
Minutes

6th General Assembly

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Morrison, TE	East	Aurora, CO
6th	1986	Roger Vonder Bruegge, RE	Central South	Livonia, MI

SUCCESSION OF STATED CLERK

YEARS		ORIGINAL PRESBYTERY
1981	Rev. L. Edward Davis	Midwest

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Journal

MINUTES - MONDAY EVENING

6th General Assembly
First Session
Monday, June 16, 1986

6-1 Evening Worship

At 7:30 p.m., the 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church convened in the sanctuary of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church for the opening worship service. Moderator James Morrison presided.

ORDER OF WORSHIP Monday Evening, June 16, 1986

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"
Arr. Bird

HYMN OF PRAISE #349

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. William C. Moore
Trinity Presbyterian Church

ANTHEM

"Cornerstone"
Arr. Swain
Combined Choirs
Grace, Trinity, Ward Churches

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Douglas Klein
Grace Chapel

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Arr. Simeone

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rev. L. Edward Davis
Stated Clerk

MESSAGE

Dr. Luder G. Whitlock
President, Reformed Theological Seminary

HYMN #547

"The Church's One Foundation"

BENEDICTION

Rev. James Morrison
Moderator, 5th General Assembly

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Arr. Lutkin

6-2 The Assembly adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene for worship on Tuesday morning.

MINUTES - TUESDAY MORNING

Second Session
Tuesday, June 17, 1986

6-3 Morning Worship

The Assembly convened at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel for worship. Rev. Ed G. Davis, pastor of Christ Fellowship Church, Ft. Collins, CO, provided special music. Rev. Edwin Randal, Director of World Outreach, challenged the Assembly with a devotional on "love," centered in Mark 12.

6-4 Business Session

The Moderator called the Assembly to order at 8:45 a.m. for the business session in the Chapel and opened with prayer. The Stated Clerk, Rev. Edward Davis, declared that a quorum was present. 107 Elders and 91 Ministers were enrolled as follows:

THE ROLL OF THE ASSEMBLY

Commissioners

CHURCH	ELDERS	MINISTERS
Allegheny Presbytery		
Calvary	1. Larry Ratvasky	1.
	2.	
EP Fellowship	1.	1. Hugh Gowman
	2.	
Faith EPC	1.	1. David Massimi
	2.	
New Hope EPC	1.	1. Don Clark
	2.	
North Park EPC	1. Jan Kronmiller	1. Dan Lacich (AP)
	2.	2. Jim Morrison
	3.	
	4.	
Oakwood	1.	1. David Hadden
	2.	
Tabernacle	1.	1. Bob Ralston
	2.	
Central South Presbytery		
Central	1. Jerald Alpert	1. Bill Flannagan
	2. Kenneth Breckner	2. Donald Fortson

CHURCH**ELDERS****MINISTERS****Central South Presbytery (continued)**

	3. Joseph Bunting	3. John Splinter
	4. B. Blair Crocker	4.
	5. Harold Hegel	5.
	6. Gordon Lindenblad	
	7. Alex Miltenberger	
	8. Charles J. Moore, Jr.	
	9. Horace Tubbesing	
	10. Roger Vonder Bruegge	
EPC, (Anna, IL).....	1. Rod Anderson	1. Tommy Shields
	2. David Cozby	
EPC (Marshall, TX).....	1. Jim Bates	1. Rhett Payne
	2. Orin Littlejohn	
Faith (Fayetteville, AR).....	1. Paul Lawrence	1. Paul Westberg
	2.	
First (Atmore, AL).....	1. James Corman	1. Lanier Ellis
	2.	
First (Houma, LA).....	1. Bob Moate	1. Bill Lindner
	2.	
Louisville	1.	1. Bill McCaskill
	2.	
Westminster (Laurel, MS).....	1. Wayne Frayer	1.
	2. James Russell	
Westminster (Shreveport, LA)	1.	1. Don Van Dyke
	2.	
Zachary	1. Gene Bridges	1. David Hicks
	2. Mark Floyd	
Other Ministers on Roll		1. Steven Barrett
		2. Peyton Marshall
		3. Juan C. Ortiz
		4. George Scotchmer
		5. Bob Wilbur

East Presbytery

Ashland	1. John Diaz	1.
	2. Frank Johnson	
Christ Church	1.	1. Mike Winship
	2.	
Christian Covenant.....	1. Byron Lord	1. Eddy Swieson
	2.	
Dundalk	1. Charles Holzman	1.
	2. Ralston Willis	
First Love.....	1.	1.
	2.	
Other Ministers on Roll		1. David Bucci
		2. Stewart Pohlman

CHURCH**ELDERS****MINISTERS****Far West Presbytery**

Carmel Valley EPC	1. Jerry Simons 2.	1. Bob Stauffer
Christ's EPC	1. 2.	1. Doug Van Gaalen
Hemet Valley	1. 2.	1. Ted Kline
New Covenant (Tucson)	1. Bob Krepps 2. Jay McAlevy	1. Stephen Jennings
Santa Maria	1. Nettie Graham 2. Ralph Hennings	1. James Brown, Jr.
Other Ministers on Roll.		1. Rocky McElveen

Midwest Presbytery

Calvary	1. Dick Heidtman 2. Dorothy Heidtman 3. David Roberts 4. Bill Spiller	1. Hal Polk, Jr. 2. Phillip Burch
Cornerstone EPC	1. 2.	1. Timothy Brewer
Central Northwest	1. 2.	1.
Community EPC	1. Mike Farrand 2.	1. Don Galardi
Covenant	1. Philip Tiews 2.	1. Pulpit Vacant
EPC (Lake City)	1. Keith Clark 2. Dick Young	1. Paul Brown
Faith EPC (Rochester)	1. Tom McGowan 2.	1. Wally Hostetter
Fellowship EPC	1. Walter Lobdell 2.	1. Carlton Baker
First (Trenton)	1. William Schuster 2. Gordon Sheill 3. Gary Siemers 4. Paul Wagoner	1. Ian Leslie (AP)
Grace Chapel	1. Kenneth Beaumont 2. Richard Wagner	1. Douglas Klein
Knox	1. Robert Healy 2. Hubert Rennie	1. George Woodcock
Military Avenue	1. Ruth Schlessner 2.	1. Milton Resh
Mt. Pleasant	1. James McBryde 2. Ed McCallum	1. Malcolm Brown

CHURCH**ELDERS****MINISTERS**

Oakland Avenue	1. Bruce Brede 2. Duane Francis 3. 4.	1. Kurt Gebhard 2. Paul Moon
Trinity (Columbia City)	1. 2.	1. Larry Schmoekel
Trinity (Plymouth)	1. John Roughly 2. Larry Smith 3. Alan Yonkman 4.	2. Bill Branham 2. William Moore
Ward	1. Alton Bennett 2. Elden Brieschke 3. Ron Grant 4. Donald Harms 5. Elizabeth Holmes 6. William Horn 7. Richard Oestreicher 8. Pat Seraydarian 9. Tom Thompson 10. Margaret Wolds	1. Thom Burbridge 2. John Crimmins 3. Willard Davis 4. Greg Hauenstein 5. Bartlett Hess 6. Brian Tweedie 7. Bob Woodburn 8. 9.
Westkirk	1. Ollie Bramer 2. Ken Day	1. Wayne Hoffman
Other Ministers on Roll.		1. L. Edward Davis 2. James Emery 3. Edwin K. Randal

Southeast Presbytery

Asheville EPC	1. 2.	1. Howard Shockley
Bethesda	1. Tom Brasington 2. Oliver Summerlin	1. Ron Glover
Brainerd	1. Denson Broadfoot 2. Timothy Carty 3. Edward Cobleigh 4. James Daniels 5. Herbert Stephens 6. Cord Sump	1. Ron Ragon 2. Gary Record
Community Bible	1. Prevost Marshall 2.	1. Bob Bryan
Cramerton	1. 2.	1.
Eastside	1. 2.	1.
EPC (Elkton, VA)	1. Garland Meadows 2.	1. Jim Martin
Fairview	1. 2.	1. (Pulpit Vacant)

CHURCH	ELDERS	MINISTERS
Faith EPC (Roanoke, VA)	1. Llew Fischer 2.	1. Sam Harris
First (Chesterfield, SC)	1. 2.	1. Alex Koval
First (Rome, GA)	1. Hugh Burnes 2. Keith Finley 3. William Johns 4. Willian Pilson	1. Jim Van Dyke 2. Steve Wilkinson
Grace (Franklin, NC)	1. 2.	1. (Pulpit Vacant)
New Covenant	1. Leonard Pilgrim 2.	1.
Plumtree	1. 2.	1.
Trinity (Florence, SC)	1. 2.	1. Perry Mobley
Trinity (Fort Pierce, FL)	1. Rex Pike 2. Gordon Woodrow	1. Bob Garment
Winchester	1. 2.	1.
Other Ministers on Roll.		1. Don Giesmann 2. Charles Hammett 3. Jimmie Hollandsworth
West Presbytery		
Bear Creek	1. Clinton Hess 2. Glen Sutton	1. Calvin Gray
Cherry Creek	1. Bob Bole 2. Dodie Hampton 3. Irv Rinehart 4. Ken Roberts 5. Ted Robinson 6.	1. Mark Brewer 2. Gary Reddish 3. Gary Wooley
Cherry Hills	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2.
Christ Fellowship	1. 2.	1. Ed G. Davis
Covenant Community	1. Stan Stancliff 2.	1. Bud Sparling
EPC (Amarillo, TX)	1. 2.	1.
EP Communion	1. 2.	1.

CHURCH	ELDERS	MINISTERS
Faith (Aurora, CO)	1. Bill Barker 2. Harold French 3. Norm Huebl 4. Leuretta Rallens 5. Claude Russell 6. Mel Weimeister 7. Dale Williamson	1. Mark Moore 2. Fred Stifel
Faith (Loveland, CO)	1. Joe Weatherill 2.	1.
Freedom	1. Jack Stone 2.	1. Rick Montroy
Parker	1. 2.	1.
Trinity	1. Brad Carson 2. 3. 4.	1. Dan Hiett 2. Fred Lian
Other Ministers on Roll.		1. Phil Muir 2. Joy O'Halloran

The Stated Clerk received requests to be excused from the following Elders: (Presbytery of membership noted)

EXCUSED:

1. Rev. Robert Balnicky, New Orleans, LA (Central South)
2. Dr. Robert Bayley, Central Presbyterian, St. Louis, MO (Central South)
3. Rev. Donald Herwick, Marietta, GA (Central South)
4. Rev. James Hicks, Roebuck, SC (Southeast)
5. Rev. John Jennings, First EPC, Gastonia, NC (Southeast)
6. Elder Leonard Pilgrim, New Covenant Community, Dunwoody, GA (Southeast)
7. Rev. Calvin Vermeire, Eastside Presbyterian, Orlando, FL (Southeast)
8. Rev. Roger Wiles, Greensboro, NC (Southeast)

6-5 Presentation of Docket

Moderator Morrison presented the docket for the day.

ON MOTION the proposed docket was unanimously adopted.

Docket for Tuesday, June 17, 1986	
7:15 a.m.	Bus leaves hotel for Ward
7:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast (Lighthouse)
7:45 a.m.	Nursery opens
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service (Chapel)
	Rev. Ed Randal, Speaker
	Rev. Ed G. Davis, Worship Leader

8:30-10:40	Business Session (Chapel)
	1. Quorum & Enabling Motions
	2. Election of Moderator
	3. Comments, Immediate Past Moderator
	4. Stated Clerk's Report
	5. Matters Received & Referred
10:40 a.m.	Break (Lighthouse)
11:00 a.m.	MODERATOR'S COMMUNION SERVICE
12:00 Noon	Break for lunch
12:15 p.m.	* Observers' Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
	* World Outreach Luncheon (Knox Hall)
	* Midwest Presbytery Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	Standing Committee Meetings
	* Fraternal Relations (A-6)
	* World Outreach (A-7)
	* Church Development (B-5)
	* Memorials & Appreciation (A-4)
	* Ministerial Vocation (A-9)
	* Christian Education & Publications (A-10)
	* Presbytery Review (A-8)
	* Overtures & Resolutions (A-15)
	* Administration (Calvin Room)
	* Permanent Judicial Commission (A-2)
3:00 p.m.	Break (Lighthouse)
5:00 p.m.	Bus leaves for restaurants for dinner
7:00 p.m.	Bus returns from restaurants to church
7:30 p.m.	EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
	* Service Moderator: Moderator of 6th General Assembly
	* Installation of New Moderator
	* Scripture & Prayer: Rev. Ron Ragon
	* Introduction of Speaker: Irv Rinehart (Moderator, 2nd General Assembly)
	* Speaker: Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, Pastor, Ward Presbyterian Church
	* Special Presentations
9:00 p.m.	Standing Committees to convene if necessary
10:00 p.m.	Bus leaves for hotels

6-6 Recording Clerks Elected

Rev. Howard Shockley (Southeast) and Elder Alton Bennett (Midwest) were nominated to serve as Assembly Recording Clerks.

ON MOTION a ballot by acclamation was cast to elect.

6-7 Moderator Elected

Rev. Bartlett Hess placed in nomination for Moderator of the 6th Assembly the name of Elder Roger Vonder Bruegge, Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO.

ON MOTION the Stated Clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Elder Roger Vonder Bruegge as Moderator of the 6th General Assembly.

The Moderator was presented to the Assembly. Prayer was offered for retiring Moderator, Rev. James Morrison.

6-8 Fraternal Visitors

Rev. Kenneth Murray and Kenneth Murchinson, St. Andrew's Presbytery Buenos Aires, Argentina were recognized. The Stated Clerk spoke briefly to the Assembly of the developing relationship between the EPC and the St. Andrew's Presbytery. The possibility of a future fraternal relationship was mentioned.

6-9 Stated Clerk's Report (p. 64)

The Clerk presented his report with the following corrections:

1. Annual Reporting Item #2: Redeemer EPC, Paradise Valley, AZ should be deleted;
2. Item #3: Correct 74 churches to 71 churches;
Correct 14 additions to 16 additions;
Correct 4 losses to 3 losses;
3. Membership statistics:
Correct 1985 - 23,379 to 1985 - 23,650.

The Stated Clerk expressed concern over the following items:

1. Thirty (30%) percent of the churches have yet to submit their annual reports.
2. While forty-eight (48%) percent of the churches recorded membership gains, twenty-eight (28%) percent recorded a decrease.

The Moderator, at the Clerk's request, introduced commissioners present from the newly added churches. They were greeted with applause.

6-10 Matters Received and Referred

ON MOTION Overture 86-G was unanimously received as a late overture.

The Stated Clerk presented the following items to the Assembly for reference.

A. Communications:

Rev. David Massimi, May, 1986

. . . Referred to Overtures

World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr. Edmund Perret, October, 1985

. . . Referred to Fraternal Relations

Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Dr. Boanerges Ribeiro, April 22, 1986

. . . Referred to Fraternal Relations

Interchurch Relations Committee, CRC, Rev. Clarence Boomsma, March 22, 1986

. . . Referred to Fraternal Relations

B. Ascending Overtures

OVERTURE 86-A: ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is blessed with many persons who are gifted to serve this church with skill, ability, and effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, such persons are not necessarily ordained Ruling Elders in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

WHEREAS, THE Evangelical Presbyterian Church needs to take advantage on its boards, agencies, and committees of the various gifts for ministry that our people bring, and

WHEREAS, the growing, expanding ministries of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church deserve the best and most gifted members they have whether they are ordained Ruling Elders or not,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of the Central South overtures the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to change the **Rules for Assembly**, Section 9-3, to permit persons who are not ordained Rulings Elders to serve on the boards, agencies, committees, task forces, ad interim committees, and any other Assembly agencies under the auspices of the General Assembly.

FURTHER, that the General Assembly diligently seek to place the persons best qualified on its various agencies, whether they are ordained or not.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Lawrence, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Central South

. . . Referred to Overtures

OVERTURE 86-B: TO ESTABLISH HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The Presbytery of the Central South overtures the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to establish an historical foundation, appoint a committee to oversee its development, and instruct that committee to prepare a history of the origins of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Committee for the Historical Foundation shall be responsible for collecting, cataloging, and preserving historical documents, artifacts, and other items of historical significance in the origins and ongoing life of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Lawrence, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Central South

. . . Referred to Administration

OVERTURE 86-C: ON DIVIDING PRESBYTERY OF THE EAST

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

WHEREAS, Presbyteries of the EPC are encouraged to provide evangelism, renewal, and the fellowship within their bounds; and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of the East is so large in its existing boundaries as to make the above goals most difficult within the current Presbytery;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Presbytery of the East petitions the 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to allow the Presbytery of the East to divide into two geographically smaller Presbyteries,

The **Allegheny Presbytery** shall have as its eastern boundary a line running from, and including, Rochester, New York to Chambersburg, PA and I-81. The southern boundary is to include the state of West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle of that state, The western boundary is to include eastern Ohio from I-77 eastward including the city of Cleveland.

The **Presbytery of the East** will include the rest of New York, the eastern part of Pennsylvania, the New England states, all of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas of Virginia, which include the counties of Loudon, Prince William, Arlington, and Fairfax, and the cities of Alexandria and Fairfax.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. Kent Bull, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the East

. . . Referred to Church Development

OVERTURE 86-D: ON THE "PASTORAL LETTER ON ABORTION"

WHEREAS the Scriptures repeatedly affirm the sanctity of all human life including the unborn; and

WHEREAS the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has taken a definitive position in its "Pastoral Letter on Abortion" at both its 3rd and 4th General Assemblies declaring the sanctity of human life and decrying abortion; and

WHEREAS Christians in this era of humanistic thinking need to be resolute regarding God's commandments;

THEREFORE the Presbytery of the Midwest hereby respectfully overtures the 6th General Assembly to strengthen the "Pastoral Letter on Abortion" by replacing in step 6 the word "discourage" with the word "oppose," and striking the words "not judicial" in the first sentence of the closing paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Schmoekel, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Midwest

. . . Referred to Overtures

OVERTURE 86-E: CONCERNING PRESBYTERY BOUNDS

WHEREAS, the action of the 5th General Assembly placed the state of Illinois south of I-70 in the Presbytery of the Central South, except the EPC , Anna, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, that was for the period of time that the Anna Church was locating God's man to be their pastor, and Presbytery of the Midwest, being well-acquainted with the church in Anna, was in the best position to offer the assistance that the church needed at that time in their life; and

WHEREAS, the church has now installed God's man to be their pastor;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of the Midwest, in concurrence with the request of the session of the EPC, Anna, Illinois does respectfully overture the 6th General Assembly to place the EPC, Anna, Illinois, within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Central South, so that its bounds would now include all of the state of Illinois south of I-70. This change to be effective at the time of passage at the 6th General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Schmoekel, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Midwest

. . . Referred to Church Development

OVERTURE 86-F: ON THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL FOR CANDIDATES

One of the most refreshing things about the first century Church was that no one said, "We never did it that way before." Since it hadn't been done before, they had to trust God's Spirit to "guide them into all truth." That should be a refreshing part of our denomination, too.

Recently, something seems to have emerged in our new church that perhaps has a negative effect on our Body Life. We refer to the extensive, detailed, **Manual for Candidates** that was adopted by the 4th General Assembly (1984). We believe that **Manual** to be detrimental to the spirit of our Church. The overture that follows is not being written just because this **Manual** is reminiscent of "the way things have been done before" in previous denominations. It is not a reaction to what was obviously a serious and extremely careful piece of work by our Assembly's committee. The overture is presented because it is our sincere belief that the **Manual** shifts the absolute right of Presbyteries in handling matters relative to candidates to the General Assembly rather than leaving those rights and powers with the Presbyteries. It is presented because we believe that Presbytery should maintain original jurisdiction in all matters related to ordination. It is written because we believe that there are areas in the **Manual** which need to be brought into conformity with the **Book of Order**. It is written because it places an unrealistic and unnecessary burden on certain candidates for the ministry and, finally, the overture is presented because the complexity of the **Manual** tends to quench the Spirit of God that we hope to hear and obey.

WHEREAS, the **Procedural Manual for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry** adopted by the 4th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is in conflict with the rights of Presbyteries as specified in the **Book of Order**. (See **Manual** 5, A, 12 vs. BG 12.2(D), **Manual** Chapter 12 vs. BG 12.2 (B), (D), (E), (H), for some examples.)

- a. **Manual** 5A 1, 2 requires candidates to make the first contact with the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee, while the **Book of Order**, 12.2(A) requires endorsement by candidate's session prior to making application to Presbytery.
- b. **Manual** in Chapter 8 consistently uses the word "must" in sections that should leave Presbytery some discretion (See 8-1, d.e.f., and i.)

WHEREAS, further, the **Procedural Manual for Candidates** dictates to Presbyteries what forms, procedures, policies, time requirements and preparation must be made; and

WHEREAS, these matters are for the courts of original jurisdiction to determine; and

WHEREAS, the **Procedural Manual** seems to reflect a strong bias against candidates being received under extraordinary circumstances, proposing for such candidates a cumbersome regimen that requires of the candidate some units of study that are optional for a candidate on the traditional track (e.g., Apologetics, Church Planting and Growth, Biblical Geography, Practical Theology, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, in the **Manual** is in direct conflict with the **Book of Order**, 12.2(B), (D), (E) and (H) in that the General Assembly Ministerial Vocation Committee is given powers specifically designated to Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, the **Book of Order**, 12.2(B) gives the Candidates Committee of Presbytery "full responsibility as far as tests of gifts, abilities . . . and sincerity of purpose" and whereas, the **Manual's** mandatory language in Chapters 8, 9, and 10 conflicts with the Presbytery's responsibility; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, we believe that the **Manual** reflects a bias against candidates being received under extraordinary circumstances and might perhaps inhibit the various Presbyteries of the Church in handling the delicate matter of such candidates judiciously;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church hereby overtures the 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as follows:

1. To refer the **Procedural Manual for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry** back to the Ministerial Vocation Committee of General Assembly and **instruct** that committee to bring the language of the **Manual** into conformity with the **Book of Order**.
2. To **instruct** the committee to simplify the procedures for all candidates and especially to facilitate procedures for those who come under the extraordinary clause.

3. To **instruct** the committee to replace any and all mandatory language which allows the Presbyteries the necessary latitude to deal with their own affairs under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, and in conformity with the **Book of Government**.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Shockley, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Southeast

. . . *Referred to Ministerial Vocation*

OVERTURE 86-G: CONCERNING PORNOGRAPHY

INASMUCH as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church bases its standard of morality upon the authority of the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, the Bible condemns fornication (Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5), adultery (Lev. 20:10; Rom. 1:24), incest (Lev. 18:6, I. Cor. 5:10), homosexuality (Lev. 20:13; Rom. 1:24), bestiality (Lev. 18:23), and prostitution (Lev. 19:29; Eph. 5:5) as immoral; and since pornography is known to condone and promote all these forms of immorality; and

WHEREAS, though God created men and women in His own image, pornography is especially a degradation of women since most pornography involves the use of women in subordinate, degrading poses for sexual exploitation, and even the sadistic and violent pleasures of men and fosters the mentality which considers the human being, not as a person but as an object which exists to gratify the selfish interest of others and reflects hostility toward women; and

WHEREAS, it is degrading to men and children as well; and

WHEREAS, pornography is known to be both seductive and addictive, desensitizing its victims, leading them to greater consumption of pornographic material; and

WHEREAS, research shows that pornography incites violence, contributes to many violent crimes such as rape and child abuse, and encourages illicit and abusive sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, this seriously undermines family structures as well as church and community values; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has established that obscene material is not protected by the First Amendment (Roth vs. United States, 1957); and that material can be judged as a whole to determine whether it lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific values (Miller vs. California, 1973); and that juries can judge obscenity by local community standards rather than by a National Standard (Hamling vs. United States, 1974); that indecent language in broadcasting can be prohibited (FCC vs. Pacifica, 1978); and affirms the protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse (New York vs. Ferber, 1982); and

WHEREAS, pornography has increased in the past several years to where it is now a multi-billion dollar business linked to organized crime; and

WHEREAS, modern technology is rapidly expanding access to pornography in our homes through cable TV, video cassette recorders, the telephone, and even personal computers; and

WHEREAS, this expanded access means increased consumption of pornography not only by adults but by unsupervised children in our homes; and

WHEREAS, the use of children in pornographic materials is growing at an alarming rate;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the commissioners of the 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church do hereby condemn pornography as evil, exploitative, offensive, and totally unacceptable in any form.

THAT, we direct the Stated Clerk to call upon the President of the United States, the Postal Services, and the Department of Justice and all proper authorities to enforce all obscenity, pornography, and indecency laws; and

THAT, we encourage presbyteries, sessions, and pastors to assume leadership in educating our members on the pervasive nature of this problem, and which corporations are benefitting from the sale or production of pornography.

THAT, we encourage legislative efforts to eliminate the destructive influence of pornography, obscenity, and indecency; and

FINALLY, we encourage our congregations to patronize and publicly support those businesses which refuse to benefit financially or in any other way from sale, production, or distribution of pornography, and conversely—in accord with our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech—we urge our congregations to enter the public debate in opposition to the growing evil of pornography, to oppose its growing intrusive presence in our public life, to insist on the enforcement of the laws which regulate it, and to protest against those who profit by it.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Schmoekel, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Midwest

. . . Referred to Overtures

C. Recommendations and Resolutions

From the Committee on Fraternal Relations

- R-1 That the **Rules for Assembly** be amended in Section 9-6 by substituting: "Each permanent committee shall elect its chairman for the forthcoming Assembly year before the Assembly that initiates that Assembly year."

. . . Referred to Administration Committee

- R-2 That the Evangelical Presbyterian Church make application for membership into the World Evangelical Fellowship, and that a contribution be given the WEF in the amount of \$300 of which \$75 shall be the membership fee.

. . . Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee

From the Committee on World Outreach

- R-3 That the **Cooperative Agreement** with Wycliffe Bible Translators be approved. (p. 111)

. . . Referred to World Outreach Committee

- R-4 That the **Cooperative Agreement** with Logoi be approved. (p. 109)

. . . Referred to World Outreach Committee

- R-5 That the 1987 Benevolence Askings for \$517,860 for World Outreach be approved.

. . . Referred to Administration Committee

- R-6 That the General Assembly amend the World Outreach **Missions Manual** to include the following statement added to Section 204.6: "The World Outreach office will actively help gain full support for missionaries whose ministry is in harmony with the primary purpose of the EPC missions as detailed in the **Missions Manual**, Sections 101-103."

. . . Referred to World Outreach Committee

- R-7 That Part III of the World Outreach **Missions Manual** be approved. (p. 87)

. . . Referred to World Outreach Committee

- R-8 That the **Rules for Assembly**, Section 9-3, be amended to allow non-elders to participate on program committees of the EPC. (p. 160)

. . . Referred to Overtures

From the Ad Interim Committee on Theology

- R-9 That the proposed Declaratory Statement be approved and included in the **Westminster Confession of Faith**.

. . . Referred to Assembly

- R-10 That the report on Ruling Elders and the Sacraments be received and that the **Book of Worship** be amended by a) inserting the word "ordinarily" before the word "only" in the third sentence of Section 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."

. . . Referred to Assembly

- R-11 That the revised "Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit" be approved as our position paper on this subject. (p. 133)

. . . Referred to Assembly

- R-12 That the "Position Paper on Abortion" as submitted be approved. (p. 136)

. . . Referred to Assembly

- R-13 That the 6th General Assembly take the necessary action to establish a permanent Committee on Theology, composed of six members, in three rotating classes of two each, one-third of whom shall be Ruling Elders.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*

From the Committee on Administration

- R-14 That the 7th General Assembly convene from June 15-18, 1987 in Rome, Georgia, hosted by First Presbyterian Church.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-15 That the 8th General Assembly convene from June 20-23, 1988 in Englewood, Colorado, hosted by Cherry Hills Community Church.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-16 That the General Assembly adopt the proposed 1987 Administration Budget as presented for \$267,809. (p. 158)
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-17 That the General Assembly adopt the proposed 1987 Benevolence Askings as presented for \$745,360. (p. 159)
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-18 That the concept of a Church Loan Fund as proposed by the Church Development Committee be adopted.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-19 That the Thanksgiving Offerings for 1986 and 1987 be designated for Church Development, and specifically, the capitalization of the Church Loan Fund.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-20 That the **Rules for Assembly** be suspended to allow for twenty minutes of docket time for Dr. Billy Melvin to address the Assembly on the National Association of Evangelicals and the World Evangelical Fellowship.
... *Adopted*
- R-21 That the denominational group insurance plan be amended by increasing the cap for long term disability insurance from \$25,000 to \$40,000 yearly insurable salary.
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-22 That the denominational group insurance plan be amended to make retired persons eligible by defining "retiree" as follows: "A retiree is one who has reached the 60th birthday and has served at least five (5) years with his or her EPC church. Such a person may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium."
... *Referred to Administration Committee*
- R-23 That the **Rules for Assembly** be suspended to allow for a twenty minute presentation on Wednesday morning by the World Outreach Committee.
... *Referred to World Outreach Committee*

From the Committee on Christian Education and Publications

- R-24 That the 1987 Benevolence Askings of \$52,500 for Christian Education & Publications be approved.

. . . Referred to Administration Committee

- R-25 That the Women's Task Force become a permanent committee to be made up of one representative from each Presbytery to serve a 3-year term, after which the regular electoral process with rotation of class year will be used.

. . . Referred to Christian Education & Publications

- R-26 That the Assembly endorse the concept of "2nd Mile Giving" for women's ministries which will be part of the Benevolence Budget to help fund four bulletin inserts per year and/or other projects to be determined by the permanent committee.

. . . Referred to Christian Education & Publications

- R-27 WHEREAS, since 1900, the percentage of Americans age 65 and older has tripled, and the number increased nine times; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, persons reaching age 65 had an average life expectancy of an additional 16.8 years; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2000, persons age 65 and older are expected to represent 13% of the population; and

WHEREAS, by 2030, there will be about 65 million persons, two and a half times their number in 1930;

THEREFORE, we urge the adoption of the following as stated goals for ministry to older persons:

Short range goals:

1. Promote the establishment of a Lifestyle Committee on Aging in each congregation.
2. Produce and distribute resource material for the local churches' use in developing ministries for older adults.
3. Provide consultation to Lifestyle Committee.
4. Conduct workshops on aging to be held at General Assembly and at Presbytery meetings.
5. Publish a quarterly newsletter.

Long range goals:

1. Promote awareness of the unique emotional, social, and spiritual needs of older persons.
2. Promote appreciation for the contributions older persons may make to the church body and fellowship through leadership, teaching, and outreach.
3. Encourage and support a network for collective information and sharing about effective ministries with older adults within EPC as well as in other denominations.
4. Provide information about current state and federal legislation as well as national public policy.

5. Help assure the security and well-being of retired church personnel.
6. Emphasize the importance of individual Christians modifying their lifestyle to improve on their physical, emotional and spiritual health.

. . . *Referred to Christian Education & Publications*

From the Committee on Church Development

- R-28 That the 1987 Benevolence Askings for \$175,000 for Church Development be approved.

. . . *Referred to Administration Committee*

- R-29 That the Provisional Master Plan for Church Development be adopted by the 6th General Assembly. (p. 115)

. . . *Referred to Administration Committee*

From the Committee on Ministerial Vocation

- R-30 That the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation invite a member of the Subcommittee on Military Chaplaincy to briefly address the Assembly on the subject of ministry to the military.

. . . *Referred to the Ministerial Vocation Committee*

- R-31 That the **Book of Government**, Sec. 13-2, be amended by substituting the sentence, "The Candidate shall be examined in writing and orally in the following areas: Theology and Sacraments, English Bible, the **Book of Order**, the Reformed tradition, and the nature of the office of Minister of the Word" for the sentence, "The Candidate shall be examined in the following areas: Theology, English Bible, Sacraments, the **Book of Order** in all its parts, and the nature of the office of Minister of the Word."

