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FOREWORD

The five sections of this volume are as follows:

JOURNAL - the minutes of the daily sessions of the Assembly. Though the Journal does not contain the documents that appear in the second section (Appendices) it does contain the recommendations made in those documents. Those recommendations appear in the Journal at the point where they were considered. For ease of reference and cross-reference, the Journal is divided into articles. An index of the Journal appears at the end of the book.

APPENDICES - the reports submitted to the Assembly by presbyteries, committees of the Church, and by other bodies, for the Assembly's consideration. With the exception of Overtures and Communications all reports appear in the Appendix in alphabetical order. All references to papers in the Appendix are by page number in the Journal.

DOCUMENTS - the primary documents adopted by the Assembly to govern its life and mission.

DIRECTORY - general information about the denomination includes permanent committees of the Assembly, presbytery moderators and stated clerks, and a roster of the churches and ministers.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS - a summary of the reports of the churches' financial and statistical statuses in the preceding year.

The Clerk welcomes suggestions for the improvement of these annual volumes.

MODERATOR, 12TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

John C. Adamson Moderator, 12th General Assembly

John C. Adamson, Ruling Elder at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and coordinator of the Local Arrangements Committee, was elected Moderator of the 12th General Assembly .

A native of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Mr. Adamson has been a member of Second Church since 1959, and in 1991 became Executive Administrator there. He has served as a ruling elder and clerk of session, deacon, church treasurer, superintendent of Sunday school, and chairman of Junior Deacons. When elected a ruling elder, Mr. Adamson became the sixth generation in his family to be so honored.



Active in presbytery matters since Second Church was a member of the Presbytery of Memphis (PCUS), Mr. Adamson served on Presbytery Council and was a commissioner to General Assembly (1981) and Moderator of the Presbytery of Memphis (PCUSA - 1984). He has been a commissioner to all EPC General Assemblies since 1989 when Second Church became a member of the Central South Presbytery. On the Assembly level, he is a member of the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee and the Location Study Committee for the Office of the General Assembly.

Mr. Adamson retired in 1990 as Vice-President and General Manager of Fischer Steel Corporation after 19 years of service. Prior to that time, he was Plant Manager, National Bedding & Furniture Industries (1962-71) and Sales Engineer, Aluminum Company of America (1956-61). He was a Captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1961-62. A 1956 graduate of Vanderbilt University, Mr. Adamson received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Also active in civic and charitable organizations, Mr. Adamson serves as president of the Phoenix Club of Memphis; trustee of the Hutchison School; trustee and president, Memphis Museums, Inc.; director and president, Boys' Club of Memphis; director, Alumni Association, Vanderbilt University; and director and president, William R. Moore School of Technology.

He and his wife, Ann, have been married for 35 years and have three daughters and two grandchildren.

MODERATORS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY YEAR	NAME	PRESBYTERY	PLACE OF ASSEMBLY
1st 1981	Rev. Calvin Gray	Midwest	Livonia, Michigan
2nd 1982	Elder Irvin Rinehart	West	Aurora, Colorado
3rd 1983	Dr. James Van Dyke	Southeast	St. Louis, Missouri
4th 1984	Elder Donald Harms	Midwest	Jackson, Mississippi
5th 1985	Rev. James Morrison	East	Aurora, Colorado
6th 1986	Elder Roger Vonder Bruegge	Central South	Livonia, Michigan
7th 1987	Dr. E. Perry Mobley	Southeast	Rome, Georgia
8th 1988	Elder Richard Heidtman	Midwest	Englewood, Colorado
9th 1989	Dr. Andrew Jumper	Central South	St. Louis, Missouri
10th 1990	Elder James Rimmel	Allegheny	Bethesda, Maryland
11th 1991	Dr. William Flannagan	Central South	Livonia, Michigan
12th 1992	Elder John Adamson	Central South	Memphis, Tennessee

STATED CLERK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

YEARS		ORIGINAL PRESBYTERY
1981-	Dr. L. Edward Davis	Midwest

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MINUTES OF THE 12TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOURNAL

MINUTES - FRIDAY MORNING

First Session
June 26, 1992

12-1 OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The 12th General Assembly met for worship at 8:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Rev. James Van Dyke, Moderator of the 3rd General Assembly, was worship leader. Participating with him were Rev. Ron Sadlow, Second Presbyterian; Jonathan Brown (Director of Music, Cherry Creek Presbyterian); Jeff Binford (Organist, Second Presbyterian).

Service of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Wilbur Held

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #3 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" Beecher

MEDITATION Dr. James Van Dyke

CLOSING PRAYER

12-2 CONVENING OF THE 12TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church, Dr. William Flannagan, outgoing Moderator, convened the 12th General Assembly with prayer and charged the Assembly to maintain diligent attendance and attention.

The Convening Prayer

Let us pray. Lord as we gather in this place to attend to the business of your church, pour out your Spirit upon us that we might have divine guidance. Give us, we pray, holy wisdom to make decisions pleasing to you. Give us brother love for one another that we may not be divided by differences of opinion. May we always give kindly consideration to the feelings of others, and may our hearts be open to change and that our minds might be liable to the working of the Holy Spirit, bless the times of worship, may our fellowship be pleasing to you, may our business be upbuilding of your kingdom here on earth, and to our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

On nomination by the Stated Clerk, Elder Claude Russell, Elder Llew Fischer and Rev. Mike Glodo were elected recording clerks. Host pastor, Dr. John Richard de Witt welcomed commissioners and guests.

12-3 DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND ASSEMBLY ENROLLMENT

The Moderator declared a quorum present (G.16-24, "at least five ministers and five ruling elders representing at least three presbyteries") upon confirmation by the Stated Clerk. The roll of the Assembly follows:

ALLEGHENY PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Kirtland, OH Youngstown, OH	EP Fellowship Tabernacle	David Cretella James Rimmel	Hugh Gowman David Kubal Robert Stauffer
Butler, PA	Calvary	Loyal Mitchell Joseph Truman Herbert Voltz Robert Young	Ken Burbridge Bob Schliemann
Wexford, PA	North Park EPC		Robert Barrett
Bluefield, WV	Westminster	Robert Moore, Jr. Charles Scott	Jeffrey Chadwick

CENTRAL SOUTH PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Birmingham, AL Mobile, AL	Redeemer EPC Trinity	Norman Cox, Sr. Charles Stokes, Jr. Joe Meller Abram Norton	David Keyser Larry Bein Ron Pierce Steve Wilkinson
Anna, IL	First EPC	Les Williams Michael Buquet Gilbert Slaughter	W.T. Permenter David Herbertson Robert Camenisch
Bossier City, LA Houma, LA Zachary, LA	Westminster First Zachary	Bill Holmes Frank Frazier Graham Christian James Russell	James McGuire Richard Overton
Brandon, MS Columbus, MS Laurel, MS	Lakeside Covenant Westminster	Joe Hallenbeck F. Roy Price, Jr. Wesley Bailey, Jr. Thomas Sides	Bill McCaskill Robert Horel
Louisville, MS Meridian, MS	Louisville First	Robert Sentell, Sr. William Nelson	Paul Husband
Tunica, MS	Tunica		Michael Swain
West Point, MS	First		
Atoka, TN Cordova, TN	Atoka EPC Hope	Marcus Taylor Wright Cox Joe Haslwanter Fred McDonald Joe Skinner	David Moncla Craig Strickland Eli Morris
Memphis, TN	Second	John Adamson Harry Baird, Jr. Howard Cleveland, III	Robert Allen, Jr. Rocky Anthony

		Mark Coleman, Jr. Frank Fourmy Wilton Hazelwood Jon Housholder Lawrence Jensen Milton Knowlton Arnold Lindseth, Jr. James McCormick Bill Overcast C. Rowe Rhett, Jr. David Shira Jim Werkhoven David Williams	John R. de Witt Lanier Ellis Ron Sadlow Paul Swets
Dallas TX Elysian Fields, TX Houston, TX	Grace EPC Golden Rule Calvin	Calvin McGuire Margaret Carter Barbara Miller Lillian Gough Orin Littlejohn Bob Rash Charles Wilson	Rhett Payne, III Rupert Pickett
Houston, TX Marshall, TX Richardson, TX	Christ EPC EPC of Marshall Providence		Clifton King
Spring, TX Waskom, TX	Church of the Saviour First	Sam Cooke Don Long	Randall Pannell Christopher Kiepe

EAST PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Bethesda, MD	Fourth	Richard Bowman Frank Brown Pat Brown Frank Sanders Bill Barnes Frank Johnson Don Sedergran	Willard Davis Jeffrey Jeremiah Robert Norris
Baltimore, MD Voorhees, NJ	Dundalk Ashland EPC		Ian Lamont
Montgomery, NY	Goodwill		Peter Preiser, Jr.
Alexandria, VA Burke, VA	Faith Christ Church	Zelda Artz Bill Shirey	David Howard Graham Smith Mike Winship

FAR WEST PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	
Tucson, AZ Hemet, CA	New Covenant Hemet Valley EPC	June Thomason Rey Thomason	Ed McCallum Dean Wolf
Monrovia, CA Santa Maria, CA	Christ Community Santa Maria	Grace Jarvis	Charles Wickman James Brown, Jr.

John Stone

FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Brooksville	Faith EPC	Keith Parkhill Felix Sharpe	Ron DiNunzio
Daytona Beach	Cornerstone EPC	Henry Blalock, Jr. Ramona Chadwick	Howard Chadwick, II
Ft. Pierce	Trinity	Connie Jennings Rexford Pike	Robert Garment
Lake Mary	Abundant Life		Robert Wilbur
Pompano Beach	New Covenant	Nick Alfonso Ron Thiabeault	George Callahan Jim Letizia
Tampa	Christ Covenant	Allen Machesney Winn Rash	Woodland Johnson
Niceville	First		Richard Adelman

MID-AMERICA PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Carol Stream, IL Des Moines, IA	Immanuel Westkirk	Paul Heidebrecht Daryle Getting William Raisch Larry Swinson	Robert Harvey Wayne Hoffman
Lawrence, KS Lenexa, KS Overland Park, KS Cape Girardeau, MO Creve Coeur, MO Grover, MO St. Charles, MO St. Louis, MO	Grace EPC West Highlands Covenant Chapel Christ Presbyterian Sutter Emmanuel Grace Fellowship Central	Art Kaufman Bill Goessling Harold Hegel Charles Hoppe Charles Moore M. Joseph Schluchter Vern Schneider Alan Shaffer Robert Hanpeter Joe Evans James Green	Bill Vogler Robert Bayles Tom Ryan Tom Shoger George Scotchmer Bill Solomon John Tomlinson David Elliott Don Fortson Austin McCaskill John Splinter
St. Louis Tulsa, OK	Christ Chapel Freedom		

MID-ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Charlotte, NC	Forest Hill	Charles Overstreet Allen Roes Knox Sherer	David Chadwick Don Fortson, III Bill McCutchen, Jr.

Charlotte, NC	Grace Chapel	Gerald Smith	Clay Barnes
Charlotte, NC	St. Giles	Harold Uzzell	Nathan Atwood
		Rex Hoffman	Percy Burns
Cramerton, NC	Cramerton EPC		Rick Slate
Franklin, NC	Cornerstone		Ron Odum
Matthews, NC	New Hope EPC	Ross Collins	
Raleigh, NC	Fellowship of Christ	Don Osborne	David McLean
		Jesse Williams	
Shelby, NC	Covenant Fellowship		Doug Murphy
Wilmington, NC	Myrtle Grove	Bill Blackley	Robert Bayley
		Fitz Caudle	Jim Glasgow
		John Hobbs	
		Don Phillips	
Winston-Salem, NC	Reynolda	Harry Patterson	Richard Little
		Frances Wall	Richard Robinson
		Chris Small	
		James Wall	
Anderson, SC	Christ Church	Dan Jackson	Bill Hyer
Florence, SC	Bethesda		Travis Martin
Florence, SC	Trinity		Perry Mobley
Gaffney, SC	First EPC	Harry Lovelace	Ron Read
Laurens, SC	Emmanuel (mc)		James Thyne
Abingdon, VA	Cleveland		David Hughes
Elkton, VA	EPC of Elkton		James Martin, Sr.
Greenwood, VA	Lebanon		Paul Rettew
Hampton, VA	Northampton		Daniel Berry
Richmond, VA	Christ EPC		Charles Hammett
Richmond, VA	First Evangelical Fellowship		Clyde Bowie
Roanoke, VA	Faith	Llew Fischer	Sam Harris
Virginia Beach, VA	Kempsville	William Clemens, Sr.	Andrew Jackson
		Robert O'Brien	

MIDWEST PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Ann Arbor, MI	Covenant	Michael Schulte	Malcolm Brown
		Phil Tiews	
Brighton, MI	Cornerstone		Stephen Johnson
Clarkston, MI	North Oaks Community		Kurt Gebhard
Farmington Hills, MI	Grace Chapel		Anthony DeOrio
			Douglas Klein
Flint, MI	Calvary	Dick Heidtman	Harold K. Polk, Jr.
Lake City, MI	Lake City EPC		Don Van Dyke
Livonia, MI	Ward	Bruce Brede	Art Hunt
		Elden Brieschke	James Killgore
		Donald Harms	Brian Tweedie

Mt. Clemens, MI	Knox	Gregory Middlemis Allen O'Brian Philip Pelli Marylyn van der Harst Charles Blackstock	Chris Gibson Mark Hudson George Woodcock Don Galardi William Moore Paul Moon Robert Butler Wally Hostetter
Owosso, MI Plymouth, MI Pontiac, MI Rochester Hills, MI	Community EPC Trinity Oakland Avenue EPC Faith	Russ Wing Roger Derkson	
South Lyon, MI Trenton, MI	Fellowship EPC First	James Mindling Ray Sawmiller	Don Giesmann Ian Leslie Steve Andrews
Troy, MI	Kensington		

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	
Buenos Aires	Olivos	Freddie Berk	Aldo Fontao Kenneth Murray

SOUTHEAST PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Atlanta, GA Cartersville, GA Rome, GA	New Covenant Cartersville EPC (mc) First	Hugh Burnes Keith Finley Bill Johns Barry Smith	Ron Crews Rocky Thompson James Coleman Bill Flannagan
Denniston, KY Ft. Mitchell, KY	Covenant Community New Beginning	John Matchett Ruth York	J. Glenn Ferrell
Chattanooga, TN	Brainerd	Jack Boran Denson Broadfoot Ed Cobleigh Gordon Crye Bill Johnson Don Kress Perry Spell Sandra Garaut Glenda Wolfe	Ron Ragon H. Richard Schussler N. Kirk Werner
Knoxville, TN	Northshore EPC		Julian Reese
Murfreesboro, TN	Grace		William Gainey

WEST PRESBYTERY

City	Church	Elder	Minister
Aurora, CO	Covenant Community		Rick Montroy
Aurora, CO	Faith	Vern Porter	Neil Ellison
		Claude Russell	
Denver, CO	Bear Creek EPC	Earl Clark	Calvin Gray
			Bruce Spear
Englewood, CO	Cherry Creek	Bob Bole	Mark Brewer
		Jan Bole	Doug Webster
		Charles King	George Wood
		Ann Norton	
		June Reagan	
		Colleen Rinehart	
		Irv Rinehart	
		Ken Roberts	
		Merle Speer	
Englewood, CO	Cherry Hills	Gary Fields	
		Sam Searcy	
Englewood, CO	Greenwood	Clarold Morgan	Tom Melton
		Hugh Smith	
Englewood, CO	West Bowles	Ginger Wilson	
Ft. Collins, CO	Christ Fellowship		Ed G. Davis
Parker, CO	Parker	Albert Stancliff	
Redmond, WA	Northwest		Edwin Randal
Renton, WA	First EPC	Vernon Robinson	Paul Johnson

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLLS OF THE PRESBYTERIES

Phillip Burch	Midwest
L. Edward Davis	Midwest
Ellis Deibler	Mid-Atlantic
Jacob Eige	Florida
James Emery	West
Michael Glodo	Florida
David Hadden	Allegheny
Mark Ingles	West
Tim Mindling	Midwest
Mark Moore	West
Philip Muir	Mid-America
William Read	Midwest
James Tollett	West
James Van Dyke	Southeast
Doug Van Gaalen	Far West
Hugh White	Central South
M. Brad Yorton	West

Final enrollment figures of the 12th General Assembly are as follows:

Ruling Elders: 165

Ministers: 155

Total: 315

Churches represented: 112

Elders excused:

The following requests to be excused from the 12th General Assembly were received in writing and approved:

Ruling Elders: Robert Barnhart (S. Lyon, MI), Rick Bingham (Maybrook, NY), Douglas Calhoun, Sr., (Boca Raton, FL), Larry Dickerson (Elkton, VA), James Muhlig, III (Florence, SC), Leonard Pilgrim (Chamblee, GA)

Ministers: Robert Carner (Melton, Australia), Lester Felker (Aurora, CO), Bartlett Hess (Livonia, MI), Steve Jennings (Atmore, AL), Greg Schillo (Marietta, GA), Larry Schmoekel (Columbia City, IN), Howard Shockley (Asheville, NC), Chris Smith (Lakewood, CO), Ronald Tamburri (Melrose, FL)

12-4 DOCKET ADOPTED

The docket was reviewed in its entirety as presented.

ON MOTION to adopt the docket for the day as amended.

DOCKET	
Friday, June 20, 1992	
First Session	
8:40 a.m.	Morning worship (Sanctuary) Dr. James Van Dyke, speaker
9:00 a.m.	12th General Assembly convenes 1. Opening session. Constituting prayer. Election of Recording Clerks. Local arrangements and announcements. Call for quorum. Docket. 2. Election of 12th General Assembly Moderator. Passing of the gavel. Acknowledgments. Installation of Moderator. 3. State of the Church address (retiring moderator) 4. Introductions. New churches. New ministers. "Face to Face." 5. Partial report of the Nominating Committee. 6. Ratification vote on Descending Overtures. Adoption of 1991 Minutes. 7. Report of the Stated Clerk. Introduction of standing committee chairmen. Committee instructions. 8. Report of the Board of Pension and Benefits.
9:00 a.m.	Women's Ministries program for non-commissioners
Noon	Break for lunch. Pastors' Wives Luncheon

Second Session

1:30 p.m.	Assembly committees convene
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment for dinner
7:30 p.m.	Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)
9:00 p.m.	Committees reconvene

12-5 ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR

The name of Elder John Adamson, Second Presbyterian (Memphis, Tennessee) was placed in nomination by Elder Claude Russell, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Dr. John Richard de Witt gave the seconding speech. No further nominations were forthcoming from the floor. Mr. Adamson was unanimously elected as Moderator of the 12th General Assembly and received a standing ovation from the Assembly.

Mr. Adamson was installed as Moderator. Retiring Moderator William Flannagan invited all past moderators to come forward for the laying on of hands in prayer for Mr. Adamson. Rev. Flannagan presented Moderator Adamson with the moderator's cross, gavel and stole and invited him to make his acceptance remarks. Former Moderator James Rimmel expressed appreciation on behalf of the Assembly to Rev. Flannagan and his wife, Joyce, for their leadership and example during his term of service as Moderator. Rev. Flannagan proceeded with his State of the Church Address.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS

Dr. William Flannagan, Moderator, 11th General Assembly

Unity Within Diversity

Ephesians 4:11-16

This year, in service as Moderator, has proved to be a very exciting, eventful and enlightening experience. I am especially grateful to our majestic and glorious Lord for revealing His faithfulness and blessing upon this time of ministry and service to Him and His church.

As I expressed during the last Assembly, I sincerely regret that you could not be with me as I visited with the various members of our EPC family from Virginia Beach on the East Coast to Los Angeles on the West Coast; from Puerto Rico in the South to Chicago in the Midwest. I witnessed the teeming throngs of people in Buenos Aires, Argentina and San Paulo, Brazil. I worshiped and rejoiced with the pastors and congregations gathered in magnificently constructed, air-conditioned buildings with stained glass windows and their pipe organs mastered by professionally trained musicians. I also worshiped and rejoiced with pastors and congregations in simply constructed, windowless buildings with hot and humid conditions where the only breeze was caused by the pigeons as they flew through the open air tent sanctuary and where the people sang glorious praises to our Lord with the accompaniment of volunteers playing steel drums and guitars.

I stood in those unbelievably diverse surroundings and was almost overwhelmed by the realization that Almighty God was being worshiped and pleased by all of these circumstances. More importantly, I realized that God loved every single person whom I saw. I am confident that you would have been thrilled at the times of prayer, worship, and fellowship with the pastors and lay people who love the Lord our God, who bear the name of Evangelical Presbyterian, and who love one another in spite of the diversity of their worship styles.

I want to reiterate the comments I made in June, 1991, as I assumed this position as Moderator, and that is to thank my wife, Joyce, for the never-waning strength of her love, prayers, support and encouragement. This time last year, we had no awareness of the dramatic events which God had prepared for us. Our daughter, Cindy, for whom many of you have prayed through these past years, gave birth to one of the most beautiful babies I have ever seen, Ashley Steen. I even found myself in the position of the man on the plane who was flying from Atlanta to Los Angeles. He spent the first hours talking to the man sitting beside him. He went on and on and on about his granddaughter. He suddenly apologized and said, "Oh, please forgive me for going on so about my granddaughter. Let me hear from you for a while. What do you think about my granddaughter?"

Ashley was born a month prematurely and had a very difficult time for several weeks. During this time of traumatic health situations I was visiting the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, and then Brazil and Argentina. Joyce was the stalwart support person and encourager for Cindy and her husband Mike during this critical time.

It was also during this year that Joyce and I were confronted with another emotionally exhausting and spiritually challenging time. I would never have planned to move to another pastorate during this year while I was serving as Moderator. Yet God in His sovereign manner, chose this time to clearly direct us to respond affirmatively to the call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia, and to take up the mantle of leadership which Dr. James Van Dyke had faithfully carried for 18 years.

All of the introduction is to say that our lives - yours, mine, ours - as a denomination are moving forward under the direction and guidance of God's sovereign will. As I have observed the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as part of God's Kingdom, there are several clearly evident aspects or characteristics which stand out and are "highlighted like bold print." I would like for you to examine these with me for just a few moments today.

In our worship services at First Presbyterian Church we have a children's sermon included as a part of our morning worship I must confess that sometimes it appears that the congregational response to the children's sermon is more dramatic than the response to the "big people's" sermon. I often use objects to emphasize a particular point. One of the objects I would like for you to recognize today is a "railroad track." Two distinct tracks which I have observed travel across and through our denomination. Both tracks are very highly visible and distinctly recognizable: I would label them "unity" and "diversity."

In Ephesians 4:11-16, the Apostle Paul refers to both of these tracks. In verse 11, Paul refers to the diversity which we experience in the Body of Jesus Christ. In verse 13 he makes reference to the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ. My travels and experiences this year and through these past eleven years in the EPC) have reflected a crystal clear evidence of the glorious unity of faith which we all share. The words of a contemporary song which I heard sung in a worship service in San Juan, Puerto Rico express very vividly what I am convinced we share in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church: "In our hearts we're undivided, worshiping one Savior, one Lord, bound up by His Spirit, forever more.

In our local churches presbytery committees, presbytery meetings, the General Assembly Committee on Administration and even - no, not even, but especially - here in this body of believers we share an inescapable and boldly evident love for Jesus Christ, the Word of God and Christ's church. We also, however, make gracious allowance for some stark divergence in our worship style and expression. While sitting around the long mahogany table in an upper room in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, representatives of the Brazilian Presbyterian Church and representatives of the EPC World Outreach Committee, weaving their way through language and cultural barriers by the skillful direction of two translators, I became acutely aware of a unique stroke of God's masterful hand of creativity. Languages, appearances, cultures were as diverse as I had ever witnessed.

The windows provided a view of the lush, glorious green trees and plants. I became aware of the hues and tones of the color green. Pale green, light green, dark green, darker green, multi-faceted greens upon greens. All diverse, yet together they formed a unified beautiful color of green.

I looked around that conference table and observed North American and Brazilian. A diversity of color and facial features. Some were white, some bronze, some tan, some very dark, some with evident Amazon features. There were voices with deep southern inflection and sharp midwestern clarity. Such an unbelievable diversity, yet all united in Jesus Christ.

I have witnessed a similar diversity in appearance, language, and style here in our own General Assembly. For example, take just a moment and turn to the person on either side of you. Look at that person for a moment. Note if you will, that chunk of cartilage, bone, and skin that protrudes out from the face between their eyes, just above the upper lip. It has two holes in it. That is all we shall describe at this time. But, notice how they are all different. There are no two noses just alike. Yet, there is a unity in function in all of them. We all have one. They are all different. We have, however, a magnificent unity within that diversity.

What a joy and blessing comes when we realize that the same Almighty God who created the unity and blend from such a diversity of colors, the same Almighty God who has created the unity of purpose from such a diversity of noses is the same Almighty God who has created the unity of direction, purpose, and goals out of the diversity of our individual congregations. We are all different, diverse; yet by God's marvelous grace and power we have a loving, attractive, effective unity.

The disciples of Jesus Christ were all different. No two were exactly alike. It was under the influence, persuasion, and direction of the Holy Spirit that they experienced a unity of purpose.

When the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians (about 60 years after the resurrection of Jesus) he wrote to explain that the Gentiles are as much a part of the Body of Christ as are the Jews. There were tremendous differences, evident diversity. Still, all were integral parts of the Body of Christ.

In the Evangelical Presbyterian Church we have a unity which shares the more contemporary with the most traditional, a unity which blends spontaneity with the well-designed liturgical; a unity which bridges the cultural walls and integrates the stimulating demonstrative Latin Americans with the more reserved North Americans; a unity which avoids classifying anyone as more or less spiritual because of our diversity. Thus, it is evident that in this particular body of believers, "in our hearts we are undivided, worshiping one Savior, one Lord."

Unity, diversity, and eventually maturity. In verse 13 Paul refers to "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

We are all aware that the process of growth takes time. As Joyce and I have observed the growth of our granddaughter, we have thrilled at each stage of progress; holding her head up, rolling over, crawling, standing, walking. We are reminded of the growth cycles of our children - of everyone - birth, infancy, adolescence, young adult, adulthood. Growth and eventually maturity. In our gardens we observe growth from seeds to seedlings, to young plants, to mature fruit-bearing trees.

We have witnessed growth, but more importantly, we have witnessed maturity. Our denomination is not yet in full bloom, not fully grown nor completely mature. We are growing and we are continuing to mature. Perhaps we are in a stage of later adolescence or early young adult. It is evident that we are beginning to produce more mature fruit for the Lord. God has tended this EPC garden well! He has pruned us, shaped us, nurtured us, and as always, He has loved us with unbelievable tenderness.

Our responsibility is to maintain the loyalty and integrity to our Biblical and Reformed heritage to insure that we reflect to the oncoming generations unity in our Christian faith, and to continue the process of maturity leading us toward that fullness of life in and through the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

We must constantly remind ourselves that you and I, all of us who are the part of God's Kingdom known as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, have a God-given responsibility and opportunity to provide the most accurate and faithful adherence to the Biblical and Reformed faith which has led us to this point in history. It is our inescapable responsibility to provide a solid Reformed foundation for all of the future generations of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Perhaps the words of this song can remind us of such a challenge: May all who

come behind us find us faithful; May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints we leave, lead them to believe; and The lives we live inspire them to obey. May all who come behind us find us faithful. Amen.

12-6 INTRODUCTIONS AND FACE TO FACE

Moderator Adamson read the names of the sixteen churches new to the EPC this Assembly year and introduced new ministers and visitors. Rev. Malcolm Brown, chairman of the Ministerial Vocation Committee, invited churches seeking pastors to introduce their representatives. He designated a room where pastors and search committee representatives should meet for information exchange and interviews. Notices of vacancies will be posted on the information board in the registration area.

12-7 STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Elder Claude Russell, Nominating Committee chairman, opened his report with prayer and explained the process of assigning commissioners to committees. He reported that almost all commissioners who had submitted their forms by the deadline were assigned their first choice. He noted that committee assignments were posted on the information bulletin board. (See Appendix, pp. 146-150).

12-8 DESCENDING OVERTURES

Stated Clerk Edward Davis brought the report of the overtures sent down to the presbyteries by the 11th General Assembly for approval. Constitutional amendments require adoption by 3/4 of the presbyteries, with ratification by the subsequent General Assembly (G.17-2C).

Overture 91-A: ON AMENDING THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH, CHAPTER 24, "CONCERNING MARRIAGE VOWS AND DIVORCE"

Question: Shall The Westminster Confession of Faith be amended in Chapter 24, Section 5, to delete the phrase "...so that the marriage dies at the heart and the union becomes intolerable..." following the words "marriage vows" in the second sentence?

Present wording

5. It is the divine intention that persons entering the marriage covenant become inseparably united, thus allowing for no dissolution save that caused by the death of either husband or wife. However, the weaknesses of one or both partners may lead to gross and persistent denial of the marriage vows so that the marriage dies at the heart and the union becomes intolerable; yet only in cases of extreme, unrepented of, and irremedial unfaithfulness (physical or spiritual) should separation or divorce be considered.

Proposed wording

5. It is the divine intention that persons entering the marriage covenant become inseparably united, thus allowing for no dissolution save that caused by the death of either husband or wife. However, the weaknesses of one or both partners may lead to gross and persistent denial of the marriage vows; yet only in cases of extreme, unrepented of, and irremedial unfaithfulness (physical or spiritual) should separation or divorce be considered. Such separation or divorce is accepted as permissible only because of the failure of one or both of the partners,

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The Vote of the Presbyteries

	Yes	No	
Allegheny	22	0	
Central South	25	1	
East	19	0	
Far West	16	0	
Florida	19	4	
Mid-America	16	11	
Mid-Atlantic	36	0	
Midwest	22	0	
Southeast	31	0	
West	42	0	Yes <u>11</u>
St. Andrews	5	2	No <u>0</u>

Background: This recommendation was brought by the 10th (1990) General Assembly by the Committee on Theology, which was asked to "examine the possibility of blending PCUS and PC(USA) chapters on marriage and divorce, taking what is best from both." The committee decided it was not possible nor advisable (1) to attempt to improve our current version by "cutting and pasting" material from other versions; and (2) to start a precedent of revisionism when theological and pastoral concerns arise. Instead, the committee recommended only to delete the phrase from section 5 (following the words "marriage vows" in the second sentence) to eliminate weak and ineffective language. The remaining text, in the committee's judgment, "sounds an appropriate cautionary note." The 10th General Assembly concurred.

ON MOTION to ratify Overture 91-A.

Overture 91-B: ON AMENDING THE BOOK OF WORSHIP, SECTION 5-4, ON "THE REMARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS"

Question: Shall **The Book of Worship**, Section 5-4, be amended by deleting the present section and substituting the following proposed section?

Present wording

The Remarriage of Divorced Persons: It is the intention of God that marriage be dissolved only by death. However, because of sin that causes a marriage to die at the heart and because of unrepented and irremediable faithlessness, divorce does occur. In such cases, a divorced person may marry if there is sufficient penitence for sin and failure, and if there is evidence of a firm purpose and endeavor to

Proposed wording

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However, the weaknesses of one or both partners may lead to gross and

manifest a Christian marriage. Persons who are divorced should give careful consideration to discover if God's vocation for them is to remain single. If the Minister has any question about the readiness of a divorced person to remarry according to these principles, the Church Session should be consulted and its concurrence sought.

Grounds: This amendment to **The Book of Worship** purposes to bring this section into consistency with the parallel portion of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** as amended by Overture #91-A (preceding).

persistent denial of the marriage vows, yet only in cases of extreme, unrepentant, and irremediable unfaithfulness (physical or spiritual) should separation or divorce be considered.

The remarriage of divorced persons may be sanctioned by the church, in keeping with the redemptive Gospel of Jesus Christ, when sufficient penitence for sin and failure is evident, and a firm posture of an endeavor after Christian marriage is manifested. Divorced persons should give prayerful thought to discover if God's vocation for them is to remain unmarried, since one failure in this realm raises serious questions as to the rightness and wisdom of undertaking another union. If the Minister has any questions about the readiness of divorced persons to remarry according to these principles, the Church Session should be consulted and its concurrence sought.

The Vote of the Presbyteries

	Yes	No	
Allegheny	22	0	
Central South	27	0	
East	18	0	
Far West	16	0	
Florida	18	6	
Mid-America	20	3	
Mid-Atlantic	36	1	
Midwest	22	0	
Southeast	28	0	
West	44	0	Yes <u>11</u>
St. Andrews	6	1	No <u>0</u>

ON MOTION to ratify Overture 91-B.

Overture 91-C: ON AMENDING THE BOOK OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 16-21, ON PAST RULING ELDER MODERATORS AS ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

Question: Shall The Book of Government, Section 16-21, be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the section: "Past Ruling Elder Moderators continue as members of the court as long as each maintains active membership in a church of the EPC."

Present wording

Officers of the General Assembly: The General Assembly shall have a Moderator who will be elected at each stated meeting. He may be a Teaching or Ruling Elder. The person elected must be a member of the court and is not eligible to succession. The Moderator shall continue to be a member of the court until a successor is elected. In the event of death or disability, the most immediate past Moderator shall serve until a Moderator is elected. The General Assembly shall elect a Stated Clerk who shall serve for a period of three years, with eligibility for two additional terms. 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. The Stated Clerk must be eligible for membership in the court.

Proposed wording

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Background: The Book of Government currently makes no provision for past Ruling Elder Moderators who may not be serving on the sessions of their churches, and therefore may not be selected as commissioners to General Assembly. It was felt that past Ruling Elder Moderators should be eligible to participate as commissioners at the General Assembly as long as they maintained active membership in their churches, regardless of whether or not they are currently members of the session.

The Vote of the Presbyteries

	Yes	No	
Allegheny	20	0	
Central South	36	0	
East	0	17	
Far West	15	1	
Florida	25	0	
Mid-America	20	5	
Mid-Atlantic	36	0	
Midwest	23	0	
Southeast	27	2	
West	45	0	Yes <u>9</u>
St. Andrews	1	6	No <u>2</u>

ON MOTION to ratify Overture 91-C.

12-9 ADOPTION OF 11TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The Minutes of the 11th General Assembly were presented for adoption. No additions or corrections were forthcoming.

ON MOTION to adopt the Minutes of the 11th General Assembly.

12-10 REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Edward Davis noted that active membership increased this year 4%, from 49,286 to 51,315, while the number of churches (169) was a net increase of 10%, with 16 new churches received. Members included on the baptized rolls number 3,455. Ministers on the rolls of presbyteries total 330. (See Appendix, p. 155).

Rev. Davis noted that 64% of the churches reflected a gain in membership, and total professions of faith increased by 48%. While adult baptisms increased 2%, infant baptisms decreased 8%.

The Clerk outlined five items of concern. (1) Of the churches reporting, 36% indicated either *no* growth, or a loss in membership. (2) Continuing and projected attrition of mission churches indicate need for serious study of what conditions within the start-up environment are likely to cause loss. (3) A trend toward de-emphasis on church *membership* and emphasis, rather, on church *attendance* appears to be growing, a somewhat typical result of the church growth movement. (4) Giving to denominational benevolence programs increased 9%, while giving to non-denominational benevolences increased 40%. This trend as such reflects the lack of adequate communication along with a positive program enlisting congregational ownership in our benevolence programs. (5) As the denomination grows, careful planning for Assemblies will be required so that economics will be the most minimal hindrance to small church representation. Elder participation should be persistently encouraged.

The Church Loan Fund is operational with three loans approved and two pending. Fund balance is \$407,467. Ministerial Endowment Fund produced \$1,591 in interest this year. Principal of the trust has reached \$34,660.

The denominational pension plan currently has 170 participants from 52 churches, with contributions totaling \$475,000.

12-11 MATTERS RECEIVED AND REFERRED**A. COMMUNICATIONS** (cf. Appendix, pp. 81ff)

#92-1 News Release on Andrew Jumper

___ Referred to Memorials and Appreciation Committee (cf. p. 62)

#92-2 from the Moderator, 11th General Assembly November 15, 1991

___ Referred to Overtures and Resolutions Committee (cf. p. 40)

#92-3 from the Moderator, 11th General Assembly, May 28, 1992

___ Referred to the floor (cf. p. 62)

#92-4 from Dr. Billy Melvin, National Association of Evangelicals, June 4, 1992
 ___ Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee (cf. p. 35)

#92-5 from Dr. L. Edward Davis to Dr. David Howard, World Evangelical Fellowship, May 19, 1992
 ___ Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee (cf. p. 35)

#92-6 from Dr. Billy Melvin, May 27, 1992
 ___ Referred to Church Development Committee (cf. p. 41)

#92-7 from Mr. Paul McKaughan, EFMA, March 9, 1992
 ___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 47)

#92-8 from Mr. Paul McKaughan, EFMA, March, 1992
 ___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 47)

#92-9 from Dr. L. Edward Davis to Rev. Edesio Chequer, Presbyterian Church of Brazil, February 18, 1992
 ___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 47)

#92-10 from Mr. Heber de Campos, May 21, 1992
 ___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 48)

#92-11 from Dr. Paul Cedar, Evangelical Free Church of America, May 21, 1992
 ___ Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee (cf. p. 35)

#92-12 from Mr. Clarence Reimer, Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, September 27, 1992
 ___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 57)

#92-13 from Dr. R. Craig Strickland, Presbytery of the Central South, June 25, 1992
 ___ Referred to Church Development Committee (cf. p. 41)

#92-14 from Mike Buquet, Session of First Presbyterian Church, Houma, LA, June 23, 1992
 ___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 59)

#92-15 from Rev. Ronald Ragon, Brainerd Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN.
 ___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 59)

(NOTE: Communications #92-14 and #92-15 were received Saturday morning, June 27, 1992 and referred during that business session.)

ON MOTION to adopt referrals as noted.

B. OVERTURES

Overture #92-A from the Presbytery of the East, February 22, 1992

WHEREAS we continue to celebrate and affirm the ongoing work in Argentina and joyously look forward to cooperating in other regions as we see the expanse of our Lord's work;

WHEREAS we recognize that Jesus Christ is Lord of all things and that His ministry is relevant and normative to all persons, while we admit that our cultural expressions of God's grace and kingdom are not necessarily normative for all places and times;

WHEREAS the General Assembly has the important and strategic role to provide for the training of persons for service in Christ's kingdom in regions outside the jurisdiction of particular presbyteries;

WHEREAS we expect that such training will have as part of its intent the enabling of persons to confess their faith in their particular context;

WHEREAS contexts beyond the United States are usually different from our own, and therefore it may necessitate that the trainers be able to relate across cultures in addition to their spiritual and theological qualifications;

WHEREAS we may in the future be blessed with the opportunity to advance Christ's kingdom even within parts of North America which are not currently within the jurisdiction of any particular presbytery, and which the current wording of G.16-22M would technically hinder;

THEREFORE the Presbytery of the East respectfully overtures the 12th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to amend G.16-22M to read as follows:

"To provide guidance through spiritually, theologically, and cross-culturally qualified persons for the theological preparation of candidates in mission fields outside the jurisdiction of any particular presbytery (not in the United States); to arrange for the ordination, where appropriate, of those persons who are duly called and prepared for a church office; and to enhance the confession of the norms of Jesus Christ with sensitivity to the cultures of those places, so as to allow for the indigenous cultural experience and expression of God's Kingdom."

(Current wording of G.16-22M is as follows: "To provide guidance for the theological preparation of candidates in mission fields outside North America where presbyteries do not yet exist, and arrange for the ordination where appropriate of those persons who are duly called and prepared for the office of Minister, Elder, or Deacon.")

____ Referred to World Outreach (cf. p. 48)

Overture #92-B From the Presbytery of the West, May 1, 1992

WHEREAS, **The Book of Government** Section 16-17 states that "the Presbytery shall hold stated meetings at least twice a year" and

WHEREAS *Rules for Assembly* VIII 8-11, 7a states that presbyteries must meet at least three times a year.

RECOMMEND that **The Book of Government** and *Rules for Assembly* be brought into conformity by either amending **The Book of Government** or the *Rules for Assembly*.

___ Referred to Overtures and Resolutions (cf. p. 40)

Overture #92-C From the Presbytery of Florida, February 8, 1992

RESOLVED that **The Book of Government**, Section 9-5 be amended to add the following paragraph as Section D relabeling the current Section D as Section E:

"If a person remains on the Inactive Roll for a period of at least one year and has not resumed active participation in the life of the church despite diligent efforts of the Session in its pastoral duties, that individual may be removed from the membership of the church upon written notification from the Session."

Grounds: Currently **The Book of Government** has no provision for final disposition of persons who are inactive and have no intention of resuming active participation or of those who have moved from the area with no plans for returning. While inactive rolls swell over the years, inactive members may be given the false sense of spiritual well-being by remaining on any roll of the church when, in fact, their spiritual life is in need of serious renewal.

___ Referred to Church Development (cf. p. 41)

Overture #92-D From the Presbytery of Florida, February 8, 1992

RESOLVED that **The Book of Government**, Section 15-8, be amended to delete the final sentence of the paragraph and replace it with the following sentence:

"When a Minister has been without approved call for a period of one year, the Ministerial Committee will confer with the Minister as to his continued sense of call and his expectations for future ministry. The Committee will then recommend to the Presbytery whether the Minister should remain in active status in the Presbytery or be placed on inactive status. The Presbytery, at its discretion, and after judicious consideration, may place the Minister on the Inactive Status Roll involuntarily, provided the vote to do so is by a two-thirds majority."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation (cf. p. 56)

Overture #92-E From the Presbytery of Mid-America, April 25, 1992

WHEREAS, there may be significant and substantial differences between presbyteries concerning the issue of gender which could make transfer of ordained

ministers between presbyteries difficult or even impossible, and

WHEREAS, there could well be reversals of the position within a given presbytery from meeting to meeting, depending upon the individual presbyters appointed by the local sessions to attend any given stated meeting, and

WHEREAS, **The Book of Order** clearly does not address the issue, and conflict exists between the proponents of the rights reserved to a particular church (G.7-5) and the duties of presbytery in the examination of ministers and candidates pursuant to G.16-16A and G.12-2, and

WHEREAS for the sake of the peace and unity of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church this issue needs to be clearly addressed by the collective mind of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Presbytery of Mid-America overture the 12th General Assembly to appoint a special committee to research and report back to the 13th General Assembly a clearly stated resolution to these and other issues attendant to consideration of gender as it relates to ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

___ Referred to Overtures and Resolutions (cf. p. 40)

Overture #92-F From the Presbytery of Mid-America, April 25, 1992

RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Mid-America overture the 12th General Assembly to extend its boundaries by the addition of the state of Arkansas lying north of Interstate Highway 40.

