OF 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MODERATOR	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Sue Chrisco "People Need the Lord" Nelson/McHugh</i>
SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER	<i>Bartlett Hess</i>
PRESENTATIONS	<i>L. Edward Davis</i>
OFFERING	<i>Irvin Rinehart</i>
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>"Blessing, Glory, Wisdom" J.S. Bach</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	<i>Irvin Rinehart</i>
MESSAGE	<i>Stuart Briscoe</i>
HYMN #349	<i>"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i>
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>"Hallelujah, Amen" G.F. Handel</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Jim Morrison</i>

### 5-17 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 9:30 p.m. following the service, to reconvene Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. for worship.

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# MINUTES-WEDNESDAY MORNING

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Fifth Session  
Wednesday, June 19, 1985

## 5-18 Morning Worship

The morning worship service was led by TE Calvin Gray in the sanctuary.

## 5-19 Business Session

Following a short break after the worship service, the Assembly reconvened for business session at 9:00 a.m. The Moderator opened with prayer. The Clerk reminded the Assembly that according to *Rules for Assembly*, §10-2 any new business items must be presented by noon today for reference.

- 5-20 **Adoption of the Docket and Tuesday's Minutes**  
**ON MOTION** the docket was adopted as presented.

<b>DOCKET</b>	
<b>for</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1985</b>	
<b>FIFTH SESSION</b>	
1. Morning Worship Service	8:00
Rev. Calvin Gray, Leader	
2. Business Session	8:30-Noon
*Adoption of Docket	
*Announcements & Introductions	
*Adoption of Previous Day's <b>Minutes</b> (Tuesday, June 18)	
*Report of <b>Minutes</b> of 4th General Assembly	
*Report of World Outreach Committee (30 minutes)	
*Report of Overtures and Resolutions Committee	
*Report of Ad Interim Committee on Theology	
*First Reading of Nomination Committee	
*Report of Memorials & Appreciation Committee	
*Report of Presbytery Review Committee	
3. Adjournment for Lunch	
4. Women's Luncheon (Heather Ridge CC)	12:00-4:00
Men's Luncheon (Faith Church)	12:00-1:15
5. Workshops in Ministry	1:30-2:45
#1 1:30 p.m. (1 hour)	
#2 2:40 p.m. (1 hour)	
6. Banquet for Commissioners, Observers, and	
Guests at Faith Church	5:30
7. Concert (combined Denver choirs)	7:00
8. Presbytery Meetings	8:15
(Rooms to be identified)	

- 5-21 **Reading of Tuesday's Minutes**

ON MOTION the **Minutes** of the previous day's sessions were read by Recording Clerk Bob Bayley and adopted by the Assembly.

- 5-22 **4th General Assembly Minutes**

The Clerk called attention to the published 4th General Assembly **Minutes** and several corrections were noted:

- a) The Presbytery of the Southeast is not correctly listed in the directory, and an insert is included in each book correcting it.

- b) Calvary Church, Butler (PA) was inadvertently left out of the statistical reporting.
- c) Page 193, (Appendix A) begins the Report of the Moderator and belongs on page 57. Page 57, a communication, belongs on page 193.
- d) The Fraternal Relations Committee should be listed as an Assembly committee on page 197.

Question was asked as to why matters not adopted by the Assembly are included in the **Minutes**. The Clerk observed that in his judgment all matters coming before the Assembly, whether adopted or not, are a part of our history and should be included as matters *considered*.

ON MOTION the **Minutes** of the 4th General Assembly were adopted as corrected.

#### 5-23 **Special Report of the Permanent Committee on World Outreach**

The special report of the Permanent Committee on World Outreach of §5-12 was introduced for Assembly approval for presentation of special report and commended to the Assembly by Clerk Edward Davis. RE Dick Oestreicher opened with prayer. He reported on the new facility just given the General Assembly by Central Northwest Presbyterian Church (Detroit) and the ministries envisioned for this building which will be called the Urban Ministries Center. He then introduced Victor Khalil, who presented information on his ministry, called Arab-Americans for Jesus Christ which is a ministry to the Arabs in the Detroit area.

The Committee then presented a slide program outlining planning for World Outreach ministries in urban Detroit, in Brazil, and in India.

RE Roger Vonder Bruegge, member of the permanent Committee on World Outreach, spoke to the Assembly following the presentation to explain why Brazil and India were chosen as foci of missions outreach for the EPC.

India was chosen as a 'hidden peoples' country with opportunities to help in a school setting, though India is a closed country which will not admit foreign missionaries. Opportunities exist, however, for the EPC to minister effectively there.

Brazil was chosen as a country with vast opportunities to become partners in mission with a national presbyterian church in Brazil. This is a country to which we are allowed to go and which has welcomed overtures by the EPC to become co-laborers for Christ with them.

## 5-24 Report of the Assembly Committee on World Outreach

TE Tommy Shields, Chairman, led in prayer and reported for the committee.

### A. Business referred to the committee:

1. **Minutes** of World Outreach Committee
2. Recommendations #10 and #11

### B. Major issues discussed

1. Urban/Ethnic ministry and Urban/Ethnic Center;
2. Condition and status of present EPC missionary force;
3. Proposed cooperative agreements with Missionary Internship and Overseas Crusade;
4. Development of World Outreach Ministries in Brazil and India;
5. Proposed position of Executive Director of World Outreach;
6. Received as information, the correspondence from Dr. Ribeiro as printed in the **Commissioner's Handbook**.

### C. Recommendations:

1. That the proposed cooperative agreement (R-10) with Missionary Internship be approved (see Appendix D-1).  
— Adopted
2. That the cooperative agreement (R-11) with Overseas Crusade be approved (see Appendix D-2).  
— Adopted
3. That the permanent Committee on World Outreach consult with the Committee on Ministerial Vocation to formalize the potential relationships between urban/ethnic ministers appointed by World Outreach and the presbyteries in whose bounds they will serve, so that proper supervision can be provided by presbytery and to assure that should a particular church be constituted, the urban/ethnic minister would meet presbytery's qualifications for membership.  
— Adopted
4. That the General Assembly commend the permanent Committee on World Outreach for its diligence and effectiveness.  
— Adopted
5. That the report be received as a whole.  
— Adopted

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Thomas Shields, Chairman

## 5-25 Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions

TE Andrew Jumper, chairman led in prayer and presented the committee's report.

### A. Business referred to the Committee:

1. Overture 85-A
2. Recommendation #6
3. Recommendation #22
4. Recommendation #23
5. Recommendation #28

### B. Recommendations:

1. That Overture 85-A "On Eliminating Usage of 'Chairperson'" was presented by the Presbytery of the Southeast (Sec. 5-14B) be approved.  
— Adopted
2. That changes appropriate to the adoption of Overture 85-A be made in the *Rules for Assembly*.  
— Adopted
3. That Recommendation #6 "That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended by adding paragraph 9-7 to Section IX which would read as follows: 'All members of program committees shall be ex-officio members of the corresponding committee within that member's presbytery. This member shall have voice but no vote.'" not be approved but that a substitute recommendation be considered.  
Ground: Committee felt it inappropriate for the General Assembly to dictate to the presbyteries who should be included on committees.  
— Adopted
4. And in lieu of R-#6, that the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be instructed to send to each presbytery the names of members of the General Assembly permanent committees who are members of that presbytery.  
— Adopted
5. That R-#22, "that the General Assembly shall encourage all presbyteries to develop presbytery councils consisting of at least its clerk, moderator, and immediate past moderator. This council shall be responsible for planning arrangements for presbytery meetings, including the service of worship" be approved.  
— Adopted

6. That regarding R-#23, the committee recommends the Assembly amends by substituting the following:

"The General Assembly shall instruct the Ad Interim Committee on Theology to prepare a preliminary position paper on obscenity, pornography, and decency to be presented to the 6th General Assembly [1986].

Ground: The committee felt that the General Assembly should clarify its position on pornography before it recommends specific actions such as boycotts to be taken.

— Adopted

7. That the General Assembly shall send a representative to the next Consultation on Pornography in Cincinnati, and recommends that each presbytery also send such a representative.

— Adopted

8. The Recommendation #28 which asks "that the General Assembly consider the wisdom of instructing its presbyteries that positions of committee responsibility within a presbytery be held by people living within the bounds of that presbytery" be answered in the negative.

— Adopted

9. That the phrase "non-communicant members" used in the annual statistical reports for congregations be replaced by the phrase "baptized members"

Grounds: Regarding the use of the phrase "non-communicant members," the committee pointed out that the **Book of Order** does not use this term but rather "baptized members." Therefore, our annual reporting forms should conform to that document.

— Adopted

10. That the General Assembly approve and send to the presbyteries for their action an amendment to the **Book of Government**, §16-21, to add the sentence, "The Stated Clerk may be elected for additional terms if the General Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, sets aside this limitation for each additional term" following the sentence "The General Assembly shall elect a Stated Clerk who shall serve for a period of three years, with eligibility for re-election for two additional terms."

Grounds: The committee feels the present wording unnecessarily limits the possibility of an incumbent Stated Clerk continuing to serve beyond three terms should the Assembly so desire. (NOTE: Stated Clerk Edward Davis absented himself from the floor during this discussion. Clerk)

— Adopted

11. That the report as a whole be received.

— Adopted

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Jumper, Chairman  
Perry Mobley, Secretary

#### 5-26 Fraternal Guest Introduced

Dr. Robert Veitch, president of Sterling College was introduced. Sterling College opened in 1887 as an outreach of the UPC, stressing academic excellence in a setting of spiritual concern. Dr. Veitch brought greetings from the college.

#### 5-27 Recess

The Assembly recessed for a brief break.

#### 5-28 Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology

Kent Bull, chairman of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology, opened with prayer and brought the report to the Assembly.

##### A. Business Referred to Committee

1. Preliminary Position Paper on Abortion from 4th General Assembly.
2. Preliminary Position Paper on Women in the Church from 4th General Assembly.
3. Communications from commissioners regarding interests in work of committee.
4. Recommendation (§4-38) from 4th General Assembly that committee "shall be asked to study the issue of the administration of the sacraments by other than ordained ministers as a new approach to meet the needs of the EPC, not bound by tradition, and that any changes recommended be advanced through proven procedures to be approved for submission to the presbyteries to properly change the Book of Order".



5. Recommendation (§4-38) from 4th General Assembly that committee "shall be instructed to write a declaratory statement related to the Westminster Confession and unique to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and report to the 5th General Assembly"

## B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #13, that the **Declaratory Statement** as below be included as a permanent addition to the EPC version of the Westminster Confession of Faith with asterisks at Chapters 3 and 10, Sec. 3 referring to the "Declaratory Statement."

### **PROPOSED DECLARATORY STATEMENT\***

While the ordination vow of ministers, ruling elders, and deacons, as set forth in the **Book of Government**, requires the reception and adoption of the Confession of Faith only as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, nevertheless, seeing that the desire has been formally expressed for a disavowal by the Church of certain inferences drawn from statements in the Confession of Faith, and also for a declaration of certain aspects of revealed truth which appear at the present time to call for more explicit statement, therefore the Evangelical Presbyterian Church does authoritatively declare as follows:

**First**, with reference to Chapter 3 of the Confession of Faith: that concerning those who are saved in Christ, the doctrine of God's eternal decree is held in harmony with the doctrine of His love to all people, (1) the gift of His Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, (2) and His readiness to bestow His saving grace on all who seek it; (3) that concerning those who perish, the doctrine of God's eternal decrees is held in harmony with the doctrine that God desires not the death of any sinner, (4) but has provided in Christ a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and freely offered in the Gospel to all, (5) that all persons are fully responsible for their treatment of God's gracious offer, (6) that His decree hinders no one from accepting that offer, (7) and that no one is condemned except on the ground of his sin. (8)

**Second**, with reference to Chapter 10, Section 3 of the Confession of Faith, that it is not to be regarded as teaching that any who die in infancy are lost. (9) We believe that all dying in infancy are included in the election of grace and are generated and saved by Christ through the Spirit who works when and where and how He pleases. (10).

Additional interpretation of original Chapters 3 and 10

**REFERENCES:**

1. Isaiah 45:22; John 3:16; John 17:18
2. John 1:17; I John 2:2
3. I Tim. 2:4; II Peter 3:9
4. Ezek. 18:32; 33:11
5. Matt. 6:11 Rom. 10:13
6. Mark 6:11; Acts 4:12; Heb. 2:3; Heb. 10:26
7. Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; John 6:37; Luke 11:9; Rev. 22:17
8. Jer. 17:10; John 3:19; Rom. 1:18-26; Rev. 20:12
9. Matt. 18:10, 11, 14; 19:13, 14
10. Matt. 18:10; Mark 10:13, 14; Acts 2:39; John 3:8; Acts 11:15-17; I Cor. 12:11

ON MOTION an amendment to substitute the paragraph below for the last paragraph in the proposed **Declaratory Statement** was adopted.

“Second, with reference to Chapter 10, Section 3 of the Confession of Faith, that it is not to be regarded as teaching that any who die in infancy are lost. We believe all dying in infancy are left in the care of a just and merciful God who saves by Christ through the Spirit who works when and where and how He pleases.”

ON MOTION the Declaratory Statement as amended was referred back to the Ad Interim Committee on Theology for further study. Committee will report back to 6th General Assembly.

— Adopted

2. That Recommendation #14 requiring ‘The Essentials of the Faith’ to be printed as a prefatory statement in the EPC edition of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

— Adopted

3. That Recommendation #15 to the effect that the **Book of Worship**, §3-1, be amended by

a) inserting the word "ordinarily" before the word "only" in the third section of §3-1, so that the sentence shall read, "**Ordinarily** only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the Sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather in behalf of Christ and His Church." and

b) by adding the following sentence after the sentence just quoted: "In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the Sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with the consent of the Session. This privilege shall be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available."

and referred back to the Ad Interim Committee for further study with committee to report back to 6th General Assembly.

— Adopted

Discussion on Recommendation #16 concerning the Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit was tabled until later in the Assembly.

## 5-29 **Partial Report of Standing Committee on Church Development**

TE James Van Dyke, Chairman, led in prayer and reported for the Committee.

### A. Business Referred to the Committee

1. Recommendation #5
2. Recommendation #7
3. Recommendation #8
4. Recommendation #31
5. Recommendation #33

### B. Recommendations:

1. That Recommendation #31 to the effect "that the boundaries of the Presbytery of the Central South be changed to include Missouri and the portion of Illinois south of I-70" be amended to delete the portion that reads:

"and the portion of Illinois south of I-70"

— Adopted

Motion to further amend Recommendation #31 by limiting the above amended action to exclude the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Anna, IL.

— Adopted

2. That Recommendation #33 which reads as follows be approved. "WHEREAS, the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. is larger than the one assigned to the Presbytery of the East, and

WHEREAS, church development concerns and opportunities include advice and counsel of churches already formed and forming in the area and involve the whole metropolitan area, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the 5th General Assembly add the counties of Loudon and Prince William to the bounds of the Presbytery of the East.

— Adopted

**5-30 Adjournment**

ON MOTION the Assembly adjourned according to orders of the day, to reconvene for business session on Thursday morning.

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## **MINUTES-WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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Seventh Session  
Wednesday, June 19, 1985

**5-31 Evening Concert**

The combined choirs of the Denver area EPC churches presented a concert in the sanctuary of the church at 7:00 p.m.

**5-32 Presbytery Meetings**

At 8:30 p.m. each of the six presbyteries convened for their stated meeting in assigned rooms within the church.

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# MINUTES-THURSDAY MORNING

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Eighth Session  
Thursday, June 20, 1985

5-33 **Service of Prayer**

Commissioners and observers met in the sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for a service of prayer. TE Eddy Swieson was worship leader. TE Bob Bayley provided music for the service.

5-34 **Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for the closing session of business.

5-35 **Docket Adopted**

ON MOTION the proposed docket for the day was adopted.

**DOCKET**  
**for**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1985**

**SIXTH SESSION**

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| 1. Service of Prayer                                    | 8:00 |
| Dr. Eddy Swieson, Leader                                |      |
| 2. Business Session                                     | 9:00 |
| *Adoption of Docket                                     |      |
| *Announcements  |      |
| *Adoption of Previous Day's <b>Minutes</b>              |      |
| *Report of Ad Interim Committee (unfinished business)   |      |
| *Descending Overtures                                   |      |
| *Report of Presbytery Review Committee                  |      |
| *Report of Permanent Judicial Commission                |      |
| *Report of Ministerial Vocation Committee               |      |
| *Report of Administration Committee                     |      |
| *Report of Church Development Committee (final report)  |      |
| *Report of Committee on Nominations                     |      |
| *Report of Memorials and Appreciations Committee        |      |
| *Report of Christian Education Committee                |      |
| *Report of Fraternal Relations Committee                |      |
| *Unfinished Business and <b>Minutes</b> of Last Session |      |
| 3. Adjournment  |      |

## 5-36 Report of Standing Committee on Presbytery Review

ON MOTION the docket was amended to receive the report of the Committee on Presbytery Review. TE Sam Harris, chairman, led in prayer and reported for the Committee.

### A. Business referred to the Committee:

1. Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South
2. Minutes of Presbytery of the East
3. Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest
4. Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast
5. Minutes of Presbytery of the West

### B. Recommendation:

1. That the Minutes of the Presbyteries of the Central South, Southeast, Far West, Midwest, and East be approved with notations. [Note. All notations will be given the Stated Clerk of each presbytery.  
— Approved
2. That the Minutes of the West not be approved until the Minutes of the Spring 1984 meeting be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Presbytery Review for examination.  
— Approved
3. That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended to include "Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes" as follows. Such shall be used for the preparation of and examination of presbytery minutes. (cf. *Rules*, §8-11.7)
4. That the report as a whole be received.  
— Approved

ON MOTION the report of the Committee on Presbytery Review as a whole was received.

## Guidelines For Presbytery Minutes

1. Date, time, place of meeting. Presbytery must meet at least 3 times a year. (BOG 16-17, Minutes, 1981). Minutes should reflect names of Ruling and Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.
2. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.
3. Declaration of Quorum. **BOG 16-18.**
4. Accurate record of motions passed and actions taken. **BOG 16-19.**
5. Minutes should be typed with complete sentences, correct spelling, and bound in hard cover.
6. Minutes signed by Stated Clerk and Moderator. **BOG 16-19.**
7. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of candidates received and dismissed. **BOG 16-16A.**
8. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of ministers received and dismissed including proper examination procedures leading to ordination and/or installation. **BOG 16-16A.**
9. Record of approved pastoral calls and any changes in calls and the granting of permission to labor outside the bounds of presbytery. **BOG 16-16A.**
10. Minutes must reflect an annual review of Sessional records. **BOG 16-16C.**
11. Minutes must reflect establishing, dissolving, dividing, uniting, receiving, and dismissing of churches. **BOG 16-16E.**
12. Minutes must reflect observation of and carrying out of General Assembly injunctions and instructions. **BOG 16-16I.**
13. Overtures to the General Assembly must be recorded. **BOG 16-16I.**
14. Minutes will reflect any judicial cases before a presbytery and the disposition thereof in accordance with the **Book of Discipline**. **BOG 16-16B.**
15. Minutes will include all minutes of presbytery "appointed" commissions. **BOG 16-16B.**
16. Minutes should include annual approved presbytery budget and related financial reports.
17. Minutes should include annual presbytery statistical report.

18. Minutes of the presbytery, following the General Assembly meeting, shall note in its minutes any notations and/or exceptions found by the General Assembly Committee on Presbytery Review and so correct its minutes.

### 5-37 Election of Stated Clerk

After Mr. Davis excused himself, TE James Van Dyke placed in nomination the name of TE L. Edward Davis, incumbent Stated Clerk, for election to a second term and spoke to that nomination. The Chair entertained a limited number of seconding comments.

ON MOTION the nominations were closed. TE L. Edward Davis was elected by acclamation.

The Clerk addressed the Assembly briefly and introduced his wife, Barbara.

### 5-38 Final Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology

(see §5-28 for partial report)

Recommendations: (continued)

4. That the 5th General Assembly adopt Recommendation #16, Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit (Appendix I).