. . . *Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

- R-32 That the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation permit the Chairman of the permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation to address the Assembly concerning steps to regularize the Personal Information Form process.

. . . *Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

- R-33 That the **Book of Government**, Sec. 15-8, be amended by adding to the sentence, "Membership may not be transferred to another Presbytery" the additional words and sentence, . . . "except in the case of the realignment of the Presbyteries boundaries. In such case, the membership of the retired minister shall be held in the realigned Presbytery of his choice."

. . . *Referred to Church Development Committee*

- R-34 That the General Assembly appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Pastoral/Congregational Care to investigate, evaluate, and develop a plan for assisting with the pastoral care of our pastors and congregations.

. . . *Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

OVERTURE to change **Book of Government**, Section 16-27.A.

WHEREAS, Presbytery Ministerial Committee will be able to conduct its business more effectively by achieving a quorum more easily; and

WHEREAS, in the event the Committee members need to be physically present to meet with a church's session or minister, enough members can be present to have a quorum; and

WHEREAS, frequently there develop crisis situations that require immediate action or response and a quorum of one-third (1/3) of the membership will add flexibility and availability for the Committee to take such action;

THEREFORE, a quorum for action shall be one-third (1/3) of membership.
... *Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee*

ON MOTION, the above referrals were approved.

6-11 Standing Committee Chairmen

The Stated Clerk introduced the Chairman of the Standing Committees. In accordance with the **Rules for Assembly**, Section 8-2, the Moderator appoints the chairman for each committee. These appointments are as follows:

1. Committee on Administration: Elder Dale Williamson
2. Committee on Christian Education & Publications: Elder Pat Seraydarian
3. Committee on Church Development: Rev. Perry Mobley
4. Committee on Fraternal Relations: Elder Jerry Simons
5. Committee on Memorials & Appreciation: Rev. Don Fortson
6. Committee on Ministerial Vocation: Elder Don Harms
7. Committee on Nominations: Elder Dick Heidtman
8. Committee on Overtures & Resolutions: Rev. George Woodcock
9. Committee on Presbytery Review: Rev. Sam Harris
10. Committee on World Outreach: Elder Jan Kronmiller

6-12 Fraternal Visitors Introduced

The Moderator introduced two guests. Rev. Clarence Boomsma, Administrative Secretary of the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Christian Reformed Church in North America brought warm greetings to the Assembly.

Dr. Billy Melvin of the National Association of Evangelicals addressed the Assembly on the history and vision of the NAE.

6-13 Addendum Position Papers

Addendum position papers on the ordination of women were received from Ad Interim Committee on Theology and distributed.

6-14 Assembly Committee Assignments

The Moderator announced that all commissioners were assigned to Assembly committees by the Nominating Committee, according to the **Rules for Assembly**, Section 8-2, and that rosters were posted in the Narthex and on several other bulletin boards in the building.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Administration

Rev. Paul Brown	Elder William Pilson
Elder Hugh Burnes	Elder David Roberts
Rev. Ed G. Davis	Elder Ted Robinson
Rev. Bill Flannagan	Elder John Roughly
Elder Harold Hegel	Elder Claude Russell
Elder Ralph Hennings	Elder Albert Stancliff
Rev. Dan Hiatt	Rev. Robert Stauffer
Elder Norm Huebl	Elder Glen Sutton
Rev. Douglas Klein	Elder Horace Tubbesing
Rev. Ian Leslie	Elder Melvin Weimeister
Elder Alex Miltenberger	Elder Dale Williamson, Chrmn.

Committee on Christian Education

Elder James Bates	Rev. Rhett Payne
Elder Alton Bennett	Elder Rex Pike
Elder Joseph Bunting	Rev. Gary Record
Elder David Cozby	Rev. Gary Reddish
Elder Ron Grant	Elder Pat Seraydarian, Chmn.
Rev. Charles Hammett	Elder Gary Siemers
Elder Dorothy Heidman	Elder Cord Sump
Elder Clinton Hess	Rev. Robert Wilbur
Elder Charles Holzman	Rev. Michael Winship
Elder Ed McCallum	Elder Margaret Wolds
Rev. Rocky McElveen	Rev. Gary Wooley

Committee on Church Development

Elder T.F. Brasington	Elder James McBryde
Rev. Malcolm Brown	Rev. James Martin
Elder Timothy Carty	Elder Garland Meadows
Elder Blair Crocker	Rev. Perry Mobley, Chmn.
Elder Keith Finley	Rev. Richard Montroy
Rev. Kurt Gebhard	Elder Charles Moore, Jr.
Rev. Hugh Gowman	Elder Richard Oestreicher
Rev. Greg Hauenstein	Rev. Joy C. O'Halloran
Rev. David Hicks	Elder Oliver Summerlin
Elder William Horn	Rev. Don Van Dyke
Elder Gordon Lindenblad	Rev. Doug Van Gaalen
	Elder Gordon Woodrow

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Elder Will Bethel	Rev. Ronald Ragon
Elder James Corman	Elder Jerry Simons, Chmn.
Rev. Don Giesman	Elder Tom Tkompson
Rev. Phil Muir	Elder Phil Tiews
Elder Vern Porter	Rev. Paul Westberg

Committee on Memorials & Appreciation

Rev. Don Fortson, Chmn.	Rev. Fred Stifel
Elder Prevost Marshall	Elder Dick Young
	Elder Alan Yonkman

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Rev. Carlton Baker	Elder Don Harms, Chmn.
Rev. Steven Barrett	Elder Llew Fischer
Elder Kenneth Beaumont	Rev. Ron Glover
Elder Jan Bole	Elder Frank Johnson
Elder Bruce Brede	Rev. Alex Koval
Rev. David Bucci	Elder Bob Krepps
Rev. Willard Davis	Elder Byron Lord
Elder John Diaz	Elder Tom McGowan
Rev. Lanier Ellis	Rev. Darryl Sparling
Elder Joe Evans	Rev. Eddy Swieson
Elder Mark Floyd	Rev. Jerry Van Curler
Elder Hal French	Rev. Stephen Wilkinson

Committee on Overtures & Resolutions

Elder Jerald Alpert	Elder Orin Littlejohn
Elder Rod Anderson	Elder Bob Moate
Elder Bill Barker	Rev. Paul Moon
Rev. Robert Bryan	Rev. Stewart Pohlman
Elder James Daniels	Elder Leuretta Rallens
Elder Mike Farrand	Elder Irvin Rinehart
Rev. Calvin Gray	Elder Ken Roberts
Rev. Bartlett Hess	Rev. George Scotchmer
Elder Elizabeth Holmes	Rev. George Woodcock, Chmn.
Rev. Ted Kline	

Committee on Presbytery Review

Elder Bob Bole	Rev. Larry Schmoekel
Rev. James Brown, Jr.	Elder William Schuster
Rev. Sam Harris, Chmn.	Elder William Spiller
Elder Paul Lawrence	

Committee on World Outreach

Elder Bill Bowers	Rev. Jimmie Hollandsworth
Rev. William Branham, Jr.	Elder Willian Johns
Elder Elden Brieschke	Elder Jan Kronmiller, Chmn.
Elder Kenneth Breckner	Elder Walter Lobdell
Elder Gene Bridges	Rev. Mark Moore
Elder Keith Clark	Elder Larry Smith
Rev. John Crimmins	Elder Herbert Stephens
Elder Ed Cobleigh	Elder Richard Wagner
Elder Roger Derkson	Elder Paul Wagoner
Elder Duane Francis	Elder Joe Weatherill
Elder Nettie Graham	Elder Ralston Willis
Rev. Wallace Hostetter	Rev. Bob Woodburn

Committee on Nominations

Elder Denson Broadfoot (SE)	Elder Alex Miltenberger (CS)
Rev. James Brown (FW)	Rev. Rhett Payne (CS)
Rev. Don Galardi (MW)	Rev. Stewart Pohlman (E)
Rev. Bob Garment (SE)	Elder Hubert Rennie (MW)
Elder Nettie Graham (FW)	Elder Jack Trube (E)
Elder (W)	Rev. (W)

6-15 Recess

ON MOTION the Assembly recessed briefly before the Moderator's Communion Service.

6-16 Moderator's Communion Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP Moderator's Communion Service Tuesday Morning, June 16, 1987

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER	Rev. James Van Dyke Moderator, 3rd General Assembly
HYMN #258	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
SCRIPTURE READING	Elder Irvin Rinehart Moderator, 2nd General Assembly
MODERATOR'S MEDITATION	Rev. James Morrison Moderator, 5th General Assembly
SPECIAL MUSIC	Rev. Ed G. Davis, Pastor Christ Fellowship Church, Ft. Collins, CO
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Rev. Calvin Gray Moderator, 1st General Assembly
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Rev. James Morrison
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Elder Don Harms Moderator, 4th General Assembly

HYMN #253

CLOSING BENEDICTION

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Rev. L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk

Worship Leader, Elder Roger Vonder Bruegge

Moderator, 6th General Assembly

Third Session
Tuesday, June 17, 1986

Minutes - Tuesday Afternoon

6-17 Assembly Committee Meetings

Standing Committees of the Assembly met in session during the afternoon.

Fourth Session
Tuesday, June 17, 1986

Minutes - Tuesday Evening

6-18 Evening Worship

The Assembly convened in the Sanctuary for worship. Rev. Bartlett Hess, pastor of the host church, was keynote speaker.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tuesday Evening, June 17, 1986

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Moderator
6th General Assembly

INTROIT

"Worship the Lord"

Halmekangas

HYMN OF PRAISE #595

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

INVESTITURE OF MODERATOR OF 6th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ANTHEM

"I Am"

Arr. Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER

Rev. Ronald Ragon

PRESENTATIONS

Rev. L. Edward Davis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Festival Piece on St. Anne"

Butler

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Elder Irvin Rinehart

MESSAGE

Rev. Bartlett L. Hess
Pastor, Ward Presbyterian Church

HYMN #98

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Perry Mobley

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Lutkin

6-19 Recess

The Assembly recessed at 9:00 p.m. following the service. Commissioners and observers were invited to Knox Hall for refreshments. Assembly to reconvene Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. for worship.

Fifth Session
Wednesday, June 18, 1986

Minutes - Wednesday Morning

6-20 Morning Worship Service

The morning worship service was led by Rev. Ed G. Davis in the Chapel. Dr. William Shoemaker, president of William Tyndale College ministered to the Assembly from the Word of God.

6-21 Business Session

The Assembly reconvened for business at 8:45 a.m. The Moderator opened with prayer.

6-22 Adoption of the Docket

ON MOTION the docket was adopted as presented.

DOCKET for June 18, 1986	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service (Chapel) Dr. William Shoemaker, Speaker Rev. Ed G. Davis, Worship Leader
8:80 a.m.	Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Announcements and introductions★ Reading of Minutes of 6/17/86★ Partial Report of Administration Committee★ Report of Ad Interim Committee on Theology★ Report of Commission on Brazil★ Approval of Minutes, 1985 (5th General Assembly)★ Descending Overtures
10:40 a.m.	Recess (Lighthouse) <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Report of Ministerial Vocation Committee★ Report of Christian Education and Publications Committee★ Report of Administration Committee
12:00 Noon	Women's Luncheon Botsford Inn Men's Luncheon Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ First Reading of Nominations★ Pending reports from morning session (Wednesday)★ Report of Church Development Committee
4:00 p.m.	End of Business Session
4:30 p.m.	Information meeting - Group Insurance Plan (Calvin Room)
5:30 p.m.	Complimentary Dinner for Commissioners, Observers and Guests (Knox Hall)
7:00 p.m.	Pre-presbytery Worship Service (Chapel)
7:30 p.m.	Presbytery Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Central South (Calvin Room)★ East (Room A-9)★ Far West (Room A-3)★ Midwest (Chapel)★ Southeast (Room A-1)★ West (Choir Room)★ Women's Meeting (Room A-15)
10:00 p.m.	Bus leaves for hotels

6-23 Announcements

An announcement was made on the health condition of Rev. Andrew Jumper, Central Church, St. Louis, MO. Prayer was offered for him and his family.

6-24 Partial Report of the Administration Committee

Prayer was offered by Chairman Elder Dale Williamson

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. Recommendation #13

B. Recommendation:

1. That Recommendation #13 "That the 6th General Assembly take the necessary action to establish a permanent Committee on Theology, composed of six members in three rotating classes of two each, one third of whom shall be Ruling Elders" be amended by placing a period after the word "each" and adding the sentence. "At least two members of the Committee shall be Ruling Elders insofar as practical." in place of the remainder of the original sentence.

____ Adopted

Motion was made to present the original recommendation to the effect "that the 6th General Assembly take the necessary action to establish a permanent Committee on Theology composed of six members, in three rotating classes of two each, one third of whom shall be Ruling Elders."

Motion was made to amend the primary motion by substituting "one-half of whom shall be Ruling Elders and one-half of whom shall be Teaching Elders."

The amended motion was adopted.

6-25 Report of Ad Interim Committee on Theology

Prayer was offered by Rev. James Van Dyke, Chairman.

A. Proposed Declaratory Statement to Westminster Confession of Faith.

Motion made to approve the **Declaratory Statement** (Recommendation #9, § 6-10).

Declaratory Statement*

The ordination of ministers, ruling elders, and deacons set forth in the **Book of Government** requires that they sincerely receive and adopt the **Westminster Confession of Faith** as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, believing there is a need for clarification of certain inferences drawn from statements in the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, and for affirmation of certain aspects of Biblical truth which call for a more explicit statement, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms:

With reference to Chapter 3 of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** concerning those who are saved in Christ, we affirm that the doctrine of God's eternal decree is to be held in harmony with the doctrine of His love for all people (1); that He gave His Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world (2); that He is ready to bestow His grace

on all who seek it (3) that concerning those who perish, the doctrine of God's eternal decree is to be held in harmony with the doctrine that God does not desire the death of any sinner (4); that He has provided in Christ a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and freely offered to all in the Gospel (5); that all people 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).

With reference to Chapter 10, § 3 of the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, we are not to regard it as teaching that those who die in infancy are lost (9). We believe that the salvation of those dying in infancy is grounded in the Sovereign election of God, and that they are in the care of a just and merciful Father, who saves by Christ through the Spirit, who works when, where, and how He pleases (10).

*Additional interpretation to the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, Chapters 3 and 10.

1. John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:19; I John 2:2; I John 4:14.
2. I Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 2:9, 17; I John 2:2.
3. Deuteronomy 4:29; Proverbs 8:17; Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 7:7; I Timothy 2:4.
4. Ezekiel 18:32; 33:11; II Peter 3:9.
5. Matthew 18:19; Romans 10:13; I Timothy 2:3, 4; Revelation 22:17.
6. John 1:12; 3:18; Acts 4:11, 12; Hebrews 2:3; 10:26.
7. Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; John 6:37; Luke 11:13; Revelation 22:17.
8. Ezekiel 18:7; John 3:18; Romans 1:18-21; Revelation 20:12-15.
9. Matthew 18:14; 19:13, 14.
10. Matthew 18:10; Mark 10:13, 14; Acts 2:39; John 3:8; I Corinthians 12:11.

ON MOTION the **Declaratory Statement** was tabled until the Permanent Judicial Commission rules on constitutional ramifications and process for final approval.

ON MOTION the members of the PJC were excused from the business session in order to prepare a ruling for the Assembly.

B. Ruling Elders and the Sacraments

Motion made to approve paper on **Ruling Elders and the Sacraments** (Recommendation #10, Section 6-10).

RULING ELDERS AND THE SACRAMENTS

The Ad Interim Committee on Theology recommends to the General Assembly that the **Book of Worship**, Section 3-1, be amended by:

- A. inserting the word "ordinarily" before the word "only" in the third sentence of Section 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."

Grounds:

1. It is our conviction that there is no Biblical warrant for restricting the administration of the sacraments to ordained Ministers. On the contrary, Scripture indicates that Philip, a Deacon, administered the sacrament of baptism to the Ethiopian eunuch. Further, Acts 2:42 indicates that the early Christian Church observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper each time a congregation assembled and there is no evidence that an Apostle was always present to administer it.
2. We can find no command or instruction in the New Testament that the sacraments were to be administered only by an ordained Minister.
3. There are times in the life of the Church when a Pastor is not available and there is an ongoing need for the sacraments to be available. For example, when the pulpit is vacant and a supply Pastor is not available, such need exists. Undoubtedly there are also times when it would be advantageous in our mission efforts for a Ruling Elder to be allowed to administer the sacraments.
4. We concur with the statement in the **Book of Worship**, Section 3-1, which says, "The power revealed in the sacraments does not reside in them or in the one administering them, but in the work of the Holy Spirit and in the promise of God who gives benefits to those who worthily receive them."

Motion made to refer Recommendation #10 to permanent Committee on Theology.
Motion defeated.

ON MOTION to amend paper on **Ruling Elders and the Sacraments** by adding a section #5 as follows: "Insert the word "ordinarily" at the beginning of the second sentence of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** Chapter 27, paragraph 4.

____Adopted

Motion to postpone further consideration until Thursday's first order of business defeated.

ON MOTION to refer the amended Recommendation #10 on **Ruling Elders and the Sacraments** to the permanent Committee on Theology.

6-26 Declaratory Statement Reconsidered

ON MOTION the tabled Recommendation #9 was returned to the floor pending a ruling by the Permanent Judicial Commission (cf. Section 6-25).

The PJC reported that they did not have a quorum, but could express the feeling of those members present. The Moderator ruled that a report on such basis could not be accepted.

ON MOTION the Assembly affirmed the ruling offered by the Stated Clerk to the effect that the proposed **Declaratory Statement**, if adopted by the 6th General Assembly, be considered a descending overture which will require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by the Presbyteries in order to be returned to the General Assembly for ratification.

____Adopted

6-27 Vote Taken On Declaratory Statement

On the question, a hand count vote of 69-63 was taken in favor of the proposed Declaratory Statement.

A recount was requested.

On the second vote, the proposed **Declaratory Statement**, was defeated by a standing count of 72-71.

6-28 Committee on Theology Matters

ON MOTION that the permanent Committee on Theology be instructed to make known all Ministers and Clerks of Session the date and place of its meeting, and the agenda of items to be deliberated, and to invite and welcome input from our constituency regarding these matters.

6-29 Position Paper on the Holy Spirit

Motion made that the **Position Paper on the Holy Spirit** be adopted.

PRELIMINARY POSITION PAPER ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Paragraph #1)

Included in the logo of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a descending dove, the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. It also raises the question, "What does the Evangelical Presbyterian Church believe about the Holy Spirit?"

(Paragraph #2)

In our doctrinal statement of faith called "The Essentials of Our 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."

(Paragraph #3)

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.")

(Paragraph #4)

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?

(Paragraph #5)

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. (**Westminster Confession of Faith**, Chapter 34:3).

(Paragraph #6)

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 enter 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)

(Paragraph #7)

In our redemption the Holy Spirit accomplishes several things. He convicts us of sin and brings repentance. He enables us to believe, confessing Jesus as Lord. He seals the believer unto the day of redemption. "In Him, you also, after listening to the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:13, 14 NASV)

(Paragraph #8)

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 lifetime. Sanctification is never complete short of glorification. Some Christians believe sanctification begins with "the baptism of the Holy Spirit," as a second work of grace, as subsequent to the new birth. What is the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in this matter?

(Paragraph #9)

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 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 ..."

(Paragraph #10)

Thus, we hold to the concept of the baptism in or with the Holy Spirit as the act of the Spirit that takes an unregenerate 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.

(Paragraph #11)

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 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**, Section 1.2)

(Paragraph #12)

Regardless of what term is used, we recognize this 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?

(Paragraph #13)

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 acceptable. As a Reformed denomination, we adhere strongly to our belief in the sovereignty of God, a belief that does not allow us either 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 "gift" as He sees fit.

(Paragraph #14)

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.

(Paragraph #15)

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.

(Paragraph #16)

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 "charismatic" does refer to the fact that every Christian receives a gift, or gifts, from the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:7, 11). In Romans 6:23, Paul states, "... the wages of sin is death, but the gift (charisma) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This means 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).

(Paragraph #17)

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, which occurred on the day of Pentecost, He said that the Spirit's power would have a particular purpose: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you shall be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

(Paragraph #18)

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)

(Paragraph #19)

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)

(Paragraph #20)

In Summary, 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 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 fruit 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.

(Paragraph #21)

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.

Motion was made and supported that the **Position Paper** be amended as follows:

Beginning in the 8th paragraph retain the first sentence, strike the remainder of the paragraph, and replace as follows: “This process of sanctification by which the believer is enabled to grow in grace throughout his lifetime, begins with the new birth and is never complete short of glorification.

Omit the remainder of paragraph 8.

In the 9th paragraph, second sentence, revise the second sentence to read: “This baptism in water visibly expresses the work of the Spirit that takes place at the time of the new birth.”

“John the Baptizer referred to the coming Lamb of God, Jesus as the One who would baptize in/with the Holy Spirit. This is recorded in each of the four gospels (Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:5, 8; Luke 3:16; and Jn. 1:33). Jesus said that the purpose of this baptism is to empower His followers to be His witnesses (Acts 1:5, 8). Then at Pentecost, He poured His Holy Spirit upon them, and filled them with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). The Book of Acts then records their going out in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Assembly agreed to allow the distribution of the amendment.

ON MOTION the amendment was defeated by voice vote.

- 6-30 Motion made to amend the paper by substituting for Paragraph 8, fourth sentence, the following: "Some Christians believe that 'the baptism in the Holy Spirit' is a second work of grace, subsequent to the new birth." (Motion laid on table by consensus.)

6-31 **Recess**

The Moderator declared a recess at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

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6-32 **Assembly Reconvened**

The Assembly reconvened in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. for business.

6-33 **Position Paper on Holy Spirit Adopted**

Prior motion (Section 6-30) was lifted from the table for consideration.

ON MOTION to approve the amendment of the Position Paper on the Holy Spirit (Section 6-30).

ON MOTION to approve the **Position Paper on the Holy Spirit** as amended.

____ Adopted

6-34 **Refer Issues on Declaratory Statement**

Motion made that the Assembly direct the permanent Committee on Theology to address the issues previously raised in discussion of the **Declaratory Statement** and report back to the 7th General Assembly (cf. Section 6-25 -27). Motion not sustained.

6-35 **Position Paper on Abortion**

Motion made to adopt the **Position Paper on Abortion**.

POSITION PAPER ON ABORTION

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life.

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

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

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

For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb." (Luke 1:15)

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

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

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

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

Scripture teaches that we are not merely to avoid involvement in injustice. God's people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.

The 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child.

Because we hold these convictions concerning unborn children, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal system into line with the Scriptural view on protecting the poor and weak. Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. All citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. But the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state is not a private, but a public matter.

The Bible teaches that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life.

In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly urges that the following steps be implemented by individuals, congregations and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies:

1. Women facing problem or unwanted pregnancies should receive support, love, acceptance, and counsel from pastors, counselors, physicians, and Christian friends both during and after the decisions they face. The Church must provide compassionate Biblical and spiritual guidance to these persons.

2. The men involved who respond with indifference must be confronted with their responsibilities and role in such crises.
3. The Church must support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.
4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who result from unwanted pregnancies.
5. The Church must serve as a therapeutic community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption.
6. Both individual Christians and the Church should do everything in their power to provide supportive communities and alternatives to abortion.
7. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion must never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.

The purpose of this statement is pastoral, not judicial. It is best proclaimed by those who are profoundly aware of their own continuous need for the mercy and forgiveness of God. The Church must always follow the compassionate example of Christ, who said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

ON MOTION the Position Paper on Abortion was mentioned by deleting the words "not judicial" from the first sentence in the concluding paragraph.

ON MOTION the consideration of the position paper be postponed until the report of the Committee on Overtures and Resolutions.

6-36 **Position Paper on Homosexuality**

ON MOTION the **Position Paper on Homosexuality** was adopted by voice vote.

POSITION PAPER ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Preface

In our society today, there are many issues which concern the people of God. One such issue is the rise in acceptance of and openness towards homosexual activity. We of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church believe there is a need to state clearly our understanding of the Biblical teaching about homosexual activity. It is also our desire to set forth our position regarding the appropriate response of Christians and the Church to this critical issue especially in light of the trend in some Christian bodies toward the ordination of practicing homosexuals. Let us first consider the Biblical teachings on this subject.

Biblical Teachings

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the infallible Word of God, the final authority in all issues of life. Therefore, contemporary sexual attitudes and behavior are to be judged in the light of the Bible, rather than the Bible being reinterpreted, modified or overturned by current cultural trends in thought and behavior.

We find our first problem with homosexuality in the first two chapters in the Bible. No reference to homosexuality is found here; but we do find, in the prototype family, Adam and Eve, God's perfect design for marriage and sexual expression. How beautifully simple and yet profoundly revealing is Adam's own description of Eve when God brought her into Adam's presence: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man." (Gen. 2:23)

God's commentary, spelling out the sanctity and intimacy of marriage, the bonding of male and female in physical oneness follows: "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). This statement is reaffirmed by Jesus (Mt. 19:5) and by Paul (Eph. 5:31), expanding the succinct utterance of Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them."

Here we find the very foundation of human sexuality and discover the distinctives that give man and woman their God-ordained sexual identities. In the the benediction that follows, we see not only God's provision for male and female completeness, but also His plan for the propagation of the human race: "And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it . . .'"

When God saw that Adam was not complete alone, but needed something beyond all the wonders of the beautiful animal creation, He observed, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him" (Gen. 2:18). The result was **woman**, not another male companion. A woman with her likeness to man, but with all her beautiful distinctiveness.

Today, we see the folly of modern man attempting to deal with human sexuality without knowing who he is. The result is often a confused and fragmented view of the nature of man and woman. G.C. Berkouwer reminds us that a man's nature is not self-enclosed, but must be understood in terms of its relationship to God. This understanding is found at the very beginning of the human race as described to us in the opening chapters of the Bible. Berkouwer states, "Here we see in Genesis 1 and 2 man and woman as the crowning jewel of God's creation, His image and likeness."

Homosexuality is a gross distortion of the "imago Dei" as still reflected in fallen man, and a mocking perversion and ignominious caricature of the sexual relationship as God intends it to be. Helmut Thielicke puts it more vividly: "He who no longer knows what man is, also cannot know what it is on which his peculiarity as a sexual being is based. He who disregards this anthropological motif of sexuality degrades it to a mere biological question."

God's judgment on this perversion of human sexuality emerges in the Law, i.e., Leviticus 20:13 - "When a man is with a male as with a woman, both have committed something perverse; they will certainly be put to death; their blood guilt rests on them." Significantly, adultery and incest draw the same penalty.

Genesis 19:4-18 tells the story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, two cities given over to homosexual lust and murderous hostility. In recent years an attempt has been made to minimize the charges of homosexuality as relating to God's judgment on those cities. Writers such as J. McNeill, S.J., contend that the word "yadah" rendered "know" in Genesis 19:5 and 8, more frequently is used to mean "to be aware of." McNeill states that here we have a group of citizens who in a brash manner tried to "get acquainted with" Lot's guests.

Such an interpretation is absurd in the face of Lot's pleas to the mob, begging them, ". . . do not act wickedly . . ." and his effort to protect his angelic guests by offering instead his virgin daughters, "who have not had relations with man . . ." to do with as they pleased. Moreover, when the mob was smitten with blindness by the angels, they spent the rest of the night milling around Lot's house in flaming lust to gratify their homosexual desires. to confuse such activity with a desire to be "hospitable" is inexcusable nonsense for any serious commentator to indulge.

Letha Scanzoni's "explanation" that what Lot was seeking to avoid here was a "gang rape" instead of private homosexual activity between two consenting adults (which she seems to accept as legitimate) is unworthy of refutation.

What must be acknowledged is that homosexuality is classified in the Levitical Law, or "Holiness Code," with other behavior such as incest, adultery, obeisance to Molech, bestiality, all of which are condemned.

Moving to the New Testament, we find no record in the Gospels of Jesus referring directly to homosexuality. However, our Lord made clear that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. He not only fulfilled it, He strengthened it. For example, it was not enough to refrain from the act of adultery. We declare that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Mt. 5:27,28). He thus clarified the Mosaic Law, rather than dismissing it, as some exegetes contend.

Turning to the Pauline epistles, we find specific statements which speak directly to the issue: Romans 1:26ff, I Cor. 6:9, and I. Tim. 1:10. The Romans passage is the most detailed and the most devastating! Here Paul begins his attack with the phrase, "For this reason . . .," which refers back to the previous verses 24 and 25. These verses trace immortality and self destructive behavior which they describe to having exchanged God's truth for falsehood (shades of Satan in the Garden) and having turned to idolatry, which is the worshipping and serving of the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen.

Because of this, "God gave them over to their degrading passions . . ." Women perverted natural relations into unnatural (Lesbianism), and men forsook their natural relationships with women and burned in their lust for one another (homosexuality), committing shameless acts with men. They acquired in their persons the penalty that was coming to them because of their wrong behavior. (Rom 1:26, 27)

There are various ways by which professing Christians in the homosexual community have sought to bypass the clear meaning of Paul's words. For example, some people contend that for them the natural way can be homosexuality, and that God is pleased with this. With the same rationale, many heterosexual persons with strong sex drives could say, "It's natural for me to be promiscuous; therefore, I feel that in God's eyes promiscuity is approved for me." God will not accept this kind of causistry. Romans 1:26 points back to the natural way God established at the dawn of human history.

In I Corinthians 6:9, Paul uses two different Greek words to refer to homosexuals: "malakoi;" probably refers to the passive in homosexual liaison, while "arsenokoitai" appears to designate the active partner. Only the most irresponsible sophistry can avoid the conclusion that Paul knew exactly what he wanted to say when he warned; "... Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God." (I Cor. 6:9-11)

Paul reiterates in I Timothy 1:9, 10 the warning he has given in the previous passages. Here again he uses the term "arsenokoitai" with reference to the active homosexual partner. Significantly, he included them with the lawless, rebellious, ungodly, the unholy and profane, those guilty of fratricide and other kinds of murder, kidnappers, liars, and perjurers. For these, Paul says, the law was made with its consequent penalties to law breakers (I Tim. 1:9).

Christian Response

The position regarding homosexuality taken by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church goes beyond a written statement. We recognize Christ's loving gift of Himself on the cross as an act of God in human history excluding no one from the offer of its benefits.

We believe that:

"The worship of God has, as its natural consequences, the response of commitment and service to Him. This finds expression as God's people gather to worship, then scatter into the world to serve Him. Such service includes witnessing to all peoples the marvelous deeds of Him who calls us out of darkness into His wonderful light. It includes, as a first duty, the proclamation of a grace that reaches out to forgive, to redeem, and to give new spiritual power to live for Him, through Jesus Christ, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit . . . It includes a witness to God's love and compassion . . . (Book of Worship, § 1-3).

How can this witness to forgiveness, redemption, and new spiritual power to live for God be expressed towards those in the homosexual community and those in the church who struggle with their sexual identity?

A. Education

Through sermons, classes and study groups, the understanding of human sexuality as part of God's image in us from a Biblical perspective helps to lay the groundwork of understanding for all. Those experiencing homophobia, or a fear of homosexuality, can be freed from this fear through understanding; those seeking answers to their sexual confusion can likewise begin the journey towards wholeness through reading, teaching and discussion.

B. The Friendship Factor

The incarnation of God in Christ is our constant reminder of the absolute necessity of a genuine identification with those we try to reach. Homosexuals need to know an acceptance of their person beyond the sexual concerns they bring with them, and that the church views their sexuality as only a part of their total being. The basis for friendship must be recognition of our common need of the grace of God.

C. Therapeutic Resources

"Therapy" comes from a Greek New Testament word, "therapeuo" meaning "to heal." Healing in the area of sexual identity and behavior comes through a number of channels which individual Christians and local churches can offer. These include worship, small group and one-on-one covenant relationships, pastoral counseling, prayer, and the services of committed Christian psychologists. Local church programs can draw on the resources of such groups as Sexaholics Anonymous and Exodus International* as they seek to establish ministries to homosexual persons. As individuals seek to move away from homosexuality in thought and act, they sometimes need the regular availability of caring and supportive Christians who can be trained by the local church for such a ministry.