___ Referred to Church Development (cf. p.42)

Overture #92-G From the Allegheny Presbytery, January 25, 1992

WHEREAS the boundaries of the Allegheny Presbytery presently include the entire state of West Virginia, and

WHEREAS the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, West Virginia align themselves both geographically and culturally with churches within the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery; and

WHEREAS greater distances are required for travel and participation with churches in the Allegheny Presbytery than would be required for those in the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery;

THEREFORE, the Allegheny Presbytery overtures the 12th General Assembly to amend the boundaries of its presbytery by excluding from it the city of Bluefield, West Virginia and its county and assigning that designated area to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery.

___ Referred to Church Development (cf. p. 42)

ON MOTION to refer overtures as noted.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Recommendation #1:

That the policy be established that financial solicitations of any type for support of an EPC church planting project be limited to the organizing context for that project, viz., daughter church project to its mother church, presbytery plant to its presbytery, Assembly-supported plants to Assembly-approved Church Development Committee benevolence projects.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 57)

Recommendation #2:

That the General Assembly extend the initial period of enrollment and submission of Pension Adoption Agreements for churches of record as of January 1, 1990 from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1993.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 57)

Recommendation #3:

That for reasons of stewardship a new Evangelism and Caring Committee **not** be created at this time (cf. #10-26, 10th General Assembly Minutes, "General Assembly instructs its Committee on Administration to consider the formation of a permanent Evangelism and Caring Committee for the purposes of promoting evangelism and dealing with important caring issues...") but that in lieu of such that these two areas of concern be addressed through the following:

- A. Evangelism (formation of a subcommittee of Church Development), and
- B. Caring (formation of a subcommittee of the Ministerial Vocation committee to deal with social concerns).

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 57)

Recommendation #4:

That the General Assembly approve the separation of the present Department of Outreach into two separate divisions: **World Outreach** and **National Outreach**, with appropriate redefinitions of present Outreach Director's position, time lines and funding in place by early 1993.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 58)

Recommendation #5:

That the General Assembly place the funding of the position of full-time Director of Youth Ministries into the Administration Budget for 1993.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 58)

Recommendation #6:

That the Assembly approve a \$2 increase in the "per member" contribution giving, thus increasing the asking to \$12 per member for the purpose of providing support for a full-time Director of Youth Ministries and a Director of National Outreach.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 58)

Recommendation #7:

That the Assembly adopt the Proposed 1993 Administration Budget for \$651,590
 ___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 58)

Recommendation #8:

That the Proposed 1993 Benevolence Askings Budget be approved for \$433,530
 ___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 58)

Recommendation #43:

That the Assembly elect the following as trustees for the Medical Benevolence Trust: Elder James Russell (Central South) Class of 1995 (3-year term)
 Rev. Erik Ohman (West) Class of 1994 (2-year term)
 Elder Les Williams (Allegheny) Class of 1993 (1-year term)
 ___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 32)

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**Recommendation #9:**

That the Assembly instruct the Committee on Theology to prepare a paper providing guidance to the churches on the subject of young children and their participation in the sacrament of communion.
 ___ Referred to Christian Education & Publications Committee (cf. p. 39)

Recommendation #10:

That the *Officer's Training Manual* by Dr. Andrew Jumper be commended for use in EPC churches.
 ___ Referred to Christian Education & Publications Committee (cf. p. 39)

FROM THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(No recommendations were forthcoming from the Church Development Committee.)

FROM THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**Recommendation #11:**

That the Assembly, in its continuing support of the EPC/ARP fraternal conversations endorse the Geneva Statement:

THE GENEVA STATEMENT

Being persuaded from Scripture that all Christians are united together as one body in Christ, we acknowledge our responsibility to God and one another to labor together in the work of Christ so as to promote the peace, purity, and unity of the church, and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the world.

We share a common understanding of the Scriptures, as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, for laboring together

in ministry. Recognizing that some differences exist between us in our understanding of certain issues concerning God's will for His church, we also recognize that which we hold in common far outweighs that which differentiates us. It is understood that our common labors shall not compromise the consciences of either church. The integrity of each church concerning its standards and policies must be maintained and respected.

We therefore pledge ourselves to labor together in love, to advance the work of Christ in both our common and separate ministries, seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We promise that if ever we should offend one another in our common labors, we shall do everything possible to resolve the matter and to maintain cooperation. We commit ourselves to labor in support of our church courts, faithfully reporting our activities to the appropriate board or agency, and our respective committees concerning interchurch relations.

We further believe that such practical fraternity, apart from any quest for organizational union will be pleasing to God and promote the advancement of the Gospel in the world. For these reasons we commit ourselves to this Covenant of Cooperation, which is to be attached to the joint statement previously adopted by our churches.

___ Referred to Fraternal Relations Committee (cf. p. 35)

FROM THE MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

Recommendation #13:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 10-3C, be amended by 1) inserting the following after the second sentence: "An evangelist called as a missionary shall always have as his primary duty the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, and 2) at the beginning of the third sentence, deleting "When a Presbytery calls a Minister as Evangelist: and inserting instead, "When a Presbytery calls an Evangelist as Church Planter."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 52)

Recommendation #14:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5, be amended by deleting the words "or like" from the first sentence so that the sentence will read, "When a particular church desires to call a minister as Pastor, the following procedure shall be followed."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 53)

Recommendation #15:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5D be amended by substituting the following for the existing sentence: "The Search Committee shall notify the Church Session in writing and the Church Session shall call a congregational meeting."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 53)

Recommendation #16:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5E be amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "on the recommendations of the Search Committee" so that the sentence reads: "The congregation shall conduct a counted vote in a fashion it deems appropriate."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 54)

Recommendation #17:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-8B, be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The Interim Supply may be appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the Church Session during the time of service."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 54)

Recommendation #18:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-9, be amended by deleting the section as written, and substituting the following: "A call may be placed in the hands of a Minister only by the Presbytery to which that person is being called. The Presbytery shall first determine that the call is in order, and that person is suitable for that situation. When both are approved, the Presbytery shall determine if the person being called accepts the call and if that person's Presbytery shall place the call in that person's hand. Presbytery shall appoint a commission to proceed with ordination, where necessary, and installation."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 54)

Recommendation #19:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 11-10, be amended by deleting the entire sentence and substituting the following: "In the event the Minister being called is from some other Presbytery or other church body, the receiving Presbytery shall not enroll that person without a valid call."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 55)

Recommendation #20:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 15-2, be amended by deleting the word "Ordinarily" at the beginning of the second sentence so that the sentence reads "A congregational meeting shall be duly called and the congregation requested to concur with the Pastor in the request of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 55)

Recommendation #21:

That **The Book of Government**, Section 16-27A.9 be amended by adding after the words "The Committee" the words "or a Presbytery designated alternate committee" so that the sentence reads "The Committee, or a Presbytery designated alternate committee, shall consult with particular churches receiving aid from Presbytery and shall make recommendations to the Presbytery concerning that aid."

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 55)

Recommendation #22:

That the General Assembly participate in a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in a pilot program to provide a Regional Pastor for that presbytery and that the Assembly approve \$5,000 to be used to help fund the program.

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 55)

Recommendation #23:

That the General Assembly approve the compilation of a recommended reading list for persons approaching ordination examinations with particular focus on the areas of theology and sacraments, the Reformed tradition, and the Reformed office of Minister of the Word. Such list is to be compiled in consultation with the Theology Committee.

___ Referred to Ministerial Vocation Committee (cf. p. 56)

FROM THE BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS

Recommendation #24:

That the Assembly, through the Administration Budget, bear the operating expenses of the Pension Plan and that the 'per member' asking be adjusted to reflect this expense.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 59)

Recommendation #25:

That the Proposed 1993 Administration Budget be amended to include a line item in the amount of \$15,000 for Pension Plan administration.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 59)

Recommendation #26:

That Section 6.5 of the Pension Plan be modified by deleting the first sentence following the words "hardship withdrawal" and substituting the following sentence: "If agreed upon by the Trustee, a participant who has an elective contribution account may request a hardship withdrawal of such account.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 30)

Recommendation #26A:

That Section 1.21 of the Plan be amended to provide that normal retirement age shall be age 59 1/2.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 30)

Recommendation #26B:

That the permissible retirement age for the EPC Group Insurance Plan also be changed to 59 1/2.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 30)

Recommendation #27:

That the Assembly amend the Pension Plan, Section 1.14 by adding the following at the end of said section: "Not-for-profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church shall

be considered as Employer under the Plan. A not-for-profit corporation or organization shall be considered 'legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church,' if 100% of the voting power of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 30)

Recommendation #28:

That the Assembly amend the Group Insurance Plan by adding a definition of "Employer" to read: "Employer. The judicatory or a particular member church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, including any entity which succeeds the Employer. Not-for-profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church shall be considered as employer under the Plan. A not-for-profit corporation or organization shall be considered legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church if 100% of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 30)

Recommendation #29:

That the Group Insurance Plan be amended by adding the following provision:

"A. To provide coverage for transplants of the following human organs only: cornea, kidney, liver, heart, lung, and bone marrow. Total dollar amount payable for all charges related to organ transplants shall be limited to the sum of \$500,000 per person per lifetime."

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 31)

Recommendation #30:

That the Group Insurance Plan be amended regarding surgeries so that **1)** all requirements for second opinions be eliminated from the Plan; **2)** all surgical procedures covered by the Plan be covered at 80%; **3)** the Plan continue to pay 100% for pre-admission tests; **4)** the Plan pay only up to 80% for second surgical opinions.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 31)

Recommendation #31:

That the Group Insurance Plan be amended to extend the normal co-pay of 80% coverage for the following procedures: **1)** Clinical breast examination: every three years between the ages of 20 and 40, and every year after age 50; **2)** Mammography: every year after age 50; **3)** Sigmoidoscopy" every three years after age 50; **4)** Prostatic specific antigen test every year after age 50.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 31)

Recommendation #32:

That the Group Insurance Plan be amended to create an additional classification of employees under page 6 of the Plan, to read as follows:

"D. Disabled Employees. A disabled employee is one who has been determined to be totally disabled. To be totally disabled, the employee must be unable to perform all of the normal duties of his or her regular occupation or employment for pay or profit. This must be due to the disability."

Such a person may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC Plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium.

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 31)

Recommendation #33: That the Assembly adopt the Medical Benevolence Fund document (Documents, p. 261).

___ Referred to the Floor (cf. p. 31)

FROM THE THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

Recommendation #34:

That the General Assembly respond to the questions of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) concerning our stance on charismatic gifts by referring them to our Position Paper on the Holy Spirit, along with the following interpretive statements:

- 1) The Evangelical Presbyterian Church holds that baptism in or with the Holy Spirit is to be identified with regeneration and adoption.
- 2) The Evangelical Presbyterian Church views the gifts of the Holy Spirit as these are specified in such passages as I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4 as valid for the church at the present time.
- 3) The Position Paper on the Holy Spirit distinguishes between the Word of God on the one hand, and the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy, on the other. Whatever the exercise of the gift of prophecy may involve, it is plain that its exercise is subject to the Holy Scriptures and to the local session.
- 4) Clearly the implication of the Position Paper on the Holy Spirit is that, because preeminence is ascribed to the Holy Scriptures, one would have to draw a very sharp distinction between the Bible (the Word of God) and any other form of revelation mentioned in the New Testament.

___ Referred to Theology Committee (cf. p. 51)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Recommendation #35:

That the standing Committee on Women's Ministries emphasize to the Assembly the importance of the need for churches to fully embrace and support the "per woman" asking.

___ Referred to Women's Ministries Committee (cf. p. 43)

FROM THE WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Recommendation #36:

That the General Assembly strongly encourage each presbytery to establish a presbytery World Outreach Committee to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination.

___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 48)

Recommendation #37:

That the General Assembly adopt the proposed revision of the **World Outreach Missions Master Plan** (Documents, p. 265).

___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 50)

Recommendation #38:

That the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) be approved (Documents, p. 249) .

___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 50)

Recommendation #40:

That the proposed 1993 Benevolence Askings Budget be amended by adding to the Church Development section an additional asking called "The Nashville Project" for the figure of \$30,000.

___ Referred to Church Development Committee (cf. p. 42)

Recommendation #41:

That the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Arab World Ministries be approved (Documents, p. 253) .

___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 50)

Recommendation #42:

That the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Send International be approved (Documents, p. 251) .

___ Referred to World Outreach Committee (cf. p. 50)

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Recommendation #39:

That the General Assembly place the funding of the position of full-time Director of Youth Ministries into the Administration Budget immediately.

___ Referred to Administration Committee (cf. p. 59)

ON MOTION to adopt referrals as noted.

12-12 INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Standing committee chairmen were introduced and instructions given for committee work.

Administration:	Elder Greg Middlemis (Midwest)
Christian Education & Publications:	Rev. Ron DiNunzio (Florida)
Church Development:	Rev. Sam Harris (Mid-Atlantic)
Fraternal Relations:	Elder Charles Moore (Mid-America)
Memorials and Appreciation:	Elder Frances Wall (Mid-Atlantic)
Ministerial Vocation:	Rev. William Moore (Midwest)
Overtures and Resolutions:	Elder William Shirey (East)
Presbytery Review:	Rev. Robert Allen, Jr. (Central South)
Theology:	Rev. Ron Ragon (Southeast)
Women's Ministries:	Elder Grace Jarvis (Far West)
World Outreach:	Rev. Charles Wickman (Far West)
Youth Ministries:	Rev. Chris Gibson (Midwest)

12-13 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS

Elder Donald Harms, chairman, offered prayer prior to bringing the Board's report and recommendations to the Assembly.

A. Business referred to the floor

1. Recommendation #26
2. Recommendation #26A
3. Recommendation #26B
4. Recommendation #27
5. Recommendation #28
6. Recommendation #29
7. Recommendation #30
8. Recommendation #31
9. Recommendation #32
10. Recommendation #33

B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #26 that Section 6.5 of the Pension Plan be modified by deleting the first sentence following the words "hardship withdrawal" and substituting the following sentence: "If agreed upon by the Trustee, a participant who has an elective contribution account may request a hardship withdrawal of such account" be amended by adding at the end of the sentence, " excluding any earnings thereon."

___ Adopted

2. That Recommendation #26A that Section 1.21 of the Plan be amended to provide that normal retirement age shall be age 59 1/2. This will bring our plan into conformity with the federal law which allows normal retirement age to begin at 59 1/2 rather than at age 60 as our plan provides."

___ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #26B be adopted that the permissible retirement age for the EPC Group Insurance Plan also be changed to 59 1/2.

___ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #27 be adopted that the Assembly amend the Pension Plan, Section 1.14 by adding the following at the end of said section:
 "Not-for-profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory a particular church, or the officers of a church shall be considered as Employer under the Plan. A not-for-profit corporation or organization shall be considered 'legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church,' if 100% of the voting power of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

___ Adopted

5. That Recommendation #28 be adopted that the Assembly amend the Group Insurance Plan by adding a definition of "Employer" to read:
 "Employer. The judicatory or a particular member church of the Evangelical

Presbyterian Church, including any entity which succeeds the Employer. Not-for-profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church shall be considered as employer under the Plan. A not-for-profit corporation or organization shall be considered legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church if 100% of the voting power of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

___ Adopted

6. That Recommendation #29 be adopted that the Group Insurance Plan be amended by adding the following provision:

A. To provide coverage for transplants of the following human organs only: cornea, kidney, liver, heart, lung, and bone marrow. Total dollar amount payable for all charges related to organ transplants shall be limited to the sum of \$500,000 per person per lifetime.

___ Adopted

7. That Recommendation #30 be adopted that the Group Insurance Plan be amended regarding surgeries so that:

- 1) All requirements for second opinions be eliminated from the Plan;
- 2) All surgical procedures covered by the Plan be covered at 80%;
- 3) The Plan continue to pay 100% for pre-admission tests;
- 4) The Plan pay only up to 80% for second surgical opinions.

___ Adopted

8. That Recommendation #31 be adopted that the Group Insurance Plan be amended to extend the normal co-pay of 80% coverage for the following procedures:

- 1) Clinical breast examination: every three years between the ages of 20 and 40, and every year after age 50;
- 2) Mammography: every year after age 50;
- 3) Sigmoidoscopy: every three years after age 50;
- 4) Prostatic specific antigen test every year after age 50.

___ Adopted

9. That Recommendation #32 be adopted that the Group Insurance Plan be amended to create an additional classification of employees under page 6 of the Plan, to read as follows:

"D. Disabled Employees. A disabled employee is one who has been determined to be totally disabled. To be totally disabled, the employee must be unable to perform all of the normal duties of his or her regular occupation or employment for pay or profit. This must be due to the disability.

Such a person may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC Plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium."

___ Adopted

10. That Recommendation #33 that the Assembly adopt the Medical Benevolence Fund document (Documents, p. 261) be adopted.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION (in concurrence with the provision of the adopted Medical Benevolence Fund), that the Assembly elect the following as trustees for the Medical Benevolence Trust:

1. Elder James Bubba Russell (Central South) Class of 1995 (3-year term)
2. Rev. Erik Ohman (West) Class of 1994 (2-year term)
3. Elder Les Williams (Allegheny) Class of 1993 (1-year term).

___ Adopted

The Stated Clerk explained that establishment of the Medical Benevolence Fund was approved at the 9th General Assembly (1989) as a resource to assist, for a limited time ministers without call, mission church pastors, and retired ministers and their families in the payment of insurance premiums where needed. Disbursements may begin as soon as the Fund reaches \$200,000. Fund functions as in a matching dollar partnership with the presbyteries.

ON MOTION to receive the report as a whole.

12-14 RECESS FOR LUNCH

The first session was recessed for lunch and afternoon committee meetings, following prayer by the Moderator.

MINUTES - FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Second Session
June 26, 1992

12-15 COMMITTEES CONVENE

The standing committees of the Assembly convened at 1:30 p.m., adjourning at 5:00 p.m. for dinner.

12-16 MODERATORS SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND PRAYER

The Assembly gathered for the Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer at 7:30 p.m. Worship music was provided by the Chancel Choir of Second Presbyterian under the direction of L. Jeffries Binford. Worship included a message by Rev. Flannagan, outgoing Moderator, based on Acts 2:42-47 emphasizing the fellowship of the body of Christ around the table of the Lord's Supper. The elders of Second Presbyterian participated in serving the elements of communion.

MODERATOR'S SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDES

INTROIT "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #248 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM "Glorious Is Thy Name" Mozart

The Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:42-47

THE SERMON	"A Unique Fellowship"	Dr. William Flannagan Outgoing Moderator
HYMN #62	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	
THE RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"		G. Martin
DOXOLOGY		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		Dr. J. Richard de Witt
HYMN #212	"According To Thy Gracious Word"	
THE APOSTLES' CREED		
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM		
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
HYMN #207	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	
BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		
POSTLUDE	"Improvisation"	Robert Macdonald
A CONCERT OF PRAYER		

MINUTES - SATURDAY MORNING

Third Session
June 27, 1992

12-17 COMMITTEES RECONVENE

At 8:30 a.m., standing committees reconvened to complete their work.

12-18 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The Assembly gathered in the sanctuary for worship at 10:00 a.m. Rev. James McGuire was worship leader. Also participating were Rev. Lanier Ellis, Second Presbyterian; Jonathan Brown, Director of Music Cherry Creek Presbyterian, Englewood, Colorado; Jeff Binford, organist, Second Presbyterian. Soloist Carolyn Ellis was accompanied on guitar by Kris Decker.

	Service of Worship	
ORGAN PRELUDE	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	
OPENING PRAYER		
HYMN #85	"Crown Him With Many Crowns"	
SOLO	Colossians 1:10-11	Carolyn Ellis
		Kris Decker, guitar
SCRIPTURE LESSON		Ezekiel 33:30-33
MEDITATION	"Where is the Power?"	Rev. James McGuire
CLOSING PRAYER		

12-19 BUSINESS SESSION

At 10:20 a.m. the Moderator called the Assembly to order and opened the session with prayer. Recording Clerk Claude Russell read the synopsis of minutes of the June 26, 1992 meeting. Corrections were made to reflect that Recommen-

dations #2, 24, and 25 were not approved by the Assembly but rather were referred to the Committee on Administration to be addressed in the context of its report to the Assembly. The minutes were approved with the above corrections noted. Stated Clerk Edward Davis announced that the offering of June 26, 1992, designated for the Medical Benevolence Fund, was \$2,757, which brought the total in the Fund to \$201,061. As the \$200,000 initial goal has now been reached, disbursements from this fund may begin.

Names of commissioners who were enrolled but not registered were read by the Stated Clerk, with the request that these individuals complete the registration process this morning.

Two additional communications were received at this time. The first, designated as #92-14, was from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Houma, Louisiana. The second, #92-15, was from Rev. Ronald Ragon, Brainerd Presbyterian, Chattanooga. Both items were referred to the Administration Committee. The Moderator asked that committee to meet at 11:00 a.m. to consider these new referrals.

12-20 DOCKET APPROVED

The docket for the day was reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

DOCKET	
Saturday, June 27, 1992	
Third Session	
10:20 a.m.	Business Session (Sanctuary)
12 Noon	Men's and Women's Luncheons
Fourth Session	
2:00 p.m.	Business Session (Sanctuary)
	1. Adoption of minutes (6/26). Announcements.
	2. Partial reading of Nominating Committee. Second reading and additional nominations.
	3. Report of Fraternal Relations Committee.
	4. Report of Ad Interim Location Committee.
	5. Report of Women's Ministries Committee.
	6. Report of Youth Ministries Committee.
	7. Report of Christian Education Committee.
	8. Report of Church Development Committee.
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment
5:15 p.m.	Missionary reception (Louise Salmon Parlor)
6:00 p.m.	Barbecue dinner followed by Patriotic Music Program

12-21 REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Elder Charles Moore, chairman, opened his report with prayer. He introduced fraternal observers and invited them to speak briefly to the Assembly.

Dr. Mark Ross, representing the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church brought greetings from the ARP and spoke eloquently and openly about their past

struggles, joyfully indicating how God has been gracious to bring great progress in those struggles. Rev. Leonard Hofman, General Secretary, Christian Reformed Church, brought greetings from the CRC and expressed hopes for closer ties and cooperation between our two denominations. He commended the EPC on its warmth and community. Mr. Hofman appealed to the commissioners to pray for the CRC, and pledged to do the same for the EPC.

Dr. Luder Whitlock, Presbyterian Church in America, greeted the Assembly on behalf of the PCA, and expressed his appreciation of the EPC as he has observed it over the years. Dr. Whitlock also serves as president of Reformed Theological Seminary. All were warmly received by the Assembly.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Minutes of the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee (May 30, 1991 and May 9, 1992)
2. Communication #92-4
3. Communication #92-5
4. Communication #92-11
5. Recommendation #11
6. Recommendation #12

B. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of the permanent committee (May 30, 1991 and May 9, 1992) be approved with notation that the date of the meeting of the World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) in Manila, Philippines be added in the 1992 minutes.
☐ Adopted
2. That Communication #92-4 (p. 84) from Dr. Billy Melvin, National Association of Evangelicals be received as information. Stated Clerk Edward Davis had informed the chairman of this committee that EPC would not be able to respond positively to a request for additional gifts this year. It was noted that the denomination annually supports the NAE with a "per member" contribution.
☐ Adopted
3. That Communication #92-5 (p. 87) consisting of a letter from Dr. L. Edward Davis to Dr. David M. Howard, International Director of the World Evangelical Fellowship meeting in Manila, was received as information.
☐ Adopted
4. That Communication #92-11 (p. 96) from Dr. Paul Cedar, President of the Evangelical Free Church of America, be received as information.
☐ Adopted
5. That Recommendation #11, The Geneva Statement (pp. 23-24) be amended in the last paragraph by changing the word "Covenant" to "Agreement" so that the sentence reads: "For these reasons we commit ourselves to this Agreement of Cooperation, which is to be attached to the joint statement

previously adopted by our churches." and approved as amended.

___ Adopted

The standing committee further requested that the permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations provide more communication to the EPC body-at-large regarding what is happening in developments of cooperation between the EPC and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

6. That Recommendation #12 be adopted that the Assembly approve an annual exchange of fraternal delegates with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP), rather than the present alternating year exchange.

___ Adopted

The Moderator recognized Rev. Robert Norris, chairman of the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee, who called the Assembly's attention to a celebration to be held in 1993 by the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) at Westminster Abbey in London. Dr Norris encouraged interested ruling elders and ministers to attend if possible.

Rev. Bill Read, Director of Outreach, introduced Rev. Ramon Gonzales, moderator of a group of churches in Venezuela. Rev. Gonzales was given an opportunity to address the Assembly briefly and bring greetings.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-22 FIRST READING OF NOMINATIONS

Elder Claude Russell, chairman opened with prayer and presented the slate of nominations for the permanent committee vacancies. The name of Elder James Wall was added to the Class of 1995, Permanent Judicial Commission to replace Elder Chris Small.

ON MOTION to approve the slate of nominations:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Class of 1995: Elder Bill Shirey
Rev. George Woodcock

Presbytery

East
Midwest

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Class of 1995: Elder Carolyn Nystrom
Rev. Robert Bayley

Mid-America
Mid-Atlantic

Class of 1994 Elder Mary Alice Keller
(to fill unexpired term)

East

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Class of 1995: Elder Paul Heidebrecht
Rev. Charles Wickman

Mid-America
Far West

Class of 1993 Elder Horace Heafner
(to fill unexpired term of Moderator)

East

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL VOCATION

Class of 1995:	Elder William Primm	Southeast
	Rev. Michael Winship	East

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL OUTREACH

Class of 1995:	Elder Bob Newell	East
	Elder Jerry Thompson	Mid-Atlantic
	Rev. Lee Kizer	Mid-Atlantic

BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS

Class of 1995:	Elder Robert Lee	West
	Elder Harold Hegel	Mid-America

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 1995:	Elder Elden Brieschke	Midwest
	Elder James Wall	Mid-Atlantic
	Rev. Ron DiNunzio	Florida

COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY

Class of 1995:	Elder Philip Tiems	Midwest
	Rev. J. Richard de Witt	Central South

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Class of 1995:	Sandra Millis	Midwest
	Margaret Smith	East
	Evelyn Wilson	Mid-Atlantic

COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH

Class of 1995:	Elder Jim Foote	Midwest
	Rev. Sam Rowen	Central South
	Elder Arnold Lindseth	Central South

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Class of 1995:	Brett Spiegelman	Central South
	Rev. Gary Koerth	Allegheny

The chairman apprised the Assembly that if Rev. Lee Kizer is elected to the Church Development Committee, a replacement will need to be appointed to the Nominating Committee, Class of 1993. If this is adopted, Past Moderator Flannagan will nominate Rev. Robert Harvey, Presbytery of Mid-America to replace him. Such to be presented in the context of Communication #92-3 from Rev. Flannagan. Moderator Adamson apprised the Assembly that Communication #92-3 regarding all nominations to the Nominating Committee and the Board of Pension and Benefits will be addressed during Monday's session (cf. p. 62).

12-23 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LUNCHEONS

At noon the Assembly adjourned for lunch. The Women's Luncheon was held at the Summit Club, with Donna Alberta, Staff Associate for Women's Ministries, speaker. Dorilee Feller presented a dramatic parody.

The Men's Luncheon was held at the Memphis Country Club, where Dave Simmons of Dad the Family Shepherd Ministries, was speaker. James Hyter sang a stirring rendition of "Old Man River."

MINUTES - SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Fourth Session

June 27, 1992

12-24 BUSINESS SESSION

The Assembly reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with prayer offered by the Moderator.

12-25 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELOCATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICE

In the absence of chairman Elder Bruce Boore, Elder John Adamson, member of the committee, reported, opening with prayer. (Past Moderator William Flannagan acted as Moderator during Mr. Adamson's presentation.) He referred to the written report of the committee (Appendix, p. 131) and provided insight as to the work of the committee this year.

Recommendation: That the Office of the General Assembly shall be located in a western suburb of Detroit, providing for the present with adequate expansion available for future needs. The needs of and services to the individual churches shall continue to be monitored to determine any major shifts in location criteria.

___ Adopted

12-26 COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rev. Chris Gibson, chairman, reported for the committee and opened with prayer.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Minutes of permanent committee (September 18-19, 1991 and March 16-21, 1992).

B. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of the permanent Committee on Youth Ministries be approved with notations.

___ Adopted

2. That the 12th General Assembly allow the chairman of the permanent Committee on Youth Ministries (Rev. Steve Wilkinson) five minutes of floor time concerning the following recommendation in addition to Recommendation #39.

___ Adopted

3. That the General Assembly reaffirm what has been previously approved by the 11th General Assembly to establish a full-time youth ministries position at the denominational level.

___ Adopted

4. That existing funds of \$7,975 be used from this year's benevolence giving, line 21 & 23 to immediately provide denominational funding to hire a full-time staff person by November, 1992 to:
 - (a) train and equip leaders;
 - (b) offer ongoing program and curriculum ideas;
 - (c) coordinate national summer camping ministries;
 - (d) coordinate youth ministries; and
 - (e) manage all other job description items already approved by the General Assembly.

ON MOTION to table this matter pending the report of the standing Administration Committee.

5. That the 12th General Assembly begin researching a denominational camping and retreat property using Youth Life and Montreat as models for this ministry and that the permanent Administration Committee be requested to:
 - (a) assign a person to begin developing location ideas in this regard;
 - (b) begin identifying potential sources of capital;
 - (c) begin developing a cash flow projection for operations;
 - (d) do all of the above, for now, on a non-funded basis.

___ Adopted

12-27 REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Christian Education & Publications Committee was presented by Rev. Ron DiNunzio, chairman, following prayer.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Minutes of the permanent committee (November 4, 1991 & February 24, 1992)
2. Recommendation #9
3. Recommendation #10

B. Recommendations

1. That the Assembly approve the minutes of the permanent Christian Education & Publications Committee (November 4, 1991 and February 24, 1992).

___ Adopted

2. That Recommendation #9 to instruct the Theology Committee to prepare a paper providing guidance to the churches on the subject of young children and their participation in the sacrament of communion be adopted.

___ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #10 that the **Officers Training Manual** by Dr. Andrew A. Jumper be commended for use in EPC churches be adopted, and additionally, that a spiral-bound format of the **Manual** be implemented for ease of use.

___ Adopted

4. That usage of the **Westminster Confession of Faith Commentary**, (Summertown Texts, 1992) which was reviewed by the standing committee, be encouraged.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-28 REPORT OF THE OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Elder William Shirey, chairman, opened with prayer and reported for the committee.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Overture #92-E
2. Communication #92-2
3. Overture #92-B

B. Recommendations

1. That Overture #92-E (pp. 20-21) that the 12th General Assembly appoint a special committee to research and report back to the 13th General Assembly a clearly stated resolution to the issues attendant to consideration of gender as it relates to ordination to the Gospel ministry not be adopted.

Rationale: The ordination of women is an issue addressed by previous Assemblies and addressed in an existing position paper which leaves the decision process up to the court of original jurisdiction. If ambiguity is perceived in **The Book of Government** by any judicatory, the first course of action should be to request an opinion from the Stated Clerk of the next highest court. All opinions of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly are automatically reviewed by the Permanent Judicial Commission, at which time any significant problems in wording can be addressed by the Assembly.

ON MOTION to approve recommendation not to adopt Overture #92-E.

2. That Communication #92-2 that the 12th General Assembly endorse the Andrew A. Jumper Scholarship Fund established at Reformed Theological Seminary and encourage participation in its support by EPC sessions be adopted.

___ Adopted

3. That Overture #92-B that the 12th General Assembly amend **The Book of Government**, Section 16-17, by deleting the phrase "at least twice a year" and substituting the phrase "at least three times a year" to bring it into conformity with the *Rules for Assembly*, VIII 8-11, 7a be adopted.

Rationale: The committee understood that the original intent of the General Assembly was to require three presbytery meetings each year. When the section on presbytery meetings during General Assembly was deleted from **The Book of Government**, a third meeting was no longer referenced therein. The *Rules for Assembly*, VIII 8-11, 7a represents the original intent of the Assembly, which should be accurately reflected in **The Book of Government**.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-29 REPORT OF THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rev. Sam Harris, chairman, opened the report of this committee with prayer.

A. Matters referred to committee

1. Communication #92-6
2. Communication #92-13
3. Overture #92-C
4. Overture #92-F
5. Overture #92-G
6. Recommendation #40
7. Minutes of the permanent Church Development Committee
(September 19-21, 1991, March 12-14, 1992, and June 25, 1992)

B. Recommendations

1. That Communication #92-6 from Dr. Billy A. Melvin, chairman, "Toward the Year 2000" including an invitation to participate on September 11-12, 1992 to share their plans for the evangelization of America be approved, and that a representative to attend be appointed by the appropriate General Assembly staff person.

___ Adopted

2. That Communication #92-13 from Dr. Craig Strickland be approved that the boundaries of the city of Nashville be changed as follows so that the entire city is included in the Presbytery of the Central South:
From the Kentucky-Tennessee state line at I-65, east to the Sumner-Macon county, Tennessee line; south on the Sumner-Macon county line to the intersection of Wilson county; south on the Wilson-Trousdale, Wilson-Smith, and Wilson-DeKalb county lines to the Wilson-Rutherford county line; west on the Wilson-Rutherford county line to the intersection of US 231; south on US 231 to the Tennessee-Alabama state line; west on the Tennessee-Alabama state line to the intersection of the Alabama-Georgia state line.

___ Adopted

The Moderator ruled that the change in boundaries is effective immediately.

3. That Overture #92-C from the Presbytery of Florida be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 9-5, be amended to add the following paragraph as Section D, and relabeling the current Section D as Section E: "If a person remains on the Inactive Roll for a period of at least one year and has not resumed active participation in the life of the church despite the diligent efforts of the Session in its pastoral duties, that individual may be removed from the membership of the church upon written notification from the Session."

Rationale: **The Book of Government** has no provision for final disposition of persons who are inactive and have no intention of resuming active participation, or those who have moved from the area with no plans for returning.

While inactive rolls swell over the years, inactive members may be given the false sense of spiritual well-being by remaining on any roll of the church when, in fact, their spiritual lives are in need of serious renewal.

___ Adopted

4. That Overture #92-F from the Presbytery of Mid-America to extend its boundaries by the addition of the state of Arkansas lying north of Interstate Highway 40 not be adopted, but was tabled while the following substitute motion was drafted: That the Presbytery of Mid-America extend its boundaries to include the counties of Burton, Washington, Carroll, Boone, and Madison, Arkansas.

___ Adopted

The Moderator ruled that the change is effective immediately.

5. That Overture #92-G to amend the boundaries of the Allegheny Presbytery by excluding from it the city of Bluefield, West Virginia and its county, and assigning that designated area to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery be adopted.

Rationale: The members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield align themselves both geographically and culturally with churches within the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. Greater distances are required for travel and participation with churches in the Allegheny Presbytery than would be required for those in the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery.

Discussion followed. Stated Clerk Edward Davis took personal privilege to explain that no one outside the General Assembly has authority over presbytery boundaries. Personal opinions and commitments were not a consideration.

ON MOTION to approve Overture #92-G. Moderator ruled that the change will become effective January 1, 1993.

6. That Recommendation #40 that the proposed 1993 Benevolence Askings Budget be amended by adding to the Church Development section an additional asking called "The Nashville Project" for a figure of \$30,000.

___ Adopted

7. That the minutes of the permanent committee (September 19-21, 1991, March 12-14, 1992, and June 25, 1992) be approved with corrections.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-30 REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Elder Grace Jarvis, chairman, opened the report with prayer.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Recommendation #35

2. Minutes of the permanent committee (September 9-10, 1991 and March 16-17, 1992)

B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #35 that the standing Women's Ministries Committee emphasize to the Assembly the importance of the need for churches to fully embrace and support the "per woman" benevolence asking be amended by adding "but that the 'per woman' asking be replaced by a line item in the next General Assembly administration budget, realizing that the Women's Ministries could still have the freedom to obtain funds for special projects."

The amended motion was tabled and referred to the standing Administration Committee for action and subsequent report to the Assembly.

2. That the minutes of the permanent Women's Ministries Committee (September 9-10, 1991 and March 16-17, 1992) be approved.

___ Adopted

Adoption of the report of the Women's Ministries Committee was deferred until resolution of Recommendation #35.

12-31 DOCKET AMENDED

ON MOTION to amend the docket to reschedule the World Outreach Committee report for Monday, June 29.

12-32 REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

PJC moderator, Elder Chris Small, opened the report of the Commission with prayer. He outlined the manner in which the PJC interfaces with the General Assembly and standing committees. Several overtures and recommendations were referred to the Commission to determine that each was clear, consistent, and compatible with the provisions of the constitution. The report of the PJC (Appendix, p. 151) references each one.

The Stated Clerk asked the PJC to address the apparent conflict between G.16-9 and G.16-27A.4.

ON MOTION to amend G.16-9 by deleting the third sentence and substituting the following sentence: "If there is no Pastor, the Presbytery shall appoint a Minister of Presbytery to serve as moderator." The paragraph would then continue, beginning with the words, "The Pastor(s) elected by the particular church is a full..."

Rationale: This provision will make G.16-9 consistent with G.16-27A.4

___ Adopted

Pursuant to G.16-27B, Rev. Robert Stauffer was elected moderator of the PJC, and Elder Vern Schneider, clerk. Next meeting of the PJC is scheduled for June 4-5, 1993.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-33 REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Allen, Jr., chairman before giving the report of the committee. Minutes of all presbyteries were reviewed by at least two members of the committee in accordance with *Rules for Assembly*, 8-11. Notations were reported to the Stated Clerk of each presbytery, and the following exceptions were reported to the Assembly:

1. **Allegheny Presbytery:**
 - a. No minutes of the commission to install a minister appear in the Minute Book.
 - b. Commendation: These minutes are bound with the printers pagination at the top of each page, but also with the pagination for each stated meeting at the bottom of each page.
2. **Presbytery of the Central South:** No exceptions.
3. **Presbytery of the East:**
 - a. No terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - b. No minutes of commissions appear in the Minute Book.
 - c. No review of session minutes appear in the Minute Book.
 - d. No annual statistical report appears in the Minute Book.
 - e. No changes in terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - f. No ministerial obligation forms appear in the Minute Book.
4. **Presbytery of the Far West:**
 - a. No review of session minutes appear in the Minute Book.
 - b. There was no record of the appointment of commissions to install ministers.
 - c. No minutes of commissions appear in the Minute Book.
5. **Presbytery of Florida:**
 - a. No terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - b. No changes in terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - c. No annual statistical report appears in the Minute Book.
 - d. No record of dissolution of commission was found in the Minute Book.
 - e. Commendation: The minutes were well written, very clear, neat and orderly.
6. **Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:**
 - a. No exceptions.
 - b. Commendation: The minutes of the presbytery are being kept in an outstanding manner.
7. **Presbytery of Mid-America:** No exceptions
8. **Presbytery of the Midwest:**
 - a. No terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
9. **Presbytery of the Southeast:** No exceptions
10. **Presbytery of St. Andrews:**
 - a. No annual statistical report appears in the Minute Book.
 - b. No changes in terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - c. No records of dissolution of commissions appear in the Minute Book.
 - d. Attachments referenced in minutes are not found in the Minute Book.
 - e. Commendation: The minutes are written in great detail and are found in both Spanish and English.
11. **Presbytery of the West:**
 - a. No terms of call for ministers appear in the Minute Book.
 - b. Commendation: These minutes were very well written.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-34 REQUEST TO SET ASIDE RULES FOR ASSEMBLY

Rev. Bill Hyer, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, moved that the *Rules for Assembly* be set aside to permit the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic to hold a meeting on Sunday, June 28. The Moderator ruled the motion out of order since presbytery committees are not subject to the *Rules for Assembly*.

12-35 ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator adjourned the Assembly until Monday morning, June 29 at 8:00 a.m. for worship, to be followed immediately thereafter by business session #5.

The Assembly was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Rocky Anthony.

12-36 MISSIONARY RECEPTION

Commissioners were invited to visit with EPC missionaries at 5:15 p.m. in the Louise Salmon Room adjoining the registration area. This was a time for commissioners to become acquainted with the new missionaries and their ministries.

12-37 BARBECUE DINNER AND PATRIOTIC MUSIC PROGRAM

The host church invited the Assembly to a barbecue supper, catered by Corky's Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

At 7:30 p.m. "A Star Spangled Celebration, Music of America" was presented by the Music Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church. Commissioners and guests were treated to a splendid program of song, dramatic reenactments and readings. Included were selections by the choir, congregational singing, and presenting and retiring the colors. Participating with the choir were the Memphis Brass and Percussion Ensemble, organist Robert MacDonald, the Fifty-Second Tennessee Regimental Band, narrator Helen Parker Overton, pianist Mary Lawrence Flinn, and conductor Jeff Binford.

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Commissioners and guests were invited to participate in the three morning worship services at Second Presbyterian Church, as well as the evening service. Dr. Stephen Brown, Key Life Ministries and Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando, Florida) preached masterfully on the subject of "The Stiffness of Sin," based on Luke 15:11-32 in the three morning services, followed by "The Sin of Stiffness" in the evening service. Dr. Brown was for many years pastor of the Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, Key Biscayne, Florida. Commissioners and guests were welcomed warmly by the members of Second Presbyterian Church.

Also taking part in the morning worship services were Dr. William Flannagan, Moderator, 11th General Assembly, and Elder John Adamson, Moderator, 12th General Assembly. Chancel choir was directed by Jeff Binford. Robert S. MacDonald, First Presbyterian, Fort Worth, Texas was guest organist.

At noon, the host church served a luncheon to pre-registered guests. The Assembly did not meet in session on Sunday afternoon. Rather, commissioners and guests were free to rest or participate in special tours planned by the host church.

At the 7:30 p.m. evening service, the congregation was privileged to participate in the commissioning of new missionaries Robert and Iris Antonucci (Frontiers, Central Asia); John and Margaret Haines (Arab World Ministries, France), Brenda Trapp (Frontiers, England) and Tim North (Sudan Interior Mission, West Africa). Prayer was offered for these new missionaries.

During the evening service the Assembly presented the "Father of the Church" awards to two men who were instrumental in the early history of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Dr. James Van Dyke, former pastor of First Presbyterian, Rome, Georgia and currently retired, was honored this year, along with Dr. Edward Davis, now serving his fourth term as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. Marble plaques presented to each man were inscribed with the words, "In grateful recognition of your distinguished contribution as a 'Father of the Church.'" Both spoke briefly to the congregation in appreciation of the honor given them.

MINUTES - MONDAY MORNING

Fifth Session
June 29, 1992

12-38 MORNING WORSHIP

The Assembly gathered for worship at 8:15 a.m. Rev. Robert Allen, Jr. was worship leader. Assisting in the service were Rev. Rocky Anthony, Minister to College Students and Young Adults, Second Presbyterian; Jonathan Brown, Director of Music, Cherry Creek Presbyterian, Englewood, Colorado and Jeff Binford, organist, Second Presbyterian.