— Adopted

(Note: Considerable debate ensued on this paper. An effort to refer back to the committee was defeated and debate was eventually closed by motion. Clerk)

5. That the Assembly approve the continuation of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology for one additional year. (Recommendation #17)

A motion from the floor was presented to amend Recommendation #17 by adding words "and that the Moderator name four additional members to make the Committee more representative of our denomination."

— Out of Order



(Note: Clerk advised the Moderator that this motion was out of order since only a **reconsideration** would place Recommendation #17 back before the Assembly.)

A further motion from the floor was accepted by the Moderator to the effect "that a new Ad Interim Committee on Theology shall be appointed by the Moderator and shall make its report to the 6th General Assembly."

— Adopted

6. That the report of the Ad Interim Committee be approved as amended.

— Adopted

### 5-39 **Descending Overtures**

The Stated Clerk recommended that the descending overtures be considered seriatim. Assembly concurred.

#### 1. **Overture 84-A**

On amending §2-3 of the **Book of Government** (Appendix K-1). Presbytery vote to approve was unanimous.

— Approved and ratified

#### 2. **Overture 84-B**

Amending §16-14 in the **Book of Government** (Appendix K-2). Presbytery vote to approve was unanimous.

— Approved and ratified

#### 3. **Overture 84-C**

On amending §16-20 in the **Book of Government** vote to approve was unanimous. (Appendix K-3)

— Approved and ratified

#### 4. **Overture 84-D**

On amending §2-3 in the **Book of Government** vote to approve was unanimous. (Appendix K-4)

— Approved and ratified

### 5-40 **Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission**

Chairman pro tem, TE Hal Polk, led the Assembly in prayer and then presented the PJC report. He noted that the Commission met twice during the Assembly but was handicapped in its work by having only three of its nine members present. The Assembly agreed to receive the minority report as a report of the whole.

## A. Business Referred to Commission

1. Ruling of Stated Clerk on question of "co-pastor" in **Book of Government**.
2. Recommendation #9
3. Overture 85-B

## B. Findings and recommendations

1. **Re:** Stated Clerk ruling on "co-pastor"  
Finding: The Committee concurs with the Stated Clerk. The only relationships between Teaching Elders and EPC congregations sanctioned by the **Book of Government** are those of Pastor, Associate Pastor and Assistant Pastor.
2. **Re:** Recommendation #9 to effect that the "General Assembly request the Permanent Judicial Commission to clarify the role of the Assistant Pastor as to:
  - a) his availability to be called as an Associate;
  - b) his voting privilege in the courts of the Church

**Finding:** The Commission finds no restriction in the **Book of Government**, but feels that any uncertainty in this area would be clarified by the following change which we propose to the Assembly;

"That the **Book of Government**, §11-7 be amended by deleting "The Associate may not succeed the Pastor" and substituting "While on the staff of the same church, an Assistant Pastor may not succeed the Senior Pastor, but may be called to the position of Associate Pastor."

— Adopted

**Finding:** Regarding the relationship of Assistant Pastors to their presbyteries, **BOG**, 16-14 says the "[presbytery] is composed of all the additional Ruling Elders for each additional Pastor, whether Associate or Assistant."

The Commission finds that because Assistant Pastors are Ministers (**BOG**, 11-7), and because additional Ruling Elder representation in presbytery is required to balance the participation of Assistant Pastors, that Assistant Pastors are fully voting members of their presbyteries.

3. That the Commission's report be received. [Note: Recommendations by PJC on proposed Overture 85-B found in §5-42 Report of Committee on Ministerial Vocation. Clerk]

— Adopted

5-41 **Final Report of the Committee on Church Development**  
(cf. §5-30 for partial report)

B. Recommendation (continued)

3. That Recommendation #5, "WHEREAS, the 4th General Assembly asked the Church Development Committee to develop a Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reflected carefully over the enormous responsibility to do careful and comprehensive planning along with developing specific parts of that "Master Plan"; therefore,

RESOLVED, that permission be granted to continue its work to develop such a "Master Plan" in its entirety for consideration at the 6th General Assembly."

— Adopted

4. That Recommendation #7, "That the General Assembly endorse 'Project Atlanta' as presented to the General Assembly Committee," *not* be adopted but in lieu of it, the following be adopted:

"That the General Assembly endorse the concept of the Flagship Church, with the Atlanta, Georgia area designated as a first focus for implementation."

— Adopted

A procedural document for implementation is included as Appendix M.

5. That Recommendation #8, "That the General Assembly endorse the Thanksgiving Offering appeal for 1985 with a goal of \$100,000."

— Adopted

6. That the Report of the Church Development Committee as a whole be received.

— Adopted

5-42 **Report of the Committee on Ministerial Vocation.**

TE Hugh Gowman, Chairman, led in prayer and reported for the Committee.

A. Business Referred to the Committee

1. Recommendation #29
2. Overture 85-B

3. Recommendation #24 (Referred to Committee on Administration)

B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #29 stating "That the **Book of Government** be amended in §11-6 by adding at the end of the first sentence the following, 'An Associate Pastor is not eligible to succeed the Pastor.' and deleting the remainder of that section."

— Approved

Following this vote, the Stated Clerk left his chair and asked the Moderator for personal privilege. Following his admonitions to the Assembly, TE Dan Lacich and RE Alton Bennett asked and were given the same privilege.

By acclamation the Assembly ordered the 3 addresses to be placed in the record. They are as follows:

**Stated Clerk Edward Davis**, *on the question of succession of associate pastors*

Brothers and sisters, I want to speak to this Assembly, now that you have voted on this issue of succession. To speak after and not during is only proper. This issue will return to the Assembly year after year unless presbyteries make up their minds to be what they alone are supposed to be.

The Presbytery is the corporate bishop in our presbyterian system. If you are a commissioner at this Assembly and do not understand what that means, we need to refresh our thinking. The pastoral arm of the presbytery in its corporate bishop role is the Ministerial Committee. The fact before us this Assembly is that pastors have been seriously impacted this last year by behavior clearly contrary to the **Book of Order** and contrary to the ethics which undergird our calling and profession.

I respect the Assembly's decision. The only way to keep this problem from returning to the Assembly again and again is for Ministerial Committees and presbyteries to become constructively aggressive in the pastoral care of their churches and ministers. I am conscience-bound not to reveal specifics I have no right to cite, but it is my responsibility and privilege to commiserate with my colleagues in ministry who have been negatively impacted in their ministry by unhelpful behavior. Church staff behavior today is not what it was a generation

ago. There is ambitious mischievous behavior taking place in some of our churches the likes of which would have been thought unimaginable a few years ago. And yet, the Ministerial Committees in the presbyteries functioning as the pastoral arm of the corporate bishop, find it very difficult to intervene and confront unacceptable behavior among their colleagues.

I hope we can resolve this. I agree with my colleagues who have just voted against the preceding recommendation that the best answer to the problem we have is not necessarily a constitutional answer. The best answer would seem to be on the part of the presbytery to step up to the responsibility within our polity to minister to one another even if that sometimes will compel us to minister in discipline.

Now before I quit I will not sidestep an opportunity to challenge the preceding speakers. The freedom issue, which they cited, in my judgment is moot. And I'm going to tell you why. We're a constitutional church. That constitution is filled with pages of value judgments. We make a value judgment in saying that an assistant pastor may not succeed. That posture is not inspired — it's a value judgment. The church constitutionalizes it because we think it's good. We make a value judgment that interim pastors may not succeed. That's a limitation of freedom. But there are all kinds of limitations of freedom which as a constitutional church we make that seem good under God for the life of our church. We want to have the freedoms that are essential to a good life but we must also accept the needfulness of discipline. Freedom without boundaries is anarchy! We surely don't want that. Our friendly critics sometimes say our freedom will kill us. Let's prove them wrong.

Mr. Moderator, I hope this problem never returns to the Assembly. I pray that Ministerial Committees in presbyteries, irrespective of personal collegial relationships, will step up under God and deal with problems and issues of this nature in love and if needful, in discipline. I am totally committed to the well-being of our senior pastors. I believe in loyalty. I don't think it's old fashioned or out of order. I believe the pastors in our larger churches carry an awesome burden in leading those congregations. Congregational life, in my judgment, is more turbulent today than ever before. What our senior pastors don't need is mischievous ambitious behavior to contend with. Nor do sessions and search committees need mischievous ambitious behavior when the senior pastoral office is vacant and

good people are doing their best to discern the will of God for them.

I hope that in good faith with our presbyteries providing wise and decisive leadership, we can resolve this problem. Let us not be deluded into thinking we do not have a problem, but let us believe we can resolve it and we shall live with that and enforce it. But let our presbyteries accept this as a challenge and be encouraged to step up to the pastoral care which alone is theirs. So be it.

**Al Bennett, Ruling Elder**, *on the question of succession of associate pastors*

As a Ruling Elder, I would like to affirm what my dear friend, Ed Davis, has said. He has taken to task, forthrightly, the presbytery. As a Ruling Elder and serving in those areas, I would agree. I think we need to go one step further. You Teaching Elders have your responsibilities. But we as Ruling Elders also have tremendous responsibilities in this whole matter. At the grassroots level when we become aware of any dissension among ministerial staff, we have a responsibility in love to step up and speak to that issue and counsel our brethren and work with them. To reinforce what was said, we all before God have that responsibility. Ruling Elders, let us step up to that.

**Dan Lacich, Assistant Pastor**, *on the question of succession of associate pastors*

The Stated Clerk spoke basically to the presbytery, her corporate bishop. I also appreciate the words to the Ruling Elders. I'd like to speak to my fellow colleagues who are assistant and associate pastors. Let us recognize an example scripturally given us in the life of David.

Time after time when he had clear opportunity to touch the Lord's anointed he refused the opportunity. He did not promote himself into the position of the king, but he allowed God to work and make it very clear that this position, was God's calling, which he was to have.

He didn't go to his friends. He didn't go to his fellow soldiers and say 'help me'. He allowed God to work. When Saul had gone insane, David still refused to touch the Lord's anointed. My point is, allow God to work! Let us not promote ourselves, nor have our friends come and seek to promote us. May we allow God to come and promote us and let us remain loyal to the Lord's anointed one through thick and thin at all times. I give my brothers that charge.

2. That Overture 85-B regarding the status of ministers temporarily without call be referred to the permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation for study before being considered by the Assembly.

**OVERTURE 85-B:  
TO AMEND BOOK OF GOVERNMENT §15-7**

WHEREAS, there is a growing number of ministers on the roles of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church presbyteries who are without call, and

WHEREAS, the **Book of Government** makes no expressed provision for such persons, and

WHEREAS, a relegation to inactive status seems inappropriate for said ministers,

RESOLVED, the Presbytery of the Central South respectfully overtures the 5th General Assembly to amend the **Book of Government** by adding to §15-7, the following sentence:

"A minister who is temporarily without call, but actively seeking one may maintain active membership in the presbytery for a period of up to two years, at which time the presbytery shall place him on the "Inactive Status Roll."

3. Permanent Judicial Commission on Overture 85-B:

**FINDINGS:**

- a. The Committee finds that the Overture contradicts our historic Presbyterian understanding of ordination that it is a permanent standing conferred by the Church that is not contingent upon uninterrupted practice of that ministry for and to which one is ordained.

- b. The Commission also finds that the Constitutional premise of the Overture is mistaken. It claims that "... the **Book of Government** makes no expressed provision for [active membership in presbytery of Ministers without call] . . ." The Commission disagrees. G-16-14 says, "[The presbytery] is composed of all the Ministers of the Presbytery. . ." Given our understanding of ordination, the Committee concludes that "Ministers" here must include those without call as well as those with call.

RECOMMENDATION: The Commission recommends that Overture 85-B be defeated.

— Adopted

4. That the report of the Committee as a whole be received.

— Adopted

#### 5-43 **Report of the Standing Committee on Administration**

RE Buck Russell, Chairman, opened the report of this committee with prayer.

##### A. Business referred to Committee:

1. Recommendation #12
2. Recommendation #18
3. Recommendation #19
4. Recommendation #20
5. Recommendation #21
6. Recommendation #30
7. Report of Subcommittee for review of the Office of Person of the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
8. Report of Insurance Subcommittee.

##### B. Recommendations:

1. That the Assembly receive the Report of Evaluation of the Stated Clerk (cf Appendix C-2) and substitute in the last line, of Report recommendation A, the word "implementation" for the word "making" of the "policy" so that the latter portion of sentence would read, "... and open him to more effectively operate on a policy **implementation** and pastoral level."
2. That the permanent Committee on Administration review the need for and the funding for Administrative Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

— Adopted

— Adopted



3. That the Group Insurance Plan be amended by the following:

"If health insurance (excluding AD & D) would otherwise terminate as a result of termination of employment, an employee may elect to continue insurance on self and enrolled dependents while the group insurance policy with Travelers remains in force. Insurance must be elected within 30 days from the date the employee is no longer eligible under the original plan and employee must make the required contribution for the insurance by the 20th of the month for the next month's coverage. (If not received by the 20th, all coverage will terminate effective the first of the month.)

Insurance will then terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

1. Six months after the date employment terminates;
2. The date employee became eligible under another insurance plan as a result of re-employment by EPC or another employer;
3. The end of the month following the date of death;
4. The first of the month following the date employee fails to make required contribution to the EPC.

— Adopted

4. That the Subcommittee on Insurance is charged with the following two tasks:

- a. To study potential inequities caused by having one nationwide rate versus differences in locally available rates.
- b. To investigate the feasibility of allowing some churches to establish individual insurance plans and opt out of the denominational plan.

— Adopted

5. That the 1984 Audit conducted by Robert C. Julin and Associates be received.

— Adopted

6. That Recommendation #18, "That the 6th General Assembly convene June 16-19, 1986 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia, MI, and shall be hosted by Trinity Presbyterian (Plymouth), Grace Chapel (Farmington Hills) and Ward."

— Adopted

7. That Recommendation #19, "That the 5th General Assembly adopt the proposed Administrative Budget for 1986 to the amount of \$216,327" (cf Appendix N)  
— Adopted

8. That Recommendation #30 be adopted,

WHEREAS, per member contributions do not presently cover the entire Assembly Administration Budget, and

WHEREAS, increasing the per member giving goal at this time would seem prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, the denomination in its present growth phase needs further Assembly staff development, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the General Assembly set aside its Policy #5 of **Unified Budget** (Minutes, 1983) which states "additional staff [General Assembly] be funded out of the General Assembly Administration Budget" for a period of five (5) years during which time new staff development may be funded by benevolence giving.

— Adopted

9. That Recommendation #20 be adopted that the General Assembly Benevolence Askings total \$552,500. (Appendix N)

— Adopted

10. That Recommendation #21, "That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended by adding, "The Stated Clerk shall have surveillance over denominational archives and historical documents on behalf of the General Assembly, and shall be responsible for the right of access to such documents."

— Adopted

11. That Recommendation #24, "That the General Assembly endorse the concept of a special denominational Christmas offering to help needy ministers and missionaries, and to authorize EPC churches to receive such an offering" be adopted with the following two changes:

- 1) that it be voluntary
- 2) adding "These funds are to be administered by the permanent Committee on Administration."

— Adopted

12. That Recommendation #34 be adopted, "That the *Rules for Assembly* be amended to require all ad interim committees make full reports in writing with the rationale for all

recommendations included therein, and that such reports be mailed to all Commissioners at least two weeks prior to the convening of the Assembly."

— Adopted

(Note. A motion to amend the motion deleting the phrase "with the rationale for all recommendations included therein" was defeated. Clerk)

13. That Recommendation #35-A be adopted, "That General Assembly Commissioners be allowed to sign up for Assembly committees as they register rather than having these assignments made by the Committee on Nominations. (Current pre-registration procedure meets the intent of this item.)

— Not Adopted

14. That Recommendation #35-B be adopted, "That the *Rules for Assembly*, §7-1, be changed to read "All committee reports shall go to the Stated Clerk by May 1st and to all Commissioners by June 1 (**Commissioner's Handbook**)."

— Adopted

15. That Recommendation #36 be adopted that, "**Commissioner's Handbooks** be provided to all Commissioners one week before General Assembly (and to provide them at the General Assembly to those who need them). (Distribution of such provided for in Recommendation #35-B.)

— Not Adopted

That Recommendation #37 be adopted that the EPC as a denomination study the feasibility of establishing a Group Retirement Program for all full-time employees of EPC churches (ordained or not ordained) who have served a minimum of six months. Matter was referred to permanent Committee on Administration for further study of pension plans for all full time EPC employees, not being limited to a group plan only.

16. That report be received as a whole.

— Adopted

#### 5-44 Report of the Assembly Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was brought by chairman TE Wallace Hostetter who opened in prayer.

#### CLASS 1988

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: NOMINATIONS AND BALLOT

Administration Committee . . . . .	RE Will Bethel*	(Southeast)
	TE Mark Brewer	(West)
Christian Education & Publications . . . . .	RE Harold Hutzler*	(East)
	TE George Kirsten	(West)
Fraternal Relations . . . . .	RE Harold Hadden	(West)
	TE David Massimi*	(East)
Permanent Judicial Commission . . .	RE Buck Russell	(West)
	RE Homer Graham	(Far West)
	TE Robert Ralston	(East)
Church Development . . . . .	RE Norbert Huebl	(West)
	RE Nelson Bates*	(Southeast)
	TE Wally Hostetter	(Midwest)
	TE James Van Dyke	(Southeast)
Ministerial Vocation . . . . .	RE Tom Jones	(East)
	TE Howard Shockley	(Southeast)

\*indicates reelection of person so eligible

TE James Van Dyke was nominated from the floor to fill a vacancy on the Church Development Committee. By ballot TE Wallace Hostetter, RE Nelson Bates, and RE Norbert Huebl were elected to that committee for the 1986 class.

ON MOTION the nominations for all other committees were elected as presented by the Committee.

ON MOTION the report as a whole was received.

#### 5-45 Report of the Committee on Memorials and Appreciations

Chairman RE Ralph Hennings opened his committee's report with prayer. The names of three persons who died this year were mentioned:

TE Gary Brown, Evangelical Presbyterian Fellowship  
Wycliffe, OH (Presbytery of the East)

RE Earl W. McElheran, Hemet Valley Presbyterian Church  
San Jacinto, CA (Presbytery of the Far West)

RE C. Wayne Shoemaker, Calvary Presbyterian Church  
Butler, PA (Presbytery of the East)

Special thanks were given to the host church, Rev. Mark Brewer, the local arrangements committee, worship leaders, music personnel, clerical helpers, and Assembly office staff.

ON MOTION the Assembly extended appreciation to General Assembly Office personnel Marilyn Bartel, Kay Sudheimer, and Janet Bain for the efficient and Christlike manner in which the Office of the General Assembly is maintained.

ON MOTION the report as a whole was received.

#### 5-46 **Report of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications**

RE Tom Thompson, Chairman, brought the committee's report to the floor and opened with prayer.

##### A. Business Referred to Committee

1. Recommendation #1
2. Several additional matters were handled by the committee as indicated in the recommendations to follow.

##### B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #1 be adopted, "That a Task Force on Women's Ministries be established in each presbytery and consist of three (3) members, one of which is to be identified as a coordinator/liaison for communication purposes with the EPC Women's Task Force."

— Adopted

2. That the Assembly be encouraged to subscribe in bulk to the EPC **Reporter** at a rate of \$2.00/family/year so that communication might be facilitated between the Assembly Office and the local churches.

— Adopted

3. That the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications study the feasibility of an annual national youth conference for junior/senior high youth and that, if possible, a trial conference for senior high youth be held during the summer of 1986. Subcommittee of permanent CE & P Committee to be established within six (6) months to act on this recommendation.

— Adopted

4. That the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications include within the Resource Center as many educational music aids as it may be able to obtain and that it make these aids available for use in our churches.

— Adopted

5. That the permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications have certain standardized forms printed and made available to our churches (e.g., certificates for infant baptism, church membership). If appropriate, these shall be available for sale to local churches.

— Adopted

6. That the report as a whole was received.

— Adopted

#### 5-47 Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations

Chairman TE Steven Barrett opened his committee's report with prayer.

##### A. Business Referred to the Committee:

1. Recommendation #2
2. Recommendation #3
3. Recommendation #4
4. Recommendation #32

##### B. Recommendations:

1. That Recommendation #2 be adopted, "That the General Assembly establish Fraternal Relations with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP) and send a delegate to their Assembly every other year beginning in 1986."