D. Intercession

The value and place of prayer cannot be overstated. Combined with education, friendship, and therapeutic resources, prayer says to all involved that the risen Lord has power to redirect individual lives and to heal personal images of sexual identity. Both prayer with individuals and private intercessory prayer for individuals function in the mystery of the working of God to free, redeem and heal.

Conclusion

While we acknowledge the reality of this problem, and do not take lightly the grip of homosexuality upon countless persons in our society, both within and without the church, we reach the following conclusions:

1. Biblical teaching makes it clear that the practice of homosexuality is a sin. We affirm that while God hates the sin, He loves the sinner.
2. Since the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian life-style, and since officers of the church must be "examples to the flock" we cannot condone the ordination of practicing homosexuals as Deacons, Ruling Elders, or Teaching Elders.
3. As Christians, who are ourselves sinners redeemed by the grace of God, we must reach out to those persons who are struggling with homosexuality, offering them education, friendship, therapy, and intercession, to the end that they may experience true wholeness through the freeing, renewing grace of God in Jesus Christ. "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

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6-37 Position Paper on the Ordination of Women

Motion made to adopt the position paper

POSITION PAPER ON THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN

(Paragraph #1)

One of the most divisive issues among evangelicals, who commonly hold to the inspiration and infallibility of Scripture, is the question of the proper role of women in the church. This question primarily focuses on the area of the ordination of women as Deacons, Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders.

(Paragraph #2)

It was long the unquestioned assumption in the church that women could not be so ordained, and only in the last few decades of this century has that assumption been challenged and the ordination of women practiced in several denominational bodies. It is still taken for granted by many sincere churchmen that a correct interpretation of the Scriptures forbids not only the ordination of women but also the placing of women in leadership positions such as the teaching of men.

(Paragraph #3)

Others, who are equally sincere in their view of Scripture and desire to be faithful to its teachings, do not find any clear, unequivocal prohibition in the Scriptures of women being

ordained as Deacons, Ruling Elders, and Teaching Elders. Those who hold this position do not have any problems with gifted women teaching in the church. Such persons, seeing how greatly God has used and is using Spirit-filled women as leaders in His church, feel that ordination is simply a recognition of what God has already done but wish there were a more general consensus of the Scripture's teaching on this issue.

(Paragraph #4)

Those who oppose the ordination of women on Biblical grounds generally begin their justification with God's creation of women to be subordinate to man. Headship is given to and required of the man; submission and support is required of the woman (Genesis 1 & 2). The next consideration usually is that of the deception of Eve by Satan, so that she was the first to "fall," and her subsequent temptation of Adam (Genesis 3). It is held that this renders the woman vulnerable and unqualified for leadership in God's kingdom and further necessitates her subordination to man. In the New Testament, emphasis is placed on the fact that Christ called no women as disciples, and leans heavily upon I Corinthians 11:3-9, I Corinthians 14:34, 35, and particularly, I Timothy 2:11-15, which can be interpreted as forbidding women elders. Some use is made also of the teaching in I Timothy 3 that both Elders and Deacons are to be the husband of one wife, concluding that this principle clearly rules out women as Elders and Deacons.

(Paragraph #5)

Those who favor the ordination of women, or at least are willing to accept it as Biblically permissible, contend that there is no dogmatic prohibition of this anywhere in the Bible. They generally demonstrate that to see I Timothy 2:11-15 as clear prohibition is a matter of interpretation based more on personal conviction and assumption than on unquestionable exegesis. These persons also make use of such Scriptures as Galatians 3:28 and Acts 2:17, 18, and emphasize that there was one woman judge (Deborah); that Esther was used as a "savior" of the chosen people, Israel; that Miriam, Huldah, Anna, and the four daughters of Philip were all prophetesses; that Phoebe was a Deacon; and that Priscilla instructed Apollos (along with her husband). Some would stress Paul's recognition of Junia (or Junias) as an "apostle" in Romans 16:7.

(Paragraph #6)

To date no one has found the way to prove Biblically the definitive "rightness" of either side of this issue. We are in honesty forced to conclude that, for His own reasons unknown to us, God did not choose to give a dogmatic teaching on this issue.

(Paragraph #7)

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church does not believe that the issue of the ordination is an essential of the faith. The historic Reformed position on the Scriptural doctrine of government by Elders is believed to be that form needed for the perfecting of the order of the visible church, but has never been considered to be essential to its existence. The **Westminster Confession of Faith** makes it clear that the church catholic is sometimes more, sometimes less, visible according to the purity of the church at a particular time. Also, the purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error.

(Paragraph #8)

Nonetheless, in spite of such failures to be all God wants His church to be, the **Westminster Confession of Faith** affirms that "... there shall always be a church on earth to worship God according to His will."

(Paragraph #9)

Thus, while some churches may ordain women and some may decline to do so, neither position is essential to the existence of the church. Since people of good faith who equally love the Lord and hold to the infallibility of Scripture differ on this issue, and since uniformity of view and practice is not essential to the existence of the visible church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has chosen to leave this decision to the Spirit-guided consciences of particular congregation concerning the ordination of women as Elders and Deacons, and to presbyteries concerning the ordination of women as Ministers

(Paragraph #10)

It is in this context that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church states in its **Book of Government**, Chapter 7, entitled "Rights Reserved to a Particular Church" that, "The particular church has the right to elect its own officers." (7-2) This right is guaranteed in perpetuity.

(Paragraph #11)

Finally, the motto of our church summarizes our stance, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

(Paragraph #12)

*The statement of Biblical viewpoints for and against the ordination of women as Deacons, Ruling Elders, and Teaching Elders has been set forth in a separate paper as an appendix to this position statement.

Motion made to amend the position paper by deleting Paragraphs 1-6 and 12 of the proposed statement.

Motion made that consideration be postponed until the women returned from the women's luncheon in order to be able to participate in the discussion.

Motion to postpone was defeated by a show of hands (55-86).

ON MOTION to adopt the amendment.

ON MOTION to adopt the **Position Paper on the Ordination of Women** as amended.

6-38 Rules for Assembly

ON MOTION the **Rules for Assembly** were amended to add Chapter VIII, paragraph 1, an item 10 - Committee on Theology: (p. 165)

"10. Committee on Theology: concerning theological issues under study."

6-39 Introduction of Guest

The Moderator introduced Dr. Robert Veitch, president of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. Dr. Veitch brought words of greeting to the Assembly expressing a warm openness of the college to the EPC family.

6-40 Commission Report on Brazil

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bartlett Hess, member of the Commission on Brazil. Commission members are the Reverends Jumper, Hess, and Davis.

The Assembly commended the Commission for its successful efforts.

ON MOTION to instruct the Stated Clerk to clarify editorially the **Articles of Agreement**, Section 9, Paragraph D, line 5. The word "they" should be added between "facilities" and "shall." (p. 140)

ON MOTION to adopt the **Report on Brazil**, and dissolve the Commission.

____ Adopted

6-41 Minutes of the 5th General Assembly

Corrections were made to the provisional **Minutes** of the 5th General Assembly:

1. Page 11 - the members listed as the Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations are the members of the Presbytery Review Committee. The appropriate listing should be inserted for the Fraternal Relations Committee.
2. Page 30 - Add to the "Business Referred to Committee," #5. Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast.
3. Correct name of chairman of Standing Committee on Christian Education & Publications to Elder Tom Thompson.
4. Correct the **Rules for Assembly** to include Section 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."

5. Correct the **Rules for Assembly** to include Section 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."

6. Correct the **Rules for Assembly** to read in Section 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."

ON MOTION to adopt the 5th General Assembly **Minutes** as corrected.

6-42 **Descending Overtures** (p. 152)

The Stated Clerk reviewed with the Assembly the process of consideration for overtures sent down by a preceding Assembly and which, when voted on by a sufficient number of Presbyteries, are returned to the subsequent Assembly for vote (cf. BOG 17-2. A-D.)

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

Presbytery vote to approve was unanimous.

____ Approved and Ratified

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

Presbytery vote to approve was unanimous.

____ Approved and Ratified

6-43 **Report of Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

Prayer was offered by Elder Donald Harms.

A. **Business Referred to Committee:**

1. Recommendation #30
2. Recommendation #31
3. Recommendation #32
4. Recommendation #34
5. Recommendation #35
6. Overture 86-F

B. **Recommendations**

1. That Recommendation #30, that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation invite a member of the Subcommittee on Military Chaplaincy to briefly address the Assembly on the subject on ministry to the military be adopted.

____ Adopted

2. That Recommendation #31, that the **Book of Government** § 13-2, be amended by substituting the sentence, "The Candidate shall be examined in writing and orally in the following areas: Theology and Sacraments, English Bible, the **Book of Order**, the Reformed tradition, and the nature of the office of the Minister of the Word" for the sentence "The Candidate shall be examined in the following areas: Theology, English Bible, Sacraments, the **Book of Order** in all its parts, and the nature of the office of Minister of the Word." be adopted.

____ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #32, that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation permit the chairman of the permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation to address the Assembly concerning steps to regularize the Personal Information Form Process be approved.

____ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #34 be amended and adopted as follows: "That the General Assembly instruct the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee to investigate, evaluate and develop a plan for assisting with the pastoral care of our pastors and their families and congregations and report back to the 7th General Assembly."

____ Adopted

5. That Recommendation #35, to amend the **Book of Government**, § 16-27.A,

WHEREAS, the Presbytery Ministerial Committee will be able to conduct its business more effectively by achieving a quorum more easily;

WHEREAS, in the event the Committee members need to be physically present to meet with a church's session or minister, enough members can be present to have a quorum;

WHEREAS, frequently there develop crisis situations that require immediate action or response and quorum of one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the membership will add flexibility for the Committee to take action; be amended and adopted as follows:

Proposal to "change the **Book of Government**, § 16-27.A to say its quorum for action shall be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of membership to include at least one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder.

____ Adopted

6. That in reference to Overture 86-F, the recommendation

A. To refer the **Procedural Manual for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry** back to the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee and instruct that committee to bring the language of the **Manual** into conformity with the **Book of Order** be accepted upon by the Permanent Judicial Commission, and

B. To instruct the committee to simplify the procedures for those who come under the extraordinary clause, that no action is recommended, and

C. To instruct the committee to replace any and all mandatory language which allows the Presbyteries the necessary latitude to deal with its own affairs under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, and in conformity with the **Book of Government**, not be approved.

____ Adopted

7. That the General Assembly refer to the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee that military chaplains be empowered to receive members into the EPC by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith and letter of transfer, and such membership to be held in two or three local congregations which have a willingness to participate in such a ministry representing a geographical distribution of the United States.

____ Adopted

ON MOTION to receive the Report of the Ministerial Vocation Committee.

6-44 Recess

The Moderator declared a recess at 3:25 p.m., to reconvene in twenty minutes.

6-45 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly was reconvened by the Moderator at 3:45 p.m.

6-46 Military Chaplaincy Addressed

Rev. Darryl Sparling addressed the Assembly on chaplaincy, particularly in the military. Those persons present in active and reserve chaplaincy and candidates for active military chaplaincy were recognized.

6-47 Personal Information Forms

Rev. William Flannagan, Chairman of the Ministerial Vocation Committee, spoke briefly concerning new PIF's, and asked that all Ministers complete and return one to the Stated Clerk's office within 30 days of receiving the form.

6-48 Moderator's Concern

The Moderator asked forgiveness of the EPC women for earlier action of the Assembly (cf. § 6-37) concerning the vote taken in their absence on ordination of women in the church. The Assembly warmly received the pastoral concern of the Moderator.

6-49 Docket Adjustment

BY CONSENSUS the Moderator extended the length of the business session to 4:50 p.m.

6-50 First Reading of Nominations

Prayer was offered by Elder Hubert Rennie, of the Committee on Nominations.

Slate of Nominations

Committee on Administration

James Daniels, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1989
Donald Galardi, Minister	Midwest	Class of 1989

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Tommy Shields, Minister	Central South	Class of 1989
Walter Lobdell, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989

Committee on Church Development

Calvin Gray, Minister,	West	Class of 1989
Elden Brieschke, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
John Holleran, Elder	Allegheny	Class of 1989

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Mark Moore, Minister	West	Class of 1989
Bruce Brede, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989

Permanent Judicial Commission

Palmer Heenan, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
Darryl Sparling, Minister	West	Class of 1989
Prevost Marshall, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1989
Kenneth Breckner, Elder	Central South	Class of 1987

Committee on Christian Education & Publications

Eddy Swieson, Minister	East	Class of 1989
Rex Pike, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1989

Committee on Theology

Larry Lee, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
Dan Lacich, Minister	Allegheny	Class of 1989
Robert Bryan, Minister	Southeast	Class of 1988
Cord Sump, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1988
Fred Lian, Minister	West	Class of 1987
Mel Weimeister, Elder	West	Class of 1987

ON MOTION, the Report of the Committee on Nominations was received, with the addition of Elder Pat Seraydarian to the list of nominees for the Christian Education and Publications Committee.

Second reading of nominations and vote to be taken during business session on Thursday, June 19.

6-51 Partial Report of Standing Committee on Church Development

Prayer was offered by Rev. Perry Mobley.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. Overture 86-C (cf. § 6-10)
2. Overture 86-E (cf. § 6-10)

B. Recommendations:

1. That Overture 86-C, "On Dividing the Presbytery of the East," be answered in the affirmative, that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church allow the Presbytery of the East to divide into two geographically smaller Presbyteries, the Allegheny Presbytery and the Presbytery of the East.

____ Adopted

2. That Overture 86-E, be answered in the affirmative, that the Presbytery of the Midwest, in concurrence with the session of the EPC, Anna (IL), place the EPC, Anna (IL) within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Central South so that its bounds would then include all of the state of Illinois south of I-70. This change would be effective at the time of passage at the 6th General Assembly.

____ Adopted

6-52 Partial Report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education and Publications

Prayer was offered by Elder Pat Seraydarian, Chairman.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. Recommendation #25

B. Recommendation:

1. That Recommendation #25 be adopted, that the Woman's Ministries become a permanent committee to be made up of one representative from each Presbytery to serve a 3-year term, after which the regular electoral process of rotation of class year will be used.

A substitute motion was made to postpone action on above recommendation until the report on Overture 86-A was completed. Defeated by voice vote.

ON MOTION to adopt Recommendation #25.

____ Adopted

6-53 Rules for Assembly

ON MOTION the **Rules for Assembly** were amended to add Chapter VIII, paragraph one, an item #11: (p. 162)

"11. **Women's Ministries:** Concerning ministries of the women of the church."

6-54 Recess

The Moderator declared a recess at 4:50 p.m. Assembly to reconvene for worship in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES - Wednesday Evening

Seventh Session
Wednesday, June 18, 1986

6-55 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for worship. Worship leader was Rev. William Moore.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Wednesday Evening, June 18, 1986

HYMN #391	"Amazing Grace"
CALL TO WORSHIP	William Moore
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 6:1-6
DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE	Ron DiNunzio
HYMN #152	"Take My Life and Let It Be"
	(verses 1-4)
UNISON SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 16: 11-15
DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE	Thom Burbridge
HYMN #205	"Onward Christian Soldiers"

6-56 Recess

Moderator declared a recess to allow time for the docket item, the stated Presbytery meetings.

MINUTES-Thursdays Morning

Eighth Session
Thursday, June 19, 1986

6-57 Assembly Reconvened

The Assembly reconvened in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. with the singing of "*He Lives*," led by Rev. David Massimi. The Moderator opened with prayer.

6-58 Docket

ON MOTION the docket for the day was adopted.

Docket for Thursday, June 19, 1987	
7:30 a.m.	Business Session <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Announcements2. Adoption of Minutes (6/16/86) and Docket3. Final Report of Christian Education and Publications Committee4. Report of Overtures and Resolutions Committee5. Final Report of Church Development Committee6. Report of World Outreach Committee
9:15 a.m.	RECESS
9:30 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Introductions8. Report of Fraternal Relations Committee9. Second Reading of Nominations10. Report of Administration Committee11. Report of Presbytery Review Committee12. Report of Memorials and Appreciations Committee13. New Business
11:00 a.m.	SERVICE OF PRAYER
12:00 Noon	Adjournment of 6th General Assembly

6-59 Minutes (Wednesday, June 18)

ON MOTION the Synopsis of the **Minutes** for Wednesday, June 18, was approved with corrections.

6-60 Final Report of Standing Committee on Christian Education and Publications

Chairman Elder Pat Seraydarian opened with prayer and continued the reports of her committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

2. Recommendation #26
3. Recommendation #27
4. Minutes of permanent committee

B. Recommendations:

2. That Recommendation #26, that the Assembly endorse the concept of "2nd Mile Giving" for women's ministries which will be a part of the Benevolence Budget to help fund four bulletin inserts per year and/or other projects to be determined by the permanent committee be amended by deleting the word "four" and the words "per year" and adopted as amended.

_____ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #27,
WHEREAS, since 1900, the percentage of Americans age 65 and older has tripled, and the number increased nine times; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, persons reaching age 65 had an average life expectancy of an additional 16.8 years; and

WHEREAS, by 2030, there will be about 65 million persons, two and a half times their number in 1930;

THEREFORE, we urge the adoption of the following as stated goals for ministry to older persons:

Short Range Goals:

1. Promote the establishment of a Lifestyle Committee on Aging in each congregation.
2. Produce and distribute resource material for the local churches' use in developing ministries for older adults.
3. Provide consultation to Lifestyle Committees.
4. Conduct workshops on aging to be held at General Assembly and at Presbytery meetings.
5. Publish a quarterly newsletter.

Long Range Goals:

1. Promote awareness of the unique emotional, social, and spiritual needs of older persons.
2. Promote appreciation for the contributions older persons may make to the church body and fellowship through leadership, teaching, and outreach.
3. Encourage and support a network for collecting information and sharing about effective ministries with older adults within the EPC as well as in other denominations.
4. Provide information about current state and federal legislation as well as national public policy.

5. Help assure the security and well-being of retired church personnel.
6. Emphasize the importance of individual Christians modifying their lifestyle to improve on their physical, emotional, and spiritual health **be amended and adopted as follows:**

- A. by deleting #1 and replacing it with
 1. To encourage each Presbytery to assign the study of a ministry to older adults to an appropriate committee.
- B. by adding "General Assembly" between the words "for" and "ministry" in the **THEREFORE** statement preceding "Short Range Goals."
- C. deleting from the report Long Range Goal #5 and referring it to the Administration Committee.
- D. by deleting the words "and support a network for" from Long Range Goal #3.

____Adopted

4. That the **Minutes** of the permanent Committee on Christian Education & Publications be approved.

____Adopted

5. That the Youth Ministry concept for summer youth conferences be approved.

____Adopted

6. That the long range, multi-skilled person concept outlined in the March **Minutes** of the permanent Committee on Christian Education & Publications be referred back to that committee for a definite assessment of need and a position description.

____Adopted

7. That the Moderator reappoint the Task Force on Aging, to be chaired by Rev. Don Fortson, with the goal of implementing Recommendation #27.

____Adopted

8. That the matters of family ministry and communicant's class curriculum be referred to the permanent Committee on Christian Education & Publications.

____Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the report of the Committee on Christian Education & Publications as a whole.

____Adopted

6-61 **Report of Overtures and Resolutions Committee**

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Woodcock, Chairman.

A. **Business Referred to Committee:**

1. Overture 86-G
2. Communication of 5/86 from Rev. David Massimi

3. Report on 3rd Annual Consultation on Pornography
4. Overture 86-A
5. Recommendation #8
6. Overture 86-D

B. Recommendations

1. That Overture 86-G be adopted with the following changes:
 - A. following the twelfth paragraph, insert the last three paragraphs from page 6, **Commissioner's Handbook**, (David Massimi correspondence) with additional changes:
 1. Preface first paragraph with "BE IT";
 2. Delete words "at least" in the same paragraph;
 3. Add \$800 to assist Presbyteries to send representatives to NCAP in 1987.

____Adopted

2. That Overture 86-A not be adopted.

Grounds: It contradicts Presbyterian order which entrusts leadership only to ordained elders.

____Adopted

3. That Recommendation #8 not be adopted, that the **Rules for Assembly**, Section 9-3, be amended to allow for non-elders to participate on program committees in the EPC.

Grounds: It contradicts Presbyterian order which entrusts leadership only to ordained elders.

____Adopted

4. That Overture 86-D be adopted because these changes strengthen our pastoral letter on abortion.

____Postponed

The Stated Clerk called a point of order and suggested that the above recommendation on Overture 86-D be postponed until the **Position Paper on Abortion** had been considered.

ON MOTION consideration of item #4 above was postponed until after consideration of Position Paper on Abortion.

6-62 Position Paper on Abortion

Motion made that the **Position Paper on Abortion** as amended (cf. Section 6-35) be adopted.

ON MOTION to amend the **Position Paper on Abortion** further by inserting "oppose abortion and" between words "should" and "do" at the end of line 1 of item 6.

ON MOTION to adopt the **Position Paper on Abortion** as amended.

6-63 Report of Overtures & Resolutions Committee (continued)

ON MOTION to delete item #4 of committee's report as a result of action taken in Section 6-64 on **Position Paper on Abortion**.

ON MOTION the report of Overtures and Resolutions Committee was adopted as a whole.

6-64 Final Report of Standing Committee on Church Development

Rev. Perry Mobley, Chairman, opened with prayer and continued the report of his committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

3. Recommendation #33
4. Recommendation #29

B. Recommendations:

3. That Recommendation #33 be adopted, that the **Book of Government**, Section 15-8, be amended by adding to the sentence, "Membership may not be transferred to another Presbytery" the additional words and sentence, . . . "except in the case of the realignment of the Presbytery boundaries. In such case, the membership of the retired Minister shall be held in the realigned Presbytery of his choice."

____ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #29 that the proposed "Provisional Master Plan for Church Development" be adopted. (p. 115)

____ Adopted

5. That the General Assembly approve the concept of an Advanced Church Development Fund, and recommend that the permanent Church Development Committee, in conjunction with the permanent Administration Committee, be instructed to bring to the 7th General Assembly a specific plan for implementation and funding.

____ Adopted

6. That the General Assembly approve a new Church Loan Fund with an initial target amount of \$300,000. These monies would be available at a favorable rate to EPC congregations seeking to acquire land or building facilities. To launch Fund:

- a. Promote congregational giving by individual gifts, legacies, endowments, outright gifts, and inclusion in local church budgets.
- b. Designate 1986 and 1987 Thanksgiving Offerings to this Fund.

____ Adopted

Motion made to delete the term "at a favorable rate" from the recommendation as seen in Leviticus 25: 36-38. Defeated 47-78 by a show of hands.

7. That the 6th General Assembly approve the development of the Office of Church Development, and ask the 7th General Assembly to take action whereby the per member contribution would be increased by \$2 (to \$10 per member) beginning January 1, 1988, for the purpose of establishing the Office of Church Development, with executive leadership to be employed no later than June 1, 1988.

____ Adopted

6-65 Thanksgiving Offering

Elder Irv Rinehart spoke briefly concerning the Thanksgiving Offering for 1986 and 1987. He stressed the need for Church Loan Fund monies for denominational development.

6-66 Rules for Assembly

ON MOTION to empower the Stated Clerk in consultation with the newly established permanent committees to amend Chapter 9 of the **Rules for Assembly** to bring this chapter into conformity with the Assembly action respecting these committees.

6-67 Report of the Standing Committee on World Outreach

Prayer was offered by Rev. John Crimmins.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. Recommendation #3
2. Recommendation #4
3. Recommendation #6
4. Recommendation #7
5. Recommendation #23

B. Recommendations:

1. That Recommendation #3, that the **Cooperative Agreement** with Wycliffe Bible Translators be approved. (p. 111)

____ Adopted

2. That Recommendation #4, that the **Cooperative Agreement** with Logoi be approved. (p. 109)

____ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #6, that the General Assembly amend the **World Outreach Missions Manual** to add Section 204.6: "The World Outreach office will actively help gain full support for missionaries whose ministry is in harmony with the **Missions Manual**, Sections 101-103." be approved.

____ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #7, that Part III of the **Missions Manual** be approved after amending it as follows: The phrase "Teams or Missionary duplication or conflict; d) A vehicle for inter" be inserted between lines 3 and 4 of paragraph B, Section 301.4 of Part III of the **World Outreach Missions Manual**.

____ Adopted

5. That Recommendation #23, that the **Rules for Assembly** be suspended to allow for a twenty minute presentation by the World Outreach Committee on Wednesday morning be amended to ask for a ten minute presentation on Thursday morning.

____Adopted

6. That the **Minutes** of the permanent World Outreach Committee (6/17/85, 9/20-21/85, and 2/28-3/1/86 be approved.

____Adopted

ON MOTION the Report of the Standing Committee on World Outreach was adopted.

6-68 **World Outreach Presentation**

Rev. Ed Randal, World Outreach Director, presented an overview of the activities of the past year. He highlighted the outstanding accomplishments, challenges, needs and call for participation and prayer in the area of world outreach.

6-69 **Women's Committee Membership** (Addendum to Christian Education and Publications Committee Report)

Additional recommendation to the Report of the Standing Christian Education & Publications Committee is as follows:

That the permanent Committee on Women's Ministries be initially established as follows:

- a. The Moderator shall appoint one representative from each of the Presbyteries for three year terms. Such persons need not be Ruling Elders.
- b. Commencing with the Assembly year 1989, the committee membership shall be established by the regular electoral process of rotation of class year and shall be consistent with any and all Assembly stipulations for permanent committee members in force at that time.

____Adopted

6-70 **Final Report of Committee on Nominations**

The Committee on Nominations recommended the following:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to offer the General Assembly a slate of nominees to each permanent committee, and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that persons well qualified and skilled be nominated to committees where those skills will best serve the work of God's Kingdom through this denomination, and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee has little information available concerning the abilities or willingness of Ruling Elders to serve on permanent committees, and

WHEREAS, individual Presbyteries and congregations are best acquainted with the human resources God has given within their fellowships:

THEREFORE, the Committee on Nominations for the 6th General Assembly meeting in Livonia, Michigan this 17th day of June, 1986, recommends that the General Assembly:

1. Issue through the stated clerks of the several Presbyteries a written request to every congregation to recommend Ruling Elders who would be willing and qualified to serve on specific permanent committees.
2. Instruct its Stated Clerk to produce a brief description of the duties and responsibilities for each permanent committee along with upcoming openings on each committee.
3. Obtain from the stated clerks of each Presbytery a combined list of available Ruling Elders from its member congregations along with their qualifications, experience, and brief biographical summary.
4. Transmit to the chairman and each member of the Committee on Nominations copies of all such documents prior to the meeting of the Committee.

FURTHERMORE, the Committee recommends that this procedure be used each year for the benefit of the Committee on Nominations, for the best stewardship of gifts within the EPC, and for the further advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

6-71 Slate of Nominations

The Nominations Committee presented the following slate as its second reading. The slate was given the Assembly for vote.

Slate of Nominations

Committee on Administration

James Daniels, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1989
Donald Galardi, Minister	Midwest	Class of 1989

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Tommy Shields, Minister	Central South	Class of 1989
Walter Lobdell, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989

Committee on Church Development

Calvin Gray, Minister	West	Class of 1989
Elden Brieschke, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
John Holleran, Elder	Allegheny	Class of 1989

Permanent Judicial Commission

Palmer Heenan, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
Darryl Sparling, Minister	West	Class of 1989
Prevost Marshall, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1989
Kenneth Breckner, Elder	Central South	Class of 1987

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Mark Moore, Minister	West	Class of 1989
Bruce Brede, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989

Committee on Christian Education & Publications

Eddy Swieson, Minister	East	Class of 1989
Pat Seraydarian, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
Rex Pike, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1987

Committee on Theology

Larry Lee, Elder	Midwest	Class of 1989
Dan Lacich, Minister	Allegheny	Class of 1989
Robert Bryan, Minister	Southeast	Class of 1988
Cord Sump, Elder	Southeast	Class of 1988
Fred Lian, Minister	West	Class of 1987
Mel Weimeister, Elder	West	Class of 1987

ON MOTION the above slate was adopted with electing ballots being cast for all.

ON MOTION the final Report of the Nominations Committee was approved.

6-72 Ortiz Recognized

The Moderator recognized Rev. Juan Carlos Ortiz, newly received member of the Central South Presbytery, and invited him to address the Assembly. He provided a stirring challenge.

6-73 Stated Clerk Ruling

The Stated Clerk gave his ruling on action taken by the General Assembly concerning the establishment of the permanent Committee on Women's Ministries. The committee's membership of persons other than ruling and teaching elders is in effect a suspension of the **Rules for Assembly** and will need to be renewed each succeeding year.

6-74 Report of Standing Fraternal Relations Committee

Prayer was offered by Rev. Ron Ragon, Chairman

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. Recommendation #2
2. Correspondence from WARC, October 30, 1985
3. Correspondence from Interecclesiastical Relations Committee, Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB), April 22, 1986
4. Correspondence from the Interchurch Relations Committee, Christian Reformed Church, March 22, 1986
5. Minutes of permanent Fraternal Relations Committee.

B. Recommendations:

1. That Recommendation #2 be adopted that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church make application for membership in the World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) and that a contribution be given the WEF in the amount of \$300, of which \$75 shall be membership fee.

____Adopted

2. That the October 30, 1985 correspondence from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches be received as information and that the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee distribute available information on WARC to EPC congregations.

____ Adopted

3. That the April 22, 1986 correspondence from the Interecclesiastical Relations Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) be received as information and that the Assembly authorize the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Assembly to send an appropriate delegation to the General Assembly of the IPB at its July 12-18, 1986 meeting.

____ Adopted

4. That the April 22, 1986 correspondence from the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Christian Reformed Church be received as information and that the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee respond to the invitation contained in that letter by sending a representative(s) to the 1987 meeting of the General Synod of the Christian Reformed Church and report back to the 7th General Assembly (1987).

____ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the **Minutes** of the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee (March 3, 4, 1986).

A further note: the Committee suggested to the Assembly that its permanent World Outreach Committee study the possibilities of including churches from other countries as particular churches in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

ON MOTION the Report of the Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations was approved.

6-75 Final Report of Standing Committee on Administration (continued from § 6-24)

Elder Dale Williamson, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

2. Recommendation #1
3. Recommendation #5
4. Recommendation #14
5. Recommendation #15
6. Recommendation #16
7. Recommendation #17
8. Recommendation #24
9. Recommendation #28
10. Recommendation #18
11. Recommendation #19
12. Recommendation #21
13. Recommendation #22
14. Overture 86-B

B. Recommendations

2. That Recommendation #1 be adopted that the **Rules for Assembly** be amended in § 9-6 by substituting the sentence, "Each permanent committee shall elect its chairman for the forthcoming Assembly year before the Assembly that initiates that Assembly year." for the present sentence.

____Adopted

3. That Recommendation #5 that the 1987 Benevolence Askings for \$517,860 be approved as amended in World Outreach memo, June 12, 1986, reducing total World Outreach askings to \$403,860.

____Adopted

4. That Recommendation #14 be adopted that the 7th General Assembly convene from June 15-18, 1987 in Rome, Georgia, hosted by First Presbyterian Church.

____Adopted

5. That Recommendation #15 be adopted that the 8th General Assembly convene from June 20-23, 1988, in Englewood, Colorado, hosted by Cherry Hills Community Church.

____Adopted

6. That Recommendation #16 be adopted as amended that the Benevolence Askings Budget be approved for a total of \$631,360. (Amended from \$745,360 total in memo dated June 12, 1986 reducing World Outreach Askings from \$571,860 to \$403,860.)

____Adopted

7. That Recommendation #17 be adopted that the General Assembly adopt the proposed 1987 Administration Budget as presented for \$267,809.