Service Of Worship	
ORGAN PRELUDE "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"	Paul Manz
OPENING PRAYER	
HYMN #25	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
MEDITATION	Rev. Robert M. Allen, Jr.
CLOSING PRAYER	

12-39 ASSEMBLY RECONVENED

At 9:00 a.m., the Moderator called the meeting to order, and asked Rev. Perry Mobley to lead the Assembly in prayer. The synopsis of the minutes for June 27, 1992 (Sessions #3 and #4) was read and approved. The Moderator made announcements concerning lunch, the return of loose-leaf binders, and arrangements for transportation following adjournment.

12-40 REPORT OF THE FINAL ENROLLMENT

Stated Clerk Edward Davis announced that the final enrollment was 165 Ministers and 155 Ruling Elders, for a total of 315 commissioners. Observers registered numbered 260.

12-41 DOCKET ADOPTED

The docket for Monday, June 29 was adopted.

DOCKET	
Fifth Session	
Monday, June 29, 1992	
8:30 a.m.	Business Session (Sanctuary)
	1. Adoption of Minutes (6/27). Announcements
	2. Report of World Outreach Committee
	3. Report of Theology Committee
	4. Report of Ministerial Vocation Committee
	5. Report of Administration Committee
	6. Report of Nominating Committee and elections
	7. Report of Memorials and Appreciation Committee
11:45 a.m.	Concluding worship
12 Noon	Adjournment of 12th General Assembly

12-42 REPORT OF WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Wickman, chairman, opened the report of his committee with prayer.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Communication #92-7
2. Communication #92-8
3. Communication #92-9
4. Communication #92-10
5. Overture #92-A
6. Recommendation #36
7. Recommendation #37
8. Recommendation #38
9. Recommendation #41
10. Recommendation #42
11. Minutes of the permanent World Outreach Committee (September 5-7, 1991, January 22, 1992, February 20-22, 1992, and June 25, 1992.

B. Recommendations

1. That Communication #92-7 (p. 90) from Dr. Paul McKaughan of the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies to Dr. William Read be received as information.
☐ Adopted
2. That Communication #92-8 (p. 91) also from Dr. Paul McKaughan of the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies to Dr. William Read be received as information.
☐ Adopted
3. That Communication #92-9 (p. 94) from Dr. L. Edward Davis to Rev. Edesio Chequer, President of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, be received as

information.

___ Adopted

4. That Communication #92-10 (p. 95) from Mr. Heber Carlos de Campos, doctrinal student from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil at Covenant Seminary, St. Louis) to Dr. L. Edward Davis be received as information.
___ Adopted
5. That Overture #92-A to amend **The Book of Government**, 16-22M to read: "To provide guidance through spiritually, theologically, and cross-culturally qualified persons for the theological preparation of candidates in mission fields outside the jurisdiction of any particular presbytery (not in the United States); to arrange for the ordination, where appropriate, of those persons who are duly called and prepared for a church office; and to enhance the confession of the norms of Jesus Christ with sensitivity to the cultures of those places, so as to allow for the indigenous cultural experience and expression of God's Kingdom." be referred to the permanent World Outreach Committee, and that the following concerns be addressed:
 - a. The World Outreach Manual, **The Book of Government**, and presbytery guidelines be reviewed to determine if the requested change is necessary.
 - b. Discussion with the Stated Clerk and Moderator of the Presbytery of the East should be held in order to determine the purpose and rationale for Overture #92-A.
 - c. The Permanent Judicial Commission finds Overture #92-A consistent and compatible with our constitution. However, the PJC finds that Overture #92-A lacks sufficient clarity with other provisions of our constitution.

___ Adopted
6. That Recommendation #36 be approved that the General Assembly strongly encourage each presbytery to establish a presbytery World Outreach Committee as defined below to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination.

PRESBYTERY WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEES

(Committee Description)

1. World Outreach Missionaries

Recruitment

- Encourage prayer for the identification of World Outreach missionary candidates.
- From among both the members of presbytery and its congregations, seek out and encourage potential candidates to consider World Outreach service.
- Encourage and assist candidates in the application process.
- Disseminate current information on World Outreach's specific needs for new missionaries.

Support

- Urge the churches of the presbytery to help support all World Outreach missionaries through the World Outreach office.
- Encourage each church to include in its mission committee policy, a statement which gives preferential support consideration to World Outreach missionary appointees.

Contact

- Insure adequate communication is maintained between churches and the missionary on field.

Home Service

- Plan, in cooperation with World Outreach Committee, strategic opportunities for World Outreach missionaries to share their work with presbytery.
- Meet with, for reporting and review, each missionary on home service who is a member of presbytery.

2. Interpretation And Support Of World Outreach Projects

- Encourage regular representation from the presbytery on World Outreach mission trips, helping the participants share broadly on their return.
- Establish and pursue the goal of preferential support for World Outreach projects by every church in the presbytery.
- Provide on request, information on current World Outreach projects, their progress, and their support status.

3. Ethnic Church Development

- Encourage representatives of presbytery to visit any EPC ethnic congregations or mission churches within the presbytery.
- See opportunities for integrating ethnic congregations into the life and fellowship of the presbytery.

4. Mission Education

- Plan World Outreach seminars, workshops, and conferences whereby clusters of churches or the entire presbytery will be encouraged to cooperate, thereby strengthening their mission commitment.
- Encourage every congregation to have a periodic mission conference or mission day, sharing resources with one another as appropriate.
- Distribute information on the mission program of World Outreach.
- Develop and coordinate ways to nurture greater prayer support for World Outreach missionaries and ministries.

Rationale: The mandate for the EPC to be sharing Jesus Christ with the nations of the world must become a priority for all of our local churches. By securing presbytery involvement in missions education and deployment, local churches will be more encouraged to fulfill that mandate.

___ Adopted

7. That Recommendation #37 be adopted that the General Assembly approve the proposed revision of the World Outreach Master Plan with the following addition (*italics*) to the second sentence under "Goals and Objectives:"

"It shall minister in Latin America, the Pacific Rim, the Muslim world, the North American urban ministry field, and the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union."

Rationale: While it is imperative that our World Outreach Committee be given direction from the General Assembly in the form of a well-defined master plan, it is just as imperative to be open and responsive to the working of the Holy Spirit as He opens and closes doors of ministry opportunity worldwide. In an attempt to respond to dramatic new developments (i.e., the former Soviet Union) and a continually changing world scene, the existing Master Plan, adopted in 1988, needed updating and revision.

___ Adopted

8. That Recommendation #38 to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and SIM (Sudan Interior Mission) be adopted (Documents, p. 249).

Rationale: SIM has had an excellent history of ministry effectiveness for over 100 years. Their expertise among unreached people groups and their willingness to partner with the EPC will provide an excellent opportunity to share the Gospel cross-culturally.

___ Adopted

9. That Recommendation #41 to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Arab World Ministries be adopted (Documents, p. 253).

Rationale: Arab World Ministries, formerly known as North Africa Mission (NAM) has had an extensive ministry among Muslim peoples for over 100 years. They are compatible with the EPC. The Cooperative Agreement will enable the EPC to reach the Muslim world for Christ more effectively.

___ Adopted

10. That Recommendation #42 to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the EPC and Send, International be adopted (Documents, p. 251).

Rationale: SEND, International (formerly known as the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade,) has shown a proven ability to minister effectively, primarily in the Pacific Rim. Cooperation between the EPC and SEND, International will better enable World Outreach to focus on the Master Plan's goals for the Pacific Rim.

___ Adopted

11. That the minutes of the permanent World Outreach Committee and its subcommittees for September 5-7, 1991, January 22, 1992, February 20-22, 1992, and June 25, 1992 be approved with notations.

___ Adopted

The chairman, Rev. Charles Wickman, recognized all the missionaries commissioned by the EPC and expressed appreciation to Rev. William Read and the staff for their support.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-43 RECOMMENDATION ON SUPPORT INCREASE FOR BENEVOLENCES

Rev. Wayne Hoffman requested a point of personal privilege to express appreciation to the Assembly, on behalf of Westkirk Presbyterian Church, for the \$50,000 loan granted from the EPC Church Loan Fund.

Rev. Hoffman moved the following recommendation: That the General Assembly encourage each local church to (a) redirect 10% of its denominational benevolence budget to the EPC General Assembly for World Outreach and/or new church development, and (b) increase support for all missions by 10%.

___ Adopted

12-44 REPORT OF THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

Rev. Ronald Ragon, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer prior to presenting his report.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Recommendation #34
2. Minutes of the permanent Theology Committee (November 22-23, 1991 and March 27-28, 1992)

B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #34 be adopted that the General Assembly respond to the questions from the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) concerning our stance on charismatic gifts by referring them to our Position Paper on the Holy Spirit, along with the following interpretive statements:

(1) The Evangelical Presbyterian Church holds that baptism in or with the Holy Spirit is to be identified with regeneration and adoption;

(2) The Evangelical Presbyterian Church views the gifts of the Holy Spirit as these are specified in such passages as I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4 as valid for the church at the present time.

(3) The Position Paper on the Holy Spirit distinguishes between the Word of God on the one hand, and the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy, on the other. Whatever the exercise of the gift of prophecy may involve, it is plain that its exercise is subject to the Holy Scriptures and to the local session.

(4) Clearly the implication of the Position Paper on the Holy Spirit is that, because preeminence is ascribed to the Holy Scriptures, one would have to draw a very sharp distinction between the Bible (the Word of God) and any

other form of revelation mentioned in the New Testament.

A substitute motion was made to refer NAPARC to our Position Paper on the Holy Spirit, and include interpretative statements #3 and 4, deleting statements #1 and 2. Discussion followed.

___ Motion to substitute defeated

Motion was made to amend the main motion by substituting the following statement for interpretative statement #1:

"The EPC holds that all regenerated and adopted children of God have been baptized by the one Spirit of God into the one Body of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 12:13) and have the Spirit of God dwelling in them (Romans 8:9)."

___ Motion to amend defeated

ON MOTION to adopt the main motion.

2. That the minutes of the permanent Theology Committee (November 22-23, 1991 and March 27-28, 1992 be approved.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-45 REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

Prior to giving the report of this committee, Rev. William Moore, chairman, opened with prayer.

A. Business referred to committee

1. Recommendation #13
2. Recommendation #14
3. Recommendation #15
4. Recommendation #16
5. Recommendation #17
6. Recommendation #18
7. Recommendation #19
8. Recommendation #20
9. Recommendation #21
10. Recommendation #22
11. Recommendation #23
12. Minutes of the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee (September 13-14, 1991 and May 1-2, 1992)

B. Recommendations

1. That Recommendation #13 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 10-3C, be amended by 1) inserting the following after the second sentence: "An evangelist called as a missionary shall always have as his primary duty the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ." and 2) at the beginning of the third sentence, deleting "When a Presbytery calls a Minister as Evangelist" and inserting instead, "When a Presbytery calls an

Evangelist as Church Planter." The section will then read as follows:

"Evangelist: A Minister may be called by a Presbytery, by some other court, or by some organization to serve as an evangelist. The Presbytery of which the Minister is a member may commission the Minister to share the Gospel and to administer the sacraments outside the bounds of the Presbytery in other parts of the Church or the world. An Evangelist called as a missionary shall always have as his primary duty the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. When a Presbytery calls an Evangelist as Church Planter, it may entrust to that person the responsibility to develop churches, to conduct preparational meetings of such churches, and to oversee the required preparation of Elders and Deacons. Those special powers given to the Evangelist shall be specified by the Presbytery in writing. That person may be given the power to receive and dismiss members."

Rationale: Committee sensed the need to add the category of missionary among the callings of an evangelist. It also believes that the missionary's primary task is to share the Gospel.

___ Adopted

The standing committee recommended that the Assembly direct the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee to develop separate categories of calling for the missionary and the church planter within G.10-3.

___ Adopted

2. That Recommendation #14 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5, be amended by deleting the words "or like" from the first sentence, so that the section will read, "The Call of a Minister by a particular church: When a particular church desires to call a minister as Pastor, the following procedure shall be followed."

Rationale: Deleting the words "or like" eliminates any ambiguity and defines the procedure in a very precise manner.

ON MOTION to further amend the recommendation by deleting the words "the following procedure shall be followed" and substituting "the procedure shall be as follows."

ON MOTION to adopt Recommendation #14 as amended.

3. That Recommendation #15 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5D, be amended by substituting the following for the existing sentence so that the section will read:

"D. The Search Committee shall notify the Church Session in writing and the Church Session shall call a congregational meeting."

Rationale: By requiring notification in writing, confusion between the search committee and the church session should be eliminated.

___ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #16 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-5E, be amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "on the recommendation of the Search Committee" so that the sentence reads: "The congregation shall conduct a counted vote in a fashion it deems appropriate."

Rationale: Committee recommends deletion of the phrase "on the recommendation of the Search Committee" so that it is clear that the congregation alone conducts the vote in a fashion it deems appropriate.

___ Adopted

5. That Recommendation #17 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-8B, be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The Interim Supply may be appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the Church Session during the time of service." The section would then read:

"B. Interim Supply. Invited to serve during the period a congregation is seeking a Pastor. The Interim Supply may be appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the Church Session during the time of service."

Rationale: Committee felt that it may, at times, be appropriate for an Interim Supply to moderate the church session during such person's time of service.

___ Adopted

6. That Recommendation #18 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-9, be amended by deleting the section as it exists, and substituting the following section: "A call may be placed in the hands of a Minister only by the Presbytery to which that person is being called. The Presbytery shall first determine that the call is in order and that person is suitable for that situation. When both are approved, the Presbytery shall determine if the person being called accepts the call, and if that person's Presbytery shall place the call in that person's hand. Presbytery shall appoint a commission to proceed with ordination, where necessary, and installation."

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommended that the proposed section not be adopted, but that the following substitute paragraph be adopted instead: "11-9 A call may be placed in the hands of a Minister only by the Presbytery to which that person is being called. If the calling Presbytery determines that the person is suitable for the position, that the good of the whole church shall be served, and that the Minister or Candidate being called accepts the call, it shall inform the Minister or Candidate of its approval and proceed to place the call in the hands of said Minister or Candidate. The calling Presbytery shall appoint a Commission to proceed with ordination, if required, and ordination."

Rationale: Confusion has been expressed as to the procedure to be followed in calling a pastor. The goal of the rewritten section is to make as clear as possible the steps of the procedure for a pastor to receive a call from a presbytery.

ON MOTION to adopt the substitute paragraph.

7. That Recommendation #19 that **The Book of Government**, Section 11-10, be amended by deleting the entire sentence and substituting the following:
 "In the event the Minister being called is from some other Presbytery or other church body, the receiving Presbytery shall not enroll that person without a valid call." not be adopted, but that the following be substituted in its place:

"In the event the Minister being called is from some other Presbytery or other church body, the receiving Presbytery shall not enroll that person without a valid call. The dismissing Presbytery shall be informed by the calling Presbytery for the purpose of taking appropriate action."

Rationale: The rewritten section is meant to clarify the conditions under which the receiving presbytery may enroll a minister, i.e., only with a valid call.

___ Adopted

8. That Recommendation #20 that **The Book of Government**, Section 15-2, be amended by deleting the word "Ordinarily" at the beginning of the second sentence so that the sentence reads, "A congregational meeting shall be duly called and the congregation requested to concur with the pastor in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship."

Rationale: The word "ordinarily" is not necessary in this instance, and causes confusion by indicating that other options are available, but not described.

___ Adopted

9. That Recommendation #21 be adopted that **The Book of Government**, Section 16-27A.9 be amended by adding after the words "The Committee" the phrase "or a Presbytery-designated alternate committee" so that the sentence reads, "The Committee, or a Presbytery-designated alternate committee, shall consult with particular churches receiving aid from Presbytery, and shall make recommendations to the Presbytery concerning that aid."

Rationale: By adding the phrase "or a Presbytery-designated alternate committee," consultation with the Church Development Committee is supported for its recommendations concerning aid-receiving churches.

___ Adopted

10. That Recommendation #22 that the General Assembly participate in a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in a pilot program to provide a Regional Pastor for that Presbytery, and that the Assembly approve \$5,000 to be used to help fund the program be amended to read "That the General Assembly facilitate participation by the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in a pilot program to provide a Regional Pastor for that Presbytery, and that the Assembly approve a grant of \$5,000 to be used to help fund the program," and adopted as amended.

___ Adopted

11. That Recommendation #23 that the General Assembly "approve a compilation of a recommended reading list for persons approaching ordination examinations with particular focus on the areas of theology and sacraments, the Reformed tradition, and the Reformed office of Minister of the Word; such list to be compiled in consultation with the Theology Committee" be amended by adding the phrase at the end of the last sentence, "which shall report to the next General Assembly" and adopted as amended.

___ Adopted

The standing committee requested that the reading list include materials specifically about the **Westminster Confession of Faith**.

12. That Overture #92-D be adopted to amend **The Book of Government**, Section 15-8, by deleting the final sentence of the paragraph and substituting the following section:

"When a Minister has been without approved call for a period of one year, the Ministerial Committee will confer with the Minister as to his continued sense of call and his expectations for future ministry. The committee will then recommend to the Presbytery whether the Minister should remain on active status in the Presbytery or be placed on inactive status. The Presbytery, at its discretion, and after judicious consideration, may place the Minister on the Inactive Status Roll involuntarily provided the vote to do so is by a two-thirds majority."

Rationale: The current Section 15-8 offers no guidance for a timetable to consider inactive status for a minister. The proposed amendment does not *require* placing any minister on the inactive roll, but does *encourage* the presbytery to take greater responsibility in ministering to ministers not currently in active service.

___ Adopted

13. That the minutes of the permanent Ministerial Vocation Committee (September 13-14, 1991 and May 1-2, 1992) be approved with corrections.

___ Adopted

Chairman Bill Moore introduced the EPC chaplains who were present, Chaplain Bradley Yorton (USN) and Chaplain Mark Ingles (USAF), and gave them opportunity to say a few words to the Assembly. He then led in prayer for the chaplains and their ministries.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-46 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Elder Gregory Middlemis, chairman, led the Assembly in prayer before bringing his report to the Assembly.

- A. Business referred to committee
1. Communication #92-12
 2. Recommendation #1

3. Recommendation #2
4. Recommendation #3
5. Recommendation #4
6. Recommendation #5
7. Recommendation #6
8. Recommendation #7
9. Recommendation #8
10. Recommendation #24
11. Recommendation #25
12. Recommendation #39
13. Communication #92-14
14. Communication #92-15
15. Recommendation #35
16. Recommendation #3 from Standing Committee on Youth Ministries
17. Minutes of the permanent Administration Committee (October 4-5, 1991 and April 3-4, 1992).

B. Recommendations

1. That Communication #92-12 (p. 97) from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability indicating renewal of membership in the organization be received as information.
☐ Adopted
2. That Recommendation #1 that the policy be established that financial solicitations of any type for support of an EPC church planting project be limited to the organizing context for that project, viz., daughter church project to its mother church, presbytery plant to its presbytery, Assembly-supported plants to Assembly-approved Church Development Committee benevolence projects.

Rationale: There have been several instances of new church plants soliciting funds from EPC churches and members of those churches both within the presbytery and outside of it. It is felt that funding should be through actions of presbytery and Assembly Church Development Committees and mother churches, rather than broad-based financial solicitations.

☐ Adopted

3. That Recommendation #2 that the General Assembly extend the initial period of enrollment and submission of Pension Adoption Agreements for churches of record as of January 1, 1990 from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1993 be adopted.

Rationale: Because of a delay in making materials on the Pension Plan available to churches, the three-year window originally intended was shortened.

☐ Adopted

4. That Recommendation #3 be adopted that for reasons of stewardship, a new Evangelism and Caring Committee not be created at this time (cf. 10th General Assembly Minutes, 10-21, "General Assembly instructs its

Committee on Administration to consider the formation of a permanent Evangelism and Caring Committee for the purposes of promoting evangelism and dealing with important caring issues...) but that in lieu of such that these two areas of concern be addressed through the following:

- a. Evangelism (formation of a subcommittee of the National Outreach Committee), and
- b. Caring (formation of a subcommittee of the Ministerial Vocation Committee to deal with social concerns).

Rationale: The National Outreach and Ministerial Vocation Committees agree with creation of these subcommittees. The standing Administration Committee expressed concern about specific committee responsibility for evangelism, and considers these subcommittees to be a step toward placing a greater emphasis on these two areas.

___ Adopted

5. That Recommendation #4 be adopted that the General Assembly approve the separating of the present Department of Outreach into two separate divisions: **World Outreach** and **National Outreach**, with appropriate re-definitions of present Outreach Director's position, time lines, and funding in place by early 1993.

___ Adopted

6. That Recommendation #5 be adopted that the General Assembly place the funding of the position of full-time Director of Youth Ministries into the Administration Budget for 1993.

Rationale: The permanent Youth Ministries Committee reports the need for a full-time Youth Director. Funding for such a position was previously slated to be derived from benevolence askings.

___ Adopted

7. That Recommendation #6 be adopted that the Assembly approve a \$2 increase in the "per member" contribution giving, thus increasing the asking to \$12 per member, for the purpose of providing support for a full-time Director of Youth Ministries and a Director of National Outreach in the 1993 Administration Budget.

___ Adopted

8. That Recommendation #7 be adopted that the Assembly approve the proposed 1993 Administration Budget for **\$651,590**. (See #11 following for subsequent amending of Administration Budget.)

___ Adopted

9. That Recommendation #8 that the Assembly approve the proposed 1993 Benevolence Askings Budget for \$433,530 be amended by adding 1) \$30,000 for the Nashville church planting project and 2) \$5,000 for the regional pastor pilot program, and adopted as amended for **\$468,530**.

___ Adopted

10. That Recommendation #24 not be adopted that the Assembly, through the Administration Budget, bear the operating expenses of the Pension Plan and that the per member asking be adjusted to reflect this expense.

Rationale: Funding for this item will be available within the Administration Budget if Recommendation #25 is approved.

___ Adopted

11. That Recommendation #25 be adopted that the proposed 1993 Administration Budget be amended to include a line item in the amount of \$15,000 for Pension Plan administration, resulting in a new budget total of \$666,590.

___ Adopted

12. That Recommendation #39 that the General Assembly place the funding of the position of full-time Director of Youth Ministries into the Administration Budget immediately not be adopted.

Rationale: Recommendation #5 provides for this position beginning January 1, 1993.

___ Adopted

13. That Communication #92-14 not be adopted that the General Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk and any other responsible parties to take all necessary steps to complete the Commissioner's Handbook and mail a copy to each minister on the roll of the presbyteries and to each registered commissioner no later than 30 days prior to the convening of each General Assembly, and that the Assembly instruct that as additional commissioners register between the 30th and 7th days prior to the convening of the Assembly, each one be mailed a copy of the Handbook, and that after the 7th day prior to the Assembly, no Handbook be mailed.

Rationale: A mailing of the Commissioner's Handbook to all ministers would double the present distribution to ministers with significant added expense. Based on timing of input to the Handbook, significant portions may be missing in the 30 days prior mailing. The standing committee strongly encourages committees, churches, and presbyteries to submit reports, overtures, recommendations, and communications on a timely basis, and that commissioners submit their registrations earlier. Committee also requests the General Assembly Office to attempt to make the Handbook available earlier.

___ Adopted

14. That Communication #92-15 be adopted that the General Assembly instruct the Board of Pension and Benefits to a) clarify the current policy provisions for pre-existing conditions so that uniformity of interpretation may be held; and b) study the financial feasibility of eliminating the pre-existing conditions clause relative to all employees. *[Note: Recommendation refers to denominational group medical insurance coverage.]*

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to remove from the table Recommendation #35, as amended by the standing Women's Ministries committee.

15. That Recommendation #35 (p. 43) as amended by the standing committee not be adopted "that the standing Committee on Women's Ministries emphasize to the Assembly the importance of the need for churches to fully embrace and support the 'per woman' benevolence asking, but that the 'per woman' benevolence asking be replaced by a line item in the next General Assembly Administration Budget, realizing that Women's Ministries could still have the freedom to obtain funds for special projects."

Rationale: Committee fully supports Women's Ministries and considers its growth to be of importance, but recommends that the permanent Women's Ministries Committee work with the permanent Administration Committee concerning inclusion of Women's Ministries in the 1994 budget.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the original Recommendation #35 with the addition of the words, "and to place Women's Ministries in the 1994 Administration Budget" so that the recommendation will read: " That the standing Committee on Women's Ministries emphasize to the Assembly the importance of the need for churches to fully embrace and support the 'per woman' benevolence asking and to place Women's Ministries in the 1994 Administration Budget.

16. That Recommendation #4 from the report of the standing Youth Ministries Committee be approved that existing funds of \$7,975 be used from this year's benevolence giving, line items 21 and 23, to provide immediate denominational funding to hire the full-time youth staff person by November, 1992, to:
- a) train and equip leaders;
 - b) offer ongoing program and curriculum ideas;
 - c) coordinate national summer camping ministries;
 - d) coordinate youth ministries;
 - e) manage all other job description items already approved by the General Assembly.

___ Adopted

17. That the minutes of the permanent Administration Committee (October 4-5, 1991 and April 3-4, 1992) be approved with notations.

___ Adopted

ON MOTION to adopt the Administration Committee report as a whole.

ON MOTION to adopt the Women's Ministries Committee report as a whole (cf. 12-30).

ON MOTION to adopt the Youth Ministries Committee report as a whole (cf. 12-26).

12-47 FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ON MOTION to elect the following slate of nominees:

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Class of 1995:	Elder Bill Shirey	East
	Rev. George Woodcock	Midwest

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Class of 1995:	Elder Carolyn Nystrom	Mid-America
	Rev. Robert Bayley	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 1994	Elder Mary Alice Keller	East
	(to fill unexpired term)	

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Class of 1995	Elder Paul Heidebrecht	Mid-America
	Rev. Charles Wickman	Far West
Class of 1993	Elder Horace Heafner	East
	(to fill unexpired term of moderator)	

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL VOCATION

Class of 1995:	Elder William Primm	Southeast
	Rev. Michael Winship	East

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL OUTREACH

Class of 1995:	Elder Bob Newell	East
	Elder Jerry Thompson	Mid-Atlantic
	Rev. Lee Kizer	Mid-Atlantic

BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS

Class of 1995:	Elder Robert Lee	West
	Elder Harold Hegel	Mid-America

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 1995	Elder Elden Brieschke	Midwest
	Elder James Wall	Mid-Atlantic
	Rev. Ron DiNunzio	Florida

COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY

Class of 1995	Elder Philip Tiews	Midwest
	Rev. J. Richard de Witt	Central South

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Class of 1995	Sandra Milis	Midwest
	Margaret Smith	East
	Evelyn Wilson	Mid-Atlantic

COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH

Class of 1995	Elder Jim Foote	Midwest
	Rev. Sam Rowen	Central South
	Elder Arnold Lindseth	Central South

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Class of 1995	Brett Spiegelman	Central South
	Rev. Gary Koerth	Allegheny

ON MOTION to elect Rev. Robert Harvey to fill the Nominating Committee vacancy in the Class of 1993, following the election of Rev. Lee Kizer to the National Outreach Committee, Class of 1995.

ON MOTION to approve the appointment of Elder Orin Littlejohn as chairman of the Board of Pension and Benefits and of Rev. Howard Chadwick, Elder Harold Hadden, and Elder Tom Saucier for Class of 1995, Nominating Committee (cf. Communication #92-3, p. 83, from Rev. William Flannagan).

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-48 REPORT OF MEMORIALS AND APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Committee report was opened in prayer by the chairman, Elder Frances Wall. Silent prayer for Rev. Andrew Jumper was offered by the entire Assembly. A list was read of all Ministers and Ruling Elders who went to be with the Lord this Assembly year:

Elder Rodney G. Anderson, First Presbyterian (Anna, Illinois), September, 1991
Elder Edward Baston Bodkin, Brainerd Presbyterian (Chattanooga, Tennessee)
September 1991

Elder Robert W. Brown, First Presbyterian (Anna, Illinois), March, 1992
Elder James Watts Camp, First Presbyterian (Rome, Georgia), August, 1991
Elder Ben Harbage, Westminster Presbyterian (Bluefield, West Virginia)
Elder Andrew C. Holt, Second Presbyterian (Memphis, Tennessee),
November, 1991

Elder William Holt, Jr., Second Presbyterian (Memphis, Tennessee),
February, 1992

Elder Ralph Isenborg, Oakland Avenue EPC (Pontiac, Michigan)
Rev. Andrew A. Jumper, Central Presbyterian (St. Louis, Missouri), May 28, 1992
Elder Douglas "Tony" Pilgrim, New Covenant (Athens, Georgia), January, 1992
Elder George Rodgers, EPC of Marshall (Marshall, Texas), February, 1992
Elder Robert Smith, First EPC (Renton, Washington), March, 1992
Elder Emeritus Charles Spalding, Central Presbyterian (St. Louis, Missouri)
Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Vermeire, retired (Orlando, Florida), July, 1991
Elder David H. Woodward, Louisville Presbyterian (Louisville, Kentucky),
October 1991

Elder Gary Schneeman, Ward Presbyterian (Livonia, Michigan), February, 1992
Elder James Christopher, Cornerstone EPC (Daytona Beach, Florida),
April, 1992

Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the 12th General Assembly to the following people who helped make this Assembly a useful, meaningful, and delightful experience: John Richard de Witt, host pastor; John Adamson, Executive Administrator; L. Jeffries Binford, organist; worship leaders James McGuire, William Flannagan, Paul Swets, James Van Dyke, and Robert Allen, Jr.; luncheon speakers Donna Alberta and Dave Simmons; keynoter Stephen Brown; the Memphis Brass Ensemble and Robert S. MacDonald, organist. Also, the entire staff of Second Presbyterian, members of the church who opened their homes, provided transportation and hospitality, planned tours, and cared for the children. To those others who worked diligently behind the scenes to make the Assembly a success, heartfelt appreciation was expressed.

Thanks were given to the General Assembly committee chairmen, secretaries, recording clerks, General Assembly staff, and Moderators past and present, for their helpfulness, courtesy and thoughtfulness in providing assistance to everyone.

The staff and volunteers of Second Presbyterian Church were asked to come forward to be recognized and were given a standing ovation by the Assembly.

ON MOTION to adopt the report as a whole.

12-49 ADJOURNMENT AND CONCLUDING WORSHIP

Announcement was made that lunch would be served in the gymnasium following adjournment.

The Assembly closed with the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "The Church's One Foundation," and with prayer and the benediction by host pastor, Rev. John Richard de Witt.

Moderator John Adamson declared the 12th General Assembly adjourned, announcing that the 13th General Assembly will convene June 25-28, 1993 in Denver, Colorado.

PART II

APPENDICES

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In accord with the provision of Article IX, Rules for Assembly, the Committee on Administration met on two occasions during this past year, to wit: October 4-5, 1991, and April 3-4, 1992. Additionally, COA's Executive Committee met on two separate occasions: February 8, 1992, and March 7, 1992 (by phone) to address those issues that required timely attention and those referred to it by COA for action and/or investigation. Noteworthy actions are as follows:

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1. The concurring in the recommendation of the Church Development Committee that Guideline 14 for the Church Loan Fund be amended to read as follows: "It is required that 1/12 of its per member giving be included along with the monthly payment against the loan."
2. Approved Terry Prisk as speaker for 1992 Summer Jam sessions, with a total honorarium of \$3,000 (\$1,500 for each of the two weekly sessions).
3. Approved gift of \$500 to the National Association of Evangelicals, per their request.
4. Approved specific salary actions covering General Assembly staff members Brenda Trapp, Janet Bain, Judy Dosh, Sue Tranquilla and Marilyn Bartel, said actions being premised upon the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Evaluation.
5. Approved the establishment of a finance subcommittee of the Committee on Administration, to be comprised of three people, two of whom to be sitting members of the Committee on Administration (Dick Heidtman and Bill Shirey) plus a local person (Detroit) approved by the Executive Committee (David Houston). Said Committee is to have responsibility, in consultation with Assembly staff, of monitoring cash flow, providing financial analyses and budgetary planning to the COA.
6. Concurred with the Board of Pension and Benefits proposal to recommend to the Assembly to extend the initial period of enrollment and submission of enrollment and submission of pension adoption agreements for churches of record as of January 1, 1990 from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1993.
7. Received the Committee on Evaluation's report, including job performance appraisals and salary increase recommendations for Messrs. Al Bennett and Bill Read.
8. Approved the Committee on Evaluation's recommendation that in light of Bill Read's projected retirement in late 1993, that his call be renewed for a term of one year, i.e., July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993.
9. Concurred in the recommendations of the Church Development, World Outreach and Evaluation Committees, that the Assembly be requested to establish separate divisions of the current Department of Outreach, to wit: World Outreach and National Outreach, with specific recommendations relative to appropriate job descriptions, timelines and funding all to be consummated on or before January 1, 1993.

10. Approved the formation of a Subcommittee on Constitutional Review consisting of three or more people to examine constitutional issues for needfulness, clarification, fine-tuning of governing documents, etc. The committee as designated by COA is to be made up of Rob Allen, Ed Davis, and Jim Rimmel with a fourth person to be added.
11. Approved the tabling of a RSI Key City Program until 1995 in order to allow for further study, national economic recovery, promotion of broad support, appropriate staffing, etc.
12. Concurred in recommendations to the 12th Assembly from the Finance, Church Development, and Youth Ministries Committees that additional funding be provided under the 1993 Administration Budget to cover the expenses associated with the proposed newly established positions of Church Development Director (half-year) and Youth Director.
13. Concurred in recommendation to the 12th Assembly from the Budget Committee to propose an administration budget for 1993 of \$651,590.
14. Concurred in the recommendation of the Budget Committee to recommend to the Assembly an approval of \$2 increase in the per member factor, i.e., from \$10 to \$12 per member per year.
15. Approved the following as trustees of the Medical Benevolence Trust: RE Bubba Russell, (Central South), 3-year term); TE Eric Ohman (West) 2-year term; RE Les Williams (Allegheny) 1-year term.

Finally, I would be remiss in not noting that our denomination has lost a truly great disciple of Christ and friend to us all with the passing of Dr. Andrew A. Jumper on May 28, 1992. He definitely will be missed for many reasons! Simply put, I believe that this man truly loved his Lord, his Lord's church, our denomination and people.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Rimmel, Chairman
Committee on Administration
June, 1992

BOARD OF PENSION AND BENEFITS REPORT

The Board of Pension and Benefits has met several times during the past year to consider items referred to it by the General Assembly, as well as its ongoing business.

In reviewing the means by which the operating expenses of the Pension Plan should be borne, the Committee considered that in virtually every private enterprise, the expenses of pension are borne by the employer rather than by the plan itself or by employees. For this reason the Board **recommends to the 12th General Assembly** that the operating expenses of the Pension Plan be borne by the administrative budget of the EPC, and that the per member asking of the Assembly be adjusted accordingly to reflect this expense. The Board further **recommends to the Assembly** that the 1993 Administration Budget be amended to include a line item in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars for pension plan administration.

It was reported to the Board that the Committee on Administration has proposed that the General Assembly extend the initial period of enrollment and submission of pension adoption agreements for churches of record as of January 1, 1990 from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1993. In view of the initial delay in implementing the pension program, the Board agrees and concurs with this recommendation.

The Board reviewed the fact that since our Pension Plan was originally drafted, the pension law has now brought employer-contributed 403(b) plans in line with other private employer-contributed pensions by providing that there can no longer be hardship withdrawals from employer contributions. Hardship withdrawals are allowed only from employee contributions derived from salary reduction agreements. In light of this, the Board **recommends to the Assembly**, to be effective January 1, 1990, that the first paragraph of Section 6.5 of the Pension Plan be modified by striking the first sentence following the words "hardship withdrawal" and substituting the following sentence:

"If agreed upon by the Trustee, a participant who has an elective contribution account may request a hardship withdrawal of such account."

The Board also reviewed the fact that federal law allows the normal retirement age specified in plans to begin at age 59 1/2 rather than at age 60 as our plan provides. To bring our plan in conformity with this provision and with the trend among private employers the Board **recommends to the Assembly** that paragraph 1.21 of the Plan be amended to provide that normal retirement age shall be age 59 1/2. To make our insurance plan consistent also with this concept, the Board **recommends to the Assembly** that the permissible retirement age for the EPC Group Insurance Plan also be changed to age 59 1/2.

The Board reviewed questions from some of the larger churches regarding whether or not the Pension Plan could cover employees of a ministry such as a school which was organized as a separate corporation, but all of the voting power of which rested in the churches session or its officers. Feeling that it is the intention of the Pension Plan and the Insurance Plan to cover employees of ministries that are totally controlled by our member churches, the Board **recommends to the Assembly** that the following amendments be made to the Pension Plan and the Group Insurance Plan:

A. That Section 1.14 of the EPC Pension Plan be amended by adding the following at the end of said section:

"Not for profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church shall be considered as Employer under the Plan. A not for profit corporation or organization shall be considered 'legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church' if 100% of the voting power of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

B. That the Group Insurance Plan be amended by adding a definition of "Employer" to read as follows:

"Employer. The judicatory or a particular member church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, including any entity which succeeds the Employer. Not for profit corporations or organizations legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church, or the officers of a church shall be considered as Employer under the Plan. A not for profit corporation or organization shall be considered 'legally controlled by a judicatory, a particular church or the officers of a church' if 100% of the organization rests in the church session or its officers."

In looking at our current coverage under the Insurance Plan and wishing to be realistic in terms of that coverage as it applies to transplants and surgery, but also wishing to encourage the type of examinations that are recommended for preventative medicine, the Board **recommends to the Assembly** the following changes to our present Insurance Plan:

- A. That the Plan will provide coverage for transplants of the following human organs only: cornea, kidney, liver, heart, lung, and bone marrow. The total dollar amount payable for all charges related to organ transplants shall be limited to the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars per person per lifetime.
- B. Regarding surgeries:
 - 1. That all requirements for second opinions be eliminated from the Plan;
 - 2. That all surgical procedures covered by the Plan be covered at 80%;
 - 3. That the Plan continue to pay 100% for pre-admission tests;
 - 4. That the Plan pay only up to 80% for second surgical opinions.
- C. That normal 80% coverage be extended for the following procedures:
 - 1. Clinical breast examination: every three years between ages 20 and 40, and every year thereafter;
 - 2. Mammography: every year after age 50;
 - 3. Sigmoidoscopy: every three years after age 50.
 - 4. Prostatic specific antigen test: every year after age 50.

Next, it has come to the attention of the Board that although our group insurance protection plan covers those who have retired who may continue to participate in the Plan by contributing the appropriate monthly premium, there is no similar provision for

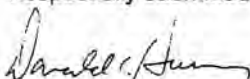
members of our Plan who become totally disabled. Accordingly, the Board **recommends to the Assembly** that the Plan create an additional classification of employees under page 6 of the Group Insurance Protection Plan to read as follows:

- D. Disabled Employees. A disabled employee is one who has been determined to be totally disabled. To be totally disabled, the employee must be unable to perform all of the normal duties of his or her regular occupation for any employer, and must at no time engage in any occupation or employment for pay or profit. This must be due to the disability.

Such a person may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC Plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium.

Finally, the General Assembly referred to the Board of Pension and Benefits the responsibility to recommend a specific written Medical Benevolence Fund document. The Board **recommends to the Assembly** that the document which is attached be adopted as its Medical Benevolence Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald C. Harms, Chairman
Board of Pension and Benefits
June, 1992

PENSION-1

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FUND

BACKGROUND:

General Assembly Action:

In 1989 the Assembly approved the establishment of a General Assembly benevolence fund for medical care costs, and that the EPC concentrate its benevolence health care efforts on ministers without call, mission church pastors, and retired ministers and their families (Minutes 9-33).

In 1990 the Assembly conceptually endorsed the Medical Benevolence Trust with the understanding that the actual Trust/Fund Agreement would be presented to the 11th Assembly (cf. accompanying fund policy document). Approval to begin promotion of the Trust/Fund was given (Minutes, 10-39).

Following is a breakdown of the income of the fund. The sum of \$1,700 will bring the fund to the goal of \$200,000, set by the 10 General Assembly.