— Adopted

2. That Recommendation #3 be adopted, "That the General Assembly send official observers to the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) in the coming year through the Fraternal Relations Committee."

— Adopted

3. That Recommendation #4 be adopted, "That the Evangelical Presbyterian Church pursue Fraternal Relations with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with a mutual exchange of observers to each other's highest judicatories as soon as mutually convenient."

— Adopted

4. Recommendation #32 was adopted and supercedes and serves as a substitute for Recommendation #26. Motion reads: "That the General Assembly approve in principle the proposed **Articles of Agreement** between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) and that a commission composed of 1) the Stated Clerk, 2) TE Andrew Jumper, and 3) TE Bart Hess be appointed and authorized to negotiate the **Articles of Agreement** with the IPB or its assigned agents, and further be authorized to consummate the agreement as long as such agreement remains within the general parameters of the proposed Articles. (Appendix G-2) — Adopted
5. That the Assembly will invite the National Association of Evangelicals to provide annually an exhibit at General Assembly, making available a full range of opportunities and benefits of the NAE known to our churches, and that a representative of the NAE to speak to the Assembly. — Adopted
6. That the General Assembly will continue to staff an EPC booth at each yearly National Association of Evangelicals convention. (See Appendix G-1 for NAE report.)
7. That the *Rules for Assembly*, (4th General Assembly **Minutes**) be amended to include permanent Fraternal Relations Committee and its previously adopted job description (inadvertantly omitted from Section IX of Appendix J). — Adopted
8. That the report as a whole was received. — Adopted

#### 5-48 **Final Report on Enrollment**

The Stated Clerk reported that registration for the 5th General Assembly is as follows: 80 Teaching Elders, 81 Ruling Elders, and 102 Observers for a total of 263 registered individuals.

#### 5-49 **Referral of Minutes of Thursday Session**

ON MOTION the **Minutes** of Thursday's business session shall be referred to the Stated Clerk for corrections.

#### 5-50 **Adjournment**

ON MOTION the Assembly adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The Moderator led the Assembly in the closing prayer.

# PART II

## Appendices

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### APPENDIX A

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#### Report of the Moderator

As we assess this past year together, I feel that our denomination has grown out of its initial birth stage and is very definitely in the process of growth and maturation. The placement of our health insurance program, the beginning of investigation toward a pension program, the ongoing work of the Ad Interim Theology Committee, and the maturing of the various presbyteries all point to this process.

Many of our churches came out of painful situations prior to becoming members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and there has been an understanding hesitancy in some cases to become fully identified with the denomination. I think the process, however, of our deepening trust and love for each other continues and this is evidenced by the continually greater participation on the part of our churches and their members, both in terms of talents and in terms of per member contributions to the operating budget of the General Assembly. As this trend continues, the General Assembly office will become even better equipped to serve its member churches.

During the past year in addition to ready and regular communication with the Assembly office, I have been able to work with the Travelers Insurance Company in finalizing and putting in place our health insurance plan, spoke at the 125th Anniversary of Tabernacle EPC, Youngstown Ohio, spoke to a retreat of pastors and elders of the Presbytery of the East, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, spoke at the dedication service of its new building for Faith EPC, Roanoke, Virginia, attended the Christian World Affairs Conference, Washington, D.C., spoke to the Fellowship EPC Men's Prayer Breakfast, South Lyon, Michigan, the Ward EPC Men's Prayer Breakfast, Livonia, Michigan, attended the meeting of U.S. Church Leaders, Chicago, Illinois, visited Bear Creek EPC to welcome that church into the denomination, preached at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, attended a congregational meeting at Dutton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ft. Pierce, Florida, attended the various meetings during the year of the Committee on Administration and Subcommittee on Finance, and meetings of the Presbytery of the Midwest and Presbytery of the West.



It has been a full year, and I look forward to serving this coming year as Immediate Past Moderator and Chairman of the Administration Committee. I trust that, in that role, I can give assistance to our new Moderator.

Donald C. Harms, Moderator  
4th General Assembly

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## APPENDIX B

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### Report of the Stated Clerk

Of the EPC, one of our presbytery moderators recently said to his presbytery, "It is certainly exciting to see what God is doing through His faithful people and we praise Him for it." These are the sentiments of your Clerk. Continuing, he said, "As we grow and continue to mature as a denomination, we are constantly in the position of defining and refining our identity, courses, and roles." God is so much at work in us — shaping, molding and refining. Where would we be without the wisdom that comes like manna in the wilderness? God forbid that we become so busy, or caught up into such self-delusion, that we should fail to listen to that "still small voice." The EPC has integrity. Let us never lose it.

#### A. Annual Reporting

##### 1. Churches received:

- Steubenville, OH — New Hope EPC
- State College, PA — Oakwood Presbyterian
- Aurora, CO — Covenant Community Presbyterian
- Florence, SC — Trinity Presbyterian
- Florence, SC — Bethesda Presbyterian
- Highlands, NC — Community Bible Church
- Del Mar, CA — Community Church of Del Mar
- Aiken, SC — EPC
- Fort Pierce, FL — Trinity EPC
- Madison, MS — EPC
- Atmore, AL — First Presbyterian
- Shreveport, LA — Westminster
- Meridian, MS — Northside Presbyterian
- Denver, CO — Bear Creek EPC
- Cramerton, NC — Cramerton Presbyterian
- Brighton, MI — Cornerstone EPC

##### 2. Churches dissolved

- Fort Smith, AR — EPC
- Spartanburg, SC — First EPC
- Covington, LA — Grace Presbyterian

### 3. Totals

1984: 62 churches  
1985: 16 additions  
    3 dissolved  
    75 churches

### 4. Membership statistics

Membership 1983: 18,210  
Membership 1984: 20,508 (11% increase)  
Membership 1985: 24,000 (projected)

- Participation in Per Member Contributions  
    1984 — 75% participation  
    1983 — 71% participation
- Youth Professions of Faith  
    1984 — 377 (22% increase)  
    1983 — 305
- Infant Baptisms  
    1984 — 337 (9% increase)  
    1983 — 305
- Adult Baptisms  
    1984 — 227 (3% decrease)  
    1983 — 233
- Giving Statistics  
    Per member                   1984: \$   155,736 (27% increase)  
    contributions               1983:       113,310
- Giving Statistics  
    Total received               1984: \$ 15,711,728 (18% increase)  
                                    1983:   12,958,798
- Missions                   1984: \$ 2,076,777 (1% increase)  
                                    1983:   2,061,450
- Average Per Member       1984: \$       766  
                                    1983:       712

### 5. Observations

- General giving and growth reflect positive increases
- A few churches still are not reporting annually
- Significant decreases in child/youth professions of faith

NOTE: "non-communicant members" are baptized members who have not yet been received into adult membership as confirmed members (cf. **Book of Government** §6-1)

B. Publications

1. **1984 Minutes** — publication for first time as bound. Copies distributed to every pastor and two to each church clerk. Additional copies available for \$5.00 each. (Note: Serious consideration is being given to the possibility of publishing bound **Minutes** of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assemblies in one volume.
2. **Westminster Confession of Faith** — Summertown Texts (Signal Mountain, TN) will publish EPC's own edition by July 1. The Clerk's Office with the Ad Interim Committee on Theology has worked diligently with Dr. Phil Rollinson (publisher) to make this resource available. Copies of the **Shorter Catechism** are available from the Assembly Office.
3. **Informational Brochures — Q & A** has entered its second printing with some minor additions. New Creation is in its third printing. Introductory packets (brown folders) are being increasingly used by churches for visitation, new member classes. All churches are encouraged to consider same. World Outreach brochures should be in ready supply also.

C. Ministerial Vocation

1. Military Chaplaincy

Active: Chaplain Steven Barrett, USAF

Reserves: Chaplain Tom Musselman, US Army

Reserves: Chaplain Robert Ralston, US Army

Reserves: Chaplain Robert Shaffer, US Army

Former Chaplain Darryl Sparling heads the Subcommittee on Chaplaincy for the Ministerial Vocation Committee. Questions regarding this area of ministry should be addressed to him.

2. Internal Revenue Service

- Churches are reminded to check with local advisers as to whether their personnel practices are in keeping with current social security requirements.

- Pastors should keep current their understanding of Rev. Rul. 83-3. Clergy owning homes prior to Jan. 3, 1983 may still deduct mortgage interest and real estate taxes on homes for 1985. Outlook for 1986 unclear. Clergy changing home ownership since 1/3/83 **may not** claim double deduction.
- Future of housing allowance under new Reagan tax plan? Uncertain. **Note:** in light of intensified IRS review, clergy need be sure housing allowances not exceed fair rental value as furnished plus utilities. This figure in a specific setting becomes cap. Also, housing allowance adjustments are never retroactive.
- Social Security self-employment tax for clergy must include value of housing, whether a manse or a housing allowance. Rate for 1985 is 11.8%; 1986 — 12.8%. Churches are encouraged to consider these substantial figures in ministers' compensation and benefit packages.
- New IRS rules for auto expense records. Tax Reform Act of 1984 will take effect this year. New law provides guidance for churches if audited. Churches encouraged to have books in order and be aware of above.
- Charitable mileage deduction increased from 9¢ to 12¢ per mile beginning January 1, 1985.

### 3. Brazil

- North American presbyterianism has played a significant role in Brazilian missions since 1949. This partnership has been instrumental in building a vital presbyterian church in this, the sixth largest country in the world. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) is the largest presbyterian church there (250,000 ±). Enjoying a fraternal relationship with the PCUSA for many years, the IPB terminated this in 1973 with the then UPC and in 1984 with the PCUS. Our church faces a most opportune moment to sustain the continuity of this partnership in mission. This Assembly is encouraged to look positively at the proposed **Cooperative Agreement**.

### 4. NAPARC

NAPARC stands for North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

In this association are the following: Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, Christian Reformed Church, Korean American Presbyterian Church, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church in America, Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. This Council with representatives from the above meets yearly to consider mutual concerns. The EPC attended as observers last year, and will do likewise this year. Possibility and advisability of membership will come before the Assembly at a later time. Even now, though, constructive bridges of understanding and cooperation are being built.

### 3. World Alliance

- Formal application approved by the 4th General Assembly will come before the World Alliance Executive Committee this October in India. As secretary of the North American Caribbean group, the Reverend Dr. James Andrews (PCUSA Stated Clerk) has given hearty support to the application process. The Stated Clerk (Mr. Davis) hopes, while on personal travel this summer, to follow up personally on this application in the Geneva, Switzerland office.

### 4. PCUSA

- Questions continue to arise as to the significance of action taken by the PCUSA at its last Assembly concerning the EPC. That Assembly instructed its Clerk, Dr. James Andrews to initiate steps toward possible correspondence with the EPC. Conversation is currently taking place between Dr. Andrews and Mr. Davis.

### E. Personal Notes

Three years ago in this very place, decisions were made which would significantly impact my life for the next few years. Leaving congregational life to devote full time to administrative ministries coupled with other radical changes have made the last three years a very demanding time. For the Lord's faithfulness, alongside the loving support of our denominational family, I will always be thankful. Although often slow in response, our office has, I hope, been pastoral and helpful.

A good steward seeks to be faithful. Effectiveness obviously defines much of what faithfulness is all about. And effectiveness means evaluation. For this reason I asked the Moderator to appoint a special committee to evaluate the office and person of the Stated

Clerk. That report can be found elsewhere in the **Handbook**. Please read it thoughtfully. I appreciate the diligent work of this committee.

It has been a privilege to minister with you. I hope that, above all else, this office will continue to be a trustworthy servant in whom you and He are well pleased.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk

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## APPENDIX C

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### Report of General Assembly Administration Committee

The Administration Committee has been called the "umbrella" committee of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In some ways that is true. Besides nine voting members, every other permanent committee of the Assembly has representation on the Administration Committee through its chairman.

During the last Assembly year, the committee met on November 16 and April 26. Each committee session was preceded by the previous day's meeting of both the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee.

The committee has rejoiced on many occasions throughout the year at the Lord's blessings. Growth is evident across the face of our church. For "a people whose time has come," the family is alive and well.

Various recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly are to be found in **Recommendations and Resolutions**. In addition, the following represents other areas in which significant work is taking place.

Following a meeting of NAPARC stated clerks, the COA concurred with the Stated Clerk that serious work should begin on establishing denominational archives to house our history. George Scotchmer has been asked to act as Historian and, with the Clerk, will begin to gather and sort historical data unique to EPC history. For the present, denominational archives will be stored in the Office of the General Assembly.

Reports received from the Women's Task Force are most encouraging. Under Colleen Rinehart's leadership, helping resources are being prepared for women in the church. A monthly newsletter is forthcoming. Vision for a growing broad-based fellowship of women across the face of the EPC appears to be catching interest.

During the past year, Tom Musselman has served our denomination well as a part-time Field Representative. The COA has extended his call for one year to June 30, 1986. Tom's title has changed to Field Evangelist.



Serious study continues on how best to develop General Assembly staff. Denominational growth makes staff development imperative. Obvious limitation of resources necessitates careful planning. Both our World Outreach program and Church Development need staff support. If the Assembly approves the 5-year plan for funding, the Office of the General Assembly should be able to add key leadership people within the near future.

The committee took action to table for three years the study on permanent location of the Assembly Office. Data from the PCUSA study for relocation should be available by then. Action, therefore, has been taken to purchase a modest office building in Redford, Michigan, a small township on the western edge of Detroit.

Plans have been made to develop an Office of Planned Giving at the earliest possible time. Using Dick Oestreicher's experienced counsel, this resource will address will, financial, and estate planning.

The **Pension Study Committee** has experienced a very slow start. Qualified people, however, have been identified and appointed by the Moderator. Interested input will be positively received.

Recognizing that professional staff development comes hand-in-hand with a growing denomination, the COA established an **Executive Compensation Study Committee** to review personnel and salary structure in similar church bodies. Dr. Frank Johnson has been chairing this study. A major report should be forthcoming.

Efforts continue to strengthen the denominational group insurance program. The first in-depth study of claims and cost will take place this fall, subsequent to the first anniversary of participation in Travelers. Policy changes reflecting broadened coverage will be reported by the **Insurance Committee**. Opportunity for expanded disability benefits is being investigated.

Major funding to capitalize a **Church Loan Fund** is imperative. New and small congregations desperately need short term monies for land acquisition and building construction. Developing major capital resources which can be loaned to needy congregations at opportune times is a must!

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## **APPENDIX C-1**

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### **Report of Insurance Subcommittee**

The modified self-insured plan of health insurance administered by Travelers Insurance Company was put into place effective October 1, 1984. There have been some start up problems but not nearly so many as one might expect.

Because this is a self-insured plan, the "rates" that are contributed by the member churches will be based not on typical inflation rates but upon our own experience. For the first six months of the program, we have a loss ratio of 73.6%. This means that we have paid out \$73.60 for every \$100.00 we have taken in.

We will have to wait out the rest of the year through close to October before we can have a sufficient projection to determine whether or not we can hold the same premium for the following year.

Respectfully submitted:  
Donald C. Harms, Chairman

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## **APPENDIX C-2**

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### **Report of Subcommittee for Review of The Office and Person of the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

A subcommittee consisting of Donald Harms, Dr. James Van Dyke and Dr. William M. Flannagan having been appointed by the permanent Committee on Administration, submits the following report upon its review of the office and person of the Stated Clerk.

The committee having reviewed the present position description for the Stated Clerk considered whether or not changes should be made, felt that because the denomination is still in its formative phases, that the position description should be left as it is and reconsidered in a period of three (3) years. The position statement may be considered to be somewhat "broad" in the sense that it is not rigidly structured in its description of the office, but it was felt by the committee that of necessity, we cannot yet be overly rigid in this description.

The committee, in reviewing the person of the Stated Clerk, feels that the present Stated Clerk has done an excellent job of developing the role of the Stated Clerk in a pastoral manner reflecting the desires of the denomination. The present office of the Stated Clerk is reflective of the unique gifts, sense of direction, and intense work of the present Stated Clerk. Very frankly, any future revision of the position description for the office of the Stated Clerk would, to a large extent, reflect the gifts and dedication and emphasis of the present Stated Clerk.

As the committee reviewed the activities of the present Stated Clerk over the past three (3) years, it was the feeling of the committee members that the Clerk's time was often spent with individual congregations to the detriment of his ability to resource the denomination and its permanent committees. It was the feeling that this involvement has been necessary during the developmental period of the denomination but that an emphasis should be made to phase out the Stated Clerk's involvement with individual congregations and leave this more and more to the presbyteries involved.

Related to this is the concern that the publication and distribution of General Assembly Minutes and statistical reports has been delayed in the past. This is a function, no doubt, of the fact that the Stated Clerk's office is simply overworked, but the Stated Clerk has indicated that the office continues to work toward a more prompt compilation and delivery of these materials.

The committee also felt that one mark of the maturity of our denomination would be the extent to which the presbyteries become more self sufficient and less reliant upon the office of the Stated Clerk for resourcing the ongoing work of the presbyteries. Although it is a credit to the present Stated Clerk that these resources have been available and that the present Stated Clerk has been willing to devote himself to very ably resourcing the presbyteries, nevertheless, it should be the goal of the individual presbyteries to require less and less resourcing from the denominational office.

The committee would make the following recommendations for near term goals for the office of the Stated Clerk:

A. The denomination should consider the addition of an Administrative Assistant to the Stated Clerk to relieve the Stated Clerk from some of the administrative details of the office and open him to more effectively operate on a policy making and pastoral level.

B. Because of the continuing increase in the work load being handled by the office of the Stated Clerk, the denomination should place a priority in upgrading the technology of the office to improve its efficiency and in upgrading the physical work conditions of the office itself.

C. The Stated Clerk should supplement his present resourcing of presbyteries by the development and conducting of training workshops to equip presbytery Stated Clerks to function more efficiently and to enable the individual presbyteries to rely less and less upon the resourcing of the denominational Stated Clerk.

D. As was indicated above, the Stated Clerk should, on a conscious level, become less and less involved with the follow up and nurture of individual congregational problems and new church inquiries but refer these matters to the individual presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted:

Subcommittee for the Review of the  
Office and Person of the Stated Clerk  
of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Donald Harms  
James Van Dyke  
William M. Flannagan

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# APPENDIX C-3

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## FINANCIAL AUDIT

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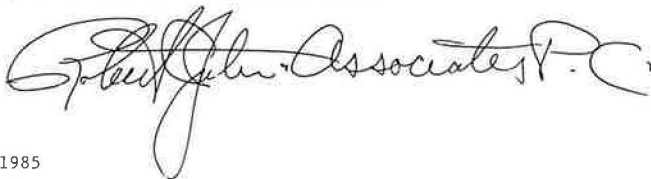
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To the General Assembly of the  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We have examined the balance sheets of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance, and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church at December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.



Robert C. Julin & Associates P.C.