____Adopted

8. That Overture 86-B:

"To establish an historical foundation, appoint a committee to oversee its development, and instruct that committee to prepare a history of the origins of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Committee for the Historical Foundation shall be responsible for collecting, cataloging, and preserving historical documents, artifacts, and other items of historical significance in the origins and ongoing life of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church." be adopted as a whole, ensuring that the addition is compatible with § 4-7 of the **Rules for Assembly**.

____Adopted

9. That Recommendation #21 be adopted that the denominational group insurance plan be amended by increasing the cap for long term disability insurance from \$25,000 to \$40,000 yearly insurable salary.

____Adopted

10. That Recommendation #22 be adopted that the denominational group insurance plan be amended to make retired persons eligible by defining "retiree" as follows: "A retiree is one who has reached the 60th birthday and has served at least five (5) years with his or her EPC church. Such person may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium."

____Adopted

Recommendations #24, 28, 18 and 19 were considered previously during the Assembly, and thus omitted at this time.

6-76 Insurance Subcommittee Tasks

The **Minutes** of the 5th General Assembly reflect an assignment given to the Insurance Subcommittee as follows:

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

It was noted that these tasks have not been completed to date.

6-77 Ministerial Financial Concerns

The Stated Clerk addressed the Assembly concerning tax matters and ministers:

- A. The current status on ministers as perceived by the Internal Revenue Service is that of "common law" employees, thus requiring churches to use W-2 forms in reporting annual income;
- B. Legislation now pending in Congress would restore the classic "double" exemption pertaining to military and ministerial housing allowances and mortgage expenditures.

He also reminded the Assembly that the EPC insurance plan requires an annual census of the gross income of participants due in January of each year. Since only a small percentage of requested information has been received, a special confidential mailing will be necessary.

6-78 Report of Standing Committee on Presbytery Review

Rev. Sam Harris, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

- 1. **Minutes** of the six Presbyteries.

B. Recommendations:

- 1. That the **Minutes** of the Presbytery of the West, Southeast, Central South and Midwest be approved with notations. (Notations are given to each stated clerk.)

____Adopted

2. That the **Minutes** of the Presbytery of the Far West be approved with notations and the following exceptions:
- A. Candidates have been received without being members of an EPC church;
 - B. The sacrament of infant baptism was performed at a Presbytery meeting without the oversight of an EPC church session (**Book of Worship**, § 3-2.G)

____ Adopted

3. That the **Minutes** of the Presbytery of the East be transmitted to the Chairman of the Standing Presbytery Review Committee for examination no later than September 1, 1986.

____ Adopted

4. That the **Minutes** of the West (Spring, 1984) be approved with notations.

____ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the Report of the Standing Presbytery Review Committee.

6-79 Report of Committee on Memorials and Appreciation

Rev. Don Fortson, Chairman, opened with prayer.

A memorial prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Stifel for the following persons who died in the past year:

- A. Marion Francis, Elder
Central Presbyterian, St. Louis, MO
- B. Nolan Floyd, Elder
Zachary Presbyterian, Zachary, LA
- C. Arthur E. Roberts, Elder
First Presbyterian, Rome, GA
- D. E. C. Schilling, Elder
Zachary Presbyterian, Zachary, LA
- E. Frances Scotchmer
Wife of Dr. George Scotchmer, St. Louis, MO
- F. Nancy Barker
Wife of EPC Evangelist, Tom Barker, Montreat, NC

The committee expressed the Assembly's appreciation to the host churches, staffs, and pastors, the 5th General Assembly Moderator, Local Arrangements Committee, worship leaders and music personnel, the Assembly office staff, the countless volunteers, and to our Lord Jesus Christ.

ON MOTION the Report of the Standing Committee on Memorials and Appreciation was adopted.

6-80 New Business

One item of new business pertaining to procedures of the Assembly, came to the floor. Rev. James Van Dyke observed that more time may be needed for General Assembly in order to devote adequate times to each facet of Assembly - business and special presentations, fellowship, worship, and prayer.

ON MOTION to authorize and request the Stated Clerk and the Administration Committee to consider expanding the time frame for the meetings of the General Assembly.

6-81 Reading of Minutes Omitted

ON MOTION the Assembly dispensed with the reading of the **Minutes** of the morning's proceedings.

6-82 Report of Final Enrollment

The final enrollment for the Assembly is as follows:

Ruling Elders	108
Ministers	91
Observers	73
	272

(The Stated Clerk commented with a degree of consternation that up to 25 commissioners neglected to complete the registration process, so that preliminary figures did not accurately reflect the number present.)

6-83 Recognition of King College

Rev. Jack Snider, representative of King College, Bristol, TN, was introduced by Rev. James Van Dyke. Attention was called to the King College exhibit in the Lighthouse, and to the excellent program offered at the college.

6-84 Recess

The business session was concluded at 11:00 a.m. Assembly reconvened in the sanctuary for the service of prayer.

6-85 Service of Prayer

The Assembly gathered at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the worship service of prayer. Rev. Bill Flannagan, Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO was joined by other elders of his church in leading the service and praying for the needs of those present.

6-86 Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned with prayer at 12:00 noon.

PART II

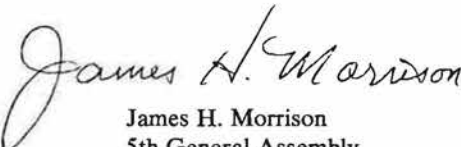
Appendices

Report of the Moderator

This past year as Moderator has been a very exciting year of growth for me. I have had the opportunity to develop some relationships with teaching elders as well as ruling elders that have become very special, and for that I am grateful. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a vibrant and loving denomination with a great future in the Lord, and I am blessed to be a part of it. In the past year as Moderator, I had the opportunity to preach in four of our churches and each one was a very unique and good experience. They were the Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Rochester (MI); Calvary Presbyterian Church, Butler (PA); Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Greenwood (VA); and Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis (MO). I also had the privilege of visiting two Presbytery meetings besides my own which were the Presbytery of the Central South and the Presbytery of the West. I met with four different groups during the year who had expressed an interest in our fine denomination, as well as correspond with a large number of pastors who had likewise expressed interest. Being involved with the Executive Committee and Administration Committee was also an enlightening experience. I have found our people in the General Assembly Office to be diligent and responsible workers for the Kingdom of God as well as the EPC.

One area of concern I feel must be expressed to the commissioners of the 6th General Assembly. I have been overwhelmed with the response of both teaching and ruling elders to my desire to pray for or to be involved with them on a friendship basis. We have many brothers and sisters even within our own denomination who feel they are out there in the field working for Jesus "alone." These Christian friends have a great need for the friendship, prayers, and support of fellow workers nearby on regular basis. A few of our Presbyteries do have a good support system and really do work at having a regular time for members. I do feel that more needs to be done within most of our Presbyteries to encourage a greater prayer support system and community of fellowship for our elders and pastors.

The future is bright for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and will be brighter still as we work at our support relationships on the local Presbytery level. I am looking forward to the future of our denomination as the Lord continues to use us in His service.



James H. Morrison
5th General Assembly

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 as 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.

ANNUAL REPORTING

1. Churches received:

- Littleton, CO — Family of Faith (mission church)
- Loveland, CO — Faith Evangelical Church
- Gastonia, NC — First EPC (mission church)
- Chattanooga, TN — Brainerd Presbyterian Church
- Orlando, FL — Eastside Presbyterian Church
- Atlanta, GA — Evangelical Prebyterian Fellowship (Project Atlanta)
- Marshall, TX — Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Houma, LA — First Presbyterian Church
- Laurel, MS — Westminster Prebyterian Church
- Whittier, CA — Thai Christian Ministries
- Tucson, AZ — Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Greenwood, VA — Lebanon Presbyterian Church
- Des Moines, IA — Westkirk Presbyterian Church
- Silver Springs, MD — EPC

2. Churches dissolved:

- Denver, CO — Southwest Community Church (mission church)
- Madison, MS — EPC (mission church)
- Paradise Valley, AZ — Redeemer EPC (mission church)
- Woodward, OK — Woodward Fellowship (mission group)

3. Totals: 1985: 74 churches

1986: 14 additions

4 losses

84 churches

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Membership

1985 23,379
1984 20,508
1983 18,210

Infant Baptisms

1985 — 377
1984 — 337
1983 — 305

Youth Professions of Faith

1985 — 232
1984 — 247
1983 — 318

Adult Baptisms

1985 — 163
1984 — 227
1983 — 233

Participation in Per Member Giving

1985 — 67% participation (11% increase)
1984 — 75% participation

GIVING STATISTICS

Per member contributions: 1985: \$ 160,631 (3% increase)
1984: 155,736

Total Received: 1985: \$ 16,899,000 (7% increase)
1984: 15,711,728

Missions: 1985: \$ 2,356,129 (12% increase)
1984: 2,076,777

Average Per Member: 1985: \$ 723 (6% decrease)
1984: 766

NOTE: At printing time for this **Handbook**, 26 churches had not yet submitted the annual reports for 1985. Every effort is being made to receive these reports and include them in the final Report of the Stated Clerk at Assembly time.



L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk

Report of the Director of World Outreach

The first time I heard a description of the responsibilities of EPC's proposed position of World Outreach Director, I was awed by the size of the task. Now, having accepted those responsibilities 5 months ago, that sense of awe has not diminished. Indeed, it has increased as I have seen more clearly the abundance of gifts, resources, and commitment with which the Lord has blessed our church. The call to world outreach should stir in all of us a humble awe.

India

In January I participated in India Bible Literature's school of evangelism in Madras. There I met the 10 pastors who are supported by World Outreach as they are committed not only to 3 months of academic work, but also to starting churches in mostly Hindu and poor villages. Last year 20 pastors were able to see 31 churches established in that 12 month period. This year the school has expanded to include 120 pastors. Another 120 applied but there was simply not enough room in the program for them.

It is increasingly difficult for foreign missionaries to gain access to India, a country which by the year 2000 will be the most populace nation in the world. More than 85% of India has little or no Christian witness. Militant Hinduism is gaining strength. In spite of all this, the church has been growing dramatically in recent years. Its strength and promise are reflected in the ability, experience, and dedication of the 10 pastors which World Outreach is supporting this year in evangelism, discipleship and the establishing of new congregations.

Brazil

In March, Andrew Jumper, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, and I visited Brazil. Dr. Jumper taught a seminar on pastoral counseling for roughly 130 pastors from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB). Over 1/3 of these men were under 35 years of age. Many of those with whom we spoke have a deep commitment to personal evangelism, frequently using adaptations of the Evangelism Explosion Program.

The IPB, with roughly 1/4 million members, has a strong vision for missions. She is committed to evangelism whether it be in the sprawling city of Sao Paulo (the second largest in the world), in the turbulent frontier regions of the west, in the Indian tribal regions of the Amazon, in her outreach to neighboring Paraguay or Bolivia, and even in reaching Portuguese speaking areas of Africa. Realizing a need for an ever increasing supply of biblically trained men, the church has strengthened its seminary program by offering a Master of Theology degree. Eventually a Doctor of Theology degree will also be available.

Early in November delegates from both the IPB and the EPC will meet in Detroit to plan how they can best carry out our mission mandate.

World Outreach Missionaries

When the World Outreach Committee meets immediately prior to General Assembly it will be considering the final approval of 2 couples working under cooperative agreement in a US assignment with Logoi and a Latin American assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In September the Committee anticipates deciding to approve 2 couples working in cooperative agreement with Overseas Crusade in Japan and Wycliffe Bible Translators in the US. In addition, 7 other individuals are in various stages in their application for approval as missionaries with World Outreach.

Urban Ministries Center

The former Central Northwest Presbyterian Church facility has been used by a variety of evangelical groups for ministry. World Outreach's primary goal, however, is the formation of a black congregation in that facility. Toward that end, the Urban Ministry Center Committee has attended seminars, invited Dr. Craig Ellison from New York for a day of special consultation, and has begun interviewing prospective pastors to lead that new ministry. The Lord willing, that work will commence this fall.

In anticipation of needing housing for a pastor, the Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia took on the enormous task of renovating the house on the property adjacent to the UMC.

EPC Congregations and Missions

A church wide survey on attitudes toward and commitment to missions was helpful in taking the pulse of EPC. In addition, I have participated in mission conferences in six congregations since January. I regret not being able to visit congregations more widely, but I look forward to correcting that soon.

World Outreach Benevolence Askings, 1986

As of the end of April, the following amounts have been designated for World Outreach Projects:

		Goal	Designated
Project WO 8601-02	Executive Director, and Publication and Office Development	\$100,000	\$ 27,079
Project WO 8603-05	Theological Education: Brazil	50,000	27,075
Project WO 8606-10	Missionary Support and Frontier Outreach-Brazil	120,000	80,093
Project WO 8611	India	50,000	33,925
Project WO 8612	Urban Ministries Center	80,000	*41,312
		<hr/> \$400,000	<hr/> \$209,484

Many have given sacrificially and generously. Before the end of the fiscal year this will probably be greatly expanded.

*Includes funds contributed early in 1985.

From January 1985 to April 1986, 25% of EPC congregations supported World Outreach personnel. Those congregations were:

- Calvary P.C., Butler, PA
- Calvary P.C., Flint, MI
- Central P.C., St. Louis
- Central Northwest P.C., Detroit, MI
- Cherry Creek P.C., Englewood, CO
- Covenant P.C., Ann Arbor, MI
- EPC, Anna, IL
- Faith P.C. Aurora, CO
- Faith EPC, Rochester, MI
- Fellowship EPC, South Lyon, MI
- First P.C., Rome, GA
- First EPC, Trenton, MI
- Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, MI
- Grace P.C., Franklin, NC
- Hemet Valley P.C., Hemet Valley, CA
- Military Ave. P.C., Detroit, MI
- North Park EPC, Wexford, PA
- Oakland Ave. EPC, Pontiac, MI
- Tabernacle P.C., Youngstown, OH
- Trinity P.C., Plymouth, MI
- Ward P.C., Livonia, MI

From January 1985 to April 1986, 15% of EPC Congregations gave to EPC designated benevolence projects. Those congregations were:

- Ashland EPC, Voorhees, NJ
- Central P.C., St. Louis, MO
- Central Northwest P.C., Detroit, MI
- Covenant P.C., Ann Arbor, MI
- EPC, Amarillo, TX
- Faith EPC, Rochester, MI
- Faith P.C., Roanoke, VA
- Fellowship P.C., South Lyon, MI
- First P.C., Rome, GA
- Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, MI
- Santa Maria Community Church, Santa Maria, CA
- Ward P.C., Livonia, MI

An additional 13% of EPC congregations have given undesignated support. Those congregations were:

- Ashland EPC, Voorhees, NJ
- Central P.C., St. Louis, MO
- Central Northwest P.C., Detroit, MI
- Covenant P.C., Ann Arbor, MI
- EPC, Amarillo, TX
- Faith EPC, Rochester, MI
- Faith P.C., Roanoke, VA
- Fellowship EPC, South Lyon, MI
- First P.C., Rome, GA
- Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, MI
- Santa Maria Community Church, Santa Maria, CA
- Ward P.C., Livonia, MI

A total of 45% of EPC congregations supported World Outreach in some way.

By the use of the benevolence askings I encourage churches to become specifically identified with that to which they are giving. I also encourage churches that have not participated at all to become involved.

Stewardship

The Administration Committee has given me the responsibility to assist the denomination and its churches in stewardship.

Most of our congregations seem eager for new ideas on stewardship. Most say they would welcome hearing what others have found helpful. The registration packets distributed at General Assembly will contain samples of a few stewardship pamphlets which some have found particularly effective. You will have an opportunity to order quantities for your congregation.

Along a different line, a limited number of copies of the stewardship program materials from Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, will be also available at the General Assembly.

I hope to provide for a regular exchange of stewardship ideas between our churches. If you have created or discovered material or a program that is particularly helpful, please pass it on to me so others too may benefit.

I thank God for the privilege He has given me of serving with you in this very strategic ministry that He has given us together.

Respectfully submitted,



Edwin K. Randal, Director
World Outreach

(NOTE: Copies of the complete data from the survey on missions are available by contacting the World Outreach Assistant, Kay Sudheimer).

Report of the Committee on Administration

The Committee on Administration 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 this committee through its chairman.

During the past Assembly year, the committee met in Livonia on November 1, and in the new General Assembly office in Detroit on April 25. Each committee session was preceded by the previous day's meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees.

The committee 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.

World Outreach Director, Edwin K. Randal, joined the EPC staff on January 1, 1986, beginning a three year term. He has already represented the EPC at church mission conferences. Other responsibilities include stewardship development for the EPC. His report is included in the Commissioners Handbook.

The General Assembly Office has been encouraged by the Committee on Christian Education and Publications to develop "heritage" materials (such as mugs, napkins, notebooks, etc.) which would bear the EPC logo.

Two recommendations for the EPC Group Insurance Program were approved by the committee this spring. Recommendation #21 asks the Assembly to approve an amendment which would raise the ceiling for long term disability from \$25,000 to \$40,000 as the maximum yearly insurable salary. The other, Recommendation #22, proposes a definition of "retiree" so that certain individuals would be eligible to continue on the plan after retirement. The committee also defined a "grace period" of 90 days during which churches falling behind in premium payments may seek the committee's help in scheduling workable installments until they are caught up.

The Ministerial Endowment Fund currently has a principle of \$10,000, plus interest of \$353. Last year's interest of \$832 was distributed to two of our ministers in need early this year.

The EPC was accepted into membership of the ECFA last fall. The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability is an organization of hundreds of denominations, agencies, and other religious groups maintaining strict financial standards and integrity. Member groups submit financial audits on a regular basis for renewal of membership. The EPC completed its third financial audit this spring with Robert C. Julin & Associates (Special Reports).

FINANCIAL AUDIT

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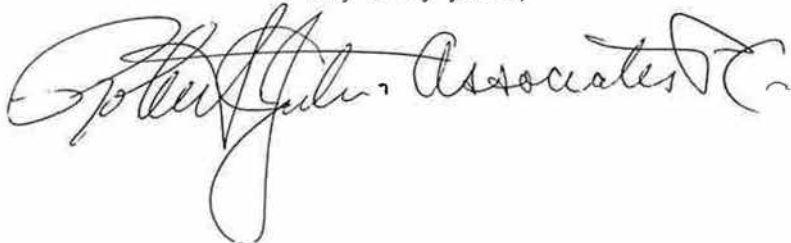
The Reverend L. Edward Davis, Stated Clerk
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Dear Reverend Davis:

Enclosed herewith is one unbound copy of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Audited Financial Statements for the calendar years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Robert C. Julin & Associates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

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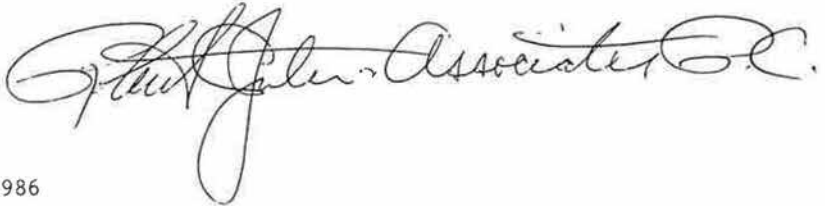
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To the General Assembly of the
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We have examined the balance sheets of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1985 and 1984, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances, 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, 1985 and 1984, 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.

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May 20, 1986

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	<u>DECEMBER 31,</u>	
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 436,881	\$294,692
Note and accounts receivable	19,592	54,929
Inventory (Note 2)	3,976	1,420
Prepaid expenses	3,250	2,297
Total Current Assets	<u>463,699</u>	<u>353,338</u>
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u> (Notes 2, 3 and 5)		
Land	65,000	-
Buildings	511,815	-
Furniture and fixtures	57,662	25,941
Transportation equipment	12,442	12,442
	646,919	38,383
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>35,943</u>	<u>17,272</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>610,976</u>	<u>21,111</u>
<u>OTHER ASSET</u>		
Deposit	<u>-</u>	<u>970</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,074,675</u>	<u>\$375,419</u>

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

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	<u>DECEMBER 31,</u>	
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Current portion of long-term liabilities	\$ 3,659	\$ 2,100
Accounts payable	34,508	8,339
Accrued expenses	3,192	1,424
Self-insured liability (Note 4)	49,538	66,050
Restricted funds	<u>260,391</u>	<u>170,644</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>351,288</u>	<u>248,557</u>
<u>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Note 3)</u>		
Mortgage payable	58,867	-
Note payable	<u>3,385</u>	<u>5,422</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>62,252</u>	<u>5,422</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>		
Investment in property and equipment	545,065	13,589
Undesignated, available for current purposes	<u>116,070</u>	<u>107,851</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>661,135</u>	<u>121,440</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$1,074,675</u>	<u>\$375,419</u>

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 210,405	\$169,905
Restricted	280,126	241,068
Contributed fixed assets (Note 5)	495,000	-
Investment income	19,091	11,833
Literature sales	8,056	3,452
Other income	16,446	14,385
Total Revenues	<u>1,029,124</u>	<u>440,643</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Operating expenses	206,575	176,947
Restricted expenses	275,497	239,209
Cost of literature sales	7,357	3,684
Total Expenses	<u>489,429</u>	<u>419,840</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	539,695	20,803
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>121,440</u>	<u>100,637</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 661,135</u>	<u>\$121,440</u>

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

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>RESOURCES PROVIDED</u>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$539,695	\$ 20,803
Items which do not use resources:		
Depreciation	<u>20,644</u>	<u>9,081</u>
Resources Provided From Operations	560,339	29,884
Decrease in other assets	970	-
Increase in long-term liabilities	<u>61,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Resources Provided	<u>622,309</u>	<u>29,884</u>

<u>RESOURCES USED</u>		
Net additions to property and equipment	610,509	2,555
Payment and reclassification of long-term liabilities	<u>4,170</u>	<u>1,991</u>
Total Resources Used	<u>614,679</u>	<u>4,546</u>
Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 7,630</u>	<u>\$ 25,338</u>

CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL BY COMPONENT

Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$142,189	\$ 91,922
Note and accounts receivable	(35,337)	48,689
Inventory	2,556	1,000
Prepaid expenses	<u>953</u>	<u>1,064</u>
	<u>110,361</u>	<u>142,675</u>
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term liabilities	1,559	(100)
Accounts payable	26,169	2,746
Accrued expenses	1,768	91
Self-insured liability	(16,512)	66,050
Restricted funds	<u>89,747</u>	<u>48,550</u>
	<u>102,731</u>	<u>117,337</u>
Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 7,630</u>	<u>\$ 25,338</u>

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

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

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. Contribution income is recognized as income as received.

Restricted contributions by a donor, grantor, or other outside party for particular operating projects are deemed to be earned and reported as revenue when the Church has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific restrictions. Such amounts received but not yet expended are reported as restricted funds until the terms of restriction have been met.

Contributions received without restrictions are available to support current operations. Contributed assets are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or, in the case of gifts, at fair market value on the date the gift was received. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	30
Furniture and fixtures	5
Transportation equipment	3

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property and Equipment (Continued)

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

Depreciation expense for the years 1985 and 1984 totaled \$20,644 and \$9,081, respectively.

Inventory

Inventory consists primarily of books and other publications. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market on the first-in, first-out basis.

NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities consists of the following:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Mortgage payable in monthly installments of \$752 including interest at 12-1/2% through June 1, 1990 with a balance of \$51,800 due June 24, 1990, secured by land and building	\$60,426	\$ -
Note payable in monthly installments of \$235 including interest at an adjustable rate, secured by transportation equipment	<u>5,485</u>	<u>7,522</u>
	65,911	7,522
Less current portion	<u>3,659</u>	<u>2,100</u>
Net long-term liabilities	<u>\$62,252</u>	<u>\$5,422</u>

Principal payments due within the next five years are as follows:

1986	\$ 3,659
1987	3,865
1988	3,284
1989	2,264
1990	<u>52,839</u>
Total	<u>\$65,911</u>

Total interest and expense for the years 1985 and 1984 totaled \$4,737 and \$910, respectively.

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To the General Assembly of the
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The accompanying additional financial information for the years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984, 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, 1985 and 1984 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.

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May 20, 1986

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

NOTE 4 - SELF-INSURED LIABILITY

The Church has 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.

NOTE 5 - CONTRIBUTED FIXED ASSETS

During the 1985 calendar year a Church building and house located within the City of Detroit, with a fair market value of \$495,000, were contributed to the Church.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Compensation	\$ 67,251	\$ 62,064
Printing and promotion	22,672	12,910
Depreciation	20,644	9,081
Travel expense	15,750	16,683
Committee expense	13,900	15,501
Repairs and maintenance	8,980	2,856
Professional fees	7,255	4,010
Telephone	7,002	5,995
Rent expense	5,335	5,820
Postage	5,268	3,602
Interest expense	4,737	910
Office supplies	4,708	4,819
Fraternal relations	3,525	-
Insurance	3,448	3,173
Taxes	3,190	1,566
General Assembly expense	2,855	6,700
Development expense	1,581	14,503
Miscellaneous	8,474	6,754
Totals	<u>\$206,575</u>	<u>\$176,947</u>

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF RESTRICTED EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND 1984

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
World outreach	\$135,896	\$ 78,559
Church assistance	71,590	131,910
Travel and promotion	52,232	27,090
General Assembly	6,622	1,650
Office development	5,650	-
Women's Task Force	2,861	-
Resource development	396	-
Ministerial endowment	250	-
	<u>\$275,497</u>	<u>\$239,209</u>
Totals		

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Report of the Committee on World Outreach

To the 6th General Assembly of EPC

Executive Director

Rev. Ed Randal, pastor and former missionary, came aboard as Director of WO in January, 1986. Ed and his wife, Mary, come with tremendous experience, background and enthusiasm to assist EPC reach its mission aspirations.

Missionaries

The roster of EPC member missionaries now includes:

Ellis and Katherine Deibler	Wycliffe Bible Translators
	International Consultants
James and Gennet Emery	Missionary Internship
	Urban Cross Cultural Training
David and Ruann Marshall	Overseas Crusade — Taiwan
	Church Planting and Development
Douglas and Linda Thompson	Free Evangelical Church of France
	Church Planting and Development

The Thompsons took a 3-month home service assignment, representing their own work in France and ministry of WO, as they visited congregations in every Presbytery. Doug and Linda, the first missionaries to serve with World Outreach are also the first to come on home service.

Ministries

The Committee on World Outreach has published and distributed the Benevolence Askings approved by General Assembly in 1985. These funds will provide for those ministries to which World Outreach has been given oversight.

1. Urban Ministries Center - a subcommittee of World Outreach - was formed to become the steering committee of UMC. That committee is responsible for arrangements for the use of the facility and has begun work on the formation of a congregation there.

The UMC Committee: the following were appointed members of the UMC Steering Committee: Thelma Andrews, Grace Chapel; Carlton Baker, pastor, Fellowship EPC; David Houston, Ward EPC; Dan Pederson, Military Avenue EPC; Dave Satterthwaite, Ward EPC. Serving in ex officio capacity are Kay Sudheimer, Ed Davis, Ed Randal and Dick Oestreicher.

2. India - EPC has, through World Outreach, been responsible for all living, ministry, and training expenses for each of 10 pastors in India as they devote this year to establishing one or more churches each. This training and church planting program, conducted by Bibles For India, is making a strategic contribution for the church in that nation.

3. Brazil - structures for cooperation were worked out and put in place this past year. An important part of that was the plan for the Joint Committee for Missions, composed of representatives of both Brazil Presbyterian Church and EPC. In addition to Andrew Jumper representing the Administration Committee, the Committee on World Outreach selected Bartlett Hess and Vernon Porter to constitute the EPC portion of the JCM. Also, the Moderator of General Assembly and Director of World Outreach will serve ex officio. The Joint Committee for Missions will meet November 3-5 in Detroit.

Requested Action

1. Approval of World Outreach Manual, Part III.
2. Approval of priorities statement addition to Part I.
3. Approval of Benevolence Askings for 1987.
4. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
5. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Logoi International.

Respectfully,

Richard Oestreicher, Chairman
Committee on World Outreach

Handbook for Missionaries

PART III

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300 General Purpose and Structure

- 300.1 **Relationships Established by General Assembly.** The General Assembly has delegated to CWO the basic responsibility to expedite the church's mission policy. The CWO in turn vests the primary responsibility and authority over their work to the teams in the field. The principle link between the CWO and the field is the Director of Missions.
- Plans for field action, proposals for field funds and personnel, as well as practical suggestions for the modification of established field policy or formulation of new field policies should originate in the field teams.
- Issues which deal with global mission strategy and policies affirmed by the General Assembly flow from the Committee through the staff to the teams in the field.
- 300.2 **World Outreach Director.** The CWO will interface with the field teams primarily through their constituted leadership. The WO Director of Missions is responsible to the CWO for the execution of its policies and responsible to the teams on the field to insure that they receive the support needed to carry out the tasks assigned to them. The WO Director of Missions must be a facilitator in the ebb and flow of the communication and decision-making process. The WO Director of Missions will provide the CWO with summaries of field reports.
- 300.3 **Distinguishing Marks.** Openness, cooperation, and servanthood must be the distinguishing marks in the process of making the church's policies and goals a reality. All the participants in the process--General Assembly, CWO, teams on the field as well as staff and individual missionaries are inexorably bound together as members of one body under the headship of Christ to fulfill the church's missionary mandate.

301 Development of World Outreach Field Organization

- 301.1 **Staff Development.** The Committee on World Outreach, through its Director and home staff, will function to provide administration and direction to the work of missionaries during the initial stage of development of a field.

There will be no automatic number of missionaries or period of time which will dictate the official establishment of a team. However, when the team on the field (minimum of three ministering units together on the field for a minimum of one year) desires to officially organize, they should submit a statement of purpose together with a set of by-laws governing their team's operation to the CWO for approval. (Staff direction is a temporary situation and not desirable on a continuing basis.

A. The statement of purpose is a short declaration (one paragraph) of the team's reason for committing themselves to a particular task. It should include the nature and scope of that task.

B. By-laws should cover such matters as organizational structure reflecting Presbyterian principles, frequency of meetings, who votes on what, and other items which the team may deem necessary.

C. Both statement of purpose and by-laws can be modified at any time with the concurrence of the Committee on World Outreach and field team.

301.2 **Team Development.** At such time as the team on the field has received approval of their statement of purpose and by-laws by the Committee on World Outreach, the team will then assume formal responsibility for its work.

301.3 That responsibility will include the proposing of areas of work, overseeing the work of individual missionaries, assignment to specific posts of work, and the recommendations to the Committee on World Outreach regarding proposed work, field budgets and projects, as well as personnel matters.

All field projects are to be cleared through CWO before their initiation.

301.4 **Field Council Development.** At the point where there exists more than one team operating within a single geographic area, or a number of EPC people with whom closer ties are desired, an umbrella structure denominated a Field Council should be created.

A. The Field Council is to increase the effectiveness of EPC missionaries in carrying out the EPC mission program, while maintaining the strength of the team approach.

B. The function of the Field Council should be to provide (a) a common WO identity before the community, (b) an increased sense of denominational belonging for all EPC personnel on the field, (c) an avoidance of interteam or missionary duplication or conflict; (d) a vehicle for interministry cooperation; (e) an increasing spiritual perspective for all personnel and ministries.

C. The task of the Field Council will be advisory, but where a course of action is mutually agreed upon by each part, it then becomes binding.

D. The Field Council will establish its own by-laws and these shall be submitted to CWO for approval.

1. The Field Council will elect a moderator and other officers as specified by the by-laws. By-laws should cover such matters as organizational structure (officers, including a moderator), frequency of meetings, who votes on what and other items which the Field Council may deem necessary.

2. The officers and team coordinators will comprise the field leadership groups.

3. The leadership group will meet at least quarterly to insure that the functions of the Field Council are being carried out.

CWO is always available as the next level of appeal if satisfaction is not achieved by the parties involved at the Field Council level.

E. Membership. All field members shall elect members to the Field Council. The Field Council shall consist of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5.