Principle Income as of July 1, 1992 \$198,304

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source of Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7-31-89	Partial Reserves from Travelers	\$ 49,409.00
9-17-90	Remainder of Reserves from Travelers	36,594.00
2-1-90	1989 Year End Balance of Ins Admin Acct	13,049.76
4-1-91	1990 Year End Balance of Ins Admin Acct	24,717.84
2-17-92	1991 Year End Balance of Ins Admin Acct	53,965.74
2-3-92	Contribution	4,321.10
6-8-92	Contribution	500.00
2-1-90	Interest and Dividends year 1989	454.83
2-1-91	Interest and Dividends year 1990	1,769.45
2-1-92	Interest and Dividends year 1991	9,034.12
5-31-92	Interest and Dividends Jan-May 1992	2,881.83
7-1-92	Anticipated Income June-July 1992	1,984.00
5-31-92	Merrill Lynch Fees 1990-1992	- 377.67
		<u>\$198,304.00</u>

1993 ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

	1991 Budget	1991 Actual	1992 Budget	1993 Adopted
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PERSONNEL DISBURSEMENTS

Stated Clerk Salary	49,500	49,500	55,000	55,000
Program Staff Salaries	92,720	94,921	97,360	102,230
Support Staff Salaries	67,780	63,301	85,170	89,430
Staff Insurance/Pension	25,000	22,577	28,500	55,430
Professional Exp. Allowance	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300
Staff Travel/Expenses	15,000	8,631	16,000	19,500
Executive Travel	22,000	17,928	25,000	25,000
Taxes/Workmans' Comp	12,000	16,790	15,000	16,000
Salary: Youth Director	---	---	---	40,000
Salary: Church Dev. Director	---	---	---	25,000

ADMINISTRATION DISBURSEMENTS

Contingencies	20,000	23,687	3,500	6,000
Telephone	12,000	10,790	13,000	14,000
Office Supplies	6,500	3,783	6,000	6,500
Printing & Promotion	25,000	21,915	25,000	25,000
Postage	10,000	11,510	15,000	20,000
Technology Support	8,000	9,600	8,000	10,000
Financial Audit	6,000	7,013	8,000	8,000
Professional Fees	2,500	170	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,382	3,000	4,000
Office Development	10,000	11,316	15,000	15,000
Committee Travel/Expense	40,000	31,268	40,000	45,000
Gen'l Assembly Admin.	12,000	11,505	15,000	15,000
Staff Technical Training	---	---	2,000	2,000
Pension Fund Administration	---	---	15,000	15,000
Fraternal Relations	6,000	7,619	10,000	10,000
Presbytery Development	3,000	2,496	4,000	4,000
Leadership Development	1,000	237	1,000	1,000
Christian Ed/Resource	1,000	---	1,000	1,000
5 Mile Utilities	4,000	3,384	4,000	4,500
5 Mile Maint/Improvements	5,000	7,894	5,000	5,000
5 Mile Taxes	4,000	3,804	4,200	4,500
5 Mile Mortgage Principal	3,000	3,114	3,000	3,400
5 Mile Interest	6,100	5,909	6,100	5,800
5 Mile Property Insurance	4,500	4,185	4,500	4,500

GRAND TOTALS	493,900	465,628	543,130	666,590
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1993 BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS BUDGET

World Outreach

Brazil: National Missions

Porto Nacional - Temple Construction	\$32,000
Porto Nacional - Church Hall	21,550
Juruena - MT Clergy House	10,500
Grajua - MA Clergy House	<u>14,100</u>
	78,150

Brazil: Foreign Missions

Paraguay	17,680
Angola	<u>15,000</u>
	32,680

Brazil: Seminary and Scholarships

Books	3,200
Scholarship	<u>40,000</u>
	43,200

Argentina:

Argentina Leadership Development	35,000
Argentine Pastoral Sustenance	20,000
Argentina Leadership Development: LOGOI Training	15,000
Argentine Evangelism: Church Planting	<u>20,000</u>
	90,000

Ethnic Ministries:

Appalachian Project	12,000
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Relief Projects:

Peru Project	10,000
"Minute Man" Emergency Relief Fund	As Needed

Muslim World:

Muslim Team Development	10,000
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Total World Outreach Askings

\$276,030

Church Development

Church Loan Fund	\$50,000
Church Development	<u>50,000</u>

Total Church Development Askings

\$100,000

Women's Ministries

Per Woman Asking	\$25,000
Faith Focus Fund	<u>20,000</u>

Total Women's Ministries Askings

\$45,000

Ministerial Endowment Fund

\$5,000

Youth Ministries

Mission Project Scholarship	<u>\$7,500</u>
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Total 1993 Benevolence Askings Budget

\$433,530

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The permanent Christian Education and Publications Committee met twice this Assembly year, on November 4, 1991 and February 24, 1992. It has dealt with a number of issues this year, including the following:

- 1) the deleting from its agenda all items previously referred to it having to do with issues other than those proscribed by its title;
- 2) the adoption of the *Officer's Training Manual* materials by Dr. Andrew Jumper for recommendation to the churches in our denomination;
- 3) the updating of the *Resource Handbook* of the General Assembly;
- 4) a commitment to focusing on materials prepared by EPC authors and churches, and a cessation of the attempt to review the broad scope of Christian books and materials available, with the exception of specific Christian education curricula.
- 5) the preparation and approval of a series of informational brochures to be made available to our churches, entitled "What is...?" The brochures approved to date are "What Is a Pastor?" "What Is an Elder?" "What Is a Deacon?" and "What Is the Session?"
- 6) the inception of a periodic newsletter, *The Networker*, which will seek to share information of value to our churches;
- 7) the surveying of the churches in our denomination in order to obtain a sense of both strengths and weaknesses in the areas of Christian education, the function and use of the catechisms and confession, teacher and officer training, the existence and function of a baptized roll, and ways in which the committee might be of help to our churches. Fully half of our churches responded. The results will be made available in the next issues of *The Networker*.
- 8) the decision to begin to move towards networking of specific churches and individuals involved in Christian education, beginning with a pre-Assembly meeting in Memphis on Thursday afternoon, June 25.
- 9) the decision, in response to survey responses, to invite the following publishers to exhibit their Christian education curricula at the 12th General Assembly: Great Commission Publications, CRC Publications (Christian Reformed Church), David C. Cook Publishers, Gospel Light Publications, and Scripture Press.

- 10) the approval of a recommendation to the General Assembly Committee on Theology requesting their preparation of a paper for the purpose of providing guidance to the churches on the subject of the participation of young children in the sacrament of communion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee on Theology be instructed to prepare a paper providing guidance to the churches on the subject of the participation of young children in the sacrament of communion.

That the *Officer's Training Manual* by Dr. Andrew Jumper be commended for use in EPC churches.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Robert Bayley, Chairman
Christian Education and Publications Committee
June, 1992

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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT TO EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APPENDICES

Bethany is a partner with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in extending Christian care to young people, to families, and to children. It is our privilege to minister to over 25,000 people each year, to do so as your representatives and more importantly, to do so in the name of Jesus.

Bethany's primary mission, particularly in areas of concentrated EPC membership, is the provision of counseling to young people living with unplanned pregnancies, family foster care for children awaiting permanent placement within a family, and counseling assistance to families wishing to adopt.

Bethany is first and foremost a diaconal ministry. It is not unfamiliar to hear criticism toward those who advocate a pro-life position ... criticism that concern for the child and the young person often terminates at the time of the child's birth. Bethany's commitment sets us apart from such criticism. We not only commit to young people that we will provide whatever is needed as encouragement for them to give life to their child. We also commit ourselves to finding permanent adoptive homes for all children, regardless of their special needs or situation. In 1991, Bethany found adoptive homes for 822 children. 335 of these children were children who presented unusual challenges: children of color, children with unusual medical or emotional challenges, and older children and sibling groups.

In His ministry, Jesus exemplified a committed concern for the poor. Through Bethany's response to all children, to all families and young people, regardless of their needs or ability to pay, Bethany emulates the ministry of our Lord.

Bethany serves as your representatives as we reach out to people who are hurting. We now provide our ministry from 59 branch office locations. And, we truly are a

partnership ministry. We need you to minister with us if we are to be effective in communicating the love of Jesus to those who are in need. The Lord uses members of the EPC in Bethany's ministry: as foster families for children who are awaiting adoptive permanence; as shepherding homes to young, pregnant women; as a special friend to such women; as a transporter; as a prayer partner and as a financial partner.

The challenges are immense. Our workers need divine guidance as they struggle to dissuade a pregnant birth mom from having an abortion. They need your prayers as they struggle with the young person who considers if parenting or adoptive planning is best for them and for their child. They need your prayers as they struggle to find adoptive homes for children who are living with extreme limitations and for whom sometimes it seems there are no families.

And, let me re-emphasize our appreciation for your financial support. This past year Bethany:

- * Placed 822 children with their adoptive families.
- * Provided counseling to 3,500 young women who came to us for counseling to help them through the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy.
- * Responded to 15,000 calls to Bethany LIFELINE ... calls made by young women who were asking for immediate help dealing with their unplanned pregnancy.

In addition, Bethany provided more extensive family and child welfare services, particularly from our West Michigan office. In total, over 25,000 people received help at Bethany once again in 1991.

Providing this ministry to families and children required a budget of over \$14 million; \$4 million of which was received in gifts from our supporting friends ... \$72,000 was received from individuals and churches associated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

How are your gifts used?

- * To support counseling with birth mothers. Bethany provides care to these young people regardless of their ability to cover any of the cost. Our care frequently includes not only counseling, but also medical help, clothing, a place to live, and educational guidance.
- * To support the adoptive placement of children entrusted to Bethany's care. Since Bethany's beginning in 1944, close to 11,000 children have been placed with Christian families. Every adoptive placement Bethany makes results in a cost of \$10,000. However, the average fee we receive for providing this service is only \$5,000. Bethany is committed to help families adopt regardless of their ability to sustain the cost of adoption. Your gifts are used to make these placements possible.
- * To support the adoptive placement of special needs children. The cost of finding homes for these children can very quickly and easily double that of

placing a "normal", healthy infant. Extended foster care is often required, special recruitment and training of parents is necessary. And, in most cases, no adoptive fee reimbursement is received.

Bethany is grateful for the opportunities presented to us to serve in the name of our Lord. We know, however, that serving and serving to the fullest extent of our abilities, brings challenges. As we have begun 1992, we recognize the following challenges which must be addressed:

- * Reaching additional young people who are struggling with unplanned pregnancies. Even though Bethany serves a significant number of these young people, we have only begun to scratch the surface of need.
- * Encouraging adoption as an alternative. Adoption is a beautiful opportunity for children to become part of a Christian family. Yet, only a small percentage of birth mothers choose adoptive planning for their child.
- * Develop additional adoptive families for special needs children and children of color. These children are increasingly coming to Bethany's attention.
- * Consider and respond to the additional needs of children in such areas as foster care, families in crisis, etc.

Jesus refers to the importance of the full body of believers working together to effectively advance His name. Your partnership with Bethany is essential and deeply appreciated in making our ministry possible. Thank you for your continued encouragement, your involvement, and your support.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1991-1992 calendar year brought a number of challenges and opportunities to our General Assembly Church Development Committee. As committee chairman, I had the opportunity to visit three presbyteries during the year.

In August 1991, Bill Read and I traveled to the Far West Presbytery for a fact finding and resourcing trip to aid receiving churches. Members of the presbytery often feel isolated and were overwhelmed by the willingness of the GA/CDC to make an on site visit. We came away from the trip with a much deeper understanding of the unique challenge each church faces and the vital importance of our oversight and support. The financial commitment to each church is spelled out in the minutes.

In November, I traveled to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for a joint meeting at Geneva College with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP). Our goal in church development was to pursue a joint assessment process with the ARP at their beautiful conference center, Bonclarken, in western North Carolina. The ARP agreed to co-host the assessment center and to share the costs.

In response to the request of the GA/CDC, William Read and I visited the February meeting of the Florida Presbytery to present an invitation to the presbytery to begin the effort sometime in 1992 to plant a new EPC church within the greater metro area of Orlando. I made a major presentation to the presbytery. In the March 1992 GA/CDC meeting, careful consideration was given to the Orlando project. During this meeting it was decided, after prayer and discussion which followed, that this was not the time for a joint pilot project in Orlando. Consideration will continue.

In May I represented the GA/CDC in a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, initiated by the Central South Presbytery to discuss a cooperative church planting effort in Nashville. Representatives from Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis and the presbytery met with us.

Our GA/CDC met twice with Presbytery CD Chairmen during our regularly scheduled meetings to develop better communications and a sense of partnership.

The GA/CDC appointed a sub-committee to draft a Manual of Operations for new church development which can be used in each presbytery. The sub-committee is in the process of finalizing the manual.

The GA/CDC has continued to evaluate the Church Planting Assessment Center to look for ways to improve its quality and usefulness. The committee is most pleased with the results of CPAC.

The GA/CDC concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Administration that the position of Director of Outreach be split into two divisions (World Outreach and National Outreach), with each having its own director, beginning in 1993, and that the per capita asking be raised to cover the additional staff development. It is the strong conviction of the GA/CDC that the addition of a National Outreach Director is a vital prerequisite to taking the next bold step. Without this staff leader, our hands are tied. We strongly support the division of the Outreach Director position into two positions and that a search process commence immediately for a person appropriate to National Outreach (church development).

Douglas L. Klein

Douglas Klein, Chairman

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ANDREW A. JUMPER

1927 - 1992



Andrew A. Jumper, recently retired pastor of Central Presbyterian Church (St. Louis, Missouri) and the Moderator of the 9th General Assembly (1989) died May 28, 1992 after a long bout with cancer. He was 64.

Dr. Jumper was a native of Mississippi where he graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1951. Ministerial preparation was completed at Austin Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity and Master of Theology. Honorary degrees were conferred on Dr. Jumper by King College, Bristol, TN, Belhaven College, Jackson MS, and Westminster College, Fulton, MO.

His earliest ministries included pastorates in PCUS churches in Houston and Lubbock in early 1950's. Dr. Jumper was called as pastor of Central Presbyterian in 1970. He held numerous positions of leadership in the PCUS and was a founder of the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians, serving in various capacities including its presidency.

During his years in the EPC, Dr. Jumper held numerous positions of leadership including chairman of the Church Development Committee and Moderator of the Central South Presbytery. He was chairman of the Committee on Administration, as well as the Joint Committee on Missions with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) and was instrumental in drafting the document of agreement between the two denominations. Dr. Jumper was responsible for the original compilation of the *Book of Government, Book of Worship* and drafted several position papers and brochures used by the denomination, including "Who We Are - Distinctives of the EPC," and the position papers on Homosexuality, Capital Punishment, and The Value of and Respect for Human Life. Dr. Jumper's books include *The Noble Task* for Elders, and *Chosen to Serve* for Deacons, and most recently, *The Presbyterian Officers Handbook*.

At the 11th General Assembly (1991), Dr. Jumper was one of three men honored as an EPC "Father of the Church" recognizing his significant contributions to the development of this denomination. In 1990, he was awarded third place for his hymn, "The Church Redeemed and Purified," one of several hymns he submitted for consideration. Always looking for a new challenge, he became conversational in Portuguese in recent years as a result of his involvement with EPC ministries in Brazil.

Family members surviving Dr. Jumper are his wife, Sydney; sons Mark and Peter; daughters Kathy, Carol, and Amy, and several grandchildren. His first wife, Elizabeth, preceded him in death.

Dr. Jumper was a man after God's own heart, serving Him faithfully and zealously as a shepherd of His people. His quick wit and bright mind were equaled by his sense of humor and love of life. We will miss him!

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November 15, 1991

The Session

(Sent to the Sessions of all
EPC churches)

Dear Sirs,

The first decade for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has been an exciting and challenging experience. We have witnessed the development of a denomination which emphasizes and reflects the importance of building a solid foundation for Reformed theology, Biblical scholarship and genuine Christian love.

One of the most evident areas of encouragement to us has been the number of students interested in preparing for the Gospel ministry.

In an effort to assist the EPC students in their preparation for theological education, Reformed Theological Seminary has established the *Andrew A. Jumper Scholarship Fund* to provide financial assistance for EPC students.

This is an exciting and blessed opportunity for all of our churches to participate in the continuing educational development of our EPC students.

As Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, I want to encourage your session to give prayerful consideration to making a financial contribution to this scholarship fund.

Providing quality education is one of the most pressing needs in the EPC. This *Andrew A. Jumper Scholarship Fund* will provide our church an assurance of maintaining our commitment to provide thoroughly prepared candidates for the Gospel ministry.

I heartily commend your session's consideration of the accompanying information.

Cordially,

William M. Flannagan, Moderator
11th General Assembly

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The First Presbyterian Church

101 East Third Avenue
Rome, Georgia 30161

William M. Flannagan
Pastor

James M. Coleman
Associate Pastor

The Reverend Dr. L. Edward Davis
Stated Clerk
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
26049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan 48239

May 28, 1992

Dear Ed:

Greetings, in the name of Christ our Lord!

One of the responsibilities of the Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is to make specific appointments and nominations as directed by the Rules for the Assembly.

I, therefore, as Moderator of the 11th General Assembly submit the following individuals for the respective positions:

- 1) Appoint the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Rules, IX, 7-b):

The Reverend Mr. Hugh Gowman, TE (Alleghenies)

- 2) Nominate three persons for the permanent Nominating Committee, Class of 1995 (Rules, IX, 7-a,c):

The Reverend Mr. Howard Chadwick, II, TE (Florida)
Mr. Harold Hadden, RE (West)
Mr. Tom Saucier, RE (Central South)

- 3) Nominate Chairman for the Pension Board for 1992-1993 (Rules X, 10-1):

Dr. Orin Littlejohn, RE (Central South)

Please be assured of my continuing prayers for these individuals and for their contributions to the ministry and service of the EPC.

Cordially,

William M. Flannagan
William M. Flannagan
Moderator,
11th General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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June 4, 1992

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Dr. Billy A. Melvin
Executive Director

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Rev. L. Edward Davis
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Dear Ed:

Your partnership is essential to the success of our ministry here at NAE. Whenever I write and refer to you as a ministry partner, I really mean it. I do not use the words lightly. We are indeed partners together with God.

For this reason, I want to share with you an important event that will take place very soon. I believe it will be key to our worldwide witness through the balance of this decade. It is the Ninth General Assembly of the World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) which will convene in Manila, Philippines, on June 21-26, 1992.

As a member body of WEF, NAE joins with almost 70 other national fellowships for this historic and strategic meeting. Our assembly theme is "Arise and Build" taken from Nehemiah 2:18. I am praying --and I ask you to join me--that the Holy Spirit will use this time to ignite our hearts afresh with God's love and passion to witness and serve in Jesus' name.

In the event you are not familiar with WEF, let me share briefly why I believe WEF is so important to the worldwide evangelical community.

First, WEF provides a witness that is faithful to God's Word and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a world of many religions--and no religion--such a witness is imperative. We know there are not many ways to God--only one--and the Bible clearly tells us that Jesus Christ is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

Second, WEF provides encouragement for evangelicals in the witness and work of their churches, speaking out for the right of the churches to minister as they are directed by God. Religious oppression and persecution is commonplace around the world and, at times, the light of a gospel witness has flickered and almost gone out. More often than not, WEF has made the difference and kept the light burning.

Third, WEF provides assistance by sharing ideas, materials, expertise and finances. I have observed this aspect of WEF's ministry around the world, and it is amazing to me what a difference it has made. Even now, we see the fruit of such

assistance as active and growing national fellowships take their place in the evangelical community worldwide, bringing strength and vitality to our corporate witness.

It will be my privilege to attend the WEF General Assembly along with two colleagues--Don Argue, NAE president, and Paul McKaughan, EFMA executive director. I ask that you pray for us and all the other evangelical leaders that will be coming to Manila. It is critical that God's will be done in all of our decisions and planning.

As you pray, your prayers will also be important for the following:

1. Dr. Jun Vencer who assumes the leadership of WEF following the assembly. He succeeds Dr. David Howard who concludes 10 years of service as the international director. Dr. Vencer comes to his new responsibilities from his post as executive director of the Philippines Council of Evangelical Churches.
2. The representatives of the various national fellowships as they engage in strategic planning for the next four years...years of unprecedented opportunity when evangelicals should be making bold plans and trusting God for a great harvest of souls.
3. The commissions of WEF as--prior to the General Assembly--340 of the world's outstanding leaders and strategists gather from every continent to wrestle with issues identified as critical by the grass-roots church. Areas of exploration will be theology, missions, church renewal, women's concerns, youth and religious liberty.

And, dear friend, as a partner in this ministry, I also ask that you consider a generous gift this month to NAE. We have been experiencing a severe cash-flow problem since the first of the year and now the summer months--a time when income is traditionally low--are approaching.

As you can imagine, the tough economic times have impacted many of our ministry partners so that they have not been able to give at their usual levels while some have not been able to give at all.

Perhaps you can help fill the gap. If so, I would be most grateful and promise a faithful stewardship. We are determined to do everything possible to advance the gospel of Christ in our nation and around the world in keeping with God's supply.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Your prayers and gift this month will mean so much to me and be a source of encouragement.

Cordially, in Christ,

Billy A. Melvin

Billy A. Melvin
Executive Director

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NAE DENOMINATIONAL FAMILIES (DRAFT)

Year indicates when denomination joined NAE.

Pentecostal tradition

- Assemblies of God (1943)
- Christian Church of North America (1953)
- Church of God, Cleveland (1944)
- Church of God of the Mountain Assembly (1981)
- Congregational Holiness Church (1990)
- Evangelistic Missionary Fellowship (1982)
- Elim Fellowship (1947)
- Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God (1978)
- International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (1952)
- International Pentecostal Church of Christ (1979)
- Open Bible Standard Churches (1943)
- Pentecostal Church of God (1954)
- Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church (1988)
- Pentecostal Holiness Church International (1943)

Wesleyan-holiness tradition

- Christian and Missionary Alliance (1966)
- Church of the Nazarene (1984)
- Church of United Brethren in Christ (1953)
- Churches of Christ in Christian Union (1945)
- Evangelical Christian Church (1988)
- Evangelical Church of North America (1969)
- Evangelical Congregational Church (1962)
- Evangelical Friends International of North America (1944)
- Evangelical Methodist Church (1952)
- Free Methodist Church (1944)
- Missionary Church (1944)
- Primitive Methodist Church (1946)
- Wesleyan Church (1948)

Reformed tradition

- Christian Reformed Church (1943-51; 1988)
- Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (1951)
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church (1982)
- Midwest Congregational Christian Fellowship (1964)
- Presbyterian Church in America (1986)
- Reformed Church in America
 - Classis Cascades (1986)
 - Particular Synod of Mid-America (1989)
- Reformed Episcopal Church (1990)
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (1949)

European free church tradition

- Baptist General Conference (1966)
- Brethren Church (1968)
- Brethren in Christ Church (1949)
- Evangelical Free Church of America (1942)
- Evangelical Mennonite Church (1944)
- Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches (1948)
- General Association of General Baptists (1988)
- National Association of Free Will Baptists (1946-72)
- Oklahoma Association (1973)
- Mennonite Brethren Churches (1946)

Other traditions

- Advent Christian Church (1986)
- Christian Catholic Church (1975)
- Christian Union (1954)
- World Confessional Lutheran Association (1984)

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May 19, 1992

Dr. David M. Howard
International Director
World Evangelical Fellowship
International Headquarters
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Singapore 0718

Dear David:

On behalf of our church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, I am pleased to inform you that the Rev. Peter Stam, Minister of Missions at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Bethesda, MD), shall be our denominational delegate.

Mr. Stam shall represent both this denomination and his church in the Assembly. Our Fraternal Relations Committee feels most fortunate to endorse a man of such stature in the missions community.

We regret the delay in naming a delegate. Our church's resources are limited and responses such as this must be approached carefully. We are so appreciative to Fourth Church for making this possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership. We rejoice in the succession of Dr. Agustin Vencer.

For the glory of God,

Edward Davis

Dr. L. Edward Davis
Stated Clerk

LED/dk

cc Rev. Peter Stam

TOWARD THE YEAR 2000

A National Forum on Evangelization and Church Planting

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May 27, 1992

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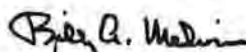
Dear Dr. Davis:

Under the umbrella "Toward the Year 2000" more than 200 church leaders will be coming together on September 11-12, 1992 to share their plans for the evangelization of America. Our goal is to bring together from as many denominations as possible those individuals who have a special concern for evangelization and church planting.

It is my pleasure, therefore, to extend an invitation to you to join with us on this occasion. Together, we can find encouragement in our own programs of evangelism while also gaining strength and insight in the sharing of vision, goals, information and resources.

After examining the enclosed brochure, I believe you will agree that this is a unique opportunity with unusual potential. I sincerely hope you will join us as we consider how we can share the gospel with every person in our nation by the year 2000.

Cordially,



Billy A. Melvin, Chairman
Coordinating Committee

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P. S. Since attendance is by invitation only, I would appreciate an early response. A registration form is a part of the enclosed brochure.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Billy A. Melvin, Chairman, Free Will Baptist; James Capers, Vice Chairman, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bartlett Hess, Evangelical Presbyterian Church; David Brazelton, United Methodist; Paul Cedar, Evangelical Free Church; H. C. Wilson, Wesleyan Church; Larry Lewis, Southern Baptist; Everett Stenhouse, Assemblies of God; David Bunch, Southern Baptist; Peter Wagner, Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

NATIONAL FORUM ON EVANGELIZATION AND CHURCH PLANTING

The National Forum on Evangelization and Church Planting is a cooperative effort by denominational leaders of America to share the gospel of Christ with every person in our nation by the year 2000 by assisting local churches and encouraging the establishment of new ones.

Our purpose is to provide a forum through which denominational leaders can be encouraged in their own programs of evangelization and church planting, not to advance a program to be adopted by denominations. We will accomplish this through prayer and sharing of vision, goals, information and resources.



EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF MISSION AGENCIES

An Affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals

MAR. 13 1992

Paul E. McKaughan
Executive Director

March 9, 1991

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Rev. William R. Read
Director, World Outreach
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Detroit, MI 48239

Dear Bill:

Congratulations! I am pleased to confirm that the EFMA Board voted to transfer the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach to regular member status of EFMA. I have enclosed a copy of the membership seal which you are free to use as you wish.

You will continue to receive all mailings to members from this office. As you know, there is no structured newsletter. Most communications come as a memo from the Executive Director. They will arrive in the form of duplicated memos, but please consider them as personal communications regarding EFMA matters. You will also continue to receive a subscription to *WORLD PULSE* and *EMQ*, the publications of EMIS.

To complete your files, I have enclosed our EFMA membership packet and my recent Executive Director's Report given at the EFMA Convention in Chicago from which you can draw information for use in your publications or however you desire.

Please note that our next meeting is the annual Fall Mission Executive Retreat which will be held at Glen Eyrie Conference Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 21-24, 1992. You may send a voting representative. Please watch for a mailing in the coming months with details about this meeting.

Again, it is a pleasure to officially welcome you to EFMA in this new step. Please call or write if you have additional questions or if we can serve you in any way.

Yours in the cause of Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul', written over a horizontal line.

Paul McKaughan
Executive Director

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EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF MISSION AGENCIES

An Affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals

Paul E. McKaughan
Executive Director

The Report of the Executive Director March 1992

We are living in incredible days for world evangelization. There is at the same time a confluence of interest and commitment along with a potential fragmenting of what was once a more united Great Commission community. This was a world in which the mission board was the leading and unified voice for world evangelization.

Representing confluence is the request from AIMS (Association of International Mission Services) to meet together with EFMA every other year. The on-going meeting of IFMA, EFMA and the EMS (Evangelical Missiological Society) every three years demonstrates the continued strength of the traditional mission community. In both cases there is a warm recognition that, in our task, we bring much to bear to all of the various gifts and callings bestowed by the head of the Church.

There are new emergent U.S. mission streams such as the embryonic tentmaker movement. This draws on historic roots. It also contains tremendous new creativity and it could well be a means of renewal for the now traditional missions movement. Under the leadership of John Cragin there is every possibility of continued growth in technical knowledge as well as understanding of the task. Tentmaking and traditional missions in the future must work together for maximum effectiveness.

ACMC and the emergence of the Antioch Network with leaders like George Miley and Steve Hawthorne gives concrete expression to the desire of the local church to be more than a repository from which dollars and people are given to others so that they can evangelize the world.

The Destiny Movement among African-Americans, the Korean churches of the U.S. who are developing structures as aggressive sending communities and a recent movement among the professional and highly educated Chinese of our nation all highlight an energy and interest in world evangelization on the part of the strong ethnic component of our land, people among whom the Church of Christ is growing, at times, far more rapidly than in our own Anglo community. These are new movements by in large outside of our realm of knowledge or influence.

There is also renewal going on within the established mission community. Gospel Missionary Union, Central American Mission, International Bible Society, Slavic Gospel Association, Greater Europe Mission, the Evangelical Free Church, Christian Missionary Alliance and Partners International comprise an incomplete list of our own mission organizations that have changed or are changing leadership since last we met together. Change in leadership as well as an unstable context of ministry may signal unsettled days ahead.

The once impenetrable Albania has broken open to the outside world like an over ripe watermelon. This fact, coupled with the closing doors of Islamic states within the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) less than two years after they were breached, attests to the rapidity of change and the necessity of strategic and informed response by the Church. The continued tremors still emanate from the Gulf War and are eloquent testimonies to the volatile world in which we are living. The destruction in Zaire, yes, causing much hardship yet opening the way for new missionary relationships and initiatives, reminds us that times of chaos are always times of opportunity. All of these facts give ample testimony to the whirling and incessant beat of change clashing around us in the world of missions.

There seem to be several emphases from God's Word that are driving or are relevant to the forces which I have mentioned and are propelling us with unrelenting energy into a new era of mission.

1. We must respond strategically to God's initiatives in society.
2. There is a rediscovery of the Priesthood of believers. The task of world evangelization is for all, not just the "professional."
3. There is a rediscovery of the sanctity of vocation. God calls His people to be salt and light as He uses their giftedness in the marketplace as well as the pulpit. This marketplace is increasingly world-wide.
4. The Church is re-awakening to its responsibility not only in the winning of their neighborhood but to the responsibility to produce men and women with the skills and commitment to win the un-reached wherever they may be. They feel that this job can no longer be merely delegated.
5. The diverse ethnic streams of America are discovering that Christ has broken down the barriers between all genders and races and that the task of world evangelization was not given to the "white middle class church" but to Christ's Church. They are beginning to claim the nations as their "inheritance," at times in spite of us.

Thank you for allowing me to take the trip with you all into these unsettling yet exhilarating days of the future, a future which begins now for us, yet existed in the mind of God from before creation.

The following are some of the highlights of our EFMA operation since we were last together.

1. Financial

We have closed our fiscal year as of January 31, 1991 and we thank the Lord for a positive operational balance for the year. Financially EFMA remains in a strong position due to the support of you our members.

2. Events

Events that have been sponsored by EFMA this past calendar year are as follow:

Consultation on the Gulf, Post-War

Consultation on Cuba

Fall Mission Executive Retreat

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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February 18, 1992

The Reverend Mr. Edesio Chequer, President
Rue Aquileno Vidal No. 25-A
03633 Penha Sao Paulo
Brazil, South America

Dear Mr. Moderator:

I am again pleased to convey warm greetings from our church to your own Presbyterian Church of Brazil. That we continue to be privileged to share partnership in the Gospel brings us great joy.

For six years the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has been privileged in a modest way to work with the IPB in our mutual fulfillment of the Great Commission. We feel we have truly become brothers in the faith.

I wish to give you an "end of year" report of our benevolent giving for Brazil for the year 1991. This giving reflects the work of the Joint Committee on Missions as approved for benevolence giving by our General Assembly.

PROJECT

1. Frontier Sustenance: Mato Grosso	\$ 31,207.44
2. Frontier Evangelism: Tocantins	4,979.45
3. Frontier Evangelism: Porto Nac	4,979.74
4. Youth Program: Matupa	1,107.08
5. Frontier Missions: Paraguay	9,528.01
6. Frontier Missions: Angola Evangelism	7,614.83
7. Frontier Missions: Angola School	703.44
8. Graduate Theological Education (U.S.)	52,232.00
9. Graduate Seminary Library (U.S. Escrow)	1,710.00
10. IMC Seminary Dorm (foundation)	50,000.00

TOTAL OF 1991 BENEVOLENCE PROJECT **\$164,062.00**

SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING

1. Garanhuns Scholarship/two girls	4,800.00
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1991 TOTAL BRAZILIAN (IPB) GIVING **\$168,862.00**

In closing, let me again affirm the blessings God has bestowed upon us in being partners in mission with you.

In Christ,

Dr. L. Edward Davis
Stated Clerk

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St. Louis, 5/21/92.

To
Mr. Ed Davis
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Detroit

Dear Brother,

Yesterday I was told that I was supposed to write a letter to you informing about my program at Concordia Seminary. I'm sorry I did not understand you the last time you were here at Central and talked to me about that letter. If I had understood I would have written it.

Anyway, I believe that the worst part of my program is finished. Now I am working on my dissertation. I have to take two comprehensive exams, probably in the end of June. If I pass in both of them, I plan to finish everything on September. This is just a plan. I cannot say for sure that I will be able to accomplish without any problem. I will do my best to finish everything as soon as possible because I am anxious to go back to Brazil to teach in the Seminary there.

I thank God because He has been so kind to me giving me this precious opportunity to study here in St. Louis, at Concordia. I know that it was very tough, but everything concurs for our good. This was the way we faced and overcome our problems.

I am also thankful to you, folks of EPC, because you were the instruments God used to support us in US. God determined and you have been the agents to accomplish His determinations related to Brazilian Church Theological Program. I hope you continue to support those who are coming to get their doctor degrees. We really need you help at this moment. It does not matter what is going on in the Brazilian Church now. God will take care of that church giving her what she in fact needs.

You have been so kind giving everything that is necessary for me and my family. Thanks for the extra-gifts and for the regular money you have sent us each month. It has been a blessing! God will recompensate you for that missionary vision!

It is my prayer that God continue to bless you and your ministry of spreading the kingdom of God throughout the world. Sincerely,

In Christ Jesus

Heber Carlos de Campos

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FREE CHURCH
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OFFICE of the PRESIDENT
Dr. Paul A. Cedar

May 21, 1992

Dr. L. Ed Davis
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
28049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48239

Dear Stated Clerk Davis,

Greetings to you and our brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as you meet for your annual meeting on June 26-29 in Memphis, Tennessee.

As colleagues in ministry with you, your brothers and sisters of The Evangelical Free Church of America pray that God may bless your conference in every way. We join you, also, in praying that a great spiritual awakening may take place in our churches, our nation and around the world during this strategic decade.

It is a great joy and privilege to team in ministry with you. Again we assure you of our deep love and prayers.

Prayerfully yours--in Christ,

Paul A. Cedar
President



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Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

P.O. Box 17456
Washington, D.C. 20041-0456
703/435-8888
Fax: 703/787-0834

September 27, 1991

SEP 30 1991

The Rev. L. Edward Davis
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
26049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48239

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am pleased to inform you that your 1991 Annual Membership Review (AMR) has been approved. Evangelical Presbyterian Church continues to demonstrate good faith compliance with the standards of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). The financial integrity displayed by your organization is to be commended.

Membership in ECFA is significant for both member and donor. The public is seeking financial accountability from nonprofit organizations as never before. The ECFA seal is generally recognized as the "Symbol of Trust" among Christian ministries. It shows a commitment to financial excellence and accountability giving widespread confidence.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised Member Profile for your organization. Please review it carefully and let us know in writing of any changes that are necessary. This is the report that is made available to any individuals who inquire about your organization.

If you have any suggestions as to how we may further improve our service to the ECFA member and the donor public, please let us know.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Sincerely,

Clarence Reimer

Clarence Reimer
President

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN



Dr. R. Craig Strickland, Senior Pastor
Eli Morris, Associate Pastor
Jennifer Phillips, Director of
Children's Ministry

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June 25, 1992

Rev. Dr. Edward Davis
Office of the General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
26049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan 48239

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am writing pursuant to the continued development of the joint venture new church development project in Nashville. Inasmuch as the most viable area of Nashville for the development of a new EPC church is in the Southeast corridor of the greater Nashville area, the Church Development and Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Central South recommends that the Presbytery boundaries between the Presbytery of the Central South and the Presbytery of the Southeast be redefined as follows:

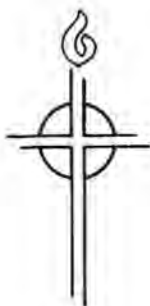
Definition: From the Kentucky-Tennessee state line at I-65 east to the Sumner-Macon County, Tennessee line; south on the Sumner-Macon County line to the intersection of Wilson County; south on the Wilson-Trousdale, Wilson-Smith, and Wilson-Dekalb County lines to the Wilson-Rutherford County line; west on the Wilson-Rutherford County line to the intersection of U.S. 231; south on U.S. 231 to the Tennessee-Alabama state line; west on the Tennessee-Alabama state line to the intersection of the Alabama-Georgia state line.

These boundaries allow for the present and future development of the greater Nashville area by one Presbytery without splitting the city.

In Christian service,

R. Craig Strickland, D. Min.
Chairman
Church Development and Support Committee

RCS/sab



COMMUNICATION 92-14

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor - David H. Herbertson

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June 23, 1992

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Whereas in 1992, as in previous years, the Commissioner's Handbooks for various General Assemblies have not been supplied to commissioners until a few days before the convening of the Assembly, and,

Whereas it is incumbent upon each commissioner to weigh carefully and with much prayer the issues to be considered by the Assembly in convention, and,

Whereas commissioners may desire and seek the counsel of their church sessions regarding matters vital to the life of our church, upon which they must vote, and,

Whereas some time may be required to receive answers to offered prayers or to gather session input for conveying to the Assembly, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 12th General Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk and any other responsible parties to take all necessary steps to complete the Commissioner's Handbook and mail a copy to each minister on the roll of the presbyteries and to each registered commissioner no later than 30 days prior to the convening of each General Assembly. Furthermore, be it resolved the Assembly instruct that as additional commissioners register between the 30th and the 7th day prior to convening of the Assembly each one be mailed a copy of the "Handbook" and that after the 7th day preceding the Assembly, no handbook be mailed.

Respectfully submitted
for the Session,
First Presbyterian Church,
Houma, LA

Mike Buquet
Mike Buquet,
Clerk of Session



COMMUNICATION 92-15

Brainerd Presbyterian Church

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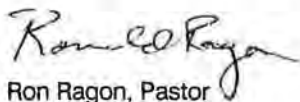
MINISTERS

Ronald Ragon
Frederick O. Kirms
N. Kirk Werner

Recommended:

That the General Assembly instruct the Board of Pension and Benefits to:

1. Clarify the current policy provision for pre-existing conditions so that uniformity of interpretation may be held; and
2. Study the financial possibility of eliminating the pre-existing condition clauses relative to *all* employees.


Ron Ragon, Pastor

DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH REPORT

Report to General Assembly

May 1992

INTRODUCTION

There was a time in Simon Peter's earthly ministry with Jesus that he heard the words, "Blessed are you Simon Barjona ... and also I say unto you that you are Peter, and upon this rock (his confession) I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it". Matt 16:17-18.

There was a time span when Peter didn't understand this, but all came into focus on the day of Pentecost and later in his ministry when he wrote, "You ... as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house ... acceptable to God through Jesus Christ". I Peter 2:5.

Peter learned the lesson that at the heart of our Lord's program for this age is the evangelizing of the world! This is the glorious task of being coworkers with Him in the building of His church. This is what we are all about in your EPC office of Outreach. Each of us is making choices today that will determine the outcome of this mission tomorrow and for all eternity.

WORLD OUTREACH

Every year between meetings of the General Assembly the load of activities in the World Outreach office increases substantially. What follows is a rapid overview of a few of these major activities, events, and important choices that are being made every year.

ACMC Conference - Caucus of EPC Mission Chairmen

In the July 1991 conference/workshop of ACMC held at the Wheaton College campus, the room was super loaded for the EPC get together to discuss the EPC mission ministries around the world. Every chair was taken, about 40 plus people. It was a lively time for all.

Argentine Ladies Present at EPC Women's Conference in Williamsburg, VA

Four ladies from Argentina were part of the enthusiastic conference of EPC women held July 21-24, 1991, in Virginia. They were: Carmelita Murray, Marisa Fontao, Mabel Lopez, and Mrs. Bill Murchison.

Visit of Pastor Ludgero Morais from Brazil to EPC Churches in September 1991

Pastor Morais was asked by members of EPC's Joint Committee on Missions to visit EPC churches during September in order to explain in person the way in which our two denominations have been cooperating for the past five years. In a 30 day period, he was able to visit EPC churches in Michigan, North and South Carolina, Missouri, Colorado, Tennessee, and Mississippi. In each church he spoke and preached in English, telling about the goals and results of this unique cooperative venture between the EPC and IPB.

EFMA Leadership Seminar in Colorado Springs - Sept. 23-26, 1991

Leaders of North American mission organizations met together to discuss the general topic of fund raising for missions. Tapes of all of these valuable presentations are available to WOC members. They can be found in the EPC library. I was impressed with the fact that raising funds for missionary work is taking longer than ever before, and significant changes and modifications in these efforts at the denominational level are needed.

Joint Committee on Missions (JCM) Meeting in Brazil - October 28-29, 1991

This meeting was held in Belo Horizonte. Our three JCM members (Dr. Bartlett Hess, Dr. Perry Mobley, and Rev. Sam Harris), EPC's moderator (Dr. William Flannagan) and myself comprised this EPC delegation. In two days it was possible to handle all of our agenda items. Pastor Ludgero Moraes, as host pastor, is to be commended for the way the EPC delegation was royally taken care of throughout this meeting. One day was spent in Sao Paulo. The EPC delegation was the guest of Boanerges Ribeiro, who requested our EPC group to be present at the dedication of the dormitory building that is part of the Jose Manoel de Conceicao Theological Seminary of Sao Paulo. This building was named the Andy Jumper JMC Dormitory.

EPC Delegation Visit to Argentina - October 31 to November 6, 1991

These days the EPC delegation had the opportunity to visit and minister in all of the EPC churches of Buenos Aires. It was a valuable time for each member to preach and counsel with the people, leaders, and individual pastors of these churches. This visit, and the commissioning of Miguel and Azucena Robles as EPC missionaries, will be remembered by all as a high point of this particular trip.

EPC and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP) Meeting - November 1991

This was an important meeting that proposed specific steps that could be taken in 1992 that would enable these two denominations to cooperate with each other in specific ministries. One example was the invitation by John Mariner to visit the ARP missionary field in Mexico. The goal of such a trip would be the study of ways and means that might enable EPC missionary personnel to minister in Mexico in a partnership relationship alongside their ARP missionaries in Mexico. The trip to Mexico was made by William Read in January 1992.

Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (EFMA) - World Outreach Membership

The EFMA is a voluntary association of denominational and interdenominational mission agencies. It has more than 100 members who send almost 15,000 missionaries worldwide. EFMA is affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). The process of applying for World Outreach's membership in the EFMA was concluded with the visit of EFMA's Director, Paul McKaughan. Ed Davis and William Read spent the entire day with him. The basis for this interview was a 16 page self-study of EPC's entire mission program that was completed early in September by William Read. Paul has informed us that World Outreach was officially voted into EFMA membership in March 1992 at the NAE/EFMA meeting that was held in Chicago.

1992 Denominational Giving Guide

This Guide was mailed out to all EPC pastors, Stated Clerks, and chairmen of local church mission committees in October. One feature that is new this year is the 1992 Benevolence Goals sheet found on the last page of this publication that was to be completed by each EPC local church and sent in to the GA office by February 1. It is the hope that this page will begin to be used by each EPC church each year.

Funds for Our New EPC Missionaries

Since the commissioning of the Livingstones, McCurrys, and Marcelo Robles, the World Outreach office has been busy writing and sending our financial appeals on their behalf. I am happy to say that each EPC missionary that was commissioned at the June 1991 General Assembly now has their financial support well in hand. For

now, it is taking 6-8 months for EPC missionaries to raise their financial packages. At present, the World Outreach office is anxious to see the finances for Miguel and Azucena Robles come in.

Four New EPC Missionaries Approved in February by WOC

Four new applicants (one couple and two singles) were interviewed by WOC. They were approved as EPC missionaries and will be commissioned at the 12th EPC General Assembly in Memphis. They are:

Rob and Iris Antonucci Frontiers in Central Asia.

Brenda Trapp Frontiers International Headquarters in England.

Tim North SIM in West Africa.

When WOC met in February 1992, the EPC had 21 missionaries on the field (10 couples and 1 single), and 4 new applicants (1 couple and 2 singles) to be interviewed. The new applicants were accepted by WOC and will be commissioned at GA. This will give EPC a total of 25 missionaries in 1992.

World Outreach Master Plan Revised

At the February 20-22, 1992, meeting of EPC's World Outreach Committee, a substantial amount of the WOC's meeting time was devoted to the updating and revision of the World Outreach Master Plan. A copy of this revision is ready to be presented to the 12th EPC General Assembly for approval. Two new goals were added to this revision -- one concerns the need for North American Urban Ministries, and the other is "Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union".