March 29, 1985

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Balance Sheets**

**Assets**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$294,692	\$202,770
Note and accounts receivable	54,929	6,240
Literature inventory	1,420	420
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,297</u>	<u>1,233</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>353,338</u>	<u>210,663</u>
 <b>PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
(Notes 2 and 3)		
Furniture and fixtures	25,941	23,386
Transportation equipment	<u>12,442</u>	<u>12,442</u>
	38,383	35,828
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>17,272</u>	<u>8,191</u>
Net Properties and Equipment	<u>21,111</u>	<u>27,637</u>
 <b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Deposit	<u>970</u>	<u>970</u>
 Total Assets	<u><u>\$375,419</u></u>	<u><u>\$239,270</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Liabilities and Fund Balances

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Current portion of long-term liability	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,200
Accounts payable	8,339	5,593
Accrued expenses	1,424	1,333
Self-insured liability (Note 4)	66,050	—
Restricted funds payable	<u>170,644</u>	<u>122,094</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>248,557</u>	<u>131,220</u>
 <b>LONG-TERM LIABILITY (Note 3)</b>		
Note payable	<u>5,422</u>	<u>7,413</u>
 <b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Investment in properties and equipment	13,589	18,024
Undesignated, available for current purposes	<u>107,851</u>	<u>82,613</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>121,440</u>	<u>100,637</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u><u>\$375,419</u></u>	<u><u>\$239,270</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**for the Years Ended December 31, 1984 and 1983**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
REVENUES		
Church contributions	\$169,905	\$169,837
Restricted revenue	241,068	129,628
Investment income	11,833	8,104
Literature sales	3,452	6,344
Other	14,385	2,805
Total Revenues	<u>440,643</u>	<u>316,718</u>
EXPENSES		
Operating expenses	176,947	154,322
Restricted expenses	239,209	105,690
Cost of literature sales	3,684	5,663
Total Expenses	<u>419,840</u>	<u>265,675</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	20,803	51,043
Fund Balance — Beginning of Year	<u>100,637</u>	<u>49,594</u>
Fund Balance — End of Year	<u>\$121,440</u>	<u>\$100,637</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Statement of Changes in Financial Position**  
**for the Years Ended December 31, 1984 and 1983**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
<b>RESOURCES PROVIDED</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 20,803	\$ 51,043
Items which do not use resources:		
Depreciation	<u>9,081</u>	<u>7,804</u>
Resources Provided From Operations	29,884	58,847
Increase in long-term liability	<u>—</u>	<u>9,773</u>
Total Resources Provided	<u>29,884</u>	<u>68,620</u>
 <b>RESOURCES USED</b>		
Purchase of properties and equipment, net of disposals	2,555	13,631
Payment and reclassification of long-term liability	<u>1,991</u>	<u>9,295</u>
Total Resources Used	4,546	22,926
 Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 25,338</u>	<u>\$ 45,694</u>
 <b>CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL BY COMPONENT</b>		
Increase in current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 91,922	\$121,289
Note and accounts receivable	48,689	5,132
Literature inventory	1,000	420
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,064</u>	<u>1,233</u>
	<u>142,675</u>	<u>128,074</u>
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term liability	(100)	539
Accounts payable	2,746	(4,919)
Accrued expenses	91	391
Self-insured liability	66,050	—
Restricted fund payable	<u>48,550</u>	<u>86,369</u>
	<u>117,337</u>	<u>82,380</u>
Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 25,338</u>	<u>\$ 45,694</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 1984 and 1983**

**Note 1 — Description of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a Church denomination with member churches who are evangelical in spirit.

**Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**General**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

The financial statements include only the accounts of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and do not include the accounts of affiliated local presbyteries or member churches.

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Church are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Restricted revenue is recognized as income when funds are disbursed. Restricted expenses are made up of restricted disbursements other than those disbursements attributable to balance sheet accounts.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Life</b>
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Transportation equipment	3 years

Maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets are charged to income when incurred.

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 1984 and 1983**

**Note 3 — Long-Term Liability**

The long-term note payable consists of the following:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Note payable in monthly installments of \$235 including interest and an adjustable rate, secured by trans- portation equipment	\$7,522	\$9,613
Less current portion	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Net long-term liability	<u>\$5,422</u>	<u>\$7,413</u>

**Note 4 — Self-Insured Liability**

During the 1984 calendar year the Church established a self-insured health insurance program for employees of member churches and their families, and clergy and their families. The program loss is limited through the use of a stop-loss insurance policy.

The Church has not recognized any income or expense under this program since the premiums collected less costs is equal to the self-insured liability.

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# APPENDIX C-3

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To the General Assembly of the  
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The accompanying additional financial information for the years ended December 31, 1984 and 1983, while not considered necessary to a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations, is presented for supplementary analysis purposes. While the primary purpose of our examination of the financial statements of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for the years ended December 31, 1984 and 1983 was to permit us to formulate our opinion on the financial statements as a whole, we subjected the additional financial information to the same audit procedures. In our opinion, this information is stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.



Robert C. Julin & Associates P.C.

March 29, 1985

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Statements of Operating Expenses**  
**for the Years Ended December 31, 1984 and 1983**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Compensation	\$ 62,064	\$ 56,404
Travel expense	16,683	16,900
Committee expense	15,501	15,340
Printing and promotion	12,190	18,714
Church development	11,903	—
Depreciation	9,081	7,804
General Assembly expense	6,700	5,000
Telephone	5,995	4,717
Rent expense	5,820	5,820
Office supplies	4,819	4,436
Professional fees	4,010	2,102
Postage	3,602	2,810
Insurance	3,173	3,392
Repairs and maintenance	2,856	1,524
Presbytery development	2,600	2,500
Payroll taxes	1,566	936
Interest expense	910	1,233
Miscellaneous	6,754	4,690
Totals	<u>\$176,947</u>	<u>\$154,322</u>

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Statements of Restricted Expenses**  
**for the Years Ended December 31, 1984 and 1983**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Church assistance	\$131,910	\$ 56,114
World outreach	78,559	38,605
Travel and promotion	27,090	6,097
General Assembly	<u>1,650</u>	<u>4,874</u>
Totals	<u>\$239,209</u>	<u>\$105,690</u>

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## APPENDIX D

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### **Report of the Committee on World Outreach to the 5th General Assembly (1985) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

#### **Personnel**

The Committee on World Outreach recently took action to approve three new missionary couples, bringing our total roster of EPC missionaries to ten people.

Ellis and Katherine Deibler — Wycliffe Bible Translators  
International Consultants

James and Gennet Emery — Missionary Internship  
Urban Cross Cultural Training

David and Ruann Marshall — Overseas Crusades  
Taiwan

Two additional couples are in the application process.

#### **Publications**

A series of four brochures describing EPC Missions is available at the EPC booth. They are available for distribution in your church. The Global Prayer Digest continues to be widely used in our churches.

#### **Brazil**

The highlight of the year was the trip to see the activities of the Brazilian Presbyterian Church (IPB) by six EPC delegates. As a result of the trip an invitation was issued to work together on a variety of mutual concerns. More on this will be shared with the entire General Assembly.

#### **Executive Director**

A job description for an Executive Director for World Outreach was recently approved by the Committee on Administration. It is our hope the General Assembly will approve fiscal policy changes in order that this position may be funded by benevolent giving therefore enabling the interview process to commence within the near future. The present target is January, 1986.

**Requested Action**

1. Cooperative Agreement with Missionary Internship  
(Attachment I)
2. Cooperative Agreement with Overseas Crusades  
(Attachment II)
3. Executive Director funding — see Administration Committee  
recommendations
4. Approval of 1986 Benevolence Askings (Attachment III)

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Oestreicher  
Chairman, World Outreach Committee



## 1986 Benevolence Asking World Outreach

### I. Urban/Ethnic Ministry \$80,000

People from all over the world, including unreached people groups, are congregating in our cities. Refugees, immigrants, people seeking opportunity in America, are clustering in our urban centers. This presents the North American church with a new mission opportunity.

Studies show that people who have recently moved are among those most open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those whose roots have been severed are among the most responsive.

The 4th General Assembly (June 1984) assigned the development of Urban and Ethnic Ministry in the U.S. to World Outreach. We will begin working toward our first EPC Black congregation in 1986.

Simultaneously, the EPC congregation at Central Northwest Presbyterian Church voted to dissolve and turn over their very adequate and beautifully maintained facility to EPC for an Urban Ministry Center. God has been leading with the provision of a facility and the development of a concept and burden.

#### A. Congregational Development

1. The Center Area is racially mixed — many professional Black families.
2. There is no similar type evangelical Black church in the immediate area.
3. The Center facility is superior in size, access, and condition.
4. A national search will be initiated to locate suitable Black leadership to start the congregation.

#### B. Ethnic and Urban Ministry Development

1. Ministry location for Urban Missions Training for youth and adults (evenings, weekends, summers).
2. Short term service opportunities for people from all EPC churches.
3. Office, work and production area for Arabic ministry (Detroit has the largest concentration of Arabic people in the U.S.)
4. Development of transferable urban ministry models.

5. Urban Ministry location for agencies with compatible objectives (YFC, Child Evangelism, Missionary Internship, Wm. Tyndale College etc.).

## II. World Outreach Development \$100,000

World Outreach will continue to develop mission awareness and education along with new programs in 1986. Detailed plans include an Executive Director to move our programs along. Such as:

- A. the completion and publication of our general operating policies,
- B. establishing summer and short term mission training opportunities for both youth and adults of EPC,
- C. the systematic recruiting and preparing of new missionaries,
- D. mission conference, policy assistance, committee development and program assistance to EPC churches.

## III. Brazil/A Partnership Opportunity \$170,000

Opportunities are incidents given by the Lord. Our response is determined by what we hear and how strong our faith has become. World Outreach seeks funding in 1986 for the following programs. The Lord has given the Evangelical Presbyterian Church through World Outreach an exciting partnership opportunity with fellow Christians with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

To date the Lord has revealed three areas where denominational involvements are urgently needed. They are as follows:

- A. Providing theological education for Brazilian pastors at the Master and Doctor of Theology degree level. EPC would identify and provide professors for one month courses to be taught at Sao Paulo Seminary.
- B. Helping existing Presbyterian missionaries presently working with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil by continuing their mission support according to the following guidelines:
  1. Acceptance into EPC, (World Outreach).
  2. Acceptability by the Presbyterian Church in Brazil.
  3. Available resources for support.
- C. Developing a National Missions cooperative effort with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil to reach the Brazilians, especially the Hidden People, in the Amazon Basin, Brazil's frontier. Such ministry would focus in on church planting, Hidden People ministry, and developing an indigenous missionary resource.

This is a cooperative denominational effort that God has given the EPC. It is a unique opportunity. The "Partnership in Missions" should build the Kingdom of God by spreading the Word of God and blessing the sending body for its global faithfulness. God will be true to His Word! And God will bless both the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as "partners in mission" as we are obedient to Him.

#### IV. India/A Closed Country?

\$50,000

By the turn of the century, India, whose land mass is about one third the size of the United States, is projected to be the most populated country on Earth. Yes, India will take the world population leadership away from China. Within India's borders live 537 million unreached Hindus and 2929 ethnic groups or tribes that have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those borders are closed to outside Christian missionaries. India's people numbers make it a harvest field of unprecedented size, while its closed door missionary policy make it almost logistically impossible to penetrate.

Through Bibles for India, a U.S. based mission agency, and their Native Bible and Evangelization Program, EPC churches can help and support Indian Christians to become missionaries and to minister to their country. India's closed door to Western missionaries is wide open to native Christian missionaries.

Indian missionaries lack the training in evangelism and Bible that we take for granted. A training school is established in India under the direction of Bibles for India. The school requests a threefold commitment by churches in the West.

- A. A commitment to prayer for the work of the school.
- B. Financial assistance to provide scholarships, underwriting costs for a class of students for school and field work for one year.
- C. A teacher or resource couple to teach during the opening two weeks of the class, along with the Indian resident teacher. Upon graduation, this teacher or research couple would return to India to take part in a regional crusade along with the graduating students.

EPC has the opportunity through World Outreach to have a significant impact on this closed nation. Imagine our young denomination pooling resources from many churches to sponsor a class of 20 students. Each student will begin starting a church during his school year. We can help to reach 20 Indian towns and villages in 1986.

Let's make India an open country, open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our and their only hope for salvation.

### Summary of Asking

I. Urban Ministry Center	\$ 80,000
II. World Outreach Development	\$100,000
III. Brazil	\$170,000
IV. India	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total	\$400,000

This represents a challenging commitment of approximately \$20 per member in our EPC churches. We can do it!

## **Additional Information for Sponsoring Churches with Bibles for India**

### **Finances**

Sponsoring churches must agree to provide expenses for the first twelve months only (living expense, travel, academic expense) and up to six units of Scripture for each student. Students must agree never to solicit sponsoring churches for funds. The goal of the program is total self-support within twelve months. Minimum sponsorship is ten students.

### **Processing of Money**

Since BFI is strongly committed to the principle of early self-support for the new church, no funds from sponsoring churches will go directly to the students or their church.

\$2,000 per student will be spent in Bible production. These Bibles will be sold at approximately 60% of production cost, and the funds realized will be used for school costs and student subsidies.

\$3,000 per student will be used to provide the tools (Scriptures) needed to plant new churches. These will include **Guide to Happiness** Bible courses, **Great Bible Truths**, Teacher's Manuals, **Discovering Bible Truths** (Sunday School materials), a study Bible and a Christian Growth Book Club membership.

The sponsoring church knows that **all of its funds** are directed into literature. No school ever operates at 100%. Some students do fall out. This process of placing the money in Scriptures first insures the fact that there is ultimately **no loss** to the sponsoring church. It also puts a distance financially between the sponsoring church and the student.

### **Payments**

EPC may finance either ten or twenty students over a two-year period.

One-half of the gift for the school will be given at the end of the calendar year. It will be sent to India for Bible production. It will take approximately nine months to produce and distribute the Bibles and produce the cash necessary for the operation of the class of students. Nine to twelve months after the first gift, the second gift will be given to provide Scriptures for the students as they enter their respective fields.

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# **APPENDIX D-1**

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**COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH**  
**Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**2312 Monroe Street**  
**Dearborn, Michigan 48124**  
**Phone: (313) 562-2300**

## **Cooperative Agreement with Evangelical Missionary Agencies**

The terms of this agreement relate to the category of a member missionary relationship.

1. The Missionary shall have dual membership status with both the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach and Missionary Internship.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Missionary Internship.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Missionary Internship shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. The World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Missionary Internship shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
9. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church court of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

10. The World Outreach missionary is to have liberty in the full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view.
11. While on the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Missionary Internship.
12. While on the field, the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Missionary Internship who shall report to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually; progress, field evaluation and next year's projected goals.
13. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with Missionary Internship North American Director.
14. While on home service (while traveling to and from the field), the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of World Outreach. Among the missionary's home service responsibilities, consideration will be given by World Outreach to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by Missionary Internship. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for Missionary Internship.
15. While on home service the missionary shall be expected to carry on a deputation ministry for World Outreach within the constituency of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregations. Each agency shall assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be with the EPC under World Outreach coordination, but within the context of the proportion of support from EPC sources.
16. The missionary shall not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
17. The financial relationship of the missionary with Missionary Internship shall be the same as that for all other members for all assessments. During the EPC portion of home service, adequate financial arrangements may be set by World Outreach.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Missionary Internship. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Missionary Internship at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both Missionary Internship and World Outreach will report support income to each other so periodic adjustments can be made.

19. Compensation, hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans shall be provided to Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach missionaries by mutual agreement of both agencies.

Signed:

John F. Robinson

R. Oestreicher

date: June 26, 1985

date: Aug. 3, 1985

Missionary Internship

World Outreach



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## APPENDIX D-2

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2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Overseas Crusades.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Overseas Crusades shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
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12. While on the field, the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Overseas Crusades who shall report to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually; progress, field evaluation and next year's projected goals.
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14. While on home service (while traveling to and from the field), the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of World Outreach. Among the missionary's home service responsibilities, consideration will be given by World Outreach to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by Overseas Crusades. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for Overseas Crusades.
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19. Compensation, hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans shall be provided to Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach missionaries by mutual agreement of both agencies.

Signed:

Lawrence E. Keges

R. Oestreicher

date: June 19, 1985

date: July 10, 1985

Overseas Crusades

World Outreach

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## APPENDIX E

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### Report of the Committee on Church Development

In our denominational handout, "Questions Asked Most Often About the Evangelical Presbyterian Church," there is a question and answer given concerning new church development. This question is a very good one and the answer should be highlighted in this report.

**Question 19:** What patterns of growth do you see emerging?

Our desire is to be aggressive in new church planting as opportunity arises and funds allow. We believe this will be increasingly the avenue of future growth in the EPC. However, we want to be lovingly open to existing congregations who feel that the EPC offers the best denominational vehicle for continuing expression of their Christian faith and witness.

The will of the Church Development Committee and certainly the will of the General Assembly as a whole is to be aggressive in new church development. To this end the permanent Committee on Church Development has begun to develop a strategy for planting new churches and reaching people for Jesus Christ.

The concept of the "flagship church" has become a priority of our evolving church planting strategy. To be considered a "flagship church" a local congregation must have three basic components. First, the congregation must have the capacity for mothering another congregation. The "flagship church" must have an adequate financial base as well as enough interested people to begin a new work or the project will have great difficulty from the beginning. Secondly, the church desiring to become a flagship congregation must have the will to mother other churches. The local leadership must make a decision to be involved in planting another church. People also must be willing to be trained to carry out this new mission for the prospects of success to be good. Thirdly, the church desiring to become a "flagship church" of our denomination must intentionally formulate a defined strategy to implement the process of planting a new daughter congregation.

The Church Development Committee desires to encourage all our churches within the EPC to promote a church planting mentality. We strongly believe that each and every one of our established congregations should seek God's timing for the planting of churches beyond themselves. It should be understood that not only the larger churches but also some of our smaller churches do have the potential to become mothering churches with the right amount of planning and desire.

The Church Development Committee believes that the development of strong "flagship churches" with the ability to mother other congregations under the guidance of the local presbytery should be a basic priority of our master plan to reach people for Jesus Christ. To help encourage a church planting mentality along this line, the Church Development Committee will present an annual "Flagship Award." This will go to the local church or presbytery which has made an outstanding contribution to the entire church by fostering the planting of other congregations. The Committee also recognizes the fact that there may be significant areas of the country that do not have an EPC congregation capable of being a "flagship church." In areas where this potential does not exist the Committee along with the local presbytery will attempt to implement a program which utilizes resources in identifying important selected areas in which flagship churches can be fostered. "Project Atlanta" is one such project under implementation. The Committee concurs with the Church Development Commission of the Southeast Presbytery that the Gwinnett County area of Atlanta has the potential to develop a congregation capable of becoming a "flagship church." This county is the fastest growing county in the US and provides a good opportunity for us to develop a congregation capable of mothering other congregations. The Committee will seek funds to help make this project dream a reality as well as other projects of like nature.

There are certainly components of a master plan for church planting, as outlined by the 4th General Assembly, that have not been addressed in detail by the Committee. It is seeking permission to continue its work in developing a comprehensive plan for planting churches and to present this work in a completed form to the 6th General Assembly.

The Church Development Committee is also excited about the opportunity of another Thanksgiving offering appeal. The goal adopted by the Committee will be \$100,000 to be divided among five projects. These are "Project Atlanta," a new development in Albuquerque, NM, an opportunity in the Carmel Valley of southern California, a new church work in Steubenville, OH and a pastoral sustenance for mission pastors throughout the country. Details of all the projects will be presented to the General Assembly Committee on Church Development as well as the General Assembly as a whole.

A number of projects from our various presbyteries have been supported by the Church Development Committee this past year and we are grateful for the fine work that is being done by our presbytery Church Development Committees. We want this fine work to continue and we also want to have better communication and coordination between the permanent Church Development Committee and the presbytery committees. To this end we are asking that all local presbytery committees accept their local permanent Church Development Committee person as an ex-officio member. This committee person would have voice but no vote.

### **Recommendations:**

1. The 4th General Assembly in Jackson gave responsibility to the Church Development Committee to develop a Master Plan. The Committee has reflected carefully over the enormous responsibility to do careful and comprehensive planning. While speaking to specific parts of a Master Plan, the Committee asks permission to continue its work to develop such a plan in its entirety for submission to the 6th General Assembly.
2. The Church Development Committee recommends that the *Rules* be amended by adding paragraph 9-6 to Section IX which would read as follows: "All members of program committees shall be ex-officio members of the corresponding committee within that member's presbytery. This member shall have voice but no vote."
3. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly endorse "Project Atlanta" as presented to the General Assembly Committee.
4. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly endorse the Thanksgiving offering appeal for 1985 with a goal of \$100,000.

A presentation will be made to the General Assembly on the projects of this special drive.

Respectfully submitted,

James Morrison, Chairman  
Committee on Church Development  
June, 1985

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## APPENDIX F

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### **Report of the Permanent Christian Education & Publications Committee to the 5th General Assembly**

The Christian Education & Publications Committee met on April 15, 1985, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan. Present at the meeting were Marlene Westberg, Eddy Swieson, Harold Hutzler, William Moore, and Ed Davis (Stated Clerk). Marilyn Bartel was also present for a portion of the meeting.

The primary focus of the discussion centered around the planning of workshops for the 5th General Assembly. The theme of these workshops will be "Being Effective Stewards in Christian Ministry." Workshop leaders will be encouraged to assist participants in reflecting on three questions related to the topic of the workshop: "What's happening now in your church? What needs to happen? How do we make it happen?"