F. Activities. The activities of the Field Council should include an annual retreat. Its primary focus will be spiritual encouragement and mutual stimulation. Attendance by team personnel will be mandatory. There will be included a report from field leadership group and election of officers, according to the by-laws.

302 Terms of Service

- 302.1 **Categories.** Terms of service will vary according to the category in which a person serves. He may be called to serve in a regular career category, or as a short-term worker. The CWO will also seek to develop possibilities of summer service and very special service.
- 302.2 **Career Missionaries.** The normal term of service for career missionaries will be four years with a home service term of 12 months. This is subject to adjustment depending upon individual circumstances.
- 302.3 **Short-Term Missionaries.** They will ordinarily commit themselves to a term of two or three years. There will be no home service periods.
- 302.4 **Short-Term Status Changed to Career.** In the event that a short-term missionary is approved for a career service during his initial term of service, home service time will be provided according to the same basis as that used for those going out initially as career missionaries.
- 302.5 **Debriefing.** All missionaries returning to the U.S. will meet for a period of "debriefing" by the WO staff and/or Committee.

303 Home Service

- 303.1 **Home Service is Not An Interlude.** Home Service is an integral part of the missionary's life. Home Service is a time to be used by the missionary to equip himself to do the job when he returns to the field.

- 303.2 **Home Service Responsibilities.** The specific responsibilities during the home service will be determined by CWO. This will be done in consultation with the missionary, the session or Presbytery which is responsible for him.

These responsibilities should include the ministry of informing supporting churches of current work and stimulating missions concern across the EPC denomination. Opportunities for continued education, special training, physical check-up and care should be scheduled. The year's 4 week vacation can be taken during home service. Missionaries on home service shall also minister in the churches for the purpose of having full support before returning to their fields of service.

The missionary is responsible to call the CWO office the day he arrives in the United States. The missionary is to call the CWO office the day before returning to the field.

- 303.3 **Round Trip Travel Expenses.** Any travel cost in excess of balance in the travel fund will be at the missionaries personal expense (as stated in the terms of call). A housing allowance for one residence is paid as part of compensation.
- 303.4 **Attending General Assembly.** Missionaries on home service are expected to attend General Assembly. The expenses may be charged to their support accounts.

304 Emergency Leave

- 304.1 **Not Returning For All Emergencies.** In preparation for missionary service, each missionary will need to consider before the Lord the possibility that he will not be available to return home on many occasions that would be considered emergencies were he residing in the U.S.
- 304.2 **Applying For Such.** There will be occasions, however, when personal consideration will lead a missionary to request approval for emergency leave, after approval by the WO Director and any CWO member.
- 304.3 **Conditions When Granted.** When such emergency leave is granted, the following conditions apply:
- A. Any balance in the travel fund will be immediately available. Additional expenses are borne by the missionaries.
 - B. Length of the emergency furlough may be limited to and accounted as that year's vacation, extended to and accounted as home service period (with the next term of service beginning at its conclusion), or may be extended further through application for a leave of absence.

305 Leave of Absence

Upon request and for reasons the Committee deems valid, a leave of absence from active missionary service may be granted the career missionary for a period of up to three years. The status of those on leave of absence will be reviewed by the CWO annually. If more than three years expire before return to active service, reapplication for approval for service must be submitted. If such a leave begins while on the field, it shall be covered by the travel fund. Excess costs are to be borne by the missionary.

Leaves of absence will normally be without pay. This will be decided by the CWO. Upon completion of a three-month period, support funds in the missionary's account will be retained and disbursed by WO. The missionary will be expected to report to WO and his supporting churches during this period. Upon returning to service he will be assisted in public ministry and the staff will encourage new support from congregations and individuals.

306 Travel Receipts

Travel receipts are needed for reimbursement.

307 Vacations

Whether on the field or in the U.S., each missionary and family will be granted and expected to take an annual vacation of four weeks. The time scheduled should, of course, be agreeable to the CWO staff when in the U.S.

For those serving under the terms of a cooperative agreement, the length of vacation will be determined by that organization.

If a missionary serving overseas desires to spend his vacation in the U.S., this must first be approved by CWO.

308 Continuing Education

Each missionary is encouraged to take two weeks continuing education annually. These plans will be included in the missionary's annual field reports and will be reviewed by the CWO.

309 Responsibilities of the Missionary

- 309.1 **To On-going Responsibilities.** Each missionary will be aware of continuing responsibility to CWO, to the primary church court which commissioned him and to the congregations and individuals who support him in his work.
- 309.2 **To Regular Reports.** Regular reports will be expected to each of these:
- A. **To World Outreach:** Brief quarterly reports are to be made to field leadership when established and directly to the WO Director of Missions. For those serving under cooperative agreements, a copy of your report to that agency will suffice. Missionaries are asked to keep the staff informed in advance of expected family changes, particularly births, and children leaving the home. This will assist the staff in support planning.
- An annual report is also required, with a copy for the field leadership and a copy directly to the CWO office. The missionary and field supervisor will each fill out separate forms and review them together before sending them to CWO.
- Those missionaries in a cooperative agreement will include a report concerning their liberty in Christ to set forth the Evangelical Presbyterian Church standards.
- B. **To The Home Church.** Reports as required by the church (a minimum of one annual report).
- C. **To Supporting Congregations and Individuals.** CWO strongly encourages an occasional personal letter to supporting congregations and individuals. Particularly to interested supporters, missionaries should write prayer letters four times a year. Copies should come to the WO office for use in publications. If the political climate in your country necessitates an explanation in a prayer letter, you must use much tact and spiritual wisdom. Always remember that your work is to be involved in a spiritual warfare and not a political one.
- 309.3 **To the National Church.** The pattern of official relationship to national churches must be flexible from field to field. It would be the ideal to move toward such a stage of relationship in which missionaries are laboring as brothers and sisters in Christ of equal standing as nationals in the membership and service of the national church structure. Conditions in a field may require, however, varying relationships at different stages. This could include parallel structures between mission field organizations and national church, or even an independent status enabling the mission to serve more than one national church or to serve as a service organization to one or more national churches.

Committee on World Outreach strongly supports the development of national churches which are truly indigenous, progressing from the very beginning toward self-government, self-support, and self-propagation. Missionaries from the U.S. to the national church with which CWO is working and missionaries from that church to the U.S., (including the EPC) to be necessary as each body (and both together) seeks to be faithful to the Great Commission.

- 309.4 **To The National Government.** Field leadership will seek to establish and maintain such official status as the national government may require or permit.

Both the field organization as a whole and individual missionaries will be diligent to avoid as much as possible difficulties in relating to the national government. They shall be constantly mindful of scriptural injunctions to support and obey lawful authorities, and remembering their status as guests of the government and will make no demands of it.

- 309.5 **To the U.S. Embassy.** Each missionary should always be registered with the U.S. Embassy and keep it informed of any change of address.

- 309.6 **To Other Government Agencies.** In keeping with the missionaries call and his role as a guest of the national government, he shall refuse any relationship with the CIA or other such intelligence agencies.

- 309.7 **To Personal Relationships in the Field.**

A. Engagements and Marriage. CWO is to be informed regarding intention to become engaged and to marry while in service, since husband and wife are both considered missionaries. The intended spouse must apply, meet all requirements, and be accepted as a missionary of CWO.

B. Personality Conflicts and Disagreements. Personal difficulties in relationships should be resolved as quickly as possible, following scriptural principles and relying upon the grace of the Lord. Should assistance be needed, field leadership should be consulted in confidence.

Strong disagreement with a decision of proper field or staff leadership may be appealed to the next source of authority from particular mission post to field leadership (or staff if no field leadership) to WO Director of Missions, to General Assembly.

In matters of doctrine or morals, discipline finally rests with the proper church court.

310 Field Emergencies

- 310.1 **Aid to Missionaries.** In the event of a natural disaster or other emergency, the Director has the authority to send funds as needed as approved by WO Director of Missions.

- 310.2 **Abduction and Ransom.** Missionaries must always seek to attain good and clear relationships with the host governments which have given them permission to be in their country.

Missionaries must always be alert as to the necessity to be cautious regarding their own safety.

In the event that imminent loss of mission property by violence endangers the life or well-being of any missionary, the property is to be considered expendable after all reasonable precautions for its retention have been taken.

In the event of threats to the life of any missionary personnel, the WO Director and the Field Council shall use every legitimate, prudent means, including immediate evacuation if necessary, for the safeguarding of personnel.

In order to most fully protect our missionaries from abduction, all missionaries shall be advised that in the event that any missionary be abducted and that a ransom be demanded of the mission, the policy of the mission is not to accede to such demands. The CWO shall fully adhere to its commitment to foreign governments granting visas to our missionaries to "guarantee their full maintenance and their repatriation, should such become necessary." The implication is clear that no foreign country shall have to bear liability for the presence of any missionary personnel.

The CWO pledges to its personnel that, should difficulties arise as mentioned above, it shall exercise every effort through every legal channel open to it within the limitation mentioned above. In all there shall be earnest entreaty to God for His sustaining and delivering grace, and an unremitting effort to do all appropriately possible to meet the emergency need.

310.3 **Evacuation Plans.** In this proposal the CWO office is seeking to provide a general outline for the evacuation of EPC missionaries. These plans will become effective should revolution or war disrupt an area to the point that our missionaries are in extreme danger or their presence will prove an embarrassment or problem for local Christians. The Field Council will be responsible to take this general outline and work it out to fit the local situation.

At this point in CWO growth the Field Council is responsible for decisions about whether to evacuate and when to evacuate in the event of being cut off from communications with the CWO office. All Field Councils must submit an evacuation plan to the CWO office for approval. This will be kept on file. As he works through the procedures he should consider the following areas:

A. Spiritual Preparations. That major emphasis be placed upon effecting an emergency evacuation in such a way that it will bear strong testimony to our deep love and concern for the spiritual welfare of those left behind, especially those of the household of faith.

That every possible effort be made so that it will not appear as though we are more concerned with saving our things and realizing what we can get for them than we are in the immediate needs and future security of the Christians and the welfare of the Church.

B. Relations With The U.S. Embassy.

Seek from Embassy information about special terrorist dangers within the country. Work out an evacuation plan in consultation with the Embassy. During an emergency keep in close contact with the Embassy.*

C. Mission Properties. The EPC may acquire or own properties for its own use such as a headquarters for its missionary enterprise or housing for its personnel in the country being served. However, property acquired or purchased for mission expansion or national facility development shall be owned by the appropriate agency or court of the national church. Title of any property owned by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in countries other than the U.S.A. shall be held by the Trustees of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Acquisition or disposition of properties shall be done only by action of the Trustees of the ecclesiastical corporation and only after consultation with the World Outreach Committee.

D. Description of Most Important Mission-Owned Property.

Please give a statement as to:

1. Location
 - a. Title - held by whom
 - b. Value of property
 - c. Property consists of (1) land, (2) buildings, (3) improvements
2. All vehicles
3. Headquarters office equipment
4. Mission furniture and mission-owned equipment

Note: We recommend that one copy of all material listed above be forwarded to the U.S. Headquarters, the U.S. Embassy and the National Body.

E. Personal Effects. We recommend that all missionaries make a list of personal property and send one copy to the field headquarters office and one copy to the CWO office. Personal property includes vehicles, large appliances, and personal effects.

F. Evacuation Funds. If additional funds are needed they will be provided through the usual channels.

Make advance arrangements for ticket payment for emergencies. Some possible options to be considered:

1. Have a dollar account on which checks can be drawn.
2. Have a credit card valid for purchasing airline tickets.
3. Have a written agreement with a local airline office.
4. Mission letter at Embassy guaranteeing repatriation.
5. Form a link with a U.S.-related bank. CWO will give the bank a letter of guarantee.

G. Things to be Done During Emergency Evacuation:

1. Cable or telex balance of unneeded funds back to the CWO office.
2. Destroy personnel files and employee cards.
3. Destroy unused checks.
4. Destroy all old journals and vouchers prior to the last audit.
5. Destroy bank statements and cancelled checks prior to the last audit.
6. Bring out bank statements and cancelled checks since last audit.
7. Hand-carry current journals and ledgers, personnel summaries, etc., out of country. This includes as much of the records since the last audit date as possible.

H. Evacuation Orders. We recommend that the field be cautious and deliberate in the matter of evacuation:

1. That first attention be given to removing women and children to other places of safety.
2. That the Embassy's advice be fully heeded in the case of serious emergency.
3. That upon receipt of a first warning from the Embassy, the Field Council immediately meet to determine what action should be taken.
4. That no undue risks of internment be taken.
5. That the Field Council be kept fully informed of movement of missionaries and their families when taking extended trips.
6. That, if and when the news indicates cause of real apprehension, the field council be kept informed of all movements of all missionaries.
7. That all missionaries due for home service within six months are authorized to proceed home.
8. Ensure that evacuation routes and assembly points are known.
9. During an emergency the initiative is with the field leadership.
10. The CWO office is to be kept informed as long as communication is possible.

311 Termination of Missionary Service

311.1 **Retirement.** At his request, a missionary may be allowed to continue in service beyond age 65 subject to annual review and reappointment by WO.

311.2 **Resignation.** Intent to resign should be given first to the Director of WO. WO will notify supporters. Since support funds are the responsibility of CWO and not the individual missionary, funds remaining in the account of one who resigns will be retained and disbursed by WO.

Ordinarily when the resignation of a missionary becomes effective, the total expense of his outfit, travel and freight to and from the field for that specified term of service, shall be prorated. For example, if half of a term is completed, the missionary will then owe CWO fifty percent of the above listed expenses. This amount is the responsibility of the missionary and shall become due when he leaves the work. If necessary arrangements shall be made with CWO for a repayment of this amount. Under special circumstances, at the request of the missionary, the CWO may grant exemption from the above requirements. Salary ends on the effective date of resignation.

311.3 **Recall.** Either WO or the sending body in consultation with the other reserves the right of recall of missionaries from the field and may terminate their services as missionaries of the EPC. Reasons for such will be recorded by CWO and will be sent to the missionary, to the church court with immediate responsibility, and to the General Assembly.

Should the missionary be on the field when service is terminated, full expenses of travel to the U.S. and shipment of goods, plus 3 months support beyond the effective date of termination, will be covered by CWO.

312 Forms for Missionaries

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HOME SERVICE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Field of Service: _____

Cooperative Agreement Agency: _____

Dates of Previous Home Service — from: _____ to: _____

Dates of Current Term — from: _____ to: _____

Dates of Home Service Requested — from: _____ to: _____

Date Form Completed: _____

MINISTRY

Briefly describe your specific work and major accomplishments this past term.

What is your ministry objective for next term?

FINANCES

What is the annual total of your present terms of call? _____

What support has actually been contributed for this past year? _____

If a shortage exists is there any special reason?

HOME SERVICE PLANS

List presently known dates and addresses on Home Service.

Dates:

Address:

Phone:

Dates:

Address:

Phone:

Dates:

Address:

Phone:

MINISTRY:

Dates:

Places: (use back of sheet if more space is needed)

STUDY:

Dates:

Places:

Content/Objectives:

★VACATION:

What other special dates should be kept free in setting up ministry schedule? (the World Outreach Office coordinates the schedules of all missionaries on Home Service).

Do you expect any limitations in ministry because of medical or family concerns? (please explain).

Will the husband normally travel for ministry alone?

Are there any other special plans or arrangements which will affect your Home Service ministry?

★ After a normal 4-year term, one week will be allowed for travel, one week for business at the World Outreach Office, and one month for annual vacation time.

On short Home Service, travel time and vacation are adjusted downward proportionately. It is unrealistic to plan to take all of the annual vacation time in the States if on a short Home Service.

(Copies: missionary, field office, session or presbytery, cooperative agreement agency, World Outreach office).

ANNUAL FIELD EVALUATION OF EPC PERSONNEL

“having gifts that differ...let us use them” (Romans 12:6)

Date: _____

Name of Evangelical Body: _____

Supervisor: _____ Position: _____

1. Name of Missionary _____
2. Job Title _____
3. Length of time on this job:
() under 3 mo. () 3-6mo. () 6-12 mo. () over 12 mo.
4. Statement of Purpose of Organization: _____

5. Goal of Field, Division of Department: _____

6. How will you know when this goal is attained? _____
7. When do you expect the goal to be accomplished? _____

Instructions to the Evaluator: This report should be an honest and objective evaluation of the employee's performance. The factors should be rated on the basis of current performance and not on future expectation. Avoid letting your appraisal of one's quality influence your judgment on another. Please do not give disproportionate weight to single, isolated deviations from the normal. Complete all spaces on the form.

1. How well do you know this person?
() intimately () very well () fairly well () casually
2. How long have you known this person? _____
3. Do you work directly with this person? () yes () no
4. If yes, in what capacity:
() missionary colleague () national colleague
() other (specify) _____
5. What is the assignment of the missionary: _____

1. Importance of the Present Assignment

A. Please check your answer to the following questions:

	EMPHATICALLY YES	PROBABLY	NOT SURE	NO	Comments
1. Is this an important assignment in the overall development of the work in this country?					
2. Is this assignment more important than putting someone into a new or different work?					
3. Is a foreign missionary needed in this assignment?					
4. If U.S. personnel were withdrawn, would this job be filled by a national?					
5. Is a qualified national available for this job?					
6. Is one in training?					
7. Could the salary of a national now be paid from local resources of the institution or church involved?					
8. If a "support role", is this job releasing others for "direct ministry?"					

2. A. What have been the aims, goals or end results you have been seeking by placing the missionary in this assignment?

B. To what extent has each of these goals been achieved?

	1 COMPLETELY	2 ALMOST COMPLETELY	3 CONSIDERABLY	4 SOMEWHAT	5 HARDLY AT ALL	6 NOT AT ALL	Comments

3. A. Please list activities expected of the missionary who has been in this assignment.

B. Please indicate your estimate of this missionary's effectiveness in carrying out these activities.

	1 OUTSTANDING	2 VERY GOOD	3 GOOD	4 SATISFACTORY	5 FAIR	6 POOR	Comments

4. What have been the principal obstacles, if any, to the achievement of the goals of this missionary's assignment?

5. QUALITY OF WORK (Disregard quantity)

Skilled worker	Adequate, but some improvement would be desirable.	Unsatisfactory - careless.
Neat & accurate.		
Good conscientious worker.	Often inadequate. Below average.	

6. QUANTITY OF WORK (Disregard Quality)

Outstanding.	Adequate.	Unsatisfactory.
Produces more than average.	Barely up to minimum standards.	

7. JOB KNOWLEDGE (Technical)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expert. Has superior knowledge. | <input type="checkbox"/> Possesses acceptable knowledge. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well rounded knowledge. Seldom needs assistance. | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge is adequate to perform minimum job requirements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very limited knowledge. Needs frequent assistance. | |

8. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to get along with. | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarrelsome and hard to get along with. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally temperamental. | <input type="checkbox"/> Often causing friction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others unwilling to work with employee because of disposition or unpleasant characteristic. | |

9. RESPONSIBILITY (Ability to plan and Direct Work)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and carries out own work in a superior manner. Self sustaining. | <input type="checkbox"/> Requires occasional work direction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plans and carries out work well. Requires little supervision. | <input type="checkbox"/> Carries out only the most obvious tasks without follow-up. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Always waits to be directed. | |

10. APPEARANCE (Personal Grooming Habits)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding. Makes excellent impression. | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentable by average standards. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neat. Better than average impressions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair appearance. Could use some improvement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Careless, unkempt or extreme. | |

11. What are the strengths of this person? eg., spiritual giftedness, skills... (Rate highest to lowest, 1-5, 1 being the highest)

1 2 3 4 5

12. In light of this person's accomplishments, strengths and limitations, what would you consider to be an ideal type of work for him?
13. How do the assignment possibilities for this person relate to the ideal type of work described in 12 above?
14. What will the job description be to which the missionary will be returning?
15. A. What will be the activities of the missionary this coming term? B. Estimate the amount of time that will be spent in each activity.

16. What will be the projected changes in the missionary's financial needs during the next term?

17. If this person is terminating a short-term assignment, would you recommend him/her for future assignments? If yes, why? If no, state your reasons.

18. Is this person's language ability adequate for his/her assignment?

Thank you for participating with us in this evaluation. It is the interest of CWO to see the development of our missionaries. Your assistance has been very valuable to us.

We would encourage you to share this survey personally with our missionary prior to sending it back to us. We want to be sensitive to his reaction to the data presented. If there is a divergent point of view as to the data presented, please include both points of view - that of the evaluator and that of our missionary.

Thank you again.

A GUIDE FOR REVIEW AND REFLECTION

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOTE TO WIVES AND MOTHERS: Homemaking and child development are important avenues of witness and service. In answering the questions in this form, please include your calling as wife and mother, as well as any other responsibilities.

Secondary responsibilities

What are your long-range objectives for ministry in your area?

2. A. List below activities connected with your work. (If teaching, subjects taught; if administration, type of duties).

Wives should include activities both inside and outside the home.

- B. To what extent does each activity:

1. Give satisfaction or sense of accomplishment?
2. Contribute to achieving goals?

[illegible]

3. To what extent does your current assignment call for the full use of your potential abilities and is appropriate to your spiritual giftedness?
4. What do you consider your contribution to church, school, other agencies and to the community during the recent year? Please be specific about what you think has been accomplished. Begin with the most important.
5. To what extent have you been growing personally, professionally, and spiritually? What specifically have you done this year to foster such growth?
6. What do you consider the most serious frustrations of this period?
7. What are the most significant things you have learned from the experience this year?
8. What do you consider your strong points personally, professionally, and/or as a homemaker?
9. What do you consider your weak points personally, professionally, and/or as a homemaker?
10. Are there aspects of your home and family life (if you have children, their education and development) which should be taken into account in planning future work? If so, please explain.

11. Discuss areas in which you feel your greatest need: (1) for professional growth; (2) for additional language study or cultural orientation; (3) for personal and spiritual growth.
12. If there is anything else you wish to discuss regarding your work and development please do so in the following space.
13. Are there areas of the field program and policies you think should be modified? What specific suggestions do you have for improvement?
14. Please evaluate your sense of fitting in and working harmoniously with nationals, missionaries and field leadership. Do you have any suggestions for improving that relationship between the field and World Outreach office?
15. Please evaluate your progress in language ability this past year.
16. Continuing Education. Describe the content and your objectives

Cooperative Agreement with Wycliffe

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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 Logoi.
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 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 Logoi.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate coordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Logoi 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. Logoi 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 Logoi.
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 Logoi 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 Logoi 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 Logoi. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for _____.

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 Logoi 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 Logoi. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Logoi at that level. Semiannually, in January and July, both Logoi 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:

date: _____

date: _____

World Outreach

Cooperative Agreement with Logoi

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3. In the event that 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 Wycliffe.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate coordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
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8. Wycliffe shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
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11. While on the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Wycliffe.
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 Wycliffe.
13. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with Wycliffe U.S. Division 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 Wycliffe. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for _____.

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Signed:

date: _____

date: _____

World Outreach

Report of the Committee on Church Development

The committee met twice between Assemblies - October 12, 1985 and February 21, 1986. Both meetings were held in Michigan with a good representation from the committee. I wish to thank the committee members for their contribution at these meetings and in carrying out specific assignments with particular reference to the drafting of a provisional Master Plan for Church Development. The members of the committee are:

Ruling Elder Elden Brieschke
Ruling Elder Nelson Bates
Teaching Elder Rev. Donald Fortson
Teaching Elder Rev. Calvin Gray, Chairman
Ruling Elder John Holleran
Teaching Elder Wally Hostetter
Ruling Elder Irvin Rinehart

Ruling Elder Norm Huebl resigned from the committee prior to our February 21st meeting. The Master Plan made up the lion's share of our work and we submit it as a separate document for General Assembly discussion and further refinement. We are concerned that the EPC move into the future with not only a mandate to do church planting, but do so with a comprehensive plan which can be embraced by the entire denomination. We believe the provisional plan submitted is a good beginning in that direction.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Presbytery of the Southeast on the Atlanta Project. The Chairman, Cal Gray, and Nelson Bates are the committee's representatives.

As part of our work the committee disbursed over the past Assembly year the following funds to churches:

1. Christ's EPC, Chandler, AZ	5,000.00
2. New Hope, Steubenville, OH	13,333.00
3. Faith Presbyterian, Roanoke, VA	3,000.00
4. Faith EPC, Fayetteville, AR	3,000.00
5. Santa Maria, CA	6,000.00
6. Carmel Valley, CA	3,000.00
7. Trinity, Littleton, CO	3,538.00
8. Gastonia, NC	4,950.00
9. Project Atlanta, GA	7,500.00
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	\$49,321.00

The 1985 Thanksgiving offering resulted in \$14,566 with 27% of our churches contributing.

The following recommendations are made:

1. That capital development for a new Church Loan Fund (CLF) with an initial target amount of \$300,000 be approved. Monies would be available at a rate favorable to EPC congregations seeking to acquire land or building facilities. The goal of initial phase would be December 31, 1987. This fund would be developed through:

- a. Promoting congregational giving by individual gifts, legacies, endowments, outright gifts and inclusion in local church budgets.
 - b. Designation of 1986 and 1987 Thanksgiving offerings to this fund.
2. That a major new Advance Church Development Fund (ACDF) be established with the following guidelines:
- a. Fund established by 1990 with specific goals to coincide with the Master Plan.
 - b. Fund capitalized by 1995.
 - c. Fund to provide long-term capabilities such as:
 - (1) Purchase land in key metropolitan areas.
 - (2) Develop church-planting model churches in metropolitan areas near key seminaries.
 - (3) Advertising and marketing development necessary for church planting.
3. That the development of the Office of Church Development be approved:

Key to the successful implementation of any long-range strategy is securing for the General Assembly office a full-time executive Director of Church Development. The following are key steps:

- (1) Adoption of Master Plan.
- (2) Development of adequate position description.
- (3) Identification and nurturing of potential candidates inside EPC family.
- (4) The funding to make it possible. It is requested that the 1986 General Assembly ask the 1987 General Assembly to take action whereby the per member contribution would be increased per member beginning January 1, 1988 for the purpose of establishing the Office of Church Development with executive leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Calvin Gray, Chairman

Provisional Master Plan for Church Development

Introduction

The 4th General Assembly asked the Church Development Committee to construct a Master Plan for Church Development. This mandate follows:

"Believing in the command of our Lord to evangelize and disciple men and women, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is committed to an aggressive program of church growth and church planting. The committee feels strongly it is incumbent for the EPC to recognize church development as its highest priority. The development of a comprehensive church development and planting master plan should be of the highest priority. The following should be included:

- A. Identification of persons and possibilities for church growth by:
 - 1. Identifying and pursuing existing opportunities (pockets of people who are desirous of beginning a new church);
 - 2. Identifying strategic growth centers most viable for church planting;
 - 3. Identifying and encouraging existing congregations to parent new churches;
 - 4. Identifying persons with vision and gifts for church planting;
 - 5. Providing training and resources on Presbytery level to equip for oversight.
- B. Communication of the importance of evangelizing and discipling men and women so that our churches may have an increasing church growth mentality.
- C. Identification of a full-time church planting and development specialist responsible to the Church Development Committee for implementing the Master Plan. This person may preferably be from the EPC family and have expertise in church planting and growth. Such person would or could:
 - 1. Be responsible for training pastors and congregations in church planting and development.
 - 2. Be an advisory resource to visiting local church development committees.
 - 3. Model a church development project.
- D. Development of a sound fund-raising base by securing professional assistance in developing a fund-raising plan to match the Master Plan. We encourage the committee to explore new avenues of financing that will result in "low-or-no-debt service" to the denomination. This funding plan should include such sources as:

Individuals, churches, presbyteries, bequeaths, endowments and special gifts. The broadest base of ongoing support should come from local church members.

It has been said we are "a people whose time has come." If we truly believe this, we must immediately develop a Master Plan which will give growth impetus to our church. If we fail, the future may pass us by. This Plan is submitted in the hopes that it will fulfill the Assembly's mandate and be used as a blueprint for church development in the period which will bring us to the brink of the 21st century.

The Purpose of Church Development

We thank God for the many ways He uses to develop His kingdom and to bring congregations into the EPC. It is the purpose of the Master Plan to focus on churches reproducing themselves. What we have done spontaneously and without a plan, we hope will be fine tuned with the resources of the church better used. We always want to be in a position to perfect the Master Plan and positively receive what the Spirit is saying anew to us. Thus we term these pages a Provisional Master Plan, recognizing the ongoing perfecting which is necessary.

A small denomination has natural incentive to grow. Growth is desirable in order that God's family can be ministered to. No human motive, however, can be our incentive for growth. The amazing growth of not a few of our churches indicates a need is being met by spiritual men and women who are majoring in majors and not in minors. The credo of the EPC "In essentials . . . unity, in non-essentials . . . liberty, in all things . . . charity" is a working formula for success.

Our mandate is to fulfill the directive which Acts 1:8 places upon us. For too long we have bifurcated missions and overlooked the obvious. North America is ripe mission field with a strategic global role to play. EPC is committed to global outreach, but church planting is the most strategic way of making that happen. America is part of the world for which Christ died. We control phenomenal resources to enable the global village to be penetrated with the Gospel.

Church development and world outreach, therefore, must be partners in the worldwide mission of Christ!

The Goal of Church Development

In fulfillment of our mandate we propose the establishment of a viable EPC witness in every metropolitan area (city) with a population of 100,000 people by the year 2025. Though difficult to ascertain, a lofty enough goal needing more than human ingenuity to achieve, this goal is being proposed. Those entering ministry this year would be eligible for retirement when the target time is reached.

The quantitative terms of the goal may be debated, but it must be recognized that the people movements of our world and our country are urban. In understanding our growth to date, we conclude that we have more of an urban/suburban appeal. The EPC should, therefore, have high priority aimed at the great cities of our nation.

The challenge before us is incredible! Despite some successes, our present endeavors are not adequate. Our denomination needs a visionary goal which the whole church will support.

The Development of a Strategy

The need for a definite plan was clearly spelled out by Irvin Rinehart, in a recent position paper. Elder Rinehart proposes a **flagship concept** "in which thriving churches in a metropolitan area would plant fellowship groups." Demographics would be studied, locations selected, and sites procured. He suggests that at least one church every two years could be planted by a thriving church by intentional planning in underdeveloped areas.

There are several modes of church planting:

1. The congregational mode in which the individual church takes the initiative. Careful cooperation with Presbytery is necessary.
2. The Presbytery develops an overall plan for church planting and takes initiative.
3. The General Assembly takes initiative either by itself or in cooperation with a Presbytery in underdeveloped areas.

The flagship church would bear the start-up cost, but it must quickly transfer power and ownership to the new church and its leadership. The key to the success of such an endeavor is competent leadership of the pastor. It is beneficial for them to have served on the staff of the flagship church. Surveys reveal that in instances where two pastors are on staff, a new church's beginning is greatly enhanced. The most critical factor is a strong nucleus of people to immediately give the new church the basis of being a full-service church. With some variations, this strategy has been practiced and has succeeded in at least three situations, and thus must be documented as a model which can be used.

Ward Presbyterian Church has successfully planted Trinity Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, and Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, with Brighton soon to follow. Faith Presbyterian of Denver, has been instrumental in planting four congregations. Two daughter churches - Cherry Creek Presbyterian and Cherry Hills Community initially had a team of pastors.

Recently, Bear Creek Church and Cherry Hills Community jointly planted the Family of Faith Church with a leadership team. Working together has proved a successful model in several recent church planting projects.

The key to "flagship church" growth is all of the following:

1. A church and leadership highly motivated to do church planting.
2. Willingness to either give or loan solid-core families to establish this new work (minimum of twenty families is typical need).
3. Identification and training of pastors with proven church-planting gifts and skills.
4. Desire to give the new church "ownership" of its mission as early as possible and helpful.

This model has proven successful and should continue to work well. This permits the local church to have "ownership." Church planting in this model can begin from the local churches. When that happens, a good nucleus is more likely to be involved. The role of Presbytery and its committees is one of planning, direction, supervision and support. The Presbytery will need to be assured of the following:

1. Positive demographics indicating solid ground for a good church-planting effort.
2. Local strategy planning by local church.
3. Leadership possessing proven giftedness in order to provide quality leadership.