Presbytery Development of World Outreach Committees

A proposal is going to EPC's Standing Committee on World Outreach requesting that the General Assembly strongly encourage each EPC presbytery to establish its own World Outreach Committee in order to accelerate the foreign missions endeavors throughout the entire denomination in the days ahead.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Importance of Demographics for EPC Church Planting

The constant movement of thousands of people every year in the United States causes the population mosaic of the nation to be in a constant state of change. The 1990 census has given us new information and data that becomes the basis for some starting predictions of trends that will affect everything we do in the coming years.

Your EPC Outreach office is now equipped to provide important demographic studies that pinpoint high potential target areas for new EPC church planting endeavors. This past year many of these demographic studies and surveys have been completed at the request of EPC Presbytery Church Development Chairmen. The pre-development work needed to establish a new EPC church should begin with such a demographic survey in hand. These provide the necessary data and confirmation needed to begin the needed steps for such a new church planting effort. The EPC office of Outreach is prepared to supply these studies at a nominal cost.

EPC Growth in Numbers and Inquiries

The growth statistics of the EPC are being sought by several different groups. Each decade an important study is made by the Mary Knoll Institute in Atlanta. It is an exhaustive church membership report that was done in 1970, in 1980, and in 1990. The Outreach office has completed a form that will place the EPC in the 1990 publication. Other organizations have discovered that the EPC is now big enough to be recognized as a substantial denomination, and inquiries are received for our statistics. Some of these are the Bible Society, ACMC, NAE, EFMA, World Relief, to mention a few. It looks like EPC has become large enough to be recognized and counted.

Prospective EPC Church Planters

Each month three or four inquiries are made through the Outreach office about opportunities for church planting in the EPC. Each inquirer receives the same information:

- the necessity of attendance at an EPC Assessment Center is explained
- informed that denominational church planting is done through the presbyteries
- contact must be made with Presbytery CD Chairman
- sent the 20 Questions form "Is Church Planting for Me?"
- explanation of the steps involved in the EPC church planting process

Many who inquire in this manner eventually find themselves in the annual CPAC. Each year a list is provided to GA/CDC members showing where and what is happening to all CPAC assessees.

New Church Development in the Far West Presbytery

The September 19-21, 1991, meeting of EPC's Church Development Committee (CDC) was filled with important financial requests from the Far West Presbytery. Seven requests were received and CDC was able to say yes to six of these new church planting efforts in this presbytery. This represented an investment of \$67,500 in the future of one of EPC's weakest presbyteries in whose bounds are found areas of rapid population development rated by the 1990 census as the fastest population growth area in the nation.

Thai Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Bellflower indicates gradual slow growth as these energetic Thai's reach out to win their fellow compatriots to Christ. They report growth in numbers, expansion of students in their school for Thai children held each Sunday afternoon, and a good increase in giving as stewardship education becomes effective. They hope to be self-supporting in 1993.

Foothills Community Church continues to worship in the Hill Street Church, using the evening for their services. Randy Horn, their leader, was ordained on January 25 by the Far West Presbytery. He reports a bold plan for advance has been formulated and they are beginning to work their plan. They continue on the schedule to be self-supporting by 1994 on a yearly scaling down of their requests for financial support from CDC.

New Covenant Church, Tucson, under the leadership of their new pastor, Ed McCallum, recently ordained by the Far West Presbytery, reports a substantial gain in their attendance each Sunday which represents a doubling of their former worshipping community. Good reports continue to come to this office from Ed McCallum, one of EPC's recent assessees from the Church Planting Assessment Center (CPAC).

Carmel Community Church has finally resolved their property case with the City of San Diego. Now they are working for the acquisition of a new, suitable piece of land. Bob Newby is pastor.

General Assembly CDC Manual of Operations - Bob Newell, Ed Davis, Bill Solomon, and William Read had a productive meeting in December '91 to brainstorm what topics would be included in the CDC manual to assist church planters in CDC presbyteries. Twenty six topics were selected to form the body of this new manual. These topics were divided up among the four members of this sub-committee of CDC. Many of these chapters dealing with these important topics have been written and are now in the hand of Bill Solomon, Chairman of this sub-committee. Other chapters are being set in first draft form to be edited, revised, and reviewed before the final decision is made to bring forth the first edition of this manual. It is the hope of this sub-committee that a regular revision can be made of this manual every two years. It is hoped that the first run copy should be ready for review by CDC members at the September '92 meeting.

Visit to Florida Presbytery, Feb. '92 - The CDC's September meeting asked that Doug Klein and William Read visit the February meeting of the Florida Presbytery. This meeting was held in Homestead, Florida, on February 7-8, 1992. Doug Klein and William Read had the pleasure of meeting with the Florida Presbytery CDC on Friday afternoon, February 7.

Doug and Bill were given the early morning hour on their Saturday presbytery agenda to present the request of EPC's GA/CDC for invitation of the Florida Presbytery to begin the effort sometime in 1992 to plant a new EPC church within the greater metro area of Orlando. Doug Klein made the major presentation to the presbytery. In the GA/CDC March 1992 meeting, careful consideration was given to the Orlando project. During this meeting it was decided, after prayer and discussion which followed, that this was not the time for a joint pilot project in Orlando. Consideration will continue.

Joint Church Planting Assessment Center (CPAC) with the ARP's at Bonclarken

The February '92 CPAC was held at the ARP Conference Center at Bonclarken, North Carolina, on February 26-29. This was the third EPC assessment sponsored by the CDC. There were 22 assessees (husbands and wives) or 11 couples. Seven of these couples were EPC, three couples were ARP, and 1 couple came from Canada representing the Reformed Church of Canada. There were 14 on the assessor team, 7 from the EPC and 7 from the ARP. This CPAC was held in ARP's newest building, the Founders Hall, which was completed in late '91. This was an excellent facility allowing all the assessees and assessors to be housed in the nicely furnished hotel/motel rooms of the Founders Hall. Our large meeting hall on the ground level was delightful. It was bright, well ventilated, and break time was easy, because a small kitchen opened in the rear of this meeting hall.

The pre-assessment selection process was firmed up this year and all of the EPC assesseees were seen to be gifted as EPC church planters. The only exception was one couple who were asked to do some important counseling during the next 12 month period and return next year to EPC's fourth CPAC.

The ARP's on the CPAC assessor team are anxious to do this again, on a cooperative basis, next year. An invitation to do this again in 1993 at Bonclarken has come from the ARP Home Missions Director, Chap Lauderdale. EPC assessors have recommended that the EPC continue to use Dr. Tom Graham's services in order to maintain the high quality of professionalism that his organization brings to each CPAC.

APPENDICESPre-General Assembly Seminar for EPC Church Planters Past/Present

Bob Logan is a recognized leader in the field of church planting. His seminars, books, and other practical publications have come out of a successful career of church planting. He was contacted in late '91 and asked to be the leader of our one day pre-assembly seminar/workshop. He is available for this, and we agreed to his terms for this one day seminar. Plans for the day have been made and we are proceeding to make the arrangements for housing, meals, transportation, and other things necessary to insure that this will be an important phase of EPC's efforts to train, encourage, and support all of EPC's past, present, and future church planters. It is hoped that we shall have twice the number in attendance at Memphis. Last year 40 attended. This year we will plan for 100.

WRR:jd/5-22-92

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REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1991 and 1990, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances, and changes in financial position for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1991 and 1990 and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of administrative expenses and restricted expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHBALANCE SHEETSAS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990ASSETSCURRENT ASSETS

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
Cash and equivalents:		
Non restricted	\$ 73,881	\$ 105,134
Restricted	1,973,530	1,782,970
Accounts receivable	4,967	11,250
Inventory	40,623	52,328
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,904</u>	<u>9,506</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,099,905</u>	<u>1,961,188</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Land	65,000	65,000
Buildings	522,915	519,510
Furniture and fixtures	<u>144,519</u>	<u>139,840</u>
	732,434	724,350
Less, accumulated depreciation	<u>(224,407)</u>	<u>(192,248)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>508,027</u>	<u>532,102</u>

OTHER ASSETS

Notes receivable	<u>102,917</u>	<u>8,800</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,710,849</u>	<u>\$2,502,090</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 4,890	\$ 5,506
Accounts payable	10,870	11,630
Accrued expenses	0	908
Self-insured liability	1,006,352	940,822
Restricted funds	<u>484,290</u>	<u>450,843</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 <u>1,506,402</u>	 <u>1,409,709</u>
 <u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>		
Notes payable	540	2,908
Mortgage payable	<u>43,269</u>	<u>47,135</u>
 Total Long-Term Debt	 <u>43,809</u>	 <u>50,043</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCES</u>		
Property and equipment fund	508,027	532,102
Current fund	98,224	44,515
Ministerial endowment fund	30,060	27,960
Church loan fund	390,520	338,680
Medical benevolence fund	<u>133,807</u>	<u>99,081</u>
 Total Fund Balances	 <u>1,160,638</u>	 <u>1,042,338</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$2,710,849</u>	 <u>\$2,502,090</u>

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 434,056	\$ 352,816
Restricted	965,680	704,966
Investment income	25,055	27,188
Literature sales	33,442	27,510
Other income	63,621	74,646
Ministerial endowment	7,599	4,073
Church loan fund	51,946	52,268
Medical benevolence	<u>10,158</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,591,557</u>	<u>1,243,467</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Operating expenses	489,145	425,136
Restricted expenses	965,680	705,443
Cost of literature sales	37,393	27,118
Investment loss-		
worthless security	0	100,000
Ministerial endowment	5,500	1,997
Church loan fund expenses	107	1,778
Medical benevolence	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,497,975</u>	<u>1,261,472</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	93,582	
Excess Expenses over Revenues		(18,005)
Transfer from insurance fund to		
medical benevolence fund	24,718	99,081
Fund Balances -		
Beginning of Year	<u>1,042,338</u>	<u>961,262</u>
Fund Balances -		
End of Year	<u>\$1,160,638</u>	<u>\$1,042,338</u>

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

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990
<u>RESOURCES PROVIDED</u>		
Excess of (expenses) over revenues	\$ 93,582	\$ (18,005)
Items which do not use resources:		
Depreciation	32,159	35,420
Transfer from insurance fund	<u>24,718</u>	<u>99,081</u>
Total Resources Provided		
From Operations	<u>150,459</u>	<u>116,496</u>
<u>RESOURCES USED</u>		
Net addition to property and equipment	8,084	26,374
Payment and reclassification of long term debt	6,234	8,250
Additions to notes receivable	<u>94,117</u>	<u>8,800</u>
Total Resources Used	<u>108,435</u>	<u>43,424</u>
(Decrease) Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 42,024</u>	<u>\$ 73,072</u>
<u>CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL BY COMPONENT</u>		
Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 159,307	\$443,827
Accounts receivable	(6,283)	(23,686)
Inventory	(11,705)	5,455
Prepaid expenses	<u>(2,602)</u>	<u>2,463</u>
Total Increase in Current Assets	<u>138,717</u>	<u>428,059</u>
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	(616)	2,920
Accounts payable	(760)	7,373
Accrued expenses	(908)	384
Self-insured liability	65,530	234,988
Restricted funds	<u>33,447</u>	<u>109,322</u>
Total Increase in Current Liabilities	<u>96,693</u>	<u>354,987</u>
Increase in Working Capital	<u>\$ 42,024</u>	<u>\$ 73,072</u>

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

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	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
Compensation	\$215,043	\$182,866
Staff insurance & pension	22,577	14,931
Depreciation	32,159	35,420
Repairs and maintenance	18,984	14,357
Travel expense	27,560	24,694
Committee expense	31,503	32,681
Printing and promotion	22,275	18,555
Professional fees	7,183	9,629
Expenses of Pension Plan	19,040	0
Interest expense	6,908	7,246
Taxes and insurance	20,469	17,800
Office supplies	3,660	4,092
Telephone	11,614	11,286
Utilities	3,384	3,712
Insurance	4,756	4,097
Postage	11,510	9,172
Development expense	2,966	4,690
Fraternal relations	7,619	8,826
General Assembly expense	11,755	15,551
Miscellaneous	<u>8,180</u>	<u>5,531</u>
 Totals	 <u>\$489,145</u>	 <u>\$425,136</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
World outreach	\$624,844	\$444,962
Church assistance	46,676	34,699
Special projects	<u>294,160</u>	<u>225,782</u>
Totals	<u>\$965,680</u>	<u>\$705,443</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The permanent Fraternal Relations Committee met by telephone on May 8, 1992. We received reports concerning the continuing conversations between our denomination and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Three significant meetings were held in the previous year:

- (a) Geneva College on November 7-8, 1991. At that time program staff from both denominations met together, representing ministries of missions, church development, women's ministries, and youth. Talks which were held at that time resulted in greater programmatic understanding and cooperation for both churches. The increased activity in each of those program areas resulted in mutual cooperation and the adoption of the "Geneva Statement." It is recommended by the Fraternal Relations Committee that the General Assembly endorse the "Geneva Statement."

GENEVA STATEMENT

Being persuaded from Scripture that all Christians are united together as one body in Christ, we acknowledge our responsibility to God and one another to labor together in the work of Christ so as to promote the peace, purity, and unity of the church, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world.

We share a common understanding of the Scriptures, as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, for laboring together in ministry. Recognizing that some differences exist between us in our understanding of certain issues concerning God's will for His church, we also recognize that that which we hold in common far outweighs that which differentiates us. It is understood that our common labors shall not compromise the consciences of either church. The integrity of each church concerning its standards and policies must be maintained and respected.

We therefore pledge ourselves to labor together in love to advance the work of Christ in both our common and separate ministries, seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We promise that if ever we should offend one another in our common labors, we shall do everything possible to resolve the matter and to maintain cooperation. We commit ourselves to labor in support of our church courts, faithfully reporting our activities to the appropriate board or agency, and our respective committees concerning inter-church relations.

We further believe that such practical fraternity, apart from any quest for organizational union will be pleasing to God and promote the advancement of the Gospel in the world. For these reasons we commit ourselves to this Covenant of Cooperation, which is to be attached to the joint statement previously adopted by our churches.

- (b) Erskine College, South Carolina on April 28-29, 1992. At that time, the Committee of Moderators of the ARP met with representatives of our General Assembly to share information and understandings of the structures and institutions of the two denominations.
- (c) The joint participation of the EPC and the ARP in the evaluation workshops for church planting.

It is further recommended that the General Assembly approve an annual exchange of Fraternal Delegates with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church rather than the present alternating year exchange.

The Fraternal Relations Committee also appointed Fraternal Delegates to the General Assemblies of other denominations. In this year, by common consent, it was agreed that:

Dr. Robert Norris should be Fraternal Observer to the Presbyterian Church of America General Assembly in Roanoke, Virginia (June 15-18); and

Dr. Perry Mobley be invited to be Fraternal Delegate to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church General Synod in Bonclarken, North Carolina June 8-10; and

Dr. L. Edward Davis would be Fraternal Delegate to the Christian Reformed Church General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan, meeting between June 9 and 19th.

The Committee received a report on the NAPARC sponsored celebration to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the convening of the Westminster Assembly: A great service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey will launch a conference next year celebrating the 350th anniversary of the convening of the Westminster Assembly, which produced great documents of the Christian faith. The conference, sponsored by the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) will take place in London September 23-25, 1993.

The continuing importance of the Westminster Assembly's work to Reformed Christian faith and practice will be emphasized at the three-day conference through speeches, sermons, music and drama. Key events of the celebration will include the worship service in Westminster Abbey on Thursday evening and a dramatic presentation in the Jerusalem Chamber on Saturday morning. Other events will be historically related and theologically supportive settings.

The Very Reverend Michael Mayne, dean of Westminster Abbey, has expressed pleasure over NAPARC's move to commemorate the anniversary. He and Adm. Kenneth Snow, receiver general (senior administrator) of the Abbey, are working in cooperation with a NAPARC committee chaired by Rev. Henry Lewis Smith of Prattville, Alabama, in coordinating plans for the conference.

We resolved that we would send a representative of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to the Westminster celebration.

The Fraternal Relations Committee is sending to the World Evangelical Fellowship General Assembly in Manila as its representative the Reverend Peter Stam. Mr. Stam al-

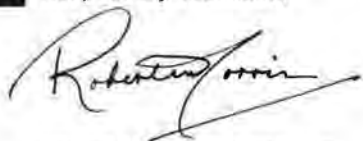
ready was being sent to represent Fourth Presbyterian Church at the WEF General Assembly from June 21st to 26th. The denomination is an associate member of that body, and it was agreed that Mr. Stam could and would well represent our denomination.

The Committee is enthusiastic about progress obtained in our relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and generally in those areas where we have been able to seek closer fraternity with like-minded Reformed bodies. We count it a privilege to represent our denomination before the Reformed world.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) That the Assembly endorse the Geneva Statement (page 1 of this report.)
- 2) That the Assembly approve an annual exchange of fraternal delegates with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, rather than alternative year exchange.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Norris, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee
June, 1992

FORWARD IN FAITH

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

50TH ANNIVERSARY DECLARATION

For 50 years, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) has been a significant force in the religious life of the United States, uniting Bible-believing people in cooperative action and witness.

When 147 Evangelicals gathered in St. Louis in 1942 to explore the possibility of a national association of Evangelicals, they recognized that biblical truth was being seriously challenged. Not only was the gospel under intense attack within the culture generally, but also was increasingly under attack within ecclesiastical structures, some of which previously had provided a historical base for evangelical Christianity in the nation.

Because of their commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, the founders of NAE embarked on a course that has significantly influenced American religious life in the latter half of this century. Created to provide institutional strength, visibility and influence for the "unvoiced multitudes" of theologically conservative Protestants in that day, NAE brought new vitality and courage to evangelical Christianity nationwide. Aided by others, the 1942 meeting in St. Louis inaugurated the vibrant evangelical movement of today.

The founding objective for NAE was to be both a voice and forum for American Evangelicals. Faithful to that objective, NAE today provides leadership for a dynamic and diverse movement. It unites Evangelicals from many theological perspectives and ecclesiastical traditions. It also brings together para-church organizations and fosters better understanding among all Evangelicals.

As other denominations, institutions and organizations join NAE, the association is able to bring an even more significant evangelical witness to our nation. The corporate witness that we bring is expressed in our seven-point Statement of Faith, ratified in 1943 and still subscribed to today.

Our commissions, affiliates and subsidiary address the challenges and needs of our day and unite us in working in such realms as the chaplaincy, Christian education, evangelism, lay ministries, social action, stewardship, broadcasting, world relief and missions.

Though NAE's united witness to the gospel of Christ was needed 50 years ago, the need is even greater today. Religious pluralism, moral relativism and extreme individualism have become the dominant ideologies of the age, seeking to undermine the institutions of family, church and civil government which are ordained by God. Evangelicals, joined together in NAE, are confronting these challenges within our society by the proclamation and demonstration of biblical Christianity.

In addition, **NAE** is reinforcing local, state and regional efforts to proclaim the gospel. Many denominations in this decade are placing a renewed emphasis on evangelism. They are adopting innovative strategies and programs to present the reality of the living Christ to this generation. **NAE** supports these efforts, praying that God will bless them to extend His kingdom on earth.

Today, **NAE** serves approximately 15 million Evangelicals. We are a cooperative fellowship of almost 45,000 local churches from 75 denominations, over 200 evangelical associations, organizations and educational institutions, plus several thousand individual clergy and laity.

We give thanks to God for His blessings to **NAE** over the past 50 years. We praise God for the effective witness and ever-growing role of Evangelicals. We also confess our failure to reflect the full Christian unity to which God calls us. Doctrinal differences, ecclesiastical practices, social injustices and racial prejudices have at times hindered our oneness and witness. We pray that, under God, we may serve our people and nation more unitedly, more significantly and with ever-increasing effectiveness.

To this end, we reaffirm our commitment to one another and confess our Statement of Faith in praise and gratitude to God Almighty Who has called us into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ, with one another and with Christians everywhere.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confessing our Statement of Faith, we acknowledge our debt to God and our world, agreeing that Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, calls us to face the future with holy purpose, unwavering faith and loving obedience. United in prayerful resolve, we move **FORWARD IN FAITH**.

(Position Paper adopted at the 1992 50th Anniversary Convention)

NAE STATEMENT OF MISSION

The mission of the National Association of Evangelicals (USA) is to extend the kingdom of God through a fellowship of member denominations, churches, organizations, institutions, and individuals, demonstrating the unity of the body of Christ by standing for biblical truth, speaking with a representative voice, and serving the evangelical community through united action, cooperative ministry and strategic planning.

Implications:

Therefore, the NAE will:

Affirm and clarify historic biblical Christianity as summarized in our Statement of Faith.

Confront society with the relevance of the gospel of Christ and the imperatives of the Word of God.

Be vigilant to safeguard religious liberty.

Provide coordination, service, encouragement, and instruction in Christian stewardship, missions, broadcasting, and family services.

Provide a compassionate ministry which addresses the needs of hurting people worldwide.

Provide information about trends and developments that challenge the Church and programs that enhance evangelical witness.

Provide networking and communication within the evangelical community.

Promote grassroots citizen influence upon all levels of government.

Facilitate the development of educational programs to teach a biblical world and life view and training for ministry.

Provide consultations, events, conferences, and/or seminars to motivate and train church leaders.

Inform regarding involvement with evangelicals around the world through NAE's membership in the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Encourage a recognition and appreciation of the multi-ethnic nature of the family of God.

Provide forums for research, education, and united action through commission activities.

Provide evangelical cooperation at local and state levels.

Provide encouragement for pastors to be steadfast in their ministries, to preach biblically and to call people to decision and action.

Enlist the membership of local churches to provide a direct link with the larger evangelical community.

Provide a forum where evangelicals can explore their theological and ecclesiastical heritages.

**Minutes of the Joint Committee on Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church of Brazil
and the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
October 28-29, 1991
Hotel Metropolitan
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais
Brazil**

The 1991 meeting of the Joint Committee on Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held on October 28-29, 1991, at the Hotel Metropolitan in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

The following were present (*indicates principals):

Rev. Folton N. da Silva	Rev. Dr. William Read
Rev. George A. Canelhas	*Rev. Dr. Bartlett Hess
Elder Azor Ferreira	*Rev. Dr. Perry Mobley
*Rev. Wilson S. Lopes	*Rev. Sam Harris
*Rev. Ludgero B. Morais	Rev. Austin McCaskill
*Rev. Nelson Bordini	Rev. Olson Pemberton, Jr.
Rev. Claudio B. Marra	Rev. William Flannagan
Rev. Osvaldo Hack (not present at first)	
Elder Adivaldo Vargas	
Rev. Edesio Chequer	

Monday, October 28, 1991

After introductions and a video tape about Brazil, Rev. Morais opened with a devotion from Romans 1:8-12 and prayer. Rev. Sam Harris was asked to review the Proposed Articles of Agreement relative to procedures for meeting together.

IPB Board of Foreign Missions

Elder Azor Ferreira of the Board of Foreign Missions said a church that has been built in Paraguay for 300 people is almost complete. In Paraguay there are various other needs, but the two mentioned for a truck and for a building are the greatest needs. They have other requests that they are giving to the Brazilian churches as projects. They want their own churches to become involved in foreign missions.

The IPB has seven missionaries in Portugal. They just received a letter that the PCA desires to turn over its work there to the IPB.

There is an awakening of a missionary calling in the Brazilian churches. In a few years, they think the Brazilian churches themselves will be able to completely support their foreign missions. They want us to pray with them that their foreign mission will be independent, based on Brazilian contributions.

Dr. Hess asked about missionaries to Mozambique and Angola. In Angola they have one missionary. There is a request for medical assistance from the Presbytery in Angola. The IPB will give the EPC a list of needed medicines. The Evangelical Association of Angola is also working on helping the war wounded. The EAA is comprised of all evangelical churches of that country and has credibility and influence

with the government. Rev. Chequer met with government officials in Angola and gave them a profile of the IPB. The authorities said with these projects the church would be very welcome in their country. For this reason, they promised to make it easy to send in personnel and materials. Rev. Harris commented that his heart was warmed by their need for medicine and our ability to provide it. This is a project in which many of our smaller churches could participate.

Theological Education

The next subject of discussion was presented by Rev. Osvaldo Hack, Board of Theological Education. He shared information on the Center for Post-graduate Study. With him were Rev. Folton N. da Silva and George A. Canelhas of the JMC Seminary.

Dr. Hess presented for consideration a document and letter from Dr. Andrew Jumper of St. Louis concerning the possibility of a Presbyterian Theological Graduate Center. The document is entitled "Proposed Recommendations to the Joint Committee on Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church". (See Attachment A.)

Rev. Hack indicated that their Board of Theological Education has the authority to regulate the content of courses of their six seminaries. Their main interest is to prepare teachers for their seminaries. The big problem is that there are few teachers with masters degrees in Brazil, and EPC offers scholarships only for the doctorates. They need scholarships for those who work on masters degrees as well, who could later work on doctorates. Otherwise, there will be a limited number of candidates for doctorates. The Center demands two important things: adequately prepared teachers and an infrastructure of courses.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened with Rev. Chequer opening with prayer.

Project Requests

Rev. Morais passed out a document entitled "Project Accord of Missionary Cooperation between EPC and IPB" (source?).

The IPB presented requests for the following places:

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| • Porto Nacional - TO. Construction of the chapel, house for the worker, and purchase of land | \$21,550 |
| • In Jurueña - MT, the need is for a house for the worker | \$10,500 |
| • In Grajau - MA the need is for a house | \$14,100 |

Dr. Hess stated that his group is authorized to commit a total of \$150,000, but that there might be a possibility of raising up to \$175,000 including everything. He asked for guidance from the IPB as to priorities.

Rev. Morais stated that there is a list of needed books for each seminary. In addition to books, the Campinas Seminary has requests other than raising funds. They have a need for a North American professor of New Testament exegesis. They have no monetary request because of this. Last year a list of books suggested for the seminaries was given. The list from Campinas is in addition to that list.

Young People Exchange Program

Another project presented by one of the presbyteries of the IPB, the Unido Presbytery in Sao Paulo, concerns an exchange program for young people. After a second and further discussion, the motion as amended was passed unanimously:

RESOLVED, THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS NOMINATE A COORDINATOR FOR THE IPB AND ANOTHER FOR THE EPC TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE TWO CHURCHES.

FURTHER RESOLVED, TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

The next item of discussion was in regard to who would serve as coordinators and who would draft the guidelines. Mr. Harris moved:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TWO CHAIRMEN BE APPOINTED TO DRAFT GUIDELINES.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next motion was that each commission select its coordinator. A vote was postponed till tomorrow.

The suggestion was that the chairmen work out the guidelines for the next JCM meeting, but that in the meantime we proceed with exchange programs.

Rev. Morais indicated that there was one major thing to work on for tomorrow, the Center for Graduate Studies. Meeting to convene at 8:00 a.m. with Dr. Hess moderating. Rev. Harris presented gifts of appreciation to the three Brazilian members of the commission, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 1991

The meeting of the Joint Committee on Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was continued on the morning of October 29, 1991, at the Hotel Metropolitan in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Dr. Hess opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from Ephesians 4:11ff.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

Young People Exchange Program - cont'd.

The first item of business was the appointment of a coordinator in Brazil and a coordinator in the USA. Dr. Hess announced that Lyn van der Harst will be the USA coordinator.

The IPB concluded that the coordinator for Brazil should be Rev. Ludgero B. Morais. The following motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED THAT MRS. LYN VAN DER HARST AND REV. LUDGERO MORAIS ARE APPROVED AS COORDINATORS OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

Financial

The next item of discussion was the receipt and use of funds from the EPC by the IPB. Elder Adivaldo Vargas, IPB Treasurer, said that the way the EPC participated in the work in different countries since 1989 has been helpful. Without the EPC, the IPB would not be able to carry on all of its work in other countries. There are two matters that concern him. One problem is the modest inflation of 30% per month in Brazil that may go up to 50% by December. In addition, the government confiscated some bank deposits. The Executive Committee of the General Assembly approves the budget of the IPB. Upon their approval, the items are automatically put into effect. It also happens that the goals of the Joint Committee are included in the budget of the IPB.

Another problem is related to the Board of Foreign Missions. Brazilian laws forbid the fulfillment of this foreign mission work. They are prohibited from sending their funds for foreign missions work. This makes the EPC funding for foreign missions even more important. There was a small problem this year. There were no funds to send to foreign mission workers for two months, and although they had the funds in Brazil, they could not send them. The IPB will send EPC a list of payments they need to send to foreign missionaries, so the the EPC will know what and when these workers need to be paid. Dr. Hess commented that the EPC really needs that kind of information. Dr. Read suggested that Elder Vargas send this information to Dr. Ed Davis of the EPC. Elder Vargas added that the problem was not only with respect to foreign missions, but with all of the US accounts.

Our Joint Commission has approved a mechanism of payment for the projects. Some of the money deposited in the USA is converted into Cruzeros in Brazil, for projects in Brazil and Paraguay. Some dollars stay in the account in the USA for European missions. Also, they cannot exchange Cruzeros into dollars in the USA. Dr. Read stated that all funds received by EPC for Brazil have been deposited in the IPB account. All of the funds received in October, November, and December will be deposited in January.

Rev. Moraes added that if the funds for the IPB that reach the treasury of the EPC stay there for several months, there is a strangulation of the missions account in Brazil. He appealed that as funds for IPB reach the EPC, they be transferred immediately to the IPB account so that the IPB can continue to pay its missionaries. Rev. Chequer stressed the importance of the EPC for its help with the IPB foreign missions work. The IPB receives fraternal, spiritual, and operational blessings from this help. The IPB was the first Protestant denomination in Brazil to have foreign missions work.

For several years there has been a problem with IPB foreign missions, since they can no longer transmit funds for foreign missions work. However, they still have a vision for the needs of the world and are sending missionaries. Five years ago, there were 2 missionaries, now 35 missionaries serve in 10 countries. There has been a profound change in missions work in the IPB in the last five years. This has been possible due to the grace of God and the cooperation of the EPC. Foreign missionaries are paid with funds deposited in the Detroit account, but only when there is money in the account. Dr. Hess indicated that the mechanics of funds transfer were handled by denominational headquarters. Dr. Read will communicate their concerns.

Theological Education (cont'd.)

The next item of business was a discussion of the proposed recommendations for the graduate center. Rev. Morais spoke on behalf of the IPB.

Line 39 on page 2, "The Center was formed as a joint enterprise of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the EPC in order to equip persons in advanced theological education both in Brazil and in the world."

We agree on Purpose.

We agree on Commitments.

On page 4, there was a question about "theocentric perspective" which simply means "God centered".

The next matter was a discussion of the proposed bylaws.

- **Article II - Purpose**

In Brazil, "professional" refers to secular, not religious development. He suggested substituting "vocational" in both Portuguese and English.

- **Article III - Doctrinal Standards**

Dr. Hess mentioned that in the USA, the Presbyterian Church (USA) appointed a Committee on Sexuality three years ago to make recommendations to its General Assembly. Those selected were from the most radical part of the denomination, with only one fourth of them historical evangelicals. When the report was circulated to the press in the spring, unbelievers and Roman Catholics read it. Presbyterians wanted to change the name of our church in embarrassment. The PC(USA) Committee recommended that there should be "justice-love" instead of the Scriptures. They said the Bible is superseded. Teenagers should enjoy "safe sex". Homosexuality and lesbianism were approved. They said that confirmed and practicing homosexuals should be ordained. So there was a great conflict in the PC(USA). The Presbyterian Church has been set back with irreparable damage, and so it was overwhelmingly defeated. At the same time, the damage was done, and the people making the recommendations are still in high standing in the denomination and are determined to succeed in the future. So the commitment of the Center to "the defense of the historic Christian faith and to the scriptural doctrine of the purity of the visible Church" is important, especially in the United States.

Rev. Morais commented that they have studied the contents of the proposal carefully, especially in relation to doctrinal standards. He said that what happened in the USA also reflected on the IPB in Brazil. The IPB was hurt by this when the papers in Brazil reported it. It shamed them profoundly. There was no space in Brazil for their voice to be heard. The statement in the paper is very encouraging to them as well. They think that the Center must defend the religious heritage that we received from our forefathers and that if it can't be, they don't want it.

Rev. Morais and others in a special committee of the General Assembly indicated that they had met with ministers from the PC(USA) who wanted to reestablish relations. One of these ministers said that there were many wonderful practicing Christians living in homosexual relationships in his church. This showed their group the great difficulty in reaching any agreement with the PC(USA). Rev. Mareno indicated that they had concluded there was total difference between the

IPB and the PC(USA) in attitudes. When IPB meets with the EPC, the language is the same - the Bible!

Rev. Chequer indicated that continued contact with PC(USA) has further divided rather than united them. The IPB doesn't want to be a stepping stone for heresy.

Dr. Hess asked where the seminarians now studying in the US will go when they return. The Center will be in the JMC Seminary.

Rev. Osvaldo Hack indicated that they had studied the paper and agree with the doctrinal stand and purpose.

They evaluated the document and want to study the aspects of administration more closely. The idea of a Board of Trustees does not fit in well with their Board of Theological Education and the Seminary. The Board of Theological Education is responsible for theological education in Brazil. This board will choose a coordinator for the post-graduate center. The Center must be related to a seminary, as they understand. It cannot be completely independent in its own administration. The IPB General Assembly decided that the Board could organize post-graduate courses and decide in which seminary to place the post-graduate center. According to the constitution of the IPB, only the General Assembly can organize and approve seminaries. If a post-graduate center is created without such a relationship, they would have to delay until 1994. The Board of Theological Education should create the Center under its authority.

Dr. Hess indicated that the EPC's concern is to have an ongoing presence as we have now, not to dictate or control. The EPC would like to provide professors from the US and to continue to support some Brazilian students for study in the US, but most of the education should occur in Brazil.

The IPB wishes to mesh their document with the EPC document. The important thing is the purposes, upon which we agree. It is also important for EPC to continue to help those with Masters degrees to earn their doctorates and to promise more opportunities for others to earn Masters on full scholarships. They also want to consider that the IPB will promise to make use of (place) and support those who obtain doctorates. Before they leave Brazil, students shall sign a commitment to return to Brazil and work for the IPB in the Center. Otherwise, Dr. Hess says their students might stay in the US or go elsewhere. Rev. Hack indicated that the IPB is committed to have a place to receive these men beginning in 1992. They also need to enlarge the library of the JMC Seminary.

Rev. Lopes said he believes that the Holy Spirit is directing the whole process. The purposes and doctrinal standards are theirs. Putting the documents together, the EPC part would come first, concerning the purpose of the Center, and the IPB portion should describe the organization of the Center. It looks as though each group working independently produced a part of the agreement, and harmonizing the two will be resolved as in the Jerusalem council, "it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us."

Rev. Harris asked Rev. Hack about the three students in the USA. Heber de Campos and Antonio Nascimento graduate in 1992. Dr. Hack indicated that he expected them to return and be professors in the Graduate Center. Those who have a doctorate will be responsible for the various disciplines in the Center. The North American professors being consulted now for the beginning of the course already know that they

will be substituted by Brazilians as soon as they are on hand. Dr. Kloster knows that Heber de Campos will replace him. Heber was his student in Brazil.

When they had the other post graduate course in Brazil, coordinated by Rev. Boanerges Ribeiro and Dr. George Van Groningen, those working on a masters in church history did not graduate. They have eight who have class credits but no thesis for their masters. One of their concerns is to bring in a Ph.D. in church history who can not only teach, but will help those eight men to complete their masters in church history so that they can go to the US and obtain doctorates in church history. Therefore, they request that they be able to send a few people who could get their masters and doctorates, since they have competent people already teaching in their seminaries, who were not able to get their masters degrees through no fault of their own.

- Article I

Rev. Morais directed attention to Article I concerning the name of the proposed Center. Dr. Chequer suggested the following motion which was moved and seconded by members of the JCM and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, MEETING UNDER THE LEADING OF GOD IN BELO HORIZONTE, RECOGNIZING THE LOVE THAT DR. JUMPER HAS FOR THE WORK OF BRAZIL, AND SECOND, RECOGNIZING THE GREAT HELP THAT DR. JUMPER HAS GIVEN IN THE FOUNDING OF THE CENTER IN BRAZIL, AND THIRD, RECOGNIZING THAT THE CENTER OF POST-GRADUATE STUDY HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED ON IN THE JMC SEMINARY, AND FOURTH CONSIDERING THAT GRATITUDE IS A NOBLE STATEMENT,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

FIRST, THAT THE CENTER OF GRADUATE CENTER BE GIVEN THE NAME OF DR. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, AND AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FUTURE AND,

SECOND, THAT THE IPB EXTEND AN INVITATION TO DR. JUMPER OR SOMEONE FROM HIS FAMILY FOR THE HONORING OF HIS NAME TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POST GRADUATE CENTER AND,

THIRD, THAT ARTICLE ONE OF THE BYLAWS SHALL READ:

THE NAME OF THIS AGENCY OF THE CHURCH IS THE REVEREND DR. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER CENTER OF POST GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

- Further Resolutions

The discussion continued with further motions concerning the Center. After discussion, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

FIRST, THAT THE CENTER BE LOCATED IN THE JMC SEMINARY.

SECOND, AGREED THAT THE EPC WILL CONTINUE TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE MASTERS DEGREES, AND THAT THE EPC LOOK INTO THE

POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTERS AND DOCTORAL DEGREES.

THIRD, IT IS HOPED THAT THE COOPERATION OF THE EPC IN THE UPDATING AND EXPANSION OF THE JMC LIBRARY WILL CONTINUE, CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR A SPECIALIZED LIBRARY FOR THE CENTER.

FOURTH, REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE IPB TO MAKE USE OF AND TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE A DOCTORAL DEGREE WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY EPC SCHOLARSHIPS.

FIFTH, SEND THE PROPOSAL OF THE EPC TO THE THEOLOGICAL BOARD FOR STUDY, AND TO SEND THE FINAL STUDY TO A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IPB.

Project Requests

Rev. Harris responded to the IPB askings on behalf of the EPC. He reported that the EPC members had met, prayed, and that they commit to the following askings for 1993, to be recommended to the churches for contribution:

National Missions

Porto Nacional - Temple Construction	\$32,900	
Porto Nacional - Church Hall	21,550	
Juruena - MT Clergy House	10,500	
Grajua - MA Clergy House	14,100	
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		\$79,050

Foreign Missions

Church	17,680	
Used Trucks	20,000	
Angola	15,000	
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		\$52,680

Seminary and Scholarships

Books	3,270	
Scholarships	40,000	
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		43,270

Total		<hr/>	\$175,000
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The EPC will encourage further giving over and above these amounts.

General Comments

The committee from IPB accepts and is grateful for the generosity and love of the EPC. They commit themselves to the wise use of these resources.

Rev. Chequer stated that the IPB is following the developments of this meeting with great expectation. The regions of Brazil have been informed of this meeting, and many brothers and sisters are praying for our meeting. From all that we have heard

and seen we are sure that these prayers are being answered. This meeting has made our relationship even more solid. He believes that there is a great future in our partnership and that the participation of the EPC with the IPB is extraordinary. Therefore he wants to recognize the efforts of the EPC in walking with the IPB in all of these projects for the growth of God's kingdom. May God bless you and may you always count on our friendship and cooperation.

Rev. Flannagan thanked the IPB and this committee for hospitality, grace, love and Christian friendship. "The IPB has received us into their church family, and as the EPC return to the US, we return with hearts overflowing and with excitement to tell our people how God is working in Brazil. The faithfulness of pastors, churches, and the IPB to the word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ is evident here."

Rev. Morais wished to honor Dr. Jumper and Dr. Flannagan by giving him the Brazilian flags on the table. He suggests that the American flags be given to Rev. Osvaldo Hack.

The minutes were reviewed and corrected, and they were approved as corrected.

Rev. Morais suggested that September would be a better month for them for the 1992 JCM meeting. Dr. Read said that September was not good for the EPC. He suggested that other dates be explored.

Since there was no additional business, the meeting adjourned with prayer, to meet next year in the United States.

Rev. Ludgero B. Morais, Chairman
Presbyterian Church of Brazil

Dr. Bartlett Hess, Chairman
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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att: Attachment A Proposed Recommendations to the JCM of the IPB and the EPC

REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Saturday, June 15, 1991

Executive Committee members Ed Davis, Andy Jumper, Jim Rimmel, and Dick Heidtman met at the General Assembly Office. At this time, they approved the signing of a purchase agreement with a buyer for the Urban Ministries Center, a church facility in Detroit owned by the denomination.

Following the adoption of the above recommendation, and in anticipation of the final sale, the Executive Committee adopted the following for consideration as a recommendation to the 11th General Assembly:

Recommended, "that the General Assembly establish an Ad Interim Committee to study the location of the Office of the General Assembly, and to review to the General Assembly no later than the Assembly of 1993 their recommendations for the location of the General Assembly Office for the near future and beyond."

In a phone conference convened at 2:00 p.m., the Committee on Administration reviewed the approved purchase agreement and considered the above recommendation. On motion, the recommendation was adopted. (Subsequently, the sale of the UMC by the referenced buyer did not materialize. UMC remained in EPC ownership.)

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The recommendation was referred to the standing Administration Committee, which in turn recommended the Assembly adopt it. No amendments were proposed. The standing committee stated the grounds for its adoption as follows: "The anticipated sale of Assembly property in the inner city of Detroit will make funds available in the future for a new Assembly headquarters. The demographics of our churches and presbyteries and other factors should be studied to determine the best location for the Assembly headquarters." (11th Assembly *Minutes*, p. 61)

Discussion of this recommendation by the commissioners was minimal. Questions centered around what criteria would be used to select members for the committee.

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Friday, April 10, 1992

From the Committee on Administration, the following letter was received by the committee:

"This will serve to advise the committee of certain relevant COA actions that clearly impact the General Assembly staff and their location, immediately and for the future. As you know, a part-time staff person, Donna Alberta, has been added for Women's Ministries and we have also employed a secretary to fill a newly created position for our Stated Clerk. These additions have clearly compounded an already crowded situation at the Five Mile Road office, though the staff seems to be adjusting well in spite of such.

However, with recent COA-approved recommendations for the Assembly to add both a national Youth Director and Church Development Director in 1993, a new location (temporary or permanent) appears to be absolutely necessary now.

In light of the recent and impending changes, and in conjunction with the sale of our Detroit property (the Urban Ministries Center), the COA respectfully requests the committee to expedite its studies and discussion concerning appropriate location of General Assembly offices, and if possible, report its findings to our forthcoming 12th General Assembly in Memphis."

ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA

The committee began its work by reviewing relocation efforts of the Special Committee on the Location of General Assembly Offices for the Presbyterian Church (USA), "Our Relocation Story" (The Wesleyan Church), and relocation data of the Free Methodist world headquarters (31st General Conference, 1989).