The committee reflected on the need to compile a permanent worship resource handbook. Andrew Jumper was asked and has agreed to chair a task force along with Marlene Westberg and Eddy Swieson to accomplish this.

The committee studied the suggestions generated by the Christian Education Assembly Committee. The following actions were taken:

1. To emphasize the importance of ministering to the single adults in our churches. Timm Jackson, who has served as the Minister to Single Adults at Ward Church for 5½ years will be invited to attend the 5th Assembly as a resource person to EPC churches in this area.
2. To compile for our EPC churches a list of ideas for implementing family life enrichment within the local church.
3. To compile a list of stewardship ideas which have proved helpful in EPC churches.
4. To update the directory of resources available at the Resource Center at our EPC headquarters.

The committee was asked to add one question and answer to the EPC publication with the name "Questions Asked Most Often About the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The question added was "In the title, 'Evangelical Presbyterian Church,' what does the word 'evangelical' mean? The committee gave the following answer; "The word 'evangelical' refers to the joyous proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ on the authority of God's Word with an invitation to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and commitment to serve Christ as Lord in the world.

The committee discussed various ways to broaden the base of subscription of the **EPC Reporter**. It was recommended that each EPC church subscribe in bulk to a number equal to the number of families in the congregation at a cost of \$2.00/year/subscriber.

Respectfully submitted,  
William C. Moore, Secretary



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## APPENDIX G

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### **Report of the Permanent Fraternal Relations Committee to the Fifth General Assembly (1985) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations, established by the Third General Assembly (1983) held its annual meeting March 5-6, 1985, in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Los Angeles, California. This setting uniquely combines to provide inspiration and information for the committee to perform its business, an appropriate means of EPC active participation in the committees and business of the NAE, and an opportunity to publicize the EPC in a personal way to other evangelical denominations and groups. The EPC, along with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, alone represents Presbyterianism to the NAE, and the committee believes the EPC should be proud of our unique positive and cooperative evangelical stance.

Officers elected were chairman Rev. J. Kent Bull and secretary Rev. David V. Massimi.

The committee believes it wise to meet annually during and at the NAE Convention. Cognizant of our membership as a denomination in the NAE, the committee recommends

*that the NAE be invited annually to provide an exhibit at our General Assembly, making available the full range of opportunities and benefits of the NAE to our churches, and that a representative of the NAE be invited to speak to our Assembly.*

Also being present to observe the fine publicity work headed by Rev. George Woodcock the past two years, the committee recommends.

*that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church continue to staff an EPC booth at the National Association of Evangelicals Conventions.*

As voted by the Fourth General Assembly (1984), our application for membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches has been filed and is waiting for their action.

The committee is aware of the 1983 Overture passed by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to pursue correspondence with the EPC. While there have been informal contacts, and formal transfer of ministers with credentials between presbyteries of the two denominations, we await formal contact by the PCUSA General Assembly office in fulfilling its own General Assembly action.

Observers were sent to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod meeting at Palos Heights, Illinois, July 30-August 10, 1984. The RES is an international body of 32 reformed and mostly conservative churches from 18 countries around the globe, hosted in the U.S. by the Christian Reformed Church and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Two actions of the RES make its own future uncertain: clearly recognizing homosexuality as sin, the Synod failed on a tie vote to terminate membership of the Dutch Reformed Church (GKN) which had declared in a Pastoral Letter that overt homosexual activity was acceptable Christian behavior; and the Synod called failing to denounce apartheid a "status confessionis" and heresy, thereby strongly condemning two white member churches in South Africa. Since the RES meets only every four years and its future is uncertain, and aware of possible formation of other Reformed ecumenical bodies, the committee will continue to monitor developments.

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met October 16, 1984, in Atlanta, Georgia, and EPC observers were cordially received. Member churches of NAPARC are the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Christian Reformed Church, the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. Believing that further contact and observation are desirable with this Reformed body, and noting that EPC observers in 1984 were sent by the committee in pursuit of its own work, the committee recommends

*that the General Assembly send official observers to the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council in the coming year through the Fraternal Relations Committee.*

The committee notes that all member denominations of NAPARC will hold their 1987 General Assemblies/Synods concurrently at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Communications and contacts continue with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Christian Reformed Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The com-

mittee has been invited to send observers to the assemblies of the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Particularly noteworthy is the vote of the 1984 Assembly of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to establish fraternal relations with the EPC. As a committee we concur in the invitation of a Fraternal Delegate from the ARPC to our 1985 Assembly and trust he will be cordially received. In reciprocal and corresponding action to the ARPC Assembly we recommend

*that the General Assembly establish Fraternal Relations with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and send a delegate to their Assembly every other year beginning in 1986.*

And we recommend

*that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church pursue Fraternal Relations with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with a mutual exchange of observers to each other's highest judicatories as soon as mutually convenient.*

In two years of existence and with only two committee meetings during that time, the committee believes the EPC has come a long way in fraternal relations. Led by the Holy Spirit we anticipate an ever increasing sphere of influence and interaction by the EPC as a unique Bible-based, positive, and cooperative evangelical and presbyterian denomination.

Rev. J. Kent Bull, Chairman  
Fraternal Relations Committee

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## APPENDIX G-1

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### Report on the 1985 NAE Convention

The 43rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals met on March 5-7, 1985 in Los Angeles, California at the Hyatt Hotel at the L.A. airport. The challenging convention theme was "Share the Hope," and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a member denomination of the NAE, was represented there to join with scores of other church groups in our common hope in Jesus Christ.

For the second consecutive year, we of EPC displayed an attractive exhibit at this annual convention. At first it did not appear that there would be space for our exhibit. However, it was determined by the convention staff that a line of additional displays could be placed along the back wall of the main auditorium and ballroom. This was where all the major sessions, lunches and closing banquet were held. Providentially our EPC exhibit was very visible and accessible, located just inside the entrance. Everyone coming and going would pass in front of our exhibit.

Many of the hundreds of registrants and visitors stopped at our booth, talked with us about this new denomination, "a people whose time has come," and scores left carrying our literature. People found attractive the new packets containing the "New Creation" folder, the "Q & A brochure, "The Essentials," World Outreach literature and position papers. Only a few of these packets were left at the close of the session. We also had a supply of recent issues of the **EPC Reporter**, display copies of our **Book of Order**, and World Outreach Manuals.

Among those who stopped, sometimes sat, and inquired about the EPC were such notables as Dr. Clayton Bell of Dallas's Highland Park Presbyterian Church (and brother-in-law to Billy Graham), Dr. David McKenna, president of Asbury Seminary, and Armin Gesswein, prominent evangelist. We remember well two young college men who are interested in Christian ministry, and we talked at length about the EPC.

To conclude, we would evaluate the exhibiting at the NAE convention in southern California as a profitable venture. The spiritual climate of that area is open for and needs the EPC. We have only five churches in the Presbytery of the Far West. We need to heighten the awareness

in that area of the unique posture of the EPC. We were honored to represent our great church at this annual convention, and we would be pleased to do it again.

George and Miriam Woodcock  
Knox Presbyterian Church  
Mt. Clemens, MI

March, 1985

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## APPENDIX G-2

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### PROPOSED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT Between the EPC and the IPB

#### Preamble

The IPB (Presbyterian Church of Brazil) has been created by God as one of His instruments to be a Reformed and Presbyterian witness in Brazil for Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. The EPC has also been created by God as a similar instrument in the United States. Each recognizes that the other has primary responsibility for the country where God has placed it. When one works as a helper in the primary field of the other, it shall do so under the authority of that church. However, in order for the helper church to have a voice in the missionary enterprise of the primary church, it is necessary to establish a means whereby the two churches may share in the planning, projecting, overseeing and strategizing for missions. It is always to be remembered that the primary church has final authority for approval of such plans for missions. The means for such joint planning shall be "The Joint Committee for Missions." This Joint Committee shall assist both in Brazil and in the United States in recommending to the primary churches plans for developing the missionary enterprise in joint ventures between the primary and the helper churches.

#### The Joint Committee for Missions

1. Recommendations for shared missions between a primary and a helper church shall come to the primary church through the JCM.
2. The JCM shall be composed of eight (8) members, four (4) from each church. In addition, the Moderator of each church shall be an advisory member without vote and the chairmen of the missions committees of each church shall serve as resource persons, also without vote.
3. Each church shall designate one of its members as co-chairman and meetings shall be alternately chaired by the co-chairmen. A secretary/recorder shall be provided by the host church and minutes shall be provided in both English and Portuguese.
4. The JCM shall make an annual report to the two churches, through the appropriate denominational committee, in order that shared missions may be kept before the two churches.

5. The approval, disapproval, or modification of recommendations from the JCM shall come from that board or agency so designated by the particular church. Also, such designated board or agency may submit recommendations and proposals to the JCM for its consideration.
6. No joint missionary enterprise shall be undertaken that has not been recommended by the JCM and approved by the designated board or agency of both denominations.
7. Approved joint missionary enterprises shall have a time frame and financial parameters designated and shall have established procedures for evaluation and assessment.
8. The following stipulations shall govern missionaries (those appointed to serve within the bounds of the other church):
  - A. Ordained
    1. Shall be under the jurisdiction of the agency, institution, or church court under which they serve.
    2. Shall be under the constitutional documents (confessional, polity, discipline, court decisions) of the church under which they are serving.
    3. May become members of an appropriate presbytery if they desire without affecting their membership in their own denomination.
  - B. Laymen
    1. As above
    2. As above
    3. May become members of a local congregation if they desire without affecting membership in their own home church.
  - C. The sending church shall be responsible for matters relating to the maintenance of missionaries. An exception to this could occur when a request is made by the primary church of the helper church on the condition of assuming the cost of necessary maintenance.
9. Funding shall be guided by the following principles:
  - A. Donors may designate only to projects approved by the primary church. The JCM shall serve as the agent of facilitation in prospective donations.

- B. Contributions of a helper church shall ordinarily be used for capital expansion (i.e., church buildings, schools, or manses). An exception might be the support of personnel designated as internal missionaries by the primary church.
  - C. Missionary enterprises ordinarily shall be supported by both the primary church and helper church so that there will be a sense of mutual ownership. However, the mutual ownership shall not be judged by the amount of financial participation.
  - D. While the helper church may develop properties for its own use (such as a headquarters for its missionary enterprise) within the area of a primary church, when resources are provided for capital items, these items shall be owned by the appropriate agency or court of the primary church.
10. Participation in a joint committee on missions does not preclude either church from establishing working relationships with other churches or groups in either Brazil or the United States, provided that through the JCM the other denomination is informed and has an opportunity to respond.
  11. However, the above freedom does not apply to relationships by one church that might be established with persons, agencies or dissident groups of the other church.
  12. While this agreement envisions a permanent mutual working relationship, it shall be reviewed periodically and either church may revoke the agreement provided six months minimum notice is given. The union of either church with another church body will automatically terminate the agreement after twelve (12) months following such union. The continued cooperation with the new entity will necessitate approval of new terms of agreement.
  13. Initially, and until changed by either church, the coordinating agencies for the JCM shall be the World Outreach Committee of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Executive Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.
  14. Initially, the priorities for the JCM shall focus on Brazil as the primary church with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church being the helper church. Those priorities shall be:
    - A. Theological Education, including
      1. Master's and Doctor's degrees
      2. Library development
      3. Facility development of seminaries



- B. Support of US missionaries already working with the IPB who wish to continue that working relationship by coming under the auspices of the EPC in the manner that is appropriate.
  - C. Cooperating in the national missions enterprise with the IPB in frontier areas especially but not to the exclusion of other missions of opportunity.
  - D. Beginning to develop a mutual and cooperative missionary enterprise to South America, Central America, and other places of opportunity.
15. These Articles of Agreement shall be in force when approved by both churches.

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## APPENDIX H

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### **Report of the Ministerial Vocation Committee to the 1985 General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Ministerial Vocation Committee met on March 21,22, 1985, at the Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Present were: RE Ronald Chism, RE John DuBose, RE William Obaker, TE Tommy Shields, TE Robert Woodburn, TE William Flannagan, Chairman. Edward Davis was present as Advisor.

The following matters of business are reported to the General Assembly for: 1) information; and, 2) action.

- 1) The Ministerial Vocation Committee has completed a great deal of work, assisting in the development of a more effective resource for the administration responsibilities of the Ministerial Committees of our presbyteries.

We have fulfilled the instructions of the Third General Assembly, regarding the provision for directions and guidelines for ministerial candidates and candidates with extra-ordinary status. This has been done through the development, adoption, and implementation of the Candidates Manual.

In response to the instruction of the Third General Assembly regarding the provision for standardized testing for ministerial candidates: the Ministerial Vocation Committee has:

- 1) Completed one standardized examination.
- 2) Completed the process to provide a unified manner of implementation for the examination.
- 3) Is now in the process of developing a second standardized examination.

The examinations are distributed, upon request, to the Presbytery Ministerial Committee Chairman/Candidates Committee Chairman. They are graded by the Examination Chairman of the Ministerial Vocation Committee and forwarded back to the Presbytery Committee with appropriate suggestions.

The Presbytery Committee uses the examination results as a source of information to ascertain the Candidate's fulfillment of the scholastic requirements.

This process does confirm the desire expressed by the General Assembly, that we strive to maintain a standardized process to assist in the maintenance of scholastic integrity of our clergy.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee encourages Ministerial Committees to be actively involved in reflecting pastoral care and oversight for the churches and pastors in the respective presbyteries.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee is available to provide assistance to all of our presbytery Ministerial Committees.

2) For General Assembly Action:

The Ministerial Vocation Committee requests that the Permanent Judicial Commission, EPC, clarify the role of the Assistant Pastor regarding:

A) His availability to be called as an Associate

B) His voting privileges in the Courts of the Church.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee recommends that all Personal Information Forms be upgraded to current status. The new PIF forms, with an attached copy of the Ministerial Obligation, shall be distributed to all ministers at the 1985 General Assembly.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee requests a special order for the agenda of the 1985 General Assembly:

"That the MVC conduct a Resource Seminar for all Ministerial Committees at the 1985 General Assembly, June 19, 1985.

This report is respectfully submitted to the 1985 General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

William M. Flannagan  
Chairman,  
Ministerial Vocation Committee  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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# APPENDIX I

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## Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology

The General Assembly Ad Interim Committee on Theology met twice during the year after its formation by the Fourth General Assembly: first at Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 30 - December 1, 1984, and then at St. Louis, Missouri, June 7-8, 1985. The five members appointed by the Moderator were Chairman TE Kent Bull, RE Gary Cunningham, TE George Scotchmer, TE Darryl E. Sparling, and TE James Van Dyke.

Although written communications were requested through EPC publications, only three communications were received, two of them as letters from one individual. The letters, gratefully received, dealt with the administration of the Sacraments by laymen and the ordination and leadership of women.

The additional communication was received from TE Robert Bayley of Calvary Church, Reseda, California, relative to the need and feasibility of his writing a paper on the Holy Spirit for the consideration of the committee. The committee at its first meeting invited him to submit such a paper at its spring meeting. The spring meeting was necessarily postponed until June with the result that this report comes to the Fifth General Assembly as a Supplemental Report.

The committee assisted the Stated Clerk in revising the Introduction and Appendix I of the modern English version of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** soon to be published as the EPC adopted version. In this regard, it is **recommended to the General Assembly** that the Declaratory Statement as attached be included as a permanent addition to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** adopted by the EPC, with asterisks at Chapter 3 and Chapter 10, Section 3 of the **W.C.F.** referring to the Declaratory Statement.

**It is further recommended** that "The Essentials of the Faith" as adopted by the Second General Assembly and subsequently amended be included in the EPC version of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** as a prefatory statement under the title, "The Essentials of the Faith."

The committee was asked by the Fourth General Assembly to study the issue of the administration of the Sacraments by those other than ordained ministers. **It is recommended** that the **Book of Worship** 3-1

be amended by (a) inserting the word "ordinarily" before the word "only" in the third sentence of 3-1, so that the sentence reads: "Ordinarily only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the Sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather in behalf of Christ and His Church."; (b) adding the following sentence after the sentence just quoted: "In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the Sacraments may be exercised by ruling elders with the consent of the Session. This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available."

The committee believes it has made significant and reasonable progress on the Preliminary Position Papers committed to it by the Fourth General Assembly:

Value and Respect for Life

Capital Punishment

Homosexuality

Pastoral Letter on Abortion

We have also made considerable progress on our responsibility to prepare a paper presenting to the Assembly in a balanced way the Scriptural viewpoints for and against the ordination of women as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders. While the limits of time have not permitted us to conclude these items in the past year, it is our belief that we can fulfill these responsibilities within an additional year. **We, therefore, recommend** to the Assembly that the Ad Interim Committee on Theology be continued for one additional year.

Believing the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit to be an area of vital concern to our EPC denomination, **the committee recommends** that the Fifth General Assembly adopt the attached Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit.

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## APPENDIX I-1

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### DECLARATORY STATEMENT\*

While the ordination vow of minister, ruling elders, and deacons, as set forth in the **Book of Government**, requires the reception and adoption of the Confession of Faith only as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, nevertheless, seeing that the desire has been formally expressed for a disavowal by the Church of certain inferences drawn from statements in the Confession of Faith, and also for a declaration of certain aspects of revealed truth which appear at the present time to call for more explicit statement, therefore the Evangelical Presbyterian Church does authoritatively declare as follows:

First, with reference to Chapter 3 of the Confession of Faith: that concerning those who are saved in Christ, the doctrine of God's eternal decree is held in harmony with the doctrine of His love to all people,<sup>1</sup> the gift of His Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world,<sup>2</sup> and His readiness to bestow His saving grace on all who seek it;<sup>3</sup> that concerning those who perish, the doctrine of God's eternal decrees is held in harmony with the doctrine that God desires not the death of any sinner,<sup>4</sup> but has provided in Christ a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and freely offered in the Gospel to all;<sup>5</sup> that all persons are fully responsible for their treatment of God's gracious offer;<sup>6</sup> that His decree hinders no one from accepting that offer;<sup>7</sup> and that no one is condemned except on the ground of his sin.<sup>8</sup>

Second, with reference to Chapter 10, Section 3 of the Confession of Faith, that it is not to be regarded as teaching that any who die in infancy are lost.<sup>9</sup> We believe that all dying in infancy are included in the election of grace and are generated and saved by Christ through the Spirit who works when and where and how He pleases.<sup>10</sup>

\*Additional interpretation of original Chapters 3 and 10

#### REFERENCES:

1. Isaiah 45:22; John 3:16; John 17:18
2. John 1:7; I John 2:2
3. I Tim. 2:4; II Peter 3:9
4. Ezek. 18:32: 33:11
5. Matt. 6:11; Rom. 10:13
6. Mark 6:11; Acts 4:12; Heb. 2:3; Heb. 10:26
7. Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; John 6:37; Luke 11:9; Rev. 22:17
8. Jer. 17:10; John 3:19; Rom. 1:18-26; Rev. 20:12
9. Matt. 18:10, 11, 14; 19:13, 14
10. Matt. 18:10; Mark 10:13, 14; Acts 2:39; John 3:8; Acts 11:15-17; I. Cor. 12:11

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## APPENDIX I-2

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### Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit

Included in the logo of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a descending dove, the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. Its presence symbolizes our commitment to the third person of the Trinity. It also raises the question, "What does the Evangelical Presbyterian Church believe about the Holy Spirit?"

In our doctrinal statement of faith called "The Essentials of the Faith," we read:

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

Our beliefs about the Holy Spirit, drawn from Scripture, are summarized in **The Westminster Confession of Faith**, where the following description of the nature of the Holy Spirit is found:

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, of the same substance and equal in power and glory, is, together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, loved, obeyed, and worshipped throughout all ages. (Chapter 34: "Of The Holy Spirit.")

Therefore, we believe the Holy Spirit to be God, just as we believe the Father and the Son to be God in the mystery of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit remains, however, the least understood of the three. God the Father has a title that helps us define Him and the Son took to Himself a body like ours. But the Holy Spirit by name seems less comprehensible to us and is therefore subject to greater misunderstanding than either the Father or the Son. How, then, does the Evangelical Presbyterian Church understand the Holy Spirit?