In order for the EPC to achieve significant growth there is a need to plant and develop potential flagship churches which will grow to become strong with the ability to do church planting themselves in three to five years.

The strategic learning addressed here is duly applicable to all other aspects of church development. The need is for the Church Development Committee to provide resourceful direction to the church if overall progress is to be made.

1. Base population of 30,000.
2. Projected growth rate of thirty percent for ten years.
3. Target area must offer a socio-culture pattern in which the EPC has proven successful.
4. Priority given cities closest to EPC centers of strength.
5. Priority given areas where EPC people are relocating.

Identifying Leadership for Church Planting

A successful church planter is a unique person. He possesses a high degree of multiple leadership gifts which make him specifically suited for such a calling. Successful pastors of churches which have planted other churches may not possess all gifts essential to being an organizing pastor themselves. In light of past failures, conceivably avoidable by careful planning and evaluating and in a concept of limited resources, it behooves the church development committees to carefully screen and test applicants for such a role. Experience and study indicate the following ingredients are essential and in many cases are measurable.

1. A contagious love for Jesus Christ.
2. A highly motivated individual.
3. One not easily discouraged and given to moods of depression because of failure.
4. One flexible in his style of ministry, willing and able to adjust to a changing environment.
5. A people person and a task oriented person.
6. A person who has giftedness to see a goal, plan toward it, and work hard to achieve it.
7. One who is an able communicator to modern man.
8. An individual able to make the difficult sacrifices necessary to successfully endure the start-up years of church planting.

The person who is chosen for church-planting should be tested in the following ways:

1. Experienced testing and training. A goal would be for the EPC to establish a church in proximity to a major seminary where a cooperative internship could be designed whereby seminary students desirous of becoming church planters could gain on-the-job experience.

Several major seminaries located in metropolitan culture could assist setting up church-training laboratories to train men to become church-planters. This idea focuses a new church-planting venture in which an experienced EPC leader would use seminary students who would be serving an internship working toward the goal of becoming church planters themselves.

2. Another option would be a short internship with a church planting pastor just before graduation. This same experience could also be gained just before graduation through serving on the staff of a flagship church where the clear intent would be to send that person into ministry to plant a new church within a given period of time. Experienced leadership in these options will be needed to make "tough" evaluations of a potential church planter's giftedness. Only a willingness to say both "yes" and "no" will prove adequate for successful leadership development.

Psychological and church-growth testing

The candidate should be tested. Such testing would determine his readiness for ministry from a psychological and emotional basis. An outside resource such as Fuller Institute for Church Growth, or Win Arn Associates could likely benefit the candidate. Careful screening and preparation of individuals is vital to the success of ministry for everyone concerned and for the elimination of as many abortive failures as possible.

3. Before approval as a church planter, the person should attend Fuller Seminar on Church Growth series. Personal growth is imperative. It has been said the key ingredient in church planting is **leadership, leadership, leadership**. Without careful, prayerful development and selection of leadership, the EPC will be forever looking at goals mythical rather than achievable.

The Development of the Office of Church Development

Key to the successful implementation of any long-range strategy is the employment in the General Assembly office of a full-time Director of Church Development. The following process is key to the employment of such a person.

1. Adoption of a master plan.
2. Construction of a careful job description to facilitate the carrying out of the master plan.
3. The nurturing of potential candidates within our EPC family.
4. The funding to make it possible. It is requested that the 1986 General Assembly ask the per capita be increased by \$2.00 per member beginning on January 1, 1988 for the purpose of securing a full-time Director of Church Development - to be employed no later than June, 1988.

The Development of Committee Leadership

If goals are to be achieved, we must have General Assembly and Presbytery Committees which are carefully selected, rightly resourced and motivated to provide the leadership.

Every Church Development Committee should have resources with the following combination of skills: administrative skills, demographic skills, knowledge of land development, understanding of church planting, and skills in promotion.

Nominating Committees of Presbytery and General Assembly need to resource this committee with appropriately motivated and gifted people. The Assembly committee must be viewed as primarily resourceful and directive, while the priority of a Presbytery committee is operational.

Funding Church Development

All levels of the church recognize the need for involvement of the resources of all the judicatories in a sponsored church-planting project.

General Assembly and Presbyteries need to be assured of the support of the mother church and the group of mission church people where there is that base. In potential flagship churches in new areas, the General Assembly and Presbytery are joint sponsors. However, encouragement should be given the local church to assume financial responsibility as soon as possible.

General Assembly may commit itself to 100% support in the first year of a project in which it is the sole sponsor; to 50% support where it is the joint sponsor with Presbytery; and to 33% of support where it is the sponsor along with Presbytery and a local church. This support will decrease automatically by one-third each year through the third year. A fourth year of support should be possible after careful review and by decisive action of its CDC.

The above allows a planned "phase-out" while local support steps up to the challenge. This places the church planter and the mission church in a position to know what can be expected with regard to support.

Financial Resources

To operate a dynamic program of church development and planting, the Church Development Committee of the General Assembly suggests the following:

1. The funding of church planting through the EPC comes currently from designated church development giving.
2. Capital resources available for loan would come through a new Church Loan Fund with an initial target amount of \$300,000. Mission efforts needing assistance for land acquisition and building could seek help from the Church Loan Fund. This fund would be developed through:
 - Promoting congregational giving by individual gifts, legacies, endowments, outright gifts, and inclusion in local church budgets;
 - Designation of the 1986-87 Thanksgiving Offerings to this fund;
 - Loans would be available at a favored rate to congregations;
 - Phase I of capital development should be completed by December 31, 1987;
 - The CDC in cooperation with the Finance Committee shall set the parameters for the fund and design guidelines for the administration of the Fund.
3. A major new Advance Church Development Fund(ACDF) be established. Fund should be established by 1990 with specific goals to coincide with the Master Plan. Fund could be fully capitalized by 1995. Implementation of funds income will enable the following:
 - Purchase of land in key metropolitan areas;
 - Development of special church planting model churches in metropolitan areas in proximity to seminaries;
 - Advertising and marketing development necessary in order for the EPC to develop a church from scratch in a key area.

Strategic Steps in Church Planting

1. Development of the concept: Whether by a local church, a Presbytery, or the General Assembly, as much support material and data needs to be collected. Prayer and careful planning as participants are essential key ingredients.
2. Endorsement by the various judicatories: The plan needs to be carefully worked out and presented with demographics, leadership, sponsorship, funding, approach, and style of ministry clearly spelled out. When the project is locally sponsored, the endorsement of the CDC needs to be sought even where no funding is necessary. How does what is being planned fit in with the Master Plan?

3. Funding for the project needs to be approved on a three-year basis as previously presented.
4. Definition of a Mission Church: "A mission church exists when the goal of organization of a particular congregation is being pursued under the oversight of either Presbytery, a mother church, or a combination of both. In areas lying outside of Presbytery boundaries, a mission church may be planted by the General Assembly Committee on Church Development. When possible, a mother or a sister church nearby may hold members on its roll as affiliate members until the day of the congregation's organization. A church shall continue as a mission church until it is deemed by the nurturing body of bodies to be ready to stand on its own."
5. Potentialities for Growth: The CDC suggests that whenever possible, the leadership nucleus of the church be developed through small groups which will study together the nature of the church, dreaming and planning what kind of church they would like to become. Some would call this the "schooner church" phase.
This is a critical phase for churches because our previous experience indicates that we must be a full-service church providing a broad inventory of services. Such services essential to provide are:

- a. **Musical leadership** - Good musical giftedness residing in a soloist and pianist/organist are much preferable to weak multiple leadership.
- b. **Ushering service** - There must be people trained and equipped to be greeters and ushers who will be able to welcome visitors and make them feel at home.
- c. **Nursery service** - Careful planning needs to be made for the superior care of young children.
- d. **Sunday school service** - A full Sunday School needs to be well planned with teachers and curriculum.
- e. **Youth leadership** - by parents or others with the skills for youth leadership.
- f. **Suitable meeting place** - Even though it may be temporary, it must be attractive. This is a vital key. It should be a place desirable and accessible, a place in the middle of a growth area. It should be a place suitable for some growth, but not so large as to discourage the congregation. It should provide more than adequate parking and must have room for a nursery. It must be available at prime time on Sunday morning. It must be reasonably permanent until facility construction takes place.

A church committed to meet the needs in the community in which it is situated must abide by the following:

- a. A mind set within the leadership of people in the community surrounding the church.
- b. A determination to let people know we are here to meet their needs.
- c. A willingness to meet people in such a way they will want to come back. The need is to be biblically effective.
- d. A commitment to develop resources along with denominational help in order to develop the best marketing and advertising program possible.

The above steps need to be carefully understood and developed before a potential flagship church ever holds its first public meeting. Momentum is important to the rapid growth of the church.

A key question is asked: How do I begin a potential flagship church where there is no nucleus of people? It goes without saying that it is harder to do but not impossible. The church planter must vigorously work to assemble:

- a. the gathering of names;
- b. to attend community functions;
- c. to develop positive advertising;
- d. to identify key people for small groups and to work toward the potential of exciting Sunday worship experiences.

This first phase should take no more than six months. If this can be done successfully over and over, perhaps hundreds of flagship churches can be started. A manual by the General Assembly Committee will spell out the step-by-step process of operational steps.

Education for Growth

The CDC should resource the General Assembly annually with a seminary on the cutting edge of church development which will encourage existing churches to become flagship churches.

The Committee should resource the Presbytery annually and provide local resource clinics and seminars to provide encouragement and counsel for the whole church.

The EPC is made up of churches of all sizes and descriptions. All are part of the family playing a key role in the kingdom. While the Master Plan addresses the primary goal of developing flagship churches, it is applicable to every mission church. Furthermore, it recognizes the many smaller churches which will be planted in less populated settings.

We are dependent upon the prayer of God's people if we are ever going to achieve the goals mention in the Master Plan. It is because we have seen the need for planning that we see our need for planning that we see our need to not trust solely in our plans but in the power of God's Spirit. "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done!" He is doing! He will do!"

Report of the Ministerial Vocation Committee

To the Sixth General Assembly (1986) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Ministerial Vocation Committee has met twice since the 1985 General Assembly. The Committee met in St. Louis, Missouri, September 26, 27, 1985, and again on March 6, 7, 1986.

Both of the Committee meetings were opened with a devotion, presented by the Chairman, and a time of prayer by the entire Committee. The members of the Committee present were: Mr. John DuBose, Mr. Earl Chism, Mr. Tom Jones, Reverend Tommy Shields, Dr. Howard Shockley, Dr. William Flannagan, Chairman, and Reverend Edward Davis, Stated Clerk of the EPC.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee has worked very diligently, during the past several years, to carry out the mandates of the General Assembly. The Committee has labored faithfully to provide a standardization for ordination examinations. This year the Committee is completing the third "battery" of tests for use by the Presbyteries. The MVC has received expressions of concern regarding the possibility of individuals coming into the EPC from non-Reformed denominations or institutions. The Committee is, therefore, recommending several items to assist the Presbyteries in maintaining the integrity of our Reformed heritage:

- 1) Bibliography to be incorporated with the Presbytery examination.
- 2) Reminder that the ordination on Reformed Theology should contain not only word contents, but, history and concepts that are reflected in the Reformed tradition.
- 3) Substitute to the Book of Government: 13-2: "...progress in spiritual growth."

The Candidate shall be examined in writing and orally in the following areas:

Theology and Sacraments
English Bible
The Book of Order
The Reformed tradition
The nature of the office of Minister

The Procedural Manual for Ministerial Committees has been completed and will be distributed to the respective committees later this summer. The Manual is a "guide book" for materials already contained in the Book of Order, and therefore, General Assembly approval for this material is not necessary.

There continues to be some difficulty in establishing proper and sufficient communication channels between the MVC and the Ministerial Committees. The General Assembly Committee continues to urge the respective Presbyteries to assure that the Ministerial Committee maintain the minimum of six members in "class" years. The MVC is prepared to be of assistance to any Ministerial Committee. The Assembly Committee desires to function in a "servant" role for the Presbyteries. In order to assist the Presbytery Committees, the MVC will be conducting a workshop during the 1986 General Assembly. The Workshop will cover the new Procedural Manual and the responsibilities of the Ministerial Committee.

The 1982 General Assembly (See: 1982 General Assembly Minutes, pages 49 and 50) instructed the MVC to develop and maintain the "Process For Candidates With Extra-Ordinary Status" (see: 1984 General Assembly Minutes, page 167). The General Assembly Committee completed the development of the CEEP program, including a policy statement, curriculum, and management schedule, all of which were approved by the 1984 General Assembly. That action is binding until that paper, and/or action, is changed by another Assembly. The MVC involvement in the CEEP (Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program) continues to be one of the most time consuming responsibilities of the Committee. The communications and the cooperation between the Presbytery Candidates Committee and the MVC have improved tremendously over the past two years.

In an effort to develop and maintain a more effective ministry for our Pastors interested in the Military Chaplaincy, the MVC established a sub-committee on Military Chaplaincy. The committee is composed of Ruling Elder Earl Chism (also a member of the MVC), Reverend D. E. Sparling, and Reverend Les Felker, Chairman. Members of the committee are now actively involved, representing the EPC, in the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) and the National association of Evangelicals (NAE) through their Commission on Chaplains and Service to Military Personnel. The desire of this committee is to assist in establishing clear liaison and reporting procedures from the EPC to/from military chaplains, reserve and active duty, and chaplain seminary candidates. The committee is determined to develop interview procedures and recommendations for endorsement to active military service, or reserve status. It is evident that our desire is for the **best** possible people represent the EPC on active duty military status. A member of this sub-committee desires to speak to the Sixth General Assembly, through the report of the MVC.

The General Assembly is also requested to observe the information presented at the Informational Booth for the Conference of Police Chaplains.

The Ministerial Vocations Committee has completed the development and printing of the materials to be used in the Out-of-Bounds Process. These materials have been distributed to the respective Presbyteries, through the office of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

The Committee has been striving earnestly to encourage the Presbytery Stated Clerks and the Ministerial Committees, to maintain their responsibilities, regarding the "Process to Review Annual Call", as outlined in the Book of Government 16.27-8. A regular schedule for the maintenance of this process has been distributed to the Ministerial Committees and the Stated Clerks. The "Review of Annual Call" is specified by the Book of Government; and, provides the Ministerial Committee with an opportunity to establish a clearer understanding of the needs and benefits being reflected by clergy and congregation. In an effort to assist in the maintenance of sufficient financial packages for our clergy, the MVC will be conducting a comparative salary study of ministerial financial packages, taking into consideration the following:

- Total packages (including benefits).

- Church membership.

- The size and economic status of the community.

It is important for Ministerial Committees to remember that the only amounts to be included in the annual report to the Presbytery are **changes** in financial packages (not total packages).

An area of major concern to the MVC is the pastoral care of our ministers. It is evident that we need to establish better channels of communication and strive to develop stronger trust levels with all our brothers and sisters. The Committee encourages our Ministerial Committees, Stated Clerks and Presbytery Moderators to be exceptionally sensitive to the needs of our pastors and congregations. It would be most fitting, and encouraging, if the 1986 Assembly would call for a special time of prayer for:

Our ministers without calls
Our ministers who are enduring personal difficulties
Our ministers and congregations

I would like to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to the members of the Ministerial Vocations Committee for their sacrificial labors on behalf of our Lord and His Church. Appreciation is also extended to Reverend Edward Davis, Stated Clerk of the EPC, for his wise counsel and enduring encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee

To the Sixth General Assembly (1986) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations, established by the Third General Assembly (1983), held its annual meeting March 4-5, 1986, in conjunction with the 44th Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Kansas City, Missouri. This setting uniquely combined 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 currently represent Presbyterianism to the NAE, and the committee believes the Assembly should be aware of our unique positive and cooperative evangelical stance.

Officers elected were chairman Rev. J. Kent Bull, and secretary Rev. David V. Massimi. Both were elected for a term to end with the close of the next (sixth) General Assembly. Under present procedures chairmen of permanent General Assembly committees serve in that capacity until the first meeting of the committee after the next General Assembly ends. With terms of committee members and chairmen expiring officially at General Assembly time, that leaves an hiatus between General Assembly and the first committee meeting either without a chairman or with a chairman not truly a member of the committee. To remedy that dilemma the FRC recommends that the current *Rules for Assembly* be appropriately amended by substituting:

"Each Permanent Committee shall elect its chairman for the forthcoming Assembly year before the Assembly that initiates that Assembly year."

The committee thoroughly discussed our relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). From the PCUSA viewpoint by virtue of the EPC being a member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches we are "in correspondence" with them. From the EPC perspective our official term is a "fraternal relationship," the terms of which can only be established by the General Assembly. The committee requested the Stated Clerk to draw up a paper describing some of the more detailed working differences between what it means from the EPC perspective to be "in correspondence with" compared to a "fraternal relationship." The committee appreciates the communications received from two concerned churches on this matter.

The committee met with representatives of the Christian Reformed Church. A written invitation is expected to confirm their Ecclesiastical Relations Committee's verbal invitation to attend their Synod this June.

The only denomination with whom we already have a fraternal relationship established (by the Fifth General Assembly) is the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. We expect to have an official representative(s) at their Assembly this year, as we are committed to do in alternating years.

As directed by the General Assembly, we have and continue to pursue fraternal contacts with the Presbyterian Church of North America, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) is an umbrella group for the NAE and similar evangelical national associations. With a history dating to 1846 it assumed its present form in 1951. The current director is Rev. David Howard. Truly worldwide, it has a special emphasis on indigenous evangelical churches in third world countries. It has five standing commissions:

- Theology
- Communications
- Women's Concerns
- Missions
- Church Renewal

With a statement of faith similar to NAE, the purpose of the WEF is threefold: Fellowship in the Gospel; Defense and Confirmation of the Gospel; and Furtherance of the Gospel (Missions). Membership in WEF is of two kinds: "Regular" Membership is open only to national evangelical organizations as the NAE; and "Associate" Membership is available to denominations within a country or to para-church organizations. Obviously it is the second kind of membership that would be of potential interest to the EPC, and the cost would be \$75.00.

Believing that the Church of Jesus Christ is worldwide in scope, that the EPC should therefore be related to some worldwide evangelical group, and that the WEF is the kind of global group in which the EPC would feel exceedingly comfortable (and probably the only such group) and also one whose work the EPC could gladly support, the committee recommends that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church make application for membership in the World Evangelical Fellowship, and that a contribution be given the WEF in the amount of \$300.00 of which \$75.00 would be the membership fee.

If the EPC becomes a member of WEF, we would be the first Presbyterian denomination to join, thereby both setting a good pattern for others to follow as well as also exemplifying once again the uniqueness of God's creation in the EPC.

To assist the General Assembly in making this decision the committee has requested the Administration Committee, if the way be clear, to expand the General Assembly docket to invite Dr. Billy Melvin, Executive Director of the NAE, to address the Assembly for 20 minutes. He would speak to us of services available to our congregations through the NAE of the work of the WEF, and of the responsibilities of denominational membership involved in both.

The committee also heard positive reports from the two delegates attending the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) of which the member denominations are the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Orthodox Presbyterian, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. Next year the committee will meet in conjunction with the NAPARC meeting November 18-19 in Greenville, North Carolina, with the intent of further assessing possible application for membership in NAPARC.

Regrettably it is impossible for the undersigned chairman to be present for the Sixth General Assembly. In his absence chairman elect for the forthcoming year (if the committee's first recommendation is approved by the General Assembly) Rev. David Massimi will represent the committee as appropriate.

In three years of existence and with only annual committee meeting during that time, the committee believes the EPC has made real progress in important 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. Kent Bull, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

Report of the Christian Education and Publications Committee

This committee continues to work toward the goal of being a resource to the churches in our denomination, both large and small.

Because of the move of the General Assembly office, the resource center is on hold until the room can be finished. We are excited about the future and the materials that will be available for you to use. We are looking into HERITAGE MATERIALS - i.e., cups, napkins, calendar covers, pens, etc., that will have our logo on them. Hopefully we will have some of these available in the not too distant future.

Dr. Andrew Jumper and his Task Force are starting work on the resource **WORSHIPBOOK**. It will take some time to complete.

Several of the printed forms, such as Ruling Elder, Deacon, etc., are now available. Contact the General Assembly office for these.

The plan is to produce the EPC REPORTER on a regular quarterly basis, enlarge its format, and continue to encourage subscriptions.

Colleen Rinehart, Women's Task Force Chairman, called together a representative from each Presbytery and myself, Chairman of Christian Education, to discuss the purpose and goals of the Women's Ministries. The following overture is being sent to General Assembly as a result of that meeting:

That this task force become a permanent committee to serve a three year term after which the regular electoral process will be used. We are recommending "2nd Mile Giving" which will go into a Benevolence Fund to help in funding four bulletin inserts a year and/or other projects to be determined by the permanent committee.

We are excited about the work that the adhoc committee for Youth Ministries, chaired by Rhett Payne, has been doing. They are planning a youth conference to be held August 21-25, 1987 at Kanakuk Kamp in Branson, MO. We are recommending:

That \$17,500 be asked for through Benevolence Asking to be used as a scholarship for the difference between the cost of \$160/per person and the charge proposed of \$110/per person.

Marlene Westberg of our committee, has done some research on the aged. As a result of her study, the committee is recommending the creation of a Task Force on Aging. This group needs resources.

For the long range, this committee sees the need for a staff person who is multi-skilled who would be available as a resource person in the areas of Sunday School, youth, women, and other ways that individual churches might need help. This has been proposed under Benevolence Giving.

Leuretta M. Rallens
Chairman, Christian Education
and Publications Committee

Christian Education and Publications Committee Overtures and Recommendations

Women's Task Force is recommending to General Assembly that it become a permanent committee to be made up of one representative from each Presbytery (the present Task Force), to serve a three year term, after which the regular electoral process will be used. We are recommending 2nd Mile Giving which will go into a Benevolence Fund to help in funding four bulletin inserts a year and/or other projects to be determined by the Permanent Committee.

The Committee is recommending a Task Force on Aging to study the needs and find resources for contributing and encouraging a good lifestyle for these people of our congregations.

Benevolence Asking

Resource Center \$2500

For the continuation of supplying quality material for EPC churches' use.

Director of Program Development \$30,000

Recommending a multi-skilled person be put on General Assembly staff to be available as a resource person.

Youth Ministries \$17,500

To be used as a scholarship for the difference between the cost of \$160/per person and the charge proposed of \$110/per person.

Women's Ministry \$2500

2nd Mile Giving by the Women to be used for the printing of four bulletin inserts and other projects to be determined by the Permanent Committee.

Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology

The Fifth General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church voted to continue the Ad Interim Committee on Theology, but to re-appoint a Committee of five members, to be named by the Moderator. Four persons were so named by the Moderator, James Morrison: Teaching Elders James F. Van Dyke (Chairman), Robert Bayley and Dan Lacich; and Ruling Elder Gary Cunningham (Central, St. Louis). The fifth member is yet to be appointed.

The new Ad Interim Committee met for the first time April 10-12, 1986 at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Several matters which had been remanded to this Committee were still before us, including Preliminary Position Papers on "Value of and Respect for Human Life," "Abortion," "Capital Punishment," "The Holy Spirit" and "Homosexuality." Further, the Fourth General Assembly assigned to the Ad Interim Committee responsibility for preparing a statement of scriptural viewpoints for and against the ordination of women as Deacons, Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders.

The previous Ad Interim Committee on Theology brought before the Fifth General Assembly a recommendation for adoption of a Declaratory Statement to be included in the **WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**. After consideration, the Assembly referred this back to the Committee for further study. Also, the recommendation of the Ad Interim Committee on Theology, regarding Ruling Elders administering the Sacraments, was returned to the Committee for additional work.

The Fifth General Assembly added a new topic for study by this Committee: Obscenity, Pornography and Indecency.

The Committee first considered the matter of a Declaratory Statement, and reworked the present Statement to incorporate the suggestions which were put forth at the Fifth General Assembly. The result is herewith forwarded to the Sixth General Assembly for its consideration. (Attachment A).

Next, the Committee studied the question of Ruling Elders administering the Sacraments, which had been referred back to this Committee by the Fifth General Assembly for further consideration. The paper was reworked, with rationale for the recommendation being added. This is being submitted to the Sixth General Assembly for consideration and action. (Attachment B).

The paper on the Holy Spirit, which was adopted by the Fifth General Assembly as a Preliminary Position Paper was considered next, along with criticisms and questions concerning the paper which were received in letters to the Committee. The revised version of this paper is being forwarded to the Sixth General Assembly for consideration as our Position Paper on the Holy Spirit. (Attachment C).

The Third General Assembly approved a Preliminary Statement on Abortion, which was published under the title, "A Pastoral Letter on Abortion." Our Committee used this paper as our starting point, and made changes and additions which we felt were needed. This is being submitted to the Sixth General Assembly for consideration as our denomination's Position Statement on Abortion. (Attachment D).

Our Committee began work on two other topics: (1) A statement of scriptural viewpoints for and against the ordination of women as Deacons, Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders; and (2) a position paper on homosexuality. With insufficient time being left to develop these topics, assignments were made on both for preparation to be made prior to our next meeting, May 18-19, 1986, at Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We unanimously recommend the Declaratory Statement as here presented for approval by the Sixth General Assembly and inclusion in the **Westminster Confession of Faith**.
2. We unanimously recommend that the paper on Ruling Elders and the Sacraments be approved.
3. We unanimously recommend that the revised Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit be approved as our Position Paper on this subject.
4. We recommend that the Position Paper on Abortion, as submitted, be approved by the Sixth General Assembly.
5. We unanimously recommend that the Sixth General Assembly take the necessary action to establish a Permanent Committee on Theology, composed of six members, in three rotating classes of two each, one-third of whom shall be Ruling Elders.

Respectfully submitted,


James F. Van Dyke, Chairman

Declaratory Statement *

Attachment A

The ordination vow of Ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons set forth in the **Book of Government** requires that they sincerely receive and adopt the **Westminster Confession of Faith** as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; therefore, believing there is a need for clarification of certain inferences drawn from statements in the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, and also for affirmation of certain aspects of Biblical truth which call for a more explicit statement, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms:

With reference to Chapter 3 of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** concerning those who are saved in Christ, we affirm that the doctrine of God's eternal decree is to be held in harmony with the doctrine of His love for all people;¹ that He gave His Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world;² that He is ready to bestow His grace on all who seek it;³ that concerning those who perish, the doctrine of God's eternal decree is to be held in harmony with the doctrine that God does not desire the death of any sinner;⁴ that He has provided in Christ a salvation sufficient for all, adapted to all, and freely offered to all in the gospel;⁵ that all people 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

With reference to Chapter 10, Section 3 of the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, we are not to regard it as teaching that those who die in infancy are lost.⁹ We believe that the salvation of those dying in infancy is grounded in the sovereign election of God, and that they are in the care of a just and merciful Father, who saves by Christ through the Spirit, who works when, where and how He pleases.¹⁰

* Additional interpretation the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, Chapters 3 and 10.

1 John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:19; I John 2:2; I John 4:14

2 I Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 2:9, 17; I John 2:2

3 Deuteronomy 4:29; Proverbs 8:17; Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 7:7; I Timothy 2:4

4 Ezekiel 18:32, 33:11; II Peter 3:9

5 Matthew 28:19; Romans 10:13; I Timothy 2:3, 4; Revelation 22:17

6 John 1:12, 3:18; Acts 4:11, 12; Hebrews 2:3; Hebrews 10:26

7 Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; John 6:37; Luke 11:9-13; Revelation 22:17

8 Ezekiel 18:7; John 3:18; Romans 1:18-21; Revelation 20:12-15

9 Matthew 18:14, 19:13, 14

10 Matthew 18:10; Mark 10:13, 14; Acts 2:39; John 3:8; I Corinthians 12:11

Ruling Elders and the Sacraments

Attachment B

The Ad Interim Committee on Theology recommends to the General Assembly that the **Book of Worship**, § 3-1 be amended by (A) inserting the word “ordinarily” 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.”

Our rationale for this recommendation is as follows:

1. It is our conviction that there is no Biblical warrant for restricting the administration of the Sacraments to ordained Ministers. On the contrary, Scripture indicates that Philip, a Deacon, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to the Ethiopian eunuch. Further, Acts 2:42 indicates that the early Christian Church observed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each time a congregation assembled, and there is no evidence that an Apostle was always present to administer it.
2. We can find no command or instruction in the New Testament that the Sacraments were to be administered only by an ordained Minister.
3. There are times in the life of the church when a Pastor is not available and there is an ongoing need for the Sacraments to be available. For example, when the pulpit is vacant and a supply Pastor is not available, such need exists. Undoubtedly, there are also times when it would be advantageous in our mission efforts for a Ruling Elder to be allowed to administer the Sacraments.
4. We concur with the statement in the **Book of Worship**, § 3-1, which says, “The power revealed in the Sacraments does not reside in them or in the one administering them, but in the work of the Holy Spirit and in the promise of God who gives benefits to those who worthily receive them.”

Preliminary Position Paper on the Holy Spirit

Attachment C

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 our redemption the Holy Spirit accomplishes several things. He convicts us of sin and brings repentance. He enables us to believe, confessing Jesus as Lord. He seals the believer unto the day of redemption. "In Him, you also, after listening to the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:13, 14 NASV.)

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 lifetime. Sanctification is never complete short of glorification. Some Christians believe sanctification begins with "the baptism in the Holy Spirit," as a second work of grace, 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 unregenerate 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 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 this 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 acceptable. As a Reformed denomination, we adhere strongly to our belief in the sovereignty of God, a belief that does not allow us either 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 "gift" 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 the word "charismatic" should not be limited to specific manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues, but "charismatic" does refer to the fact that every Christian receives a gift, or gifts, from the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:7, 11) In Romans 6:23 Paul states, "...the wages of sin is death, but the gift (charisma) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This means 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, which occurred on the day of Pentecost, He said that the Spirit's power would have a particular purpose: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you shall 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)

In summary, 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 fruit 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.

Position Paper on Abortion

Attachment D

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you: I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:15)

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

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

“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother’s womb.”

(Luke 1:15)

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

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

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

“The Sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.” (Question 69)

Scripture teaches that we are not merely to avoid involvement in injustice. God’s people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.

Because we hold these convictions concerning unborn children, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal system into line with the Scriptural view on protecting the poor and weak. Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. All citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. But the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state is not a private, but a public, matter.

Brazil

A Report to the 1986 General Assembly of the Commission Appointed by the 1985 Assembly to Complete an Agreement with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

At the 1985 General Assembly meeting in Denver, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church approved in principal a proposed **Articles of Agreement** with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and appointed a Commission with authority to modify the proposed Articles as necessary and to conclude the Agreement with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB). The Commission was composed of the Rev. Dr. Andrew A. Jumper, the Rev. Dr. Bartlett Hess and the Rev. Mr. Ed Davis. Dr. Jumper served as Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission met with the appropriate Committee of the IPB, and the Articles of Agreement were hammered out. On October 23, 1985, the Commission of the EPC signed the Articles on behalf of the denomination, and the Articles were signed by the Committee on Interecclesiastical Relations of the IPB for presentation to the General Assembly of the denomination the final approval at its meeting in July of 1986.

In addition, the Commission of the EPC developed an "Administrative Policies and Details for Implementation of the Articles of Agreement." This is a paper which sets out in detail how the Articles of Agreement will be fulfilled internally within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This paper was presented to both the Committee on World Outreach and the Committee on Administration of the EPC for consideration, modification as necessary, and approval.

Copies of the Articles of Agreement and of the Administrative Policies and Details for Implementation are attached for inclusion with the report of this Commission in the **Minutes** of the General Assembly of the EPC.

The potential for ministry, for cooperation, for outreach for Christ and for involvement with the IPB in a broader mission to other parts of the world is exciting. We rejoice in what God has done and is doing to use the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as an instrument for fulfilling the Great Commission.