The extensive studies by these investigations helped clarify salient recurring criteria on which to base our recommendation. This had to be tempered by the fact that our denomination is only eleven years old, in its formative years, and that there is an existing international General Assembly Office and staff located in metropolitan Detroit.

I. Community Considerations

- Quality of life
- Educational, cultural, and recreational facilities
- Attractiveness to racial/ethnic persons
- Available and affordable housing for rent, lease, or purchase
- Attractiveness to career-oriented staff
- Employment possibilities for other members of family
- Cost of living
- Presence of diverse religious community
- Adequate EPC churches for support efforts

II. Services

- Adequate air and surface transportation
- Financial center
- Media and communication hub
- Lodging facilities

III. Mission

- Mission facilitation
- Resourcing and communication with our governing bodies

IV. Human Resources

- Minimize disruption to current employees
- Availability of racial/ethnic persons in the employment pool
- Availability of qualified and qualifiable work force
- Availability of pre-employment training

V. Financial Considerations

- Employment costs
- Office occupancy costs
- Travel costs (intercity and international)
- Moderately priced accommodations for meetings and conferences
- Experience with lodging provisions in local church homes

SOLICITATION FOR INPUT FROM ALL CHURCHES

Saturday, April 15, 1992

The prayerful input of all Sessions was requested by letter to assure that the criteria were complete, and that we were all seeking together the proper direction for location. The response time was short; however, twelve Sessions and one Clerk of Presbytery have reported by letter, ten of whom stated their desire to have the General Assembly Office near their own geographic area.

The personal encouragement and general countenance of the replies demonstrated great unity in the body. The input was helpful in sharpening the focus of the committee and strengthening the criteria.

Four specific cities meet all the criteria at this time:

- * Charlotte, North Carolina
- * Denver, Colorado
- * Detroit, Michigan
- * St. Louis, Missouri

While all these cities met the criteria as excellent potential sites for the General Assembly Office, the exemplary job done by the Detroit area churches and GA Office staff led the committee to find no reason to recommend a move from the present area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Office of the General Assembly shall be located in a western suburb of Detroit, providing for the present with adequate expansion available for future needs. The needs of and services to the individual churches shall continue to be monitored to determine any major shifts in location criteria.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Boore, Chairman
Location Study Committee
June, 1992

MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ministerial Vocation Committee met at the General Assembly Office in Detroit on September 13-14, 1991 and on May 1-2, 1992. The Presbytery Ministerial Committee chairman participated in a workshop with the Committee at its September meeting. Business conducted at the meetings of the Ministerial Vocation Committee is summarized in the following outline.

I. Subcommittee on Chaplaincy

The committee has given ecclesiastical approval to Jesse C. Vega for the U.S. Navy Chaplain Candidate Program. The Reverend Claude "Doug" Overall, chaplain, Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado has been added as a member of the Subcommittee on Chaplaincy. The chairman of the Subcommittee, Rev. Lester Felker, reported that the EPC now has two chaplains in the Navy, two in the Air Force, but none in the Army. However, we hope soon to add two active duty chaplains in the Army. Note the reports of the Subcommittee, the annual report and status report, along with the EPC military roster following this report.

II. Personnel Matters

A. Update on Candidates Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP)

1. **Doyle Baynard** of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery continues a two-year program offered by Erskine Seminary with the goal of completing an M.Div. degree. **Don Jabaay** of the Midwest Presbytery is studying at Reformed Bible Institute at Grand Rapids to fulfill his requirements. **Pat Kendall** has his work approved by our committee and his presbytery should proceed with examinations for him. **Don Ashe** has been referred to this committee from the Far West Presbytery and study is being made about his candidacy.

B. New Theology and Sacraments Examination

The Committee reviewed the examinations which have been developed and approved by the Theology Committee.

C. Recommended Reading List for Candidates

In consultation with the Theology Committee we recommend that we compose an appropriate reading list for persons approaching ordination examinations. Particular focus shall be placed on the areas of theology and sacraments, the Reformed tradition, and the Reformed office of Minister of the Word.

D. Opportunity List

The lists for churches seeking pastors and ministers available were reviewed. The Committee approved the requirement that non-EPC pastors submit up-to-date information on their current status every six months and that EPC pastors would submit an annual report on their current status.

E. Presbytery Candidates

The Committee reviewed the list of candidates under care of the presbyteries as of December 31, 1991. The Committee discussed the need to keep the list up-to-date, to be apprised of the candidate's completion of seminary and the date of such completion.

III. Planning

A. Update Changes in *The Book of Order*

By unanimous vote, the Committee approved recommending several changes in *The Book of Order*. These follow at the end of the report as recommendations to the General Assembly.

B. Procedural Manual Development

The new Procedural Manual for Ministerial Committees and the Candidates Manual were reviewed and merged into one manual. The new Procedural Manual will be used by Ministerial, Candidates, and Search Committees, and clearly cites the areas of authority. A joint meeting of the committee and chairmen of the presbytery Ministerial Committees is scheduled for the fall to review and consider the new Procedural Manual. Committee members will study the new Manual, submit suggested changes to John Plag by July 1.

C. Regional Pastor/Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

The Committee discussed the request of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery to create a position of Regional Pastor whose function would be "to be a pastor to pastors by encouraging and counseling them through visits, telephone contacts, letters, etc." The Committee has considered this program in past meetings, and both the present and past Moderators of the General Assembly have expressed a strong need for the Regional Pastor Program. The Committee recommends that the Ministerial Vocation Committee participate in a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in a pilot program to provide a Regional Pastor for that presbytery, and request from the General Assembly \$5,000 for use in the program and approval of the project by the Assembly.

D. 1992 Face to Face

Since the procedure used in the Face-to-Face Program last year was successful, this same program will be conducted similarly at the 1992 General Assembly.

E. 1993 General Assembly

Dr. and Mrs. Archibald Hart will be coming to the 13th General Assembly in Denver to conduct a pre-Assembly seminar on "Coping With Stress" for ministers and their spouses.

F. 1993 Young Ministers' Banquet

The Committee recommends an evening banquet be held for young ministers and their spouses with Dr. Hart as their speaker. The banquet is to be funded from monies set aside, but not used, for such a conference originally scheduled for 1991.

IV. Statement of thanks

Many thanks to members of the Committee: Rev. Les Felker, Rev. Michael Winship, Ruling Elder Tom Brasington, Ruling Elder John Plag, and Ruling Elder Billy Primm; also thanks to Stated Clerk Edward Davis, Executive Assistant Marilyn Bartel, and Examination Graders William Moore and Tony DeOrio.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That *The Book of Government*, Section 10-3C, be amended by
 - 1) inserting the following after the second sentence "An evangelist called as a Missionary shall always have as his primary duty the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ." and
 - 2) at the beginning of the third sentence, delete "When a Presbytery calls a Minister as Evangelist" and insert instead "When a Presbytery calls an Evangelist as Church Planter."

Grounds: Committee sensed the need to add the category of missionary among the callings of an evangelist. It also believes that the missionary's primary task is to share the Gospel. Committee recommends deletion of the beginning of said sentence in order to introduce the category of church planter.

2. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-5, be amended by deleting the words "or like" from the first sentence so that the sentence will read "When a particular church desires to call a minister as Pastor, the following procedure shall be followed:"

Grounds: Deleting the words "or like" eliminates any ambiguity and defines the procedure in a very precise manner.

3. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-5D, be amended by substituting the existing sentence with the following: "The Search Committee shall notify the Church Session in writing and the Church Session shall call a congregational meeting."

Grounds: By requiring notification in writing, confusion between the Search Committee and Church Session should be eliminated.

4. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-5E, be amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "on the recommendations of the Search Committee" so that the sentence reads: "The congregation shall conduct a counted vote in a fashion it deems appropriate."

Grounds: Committee recommends deletion of the phrase "on the recommendation of the Search Committee" so that it is clear that the congregation alone conducts the vote in a fashion it deems appropriate.

5. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-8B, be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The Interim Supply may be appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the Church Session during the time of service."

Grounds: Committee felt that it may at times be appropriate for an Interim Supply to moderate the Church Session during such person's time of service.

6. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-9, be deleted as written and substituted with the following: "A call may be placed in the hands of a Minister only by the Presbytery to which that person is being called. The Presbytery shall first determine that the call is in order and that the person is suitable for that situation. When both are

approved, the Presbytery shall determine if the person being called accepts the call and if that person's Presbytery shall place the call in that person's hand. Presbytery shall appoint a commission to proceed with ordination, where necessary, and installation."

Grounds: Confusion has been expressed as to the procedure to be followed in calling a pastor. The goal of the rewritten section is to make as clear as possible the steps of the procedure for a pastor to receive a call from a presbytery.

7. That *The Book of Government*, Section 11-10, be amended by deleting the entire sentence and rewriting it as follows: "In the event the Minister being called is from some other Presbytery or other church body, the receiving Presbytery shall not enroll that person without a valid call."

Grounds: The rewritten section is meant to clarify the conditions under which the receiving presbytery may enroll a minister, i.e., only with a valid call.

8. That *The Book of Government*, Section 15-2, be amended by deleting the word "Ordinarily" at the beginning of the second sentence so that the sentence reads: "A congregational meeting shall be duly called and the congregation requested to concur with the Pastor in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship."

Grounds: The word "ordinarily" is not necessary in this instance, and causes confusion by indicating that other options are available, but not describing them.

9. That *The Book of Government*, Section 16-27A.9, be amended by adding after the words "The Committee" the words "or a Presbytery designated alternate committee" so that the sentence reads: "The Committee, or a Presbytery designated alternate committee, shall consult with particular churches receiving aid from Presbytery and shall make recommendations to the Presbytery concerning that aid."

Grounds: By adding the phrase "or a Presbytery designated alternate committee," consultation with the Church Development Committee is supported for its recommendations concerning aid-receiving churches.

10. That the General Assembly participate in a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in a pilot program to provide a Regional Pastor for that Presbytery and that the Assembly approve \$5,000 to be used to help fund the program
11. That the Assembly approve the compilation of a recommended reading list for persons approaching ordination examinations with particular focus on the areas of theology and sacraments, the Reformed tradition, and the Reformed office of Minister of the Word. Such to be compiled with assistance of the Theology Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Brown

Malcolm Brown, Chairman
Ministerial Vocation Committee

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES

Annual Report

May 5, 1992

The Subcommittee on Chaplain Activities of the Ministerial Vocation Committee consisting of the Reverend Lester G. Felker, the Reverend Darryl E. Sparling, and the Reverend C. Douglas Overall met five times since the 11th General Assembly. Dr. Joseph E. Hubbard resigned from the subcommittee in a letter dated July 2, 1991. He was replaced by Rev. Overall, a hospital chaplain serving at Denver General Hospital. Regular quarterly meetings were held September 5, 1991, December 19, 1991, and March 24, 1992. A fourth regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 1992. A special meeting was held on April 11, 1992. Minutes of all meetings were sent to MVC, EPC, all subcommittee members and EAD, Reserve/Guard and CAP chaplains.

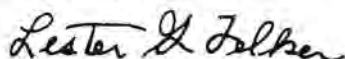
The Ministerial Vocation Committee at its September 13-14, 1991 meeting authorized Rev. Felker to select/appoint two new members including a hospital/institutional chaplain to serve on the Subcommittee on Chaplain Activities.

I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Commission on Chaplains, National Association of Evangelicals on December 2, 1991; the annual meeting of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) on December 3-4, 1991, and the annual meeting of the Endorsers Conferences for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (ECVAC) on December 5, 1991, all in Washington, DC. I also attended the semi-annual meeting of the COC/NAE held in conjunction with the 50th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, held in Chicago, Illinois on March 2-5, 1992.

Information and correspondence from the three military service components were sent or forwarded to me for advice or processing. I responded to several telephone and mail inquiries regarding the active duty, Reserve or Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and institutional chaplaincy.

I invited each of our ten chaplains to attend the 12th General Assembly. We currently have four chaplains in extended active duty (EAD), two U.S. Air Force and two U.S. Navy; five Reserve/Guard Chaplains, two U.S. Army Reserve and three U.S. Army National Guard, and one Civil Air Patrol chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,



Les G. Felker, Chairman
Subcommittee on Chaplain Activities
Ministerial Vocation Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Attachments: Status Report
 Current Roster

STATUS REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church has the following chaplains serving in the respective military components:

ACTIVE DUTY:

US Air Force: Chaplain, Major Steven E. Barrett
323 ABG/HC
Mather AFB CA 95655-5000

Chaplain, Captain, Mark S. Ingles
2854 ABG/HC
Tinker AFB, OK 73145-5000

US Navy: Chaplain Ronald F. Meyer, Lt. Commander
MCCDC, Room 112, LeJeune Hall
Quantico, VA 22134-5001

Chaplain M. Bradley Yorton, Lt.
MCCDC, Room 112, LeJeune Hall
Quantico, VA 22134-5001

US Army: none

RESERVE/GUARD

US Air Force: none

US Navy: none

US Army: Dr. Walter R. Case, Jr.,
Rev. Thomas L. Musselman
Dr. Douglas McCready
Dr. Ronald A. Crews
Rev. Robert E. Ralston

CIVIL AIR PATROL Dr. Robert G. Balnicky

Respectfully submitted,



Lester G. Felker
Subcommittee on Chaplain Activities
Ministerial Vocation Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

May 5, 1992

EPC MILITARY CHAPLAINS ROSTER

As of May 5, 1992

ACTIVE DUTY:

1. **BARRETT, Steven E.**
 Military Address: MAJ, U.S. Air Force
 323 ABG/HC
 Mather AFB, CA 95665-5000
 Phone: Autovon 828-4611
 Commercial: 916/364-4611/12/13

 Residence Address: 8158 Scottsdale Drive
 Sacramento, CA 95828
 Phone: 916/682-5138
2. **MEYER, Ronald F.**
 Military Address: LT, Commander, U.S. Navy
 Chapel Pastor
 MCCDC
 Room 112, LeJeune Hall
 Quantico, VA 22134-5001
 Phone: Commercial 703/640-2518

 Residence Address: 14710 Rabbit Run Court
 Centreville, VA 22020
 703/830-7131
3. **YORTON, M. Bradley**
 Military Address: LT, U.S. Navy, MCCDC
 Room 112, LeJeune Hall
 Quantico, VA 22134-5001
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 Residence Address: Quarters 4204 B, MCCDC
 Quantico, VA 22134
 Phone: 703/221-6400
4. **INGLES, Mark S.**
 Military Address: CAPT, U.S. Air Force
 2854 ABG/HC
 Tinker AFB, OK 73145-5000
 Phone: Commercial 405/734-2111

 Residence Address: PO Box 45813
 Tinker AFB, OK 73145-5000
 Phone: 405/672-9118

RESERVE/GUARD

1. **CASE, W. Ronald, Sr.**
 Residence Address: LTC, U. S. Army Reserve
 3437 Fairhaven Road
 Rock Hill, SC 29730
 Phone: 803/366-9590/6345
 Military Unit: Fort Bragg Army Hospital
 Fort Bragg, NC

2. **CREWS, Ronald A.**
 Residence Address: MAJ, Army National Guard
 944 Millbrook Court
 Tucker, GA 30084
 Phone: 404/934-9865 (h)
 404/451-2038 (o)
 Military Unit: HHD, GA ARNG
 Atlanta, GA

3. **MCCREADY, Douglas**
 Residence Address: MAJ, Army National Guard
 1333 Rothley Avenue
 Roslyn, PA 19001
 Phone: 215/884-9428
 Military Unit: HQ, 28th Infantry Division
 Artillery
 Hershey, PA

4. **MUSSELMAN, Thomas L.**
 Residence Address: MAJ, Army National Guard
 951 Arlington Drive
 Tucker, GA 30084
 404/938-2823
 Military Unit: H & HS 151 MI BN
 Dobbins AFB, GA

5. **RALSTON, Robert E.**
 Residence Address: CPT, U.S. Army Reserve
 13991 E. Oxford Place
 Aurora, CO 80014
 Phone: Home: 303/693-5739
 Office: 303/364-7271
 Military Unit: 5502 Aug H, FAMC
 Aurora, CO

CIVIL AIR PATROL

1. **BALNICKY, Robert G.**
 Residence Address: LTC, CAP
 14080 Marguerite Drive
 Madeira Beach, FL 33708
 Phone: 813/397-2385
 Military Unit: Deputy Chaplain
 Southeast Region
 Civil Air Patrol

MODERATOR'S REPORT

This year as Moderator has been a blessed and challenging experience for me. I am genuinely grateful for having the opportunity to observe, from many different perspectives, the work of our Lord in and through the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

APPENDICES

As I expressed at the 11th General Assembly, I sincerely regret that each of you could not travel with me as I visited the various members of our EPC family. I have attended meetings of six of our presbyteries, including the Presbytery of St. Andrews in Argentina. I experienced the gracious hospitality and koinonia in this particular part of the body of Christ, from Virginia Beach on the East Coast to Los Angeles on the West Coast; and from Puerto Rico to the south to Chicago in the Midwest. I witnessed ministries to the teeming throngs of people in Buenos Aires, Argentina and San Paulo, Brazil. I have worshiped and rejoiced with the pastors and congregations meeting in magnificently constructed air-conditioned buildings with beautiful stained glass windows and pipe organs mastered by professional, trained musicians. On the other hand, I worshiped and rejoiced with pastors and congregations meeting in simply constructed, windowless, hot and humid facilities where the only breeze was caused by the pigeons as they flew through the open-air tent sanctuary while the people sang glorious praises to our Lord with accompaniment by volunteers playing steel drums and guitars.

As I stood in those unbelievably diverse surroundings, I was almost overwhelmed by the realization that Almighty God was being worshiped and pleased in all these circumstances. I realized, with a new awareness, that God loves every single person whom I saw.

The emotional impact of this year as Moderator has vacillated from event to event: the joyful atmosphere of celebration as our Stated Clerk received an honorary doctorate degree from King College; the deep sadness of my heart as I have witnessed the physical deterioration of Dr. Jumper; the exuberant praise for the improved health of our first grandchild, born one month prematurely; and the mixture of emotions woven into the move from Westminster Church to become the pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia.

An area which reflects the possibility of very positive potential is our initial contact with some pastors in Puerto Rico. In January I responded to the invitation extended by a number of Presbyterian pastors and visited them in San Juan. The purpose of this visit was to determine the possibilities of a cooperative relationship between these pastors and the EPC. It does seem evident that the Lord is continuing to encourage our denomination to establish very viable relationships with Spanish-speaking ministries.

My visits to the respective presbyteries and worship experiences with local congregations have been a real source of encouragement to me. Joyce and I have enjoyed the development of a very beneficial relationship with EPC students at Reformed and Fuller Seminaries. It is evident these students experience a genuine sense of neglect and isolation in their relationships with local congregations, presbyteries, and the General Assembly. I encourage the Ministerial Committees to accept responsibility and assert energy to assure that these students are included in correspondence and fellowship. A serious issue which we must address is that of where to place these students upon their graduation from seminary.

An observation of encouragement for me is the evident maturity occurring in some of our presbyteries. This maturation process is evident in the manner in which the administration of church business is conducted, the significance placed on relationships within the presbytery, and an improvement in attitude which acknowledges the importance of the connectional nature of our church government.

I have desired to maintain correspondence with EPC pastors by praying for each pastor daily, notifying each man by personal prayer card that he has been thought of and prayed for.

The two primary **areas of encouragement** which I continue to witness across our denomination are our **unity within our diversity** and the **evident maturation of our denomination**.

There are two specific **areas of concern** which I feel we need to address soon: **the lack of commitment to, and acceptance of, responsibility for our denominational goals and ministries, and the tension between those who desire to express a more charismatic persuasion and those who prefer a more traditional persuasion.**

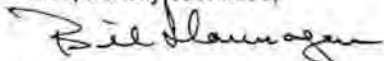
This has been a good year! Let us not forget that we are a young denomination and as we grow together we are also maturing together. Just as a young plant, a young person, a young nation does not immediately become fully grown and mature, in the same manner, a young denomination grows and matures slowly. God has been abundantly gracious to us. He has blessed the prayers, labors, and patience of the many faithful members of the EPC.

I am sincerely grateful unto the Lord for the privilege and opportunity to be a part of this new avenue of Presbyterianism. I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity I have had to represent the EPC this past year. I express my personal gratitude to our Stated Clerk and the General Assembly Office staff for their support, encouragement and assistance during this year. I extend a special expression of gratitude and appreciation to Marilyn Bartel for her assistance and support.

I began my acceptance comments in June, 1991, by thanking our Lord for His grace, forgiveness and love. I continue my eternal gratitude for such marvelous grace. I also thank you, the faithful and beloved members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for your trust and confidence by providing me with this opportunity for service and ministry. I continue to be sincerely appreciative for your prayers and support. I also took a moment then to express my thanks to my beloved wife, Joyce. I reiterate now, as I did then, that her love, support, prayers, and encouragement have been, and continue to be, a constant source of strength and stability for me.

May the Lord bless and keep you. May He continue His blessing and directions for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,



William M. Flannagan, Moderator
11th General Assembly

June, 1992

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met on May 18-19, 1992 in preparation for the 12th General Assembly. Members present were TE Willard Davis, RE Bill Johns, RE Carl Hassel, TE Lee Kizer, RE Zelda Artz, TE Hugh Gowman, TE James Brown, Jr., RE Dexter Kuhlman, and Chairman RE Buck Russell.

The Committee moved to place in nomination for **Moderator** the name of John C. Adamson, Ruling Elder at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis Tennessee.

The Committee approved a slate to nominate to the Assembly for the vacancies of the **permanent committees** of the Assembly:

Committee on Administration:

Class of 1995: RE Bill Shirey (East)
TE George Woodcock (Midwest)

Committee on Christian Education and Publications

Class of 1995: RE Carolyn Nystrom (Mid-America)
TE Bob Bayley (Mid-America)
Class of 1994: RE Mary Alice Keller (East)
(to fill unexpired term)

Committee on Church Development

Class of 1995: RE Bob Newell (East)
RE Jerry Thompson (Mid-Atlantic)
TE Lee Kizer (Mid-Atlantic)

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Class of 1995: RE Paul Heidebrecht (Mid-America)
TE Charles Wickman (Far West)
Class of 1993: RE Horace Heafner (East)
(to fill unexpired term of
moderatorial nominee)

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Class of 1995: RE William Primm (Southeast)
TE Michael Winship (East)

Board of Pension and Benefits

Class of 1995: RE Robert Lee (West)
RE Harold Hegel (Mid-America)

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 1995: RE Elden Brieschke (Midwest)
RE James Wall (Mid-Atlantic)
TE Ron DiNunzio (Florida)

Committee on Theology

Class of 1995:

RE Philip Tiews (Midwest)

TE J. Richard de Witt (Central South)

Committee on Women's Ministries

Class of 1995:

Sandra Milis (Midwest)

Margaret Smith (East)

Evelyn Wilson (Mid-Atlantic)

Class of 1993:

(to fill unexpired term of
committee member)**Committee on World Outreach**

Class of 1995:

RE Jim Foote (Midwest)

TE Sam Rowen (Central South)

RE Arnold Lindseth (Central South)

Committee on Youth Ministries

Class of 1995:

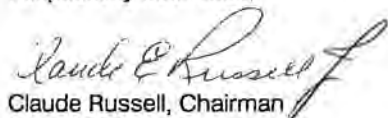
Brett Spiegelman (Central South)

TE Gary Koerth (Allegheny)

The Committee assigned to the **standing committees** of the Assembly those commissioners whose registrations had been received to date. The lists of those assignments follow this report.

The Committee will reconvene in Memphis on Thursday evening, June 25 to complete standing committee assignments for commissioners registering after May 19.

Respectfully submitted,



Claude Russell, Chairman
June, 1992

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

RE Greg Middlemis, Chairman	RE Les Williams (Laurel, MS)
RE Wes Bailey, Jr.	RE Ginger Wilson
RE Hugh Burnes	RE Robert Young
RE Joe Hallenbeck	TE Tony DeOrio
RE Bill Johnson	TE Jacob Eige
RE Clarold Morgan	TE James Emery
RE Charles Overstreet	TE Bill Flannagan, Resource
RE David Perry	TE Dan Lachich
RE Jim Rimmel, Resource	TE Jim Letizia
RE Irv Rinehart	TE Harold K. Polk, Jr
RE Sam Searcy	TE Ron Read
RE Donald Sedergran	TE Tom Ryan
RE Alan Shaffer	TE Richard Schussler
RE Gilbert Slaughter	TE Michael Swain
RE Gerald Smith	TE James Tollett
RE Hugh Smith	TE Bill Vogler
RE Vernon Vossler	TE Douglas Webster

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Ronald DiNunzio, Chairman	TE Bob Bayley
RE Henry Blalock, Jr.	TE Daniel Berry
RE Wilton Hazelwood	TE Ken Burbridge
RE Earl Runcan	TE Jim Glasgow
RE Lynn van der Harst	TE David Howard
RE Hubert Voltz	TE Gary Koerth
RE Russ Wing	TE Bill McCutchen, Jr.
RE Glenda Wolfe	TE Ron Sadlow, Resource
TE David Baer	TE Paul Swets

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TE Sam Harris, Chairman	RE Knox H. Sherer
RE Bruce Brede	RE Thomas Sides
RE J. Robert Brown	RE Barry Smith
RE Michael Buquet	RE Jesse Williams
RE Margaret Carter	TE Howard Chadwick
RE Joe Evans	TE Jeff Chadwick
RE Robert Hanpeter	TE Frank Costenbader
RE Dick Heidtman	TE Lanier Ellis
RE Art Kaufmann	TE Wayne Hoffman
RE Abram Norton	TE Wally Hostetter
RE William Raich	TE David Howard
RE Vern Robinson	TE Doug Klein, Resource
RE Charles Scott	TE David Kubal
TE Ian Lamont	

TE Ian Leslie
TE Tom Melton
TE Perry Mobley

TE W.T. Permenter
TE Doug Murphy
TE William Solomon, Resource
TE Hugh White

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RE Charles Moore, Chairman
RE Charles Blackstock
RE Robert Clemons, Sr.
RE Ed Cobleigh
RE Frank Frazier
RE Bill Holmes
RE Milton Knowlton
RE Joe Meller
RE Robert Moore
RE Colleen Rinehart
RE James Russell
RE Chuck Spencer
RE Rey Thomason
RE James Wall
RE James Werkhoven
RE Charles Wilson

TE Nate Atwood
TE Mark Brewer, Resource
TE Robert Butler
TE David Chadwick
TE David Elliott
TE Calvin Gray
TE Steve Jones
TE David Massimi
TE Robert Norris, Resource
TE Ron Odum
TE Rupert Pickett
TE Peter Preiser
TE Joe Renfro
TE Paul Rettew
TE James Van Dyke

MEMORIALS & APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

RE Frances Wall, Chairman

RE Joseph Truman

MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

TE William Moore, Chairman
RE Freddie Berk
RE Jack Boran
RE Doug Calhoun
RE Howard Cleveland
RE Dave Cretella
RE Gary Fields
RE Frank Fourmy
TE Don Galardi
RE Connie Jennings
RE Allen Machesney
RE William Nelson
RE Allen Roes
RE Michael Schulte
TE Ron Thibeault
RE Hal Uzzell
TE Ebenezer Afful

TE Malcolm Brown, Resource
TE George Callahan
TE Robert Camenisch
TE Ron Crews
TE Neil Ellison
TE Don Galardi
TE Kurt Gebhard
TE David Hadden
TE Dave Herbertson
TE Mark Ingles
TE David Keyser
TE Phil Muir
TE Randall Pannell
TE Richard Little
TE Rick Slate
TE Graham Smith
TE Mike Winship, Resource

OVERTURES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RE William Shirey, Chairman	RE Merle Speer
RE Tom Brasington	RE David Williams
RE Roger Chandler	TE Larry Bein
RE Graham Christian	TE Phillip Burch
RE Roger Derkson	TE Ellis Deibler
RE Paul Heidebrecht	TE Bob Garment
RE Daryle Getting	TE Bob Horel
RE Lawrence Jensen	TE Chris Kiepe
RE Barbara Miller	TE Woody Johnson
RE Robert O'Brien	TE Travis Martin
RE Phil Pelli	TE Tim Mindling
RE Vern Porter	TE David Moncla
RE Winn Rash	TE Paul Moon
RE Robert Rash	TE Kenneth Murray
RE Joe Schluchter	TE James Thyne
RE Felix Sharpe	TE Brad Yorton

PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE

TE Robert Allen, Jr., Chairman	RE Ken Roberts
RE Harry Baird	RE Ray Sawmiller
RE Bob Bole	TE Donald Fortson, III
RE Pat Brown	TE Bill Hyer
RE Earl Clark	TE David Hughes
RE Sam Cooke	TE Jim Martin
RE Norman Cox	TE Richard Overton
RE Chester Feagin	TE Craig Strickland
RE John Matchett	TE Bob Wilbur
RE Loyal Mitchell	TE George Woodcock
RE Don Phillips	

THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

TE Ronald Ragon, Chairman	RE Phil Tiews, Resource
RE Bill Barnes	TE Percy Burns
RE Frank Brown	TE James Coleman
RE Fitz Caudle	TE Dick de Witt, Resource
RE Wright Cox	TE Robert Harvey
RE James Green	TE Art Hunt
RE Joe Haslwanter	TE Paul Husband
RE Jon Housholder	TE Jeff Jeremiah
RE Chuck King	TE Paul Johnson
RE Don Kress	TE Ed McCallum
RE Paul Moore	TE David McLean
RE Allen O'Brien	TE Rick Montroy
RE Rexford Pike	TE Julian Reese
RE June Reagan	TE Robert Schlismann
RE Robert Sentell	TE Tom Shoger
RE Charles Stokes	TE Bruce Spear

TE John Tomlinson
TE Doug Van Gaalen

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

RE Grace Jarvis, Chairman	RE Perry Spell
RE Nick Alfonso	RE Joe Skinner
RE Jan Bole	RE Larry Swinson
RE Denson Broadfoot	RE Marcus Taylor
RE Ramona Chadwick	RE June Thomason
RE Rennie Chandler	RE Ruth York
RE Gordon Crye	TE Bob Newby
RE Sandra Garaut	TE Paul Westberh
RE Charles Hoppe	TE Jack Maxwell
RE James McCormick	

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

TE Charles Wickman, Chairman	RE Jerry Yeargren
RE Bill Blackley	TE Clay Barnes
RE Ross Collins	TE Robert Barrett
RE Keith Finley, Resource	TE Robert Bayles
RE Bill Goessling	TE Clyde Bowie
RE Lillian Gough	TE Aldo Fontao
RE Harold Hegel	TE Don Giesmann, Resource
RE Joel Hillyard	TE Danny Gilbert
RE John Hobbs	TE Charles Hammett
RE Rex Hoffman	TE Andrew Jackson
RE Arnold Lindseth	TE Steve Johnson
RE James Mindling	TE Mark Hudson
RE Ann Norton	TE Jim Killgore
RE Don Osborne	TE James McGuire
RE Keith Parkhill	TE Mark Moore
RE F. Roy Price	TE Ed Randal
RE David Shira	TE Rocky Thompson
RE Kenneth St. Onge	TE Brian Tweedie

YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

TE Chris Gibson, Chairman	RE John Stone
RE Robert Barnhart	TE Steve Andrews
RE Richard Bowman	TE Rocky Anthony
RE Mark Coleman	TE Ed Davis
RE James Gatlin	TE Robbie Fischer
RE Dan Jackson	TE Clifton King
RE Don Long	TE Eli Morris
RE Harry Lovelace	TE Rhett Payne, Resource
RE Fred McDonald	TE Ron Pierce
RE Bill Overcast	TE John Splinter
RE Harry Patterson	TE N. Kirk Werner
RE C. Rowe Rhett	TE Steve Wilkinson, Resource

TE Richard Adelman
TE David Anderson
TE Don Fortson
TE William Gainey

BOARD OF REFERENCE

TE Bill McCaskill
TE Dick Robinson
TE Don Van Dyke
TE George Wood

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The Permanent Judicial Commission met beginning at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24 through Thursday, June 25, 1992 at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Chris Small led the group in a short devotional and a time of prayer.

Present: Elden Brieschke, Ed Davis, Frank Johnson, Frank Sanders, Vern Schneider, Chris Small, Moderator, Stan Stancliff, and Bob Stauffer.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Referred items
2. Working relationship between the PJC and the business of the Assembly.
3. Subcommittee on Constitutional Review
4. PJC schedule
5. Review of last year's minutes
6. Items from Stated Clerk (advice and consent)
7. Overture 92-G
8. Election of moderator and clerk

Commission considered the actions taken at our last General Assembly. The attached document is a revision of those minutes dated June 24-26, 1991.

Ed Davis discussed the relationship between the PJC and the General Assembly. Section G.16-27B.2 was under particular scrutiny.

General Assembly will function in the following manner in regard to its interface with the PJC. The Stated Clerk will instruct the standing committee chairmen in the following manner:

1. The PJC will complete the written report before the commencement of the General Assembly. The report will include specific recommendations on amendments to the constitution.
2. The PJC recommendations for each committee will be highlighted and given to the appropriate standing committee chairmen.
3. The standing committee chairmen will be instructed by the Stated Clerk to include the report of the PJC in their reports to the General Assembly.
4. The Stated Clerk will instruct the standing committee chairmen to confer with the moderator of the PJC concerning any material changes that the standing committee may make to a recommendation that has been referred to their standing committee.

REFERRED ITEMS:

1. **Overture 92-B** (p. 20):

Recommendation: That the first sentence of the *Book of Government*, 16-17, be changed to read: "The Presbytery shall hold stated meetings at least three times per year."

Rationale:

The Presbytery of the West correctly points out that a disagreement between the *Book of Government*, 16-17, and *Rules for Assembly*, 8-11, which specify the minimum num-

ber of times per year that a presbytery must meet.

2. *Rules for Assembly*, 8-11, 7a states, "...Presbytery must meet at least three times per year."
3. *Book of Government*, 16-17, states, "The presbytery shall hold stated meetings at least twice a year."

2. Overture 92-C (p. 20): The PJC finds this overture to be clear, consistent and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

3. Overture 92-D (p. 20): The PJC finds this overture to be clear, consistent and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

Further, the PJC recommends that the first two sentences of this overture be added to Section 16-27A and be numbered "13."

Rationale: The placement of these sentences here is also consistent with the responsibilities of the Ministerial Committee listed in 16-27A.

4. Overture 92-A (p. 19): The PJC finds this overture to be consistent and compatible with our constitution. However, we find that this overture lacks sufficient clarity with other provisions of our constitution.

5. Recommendation #13 (p. 24): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of our constitution.

However, the PJC feels that it would be appropriate for a future body to consider developing separate categories of calling for the missionary and the church planter within Chapter 10-3.

6. Recommendation #14: The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

7. Recommendation #15 (p. 24): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

8. Recommendation #16 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

9. Recommendation #17 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

10. Recommendation #18 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be unclear, and recommends the following as a substitute:

- 11-9: A call may be placed in the hands of a Minister or Candidate only by the Presbytery to which that person is being called. If the calling Presbytery determines that the call is in order, that the person is suitable for the position, that the good of the whole church shall be served, and that the Minister or Candidate being called accepts the call, it shall inform the Minister or Candidate of its approval and proceed to place the call in the hands of said Minister or Candidate. The

calling Presbytery shall appoint a commission to proceed with ordination or installation, whichever is appropriate. The dismissing Presbytery shall be informed by the calling Presbytery for the purpose of taking appropriate action.

11. Recommendation #19 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

12. Recommendation #20 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

13. Recommendation #21 (p. 25): The PJC finds this recommendation to be clear, consistent, and compatible with other provisions of the constitution.

ITEM FROM THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk asked the PJC to address the apparent conflict between G.16-9 and G.16-27A.4.

Recommendation: That G.16-9 should be amended in the following way: The third sentence shall read,

"If there is no Pastor, the Presbytery shall appoint a Minister of Presbytery to serve as moderator."

The paragraph shall then continue, beginning with the words: "The Pastor(s) elected by the particular church is a full..."

Rationale: This provision will make G.16-9 consistent with G.16-27A.4

Pursuant to G.16-27B, Robert Stauffer was elected moderator and Vern Schneider was elected clerk. The next meeting of the PJC was scheduled for June 4-5, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Small, Moderator

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PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The meeting of the Permanent Judicial Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. on June 24, 1991 at Ward Presbyterian Church, during the 11th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Moderator Bob Ralston opened with a devotional which was followed by prayer. Those present were Elden Brieschke, Homer Graham, Bob Ralston, Bob Stauffer, Frank Sanders, Chris Small, and Darryl Sparling.

There was a discussion of the work of the PJC and a review of the business before the General Assembly. The PJC recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with the same present as in the morning with the exception of Bob Stauffer. The following assignments were made:

Committee on Administration: Recommendations 15 and 39): Brieschke and Sanders

Ministerial Vocation: (Overtures 91-B and 91-C): Ralston

Theology (Recommendations 13 and 14): Sparling

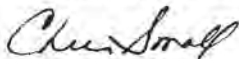
Church Development: (Recommendation 32): Graham and Small

The PJC reconvened on June 25, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. with prayer and a discussion of the recommendations and overtures followed. The meeting recessed to attend the sessions of the General Assembly.

At 3:30 p.m. on June 25, the General Assembly directed the PJC to convene to consider and report back to the Assembly whether the action of the Assembly relative to a letter written by Dr. Norris to NAPARC was contrary to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter Catechism and was an inappropriate modification of our standard. The PJC convened with prayer and considered the question until 6:00 p.m. The PJC then recessed until 7:45 a.m. June 26, 1991.

The PJC reconvened with prayer at 7:45 a.m., June 26, 1991 and a brief discussion of the response to the directive followed. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the members attended the sessions of the General Assembly. Moderator Ralston reported to the General Assembly that its action relative to the letter of Dr. Norris as amended by Assembly action was not an inappropriate modification of our standard. Bob Ralston also made the PJC report at the afternoon session of the General Assembly. This concluded the meeting of the PJC.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Small

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church gathers this year within the warm embrace of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, to celebrate its 12th General Assembly. It does so with hearts full of joy, recognizing the Lord's goodness manifested to us in many ways.

Not long ago my counterpart in a Presbyterian church of like-mindedness to our own, a warm-hearted man of God, gave me a gift Bible personally inscribed. In the words of inscription were penned a reference to Psalm 90:17. Here, in the only psalm in the Psalter attributed to Moses, one may hear the cries of his own heart as the prophet petitions the Lord, "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands." Only the Lord can make our work effective and enduring.

Our theme, "pressing on," was borrowed from the 50th anniversary theme of the National Association of Evangelicals, celebrated this year. As the nineties increasingly engage us with the new millennium coming into ever clearer focus, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church stands reminded that our goals and agendas come not from man, but from the Lord of the Church. His we are. And His we must always be.

Those willing to be faithful to Word and Spirit will be overcomers - overcomers in a culture filled with despair, confusion, and uncertainty. When we remain faithful, the Spirit grants us the assurance of some day being called heavenward to sit with the conquering Lord who has overcome all and "will establish the work of our hands."

Taking stock each year is good stewardship. At the end of this handbook, may be found a statistical overview of the church this past year. Consider the following:

1. **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** increased from 49,286 in 1990 to 51,315 in 1991. The comparative looks as follows:

1989	1990*	1991	% Change
41,780	49,286	51,315	+4%

(*Last year for reception of Article 13 churches.)

A composite picture of membership:

1. Active adult members	51,315
2. Members on baptized roll	3,455
3. Ministers of presbytery rolls	330
	55,100

Concern #1: Of the churches reporting, 36% indicated either *no* growth or *negative* growth in membership.

2. **NUMBER OF CHURCHES** reported this Assembly is 169, contrasted with 154 last year (particular and mission).

1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	% Change
142	154	169	+10%

Offsetting greater gain was the loss of the following churches:

1. Winchester Presbyterian, Winchester, KY (8/91) dismissed;
2. New Hope, Steubenville, OH (9/91) dissolved;
3. Trinity, Tucker, GA (10/91) dissolved;
4. New Life EPC, Chandler AZ (12/91) dissolved.

New churches added this Assembly year (by presbytery) are:

1. First Presbyterian, Waskom, Texas (Central South)
2. Golden Rule Presbyterian, Elysian Fields, TX (Central South)
3. Northport Presbyterian, Northport, AL (Central South)
4. Redeemer EPC, Irondale, AL (Central South)
5. The Carpenter's Church, Tulsa, OK (Central South)
6. King of Glory, Woodbridge, VA (East)
7. Canyon Creek Community Church, Phoenix, AZ (Far West)
8. Brunswick Presbyterian, Brunswick, NC (Mid-Atlantic)
9. New Hope Presbyterian, Matthews, NC (Mid-Atlantic)
10. Covenant EPC, Albermarle, NC (Mid-Atlantic)
11. Fellowship of Christ, Raleigh, NC (Mid-Atlantic)
12. Church of the Savior, Durham, NC (Mid-Atlantic)
13. First EPC, Richmond, VA (Mid-Atlantic)
14. Valleybrook Presbyterian, Hixson, TN (Southeast)
15. Hope EPC, Cartersville, GA (Southeast)
16. New Beginning Presbyterian, Ft. Mitchell, KY (Southeast)

Concern #2: Continuing and projected attrition of mission churches indicate need for serious study of what conditions within the "start up" environment are most likely to cause loss.

3. Internal **GROWTH FACTORS** help in understanding what's taking place internally within our congregations.

	1989	1990	1991	% Change
Churches reflecting gain in membership	70%	52%	64%	+ 12%
Total professions of faith recorded during this period	1025	772	1149	+ 48%
Youth professions of faith	361	293	445	+ 52%
Infant baptisms	673	940	863	- 8%
Adult Baptisms	468	479	491	+ 2%
Sunday school enrollment	29,865	30,623	36,270	+ 18%

Although the growth in professions of faith must be understood in light of increased church base, the increase, nonetheless, in both total professions of faith and youth professions of faith is most encouraging.

Relationship of baptismal figures seems possibly incongruent with total increase of faith professions. Radical differential between '90 and '91 infant baptisms needs study.

Concern #3: A trend toward de-emphasis on church membership appears to be growing. Emphasis on church attendance versus church membership somewhat typical of the church growth movement, bears careful watching and study.

4. **DENOMINATIONAL GIVING** reflects, in the words of past Moderator, Andy Jumper, the index of "the commitment to our denomination that we should have." Again this year, the picture offers both encouragement and concern.

PER MEMBER denominational giving:

1989	1990	1991	% Change
258,847	352,816	444,094	+ 26%

In 1991, 77% of our churches participated to some extent in per member giving. Non-participating congregations may be broken down in the following categories:

Argentine churches	5%
Mission churches established prior to '91	4%
Mission churches established in 1991	4%
Churches received in 1991	4%
Existing churches (under 100 members)	6%
Existing churches (over 100 members)	1%
	22-23%

Of the 77% participating churches, 18 of the churches were unable to meet 100% of their per member goal.