As previously stated, we understand Him to be fully God. His primary function in this age is to glorify Christ by reconciling lost humanity to God.

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. (**The Westminster Confession of Faith**, 34:3.)



This activity of the Holy Spirit accomplishes what Jesus declared to Nicodemus as the only means by which an individual is able to enter the Kingdom of God, through the new birth. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. . . . unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3,5)

In the new birth the Holy Spirit accomplishes several things. First, He ushers the individual into the Kingdom of God, as Jesus said. Second, He seals the believer unto the day of redemption. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

The Holy Spirit functions within the life of the believer, unfolding and expressing the life of Christ in ever deepening, life-changing ways. This is the process of sanctification by which the believer is enabled to grow in grace throughout his life time. Sanctification is never complete short of glorification. Some Christians believe sanctification begins only with "the baptism in the Holy Spirit," which must be understood as subsequent to the new birth. What is the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in this matter?

As a denomination in the Reformed tradition, we subscribe to the ancient affirmation of orthodox Christian faith, and believe in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism," (Ephesians 4:5). This baptism, while visibly expressed in the covenant sacrament that bears its name, is invisibly the work of the Spirit that takes place at the time of the new birth. Paul expresses this truth in I Corinthians 12:13 when he tells the Corinthians, ". . . we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, . . ."

Thus we hold to the concept of the baptism in or with the Holy Spirit as the act of the Spirit that takes an unregenerated individual and, through the new birth, adopts him into the family of God. All the works of the Spirit that follow, then, are because of this initial baptism, rather than separate from it.

Since Christians are called to ". . . be filled with the Spirit . . ." (Ephesians 5:18), all believers in Christ, having been baptized into His body by the Holy Spirit, should seek to know in personal experience the fulfillment of this command. We believe that Christians are called upon to proclaim "a grace that reaches out to forgive, to redeem, and to give new spiritual power to life through Jesus Christ, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit." (**Book of Worship** 1:3)

Regardless of what term is used, we recognize the deepening work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer as being both valid and necessary, producing evidences of His presence in the process. What do we believe to be these evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer?

Some would require that Christians manifest a particular gift, such as speaking in tongues, as evidence of a deeper work of the Spirit within. Others would have us believe such a gift is no longer available or accepted. As a Reformed denomination, we adhere strongly to our belief in the sovereignty of God, a belief that does not allow us to require a certain gift or restrict the Spirit in how He will work. Rather we call upon all Christians to open their lives unto God's Spirit to fill, empower, and use as He sees fit.

The Holy Spirit is evidenced, then, in part through the giving of spiritual gifts. Some of these gifts are listed in I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4. Our position with regard to the gifts is best summarized in the publication, "Questions Most Often Asked About The Evangelical Presbyterian Church," where we read:

Q. How does the EPC view the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

A. The EPC affirms the gifts of God's Spirit as Biblically valid for today, and counsels that they be exercised under the guidance of God's Word and the authority of the local session. Since the Holy Spirit is the source of Christian unity, we must ever guard against any use of the gifts which would lead to division within the church. We also affirm the priority of the fruit of the Spirit over the gifts in the Christian life.

Because of our affirming of the validity of spiritual gifts in the church today, we are sometimes asked if we are a "charismatic" denomination? The publication just referred to answers this question as well.

Q. Is the EPC charismatic?

A. If you mean are we pentecostal, the answer is no. If you mean are we open to the {gifts} of the Holy Spirit, the answer is yes.

We believe that the word "charismatic" should not be limited to specific manifestations of the work of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues, but it does refer to the fact that every Christian receives a gift or gifts from the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:7, 11) Paul shows us in Romans 6:23, where he states that "... the wages of sin is death, but the gift (charism) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,"

that all who are born again, receiving the gift of life in Jesus Christ are by virtue of this gift "charismatic," in the broadest sense of the word. (Ephesians 4:7)

What is the purpose of the work of the Holy Spirit? Obviously, it is to bring individuals to new life in Christ for their own sake, but it does not end there. When Jesus spoke of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower His followers individually and the church corporately on the day of Pentecost, He said that the Spirit's power would have a purpose: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses. . . to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Because of this primary function of the Holy Spirit, to bring men and women to saving faith in Christ, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church sees the evangelization of the world as an urgent priority:

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. ("The Essentials of the Faith")

Basic to all we have said here is our conviction that all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit (II Timothy 3:16), and that He illumines our minds to understand the truths of God's Word. (John 14:26; 16:13)

What does the Evangelical Presbyterian Church believe about the Holy Spirit?

- We believe that He is God, one with the Father and the Son.
- We believe that He is the inspirer of Scripture and enlightener of the believer.
- We believe that His primary function in this age is to bring lost humanity to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the new birth.
- We believe that subsequent to the new birth and because of it He manifests the life of Christ in the believer in a variety of ways that include both fruits and gifts.
- We believe that the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the believer to enable God's people to do what otherwise they could not do, namely, fulfill the Great Commission through missions and world evangelization and build up the Body of Christ on earth.

To these basic beliefs about the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves. We invite others of like mind and spirit to join us, to the end that on the day of His appearing "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Amen.

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# APPENDIX J

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## **Rules for Assembly As Amended by 5th General Assembly**

### **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 Meetings**

- 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 for 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, chairmen of the Assembly committees, or any commissioner request clarification of Assembly business.
- 4-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.
- 4-7 The Stated Clerk shall have surveillance over denominational archives and historical documents on behalf of the General Assembly, and shall be responsible for the right of access to such documents.

## **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, permanent committees and special committees shall make annual reports. Such reports shall be transmitted to the Stated Clerk by May 1. These reports shall be referred to the commissioners by the Clerk by June 1.
- 7-2 All ad interim committees shall make full reports in writing with the rationale for all recommendations included therein, and such reports shall be mailed to all commissioners at least two weeks prior to the convening of the Assembly.

## **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 Outreach — concerning world missions
  - 3. Church Development — concerning home missions and evangelism
  - 4. Christian Education & 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 appreciation
  - 9. Overtures and Resolutions — concerning communications
- 8-2 The Moderator will appoint the chairman 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 the 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 to approve those items referred shall be reported back to the Assembly with reasons.
- 8-6 Minutes of the corresponding permanent committee shall be submitted to the Assembly committee for review.
- 8-7 Information presentation of some special aspects of work reported by a particular Assembly committee shall be limited to five (5) 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 chairman of committee and thereafter given to Stated Clerk for permanent record.
  3. Presented to the Assembly during docketed time by chairman or designate.
- 8-10 No partial report of an Assembly committee shall be presented without consent of the Assembly.



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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 to the Stated Clerk, one for his permanent file and one to be mailed to the Stated Clerk of the 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.
  7. **Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes**
    - a. Date, time, place of meeting. Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year (BOG, 16-17, **Minutes**, 1981). Minutes should reflect names of Ruling & Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.

- b. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.
- c. Declaration of quorum (BOG, 16-18).
- d. Accurate record of motions passed and actions taken (BOG, 16-19)
- e. Minutes should be typed with complete sentences correct spelling, and bound in hard cover.
- f. Minutes signed by Stated Clerk and Moderator.
- g. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of candidates received and dismissed.
- h. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of ministers received and dismissed including proper examination procedures leading to ordination and/or installation.
- i. Record of approved pastoral calls and any changes in calls and the granting of permission to labor outside the bounds of presbytery (BOG 16-16.A)
- j. Minutes must reflect an annual review of sessional records.
- k. Minutes must reflect establishing, dissolving, dividing, uniting, receiving, and dismissing of churches (BOG 16-16.E).
- l. Minutes must reflect observation of and carrying out of General Assembly injunctions and instructions.
- m. Overtures to the General Assembly must be recorded.
- n. Minutes will reflect any judicial cases before presbytery and the disposition thereof in accordance with the **Book of Discipline**.
- o. Minutes will include all minutes of presbytery appointed commissions.
- p. Minutes should include annual approved presbytery budget and related financial reports.
- q. Minutes should include annual presbytery statistical reports.

## 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 chairmen of other permanent committees. The chairmen from other committees shall be advisory members and have voice but no vote.
- c. Function 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
    - Personnel 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 committees.

## **2. Committee on Christian Education**

- a. To be composed of six members, to elect own chairman.
- 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 an accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these Minutes filed with the Office of the State Clerk of the General Assembly." Duties of the PJC described in the **Book of Government**, Sec. 16-27.B

### **4. Committee on World Outreach**

- a. To be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the EPC Moderator and Stated Clerk to serve as 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 is to meet at least twice a year, including the General Assembly.

### **5. Committee on Church Development**

- a. Membership to be nine members, including three "at large" members in order to add greater breadth and depth of experience. Chairman to be 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, chairman elected by committee
- b. Monitors and aids ministerial committees of local presbyteries
- c. Assists in placement of pastors and helps churches to find pastors

- d. Provides information on colleges and seminaries
- e. Examines extraordinary candidates
- f. Oversees theological testing.

**7. Committee on Nominations**

- a. Membership shall consist of one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder elected by each presbytery.
- b. The chairman shall be elected by committee.
- c. Duties: to serve and nominate for all Assembly committees, both permanent and standing.

**8. Committee on Fraternal Relations**

- a. Membership to consist of six members, chairman to be elected by committee.
- b. Duties: to assist the General Assembly in identifying, developing, and implementing relationships with other bodies of Christians including denominations in the Reformed tradition, ecumenical agencies (evangelical or Reformed in character) and other groups working to advance the Kingdom of God through evangelism, nurture, and service.

- 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 Each committee shall be constituted on a three year, three class structure. All members shall be Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders. Insofar as practicable, the ratio of two Ruling Elders to one Teaching Elder shall be maintained.
- 9-4 In the event of a vacancy on a permanent committee of the General Assembly, when such vacancies seriously affect the work of the committee, and upon the request of the chairman of that committee, the Committee on Administration is authorized to appoint a person to fill the vacancy of that committee. Such appointees shall serve until the following General Assembly at which time the person shall be presented to the General Assembly by the Nominating Committee for approval. Upon approval of the General Assembly, the nominees shall then be approved for the terms and class according to the vacancy being filled.
- 9-5 A majority of a permanent committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 9-6 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 Administration Committee may assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.

## **XI. Parliamentary Procedure**

- 11-1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in these *Rules*, **Robert's Rules of Order** shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.
- 11-2 In presenting the report of a committee, the chairman 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." (Procedure known as "Short Form of Voting.")
- 11-5 Procedure in debating a question:
  - 1. The committee chairman may answer questions concerning the report addressed through the Moderator.
  - 2. The chairman 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 additional five (5) minutes.
  - 5. Debate shall be free, open, and responsible with equal time being given to proponents insofar as possible.

- 11-6 All motions should be presented in writing and read before vote is taken.

## **XII. Amendment or Suspension of Rules**

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

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# APPENDIX K

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## Descending Overtures Sent to the Presbyteries from the 4th General Assembly

### **Overture 84-A** on Local Church Representation

Shall the **Book of Government** §2-3 (The Government of the Church) be amended by deleting the sentence below and substituting the following: "The basis of representation to General Assembly shall be the same as representation to presbytery."

Present wording recommended for deletion: "The General Assembly shall consist of representatives from each presbytery, two Ruling Elders and one Teaching Elder for each 2000 members or part thereof."

YES

NO

Presbytery of the Central South  
Presbytery of the East  
Presbytery of the Far West  
Presbytery of the Midwest  
Presbytery of the Southeast  
Presbytery of the West

### **Overture 84-B** on Local Church Representation

Shall the **Book of Government**, §16-14 (The Organizational Structure of the Church: The Presbytery) be amended by changing in the last sentence the word "less" to "fewer" and adding the word "major" between the words "or" and "portion."

#### **Present Wording**

"In any case, a particular church shall have no less than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or portion thereof."

#### **Proposed Wording**

"In any case, a particular church shall have no fewer than two Ruling Elders for each 500 members or major portion thereof."

YES

NO

Presbytery of the Central South  
Presbytery of the East  
Presbytery of the Far West  
Presbytery of the Midwest  
Presbytery of the Southeast  
Presbytery of the West



### **Overture 84-C on Local Church Representation**

Shall the **Book of Government**, §16-20 (The Organizational Structure of the Church: The General Assembly) be amended by deleting the last sentence below and substituting the following:

#### **Present Wording**

"It is composed of Commissioners elected by the Presbyteries, one Minister and two Ruling Elders for each 2000 members or part thereof."

#### **Proposed Wording**

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

YES

NO

Presbytery of the Central South  
Presbytery of the East  
Presbytery of the Far West  
Presbytery of the Midwest  
Presbytery of the Southeast  
Presbytery of the West

### **Overture 84-D on Elder Ratio**

Shall the **Book of Government**, §2-3 (The Government of the Church) and §16-14 (The Organizational Structure of the Church: The Presbytery) be amended by adding the following at the end of each section:

"When a disproportionate ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders occurs in a presbytery, the presbytery will move to correct the ratio by suggesting to member churches on a yearly alphabetical rotational basis that they have the right to appoint an additional elder to the presbytery. The presbytery shall on this basis invite churches to add one additional Ruling Elder until this disparity is corrected."

YES

NO

Presbytery of the Central South  
Presbytery of the East  
Presbytery of the Far West  
Presbytery of the Midwest  
Presbytery of the Southeast  
Presbytery of the West

# APPENDIX L-1



INSTITUTO MACKENZIE  
SÃO PAULO—BRASIL



September 20, 1984.

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Our Church invites the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to send a representative - or a delegation - to be present at the next meeting of our Committee for Intereclesiastical Relations, as well as for the meeting of the Executive Committee of our General Assembly.

The Committee for Intereclesiastical Relations will meet in São Paulo City, February 2, 1985 at 10 a.m.; the address is Rua Demostenes, 717, São Paulo, 04614, S.P., Brazil.

The Executive Committee will meet in Goiânia, Goiás, February 4, 1985, at 8 p.m.

If you are able to come, we offer you a schedule in São Paulo, for the Sunday, February 3 that might give you some idea of our Presbyterian work here; the same would happen in Goiânia, out West. And since Goiânia is not far away from Brasília, you might have a chance of seeing this city; then, if you wish, 5 (five) of you could go to the Amazon area, spend there from February 8 to February 11, seeing 4 (four) different stations of our Board of National Missions. The 5 people limit, in this trip, is due to the limited capacity of the Missionary Air Fellowship's plane that would be used. If any of your group must be left back, we will provide a schedule for him.

From the Amazon you would want to come back to Goiânia and fly from Goiânia to Rio, and from Rio back to the United States.

We will be happy to make all of your hotel reservations, (even though, I'm sorry to say it, you would pay for them), as well as to provide local transportation in São Paulo, Goiânia and the Amazon area. I wonder if in Brasília it might not be wiser for you to buy one or more tours, at the Hotel's desk.

The plane's round trip from Goiânia to the Amazon area will cost you US\$1,100.00 for 5 people; the pilot can interpret for you in the stations.

Your tickets from the States might be: US - São Paulo - Goiânia - Brasília - Goiânia - Rio - US. Or, you can buy US- São Paulo - US, with a stop over in Rio, on your return trip. Then you would buy all your local tickets here.

Kindly, let me know what your wishes are.

Very fraternally,

  
Rev. Bonneres Ribeiro

## APPENDIX L-2



### INSTITUTO MACKENZIE

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TELEGRAMAS: COLLEMACK

April 8, 1985.

Mr. L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2312 Monroe Street  
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48124  
U. S. A.

Dear Ed:

One of the best things that happened in our Church was the visit we had of the Evangelical Presbyterian delegation, last February.

Elijah must have been a very lonesome man, till the Lord told him there were 7.000 more in Israel.

Our risk, for some years, has been that kind of feeling.

I think that now our Church knows better.

As for a possible cooperation between our Churches, the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil approved what we discussed with you: our Inter-Church Committee is authorized to proceive, if your Church agrees to that, in exploring with you these possible lines of cooperation in Brazil:

1. - Theological Education, at the level of Master's and Doctor's degrees. Library of the S. Paulo Seminary, and related projects agreeable to both Churches

As for the Master's and Doctor's program, our Church is ready to supply living quarters for professors coming from the United States as well as meals with the students in the month of classes. We wonder if they could come during their American vacation, with travel expenses paid by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

We have had classes in July and January/or February.

2. - Presbyterian Church, USA, missionaries planing to stay in Brazil working with our Church, if we recomend them and your Church can support them and is willing to do it.

3. - National Missions - we can consolidate and expand our work in the Amazon Basin, if we get some more resources.

Now, if these lines of work; or one of them; or some other ones are agreeable to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, please let us know

Very sincerely,

Rev. Boanerges Ribeiro

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## APPENDIX L-3

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C. Ronald Beard  
Principal Clerk  
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THE GENERAL SYNOD  
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
October 31, 1984



The Rev. Mr. L. Edward Davis  
Stated Clerk Evangelical Pres. Church  
2312 Monroe St.  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Dear Mr. Davis:

I must begin this letter with an apology for not contacting you at an earlier date. We have had some confusion as to who should notify you concerning the matter of fraternal relations between our two denominations which was approached as a part of the Interchurch Committee report to our 1984 General Synod meeting.

On Wednesday, June 13 at the meeting of the 180th General Synod, the following recommendation of the Interchurch Relations Committee was adopted at the evening session:

"That fraternal relations be established with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and that they be added to the above list."  
(The list consisting of churches with whom we will exchange fraternal delegates.)

I hope that the delay in confirmation of this matter has not been an inconvenience for you. We look forward to our continuing relationship.

Sincerely,

C.R. Beard

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## APPENDIX L-4

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### The General Synod



### ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 12, 1984

Rev. L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
2312 Monroe St.  
Dearborn, Mich. 48124

Dear Mr. Davis:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Savior and Head of the Church.

I am writing to explain changes in our procedure for sending and receiving fraternal delegates as approved at the 1984 meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The policy adopted specifies that "the A.R.P. Church exchange delegates in alternate years with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches member churches in our basic geographic area and with the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council family of churches" as well as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This action was taken to provide closer contact between our denominations while lessening the expenses involved.

Our Committee on Inter-Church Relations has proposed that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church be invited to send a fraternal delegate to the 1986 meeting of our General Synod, held at our Bonclarken Assembly Grounds, Flat Rock, North Carolina. If this is an acceptable proposal, then we hope it might be agreeable for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to send a representative to the 1985 meeting of your general assembly.

I look forward to hearing your denomination's response with respect to these matters and pray that all that is done will result in the strengthening of God's kingdom in this world.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. C. Ronald Beard, Principal Clerk

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## APPENDIX L-5

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### Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2312 MONROE STREET • DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48124  
TELEPHONE 313/562-2300

OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK

October, 1984

The Reverend Dr. Edmond Perret, General Secretary  
150 Route de Ferney  
1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I am pleased to convey to you the action of our recent 4th General Assembly concerning our interest in membership within the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Following a considerable study of the World Alliance by our Fraternal Relations Committee, a favorable recommendation was conveyed to the General Assembly and the appropriate excerpt of the 4th General Assembly Minutes reads as follows:

"On unanimous motion the Assembly instructs the Stated Clerk to make application for membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches on behalf of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church."

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church as described by the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches is "a conservative renewal outgrowth of the UPCUSA originating during 1979-80 and later joined by some PCUS churches. Initially convening as a fellowship, the EPC was established as a denomination in March, 1981, at its Constituting Convention in St. Louis, MO. Its members are evangelical in spirit and stand firmly within the historic Reformed tradition."

The EPC currently has over 75 member churches and constituent membership approaching 24,000.

I shall continue to rely on the guidance of your North American Secretary, the Reverend Dr. James E. Andrews, as to proper procedure for presenting this application. It is the hope of both our Fraternal Relations Committee and the General Assembly that most favorable consideration will be granted this request at the earliest possible time.