With this report, the work of the Commission is completed and it respectfully requests that it be dissolved.

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Bartlett Hess
Ed Davis

Articles of Agreement

Between The Evangelical Presbyterian Church

and

The Presbyterian Church of Brazil

**aiming at a brotherly fellowship in which they
will help each other in the propagation of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Preamble

The 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 Evangelical Presbyterian Church 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 regional 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 venture between the primary and the helper churches.

The Joint Committee for Missions

1. Recommendations for shared missions between a primary and helper church shall come to both churches through the JCM.
2. The JCM shall be composed of six (6) members, three (3) from each church. In addition, each church may appoint advisors without vote.
3. Each church shall designate one of its members as co-chairman and meeting shall be alternately chaired by the co-chairman. A secretary/recorder shall be provided by the host church and minutes shall be provided in both English and Portuguese. A permanent book of the minutes shall be kept in both languages and a copy provided for each Church for historical purposes. The Committee shall meet at least annually in November and at other times as necessary, such other meetings to be set by the JCM at its November meeting or upon call of the co-chairman. The regular meetings ordinarily shall be held alternately in each country.
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 in a manner required by each denomination.
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.
 4. In the event of a need to exercise discipline, the matter shall be referred to the church of origin (sending church).
 - B. **Laymen**
 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 a local congregation if they desire without affecting membership in their own home church.
 4. In the event of a need to exercise discipline, the matter shall be referred to the church of origin (sending 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 taking the responsibility for the support of that person.
9. Fundings shall be guided by the following principles:
 - A. Donors may designate funds only to projects approved by the JCM and accepted by both churches. Each donor church shall designate an agent of facilitation for prospective donations.
 - B. Contributions of a helper church shall ordinarily be used for missions enterprises, including church buildings, or schools or manses. Mission enterprises include the support of personnel designated as internal missionaries by the primary church, but such support shall always be through the Board of National Missions.

- C. Mission projects 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. The helper church may acquire or own properties for its own use such as a headquarters for its missionary enterprise or manses for its missionaries within the area of the primary church. However, when funds are provided for expansion or development of facilities shall be owned by the appropriate agency or court of the primary church.
- 10. Participation in the JCM 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 that may be established by either church 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 by the JCM which may also suggest revisions to both Churches, or either Church of itself may initiate suggested revisions. 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 Interecclesiastical Relations Committee 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. Graduate education for pastors;
 - 2. Library development;
 - 3. Capital development of seminaries.
 - B. Support of US Presbyterian missionaries already working with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil who wish to continue that working relationship by transfer to the jurisdiction of EPC as their sending church.
 - C. The sending of missionaries from EPC to work with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, providing the Presbyterian Church of Brazil approves them.
 - D. The JCM may explore areas in the United States of Canada where it may be appropriate to place missionaries from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, provided it has the approval of the EPC.

- E. Cooperating in the national missions enterprise with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil in frontier areas especially but not to the exclusion of other significant opportunities for mission.
- F. Beginning to develop a mutual and cooperative missionary enterprise to the Americas and wherever there are places of special opportunities.
15. The details of the methods by which recommendations from the JCM go to each Church for approval and implementation may be attached to this Agreement as an official attachment for that Church.
16. These Articles of Agreement shall be in force when approved by both Churches. Amendments will be in force when approved by both Churches.



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**Administrative Policies and Details for Implementation of the
“Articles of Agreement between the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
and
the Presbyterian Church of Brazil”
Within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

1. The recommendations of the Joint Committee for Missions shall always come to the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church through the World Outreach Committee with its recommendation for approval or disapproval.
2. Neither the Joint Committee for Missions, nor its members, shall make any solicitations for funds if other support from the denomination or its member churches. Such solicitations shall be made by the World Outreach Committee after approval by the General Assembly.
3. Membership and advisors of the Joint Committee for Missions for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall be:
 - a) Two persons elected by the World Outreach Committee, one of whom shall be a member of the World Outreach Committee and one of whom shall be a non-member;
 - b) One person elected by the Administration Committee of the General Assembly;
 - c) The Director of World Outreach shall be the advisor to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church section of the Joint Committee for Missions (and in his absence, the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church);
 - d) The World Outreach Committee may appoint additional advisors as it may feel is necessary;
 - e) The Chairman of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church section of the Joint Committee shall be named by that section;
 - f) When the Joint Committee for Missions meets in the United States, the Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee are strongly urged to attend as observers/advisors;
 - g) The Evangelical Presbyterian Church membership on the Joint Committee for Missions shall be in three classes of one each, for a three-year term. To establish these classes, the Administration Committee nomination shall be for three years and the World Outreach Committee shall stipulate one nominee for two years and the other for one year. Each nominee is eligible for a second full term according to the **Book of Order** principle of rotation.

4. Expenses - the cost of meetings and related expenses for the Joint Committee for Missions, shall be budgeted by the World Outreach Committee.
5. The original copy of the Articles of Agreement, along with the annual minutes of the Joint Committee for Missions shall be filed by the World Outreach Committee with the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for archiving.
6. The World Outreach Committee shall make an annual report to the General Assembly of the work of the Joint Committee for Missions, along with the recommendations of the Joint Committee for Missions, accompanied by the advice of the World Outreach Committee for approval or rejection.

In addition, the World Outreach Committee shall interpret, promote, advertise, support and otherwise inform the member congregations of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of the work of the Joint Committee for Missions and the approved recommendations of the General Assembly.

7. The World Outreach Committee shall submit to the Joint Committee for Missions any suggestions of recommendations it considers important or pertinent.
8. In forwarding Joint Committee for Missions proposals to the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for approval, the World Outreach Committee shall include proposals for funding and budgeting. In recommending disapproval, the World Outreach Committee shall indicate reasons for disapproval and financial implications.
9. Recruitment of missionaries for Brazil is the responsibility of the World Outreach Committee.
10. Promotion and interpretation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church work in Brazil is the responsibility of the World Outreach Committee.
11. Funding and church support is the responsibility of the World Outreach Committee.
12. Any properties owned by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brazil shall have title of such properties held by the Trustees of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Acquisition or disposition of properties shall be done only by action of the Trustees of the ecclesiastical corporation and only after consultation with the World Outreach Committee.

In the event of various differences between the two, ordinarily the matter shall be submitted to the General Assembly. However, in the case of emergency or other serious need to act, the Trustees (or its Executive Committee) shall have the authority to make a final decision and act, reporting its actions and the reasons thereof to the next meeting of the Assembly.

13. Apart from the Joint Committee for Missions, the World Outreach Committee may recommend to the General Assembly, the termination or revocation of the Articles of Agreement under terms of revocation set forth in the Articles.

14. The Articles of Agreement, and the policies and details for implementation are approved by the commission of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and shall become operational by March 1, 1986 as follows:
 - a) When the Administration Committee and the World Outreach Committee have appointed personnel stipulated;
 - b) When the Articles have been approved and personnel appointed by the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. (Final ratification by the Presbyterian Church of Brazil must be by its General Assembly in July of 1986.)
15. It is to be understood that the Joint Committee for Missions may proceed to develop projects related to the priorities in the Articles that have already been approved by the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.
16. Suggested amendments to the Articles of Agreement shall always come to the General Assembly through the World Outreach Committee. In addition, the World Outreach Committee may make suggestions for amendments of the Articles of Agreement to the Joint Committee for Missions of the General Assembly or to both.

National Consultation on Pornography

To
The Sixth General Assembly of the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Again this year I was asked by our Stated Clerk, Ed Davis, to represent the EPC at the National Consultation on Pornography, Sept. 4-6, 1985. I agreed to attend the Consultation from a sense of personal outrage at the insidious and illegal pornography business that is still permitted to flourish in our country, and from a sense of responsibility to the EPC. Moreover, I accepted this assignment as a direct way of fulfilling St. Paul's command in Eph. 5:11, where he says, "Have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them." Also attending the Consultation from the EPC were representatives from the Presbyteries of the Central South and the Midwest.

"The battle against pornography - and for family values and morals - is taking shape like never before! Groups of concerned citizens are forming in communities all over America. By the thousands, key leaders of religious denominations, civic leaders, business and professional people and their spouses are beginning to see the threat pornography poses to the physical safety of innocent children and unsuspecting women. From a broader perspective they correctly see pornography as an evil which must be conquered before it destroys the moral foundations upon which American society has been built." (Rev. Dr. Jerry Kirk, President N-CAP)

The battle against pornography requires more than attendance at conferences, it requires knowledge. The Consultation provided so much material with which to arm Christians and decent citizens for this battle that ignorance can no longer be used as an excuse for inactivity. For a mere \$7 an individual, church or Presbytery can purchase a loose leaf notebook of over 200 pages packed with all kinds of helpful information, statistics, case studies, strategies for action, victories won, denominational resolutions, pertinent laws and court cases, and the names and addresses of other national organizations which will be more than willing to send you further material.

Send orders to: National Coalition Against Pornography
800 Compton Road, Suite 9248
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

We can make a difference! The latest issue of the *Presbyterian Journal* reports that after May, the 7-11 chain of convenience stores will no longer sell *Playboy*, *Penthouse*, *Hustler*, *Oui* or other such smut. The 7-11 food stores are (or were) the largest distributor of pornography in the United States. This has been a major victory for anti-pornography groups which have been trying to rid these family stores of this pornography for years. Several other national food and drug chains also have stopped the sales of these and other objectionable material in their stores.

These and other major victories have happened because concerned Christians and citizens have prayed and become involved in speaking out against these "works of darkness." In a firm but loving way housewives, mothers and dads, pastors and teachers, and others have expressed their strong opposition to the sale and presence of pornography in their neighborhood stores, theaters, cable companies, and video outlets. Others have written letters to store owners, city councils, mayors and other elected officials (this is especially effective in an election year), local prosecuting attorneys, chiefs of police and even to President Reagan.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WE MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND TURN OFF THE FAUCET OF THIS FILTH FOREVER!

Son of Man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked man, "You will surely die," and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself.

Ezekiel 3:17-21

Included in this report is a sheet published by Morality in Media entitled "Cliche Arguments." It is an excellent tool to disarm those who would thwart our anti-pornography effort. It is especially helpful with the media. Also included is another sheet called, SUGGESTED GOALS FOR ACTION, NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY INC. Goals number 2 and 9 have already been accomplished, but the remainder are well worth the hearty support of the EPC.

I would recommend that the Sixth General Assembly of the EPC adopt the following resolution against pornography:

Whereas the people of God are commanded in His Holy Word to be holy as God is holy, and to be as leaven in society, and

Whereas pornography is spreading through our country as a plague in the form of motion picture films, cable TV, video cassettes, printed material, etc., and

Whereas the pornographic industry is an estimated 8 billion dollar a year operation, with child pornography the fastest growing part of the industry, and

Whereas pornography is a stronghold of organized crime and the cause of thousands of other related crimes, and

Whereas social scientists have shown the connection between pornography and violent sexual crimes, and

Whereas pornography is both the symptom and result of the growing secular humanism in our land, and

Whereas the Church of Jesus Christ and each individual Christian must stand against the works of darkness and the Evil One who promotes such works, including pornography,

Be it resolved:

1. That said Resolution be sent to the National Coalition Against Pornography, with a financial contribution of at least \$200.
2. That the Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Edward Davis, be authorized to appoint a representative to the Board of Advisors of N-CAP as per their request, and that he appoint an individual to represent the EPC at the annual National Consultation against Pornography.
3. That the General Assembly recommend that each Presbytery send a representative to the annual National Consultation Against Pornography.
4. That the General Assembly urge members of its churches to become involved in the fight against pornography.
5. That the General Assembly direct the Stated Clerk to write to the President of the United States:
 - a. Asking him to make a public declaration that enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws is a matter of importance to him.
 - b. Requesting him to order the Justice Department to enforce the obscenity laws which are now on the books.
 - c. Pledging him our prayers and support in this effort.

Finally, in the strongest possible terms, I would urge every pastor and clerk of session in the EPC to procure a copy of the booklet, *Child Lures*, by Ken Wooden. It is a guide for the prevention of molestation and abduction of children. Send \$3 to the National Coalition for Children's Justice, R.R.#4, Box 4345, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. Ken Wooden is an investigative reporter for ABC's television series "20/20." He has provided an incalculable service for every parent and child. We owe it to ourselves and our children to know how to protect them from pornography in general and from those who would make them victims of child pornography.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLICHÉ ARGUMENTS

DESIGNED TO CREATE CONFUSION AROUND THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY, OBSCENITY LAW AND CABLEPORN

When you begin an organized effort against the traffic in pornography and Cableporn in your community, certain cliché arguments will be brought up to weaken your effort. You will hear them in private conversation, in public debate and frequently in the media. These arguments and answers should be studied and mastered so that the facts will be brought out.

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PORNOGRAPHY, OBSCENITY LAW

1. Pornography is Harmless. A Presidential Commission Report Said So.

Answer:

a. The Majority Report of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography was called a "scientific scandal" by many in the scientific community. It was rejected by the U.S. Senate by a vote of 60 to 5. The Hill-Link Minority Report of that Commission was read into the record in both Houses of Congress as a "responsible position on the issues." The Hill-Link Report cited numerous instances where evidence was suppressed when it went counter to the pre-determined "findings" of the majority report. The Hill-Link Report and the chapters by Dr. Victor B. Cline in "Where Do You Draw the Line?" expose the majority report for what it was. In addition, studies in the Hill-Link Report show linkages between exposure to obscene material and sexual deviancy, promiscuity, affiliation with criminal groups and more. However, extremists who want obscenity laws repealed as the majority report recommended, began a campaign in early 1977 to have the report resurrected and considered a reputable document.

b. The Supreme Court in *Paris Theatre v. Slaton* (June, 1973) said: "The sum of experience, including that of the past two decades, affords an ample basis for legislatures to conclude that a sensitive, key relationship of human existence, central to family life, community welfare and the development of human personality, can be debased and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex."

2. You Can't Legislate Morality

Answer:

a. On its face this cliché is absurd, because every law legislates morality. Every law sets some standard for its citizens, and every citizen must ultimately make the moral decision to obey or disobey.

b. Private morals are private; public morals are the business of the entire community, and the officers empowered by the community to defend the welfare of the community against the willful minority. Commercial obscenity is public business. It is public morality that obscenity laws are designed to safeguard, not private morality.

3. Obscenity is in the Eye of the Beholder. What is Obscene to You May Not be Obscene to Me.

Answer:

This implies that obscenity is subjective. It is not. It is the description or depiction of specific sexual activity, the description or depiction of which is prohibited by law, to protect the common good. It is as objective as stealing or murder. This statement also denies the existence of evil.

4. I'd Rather See People Make Love than Make Violence.

Answer:

There is no love in pornography. It is totally loveless, debasing women, children, and humanity generally. In addition, violence is inherent in pornography.

5. War, Poverty, Hunger, Violence Are the Real Obscenities. Sex is Not Obscene.

Answer:

a. The extension of the word, obscenity, to cover all kinds of social evils is a recent development in our language. It is a well known technique to confuse and blunt the force of obscenity law.

b. Of course sex is not obscene. It is the design and creation of God. It is the debasing abuse of sex that is obscene. And, as in the past, so now all over the country, legislatures and the judiciary definitely specify certain abuses of sex as obscene.

6. If You Don't Like Porn Films and Books, You Don't Have to See Them or Buy Them, but Don't Interfere with My Right to See or Buy Them.

Answer:

a. I don't see or buy pornography, but it is there polluting the environment in which I am trying to raise my children. Society says it does not want it there, and has enacted laws against it.

b. The United States Supreme Court has said that what you do in the privacy of your home is your own business, but your privacy right does not extend to the market place. It is against the law for anyone to sell or exhibit obscenity to you.

7. Well, the Supreme Court Has Said a Lot of Things, but It Still Can't Define Obscenity.

Answer:

This statement is incorrect. The Supreme Court defined obscenity in June of 1973 to the satisfaction of the majority of the American people.

8. Freedom of Expression is Protected by the First Amendment.

Answer:

It most certainly is. But the Supreme Court has said, and has always held, that obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment. It is not protected expression, any more than libel or slander are. Obscenity is not a First Amendment issue. It is a crime, and 90% of the traffic in hard core pornography in the country is controlled by organized crime.

9. Who are You to Tell Me What I Can See or Read? You Are Imposing Your Morality on Me.

Answer:

a. Nobody can tell you what to see or to read, but the community can tell you what commercial spectacles and literature cannot be sold or distributed to you—if you choose to live in that community. The Community sets up standards for itself, and has a right to legislate to protect those standards.

b. Nobody is imposing his morality on anybody. It is only the consensus of the community that determines the standards of public decency. When that consensus is properly manifested in public law, that is community or public morality, not "ours."

c. This implies there should be no law regulating the traffic in pornography.

10. Obscenity is a "Victimless Crime."

Answer:

a. There is no such thing as a "victimless" crime. In every crime there is a seller or seducer, and the person who purchases, or the seduced. That person is the immediate victim, and society is the ultimate victim, for with each seduction the moral fabric of society is diminished. The "Victimless Crimes" theory is an active and insidious attack on almost all laws dealing with public morality, maintaining there is "no victim" when "consenting adults" indulge in drugs, prostitution, obscenity, homosexuality, adultery, incest, gambling, etc.

b. A glaring instance of victimization in obscenity are the children used in child pornography.

c. For centuries civil communities have maintained laws against such behavior as detrimental to the public health, morals and welfare.

d. Denmark and the Boston Combat Zone have recently and vividly proved that increase in commercial pornography causes concentration of violent prostitution and organized crime.

11. When "Consenting Adults" Go to See a Dirty Movie, No One is Being Harmed.

Answer:

Regarding so-called "consenting adults," the United States Supreme Court said in *Paris Theatre* in June of 1973: "We categorically disapprove the theory that obscene films acquire constitutional immunity from state regulation simply because they are exhibited for consenting adults only. Rights and interests other than those of the advocates are involved. These include the interest of the public in the quality of life, the total community environment, the tone of commerce and, possibly, the public safety itself."

12. If You'd Let Pornography Flow Freely, People Would Get Bored and the Problem Would Take Care of Itself.

Answer:

a. This boredom or satiation theory is invalid. (See "Where Do You Draw the Line?" edited by Dr. Victor B. Cline). Heavy users of pornography do not get bored. They go deeper and deeper into more and more bizarre forms of it.

b. Professor Irving Kristol said in the same volume, "I would like to go along with this theory (boredom), but I cannot. I think it is false. The sexual pleasure one gets from pornography is autoerotic and infantile; put bluntly, it is a masturbatory exercise of the imagination when it is not masturbation pure and simple. Now, people who masturbate do not get tired of masturbation, just as sadists don't get bored with sadism and voyeurs don't get bored with voyeurism. In other words, infantile sexuality is not only a

permanent temptation—it can easily become a self-reinforcing neurosis.”

c. Denmark is often brought up when the boredom theory is espoused. Denmark legalized pornography, the argument goes, and porn profits dropped because people got bored.

Denmark's porn profits are falling, but not because of boredom. Underworld infiltration of the porn industry and gangland violence and tie-ins with traffic in narcotics, forced Copenhagen police to close down dozens of smut dens, and all live sex shows have been outlawed. (Associated Press Reports, 1972-76).

d. Remember, every day children are seeing pornography for the first time. Pornography strikes at children in the mails, on newsstands, etc.

13. How Do You Define Obscenity?

Answer:

a. How I define obscenity is not the issue. The Supreme Court has defined obscenity to the satisfaction of most. It said: the test for obscenity is: Materials which “taken as a whole appeal to the prurient interest in sex, which portray sexual conduct in a patently offensive way, and which, taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.”

14. But the Supreme Court Left It to Communities to Decide What Is Obscene.

Answer:

This is an oversimplification and a misleading one. Community Standards is not the test for obscenity, but a part of the test for obscenity, and has been part of the test for obscenity since 1957. In 1973 the Court said: “The basic guidelines for the trier of the fact must be: a, whether ‘the average person, applying contemporary community standards’ would find that the work, taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest... b, whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law,” etc. It is the “trier of the fact,” a jury or a judge who decides what is obscene under the guidelines.

15. How is a Producer or Publisher to Know His Material is Obscene When the Court Can't Even Decide What is Obscene?

Answer:

The Court has decided what is obscene, and it is up to a person who traffics in pornography to be alert to, and know what the Supreme Court decisions are. The Court said in its landmark Miller decision when it defined obscenity, “We are satisfied that these prerequisites (the three-part test) will provide fair notice to a dealer in such materials that his public and commercial activities may bring prosecution.”

16. Why be Concerned About Obscenity When There is So Much Violent Crime?

Answer:

They're related. Pornography outlets breed and attract violent crime.

17. The Porno Industry is Flourishing and Growing, so the American People Must Want It or Simply Don't Care.

Answer:

Certainly there are some who want it. That's what makes it so profitable. And obviously there are some who don't care. But all surveys show that the majority of Americans are vehemently opposed to the traffic in pornography and want it stopped. The majority do care; but they are confused and discouraged in the face of a highly organized industry and the loud prophets of false freedom. This is the reason the organization, Morality in Media exists: to expose the false prophets, to vindicate the true freedoms of responsibility under law, and to raise in an organized way, the voice of the majority who care very much about standards of public morality.

One of the major factors in the growth of the pornography traffic is the lack of vigorous enforcement of obscenity laws, particularly at the federal level.

18. Why Bother Enforcing the Law? The 'Adult' Book Stores and Porno Movie Houses Keep Operating While their Owners are in the Courts.

Answer:

Continuous, vigorous enforcement of the law is the answer. When arrests and prosecutions begin, the sex industry is put on warning. Prison sentences, fines, legal fees will put the pornographers out of business. Atlanta, Jacksonville and Cincinnati are clean cities because of vigorous, continuous enforcement of the law. And experts say that with aggressive enforcement of federal law, the back of the porno industry would be broken in 18 months.

1. If You Don't Want to See Pornography on Cable TV, Turn the Dial.

Answer:

I have no obligation to do this. The obligation is on the cable operator not to transmit pornography. The U.S. Supreme Court said in 1978 that the “turn the dial” argument does not hold water. I have already been assaulted. The Court said it's like running away after I have been punched by a mugger.

2. But I Want to See Porno Programming in My Home, and I Pay to See it.

Answer:

You might pay for it, but once the cable operator transmits pornography through that wire, it is released on the community; it becomes the community's business; and the community can legislate against it. And the law is aimed, not at you, but at the cable operator who transmits the cableporn to you. You might also want to pay \$5 to see a porno movie in a movie house, but it is against the law for the owner to exhibit it to you. You might want heroin in your home, and pay for it, but it is against the law for the seller to sell it to you.

3. The Cable Operator Says Only Those Who Pay for Cableporn Will Get it, so If You Don't Want it, You Don't Have to Subscribe to It.

Answer:

Again, once the cableporn is released on the community, it is the community's business. In addition, there have been complaints from many areas of the country that the signals of cableporn channels are “bleeding” over onto the sets of people who don't subscribe to them. Audio signals are clear and unscrambled; video signals fade in and out clearly.

There is also cableporn on public access channels, which come into homes for the basic cable fee; and any child can tune in these channels at any time.

4. If You Don't Want Your Children to See Cableporn, the Cable Operator is Offering Lock Boxes.

Answer:

There is no lock box that is a match for a child's curiosity. Children in Michigan have already found a way to bring a cableporn channel into non-subscribing homes simply by jiggling the key on the cable channel selector. In addition, it came out in a Utah case that one key opens up every lock box in the country.

5. In Trying to Get a Law Passed that Prohibits Cableporn, You're Trying to Tell me What I can See.

Answer:

Nobody can tell you what you can see. But the community can tell you what cannot be transmitted through the cable wires if it chooses to do so. The community sets up standards for itself, and has a right to legislate to protect those standards.

6. A Law Prohibiting Cableporn would Interfere with the First Amendment Rights of the Cable Operator, with the Free Flow of Information.

Answer:

There is already a federal law prohibiting the broadcasting of the obscene, indecent and profane, and it has never interfered with the free flow of information in broadcasting. Cable casting, the U.S. Department of Justice has decided, does not come under the purview of the broadcasting law because it is transmitted through wires. There is almost no regulation on cable TV and there should be. There should be the same regulation of cable as there is of broadcasting. Different technology or not, it comes through the same instrument, the TV set, into the home.

7. If You Don't Want Cableporn Bleeding over onto Your Set, Don't Subscribe to Cable at all.

Answer:

Nobody should have to deprive himself of cable TV because a few porno peddlers are giving the industry a bad name. Cable TV is a medium of magnificent potential, of infinite variety. We need a law.

8. What About 'Consenting Adults' Who Want to See Porn Movies in Their Home?

Answer:

The U.S. Supreme Court said in *Paris Theatre v. Slaton*, “We categorically disapprove the theory...” See question 11 above.

Suggested Goals For Action
National Coalition Against Pornography, Inc.

1. To reaffirm the Role and Mission Statement for N-CAP adopted last year which is:

MISSION STATEMENT OF N-CAP

To mobilize the Christian community and all concerned citizens to combat and eliminate the destructive influences of obscenity, pornography, and indecency.

ROLE

- A. Inform, mobilize, and assist denominational, religious network, and other leaders who fully subscribe in carrying out the stated mission, while recognizing and respecting the autonomy of each group.
 - B. Teach and model a leadership style incorporating mutual love, trust, individual worth, and decision by consensus in dependence on the Spirit.
 - C. Coordinate with agencies of similar purpose such as Morality in Media, Inc., Citizens for Decency Through Law, Inc., National Federation for Decency, and the National Christian Association.
 - D. By mutual agreement, assist and cooperate with religious, civic, citizens and other groups involved in the effort to eliminate the destructive influences of obscenity, pornography, and indecency.
2. Encourage strong individual support by church leaders and other concerned people at the hearings being held by the Attorney General's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography. The dates and locations are:

September 11-12 in Houston
October 16-17 in Los Angeles
November 20-21 in New York
 3. Seek within the next three years to have every denomination participate in a special recognition of Anti-Pornography Week, October 28 - November 4.
 4. Recruit a total of twenty-five denominations by the end of 1986 to officially participate in N-CAP.
 5. Unite the broadest possible coalition in the battle against pornography and what it does to all people, but especially the sexual abuse of children and women.
 6. To encourage individuals, denominations and other organizations to write the President of the United States and ask him to direct the Attorney General to enforce Federal obscenity laws.
 7. To have a team of persons mobilizing citizen concern in every city across the country related to one of the following: C.D.L., M.I.M., N.C.A., C.C.C.V., or N-CAP. These teams shall unite the Christian community and all other concerned persons to combat and eliminate the destructive influence of obscenity, pornography and indecency.

8. Encourage every Christian denomination to pass a national resolution against pornography and obscenity and to establish guidelines for action and a plan of implementation for individual and congregational efforts.
9. To mobilize a nation-wide boycott of 7-11 stores with a goal of five million persons by the end of 1986.
10. Distribute millions of leaflets to create a public awareness that obscenity is illegal and that the fight against it can be won.
11. Call corporate America to its responsibility for the quality of life and the peoples' right for a decent society as defined by the Supreme Court.
12. Seek to devise a model cable T.V. law for national and state levels.

Report of 1986 NAE Convention

Our denomination had an exhibit booth at the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals when it met at the Hyatt Regency in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 3-6, 1986. This is the third consecutive year that we have had our exhibit at this convention. In 1984 we were at the convention in Columbus, Ohio and in 1985 we were in Los Angeles.

It is difficult to measure the value and effectiveness of a display at such a convention. We distributed scores of EPC materials - the New Creation folder, Q & A, position papers and the **Reporter**. Many people stop at the booth and ask questions about the EPC. A few leave their names and addresses for additional information from our General Assembly Office.

Because the NAE convention moves annually to different areas of the country it affords an opportunity with our exhibit to introduce our comparatively new denomination to another area. The 1987 convention will meet in Buffalo, New York giving us exposure to churches and ministers in the northeast region.

Our membership and participation in the NAE is important. We are one of several denominations of the Reformed persuasion who have recently joined and are becoming active in this organization of over 40 denominations. We have much to offer the NAE, and in turn the EPC has much to be gained by being active in this united voice for America's evangelicals. I would encourage our continuing our activity in the NAE.

--George W. Woodcock

Descending Overtures

Sent to the Presbyteries from the 5th General Assembly

OVERTURE 85-C On Succession by Assistant Pastors

Shall the **Book of Government**, Section 11-7, be amended by deleting the section below and substituting the following:

PRESENT WORDING

“The Assistant may not succeed the Pastor.”

PROPOSED WORDING

“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.”

YES

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

NO

OVERTURE 85-D On Additional Terms of Office for Assembly Stated Clerk

Shall the **Book of Government**, Section 16-21, be amended by adding before the last sentence in that section:

PROPOSED ADDITION

“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.”

YES

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

NO

Communication

May, 1986

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In September, 1985, I attended the Third Annual National Consultation Against Pornography in Cincinnati. A full report on that meeting is included later in this **Handbook**.

Because of the proliferation of pornography in this country and because we can make a difference in combatting it, I ask the 6th General Assembly to consider the following matter:

WHEREAS, the people of God are commanded in His Holy Word to be holy as God is holy, and to be as leaven in society, and

WHEREAS, pornography is spreading through our country as a plague in the form of motion picture films, cable TV, video cassettes, printed material, etc., and

WHEREAS, the pornographic industry is an estimated 8 billion dollar a year operation, with child pornography the fastest growing part of the industry, and

WHEREAS, pornography is a stronghold of organized crime and the cause of thousands of other related crimes, and

WHEREAS, social scientists have shown the connection between pornography and violent sexual crimes, and

WHEREAS, pornography is both the symptom and result of the growing secular humanism in our land, and

WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ and each individual Christian must stand against the works of darkness and the Evil One who promotes such works, including pornography.

RESOLVED, that said Resolution be sent to the National Consultation on Pornography, with a financial contribution of at least \$200;

FURTHER, that the Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Edward Davis, be authorized to appoint a representative to the Board of Advisors of N-CAP as per their request, and that he appoint an individual to represent the EPC at the annual National Consultation Against Pornography;

FURTHER, that the General Assembly recommend that each Presbytery send a representative to the annual National Consultation Against Pornography;

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FURTHER, that the General Assembly urge members of its churches to become involved in the fight against pornography;

FURTHER, that the General Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to write to the President of the United States:

- a) Asking him to make a public declaration that enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws is a matter of importance to him.
- b) Requesting him to order the Justice Department to enforce the obscenity laws which are now on the books;
- c) Pledging him our prayers and support in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Colleague,

As you know, your letter requesting membership within the World Alliance of Reformed Churches for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., reached me last June. The matter was referred to our Executive Committee which met in New-Delhi, India, October 12-19.

It is my great pleasure to inform you of the unanimous positive decision of our Executive Committee, with the full support of the North American participants. I am very glad that this will be the beginning of a cooperation which, I hope, will prove to be happy and fruitful both for your Church and for the WARC.

With the admission of your Church, together with the Evangelical Church in Togo, our big family is now made of 159 member Churches, on all continents.

I am at your full disposal for any remark, request for information, etc, you might wish to present. In a near future, I will forward to you - as well as to all WARC member churches - a summary of the work, decisions, plans, etc, of the recent meeting of our Executive Committee.

I hope very much that your Church and its leaders will find themselves happy within the WARC and that an immediate cooperation will start on the occasion of the next Council meeting of our Caribbean and North American Area.

Reiterating the most cordial welcome within the WARC,
I am,

Yours sincerely,



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April 22, 1986.

Dear Dr. Davis,

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Brasil will be meeting next July. The opening will be July 12th, 8 P.M. and the meeting will close July 18th.

The Executive Committee of our Church invites the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to send one or more representatives to our General Assembly. We will be happy to take care of your Hotel reservations for the Assembly, as well to pay your Hotel expenses.

The General Assembly will meet at Central Presbyterian Church, city of Vitoria, state of Espirito Santo. Traveling from the States, you should come to Rio, and from Rio fly to Vitoria.