PRESBYTERY GIVING:

1989	1990	1991	% Change
405,502	486,158	527,941	+ 8%

DENOMINATIONAL BENEVOLENCE GIVING:

1989	1990	1991	% Change
590,327	643,958	703,985	+ 9%

Actual giving in relationship to approved denominational benevolence goals is as follows:

Project	Goal	Actual
1. Church Planting	50,000	46,607
2. Church Loan Fund	50,000	17,589
3. "Per Woman" Asking	15,000	4,540
4. Faith Focus Project	50,000	32,785
5. Argentine Leadership Dev.*	25,000	102,789
6. Argentina Pastoral; Susten.	30,000	16,227
7. Logoi (Argentina)**	20,000	28,630
8. Brazil Frontiers Sustenance	15,000	32,850
9. Brazil Theological Education	50,000	51,732
10. Paraguay Evangelism	10,000	9,661
11. Angola Evangelism	10,000	7,661
12. Brazil Tocantins	36,200	4,979
13. Brazil Porto Nacional	36,200	4,979
14. Brazil Matupa Youth	10,000	1,161
15. Brazil Angola Trade School	5,000	720
16. Thai Christian Ministries	3,600	1,783
17. Kenya and Haiti Relief	6,000	2,611
18. Trans World Radio	24,000	3,436
19. Muslim Team Development	10,000	12,679
20. Ministerial Endowment Trust	5,000	6,508
21. Youth Director	25,000	7,867
22. Youth Short Term Mission	2,500	8
23. Presbytery Youth Worker	2,500	108
	\$491,000	\$397,910

* Argentina leadership includes \$28,980 special designation for Rosario church building project.

**Logoi (Argentina) includes \$7,980 special designation for Logoi Tobasco project.

World Outreach	\$315,723
Missionary Support	270,802
Church Development	70,696
Other Designations	<u>46,764</u>
Total Benevolence Giving	\$703,985

NON-DENOMINATIONAL BENEVOLENCE GIVING

1989	1990	1991	% Change
3,521,141	4,282,603	5,980,537	+40%

Concern #4: Programmatic areas of the General Assembly ministries need to understand this giving trend as such reflects the lack of adequate communication along with a positive program enlisting congregational ownership in benevolence program.

Further **ITEMS OF INTEREST** from 1991:

Church Loan Fund is alive and well. As of June 1, 1992, the total of CLF assets was \$402,467. Three loans are out and two others are pending.

<u>Loan</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. West Bowles Community Church, Colorado	\$50,000
2. Westkirk Presbyterian, Iowa	50,000
3. Heartland, Kansas	50,000
CLF Cash Balance	267,467
Loan Balance (3)	<u>140,000</u>
Fund Balance	\$407,467

The **Ministerial Endowment Trust** produced \$1,591 for its annual yield. The trustees of the Trust apply these monies to needy situations among persons in active ministry. To date, the principal of the Trust has reached \$34,660.

The **EPC Group Insurance Plan** is alive and well. Note the following summations. More detailed information may be found in the audit report (p. 83ff).

Claims reserves as of June 3, 1992	\$1,141,500
Average employee enrollment - 1992	392
Employee enrollment - May 1, 1992	404
Employees with dependents	309
Claims paid in 1991	\$1,273,900
Claims paid January - April, 1992	\$348,314

The denominational **Pension Plan** has, as of May, 1992:

- 52 member churches;
- 170 participants;
- \$475,000 in contributions to date.

An **ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS** of 1991 indicated that

- 26% of churches had no commissioner representation;
- 18% of churches had only minister representation.

Concern #5: As the denomination grows, careful planning for Assemblies will be required in order that economics be the most minimal hindrance to small church representation. Elder participation should be persistently encouraged.

DID YOU KNOW that 81% of our particular congregations have elected to have Boards of Deacons? And 29% of sessions have at least one woman elder.

A concluding word. It is a joy to serve the General Assembly and our church as Stated Clerk. It is my hope that "servanthood" will always be the key word. In reality, the denomination is well served by a wonderful family of dedicated people - Marilyn, Bill, Al, Janet, Brenda, Donna Mae, Donna Rae, Sue, Judy and Debbie. Pray for them by name.

Thank you for letting us be a team which, above all else, seeks to faithfully serve our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,



L. Edward Davis
Stated Clerk
June, 1992

THEOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The permanent Committee on Theology met November 22 - 23, 1991 and March 27 - 28, 1992 at the denominational offices in Detroit

I. Matters referred by previous General Assemblies

The following matters have been referred to the committee by previous General Assemblies:

1. Preliminary Position Paper on Capital Punishment
2. Theology exams for candidates for ordination to the Gospel ministry
3. Preliminary Position Paper on AIDS and HIV Infection
4. Development of a paper on Family Life
5. Letter from Dr. Rob Norris, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations to Dr. John Carson, Chairman of NAPARC addressing some questions raised by NAPARC regarding EPC positions

II. Preliminary Position Paper on Capital Punishment

This paper was approved as a Preliminary Position Paper several years ago, but has never received final approval. After examining it briefly, the Committee decided that we needed to give it more in depth consideration before making a recommendation to the General Assembly regarding it. Accordingly we will take it up at a future meeting and have no recommendation to the General Assembly about it this year.

III. Theology exams for candidates for ordination to the Gospel ministry

The exam questions and an answer sheet have been prepared and submitted to the General Assembly Office. Nothing more needs to be done at this time.

IV. Preliminary Position Paper on AIDS and HIV Infection

In the Fall of 1991 the Committee sent the Preliminary Position Paper as approved at the 11th General Assembly to all the churches and Presbyteries in the denomination for study and input. We received many thoughtful responses which led us to consider the need for a major revision of the paper. We will be working on this over the next year with the hope of bringing a revised paper to the 13th General Assembly in 1993.

V. Development of a paper on Family Life

The Committee continued its work on developing a broad paper on Family Life which will present a positive Christian vision for marriage and family and also address some of the pressing pastoral issues including the area of divorce and remarriage. This year we focused on the section regarding divorce and remarriage, working off an excellent paper on the topic developed by the Presbyterian Church in America. Dr. Smith will be revising this section based on our input and reporting back at our next meeting. Elder Robinson will begin brainstorming on the section on the Christian home. We hope to get a revision of the section on a positive Christian vision of marriage initially drafted by Dr. deWitt at our next meeting, as well. We have nothing to present to the General Assembly on this paper this year.

VI. Letter from Dr. Rob Norris, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations to Dr. John Carson, Chairman of NAPARC addressing some questions raised by NAPARC regarding EPC positions

At the 11th General Assembly Dr. Norris' letter was presented to the body for approval since the positions presented in the letter were stated to be reflective of our EPC stand on the questions addressed. Several amendments to the letter we presented, particularly in the section dealing with charismatic gifts. In the end the whole letter was referred to the Committee on Theology.

After consideration the committee decided that the only portion of Dr. Norris' letter on which our committee thought we should comment was the question regarding charismatic gifts in the EPC. Regarding this section we make the recommendation to the General Assembly listed below.

The Committee has found the process of working together to be inspiring and enjoyable and have frequently experienced the grace of our Lord in helping our work to progress. We are very grateful for the opportunity afforded us to serve the church in this manner.

The Committee:

Philip H. Tiews, RE Chairman
Ken Roberts, RE
Dr. John Richard de Witt, TE

Dr. Graham Smith, TE
Vernon Robinson, RE
Dr. Anthony De Orio, TE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Theology recommends that the General Assembly respond to the question from NAPARC concerning our stance on charismatic gifts by referring them to our Position Paper on the Holy Spirit along with the following interpretive statements:

1. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church holds that the baptism in or with the Holy Spirit is to be identified with regeneration and adoption.
2. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church views the gifts of the Holy Spirit -- as these are specified in such passages as I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4 -- as valid for the church at the present time.
3. The Position Paper on the Holy Spirit distinguishes between the Word of God on the one hand, and the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy, on the other. Whatever the exercise of the gift of prophecy may involve, it is plain that its exercise is subject to the Holy Scriptures and to the local session.
4. Clearly the implication of the Position Paper on the Holy Spirit is that, because preeminence is ascribed to the Holy Scriptures, one would have to draw a very sharp distinction between the Bible (the Word of God) and any other form of revelation mentioned in the New Testament.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 26, 1992

APPENDICES

The purpose of Women's Ministries, to provide an atmosphere for women to mature and minister using their God given gifts, has been greatly enhanced this year by having Donna Alberta on the General Assembly Staff as Director of Women's Ministries. The Permanent Committee is grateful for her assistance and work in drawing the women of the EPC into closer relationships through travel, program development, communication and encouragement.

FAITH FOCUS

The Committee noted with joy that the 1991 Faith Focus funds received for staffing the G.A. Office with a Director of Women's Ministries exceeded the \$30,000 goal.

The 1992 Faith Focus project, designed to reach out to Muslims on an international level, involves participation with Frontiers International Headquarters in England.

The 1993 Faith Focus project will be a follow up campaign to reach Muslims on the domestic level, with a goal of \$20,000. Specific application is yet to be determined.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Women's Ministries programming for the 12th G.A. was designed to offer main sessions, workshops and an information booth to educate, equip and encourage the women of the EPC. The Committee developed a communication strategy to urge fuller participation in the W.M. program offerings.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2nd National Conference held in Williamsburg, VA on July 17-21, 1991, with keynoter Anne Ortlund and speaker Debbie Holley was a tremendous success. Attending were 458 women, representing 72 churches and all presbyteries.

The 3rd National Conference will be held July 15-18, 1993 at the Stouffer Hotel, Nashville, TN. Patsy Clairmont will be the keynote speaker. Margaret Donato, CS Presbytery, is Conference Chairman.

PER WOMAN ASKING

"Per Woman Asking" contributions are increasing, however the need to encourage churches to comply with this G.A. approved benevolence giving (Acts of the General Assembly, Fiscal Matters, 86-07) still exists. The 1992 EPC Denominational Giving Guide has established the goal for "Per Woman Asking" at \$25,000. This benevolence provides travel and office expenses for the Director of Women's Ministries, as well as publication, postage and other operational costs of G.A. Women's Ministries.

BIBLE STUDY

The Committee determined to select three categories of study materials: O.T., N.T. and topical. The recommended titles are:

McCaskill, Austin	<u>Joshua - A Model for Victory</u>
Larson & Esterline	<u>More Than A Story</u>
Sciaccia, Fran	<u>To Run and Not Grow Tired</u>

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT

NEWS JOURNAL: *Woman to Woman* is seen as a significant tool for communicating information, equipping, and resource sharing. The over-arching goal is to bond the women of the EPC. Plans are to publish three times per year. The premiere edition was released in March and has been well received.

RESOURCE MATERIALS: Audio and video tapes, program ideas, speaker information and special ministry helps are available through the G.A. Women's Ministries Office. Future plans include the expansion of resource materials. A selection of specialized Women's Ministries items (tote bags, t-shirts, etc.) will be offered for purchase at our National Conferences and Presbytery retreats.

PRESBYTERY W.M. CONSTITUTION: The objective of such a document would be to establish a consistency in structure and function of W.M. at the Presbytery level. The EPC Book of Order and models of constitutions from other Presbyterian denominations are being reviewed by the Committee in consultation with the Stated Clerk in the framing of the proposed document.

ORGANIZATIONAL NETWORKING: An invitation has been extended to the W.M. Director and members of the Committee on Women's Ministries to attend the annual ARP Conference this August. A similar overture will be made to the ARP Women's Synodical Union leadership for our 1993 National Women's Conference.

Plans are being formulated to ensure representation of EPC Women's Ministries in the NAE.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Susan Nash (Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis) was elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Women's Ministries.

The Committee on Women's Ministries requests the Standing Committee to emphasize in their report the need for churches to fully embrace and support the "Per Woman Asking" benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Mathers, Chairman
Women's Ministries Committee



G.A. STAFF ASSOCIATE FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It has been my great pleasure to serve our denomination since September 1991 as its first General Assembly Staff Associate for Women's Ministries. Despite the limitations of a part-time schedule, I am encouraged by the progress Women's Ministries has made. The year has been one of great personal growth for me, tremendous challenges and blessings!

Today's Christian women are longing to discover and use their spiritual gifts to affect the body of Christ, their families, neighbors and world. It is the stated purpose of EPC Women's Ministries to facilitate this process. Additionally, Christian women are confronted with a rapidly changing and confused society where traditional values and roles are being questioned both in the world and in the church. EPC Women's Ministries affirms and promotes the diligent study of God's word to provide wisdom in these matters.

As Staff Associate for Women's Ministries, it is my aim to provide a "servant leadership" model for ministry. I desire for EPC Women's Ministries at the General Assembly level to equip, strengthen and encourage Presbytery and local church Women's Ministries. This is being accomplished through a strategy which includes:

1. **Leadership training** - to be made available at each General Assembly as well as at the National Women's Conferences for all women, with particular emphasis given to the development of Presbytery Women's Ministries leadership.
2. **Presbytery visitation** - 6 per year plus G.A. attendance.
Visited to date:

Mid-Atlantic	Mid-West	Mid-America
Central South	Allegheny	

Upcoming scheduled visits:

Florida	(July 24-26, Presbytery Retreat keynoter)
West	(October 9-10)

These meetings allow me to gain insight into the regional personality, needs and strengths of each Presbytery. I have been impressed by the level of giftedness and enthusiasm for ministry which our EPC women demonstrate.

My goal is to have the women of our churches "catch the vision" of a vibrant, well-coordinated and effective denominational Women's Ministries organization, and to enlist their full support and participation at the Presbytery level.

3. **Denominational bonding** - promoting the connectionalism which is the hallmark of our Presbyterian form of government. We have introduced a news journal for mass distribution, *Woman to Woman*, which serves to build and nurture EPC "family" relationships. The publication acts as a clearing house for ministry ideas and information, enabling our churches to share with and assist each other.

It has been my experience that a large majority of those active in EPC churches and ministries do not have an adequate understanding of what "Presbyterianism" is all about. Education and communication will overcome this obstacle to *interdependence*. Women's Ministries seeks to provide the tangible realities and blessings of that precious connectionalism, while coming against the isolating spirit of *independence*.

4. **Relationship building** - staying in regular contact with members of the Committee on Women's Ministries and the Presbytery Leadership Team (all Presbytery W.M. Chairmen). Fostering a *team mentality* is key to developing a strong denominational acceptance of EPC Women's Ministries. The strategy is to model this at the top, and pray for its duplication at the Presbytery and local church levels. For united we stand ... we need each other in ministry!

To enhance the operational efficiency of this office, the Committee on Women's Ministries purchased a personal computer system with word processing and desktop publishing capabilities. This has been a tremendous blessing.

In November I was privileged to participate in the fraternal talks with the ARP, meeting in private session with my counterpart in their Woman's Synodical Union. This was highly informative and helpful. We explored ways of coming together in joint ministry opportunities. An invitation was extended to attend the ARP annual conference at Bonclarken this August. Jean Ward, W.M. Committee member, will graciously represent EPC Women's Ministries.

Regular contact is also maintained with Susan Hunt, WIC (Women in the Church) Consultant for the PCA. I hope to initiate a meeting with Susan this fall. In addition, EPC Women's Ministries is anticipating representation in the NAE. This will afford us expanded networking opportunities.

The ongoing task of EPC Women's Ministries is to interface its mission with the larger mission of our church body. We seek to labor with a shared vision and vitality alongside the leadership at every level of the EPC -- local congregation, Presbytery and General Assembly -- bringing individuals to a saving, transforming knowledge of Christ Jesus and preparing


them for works of service and outreach. To the extent to which women may minister more uniquely and successfully to other women to achieve these goals, we must equip and enable them to do so.

Our annual Faith Focus project is an example of this ministry coordination. Women's Ministries, in recognition of the expressed objectives of the Office of World Outreach and Church Development, selects projects which will further the global and domestic goals of the EPC. Our current 1992 Faith Focus is an outreach to Muslims on the international front. In concert with EPC missionaries, Greg and Sally Livingstone, Women's Ministries is helping to establish a "haven of rest" for those missionaries ministering in Muslim countries. The site will be located near Wycliffe Centre in England, where Greg directs the international operations of Frontiers, a Muslim church planting agency.

This initial year of service to the EPC has deepened my respect and affection for our wonderful denomination. The creative tensions which exist in our richly diverse community of believers call for full measures of grace and love in our leadership! I am humbly grateful to our Stated Clerk and the General Assembly Staff for their limitless support and experienced instruction.

May our Lord direct my enthusiasm and energies so that EPC Women's Ministries will be a work of spiritual excellence -- bringing honor to His name, accomplishing His will in His way in our needy world!

Your sister and His,



Donna Rae Alberta
G.A. Staff Associate, Women's Ministries

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman's Report

May 1992

The World Outreach Committee (WOC) meetings were held September 5-7, 1991, and February 20-22, 1992, at the General Assembly Offices.

The Lord blessed the WOC with quality times of prayer, policy discussion, and missionary encouragement. The WOC commends Dr. William Read, Dr. L. Edward Davis, Mrs. Judy Dosh, Mrs. Susan Tranquilla, Mr. Al Bennett, and the whole staff for their ministries and support!

Each EPC missionary is regularly prayed for, their ministries reviewed, and their Terms of Call approved by the WOC.

Numerous possibilities of additional outreach continue to be explored including opportunities in Mexico, Paraguay, Muslim areas, and Eastern Europe. There are potentially significant ways for example of cooperation with the ARP Church.

On July 17-20, 1991, at the Association of Church Mission Committees (ACMC) conference in Wheaton, Illinois, EPC representatives held a mission consultation.

The WOC is regularly involved and updated with the Joint Committee on Missions (JCM) on Brazil and the ministries in Argentina.

Two major actions of the WOC which were matters of considerable discussion and prayer are our recommendations to the 12th Assembly that all EPC presbyteries be encouraged to establish WOC presbytery committees. The second recommendation is a major revision of the World Outreach Missions Master Plan. This revision includes ideas recommended by the 11th General Assembly Standing Committee on World Outreach.

Currently serving as EPC missionaries are:

1. Dr. Ellis & Katherine Deibler	Wycliffe	US
2. Dr. James & Gennet Emery	MI	US
3. Dr. Greg & Sally Livingstone	Frontiers	Muslim World
4. Rev. David & Ruann Marshall	OC Int'l.	Taiwan
5. John & Carlene McCurry	Frontiers	Arab Gulf
6. Rev. Tim & Karen Mindling	Interserve	Central Asia
7. Rev. Phil & Margaret Muir	Wycliffe	US
8. Mr. Marcelo Robles	EPC	Argentina
9. Rev. & Mrs. Miguel Robles	EPC	Argentina
10. Rev. Doug & Linda Thompson	EPC	France
11. Rev. David & Debbie Walker	OC Int'l.	Japan

Recommendations to the 12th General Assembly

1. That the 12th General Assembly strongly encourage each presbytery to establish a presbytery WOC to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination.
2. That the proposed revision of the World Outreach Missions Master Plan be adopted.

3. That the Benevolence Project Budget for 1993 be adopted as follows:

BrazilNational Missions

Porto Nacional - Temple Construction	\$32,900	
Porto Nacional - Church Hall	21,550	
Juruena - MT Clergy House	10,500	
Grajua - MA Clergy House	14,100	
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		\$79,050

Foreign Missions

Church	17,680	
Used Trucks	20,000	
Angola	15,000	
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		\$52,680

Seminary and Scholarships

Books	3,270	
Scholarships	40,000	
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		43,270

Total	<hr/>	\$175,000
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4. That the following missionary candidates approved by the WOC be commissioned at the 12th General Assembly:

Robert and Iris Antonucci	Frontiers
Tim North	Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)
Brenda Trapp	Frontiers

5. That the cooperative agreement between EPC and SIM be approved.

The current WOC members are:

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| 1. Elder Lynn Caldwell | 6. Dr. Don Giesmann, Chmn. |
| 2. Elder G. B. Carrier | 7. Elder Gene Kissinger |
| 3. Elder Joe Evans, Jr. | 8. Dr. Perry Mobley |
| 4. Elder Keith Finley | 9. Dr. Sam Rowen |
| 5. Elder Jim Foote | |

Thank you for your prayers and support of your EPC missionaries and for the WOC!
 These are exciting days of world change and opportunity to share the Gospel.

Warmly in Christ,

Don J. Giesmann
 Don J. Giesmann, Chairman

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MISSIONARY REPORTS

World Outreach Missionaries
Robert and Iris Antonucci
Serving with FRONTIERS
Central Asia



Robert and Iris are missionaries with FRONTIERS. They will minister in Central Asia to unreached Muslims through church planting. Their intermediate objective is to work on a limb team fitting prosthetic legs to war victims, giving them an opportunity to share Christ. Robert has worked with Frontiers in the US as the limb-team administrative assistant since August of 1991. He did recruiting, shepherding of potential team mates, and administrative and organizational duties for the team in absence of the team leader.

Robert committed his life to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior as a young adult. He received his BA in Psychology from the University of Delaware in 1987. In 1988, he joined the Caleb Project after spending a summer overseas working with Muslims in Indonesia. He worked with the Caleb Project

mobilizing Christians to go into world missions for three years, and met his wife Iris during this time. Robert began studying for his MA in World Christianity at the Denver Seminary in the fall of 1991.

Iris received Christ as her personal savior when she was a young child. She was raised as a child of missionary parents in Mali and Ivory Coast, West Africa, where her parents served for 14 years. Iris served as a short-term missionary for two years doing friendship evangelism among Muslims. She received her BA in Elementary Education from the University of Nebraska in 1985 and also studied at Grace College of the Bible in Omaha. She received her certificate for teaching English as a second language (TESOL) from the William Carey International University. During college, she had a wide variety of Christian ministry experiences -- music, teaching many age groups, leading prayer groups, and a youth group ministry. Prior to leaving for Central Asia to begin their missions work, Iris has been teaching English to foreign students.

For the last four years, Robert and Iris have had the desire to do church planting among an unreached Muslim group. They are anxious to respond to the call they feel God has placed upon their hearts. They expect to leave for the field during the summer or fall of 1992.



World Outreach Missionaries

Ellis and Katherine Deibler
Serving with Wycliffe Bible
Translators in Waxhaw, NC

In 1954, the year following his marriage to Katherine, Ellis Deibler both received his B.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary and accepted a call as assistant pastor at what is now an EPC congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, MI. Three years later Katherine and Ellis joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, accepting assignment in Papua, New Guinea. There they did linguistic, literary, and Bible translation work in the Alekano language until 1979.

In 1973 Ellis received his PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan. Together the Deiblers finished translations of the New Testament in both the Alekano and Yaweyuha languages, as well as a panorama of the life of Christ in the Tokano language. Ellis became very involved in translation consultant work, serving as chairman of the translation department in the Papua, New Guinea branch (Wycliffe's largest) for many years.

Ellis later became an international consultant for Wycliffe, lecturing on or checking translations in a dozen countries, preparing helps for translators worldwide. Since 1980 he has been an Associate Translation Coordinator with his primary responsibility being that of teaching a course in the principles of translation to students preparing for service overseas. In addition, he has worked on various helps for translators, as well as completing a revision of the New Testament in the Alekano language.

In early '92, Ellis was invited to do a special linguistic workshop in one of the provinces of China. This was a first of this type of linguistic project for Mainland China. Now other countries in Asia are anxious to have his visit and his expertise in linguistics for their translators. Another trip like this might be possible for Ellis in '93.

The Deiblers have 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

World Outreach Missionaries

Jim and Gennet Emery
Serving with Missionary Internship
in Detroit, Michigan



Jim and Gennet Emery grew up in Presbyterian churches. Jim was an engineering officer in the Naval Reserve at the end of World War II. Gennet graduated with a degree in education; Jim completed his work at Princeton. Following seminary they served a pastorate. Three years later they were commissioned as missionaries to Guatemala where they worked for 24 years.

In the early years, the Emerys were active in general evangelistic work, youth work, lay and ministerial training. They were also continually involved in new church development and in the development of the program of Theological Education by Extension (TEE). Jim participated in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Guatemala for fifteen years and served as a visiting professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in theological education and leadership development overseas.

Receiving his doctorate in education from Michigan State University, Jim was an associate of Alec Mackenzie and Association management corporation and government enterprises in Latin America.

The Emerys presently are EPC missionaries serving with Missionary Internship in their new headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they teach and supervise missionary candidates as they learn to communicate and build relationships with people of other cultures. There are many changes and innovations being put in place at Missionary Internship. Jim and Gennet continue in this helpful ministry with new missionaries, and he is now in the process of developing a new series of MI curriculums.

Jim has been involved in the Urban-Ethnic Program of MI where interns are involved in ministry in ethnic churches in Detroit. Both have been actively involved in inner city churches that are mixed ethnically.

Jim and Gennet have two daughters and two sons. Jim is a member of the West Presbytery.

World Outreach Missionaries

Greg and Sally Livingstone
Serving with Frontiers in the Arab Muslim World



Greg and Sally Livingstone are EPC missionaries working with FRONTIERS supervising church planting efforts among Muslims in North Africa, the Middle East, Soviet Union, China, the Indian sub-continent, and Southeast Asia.

Greg heard the gospel and received Christ in Aspen, Colorado, where he was finishing high school. Greg then earned a Th.B, B.A. and M.A. at Wheaton College. Greg studied Islamics at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, and earned his Doctorate in Missiology at Biola University's School of Inter Cultural Studies.

Sally, from a Presbyterian home, met Greg at Wheaton when she was a pre-med student. Together they helped launch Operation Mobilization's work in India. The Livingstones then formed and "coached" ministry teams in Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, and Libya before returning to the US. Greg was the North American Director of Arab World Ministries (NAM) from 1977 - 1982.

In 1982, the Livingstones moved to Pasadena, California to found a rapid deployment church planting agency which became FRONTIERS -- today 300 missionaries on over 50 teams.

Greg and Sally are based at FRONTIERS' International Headquarters at Wycliffe Centre near High Wycombe, England. From this base, Greg is able to keep in touch with the teams of missionaries who are ministering in the Muslim world.

Greg and Sally have three children: Evan 26, David 25, and Paul 20. They were born in India, Germany, and Lebanon.

World Outreach Missionaries
David and Ruann Marshall
Serving with Overseas Crusades
Taiwan

David and Ruann Marshall are Evangelical Presbyterian Missionaries with Overseas Crusades. They began their service in Taiwan in July, 1985.

David and Ruann were married in 1975, during college days at Central Michigan University. David then taught high school biology and math for four years before the family headed east for David to attend Gordon-Conwell. For three years he served in Hampton, NH, and was ordained as an EPC pastor in 1985.

The focus of the Overseas Crusades team in Taiwan is "to disciple the nations by equipping nationals" and working through the local churches to assist in evangelizing and discipling others. During their first term of service, David and Ruann concentrated on four major goals: to obtain a good working knowledge of Mandarin Chinese; to make a good cultural adjustment; to develop relationships with Taiwanese church leadership and become established in a local church; and to become integrated with their team to discover God's place in ministry for them.

The Marshalls had had a busy home assignment this in the US July 1990 to June 1991. In their second term of service, David is involved in a church planting ministry with nationals. The challenge will be to use effective church planting principals and practices in a Taiwanese context and to assist other Chinese pastors in a cooperative program of church planting. David has a special assignment to teach in a Taiwanese private school where he discipless young people and challenges them for future Christian service.

The Marshalls have four daughters: Gloria, Brenda, Andrea, and Kelly.



World Outreach Missionaries

John and Carlene McCurry

Serving with Frontiers in the Arab Muslim World



John and Carlene are missionaries with Frontiers, anxious to form a church planting team to work among Muslims in the Arab Gulf. Prior to this, they served in the Frontiers home office for two and a half years. Since they will be working in a country which does not grant missionary visas, members of the team will have to enter the Gulf State through secular employment.

Their target is the indigenous Arab people of the region. These people have never had a church, nor even an opportunity to hear the Gospel in a way they can understand. Team members will be committed to long-term work in the region, living amongst the Arab people, presenting the Gospel, not just in culturally relevant words, but also in lifestyle. Their goal is to see vital, worshiping, growing congregations of Arab Muslim converts established. As

team leader, John's responsibilities are to recruit team members, to provide vision and develop strategy for the team, and to ensure team needs are met while on the field.

John and Carlene came to Christ early in their lives and have spent several summers in Mexico. They have traveled, studied, and ministered in Pakistan, India, Kuwait, Bahrain, Yemen, Egypt and Jordan. John has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from UCLA. He has a Masters degree that enables him to teach English as a second language.

This young couple is anxious to respond to a burden they feel God has placed on their hearts to take the gospel to Arab Muslims who live in the Arab Gulf. All of their present plans become stepping stones to achieve this great goal of ministry in this part of the world. They left in January 1992 to begin their missionary work among the Muslims in this area along the Arab Gulf.

John and Carlene have one child, Caleb John, born in September 1991.

World Outreach Missionaries
Tim and Karen Mindling
Serving with Interserve in Central Asia



Tim and Karen are EPC missionaries who are working with Interserve among Muslims in Central Asia.

Tim was raised in a Christian home, but his faith in Jesus Christ really grew in obedience and discipline while a student at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Tim has a BA in Business Administration and a M. Div. degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Tim's call to missionary work has been confirmed by two overseas mission trips. On one of these trips he met Karen, his future wife.

Karen accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at age 19 while attending nursing school. She was confronted by the challenge of the enormous needs in the Muslim world while on a special short-term missionary assignment in South Asia. This was for her a reconfirmation of her call to serve as a missionary among the Muslims.

Both Tim and Karen have been able to use their professional training of administration and nursing in their ministry assignment in Central Asia under Interserve. They serve their host country in the most skilled, respectful, culturally sensitive manner possible. They serve alongside national churches and other mission organizations as together they proclaim and explain the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since their arrival on the field in January 1991, they have found a good home and worked hard to make needed improvements. They are deep into their language studies. Tim is administrator of the local eye hospital, and Karen is in charge of setting up and coordinating day clinics for the hospital.

The Mindlings have had to return to the US the end of April for the birth of their second child. Their departure was timely, as there was a crisis in the country at this time that required the evacuation of all missionaries with families. They look forward to a return to their ministry in the fall of 1992.

The Mindlings have two children: Abigail, who will be two years old in August, and Timothy David, born May 6, 1992.

World Outreach Missionaries
Phil and Margaret Muir
Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

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Phil and Margaret Muir grew up in Christian and Presbyterian families and received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in childhood. They met at Maryville College (Tennessee) and were married while Phil attended McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Phil served as pastor of United Presbyterian churches in Buffalo, NY, Seattle, WA, and Birch Run, MI, before accepting a call to be associate pastor of Bear Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, CO. While there, the Muirs left the PCUSA and later joined the EPC. In 1983, the Lord brought a deep concern for world evangelism to Phil through a 2-week mission study tour of India. In 1985, the Muirs were sent out by Bear Creek Church to serve in administrative support ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In 1986, they were accepted as EPC missionaries by the World Outreach Committee. The Muirs have two grown children: Steve and Ruth Anne.

Phil and Margaret work to enable God's Word to be translated into the languages of groups not having the Scriptures by serving in Wycliffe's Chicago area regional office. Phil trains and encourages Wycliffe missionaries as they seek adequate financial support before going to the field. He also edits a newsletter to churches, speaks and consults with churches to strengthen their missions emphasis, represents Wycliffe in churches and conventions, manages computer application in the office to provide other services to Wycliffe missionaries, and assists the regional director in office administration.

Margaret teams up with Phil to represent Wycliffe in various settings. She speaks and gives a variety of mission presentations for church women's groups. She gives special mission presentations for children in church and has compiled a large and useful listing of missions resources for use with children. She provides hospitality and encouragement to visiting missionary families. Special assignments for Margaret have included teaching workshops in missions education, the organizing of office slide sets for use by missionaries in churches, and assisting in office clerical tasks.

Phil and Margaret look forward to a short-term overseas assignment with Wycliffe in 1993. This will help them to gain first-hand field experience and help meet field needs. This opportunity will enhance their future ministry with missionaries and churches after they return to their permanent assignment at the Chicago area regional office.

The Muir's quarterly reports indicate great new areas of ministry are opening for them as they continue in their role of support for Wycliffe missionary personnel.

World Outreach Missionaries

Tim North
Serving with SIM
West Africa



Tim is a missionary with SIM International and will be going to West Africa to minister to unreached Muslims through agricultural development leading to the establishment of new churches. French is the main language in this former French colony, and Tim spent four months in intensive language training in Quebec before leaving for West Africa.

Tim grew up in a strong Christian home in Michigan and accepted Christ as a young boy. He was challenged to go into missions as a senior in high school after attending a missions conference. He saw how God could use his interests and abilities in building the Church. He went to college with the idea of acquiring a practical skill he could apply on the mission field and studied agriculture as a

specialty. His training in food crops and soil science will allow him to introduce new crops and growing techniques to the local farmers. He received a B.S. in Agriculture in 1985 from Michigan State University and then his Master in Missions in 1988 from Columbia Biblical Seminary.

Tim is a member of Ward Presbyterian Church. He was an active member in the youth groups, and later in the college and career ministries as a leader. He served as an intern in the Missions Department at Ward and has taught both youth and adult groups. During the summer of 1987 he participated in an evangelistic music and drama team that spent seven weeks in Belgium working in open air rallies and evangelistic church meetings. In the summer of 1990 he accompanied the senior high and college classes from Ward to Jamaica where they worked for a week teaching daily vacation Bible school in a local church.

Tim will be joining the rural development staff of SIM in West Africa. He looks forward to this assignment having two objectives: teaching the people how to improve their agricultural skills, and introducing them to Jesus Christ, the "Bread of Life".

World Outreach Missionaries

Marcelo Robles
Serving in Argentina

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Marcelo Robles was appointed as an EPC short-term missionary to labor as a church planter in Argentina from June 1991 to June 1993. World Outreach asked Marcelo to work with his father, Rev. Miguel Robles, in an intensive plan to establish new EPC churches in the greater metro area of Buenos Aires. This is part of EPC's goal to assist our Presbyterian brethren in Argentina to be a viable, healthy, growing, independent Presbyterian church by the year 2000.

Marcelo was raised in the home of a pioneer church planter, evangelist, and pastor. His parents brought him up in the midst of an active pastoral and missionary ministry. He accepted Jesus as his Savior at an early age. When he was 13, he began to assist his parents in their evangelistic street meetings, church planting activities, and one-on-one evangelism. He is a talented classical

guitarist and musician. He has loved music from his early years. As Marcelo grew in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord, he began to minister in special ways to young people and in youth rallies and retreats.

By the time he was 21, Marcelo had become a Certified Public Accountant. An opportunity came for Marcelo to study in the United States at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. In the spring of 1989 he received his Master of Divinity degree. He plans to complete his Doctorate in Missiology in 1992.

Marcelo has been in close contact with the present revival and growth of the evangelical community in Argentina. He sees the lack of sound Biblical teaching and training, especially in the lives of new converts. He is convinced that his theological training at RTS in the doctrines of the Reformed faith will enable him to make a great contribution in the area of new church planting and pastoral ministry and leadership in the huge city of Buenos Aires.

Reports from Marcelo indicate a large increase in the numbers of those accepting Jesus as Savior. Attendance has grown substantially necessitating a move to a large facility for their services.

World Outreach Missionaries
Miguel and Azucena Robles
Argentina

Miguel and Azucena Robles have been appointed by EPC's World Outreach Committee to be missionaries serving in Argentina. They began their first term as EPC missionaries in January 1992. This couple has been involved in pastoral ministry in Argentina for more than 30 years. They are working hard to establish a new EPC church in the center of Buenos Aires. Miguel was one of the charter members of EPC's St. Andrews Presbytery. Marcelo, their son, is working with them. Their goal is to have a strong, self-supporting church by 1993 that will be a mother church for additional EPC churches in this great metro area of Buenos Aires.

Miguel and Azucena have had exciting ministry experiences in their years of service in Argentina. They met in Bible School, were married, and began their family. In 1973, Miguel was the Director of a unique Bible Institute for young people who had come out of severe social problems. As each of these young people committed their lives to Christ, Miguel and Azucena took special legal action by adopting them. This family grew to a very large family of 50 to 60 converted young people! Each learned to work and many of them went to secular school as well as the Bible School. Miguel remembers these as the "difficult years". Persecution was rampant in Argentina. This couple was threatened with death by a guerilla organization -- leave or be killed. Many of the youths were put into homes. Others went with Miguel and Azucena to Paraguay where they began to work as missionaries.

After many thrilling adventures, some happening while in jail for 40 days, God freed Miguel. Since that time, Miguel and Azucena were able to successfully plant several churches. Miguel became involved in a pioneer Christian television ministry. This unusual television ministry enjoyed large audiences and lasted for eight years.

Miguel and Azucena have two children -- Marcelo, who is a short-term EPC missionary and is assisting his parents in their church planting ministry, and Adriana, their married daughter who will be completing seminary soon.



World Outreach Missionaries

Doug and Linda Thompson
Serving in France

Reverend and Mrs. Douglas L. Thompson, the EPC's first missionary couple, have been in France since 1983. Doug received his BA degree in French from Wheaton College after having spent his junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris. Upon graduation, he began a three-year term as a high school French, Bible, and math teacher in Sierra Leone (West Africa). Linda earned her BA in psychology at San Francisco State and then worked on six campuses as full-time staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Illinois. Doug and Linda met each other at Fuller Seminary where Doug worked on his M.Div. degree and Linda pursued a Master's degree in Marriage and Family counseling. Shortly after their graduation in 1977 they were married. The Thompsons then served for six years at Ward Church in Livonia, Michigan, where Doug was on staff as minister of pastoral care. In addition to involvement in church-related activities, Linda was a counselor at the Metropolitan Guidance Clinic near Detroit.

From 1984 to 1988, they worked with a French pastoral couple in Toulouse (southern France). In addition to helping in this church planting work, Doug hosted a live 30 minute program over a local radio station, and served as an interim pastor in a community some 60 miles away.

Since September 1988, they have begun a new church in a southern Paris suburb. They began with seven very committed couples who, up until that time, had been engaged in a bi-monthly home Bible study originating from the Paris congregation (French Free Church).

Recent news from the Thompsons indicates very encouraging growth in their church membership. Neighbors are coming to their small church on a pretty regular basis now and are making an effort of putting the Lord's words into practice.

Their present concern is for additional growth to their present numbers and for an adequate leadership to emerge and be trained. The goal is a self-supporting church by late 1993.

The Thompsons have three children: Paul, Marc, and Monique.



World Outreach Missionaries

Brenda Trapp
Serving with FRONTIERS
England

Brenda Trapp has been appointed as a short-term missionary to serve with Frontiers. She will be working as Executive Assistant to Dr. Greg Livingstone in Frontiers International Headquarters in High Wycombe, Buckshire, England. Brenda's help will enable him to devote more of his time to directing the missionary teams and assisting in the establishment of churches throughout the Muslim world. Frontiers will also be maintaining a hospitality base near this office for missionaries who cannot take the time for an extended home leave.

At a turning point in Brenda's life, she rededicated herself to Christ and committed her life to Christian service. Brenda and her daughter, Marisa, became a part of the EPC family in 1985 when Brenda began working as the Missions Secretary at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan. She has served at the General Assembly Office for the past four years as Arrangements Secretary and Receptionist.

Brenda's ten year old daughter, Marisa, is looking forward to the experience of a new culture. Marisa accepted Christ at the age of five and attends Ward Church with Brenda.

Brenda believes the Lord is moving in ways as never before in modern history to accomplish His work in the strongholds of darkness. Workers with many different skills are needed to serve in areas that have opened up. Brenda hopes to begin her missionary work with Frontiers by mid-1992.



World Outreach Missionaries

Dave and Deb Walker
Serving with Overseas Crusades
Japan

Dave grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University, where he graduated in 1977 with a B.S. in Education. He taught special education four years before attending Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He graduated from there in 1985 with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. He has also pastored a church in Hampton, New Hampshire for two years.

Deb also grew up in Michigan. After high school, she attended Providence Hospital School of Nursing where she earned her Registered Nurse Diploma. She continued working as a nurse in acute care after she and Dave were married in 1977. Later she became involved in the field of geriatrics.

January, 1988, they arrived in Japan to begin their first term of service with Overseas Crusades (OC). After the initial two years of language study, they plan to use their gifts and ministry to compliment the other members of the OC team in Japan. The focus of their combined efforts will be to motivate, train and mobilize the national church to reach its own people for Christ.

Recent news from the Walkers indicates good success in their language work. Dave is working on special church growth research with different Japanese churches to help them evangelize and grow.

The Walkers will be back in the United States on home assignment July 8, 1992 to July 30, 1993. They will be available to visit their supporting churches and encourage those who have prayed for them with a report on their work during the past four years.

The Walkers have two children: Sarah and Seth.



**Committee on Youth Ministries
Report to the General Assembly
June, 1992**

The Committee on Youth Ministries continues to maintain and promote worthwhile programs and projects for High School students in our denomination's churches. COYM also works to make effective youth ministry strategies and resources available to local church youth workers. In addition, ongoing research and development provides the foundation necessary to allow for future expansion of our efforts both to larger numbers of youth and youth groups, and to the wider range of students in Middle School and College.

Here are some specific items regarding our work over the last year:

The Edge of the Envelope

Test pilots "push the edge of the envelope" when they discover the working limits of their aircraft. COYM has discovered its own envelope's edge, realizing that, for the time being and with our present structure, we are offering the maximum number and quality of programs and projects at the greatest level of effectiveness and efficiency.

COYM's most serious concern is that EPC call an effective Director of Youth Ministries as soon as possible. As key people begin to rotate off the committee, it is critical that "central management" be in place to capitalize on progress already made.

Part of our concern is fueled by the reality that we cannot do anything new, nor can we expand EPC's efforts to Junior High or College students. Often, valuable and worthwhile proposals, ideas, and plans are tabled because the man-hours are unavailable to pursue or develop them.

On the other hand, it seems unwise to overcommit a staffer just coming on board to highly specific plans for which he has had no input. He will need some space and freedom to develop his own agenda and place his own signature on future plans.

Identifying and calling someone for this position is critical to the continued effectiveness of our EPC's youth ministry efforts.

Summer Missions Projects

As we move toward the full implementation of the tiered approach to youth missions introduced last year, we find our two 1992 projects developing well.

In early July Rick Stauffer [TE, Perrow Church] and Glenn Ferrell [TE, Covenant Christian Community] will be leading some 50 students in a work/outreach project

level" missions opportunity for all EPC students, and proved to be very valuable last year.