In the name of Christ our Lord,

L. Edward Davis  
Stated Clerk

cc: The Reverend Dr. James E. Andrews, North American Secretary

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## **APPENDIX M**

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**Cooperative Church Planting Enterprise  
for  
Establishment of a Prospective Flagship Church  
in  
Peachtree Corners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Cooperative Venture of the Presbytery of the Southeast and  
The General Assembly — Church Development Committee

Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
June 17, 1985

## **I. Rationale**

- A. A flagship church is a church which has the ability to mother other churches. Therefore, in philosophy, in potential strength, as well as location, it must be fostered with this goal in mind.
- B. Nesbitt indicates there will continue to be the growth of metropolitan areas in the south, southwest, and west. The EPC has presently little or no presence in many of these key areas. It is essential for us to use a flagship strategy if we are to become a truly national denomination.
- C. The examples of strength we have exhibited as a denomination in the metropolitan Detroit and metropolitan Denver areas provide ample testimony to the viability of the flagship concept. Intentionally or unintentionally, Ward EPC in Livonia (metropolitan Detroit area) and Faith Presbyterian Church in Aurora (metropolitan Denver area), in addition to their own growth started seven additional congregations. The approximate number of members and/or church attendance on Sunday morning for these new churches (all begun within the last three years) is over 3,000 or roughly fifteen percent of the total membership of the denomination.

## **II. Reasons for Project Atlanta**

- A. Greater Atlanta is one of the fastest growing metro/areas in the United States. The area designated for the flagship church, Peachtree Corners, is in the fastest growing county in the U.S., bar none.
- B. We have had the initiation of the Presbytery of the Southeast in formulating the desire and plan for such a project.
- C. The Presbytery and the General Assembly made Tom Musselman available to us a Presbytery Evangelist. Tom's commitment and expertise will be invaluable in the launching of this new work.
- D. The Protestant and unchurched people movement in this area is apparent. The Perimeter Church (PCA) is located in the general vicinity and has a major vision of planting a number of churches in a unique collegiate of churches. While some churches are already established and on a fast growth track, the area is far from saturated with an evangelical presence.
- E. There are several people who have indicated a willingness to be involved in such a project. These are former members from Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and others who have demonstrated interest (approximately 20 in all).



### **III. The understanding of the cooperative nature of the project.**

- A. By definition "a cooperative church planting project is a unique church planting effort which equally employs leadership, planning and funding resources of both judicatories sharing jurisdiction."
- B. The Steering Commission will have delegated authority from the two judicatories, the General Assembly and Presbytery of the Southeast. The two judicatories will be represented by two persons serving from their respective Church Development Committees.

### **IV. The Rights of the Steering Commission**

- A. It shall have the delegated authority of the two judicatories it represents  
re: Flagship Atlanta.
- B. It shall have full oversight of the project while it is a mission church. This includes funding, programs, meeting place and personnel.
- C. The church shall be organized only when there shall be at least two hundred worshipping adherents and at least one hundred fifty willing to sign the organizing charter.
- D. The Steering Commission shall serve only for a period of two years or until such time as the mission church shall become an organized church of the Presbytery of the Southeast.
- E. The Steering Commission may serve for a maximum of one year after organization as advisory (only by joint request of Presbytery and Church).
- F. Should two years expire without the measurement criteria being met — one of the following recommendations will be made (1) The project be given one more year to meet criteria (2) The project will be aborted as a flagship.  
The concurrence of both judicatories is needed for the project to continue.

### **V. The Process for Establishing a Flagship Church**

- a. A plan of operation to be submitted to the Steering Commission by the organizing pastor.
- B. Establishment of a core group which shall be called the Mission Church Coordinating Committee.

- C. Philosophy of ministry to be worked out by organizing Pastor and Mission Church Coordinating Committee.
- D. Criteria for public beginning of ministry and constitution as a Mission Church include:
  - 1. Suitable core group size
  - 2. Proper understanding of community
  - 3. Suitable meeting place (location)
  - 4. Ability to provide full service church
- E. Goals to be established before the beginning of public ministry. The goals will be set by the Mission Church Coordinating Committee and then reviewed and approved by the Steering Commission.
  - 1. Growth goals
  - 2. Building goals
  - 3. Financial goals

#### **VI. Criteria for measuring progress by Steering Commission**

- A. Ability to meet the above process
- B. The measurement will be made on the basis of mutually accepted goals.
- C. Prior to establishment of the ministry, the down side risks need to be looked at carefully.
  - 1. Phased out funding by Presbytery and General Assembly.
  - 2. Minimal expectations of growth.
  - 3. Criteria for aborting the project/changing location/replacing leadership personnel.

# APPENDIX N

## Administration Budget

A/C		1984 Budget	1984 End of Year	1985 Budget	1985 Year To Date	1986
	<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
502	Executive Staff Salaries	37,450.00	36,989.95	36,510.00	9,127.50	39,535.00
504	Office Staff Salaries	11,000.00	20,304.59	22,020.00	5,303.75	26,500.00
506	Exec. Staff Insurance & Pension	6,741.00	7,140.35	7,200.00	2,534.96	10,132.00
508	Exec. Staff Car Allowance	2,500.00	3,048.00	5,400.00	1,350.00	5,400.00
510	Staff Study Leave Allowance	500.00	497.83	500.00	46.35	500.00
512	Staff Travel & Entertainment	6,000.00	5,898.00	7,011.00	140.95	6,000.00
514	Executive Travel [Moderator, Clerk]	20,000.00	8,336.92	20,000.00	3,259.64	20,000.00
516	Taxes & Insurance	4,092.00	4,847.11	7,100.00	1,534.10	8,000.00
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
520	Contingencies	3,000.00	3,522.54	2,000.00	708.78	3,000.00
522	Telephone	5,500.00	6,486.74	5,500.00	1,868.92	7,500.00
524	Office Supplies	2,000.00	3,973.50	3,000.00	634.30	3,500.00
526	Printing & Promotion	20,000.00	15,812.37	20,000.00	5,133.03	20,000.00
528	Postage	3,500.00	3,601.61	3,500.00	1,326.13	5,000.00
530	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	2,856.00	1,500.00	471.00	2,000.00
532	Financial Audit	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-	3,000.00
534	Professional Fees	2,000.00	1,510.00	1,800.00	451.20	1,800.00
536	Miscellaneous	3,000.00	1,750.78	3,000.00	536.94	3,000.00
	<b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</b>					
540	Office Rental	6,500.00	5,820.00	7,000.00	1,455.00	7,000.00
542	Insurance	1,000.00	223.00	1,500.00	229.00	1,500.00
544	Utilities	1,000.00	534.06	500.00	103.96	500.00
546	Office Development	3,000.00	3,311.57	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00
	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>					
550	Committee Travel — Meetings	16,000.00	15,501.42	20,000.00	1,561.59	20,000.00
552	General Assembly Administration	5,000.00	10,126.42	7,000.00	620.83	7,000.00
554	Church Develop. Resource / Training	12,500.00	11,902.99	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00
556	Fraternal Relations			3,000.00	3,225.21	3,500.00
	<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>					
560	Presbytery Development	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	19.50	3,500.00
566	Leadership Development	1,000.00	933.66	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>180,283.00</b>	<b>180,929.41</b>	<b>200,041.00</b>	<b>41,642.64</b>	<b>216,327.00</b>

**Benevolence Askings  
5th General Assembly**

**CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

Project Atlanta	\$ 50,000
Presbytery Projects	50,000
Staff Development	<u>50,000</u>
	150,000

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS**

Resource Center	2,500
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**WORLD OUTREACH**

Brazil	\$ 70,000
Urban/Ethnic	80,000
India (BFI)	50,000
WO Development*	<u>100,000</u>
	400,000

**TOTAL PROPOSED  
BENEVOLENCE BUDGET \$552,500**

- \*a. WO exec. director, salary, and expenses
- b. publications, audio-visuals, etc.
- c. policy manual completion

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St. Louis, MI 63135  
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### **Permanent Judicial Commission**

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Littleton, CO 80121  
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# PART III

## Directory

### CHURCHES AND MINISTERS (1986)

(Affiliate churches, noted by an asterisk, are independent churches whose pastors are members of EPC presbyteries.)

#### Alabama

First Presbyterian Church  
208 E. Horner  
**Atmore, AL 36502**  
Rev. Lanier Ellis  
205/368-5453

#### Arizona

Christ's EPC  
2640 N. Dobson Road  
**Chandler, AZ 58224**  
Rev. Douglas M. Van Gaalen (Lisa)  
602/963-1681  
New Covenant Church  
P.O. Box 41805  
**Tucson, AZ 85717**  
Rev. Stephen Jennings  
602/323-8665

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds or Without Call*

Timm Jackson (Karen)  
3201 South Terrace  
**Tempe, AZ 85282**  
602/894-2201  
Rev. Clyde Reed (Ann)  
6638 E. Larkspur Dr.  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85254**  
602/483-3618

#### Arkansas

Faith EPC  
1030 S. College Ave.  
**Fayetteville, AR 72701**  
Rev. Paul A. Westberg (Marlene)  
501/443-3641

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds or Without Call*  
Rev. Glenn H. Hickman (Lila),  
Retired  
5900 S. Y Street  
**Ft. Smith, AR 72905**  
501/452-7477

#### California

Thai Christian Ministries  
10035 E. Washington Street  
**Bellflower, CA 90706**  
Rev. Yongut Fugatisud (Patama)  
213/591-7549  
Community Church of Del Mar  
P.O. Box 962  
**Del Mar, CA 92014**  
Rev. Robert A. Stauffer (Deborah)  
619/755-0839  
Hemet Valley Presbyterian  
Church  
23895 Kirby  
**Hemet-San Jacinto, CA 92382**  
Rev. Theodore Kline (Jean)  
714/654-3981  
Santa Maria Community Church  
210 W. Fesler  
**Santa Maria, CA 93454**  
Rev. James E. Brown, Jr. (Judy)  
805/928-7622

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds or Without Call*

Rev. Bruce Ferry  
831-B W. Walnut Ave.  
**Monrovia, CA 91016**  
818/359-8636

Rev. Rocky McElveen  
19103 Bechard  
**Cerritos, CA 90701**  
213/402-2390

### **Colorado**

Covenant Community  
Presbyterian Church  
15200 E. Girard #2700  
**Aurora, CO 80014**  
Rev. Darryl "Bud" Sparling (Carol)  
Rev. Craig Babb (Debbie)  
303/699-2271  
(Meets at Trails West  
Elementary School)

Faith Presbyterian Church  
11373 E. Alameda Ave.  
**Aurora, CO 80012**  
Rev. James Morrisson (Beth)  
Rev. Mark Moore (Nancy)  
Rev. Fred Stifel (Gail)  
Rev. Les Felker (Gloria)  
303/364-7271

Bear Creek EPC  
3101 S. Kipling St.  
**Denver, CO 80227**  
303/986-5511  
Rev. Calvin Gray (Gloria)

Cherry Creek Presbyterian  
Church  
10150 E. Belleview Ave.  
**Englewood, CO 80110**  
Rev. Mark A. Brewer (Carolyn)  
Rev. Gary G. Reddish  
Rev. Gary Wooley (Ann)  
303/779-9909

Cherry Hills Community Church  
3651 S. Colorado Blvd.  
**Englewood, CO 80110**  
Dr. James Dixon (Barbara)  
Rev. Robert L. Beltz (Allison)  
Rev. Dick Savidge  
303/781-0091

Christ Fellowship Church  
4025 S. Mason  
**Ft. Collins, CO 80525**  
Rev. Ed G. Davis (Donna)  
303/223-0682

Family of Faith  
9810 W. Belleview  
**Littleton, CO 80123**  
Rev. George Kirsten (Glenda)  
Rev. Chris Miller  
303/972-4904  
(Meets at Columbine Hills  
Elementary School)

Trinity EPC  
90 E. Orchard Ave.  
**Littleton, CO 80120**  
Rev. Fred V. Lian (Kerrie)  
Rev. Dan E. Hiatt (Evelyn)  
303/798-6387

Faith Evangelical Church  
2707 North Wilson Avenue  
**Loveland, CO 80537**  
Dr. James E. Murphy (Barbie)  
Rev. Duncan R. Howard  
303/663-0522

Parker Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1262  
**Parker, CO 80137**  
Rev. Wayne Peterson (Barbara)  
303/841-2125

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds or Without Call*

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\*Korean Presbyterian Church  
2748 E. Pikes Peak Ave.  
**Colorado Springs, CO 80909**  
303/634-2258

Rev. Richard Van Pelt  
2002 S. Lafayette  
**Denver, CO 80216**  
303/778-1095

Rev. Young J. Woo  
\*Korea Dae-Sin Pres. Church  
of Denver  
1420 Zenia #106  
**Denver, CO 80220**  
303/322-2980  
(Meets at Faith Pres. Aurora)

Rev. Frank Meyer  
1301 Leawood St.  
**Fort Collins, CO 80525**  
303/223-6187

Rev. Robert Lodwick (Bernice)  
12289 W. Dakota Dr.  
**Lakewood, CO 80228**  
303/986-3551

Rev. Christ Smith (Sharon)  
12434 W. Florida Dr.  
**Lakewood, CO 80228**  
303/986-3051

Rev. Joy C. O'Halloran  
7065 S. Gray Ct.  
**Littleton, CO 80123**  
303/973-6544

Rev. Robert Mossman (Bev)  
9860 W. 35th St.  
**Wheatridge, CO 80033**  
303/237-4250

### **Connecticut**

*Minister Without Call or  
Laboring Out of Bounds*

Rev. Dale N. Barry  
39 Garden Street  
**Enfield, CT 06082**

### **Florida**

Eastside Presbyterian Church  
7914 Richwood Drive  
**Orlando, FL 32817**  
Rev. Calvin Vermeire (Doris)

Trinity EPC  
574 NW Fairfax  
**Port St. Lucie, FL 33452**  
Rev. Robert Garment (Mary)  
305/879-0631

Christ's Covenant Church  
902 Busch Blvd. W., Suite 106  
**Tampa, FL 33612**  
Rev. Woody Johnson (Reville)  
813/935-8275

### **Georgia**

New Covenant Community  
Church  
5262 Peachtree Rd.  
**Atlanta, GA 30341**

Evangelical Presbyterian  
Fellowship  
Rev. Thomas L. Musselman (Alice)  
951 Arlington Drive  
**Tucker, GA 30084**  
404/938-2823

First Presbyterian Church  
101 E. Third Ave.  
**Rome, GA 30161**  
Dr. James Van Dyke (Rosemary)  
Rev. Stephen Wilkinson (Suzanne)  
404/291-6033

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds or Without Call*

Rev. Donald Herwick (Mary Jane)  
2361 Cajon Drive  
**Marietta, GA 30066**  
404/424-7911

Chaplain, Capt. Steven E. Barrett  
(Carolyn)  
2853 AFB/HC  
**Robins AFB GA 31098**  
912/929-2825

## Illinois

Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 653 Route 146 East  
**Anna, IL 62906**  
Rev. Thomas Shields (Cindy)  
618/833-5225

### *Minister Laboring Out of Bounds or Without Call*

Peyton Marshall (Cappi)  
Minister of Counselling  
Christ Church of Oak Brook  
1190 Parker Ave.  
**Downers Grove, IL 60516**

A.J. Grant (Hope)  
114 N. Dorchester  
**Wheaton, IL 60187**

Rev. Philip Muir (Margaret)  
1400 B. Woodcutter Lane  
**Wheaton, IL 60187**  
312/665-2074

## Indiana

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Box 638  
**Columbia City, IN 46725**  
Rev. Lawrence Schmoekel (Ann)  
291/244-5494

## Iowa

Westkirk Presbyterian Church  
7032 Holcomb Ave.  
**Des Moines, IA 50332**  
Rev. Wayne Hoffman  
515/270-1111

## Kentucky

Winchester Presbyterian Church  
c/o Dr. Nancy Peel  
205 W. Lexington  
**Winchester, KY 40391**  
(Pulpit vacant)

## Louisiana

First Presbyterian Church  
Box 784  
**Houma, LA 70361**  
Rev. Bill Lindner  
504/873-8136

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 3215  
**Shreveport, LA 71133-3215**  
Rev. Donald M. VanDyke (Carole)

Zachary Presbyterian Church  
4455 Church St. Box 314  
**Zachary, LA 70791**  
Rev. David Hicks  
504/654-2972

### *Ministers Laboring Out of Bounds or Without Call*

Dr. Robert G. Balnicky (Annette)  
Box 57435  
**New Orleans, LA 70157**  
504/897-0512

## Maryland

Dundalk Presbyterian Church  
Merritt & Stansbury Road  
**Baltimore, MD 21222**  
Pulpit Vacant  
301/284-2743

Christian Covenant Church  
14800 Physician's Lane #231 & 233  
**Rockville, MD 20850**  
Dr. Eddy I. Swieson (Deborah)  
301/424-3889

### *Ministers Laboring Out of Bounds or Without Call*

Rev. Robert K. Shaffer, Sr. (Jane)  
1816 Vista Lane  
**Timonium, MD 21093**  
301/252-0425

## **Michigan**

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 7269

### **Ann Arbor, MI 48107**

Pastor Philip Tiews (Barbara)  
313/662-6891

Cornerstone EPC  
510 W. Grand River

### **Brighton, MI 48116**

Rev. Timothy Brewer (Elizabeth)  
Meeting at  
Maltby Middle School  
313/227-9411

Military Avenue Presbyterian  
Church

1002 N. Military Avenue

### **Detroit, MI 48209**

(Pulpit Vacant)  
313/842-7188

Grace Chapel  
23233 Drake Road

### **Farmington Hills, MI 48024**

Rev. Douglas L. Klein (Carol)  
Rev. John Patterson (Mary Ellen)  
313/474-0151

Calvary Presbyterian Church  
6100 Richfield Road

### **Flint, MI 48506**

Rev. Harold K. Polk (Karla)  
Rev. Phillip Burch (Carolyn)

Lake City EPC  
P.O. Box 829

### **Lake City, MI 49651**

Rev. Paul A. Brown (Mai)  
616/839-2948

Ward Presbyterian Church  
17000 Farmington Road

### **Livonia, MI 48154**

Dr. Bartlett L. Hess (Margaret)  
Dr. Robert O. Woodburn (Barbara)  
Rev. Willard L. Davis (Rosemary)

Rev. John B. Crimmins III (Debbie)  
Rev. Greg Hauenstein (Jane)  
Rev. Andrew Morgan (Gwen)  
Rev. Thomas Burbridge (Janet)  
Rev. Harold Edmonds (Jackie)  
Rev. Brian Tweedie (Debbie)  
313/422-1150

Knox Presbyterian Church  
25700 Crocker Blvd.

### **Mt. Clemens, MI 48045**

Rev. George Woodcock (Miriam)  
313/469-8500

Mt. Pleasant Community Church  
1400 Broomfield Rd.

### **Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

Rev. Malcolm Brown (Marjorie)  
517/773-3641

Community EPC  
Suite 208 Matthews Building  
308 W. Main

### **Owosso, MI 48867**

Rev. Donald Galardi, (Diedre)  
517/725-6930

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd.