As July is vacation time in Brazil, your flight reservations should be made with some weeks of anticipation. Kindly, let us know if you will come, and give us the names of your representatives, for the Hotel reservations.

This is an official invitation.

Very sincerely,


Rev. Boanerges Ribeiro
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March 22, 1986

Dr. L. Edward Davis
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Dear Ed,

Indeed it was good to see you again and to meet the others in Kansas City.

Thank you for the kind invitation to attend your General Assembly on Tuesday, June 17. I am planning to do so. I already have the authorization from my committee to represent our church at your assembly. I trust you will give me the information I will need to find where your assembly is meeting and such other data as I should have. Such I be prevented from appearing we will arrange to send someone in my place.

I am authorized to extend an invitation to your church to send an observer to our Synod which is meeting from June 10-20. On Friday, June 13, a luncheon will be hosted by the Interchurch Relations Committee for all fraternal delegates and observers. At the evening session, Friday, the fraternal delegates will have opportunity to bring the greetings of their communions. Normally we do not have formal greetings from observers on the floor of the synod.

I hope you will be able to have an observer at our sessions. And perhaps we can work to have fraternal delegates at both of our assemblies in 1987.

Cordially,

Clarence Boomsma, Adm. Sec.

Administration Budget - 1987

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET		1985 Budget	1985 End of Yr.	1986 Budget	1987 Proposed Budget	
PERSONNEL						
502	Executive Staff Salaries	36,510.	36,510.	39,535.	59,355	
504	Office Staff Salaries	22,020.	22,749.	26,500.	22,000.	
506	Staff Insurance & Pension	7,200.	7,856.	10,132.	13,332.	
508	Executive Staff Car Allowance	5,400.	5,400.	5,400.	5,900.	
510	Staff Study Leave Allowance	500.	500.	500.	-0-	
512	Staff Travel	7,011.	2,473.	6,000.	3,000.	
514	Executive Travel (Moderator-Clerk)	20,000.	11,141.	20,000.	20,000.	
516	Taxes and Insurance	7,100.	5,933.	8,000.	8,400.	
ADMINISTRATION						
520	Contingencies	2,000.	2,209.	3,000.	3,000.	
522	Telephone	5,500.	7,159.	7,500.	7,500.	
524	Office Supplies	3,000.	3,281.	3,500.	4,000.	
526	Printing & Promotion	20,000.	23,009.	20,000.	25,000.	
528	Postage	3,500.	6,048.	5,000.	5,500.	
530	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.	2,952.	2,000.	2,500.	
532	Financial Audit	2,500.	4,000.	3,000.	4,000.	
534	Professional Fees	1,800.	1,316.	1,800.	1,800.	
536	Miscellaneous	3,000.	3,096.	3,000.	3,000.	
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT						
540	Mortgage Payment	10,456.	9,240.	9,022.	9,022.	
542	Insurance	1,988.	869.	1,988.	2,000.	
544	Utilities	2,500.	2,105.	4,500.	4,500.	
546	Office Development	3,000.	5,245.	3,000.	4,000.	
547	Property Maintenance	3,375.	6,743.	6,750.	7,000.	
548	Property Taxes	1,450.	886.	2,900.	2,000.	
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
550	Committee Travel - Meetings	20,000.	13,900.	20,000.	25,000.	
552	General Assembly Administration	7,000.	2,375.	7,000.	7,000.	
554	Church Develop. - Resource Training	5,000.	630.	5,000.	5,000.	
556	Fraternal Relations	3,000.	3,525.	4,500.	9,500.	
DEVELOPMENT						
560	Presbytery Development	3,500.	50.	3,500.	3,500.	
566	Leadership Development	1,000.	-0-	1,000.	1,000.	
TOTALS		210,810.	191,150.	234,027.	267,809.	

Benevolence Askings

Committee on World Outreach	1987
Executive Staff	43,000
Publication & Office Development	50,000
Theological Education Brazil	10,000
Visiting professorship	
Theological Education Brazil	
Library Books	5,000
Theological Education Brazil	50,000
Building program	
Missionary Support: Brazil	35,000
Frontier Outreach: Brazil	40,000
National worker support	
Frontier Outreach: Brazil	20,000
New church building	
Frontier Outreach: Brazil	15,000
Christian schools	
Frontier Outreach: Brazil	6,000
Indian outreach	
India	50,000
Urban Ministries Center	60,000
Mexico: Logoi	18,360
Thai Christian Ministry	1,500
TOTAL	403,860
 Church Development	
Flagship Project	100,000
Church Planting Resource Development	75,000
TOTAL	175,000
 Christian Education & Publications	
Resource Center	2,500
Director of Resource and Program Development	30,000
National Youth Conference	17,500
Women's Ministry	2,500
TOTAL	52,500
 TOTAL PROPOSED BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS	\$631,360

Rules for Assembly

As Amended by the 6th 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 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 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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 & Publication - 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
 - 10. Theology - concerning matters of theology
 - 11. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries of the women of the church.
- 8-2 The Moderator will appoint chairmen 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 approve those items referred shall be reported back to the Assembly with reasons.
- 8-6 Minutes of the correspondent permanent committee shall be submitted to the Assembly committee for review.
- 8-7 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.
- 8-11
1. Presbytery **Minutes** shall be examined for conformity to:
 - a. the constitutional standards of the church, as to substance of the action 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 of 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 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, 16-7, **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 observations 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 of 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 the 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 Stated 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. Committee on Theology
 - a. Membership shall be composed of six people, one half of whom shall be Teaching Elders and one half of whom shall be Ruling Elders, to be in three rotating classes of two each.
 - b. Duties: to receive and study such theological matters as may be referred to it by the General Assembly and to return to the General Assembly its opinions and requested papers or documents.

10. Committee on Women's Ministries

- a. Membership to consist of one representative from each Presbytery to serve a 3-year term after which the regular electoral process of rotation of class year will be used.
 - b. Duties: to provide an atmosphere for the women of the church to mature spiritually and to recognize and develop their God-given gifts.
- 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 classes according to the vacancy being filled.
- 9-5 A majority of a permanent committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 9-6 Each permanent committee shall elect its chairman for the forthcoming Assembly year before the Assembly that initiates that Assembly year.

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 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.")
- 11-4 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.
- 11-5 All motions should be presented in writing and read before being voted on.

XII. Amendment or Suspension of Rules

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

Acts of General Assembly

Acts - 1981

- 81-01 The intent of the Essentials of the Faith shall be to give a clear concise statement of the fundamentals of Christian faith as embodied in the Westminster Confession and professed by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (*Minutes, 1-12*).
- 81-02 Presbyteries shall meet at least twice during the year and a third time during the General Assembly (*Minutes, 1-24*).
- 81-03 Presbyteries shall have as their goals for Presbytery meetings the following:
- a) To develop fellowship and support for pastors and elders;
 - b) To share resources with other churches;
 - c) To encourage church planting strategies (*Minutes, 1-24*).
- 81-04 Terms of call for any minister of member churches shall provide for participation in the denominational hospitalization and disabilities programs (*Minutes, 1-32*).
- 81-05 Terms of call for any minister shall provide a minimum of 18% benefit to provide for group hospitalization, disability and pension. The pension factor shall not be less than 10%. This benefit shall be computed on the gross effective salary base, i.e., salary and housing/utilities allowance (*Minutes, 1-32*).
- 81-06 The denominational group insurance plan providing health, disability, and life coverage shall be mandatory for all ministers within member churches (*Minutes, 1-36*).
- 81-07 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall seek membership in the National Association of Evangelicals (*Minutes, 1-39*).

Acts - 1982

- 82-01 The General Assembly shall establish an Office of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall authorize the employment (calling) of an Administrative Coordinator who shall also serve as Stated Clerk, and a Director of Church Development who shall be primarily responsible for church planting and congregational development (*Minutes, 2-32*).
- 82-02 The Administration Committee shall select a permanent place for the Office of the General Assembly to be approved by the Administrative Commission (*Minutes, 2-32*).
- 82-03 The Assembly shall establish a three-year program (1982-1985) called "Mission to the Nation" which shall have as its goal church planting and congregational development. The permanent committee will propose appropriate projects on a church-wide campaign to raise \$2.5 million for this program. Congregations are encouraged to make this giving a priority (*Minutes, 2-32*).

- 82-04 The Presbytery of the East is constituted by the Assembly and shall include the states of Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC (*Minutes*, 2-32).
- 82-05 The Presbytery of the South is constituted by the Assembly and shall include the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas (*Minutes*, 2-32).
- 82-06 Churches in Texas and southern Illinois shall be given their choice as to which contiguous Presbytery each respective church shall belong (*Minutes*, 2-32).
- 82-07 "Uniform Procedures on Candidacy, Licensure, and Ordination" (*Minutes*, 2-23, 42).
1. Candidates for ordination must fulfill all requirements for ordination and until receiving a call, they will be licensed.
 2. Requirements for ordination shall be:
 - A. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
 - B. Seminary degree - M. Div. or equivalent including Greek and Hebrew.
 - C. Care of Presbytery for a minimum of one year.
 - D. Examinations - Four written and one oral examination must be sustained.
 - E. Valid call.
 - F. Other evidence - Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed.
 3. All exceptions to fulfilling standards for ordination (extraordinary circumstances) shall be referred to permanent Assembly Committee on Ministerial Vocation for a recommended course of action, including continuing education and reading requirements. The Presbytery of Jurisdiction shall in conjunction with the Assembly Committee on Ministerial Vocation:
 1. Mail necessary documentation (personal history, etc.) to Assembly Committee for their review and counsel and
 2. Proceed with process of ordination only after receiving recommendations from Assembly Committee on Ministerial Vocation.
 4. Licensure shall be granted to eligible candidates according to the following:
 1. Persons may be licensed by the Presbytery for specific duties within the church (extraordinary candidate) including the possibility of offering the sacraments if situation warrants such.
 2. Persons shall be licensed by the Presbytery prior to ordination. All licensures are to be reviewed annually by the appropriate Presbytery committee.
 5. Provision may be made for a session to commission specific ministries of those not expecting to be ordained for the term of their employment, e.g., music, Christian education, etc.
 6. Persons seeking membership within a Presbytery may be received as enrolled members only upon evidence of a call endorsed by that Presbytery.
 7. Terms of call: The amount of annual vacation time: one month.
 8. Terms of call: The amount of time to be given for study leave: two weeks, cumulative up to six weeks.
- 82-08 The fiscal year of the Assembly shall be a calendar year (*Minutes*, 2-50).
- 82-09 The General Assembly shall provide an amount sufficient for salary and housing, insurance, pension, travel, and entertainment to establish the position of a permanent Stated Clerk (*Minutes*, 2-50).

- 82-10 The General Assembly approves the concept of self-funding insurance and instructs its Committee on Administration to execute a plan in trust as appropriate. Individual churches are urged to assume the deductible portion of the health insurance program and cost of co-insurance as part of a minister's compensation (*Minutes, 2-56*).
- 82-11 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall pursue with the highest ethical conduct, fraternal relationship with other evangelical Reformed bodies (*Minutes, 2-56*).

Acts - 1983

- 83-01 The Committee on Ministerial Vocation shall provide the Presbyteries a letter encouraging each session to annually review pastoral and staff compensation, taking into account such factors as changes in cost of living, performance, capabilities of the congregation, and economic conditions of the community. Each Presbytery shall determine how best to use the letter (*Minutes, 3-37*).
- 83-02 Opportunity shall be provided at each General Assembly for pastors seeking a call to meet with churches and ministers seeking to issue a call (*Minutes, 3-37*).
- 83-03 Presbyteries shall use the approved standardized "Application - Candidates for Gospel Ministry" for persons seeking to come under care of Presbyteries (*Minutes, 3-48*).
- 83-04 Session shall use the approved "Session Approval Form" for commending candidates to Presbyteries (*Minutes, 3-48*).
- 83-05 A standardized "Personal Information Form" shall be provided for ministers seeking admission into the EPC and for EPC ministries seeking change in call (*Minutes, 3-48*).
- 83-06 Presbyteries shall use the approved standardized "Call for Pastor or Associate Pastor" for ministerial terms of call (*Minutes, 3-48*).
- 83-07 The denomination shall provide an approved "Candidates Educational Equivalency Program" for Presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances. Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee (*Minutes, 3-50*).
- 83-08 Fiscal Policy
 "The administration and operation of the General Assembly shall be supported entirely by per member giving.

Beyond Assembly administration programs, activities of the Assembly in such areas as world mission, new church development, etc., shall be supported by benevolence offerings of the various congregations as follows:

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

The Administration Committee shall present to the Assembly a recommended calendar of all events for the coming year. Such calendar shall include specific seasons, times of emphasis, times for prayer and education of the congregations for the various benevolence objectives of the General Assembly. The asking of special offerings shall be left to the discretion of local session.

To move towards the support of the administration and operation of the Office of the General Assembly entirely by per member giving; for 1984, the per member giving shall be set at \$8.00 and based on the current membership as of December 31, and in 1985, with the approval of the 1984 Assembly, shall be set at a figure to cover that cost.

As staff is added to boards, agencies, and other offices of the Assembly, such staff shall be funded out of the General Assembly Administrative Budget. The purpose of this policy is to unify staff operations and equipment use as much as possible and to maintain parity of salaries and benefits.

All financial appeals by any committee, agency, or persons, must be submitted to the Administration Committee for prior approval."

- 83-09 The General Assembly endorses a three-fold statement of purpose for its meetings:
 1. to do the business of the Assembly;
 2. to be a time of celebration and fellowship;
 3. to provide an opportunity for growth in ministry skills (*Minutes, 3-53*).
- 83-10 The Presbytery of the Far West is constituted by the Assembly and shall include the states of California and Arizona (*Minutes, 3-54*).
- 83-11 The General Assembly shall establish a loan fund for church site and building development whereby on a revolving capitalization basis, low interest monies will be available to mission churches and other churches in needs. Special campaigns will be implemented by the permanent Church Development Committee to raise at least the amount of one and one half million dollars through the means of designated gifts, special church offerings, and short term loans (*Minutes, 3-54*).

- 83-12 The Presbytery of the South is divided into two Presbyteries, the Presbytery of the Southeast and the Presbytery of the Central South. Presbytery of the Southeast shall include the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, plus eastern portions of Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Presbytery of the Central South shall include the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, plus western portions of Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. (*Minutes*, 3-54).

Acts - 1984

- 84-01 The General Assembly shall print the Summertown edition of the Westminster Confession of Faith, published by Attic Press with introduction, an appropriate table of contents, appendices #1 and #2, and excluding the declaratory statement (*Minutes*, 4-23).
- 84-02 The General Assembly sustained the Permanent Judicial Commission's opinion that "It is contrary to the Westminster Confession of Faith (27-4) and the Constitution of the *Church Book of Worship* (3-1) to allow persons who are not ordained ministers of the Word to administer the Sacraments." Document titled "Uniform Procedures on Candidacy, Licensure, and Ordination" (*Minutes*, 1983) shall be amended accordingly (*Minutes*, 4-23).
- 84-03 General Assembly shall approve and print the proposed **Manual for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry** (*Minutes*, 4-23).
- 84-04 Oversight of Ethnic and Urban Ministries in North America shall be given the permanent Committee on World Outreach (*Minutes*, 4-24).
- 84-05 The General Assembly instructs the Stated Clerk to make denominational application for membership into the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (*Minutes*, 4-26).
- 84-06 The General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church seeks, through its Fraternal Relations Committee, to identify, develop and implement relationships with other bodies of Christians which will promote the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the unity of His Body, and the strengthening of the Kingdom of God on earth.

To this end the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, through its Fraternal Relations Committee, seeks to build relationships with those denominations in the Reformed tradition, ecumenical agencies which are evangelical or Reformed in character and in spirit, and other groups and organizations which are working to advance the Kingdom of God through ministries of evangelism, nurture and service.

A "fraternal relationship" may include one or more of the following:

1. A formal relationship with the highest representative body of another denomination. Such a relationship is most commonly understood as "being in correspondence" with that body.

2. Less formal relationships, which may include exchange of information, exchange of observers and shared ministries at different judicatory levels.
3. Memberships in ecumenical agencies which proclaim the Word of God, promote the unity of the Body of Christ, and share resources for effective ministries.
4. Relationships which endorse and support ministries lying outside conventional ecclesiastical structures, but are of significance to the Kingdom.

A "fraternal relationship" may be constituted only by the General Assembly, which shall also approve the terms of such relationships (*Minutes*, 4-26).

84-07 Licensed candidates with extraordinary status having been previously granted sacramental authority for their congregations may be given special dispensation to continue (cf. Acts 84-2) while diligently pursuing ordination. Only candidates on record as of the 4th General Assembly given such authority may continue. No new candidates may be so treated (*Minutes*, 4-36).

84-08 General Assembly adopts the self-funding group insurance plan offered by the Travelers Insurance Company and gives authority to the permanent Committee on Administration to approve and establish all details relative to the establishment of proposed plan.

General Assembly requires pastors and employees of all member congregations, all Presbyteries and the Assembly who meet minimum requirements to enroll in the program.

This major medical program shall be reviewed annually and a full report made to the General Assembly (*Minutes*, 4-37).

84-09 Policy on preliminary position papers.

A Preliminary Position Paper is not intended to be a thorough theological statement nor a complete exegetical Biblical study on a particular issue. Rather, such a Paper is intended to set forth in a preliminary way the "mind" of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church on some particular issue or subject. The purpose of such a Preliminary Position Paper is to enable the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to make a statement to itself, or the Christian Community, or the world in general on some issue or subject so that our general position is quickly made clear while the thorough theological or exegetical study may be done in due time.

Such a Preliminary Position Paper may be adopted by one Assembly and modified or changed at any succeeding Assembly. Ordinarily such a Preliminary Position Paper shall have an **Ad Interim** Committee appointed to send the Paper to the Presbyteries and Congregations for study and comment and for further development theologically and Biblically in order that such Paper might be presented to some subsequent Assembly as a "Position Paper." (*Minutes*, 4-38).

- 84-10 The General Assembly shall establish an Ad Interim Committee on Theology to enable the Assembly to continue the development of its posture on crucial issues facing its church. Preliminary position papers shall be initiated by the Committee on Administration but individuals, sessions, and Presbyteries may also develop such which shall be forwarded to the General Assembly through its Administration Committee (*Minutes, 4-38*).
- 84-11 The Presbytery of the East shall include within its boundaries those churches which fall within the bounds of the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area of the Fairfax County, Arlington County, and Alexandria areas of Virginia (*Minutes, 4-40*).
- 84-12 The Presbytery of the East shall include those churches in eastern Ohio which lie east of Interstate 77 in Ohio (*Minutes, 4-40*).

Acts - 1985

- 85-01 All heads of committees, boards, agencies, or commissions, whether male or female, shall be designated as "chairman" and usage of term "chairperson" refrained from (*Minutes, 5-25*).
- 85-02 The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall annually forward to each Presbytery the names of persons from that Presbytery who are members of General Assembly permanent committees (*Minutes, 5-25*).
- 85-03 The boundaries of the Presbytery of the Central South shall be changed to include Missouri (*Minutes, 5-29*).
- 85-04 The counties of Loudon and Prince William (Virginia) shall be added to the Presbytery of the East (*Minutes, 5-29*).
- 85-05 That the General Assembly sustain the Permanent Judicial Commission's opinion regarding the office of "co-pastor" as being nonexistent and EPC congregation sanctions by the **Book of Government** are those of Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Assistant Pastor (*Minutes, 5-40*).
- 85-06 Assistant Pastors are fully voting members of their Presbyteries (*Minutes, 5-40*).
- 85-07 The General Assembly shall set aside its fiscal policy (Unified Budget #5) which states, "additional staff be funded out of the General Assembly Budget for a period of five years during which time new staff development may be funded by benevolence giving (*Minutes, 5-43*).

- 85-08 General Assembly endorses a special denominational voluntary Christmas offering to help needy ministers or missionaries and authorizes EPC churches to receive such an offering whose funds shall be administered by the Permanent Committee on Administration (*Minutes, 5-46*).
- 85-09 That the permanent Committee on Christian Education make available for sale to churches standardized forms such as certificates for infant baptism, church membership, etc. (*Minutes, 5-46*).
- 85-10 The General Assembly shall establish fraternal relations with the Association Reformed Presbyterian Church and send a delegate to their Synod every other year beginning in 1986.
- 85-11 The General Assembly shall pursue fraternal relations with the Presbyterian Church of America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as soon as mutually convenient (*Minutes, 5-47*).

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**Annual
Statistical and Financial
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH

#	CHURCHES	LOCATION	# - Elders	# - Deacons	Total Membership 1984	Gains			Losses			Total Membership 1985	Sunday School Enrollment	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Youth Professions
						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Calvin Presbyterian	Houston, TX														
2.	Central Presbyterian	St. Louis, MO	42	44	2,798	57	82	66	51	20	114	2,366	1,034	6	35	36
3.	EPC.	Marshall, TX	7	0	0	8	60	7	0	1	0	74	88	0	0	6
4.	Faith EPC	Fayetteville, AR	6	0	38	0	0	2	6	1	0	33	12	0	0	0
5.	First Presbyterian	Atmore, AL														
6.	First Presbyterian	Houma, LA														
7.	Laurel	Laurel, MS														
8.	Louisville Presbyterian	Louisville, MS	6	5	100	0	2	1	2	2	0	93	38	0	2	0
9.	Northside Presbyterian	Meridian, MS														
10.	Westminster Presbyterian	Shreveport, LA	6	5	101	2	1	0	9	1	0	93	65	1	5	2
11.	Zachary Presbyterian	Zachary, LA	10	0	149	2	9	0	1	2	0	157	95	1	3	0

FINANCIAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH												
#	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.	Calvin TX											
2.	Central MO	7,093,408	2,599,497	106,056	1,986,095	0	31,314	322,840	0	2,705,553	2,340,249	7,458,712
3.	EPC TX	0	42,026	0	29,108	640	280	0	0	42,026	30,028	11,998
4.	Faith AR	102	34,586	0	33,974	525	200	12	0	34,586	34,711	(23)
5.	First Presbyterian AL											
6.	First Presbyterian LA											
7.	Laurel MS											
8.	Louisville MS	10,620	41,603	0	45,114	450	808	0	507	41,603	46,954	5,269
9.	Northside MS											
10.	Westminster LA	31,446	88,986	0	112,917	405	800	0	0	88,986	114,122	6,310
11.	Zachary LA	10,175	61,568	14,338	54,297	3,500	1,700	39	900	75,906	60,436	25,645

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STATISTICAL REPORT 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	396	9	4	5	2	3	15	395	110	3	10	0
2.	Central Northwest	Detroit, MI														
3.	Carol Stream	Carol Stream, IL														
4.	Community	Mt. Pleasant, MI	16	12	295	18	6	11	8	0	7	315	134	5	2	4
5.	Community EPC	Owosso, MI	3	5	50	1	0	2	3	0	7	43	74	5	0	0
6.	Cornerstone	Brighton, MI														
7.	Covenant Presbyterian	Ann Arbor, MI	4	3	84	1	2	0	4	0	2	81	44	0	6	1
8.	EPC	Anna, IL	6	9	156	0	0	4	2	2	4	152	56	0	0	0
9.	EPC	Lake City, MI	6	0	56	0	1	3	1	0	4	55	83	0	0	0
10.	Faith EPC	Rochester, MI	6	0	62	0	20	1	0	0	13	70	141	0	3	0
11.	Fellowship EPC	South Lyon, MI	7	6	118	0	4	3	0	1	0	124	115	0	0	0
12.	First Presbyterian	Trenton, MI	12	36	827	11	3	6	18	4	59	766	854	2	0	11

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			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Calvary MI	91,020	342,260	2,950	376,000	0.	3,960	1,100	7,500	345,210	388,560	47,670
2.	Central Northwest MI											
3.	Carol Stream IL											
4.	Community Mt. Pleasant MI	46,246	443,017	0	421,693	200	400	1,200	27,285	443,017	450,778	38,486
5.	Community Owosso MI	981	49,924	0	37,408	84	336	500	3,824	49,924	42,152	9,754
6.	Cornerstone MI											
7.	Covenant MI	0.	32,847	0	30,255	383	640	760	85	32,847	32,847	0
8.	EPC, Anna IL	13,404	82,053	346	72,227	2,260	1,248	814	3,933	82,399	80,482	15,321
9.	EPC, Lake City MI	12,812	136,763	0	105,795	112	448	548	4,650	136,763	111,553	38,022
10.	Faith-Rochester MI	68,706	156,362	241	108,248	0	496	2,500	19,785	156,603	131,029	94,280
11.	Fellowship MI	228,896	136,264	0	86,369	250	1,000	2,000	12,540	136,264	102,159	263,001
12.	First Presbyterian MI	8,600	358,280	2,720	234,380	0	6,616	6,980	0	361,000	354,600	15,000

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13.	Grace Chapel	Farmington, MI	6	18	212	10	31	37	5	1	0	284	191	1	9	2
14.	Knox Presbyterian	Mt. Clemens, MI	9	9	368	11	5	5	2	7	17	363	376	3	10	6
15.	Military Ave.	Detroit, MI	3	3	60	0	0	8	1	0	0	67	68	0	0	0
16.	Oakland Ave.	Pontiac, MI	9	9	437	5	2	0	68	9	3	364	325	0	0	0
17.	Trinity EPC	Columbia City, IN														
18.	Trinity EPC	Plymouth, MI														
19.	Ward Presbyterian	Livonia, MI	33	33	451	110	95	151	295	17	275	4281	3597	29	74	33
20.	Westkirk EPC	Waterloo, Iowa														

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13.	Grace Chapel MI	160,662	329,001	0	290,535	316	1,264	11,368	53,202	329,001	356,685	132,978
14.	Knox Presbyterian MI	30,956	387,219	2,550	268,567	0	2,944	1,000	115,502	389,769	388,149	32,576
15.	Military Ave. MI	10,201	77,563	0	75,350	1,850	94	321	1,360	77,563	78,975	8,789
16.	Oakland Ave. MI	21,151	280,340	13,249	229,242	0	3,504	500	53,921	293,589	287,167	27,574
17.	Trinity IN											
18.	Trinity MI											
19.	Ward Presybterian MI	660,806	3,724,340	0	2,277,467	45,000	34,368	87,496	592,610	3,724,340	4,083,387	451,759
20.	Westkirk IA											

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

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						Profession of Faith	Certificates	Other	Certificates	Deaths	Other					
1.	Asheville	Asheville, NC	2	0	22	0	5	5	0	0	3	29	35	0	0	0
2.	Bethesda	Florence, SC	9	0	104	2	3	0	1	0	5	103	72	0	0	1
3.	Brainerd	Chattanooga, TN	10	19	0	0	462	0	0	0	0	462	235	0	1	0
4.	Community	Highland, NC	3	0	0	1	17	22	0	0	0	40	48	0	0	1
5.	Cramerton	Cramerton, NC	8	9	79	1	0	0	3	1	0	76	48	0	1	0
6.	EPC(Elkton)	Elkton, VA	7	0	52	1	4	9	2	0	0	64	57	1	2	0
7.	EP Fellowship	Gwinnett, GA														
8.	Eastside	Orlando, FL	4	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	15	16	0	1	0
9.	Fairview	Fairview, NC														
10.	Faith	Roanoke, VA	6	0	55	2	11	2	0	1	11	58	30	0	5	1
11.	First Presbyterian	Chesterfield, SC	2	0	37	1	2	0	1	0	0	39	31	2	0	0
12.	First Presbyterian	Rome, GA	30	24	991	21	30	0	19	8	5	1010	307	6	8	21

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				Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Asheville	NC	197	50,696	14,000	59,538	360	160	90	1,878	64,696	62,026	2,867
2.	Bethesda	SC	5,093	54,076	75	48,790	2,871	832	458	1,260	54,151	54,211	5,033
3.	Brainerd	TN											
4.	Community	NC	8,726	94,461	0	43,768	400	312	1,104	4,675	94,461	50,259	52,928
5.	Cramerton	NC	10,884	35,684	2,704	35,986	0	0	0	4,178	38,388	40,164	9,108
6.	EPC(Elkton)	VA	1,839	51,227	0	49,136	2,000	400	0	664	51,227	52,199	867
7.	EP Fellowship	GA											
8.	Eastside	FL	0	10,750	0	5,702	0	0	71	0	10,750	5,773	4,977
9.	Fairview	NC											
10.	Faith Presbyterian	VA	23,139	71,096	1,156	83,211	665	550	1,612	2,110	72,252	88,148	7,243
11.	First Presbyterian	SC	1,142	22,111	1,000	0	150	296	307	352	23,111	24,115	138
12.	First Presbyterian	GA	34,640	611,002	3,105	452,770	28,650	8,000	27,365	56,367	614,107	573,152	75,595

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			Contributions	Requests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
13.	Gastonia NC											
14.	Grace NC	1,378	95,795	0	53,177	5,953	672	600	2,500	95,795	62,901	34,272
15.	Lebanon VA											
16.	Marietta GA	0	8,062	0	8,011	0	0	0	50	8,062	8,061	1
17.	New Covenant GA											
18.	Plumtree NC	17,516	116,625	0	57,024	2,400	1,136	0	55,500	116,625	116,060	18,081
19.	Trinity SC	10,058	350,920	0	250,950	12,000	1,600	13,000	7,175	350,920	284,725	76,253
20.	Trinity FL	0	56,755	0	51,690	500	500	0	746	56,755	53,436	3,319
21.	Winchester KY											

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1.	Bear Creek EPC	Denver, CO	16	18	1067	42	19	0	93	0	159	876	320	1	19	0
2.	Cherry Creek Presbyterian	Englewood, CO	15	47	588	0	0	237	0	0	0	825	684	1	36	0
3.	Cherry Hills	Englewood, CO														
4.	Christ Fellowship	Ft. Collins, CO														
5.	Covenant Community	Smokey Hills, CO	2	15	0	4	58	17	0	0	0	79	116	2	4	4
6.	EP Communion	Albuquerque, NM														
7.	EPC	Amarillo, TX	5	0	36	0	0	0	5	0	0	31	25	0	0	0
8.	Faith EPC	Loveland, CO														
9.	Faith Presbyterian	Aurora, CO	21	150	3120	108	44	0	370	10	172	2720	950	29	42	35
10.	Family of Faith	Littleton, CO														
11.	Freedom Presbyterian	Tulsa, OK	0	0	12	0	1	0	1	0	2	10	0	0	1	0
12.	Parker Presbyterian	Aurora, CO	2	0	60	0	0	0	8	0	0	52	78	4	4	0
13.	Trinity EPC	Littleton, CO	12	9	174	6	4	5	2	2	0	185	89	1	4	5

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			Contributions	Bequests	Local Causes	Presbytery	Per Member Giving	EPC Missions	Non-EPC Missions			
1.	Bear Creek CO	10,727	669,278	0	504,714	0	0	0	166,972	669,278	671,686	8,319
2.	Cherry Creek CO	290,918	1,176,054	14,172	554,073	0	4,144	2,733	46,975	1,190,226	603,780	877,364
3.	Cherry Hills CO											
4.	Christ Fellowship CO											
5.	Covenant CO	0	167,546	0	81,737	0	500	300	0	167,546	85,537	85,009
6.	EP Communion NM											
7.	EPC TX	8,520	26,620	0	7,731	0	288	125	1,202	26,620	9,346	25,794
8.	Faith-Aurora CO	480,617	1,546,977	0	1,289,523	12,500	25,000	22,320	246,525	1,546,977	1,595,868	431,726
9.	Faith-Loveland CO											
10.	Fam. of Faith CO											
11.	Freedom OK	6,428	31,902	0	29,960	50	0	0	3,134	31,902	33,144	5,185
12.	Parker Presbyterian CO	0	157,491	0	155,839	0	0	0	450	157,491	156,289	0
13.	Trinity CO	89,300	213,456	4,507	276,784	0	0	1,046	10,805	217,963	288,694	18,568

Notes