### **Plymouth, MI 48170**

Rev. William C. Moore (Cindy)  
Rev. William T. Branham (Kirsten)  
313/459-9550

Oakland Avenue Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church  
404 Oakland Avenue

### **Pontiac, MI 48058**

Rev. Paul R. Moon (Marie)  
Rev. Kurt Gebhard (Elaine)  
313/858-2577

Faith EPC

1000 W. University Blvd. #205

### **Rochester, MI 48063**

Dr. Wallace Hostetter (Linda)  
313/651-4910

Fellowship EPC  
22200 Pontiac Trail, Box 102  
**South Lyon, MI 48178**  
Rev. Carlton Baker (Harriet)  
313/437-4216

First Presbyterian Church  
2799 West Road  
**Trenton, MI 48183**  
Rev. Ian Leslie, AP (Deborah)  
313/437-4216

### **Mississippi**

\*Unity Presbyterian Church  
515 Lehmberg Road  
**Columbus, MS 39701**  
Rev. Robert T. Wilbur (Barbara)  
601/328-3882

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Police Academy  
**Laurel, MS 39440**  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Louisville Presbyterian Church  
North Church Avenue  
P.O. Box 506  
**Louisville, MS 39339**  
Rev. Bill McCaskill (Cindy)  
601/773-5647

Northside EPC  
4927 Third Place, P.O. Box 3447  
**Meridan, MS 39305**  
(Pulpit Vacant)

*Ministers Without Call or  
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Rev. Charles Skinner (Patsy)  
Route 1, Box 19, Bozeman Road  
**Madison, MS 39110**  
601/856-7362

### **Missouri**

Central Presbyterian Church  
7700 Davis Drive  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**

Dr. Andrew A. Jumper (Sydney)  
Dr. William M. Flannagan (Joyce)  
Rev. S. Donald Fortson, Jr. (Mae)  
Dr. Robert G. Bayley (Ruth)  
Rev. John Splinter, (Marcia)  
314/727-2777

*Ministers Without Call or  
Laboring Out of Bounds*

Dr. George Scotchmer  
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**Pasadena, MO 63121**  
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### **New Hampshire**

*Minister Without Call*

Dr. Dean Wolf, Retired  
P.O. Box 5756  
**Manchester, NH 03108**  
606/623-1124

### **New Jersey**

Ashland EPC  
33 E. Evesham Ave.  
**Voorhees, NJ 08043**  
Rev. C. Lowry Horner (Grace)  
609/429-3614

### **New Mexico**

Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
10231 Magid NW  
**Albuquerque, NM 87123**  
Dr. Roy Howes (Judy)  
505/897-3002

### **New York**

\*Faith Evangelical Church  
Osborne & Stewart Ave.  
**Garden City, NY 11530**  
Dr. David Bucci (Marion)  
516/746-1820

\*Denotes Affiliate Church



\*Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Route 1, Box 48  
**Montgomery, NY 12549**  
Rev. Richard Alberta (Donna)  
Rev. Stewart Pohlman (Joan)  
914/457-5959

First Love EPC  
c/o Mr. Charles Ross, Clerk  
195 Oak Neck Drive  
**W. Islip, NY 11795**

### **North Carolina**

Cramerton Presbyterian Church  
152 8th Ave.  
**Cramerton, NC 28032**  
(Pulpit Vacant)

Fairview Christian Fellowship  
P.O. Box 368  
**Fairview, NC 28730**  
(Pulpit Vacant)  
704/628-3468

\*Cornerstone Presbyterian Church  
136 Carl Slagle Road  
**Franklin, NC 28734**  
Rev. Ronald Odum

Grace Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1033  
**Franklin, NC 28734**  
704/369-6800  
(Pulpit Vacant)

First EPC  
P.O. Box 12656  
**Gastonia, NC 28053-6656**  
Rev. John S. Jennings (Sandra)

\*Christ Covenant Church  
1414 Cliffwood  
**Greensboro, NC 27406**  
Rev. Roger Wiles  
919/292-6325

Community Bible Church  
P.O. Box 1486  
**Highlands, NC 28731**  
Rev. Robert Bryan (Carol)  
704/526-2482

Plumtree Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 65  
**Plumtree, NC 28644**  
Rev. Wallace Wise (Janice)  
704/765-6919

Asheville EPC  
325 Warren Wilson College Rd.  
**Swannanoa, NC 28778**  
Dr. Howard Shockley (Margaret)  
704/252-7831

*Ministers Without Call or  
Laboring Out of Bounds*

Rev. Thomas W. Barker, Evangelist  
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**Montreat, NC 28757**  
704/669-7950

Rev. John Spence (Carole)  
16 West Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
704/252-1823

### **North Dakota**

*Ministers Laboring Out of  
Bounds*

Rev. Jerry Van Curler (Elizabeth)  
First Congregational Church  
**Kulm, ND 58456**  
701/647-2783

### **Ohio**

Faith EPC  
Box 143  
**Richmond, OH 43944**  
Rev. David V. Massimi (Carolyn)  
614/765-4175

\*Denotes Affiliate Church

New Hope Evangelical Church  
1913 Estelle Ave.

**Steubenville, OH 43952**

Rev. Donald D. Clark (Sharon)  
614/264-9374

Evangelical Presbyterian

Fellowship

Box 107

**Wickliffe, OH 44092**

Rev. Hugh P. Gowman (Grace)  
216/943-0476

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

2432 S. Raccoon Road

**Youngstown, Ohio 44515**

Rev. Robert E. Ralston (Eva)  
216/792-3897

**Oklahoma**

Freedom Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 55265

10110 S. 67th East Ave.

**Tulsa, OK 74155-1265**

Rev. Richard Montroy  
918/494-5751

**Pennsylvania**

Calvary Presbyterian Church

123 E. Diamond St.

**Butler, PA 16001**

(Pulpit Vacant)

412/283-6070

Oakwood Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 8092/1901 Waddle Road

**State College, PA 16803**

Dr. David L. Hadden (Lillian)

814/238-5442

North Park EPC

600 Ingomar Road

**Wexford, PA 15090**

Rev. Daniel M. Lacich (AP)

(Barbara)

412/367-5000

*Ministers Without Call or  
Laboring Out of Bounds*

Dr. Donald Hyer (Joann)

306 Parkwood Dr.

**Mars, PA 16046**

412/776-4581

**South Carolina**

First EPC

P.O. Box 146

**Chesterfield, SC 29709**

Rev. P. Alex Koval (Christine)

704/694-2774

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

3541 E. Palmetto

**Florence, SC 29501**

Rev. D. Ronald Glover (Patricia)

803/669-1945

Trinity Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 3865

**Florence, SC 29502**

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*Ministers Without Call or  
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**Roebuck, SC 29376**

803/576-6526

Rev. Jerry G. Robinson (Judy)

204 Calhoun Street

**Clover, SC 29710**

803/222-9953

**Tennessee**

\*Community Church at Bristol

6320 Old Jonesboro Road

P.O. Box 873

**Bristol, TN 37620**

615/878-3631

Dr. Don Giesmann (Sara)

\*Denotes Affiliate Church

Brainerd Presbyterian Church  
7 North Tuxedo Avenue  
**Chattanooga, TN 37411-3793**  
Rev. Ronald Ragon (Judith)  
Rev. Gary C. Record (Joan)  
615/698-3471

#### **Texas**

EPC of Amarillo  
2219 Locust St.  
**Amarillo, TX 79109**  
Rev. Robert Merriman  
806/353-1096

Calvin Presbyterian Church  
10690 Shadowwood #100  
**Houston, TX 77043**  
Rev. Robert Lane  
713/937-3810

EPC of Marshall  
403 E. Burleson  
**Marshall, TX 75670**  
Rev. Rhett Payne  
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#### *Ministers Witout Call or Out of Bounds*

Rev Gerald Kelly (Deborah)  
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1500 Wallace Blvd.  
**Amarillo, TX 79106**

Rev. Henry Grubbs (Ann)  
10690 Shadowwood #100  
**Houston, TX 77043**  
713/937-3810

#### **Virginia**

Christ Church  
6602 Degen Drive  
**Burke, VA 22015**  
Rev. L. Michael Winship (Shirley)  
703/455-2412

\*Oak Hill Bible Church  
P.O. Box 31  
**Clifton Forge, VA 24422**  
Rev. Roger L. Bush (Carol)  
703/862-7704

Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 154  
**Elkton, VA 22827**  
Rev. James B. Martin (Dee)  
703/563-9634

\*Christ Community Church  
11511 Drysdale Dr.  
**Richmond, VA 23236**  
Rev. Charles L. Hammett  
(Marilyn)  
804/276-7593

\*Church of the Living Way  
1902 Arden Road SW  
**Roanoke, VA 24015**  
Rev. Jimmie R. Hollandsworth  
(Dorothy)  
703/977-2767

Faith Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 7887  
**Roanoke, VA 24019**  
Rev. Samuel M. Harris (Sandra)  
703/563-9634

#### *Ministers Laboring Out of Bounds or Without Call*

Rev. Donald Green  
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**Chilhowie, VA 24319**  
703/646-3371

Dr. Lawrence G. Reinertson  
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**Purcellville, VA 22132-9101**

\*Denotes Affiliate Church

### **Overseas Personnel**

Rev. Ellis Deibler, Jr. (Katherine)  
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**Taichung 400, Taiwan, R.O.C.**

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**PART IV**

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**STATISTICAL  
REPORTS**

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## Statistical Reports of the Presbytery of the East

#	CHURCHES	LOCATION	# — Elders	# — Deacons	Total Membership 1983	Gains			Losses			Total Membership 1984	Sunday School Enrollment	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Youth Profession
						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Ashland EPC	Voorhees, NJ	12	6	432	7	2	7	4	5	3	436	168	1	8	7
2.	Calvary EPC	Butler, PA	15	10	491			3	12	8	66	408	250		14	
3.	Christ Church	Burke, VA			43			28	4		3	64	20	3	4	
4.	Christian Covenant	Rockville, MD	6	6	119	46			9			156	82	7		10
5.	Dundalk Presbyterian	Dundalk, MD	12	6	378	8	4	6	2	8	32	354	124	1	8	6
6.	EP Fellowship	Wickliffe, OH	6	14	239	7		7			70	176	110	7		
7.	Faith EPC	Richmond, OH	9	6	89	2	7					98		3		
8.	First Love, EPC	Babylon, NY	3	3	29		9				1	37	31			1
9.	North Park EPC	Wexford, PA	15	18	380	11	21	11	8	6	6	403	235		9	
10.	Oakwood Pres.	State College, PA	7	4	57		2			1		71	40			
11.	Tabernacle EPC	Youngstown, OH	17	12	275	6	11		4	3	16	269	150		4	4

## Financial Reports of the Presbytery of the East

#	CHURCHES	Beginning Balance	Receipts		Disbursements					Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance
			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Ashland EPC, NJ	40,752	172,446		104,582	500	3,500	2,200	51,853	172,446	166,825	46,373
2.	Calvary, Butler, PA	37,581	148,111	5,126	126,255	1,200	3,584	1,200	26,589	153,239	158,828	31,992
3.	Christ Church, VA		45,556		43,167	1,768	539			45,556	45,474	
4.	Christian Covenant, MD	105,371	190,512		128,345		1,040	1,200	6,000	190,512	138,097	157,786
5.	Dundalk, MD	18,664	140,972		116,744	500	3,024		23,291	140,972	143,559	16,077
6.	EP Fellowship, OH	104,413	156,873		87,645		1,400		12,978	156,874	103,702	162,823
7.	Faith EPC, OH	4,866	78,764		44,761	190	720	300	5,429	78,764	69,928	13,702
8.	First Love, NY	14,718	29,156		27,029					29,156	27,029	16,845
9.	North Park, PA	4,300	283,479		139,648		3,120	4,515	29,256	283,479	281,486	6,293
10.	Oakwood Pres., PA	18,799	62,219	170	31,695				2,970	62,389	74,091	7,097
11.	Tabernacle EPC, OH	46,243	164,780		117,947		2,613		18,309	164,780	165,185	45,838

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						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Asheville EPC	Asheville, NC	3		22	4		2			6	22	27			2
2.	Fairview Christian	Fairview, NC	2	3	18	9	7					34			1	7
3.	Faith Presbyterian	Salem, VA	6		33		13	10	1			55	24	4		
4.	First EPC	Chesterfield, SC	5		34		4			1		37	42			
5.	First Presbyterian	Rome, GA	30	24	969	20	32	1	20	10	1	991	300	5	12	19
6.	Grace Presbyterian	Franklin, NC	5	4	97	6	9		25		4	83	108			6
7.	Plumtree Presbyterian	Plumtree, NC	5	8	137	1	2	7	4		1	142	183	1		
8.	Bethesda Presbyterian	Florence, SC	9		110			1	5	2		104	65		2	
9.	New Covenant	Dunwoody, GA	3		55	3	3		4			57	40			3
10.	Trinity Presbyterian	Florence, SC					177	28				205	123		7	
11.	First Presbyterian	Spartanburg, SC	DISSOLVED, 1984													
12.	EPC	Elkton, VA	NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE													



## Financial Reports of the Presbytery of the Southeast

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			Contributions	Requests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Asheville EPC	111	30,762		27,311	300	180	20	565	30,762	30,632	197
2.	Bethesda Presbyterian	NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE										
3.	EPC Elkton, VA	NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE										
4.	Fairview Christian	3,598	23,100		14,686			1,532		23,100	16,218	10,480
5.	Faith Presbyterian, VA	1,074	66,736		39,000	1,090	400	509	622	66,736	44,671	23,139
6.	First EPC, SC	2,095	26,928	280	19,309	480	272	252	1,940	27,208	28,161	1,142
7.	First Pres., Rome, GA	37,965	524,148	2,005	414,980	28,000	7,760	32,120	46,618	526,153	529,478	34,640
8.	First, Spartanburg, SC	DISSOLVED 1984										
9.	Grace Presbyterian	64,299	86,426		47,579	2,185	600	750	2,633	86,426	92,509	58,216
10.	New Covenant	3,637	61,927		56,366	532		1,064	3,331	61,927	62,229	3,335
11.	Plumtree Presbyterian	11,712	117,730		53,988	2,200	1,100		58,638	117,730	115,926	13,516
12.	Trinity, SC		153,655		36,285			1,000	500	153,655	143,598	10,087

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						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Cherry Hills Comm.	Littleton, CO	11	11	725	59	181	147	16		32	1064	1150	30	7	7
2.	EPC of Amarillo	Amarillo, TX	5		38	1	1	3	4	1	2	36	39	1	1	1
3.	EP Communion	Albuquerque, NM	3		59	6	8	2	8	2	4	61	25		4	
4.	Faith Presbyterian	Aurora, CO	35	150	3085	182		96	229	14		3120	779	34	48	45
5.	Faith, Cherry Creek	Denver, CO	15	47	518							588	600	4	20	
6.	Freedom Pres.	Tulsa, OK	3		12							12	8			
7.	Parker Presbyterian	Parker, CO			60							60	85	4	8	6
8.	Southwest Comm.	Littleton, CO	3		35		23		22			36	17	1	4	

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			Contributions	Requests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Cherry Hills, CO	24,068	783,203		574,384	300	3,648		72,740	783,203	723,530	83,741
2.	Christ Fellowship, CO											
3.	EPC of Amarillo, TX		29,021		20,132	119	250			29,021	20,501	8,520
4.	EP Communion, NM	1,054	43,551	1,517	34,235			5,410	562	45,068	42,495	3,622
5.	Faith, Aurora, CO	337,214	1,618,434		1,171,790	12,500	25,600	21,200	220,037	1,618,434	1,475,031	480,617
6.	Faith, Cherry Creek, CO	1,101,020	1,027,005		348,770		5,056	6,232	40,606	1,027,005	1,268,735	859,290
7.	Freedom Pres., OK	4,903	22,486		19,714				980	22,486	20,892	6,497
8.	Parker Pres., CO		90,863		61,200					90,863	65,800	25,063
9.	SW Community, CO	16,154	62,373		68,880	300	300		1,200	62,373	70,680	7,848
10.	Trinity, Littleton, CO											
11.	Woodward, OK											

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## Financial Reports of the Presbytery of the Far West

#	CHURCHES	Beginning Balance	Receipts		Disbursements					Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Ending Balance
			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Christ's EPC, AZ	3,996	82,194		43,112	200		64	1,850	82,194	62,437	23,753
2.	Santa Maria Comm., CA	1,542	62,449	250	29,464	105	245	125	805	62,699	58,761	5,480
3.	Hemet Valley, CA	5,674	71,484		13,574		180	163	407	71,484	71,564	5,594
4.	Redeemer Pres., AZ		6,245		2,470				430	6,245	3,646	2,599
5.	Carmel Valley EPC, CA	CONSTITUTED 1984 — NO FIGURES AVAILABLE										

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						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Calvin Presbyterian	Houston, TX	4		59	1	4			1		63	30	1		
2.	Faith EPC	Fayetteville, AR	6		32			7		1		38	24	2		
3.	Louisville Presbyterian	Louisville, MS	6	7	101	2	2	1	2	2	1	100	53	2		
4.	Westminster Pres.	Shreveport, LA	6	7	121	6		2			29	100	93			6
5.	Zachary EPC	Zachary, LA	11		149	2	1		6		5	138	50			2

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			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Calvin, Houston, Texas	50,136	68,670		29,244					68,670	84,185	34,621
2.	Faith, Fayetteville, AR	1,527	35,970	1,969	31,640	900	327		217	37,939	39,364	101
3.	Louisville Pres., MS	7,856	46,455		37,130	500	800		1,448	46,455	43,691	10,620
4.	Westminster Pres., LA	12,326	119,438		81,832		555			119,438	100,228	31,446
5.	Zachary EPC, LA	1,670	58,840		47,861	2,200	1,800	1,750	575	58,840	56,806	3,704

## Statistical Reports of the Presbytery of the Midwest

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						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Calvary Presbyterian	Flint, MI	21	21	405	4	3	2		9	9	396	105	1	5	3
2.	Central Northwest	Detroit, MI	8	8	145			2	6		27	114	58	2		
3.	Central Presbyterian	Clayton, MO	42	45	2507	71	113	60	32	17	139	2563	716	5	34	
4.	Community EPC	Owosso, MI	3	5	28	1		16			2	43	68			
5.	Covenant Presbyterian	Ann Arbor, MI	3	2	66		15	3				84	32		3	
6.	EPC	Anna, IL	6	9	158		5	2	6	2		154	67			
7.	EPC of Lake City	Lake City, MI	6		44		5	8		1		56	60	1		
8.	Fellowship EPC	South Lyon, MI	7	7	116	1		6			5	118	100		3	1
9.	First Presbyterian	Trenton, MI	12	36	800	15	4	18	7	3		827	476	18	3	12
10.	Grace Chapel	Farmington Hills, MI	6	14	212	21	157	34				212	150	4	6	
11.	Faith EPC	Rochester, MI	3				48	14				62	75		2	
12.	Knox Presbyterian	Mt. Clemens, MI	9		386	18	14	6	5	2	74	343	301	2	7	5



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			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Calvary, Flint	76,950	277,488	5,842	111,751	800	3,200	1,100	6,829	282,969	268,899	91,020
2.	Central NW, Detroit	70,544	82,298		59,071	730	1,203		15,628	82,298	76,627	76,215
3.	Central, St. Louis	6,592,074	2,644,262	26,525	1,663,664	81,000	20,591	275,302		2,670,787	2,169,453	7,093,408
4.	Community, Owosso	3,213	40,703		31,174	190	200		2,570	40,703	34,821	9,095
5.	Covenant, Ann Arbor	109,000	27,341		23,793	160	640	560	1,861	27,341	27,014	436
6.	EPC Anna, Illinois	65,563	121,094	13,441	97,510	316	1,264	1,370	4,680	134,535	181,719	18,379
7.	EPC Lake City	54,079	151,429		25,971	92	368	445	4,866	151,429	192,696	12,812
8.	Faith EPC, Rochester	6,032	105,902		52,660	689		4,900	9,600	105,902	107,996	3,939
9.	Fellowship EPC, S. Lyon	122,043	196,789	10	63,050	200	800	750	15,402	196,799	89,946	228,896
10.	First Pres., Trenton	(1,162)	329,249		191,100		8,000	6,546	85,948	329,249	324,078	4,009
11.	Grace Chapel, F.H.							13,000				
12.	Knox, Mt. Clemens	34,981	552,850		230,044	1,000	3,860	1,000	95,996	552,850	556,875	30,956

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13.	Military Ave EPC	Detroit, MI	3		51	9						42	80	2	1	1
14.	Mt. Pleasant Comm.	Mt. Pleasant, MI	15	12	274	13	16	3	4	2		295	143	2	1	5
15.	Oakwood Ave. EPC	Pontiac, MI	11	16	437	14	8		9	8	4	438	300	12	6	4
16.	Trinity Presbyterian	Plymouth, MI	11	24	405	29	30	29	3		39	451	280	13	12	16
17.	Ward EPC	Livonia, MI	33	180	4306	106	89	195	44	13	127	4512	3045	51	65	70

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			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
13.	Military Ave., Detroit	6,904	69,768		54,746	94	376	3,190	3,540	69,768	66,471	10,201
14.	Mt. Pleasant Pres.	84,246	572,706		100,461	170	397	400	23,122	572,706	608,446	48,506
15.	Oakland Ave., Pontiac	17,657	266,346	5,409	212,896		4,000	500	47,446	271,755	268,260	21,152
16.	Trinity, Indiana											
17.	Trinity, Plymouth	39,884	369,765		237,735		4,050	42,901	5,345	369,765	306,654	102,995
18.	Ward, Livonia	270,502	3,031,194	16,900	2,662,109	5,000	43,230	113,585	586,415	3,048,094	3,507,790	660,806

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