Eli Morris [TE, Hope Church], is coordinating our "second level" inner-city project in Memphis. The rigor and requirements of a "phase two" project are somewhat greater than for "phase one." We are hoping for a good response to this project, which will also balance work projects and personal outreach under the guidance of Eli and others qualified and experienced in inner-city outreach.

In 1993 we will offer a "third level", out-of-country project through association with an existing local church project. Bret Spiegelman of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, will open a project to the entire denomination, freeing us from duplicating the research, development, and management work he will already be doing, while allowing us to offer a full complement of missions experience to High School students. This is probably the best, most cost- and time-effective way to handle the third-level project until we have a youth ministry staff person on board.

Summer Jam

Our summer conference for High School students, "Summer Jam," continues to help meet the youth ministry needs of a large cross-section of EPC churches. Once again we anticipate involving around 800 hundred students in Summer Jam at locations in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Gunnison, Colorado.

We are indebted to the commitment and generosity of so many dedicated Youth Ministers and Youth Workers in our denomination's churches who willingly take on the tasks required to make the conferences work. From seminars to security, the vast majority of the tasks that make up a successful conference are performed by our own EPC people.

Long-range plans for Summer Jam include a single-location event by 1995 involving some 1500 students.

As a program committee, we have been involved in our denominations fraternal work with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. This year we will host the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry Staffer, Johnny Price, at this year's Florida Jam location. In turn, the COYM chairman will serve as the EPC's representative to the ARP's June High School conference in Bonclarken, NC. Both representatives will lead seminars and will have opportunities for interaction with EPC youth workers at the respective conferences.

Sonlife Strategy

Paul Hansen of Ward Presbyterian Church represented our committee at Sonlife's Denominational Point Person Meeting in January, 1992.

A report on this meeting from Paul, and minutes sent from Sonlife raise two concerns. First, we are apparently the only denomination attempting to use the strategy without a specific individual identified to oversee its implementation.

Coupled with this, we have a poor record of attendance at Sonlife training opportunities by EPC youth pastors, and it may be difficult to see significant increase in the number since we do not require churches to implement the strategy. Only a strong sense of ownership in the strategy can remedy this.

As stated in previous reports, communication and management of Sonlife is beyond the capabilities of our committee. We do, however, find some encouragement in that five or six EPC youth staffers will be qualified to lead Sonlife seminars by the end of the year. This may help us financially and logistically in offering training seminars.

Dann Spaader, founder and developer of Sonlife, will be asked to attend each Summer Jam location one day, holding a brief orientation meeting for youth personnel. Our hope is that his interaction with local church youth leadership will motivate some to investigate and implement the strategy.

COYM is also reviewing other youth ministry strategies that have proven effective. We may, at some future date, wish to endorse and promote alternate approaches to our churches.

Involvement

Involvement of and communication with EPC youth personnel is still a matter of great concern, and absolutely vital if we are to work together for effective denominational youth ministry.

On the down side, we struggle against anything from poorly managed local church youth ministries, with no one to "plug in" their youth to denominational offerings, to outright resistance to becoming involved in or supporting denominational events.

We are most discouraged by a recurring attitude that we are not "moving fast enough," or that we are not offering "quality" programming. No doubt there is an element of truth in these criticisms as we seek to do the most with the least. We are doing our best to acknowledge and address such concerns, but our hope is that pastors, youth workers, and other key people in the local church will commit to a unified youth ministry effort so we might gain strength in numbers and benefit from one another's gifts and talents.

On the up side, we have slated another **EPC Youth Pastors Planning and Strategy meeting for October 5-6, 1992**, having found it extremely valuable to act on the input and insights of those working directly with youth in our churches. Through this kind of open communication we are able to be sure that our committee's offerings and efforts meet the needs of the local church youth ministry.

Committee member Bret Spiegelman is also functioning as a "point person" to youth pastors in the denomination, attempting to resurrect earlier plans for a system of Presbytery Coordinators to ensure good communication and joint efforts in youth ministry at the presbytery level.

What's Next?

As I rotate off this committee as both member and chairman, please allow me the privilege of some personal comments.

It was only in 1985 that the vision for denominational youth ministry in the EPC began, with permission given to develop a "test" event called Summer Jam. From those first efforts we have developed a vision, strategy, and program that rivals many more established denominations, and is proving effective for many, many of our churches and hundreds of students.

We can be proud of what has been accomplished for the Kingdom. Healthy commitment to youth ministry has always been a hallmark of healthy denominations and healthy churches.

I am, however, deeply concerned about a number of issues I'll leave behind. Obviously, I am anxious that we get the right person on board as denominational Director of Youth Ministries as soon as possible.

We are rapidly leaving the "start up" phase of our efforts, and we must now move to a more efficient, highly accountable and coordinated system of ministry. We can accomplish so much more with the benefit of a staffer, good quality and regular communication, and the other tools of effective ministry.

I am saddened and discouraged that a significant number of capable churches, with proven youth pastors, show little desire or perhaps even hostility to participating in our denominational efforts.

While participation in COYM's efforts should never be "required," I do not understand the reticence of some to participate in these most valuable expressions of unity in ministry. Isolationist youth ministry communicates the wrong message, weakens the whole, and does not encourage a broad concept of the Church in students.

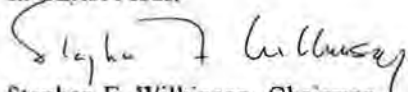
As a denomination we could provide so much more, at such a higher level of quality, if we could take advantage of team effort. I would plead with those who have thrown their lot with EPC in name to throw their lot with us in ministry, not only as it relates to COYM, but as it relates to all our Program Committees.

The future is bright for youth ministry in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in fact, we find ourselves very near the cutting edge in denominational youth work. Pray with us, that the future may see us making even more significant impact for

Christ in the lives of students in our denomination.

RECOMMENDATION - Because future growth, maturity, and effectiveness of youth ministry in the EPC hinges on the employing of a full time staff Director of Youth Ministries, the COYM strongly recommends that the General Assembly place the funding of this position in the Administrative budget immediately.

In Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen F. Wilkinson", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen F. Wilkinson, Chairman
Committee on Youth Ministries

PART III

DOCUMENTS

RULES FOR ASSEMBLY

(As Amended by the 11th General Assembly)

**The Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Office of the General Assembly**

Rules for 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. The Committee on Nominations shall make its report and the floor shall be opened for additional nominations. There shall be only one nominating speech not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.
- 2-4 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 & Publications - concerning Christian education and publications
 - 5. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers
 - 6. Presbytery Review - concerning Presbytery ministry and action
 - 7. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies
 - 8. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation
 - 9. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications
 - 10. Theology - concerning theological matters under study
 - 11. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries of the women of the church
 - 12. Youth Ministries.
- 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 (G. 16-17, **Minutes**, 1981). Minutes should reflect names of Ruling & Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.
 - b. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.
 - c. Declaration of quorum (G. 16-18).
 - d. Accurate record of motions passed and actions taken (G. 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 charges in calls and the granting of permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery (G. 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 (G. 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 and the Permanent Judicial Commission**

- 9-1 The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:
 - 1. Committee on Administration
 - a. Chaired by most immediate past moderator;
 - b. Committee Membership: Moderator, Stated Clerk, immediate past Moderator, immediate past Chairman, six elected members, plus the chairmen of other permanent committees. The chairmen from other committees shall 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, Ministerial Vocation, Church Development/Women's Ministries and Youth Ministries 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 comprised 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 permanent Nominating Committee will nominate replacement members from within EPC membership. Members may serve a maximum of two terms and then may not be reelected without at least one year's break. CWO members are to include three Teaching Elders and six 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. The membership shall consist of 9 members, in three classes of three each, composed of four Teaching Elders and five Ruling Elders, with at least one person from each Presbytery. When the number of Presbyteries exceeds nine, membership shall be rotated fairly among the Presbyteries. A member may not succeed himself. The Stated Clerk shall work with the committee to insure compliance with the requirements of the **Rules for Assembly**.
 - b. The chairman shall be named from the next outgoing class by the outgoing Moderator of the Assembly. The chairman shall take office at the close of the Assembly.
 - c. Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate three persons to the Assembly for membership on this committee. At that time, the floor will be opened for other nominations. However, all nominations must meet the requirements for Presbytery representation and for the Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder distribution. The Stated Clerk shall rule if a nomination from the floor is valid, and if it is valid, the Stated Clerk shall determine which of the Moderator's three nominees the nominee from the floor will run against. Those elected shall take office at the close of the Assembly.
 - d. Duties:
 - 1. Nominees for Moderator: The committee shall advise each Presbytery following the meeting of the Assembly of the privilege of that Presbytery to recommend to the committee a person for Moderator of the General Assembly. Such recommendation shall be forwarded to the committee no later than December 31 of that year. After December 31, the committee shall evaluate the recommendations of the Presbyteries, as well as other recommendations it may receive, and at the next meeting of the Assembly shall recommend no more than two persons as its nominees for Moderator. At that time, nominations may also be made from the floor. Election shall be by a majority vote of the Assembly. Nominees of the committee shall be advised of their pending nomination, ordinarily no less than sixty days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.
 - 2. To nominate to the Assembly persons for vacancies of all Assembly permanent committees.
 - 3. To name from the commissioners to the Assembly those who will serve on the various standing committees of the Assembly. The chairmen of such committees shall be appointed by the Moderator from those so named.
8. Committee on Fraternal Relations
- a. Membership to consist of six members plus the immediate past Moderator, the Moderator, and the Stated Clerk as members ex-officio. The chairman is to be selected by the 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. The committee shall receive, study and pursue only such fraternal matters as may be referred to it by the General Assembly and shall report annually to the General Assembly on all matters referred and the development of existing fraternal relationships.

9. Committee on Theology
 - a. Membership shall be comprised 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 shall be comprised of six women, currently active members of the EPC and as geographically representative as possible of the entire denomination. No more than one person from any given presbytery may be elected.
 - b. Duties: to provide an atmosphere for the women of the church to mature spiritually and to recognize and develop their God-given gifts.
11. Committee on Youth Ministries
 - a. Membership to be comprised of two Teaching Elders and four Ruling Elders in three rotating classes of two each. Two of the four Ruling Elder positions on the Committee on Youth Ministries may be filled with non-ordained EPC youth ministers who are active members of EPC churches.
 - b. Duties: to be responsible for conference ministries, youth curriculum resourcing, youth ministry resources and other youth related concerns for grades 7-12.
- 9-2 The power and authority of the permanent committees shall be those set forth in these **Rules** or by direction of the General Assembly.
- 9-3 Each committee shall be constituted on a three year, three class structure. All members shall be Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders. Insofar as practicable, the ratio of two Ruling Elders to one Teaching Elder shall be maintained.
- 9-4 In the event of a vacancy on a permanent committee of the General Assembly, when such vacancies seriously affect the work of the committee, and upon the request of the chairman of that committee, the committee on Administration is authorized to appoint a person to fill the vacancy of that committee. Such appointees shall serve until the following General Assembly at which time the person shall be presented to the General Assembly by the Nominating Committee for approval. Upon approval of the General Assembly, the nominees shall then be approved for the terms and class according to the vacancy being filled.
- 9-5 A majority of a permanent committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 9-6 Each permanent committee shall elect its chairman for the forthcoming assembly year before the assembly that initiates that assembly year. Persons not yet elected to the forthcoming year shall not be eligible.

X. The Board of Pensions and Benefits

- 10-1 The Board of Pension and Benefits shall oversee the administration of the denominational Pension Plan.
 - a. Membership to consist of six persons in three classes of two each, with each person able to succeed himself for one term. A member may be reelected for additional terms after an interim of one year. The members of the Board shall be nominated to the Assembly by the Nominating Committee, with the chairman to be nominated at the Assembly by the outgoing Moderator.
 - b. Duties: to serve as trustees under the Pension Plan adopted by the Assembly; to administer the proceeds of the "Gratitude Gift," to make annual report of its proceedings to the Assembly.

XI. New Business

- 11-1 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.
- 11-2 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.

XII. Parliamentary Procedure

- 12-1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in these **Rules, Robert's Rules of Order** shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.
- 12-2 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.
- 12-3 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.")
- 12-4 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.
- 12-5 All motions should be presented in writing and read before being voted on.

XIII. Amendment or Suspension of Rules

- 13-1 **The Rules** of the General Assembly may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the total enrollment of the Commissioners. A motion to amend is debatable. A motion to suspend is not debatable.

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ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"An act of the General Assembly represents the expressed will of the Assembly and provides definitive guidelines for the life and mission of the church until either amended or superseded by the action of a subsequent Assembly." Stated Clerk, 1985 (italicized print indicates a subsequent change in an act.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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).

83-09 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).

84-09 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). *Assembly voted in 1988 to establish a permanent Committee on Theology thus discontinuing Ad Interim Committee.*

85-01 All heads of committees, boards, agencies, or commissions, whether male or female, shall be designated as "chairman" and the Assembly shall refrain from usage of term "chairperson" (**Minutes**, 5-25).

86-01 The General Assembly approves establishment of a permanent Committee on Theology, to be comprised of three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders (**Minutes**, 6-24).

- 86-02 The Assembly instructs the permanent Committee on Theology to make known to all Ministers and Clerks of Session the date and place of its meetings and the agenda of items to be deliberated and welcome input from the constituency regarding said matters (**Minutes**, 6-28).
- 86-06 A permanent Committee on Women's Ministries shall be formed, with one representative from each presbytery (appointed by the Moderator initially) to serve a 3-year term after which the regular electoral process of rotation of class will be used (**Minutes**, 6-52). *Assembly of 1989 regularized elected process with eligibility being extended to any active church member.*
- 86-15 The Assembly shall 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 (**Minutes**, 6-75).
- 87-05 The Assembly decides not to do business with hotels and motels promoting pornography for their customers in the cities where future General Assemblies are held, and further will encourage its constituents to refrain personally from patronizing such establishments (**Minutes** 7-38).
- 89-07 The Assembly approves the amending of the Articles of Incorporation by the addition of section on volunteer directors' liability limitations (**Minutes**, 9-48).
- 89-08 The Assembly directs that future General Assemblies be held during a week in June other than the week which includes Father's Day (**Minutes**, 9-48).
- 90-20 The 12th General Assembly is ordered to convene from Thursday evening through Monday afternoon on a trial basis with the subsequent Assembly to evaluate this time frame (**Minutes**, 10-45).
- 90-21 The Assembly approves a reporting procedure for the Permanent Judicial Commission in reference to overtures and recommendations as follows:
1. PJC will send a written report to Assembly relative to any overture or recommendation purposing to change the Constitution.
 2. Report will be assigned to a standing committee.
 3. Standing committee will provide the Assembly a written copy of referred matters along with PJC recommendations after which the committee's recommendations will be presented (**Minutes**, 10-46).
- 91-09 The Assembly instructs the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to index and print the Acts of the Assembly for inclusion in *The Book of Order* binder under a new section entitled, "Rules and Acts of the Assembly" to be updated following each General Assembly (**Minutes**, 11-40).

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 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).
- 82-09 The General Assembly shall provide an amount sufficient for salary and housing, insurance, pension, travel, and entertainment to establish a position of 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**, 2-52).
- 85-08 General Assembly endorses a special denominational voluntary Christmas offering to help needy ministers or missionaries, and authorized EPC churches to receive such an offering whose funds shall be administered by the permanent Committee on Administration (**Minutes**, 5-43).
- 85-09 The permanent Committee on Christian Education and Publications makes available for sale to the churches standardized forms such as certificates for infant baptism, church membership, etc. (**Minutes**, 5-46).
- 86-13 The Assembly instructs the stated clerks of presbyteries to request every congregation to recommend Ruling Elders willing and qualified to serve on specific permanent committees. Further, to instruct the Stated Clerk of General Assembly to produce a brief description of duties and responsibilities for each permanent committee along with upcoming vacancies. Clerks of presbyteries are requested to submit a combined list of available Ruling Elders from member congregations, along with their qualifications, experience, and brief biographical sketch. Copies of pertinent documents are to be transmitted to each member of the Nominating Committee prior to its meeting (**Minutes**, 6-70). (Cf. *Rules* 9-1,7 for description of permanent Committee on Nominations.)
- 87-14 A "Gratitude Gift" offering in connection with the Christmas season is approved. Monies received to be used by the Pension Committee to supplement income of our retired ministers and missionaries who participate in the denominational program (**Minutes**, 7-53).
- 88-01 The Assembly approves the purchase of a 10-acre parcel of land adjacent to and owned by Trinity Presbyterian, Plymouth, Michigan for future construction of the General Assembly Office (**Minutes**, 8-64).

- 90-01 The Assembly approves a half-time Director of Women's Ministries and granted an exception to its fiscal policy (Acts 83-08) permitting the position to be funded for a period not exceeding three years through the Women's "Faith Focus" benevolence (**Minutes**, 10-24).
- 90-02 The Assembly approves a half-time Director of Youth Ministries position and granted an exception to fiscal policy (Acts 83-08) permitting the position to be funded by benevolence giving for a period not exceeding five years (**Minutes**, 10-25).
- 90-06 The position of Director of Resource Management (Business Administrator) in the Office of the General Assembly is affirmed (**Minutes**, 10-28).
- 90-07 The General Assembly approves the establishment of an Evaluation Committee for the annual evaluation of the Stated Clerk, and to review with the Stated Clerk the evaluation of the General Assembly staff. Committee will report annually to the Administration Committee (**Minutes**, 10-28).
- 91-04 The General Assembly approves the establishment of a full-time Director of Youth Ministries (cf. Act 90-02, Office of the General Assembly) (**Minutes**, 11-27).
- 92-03 The Assembly approves the continuation of the General Assembly Office in the Detroit, Michigan area, specifically one of the western suburbs, and to continue monitoring the needs of and services to the particular churches to determine any shifts in location criteria (**Minutes** 12-25).
- 92-22 The Assembly approved the division of the Department of Outreach into two departments: World Outreach and National Outreach. Each is to have its own director. (**Minutes**, 12-46)

CONFESSIONAL MATTERS

- 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).
- 84-01 The General Assembly shall print the Summertown edition of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, published by Attic Press with introduction and appropriate table of contents, appendices #1 and #2, and excluding the Declaratory Statement (**Minutes**, 4-23).
- 87-03 The Assembly endorses the addition of *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, "The Essentials," and *The Shorter Catechism* to *The Book of Order* (**Minutes**, 7-36).
- 88-19 The Assembly adopts as resource for its congregations "The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" (**Minutes**, 8-56).
- 88-20 The Assembly endorses for distribution to its churches *The Children's Catechism: A New Modern Version*, published by Summertown Texts, Signal Mountain, Tennessee (1988) (**Minutes**, 8-55).

- 89-01 Baptisms at some court of the church other than the session shall be done only by a Pastor and at least one Ruling Elder from the same particular church (*Book of Worship*, 3-2E) and shall conform to the stipulations of *The Book of Worship* on baptism. As members of the EPC, members of the court may participate in the responses to the questions proposed to a congregation. Further, it may not be done unless:
1. One of the parents is a member in good standing of a particular church which is a true branch of the visible Church and to which notification of the baptism is made in accordance with W.3-2G1.
 2. Or, if the only presenting parent is a member of the presbytery and therefore does not belong to a particular church, that person shall stipulate prior to the baptism in what particular church the baptized person shall be enrolled. It is not within the jurisdiction of a presbytery or the General Assembly to authorize baptisms since that is a duty of a session. However, a baptism may be performed at such a court provided the above considerations are met. (*Minutes*, 9-52)

- 92-06 The Assembly encouraged the use of *The Westminster Confession of Faith Commentary* (Summertown Texts) for use in EPC churches (*Minutes*, 12-27).

PRESBYTERIES

- 81-02 Presbyteries shall meet at least twice during the year and a third time during the General Assembly (*Minutes*, 1-24). *Modified in 88-02 to require minimum three annual meetings but not during General Assembly.*

- 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).

- 81-08 The Assembly constitutes the first two presbyteries: The Presbytery of the Midwest and the Presbytery of the West. The boundaries are established as follows:
1. Presbytery of the Midwest consists of the states of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.
 2. Presbytery of the West consists of Colorado and the states north, south, and west of Colorado. (*Minutes*, 1-24)

- 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 belongs (*Minutes*, 2-32).

- 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).
- 83-06 Presbyteries shall use the approved "Call for Pastor or Associate Pastor" form for ministerial terms of call (**Minutes**, 3-48).
- 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).
- 83-12 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 states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, plus western portions of Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee (**Minutes**, 3-54).
- 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 and 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 (**Minutes**, 4-40).
- 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).
- 86-04 The Presbytery of the East shall be divided into two presbyteries: East and Allegheny. The Allegheny Presbytery shall have as its eastern boundary a line running from and including Rochester, New York, to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and I-81. The southern boundary shall include the state of West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle. Western boundary shall include eastern Ohio from I-77 eastward including the city of Cleveland.

East Presbytery shall include the rest of New York, the eastern part of Pennsylvania, the New England States, all of New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware. Also the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, the District of Columbia,

and the Washington, DC metropolitan areas of Virginia which include the counties of Loudon, Prince William, Arlington, and Fairfax, and the cities of Alexandria and Fairfax (**Minutes**, 6-51).

- 86-05 The EPC, Anna, Illinois shall be placed within the bounds of the Central South Presbytery so that bounds would then include all of the state of Illinois south of I-70 (**Minutes**, 6-51).
- 86-13 The Assembly instructs the stated clerks of presbyteries to request every congregation to recommend Ruling Elders willing and qualified to serve on specific permanent committees. Further, to instruct the Stated Clerk of General Assembly to produce a brief description of duties and responsibilities for each permanent committee along with upcoming vacancies. Clerks of presbyteries are requested to submit a combined list of available Ruling Elders from member congregations, along with their qualifications, experience, and brief biographical sketch. Copies of pertinent documents are to be transmitted to each member of the Nominating Committee prior to its meeting (**Minutes**, 6-70). Cf *Rules* 9-1,7 for description of permanent Committee on Nominations.
- 87-07 The boundaries of the West Presbytery are extended to include the states of Washington and Idaho (**Minutes**, 7-44).
- 87-08 The metropolitan area of Kansas City and contiguous counties of that city within the state of Kansas (West Presbytery) shall be placed totally within the bounds of the Central South Presbytery (**Minutes**, 7-44).
- 87-11 The Presbytery of Iglesia Presbiteriana San Andres, formed in Buenos Aires, Argentina shall be received, consisting of five particular churches (**Minutes**, 7-51).
- 88-02 Presbyteries shall meet at least three times per year (**Minutes**, 8-64).
- 88-03 The entire state of Florida is placed within the bounds of the Southeast Presbytery (**Minutes**, 8-31).
- 88-04 The Presbytery of the Southeast is divided into two smaller presbyteries: The Mid-Atlantic Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Southeast. Mid-Atlantic Presbytery shall include the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, and the portions of Virginia previously included in the Southeast Presbytery. Southeast Presbytery shall include the states of Florida, Georgia, and the eastern portions of Tennessee and Kentucky (**Minutes**, 8-31).
- 88-05 The boundaries of the Presbytery of the Central South are amended to include that section of Kansas which lies east of Highway 81 to include all of the city of Wichita. Western portion of Kansas remains with the Presbytery of the West (**Minutes**, 8-31).
- 88-06 The Assembly approves the concept of presbyteries covenanting with colleges and other educational institutions but disapproved the General Assembly entering into such agreements (**Minutes**, 8-55).

- 90-09 Boundaries for the Presbytery of St. Andrews shall consist of the province of Buenos Aires (**Minutes**, 10-36).
- 90-11 The Assembly approves the establishment of the Presbytery of Florida and defines its boundaries as the state of Florida. The boundaries of the Presbytery of the Southeast shall be adjusted accordingly (**Minutes**, 10-36).
- 91-05 A commission can be created only by an appointing court to serve as a commission for a limited time as specified by presbytery. No committee of presbytery shall have continuing authority to serve as a commission except as specifically authorized by G.16-26B and G.16-27A.12. No committee has the authority to create commissions. The rationale is that a committee is not a court of the church (**Minutes**, 11-35).
- 91-06 The Presbytery of the Central South is divided into two presbyteries:
1. **Central South:** Northern boundary extends from I-65 at (but excluding) Louisville, along the Ohio River to the confluence of the Wabash and Ohio Rivers, westward along Highway 13 to Murphysboro, Illinois, then due west to the Mississippi River. Then is extended from the Mississippi River due west of Murphysboro south to the Arkansas state line. Across the northern state line of Arkansas westward to the western state line.

South on the Arkansas state line to the junction of the present boundary at the Texas state line. Boundaries of the continuing Presbytery of the Central South would remain as presently established.
 2. **Mid-America:** Southern boundary follows I-40 from and including Oklahoma City to the Arkansas state line. Northward on the Arkansas state line to the junction of the Missouri-Arkansas state line, then eastward to the Mississippi River.

North along the Mississippi River to the point due west of Murphysboro, Illinois, and due east to Murphysboro along Highway 13 to the confluence of the Ohio and Wabash Rivers. Northward along the eastern boundary of Illinois and westward across the northern state line of Illinois to the Iowa state line. Northward on the eastern state line of Iowa and westward on the northern Iowa state line to the western state line. Southward on the western Iowa state line to the present junction of the Kansas state line. Westward to US 81 and southward along US 81 (I-135, I-35) to and including Oklahoma City (**Minutes**, 11-37).
- 92-08 The Assembly amends the boundaries of the Central South and Southeast Presbyteries so that the Nashville metropolitan area is included in its entirety in the Central South Presbytery.

The boundaries of the Central South Presbytery shall be as follows: From the Kentucky-Tennessee state line at I-65 east to the Sumner-Macon County, Tennessee line; south on the Sumner-Macon county line to the intersection of Wilson County; south on the Wilson-Trousdale, Wilson-Smith, and Wilson-DeKalb county lines to the Wilson-Rutherford county line; west on the Wilson-Rutherford

county line to the intersection of US 231; south on US 231 to the Tennessee-Alabama state line; west on the Tennessee-Alabama state line to the intersection of the Alabama-Georgia state line (**Minutes**, 12-29).

- 92-09 Boundaries of the Presbyteries of Mid-America and Central South are amended so that the Arkansas counties of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Boone and Madison are included in the Mid-America Presbytery (**Minutes**, 12-29).
- 92-10 Assembly approves amending the boundaries of the Allegheny and Mid-Atlantic Presbyteries to exclude the city of Bluefield, West Virginia and its county, assigning the designated area to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (**Minutes** 12-29).
- 92-11 The Assembly encourages presbyteries to establish world outreach committees to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination (**Minutes**, 12-42).

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

- 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 be not 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)
- 82-07 Uniform Procedures on Candidacy, Licensure, and Ordination:
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 Koine 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) will be referred to permanent 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 Committee on Ministerial Vocation:
 - 3-1. Mail necessary documentation (personal history, etc.) to the permanent committee for its review and counsel, and
 - 3-2. Proceed with process of ordination only after receiving recommendations from permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation.

4. License shall be granted to eligible candidates according to the following:
 - 4.1 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.
 - 4.2 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 the 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. (**Minutes**, 2-42)

- 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**, 2-52).
- 83-01 The Committee on Ministerial Vocation shall annually provide the presbyteries a letter encouraging each session to review annually 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).
- 83-05 A standardized "Personal Information Form" shall be provided for ministers seeking admission into the EPC and for EPC ministers seeking a change in call (**Minutes**, 3-48).
- 83-07 The denomination shall provide an approved "Candidates Educational Equivalency Program" (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances. Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee (**Minutes**, 3-50).
- 84-02 The General Assembly sustains 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 approves for printing the proposed *Manual for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry* (**Minutes**, 4-23).

- 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 84-02) 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).
- 85-05 The General Assembly sustains 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).
- 85-08 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**, 5-43).
- 86-03 The General Assembly instructs the permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation to investigate, evaluate, and develop a plan to assist with the pastoral care of our pastors, their families, and congregations (**Minutes**, 6-43).
- 86-18 The denominational group insurance plan shall be amended by increasing the cap for long term disability insurance from \$25,000 to \$40,000 maximum insurable salary (**Minutes**, 6-75).
- 86-19 The denominational group insurance plan shall 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 in his or her EPC church. Such persons may continue to participate in the medical portion of the EPC plan indefinitely by contributing the appropriate monthly premium (**Minutes**, 6-75).
- 87-12 The Assembly approves the establishment of an employer-sponsored tax sheltered annuity program for the required minimum (10%) of gross effective salary for retirement for each minister and missionary, and urges each congregation to participate in such program (**Minutes**, 7-53).

- 87-14 An annual "Gratitude Gift" offering in connection with the Christmas season is approved. Monies received to be used by the Pension Committee to supplement income of our retired ministers and missionaries who participate in the denominational program (**Minutes**, 7-53).
- 87-15 The Assembly allows persons otherwise required to be covered by the denominational group insurance plan to be exempted from such mandatory coverage when they have coverage under the Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) (**Minutes**, 7-53).
- 87-16 Restriction is eliminated of 6 months waiting period for pre-existing conditions for an employee coming in from another denominational insurance plan. The 12 months waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions of dependents of those employees is also eliminated (**Minutes**, 7-53).
- 87-17 The employee benefits plan is amended to exclude coverage for radial keratotomy, a new procedure to correct nearsightedness (**Minutes**, 7-53).
- 87-19 Group insurance plan for health and life coverage is changed from The Travelers to the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company. Disability insurance remains with The Travelers (**Minutes**, 7-54).
- 88-07 Chaplains are encouraged to hold membership in the presbytery allowing the greatest participation and most effective ministry (**Minutes**, 8-41).
- 88-08 Assembly amends participatory requirements for group health insurance plan by requiring participation of all ministers on the rolls of presbyteries with the exception of:
1. missionaries laboring in cooperative agreements with mission agencies;
 2. ministers laboring in institutional agencies providing their own group insurance plan;
 3. ministers afforded group insurance coverage as part of retirement benefits from a previous employer;
 4. ministers without call, and ministers laboring less than 20 hours in a place of ministry (**Minutes**, 8-24).
- 88-09 Non-ordained eligible employees of EPC churches shall be expected to participate in the denominational group insurance plan on a contributory basis with the exception of employees whose spouses carry certifiable medical insurance able to cover all eligible dependents, and employees offered group insurance coverage as a part of retirement benefits from a previous employer (**Minutes**, 8-24).
- 88-10 Assembly requests churches to move conscientiously toward or maintain at least 80% of non-ordained eligible employees participating in the plan to preserve the integrity and continuance of the plan (**Minutes**, 8-24).
- 89-02 The Assembly adopts the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Pension Plan and Adoption Agreement as presented with an amendment allowing the Board of Pension and Benefits to work with special cases, giving them the authority to make decisions for the General Assembly (**Minutes**, 9-22).

- 89-03 The Assembly approves the recommendation that members of the Board of Pension and Benefits be subject to removal from office in the same manner as set forth in Chapter 6 (*Book of Discipline*), with the Permanent Judicial Commission acting in the place of session or presbytery (**Minutes**, 9-22).
- 89-04 The Assembly authorizes the Board of Pension and Benefits to accept Adoption Agreements from churches for a period of three years from and after January 1, 1990, or three years after a church is established as a particular Evangelical Presbyterian Church, whichever is later. An Adoption Agreement from a judicatory shall be accepted within three years from and after January 1, 1990 or within three years from and after the date of employment of its first employee, whichever is later (**Minutes**, 9-22).
- 89-06 The Assembly approves the formation of a Board of Reference to provide information and advice to the committee. Said Board should be appointed by the committee from the broad constituency of the denomination to advise the committee concerning the acceptance, operation, and effectiveness of the Plan (**Minutes**, 9-22).
- 89-14 The Assembly approves a three-tier system based on regions (zip codes) to determine premium costs for the medical portion of the group insurance plan (**Minutes**, 9-33).
- 89-15 The Assembly approves the establishment of a General Assembly benevolence fund for medical care costs, concentrating its benevolence health care efforts on ministers without call, mission church pastors, and retired ministers and their families (**Minutes**, 9-33).
- 90-08 The denominational Group Insurance Program shall be placed under the Board of Pension and Benefits no later than the summer of 1991 (**Minutes**, 10-28).
- 90-15 The denominational Group Medical Plan is amended to reduce the yearly deductibles from \$250 per year to \$150 per individual, and from \$500 to \$300 per family. The maximum yearly coverage for outpatient treatment of mental and nervous conditions, substance abuse, and biofeedback was reduced from \$2000 to \$1500. Substance abuse treatment was added to the category of nervous, emotional, or mental disorders for which a lifetime cap of \$50,000 exists. (**Minutes**, 10-39)
- 90-16 The Assembly conceptually endorses the Medical Benevolence Trust with the understanding that the actual Trust Agreement would be presented to the 11th Assembly. Approval to begin promotion of the Trust is given (**Minutes**, 10-39).
- 90-17 The Group Medical Plan is amended to make ministers of fraternal bodies laboring within EPC congregations as missionary-in-residence or graduate school student-in-residence eligible for participation if such are understood as full-time staff in the life of the church (**Minutes**, 10-39).
- 90-19 The Assembly grants to the Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church (North Carolina) a one-time exception to Act 85-05 in order that the present co-pastors of Myrtle

Grove may be received when church and pastors are dismissed to the EPC by virtue of Article 13. Such exception shall not be understood as precedent setting and shall pertain exclusively to this church and these two pastors only (**Minutes**, 10-43).

- 91-01 The Board of Pension and Benefits shall assume administration of the EPC Group Insurance Plan effective upon adjournment of the 11th General Assembly (cf. Act 90-08, Office of the Minister) (**Minutes**, 11-14).
- 91-02 The denominational Group Insurance Plan shall be amended so that the definition for retired employees shall be "A Retired Employee is one who has reached the 60th birthday and has served at least five (5) years in an EPC presbytery approved ministry." (**Minutes** 11-25)
- 91-03 *The Candidates Care Manual* in Section II "Ordination Exams," shall be amended by requiring that in the event an exam is not sustained, it may not be retaken sooner than 30 days thereafter. If a third retest is necessary, it may not be administered until at least six months have elapsed (**Minutes**, 11-33).
- 92-07 The Assembly endorses the Andrew A. Jumper Scholarship Fund for ministerial students at Reformed Theological Seminary and encourages the church sessions to participate in its support (**Minutes**, 12-28).
- 92-18 The Assembly directs the Ministerial Vocation Committee, in consultation with the Theology Committee, to compile a reading list for candidates approaching ordination, with focus on the areas of theology and sacraments, the Reformed tradition, and the Reformed office of Minister of the Word (**Minutes**, 12-45).
- 92-19 The Assembly extends the initial period of enrollment and submission of EPC Pension Adoption Agreements for churches of record as of January 1, 1990 from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1993 (**Minutes**, 12-46).

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

- 82-03 The Assembly shall establish a three-year program (1982-85) 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).
- 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 need (**Minutes**, 3-54).
- 86-12 The Assembly approves a new Church Loan Fund with an initial target goal of \$300,000. Monies would be available at a favorable rate to EPC congregations seeking to acquire land or building facilities. Steps to launch Fund:
 1. Promote congregational giving by individual gifts, legacies, endowments, outright gifts, and inclusion in local church budgets;

2. Designate 1986 and 1987 Thanksgiving Offerings to this Fund (**Minutes**, 6-64).
- 88-12 Assembly endorses the concept of an assessment process designed to identify gifted persons called and qualified for church planting (**Minutes**, 8-31).
- 89-09 The Assembly authorizes the Church Development Committee to conduct a campaign to encourage members of the EPC to include the Church Loan Fund in their wills (**Minutes**, 9-45).
- 89-10 The Assembly directs the Church Development and Administration Committees to jointly develop detailed administrative guidelines for the managing of the Church Loan Fund, and qualifications for churches and presbyteries requesting loans, and of assigning priorities to such requests. No requests for loans may be made until the presbyteries and churches have been advised of the guidelines. (**Minutes**, 9-48)
- 89-11 The Assembly authorizes the Church Development Committee to begin making loans to established EPC churches and to presbyteries in this Assembly year with appropriate fees to cover administrative costs and to provide challenge contribution goals from such churches and presbyteries to help build the Fund, enabling them to make more loans to needy congregations (**Minutes**, 9-48).
- 89-12 The Assembly approves the establishment of an Investors Church Development Fund and authorizes the Church Development Committee to prepare a preliminary plan to present to the 10th General Assembly (1990) and to select subcommittee members with expertise in this field as needed (**Minutes**, 9-45).
- 89-13 The Assembly approves for implementation the *Master Plan for Church Development* (**Minutes**, 9-45).
- 90-10 The Church Loan Fund policies shall be amended to include the following: "A presbytery shall contractually guarantee timely repayment of principal and fees upon the recommendation of its Church Development Committee following its determination that the loan is a sound financial venture (**Minutes**, 10-36).
- 92-15 The Assembly adopts resolution encouraging each local church to (a) redirect 10% of their non-denominational benevolence budgets to the EPC, designated for World Outreach and/or new church development; and (b) increase their support for all missions by 10% (**Minutes**, 12-46).
- 92-21 Policy is established that financial solicitations of any type for support of an EPC church planting project be limited to the organizing context for the project, viz. daughter church project to its mother church, presbytery plant to its presbytery, Assembly supported plants to Assembly approved National Outreach Committee benevolence projects (**Minutes**, 12-46).
- 92-22 The Assembly approves division of the Department of Outreach into the National Outreach Department and the World Outreach Department (**Minutes**, 12-46).

WORLD OUTREACH

- 84-04 Oversight of Ethnic and Urban Ministries in North America shall be given to the permanent Committee on World Outreach (**Minutes**, 4-24).
- 85-12 Cooperative agreement is approved between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Missionary Internship (**Minutes**, 5-24).
- 85-13 Cooperative agreement is approved between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Overseas Crusade (**Minutes**, 5-24).
- 86-11 Cooperative agreement is approved between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Wycliffe Bible Translators (**Minutes**, 6-67).
- 86-14 Cooperative agreement is approved between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and LOGOI (**Minutes**, 6-67).
- 87-01 The Assembly grants approved mission agency status to the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) (**Minutes**, 7-30). (*Cf. Act 91-08 for subsequent action*)
- 87-02 The General Assembly adopts definition of approved mission agency as follows:
- * authentic evangelical confessional identity;
 - * historical integrity and explicit mission statement;
 - * mission objectives compatible with the EPC mission statement;
 - * clarity in ministry goals and objectives;
 - * financial credibility as measured by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability or by comparable standards;
 - * membership in the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association or meet comparable standards. (**Minutes**, 7-30)
- 88-13 The General Assembly adopts the *World Outreach Master Plan*. (**Minutes**, 8-43)
- 90-13 The Assembly approves a cooperative agreement with the mission agency InterServe (**Minutes**, 10-37).
- 90-14 Trans World Radio is ratified as an approved mission agency according to the standards set forth in Acts 87-02 (**Minutes**, 10-37).
- 90-18 The Assembly endorses the LOGOI/FLET program as an acceptable equivalency program of theological education for ministerial candidates pursuing ordination in Argentina (**Minutes**, 10-43).
- 91-07 The Assembly approves a cooperative agreement with the mission agency Frontiers (**Minutes**, 11-36).
- 91-08 The Assembly withdraws approved agency status of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (**Minutes**, 11-36). (*Cf. Act 87-01*)

- 92-11 The Assembly encourages presbyteries to establish world outreach committees to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination (**Minutes**, 12-42).
- 92-12 The Assembly approves a cooperative agreement with mission agency Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) (**Minutes**, 12-42).
- 92-13 The Assembly approves a cooperative agreement with mission agency Arab World Ministries (**Minutes**, 12-42).
- 92-14 The Assembly approves a cooperative agreement with mission agency SEND, International (**Minutes**, 12-42).
- 92-15 The Assembly adopts resolution encouraging each local church to (a) redirect 10% of their non-denominational benevolence budgets to the EPC, designated for World Outreach and/or new church development; and (b) increase their support for all missions by 10% (**Minutes**, 12-46).

FRATERNAL MATTERS

- 81-07 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall seek membership in the National Association of Evangelicals (**Minutes**, 1-39).
- 82-11 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall pursue with the highest ethical conduct, fraternal relationship with other evangelical Reformed bodies (**Minutes**, 2-56).
- 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 more 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).

- 85-10 The General Assembly shall establish fraternal relations with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and send a delegate to its Synod every other year beginning in 1986 (**Minutes**, 5-47). *Cf 88-14 for definition of this relationship. See Act 92- 02 for subsequent action.)*
- 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).
- 86-16 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall seek membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (**Minutes**, 6-74).
- 87-09 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall seek membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (**Minutes**, 7-51).
- 87-10 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall enter into a fraternal relationship with the Christian Reformed Church (**Minutes**, 7-51).
- 88-14 Assembly defines the fraternal relationship established by the 5th General Assembly as follows:
 1. exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies;
 2. occasional pulpit supply;
 3. intercommunion;
 4. joint action in areas of common responsibilities;
 5. communication on major issues of joint concern;
 6. exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian unity (**Minutes** 8-50).
- 88-15 The Assembly states that the official policy of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is, as it has been, not to solicit churches to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA) or any other denomination. Further, that the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall limit itself to responding to churches requesting information about the EPC. (**Minutes**, 8-50)
- 88-16 In a spirit of brotherly concern, the 8th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church requests that the Presbyterian Church (USA) reconsider its action relative to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and consider rescinding said action until such time as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church receives information from the Presbyterian Church (USA) about the charges leveled against the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and these charges can be responded to after investigation (**Minutes**, 8-50).

- 88-17 The Evangelical Presbyterian Church will take every measure possible to handle all matters of disputes between her and all others, the just and the unjust irrespectively, before Christian mediators and will eschew civil litigation unless she is named as the defendant (**Minutes**, 8-50).
- 88-18 The Stated Clerk shall convey to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) a protest on behalf of the 8th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church regarding the action of the 200th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to censure and condemn the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a sister denomination in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, without adequate communication and without an attempt to resolve the alleged problems between our bodies; and further, we request the World Alliance of Reformed Churches assist the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in resolving this dispute between sister denominations in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. (**Minutes**, 8-50)
- 89-19 The Assembly instructs the Fraternal Relations Committee to explore with both the Christian Reformed Church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church the possibilities of more extensive relationships and/or cooperative ministries (**Minutes**, 9-49).
- 89-20 The Assembly instructs the Fraternal Relations Committee to explore the desirability and feasibility of establishing fraternal relationships with the Reformed Church in America and with the Presbyterian Church in America (**Minutes**, 9-49).
- 89-21 The Assembly instructs the Fraternal Relations Committee to continue dialogue with NAPARC concerning our application for membership in the organization; to continue to strengthen our relationship with member denominations in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches; and to continue to affirm our relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals (**Minutes**, 9-49). (*Cf. Act 87-09*)
- 91-10 The Assembly approves a statement of commitment between the EPC and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church authorizing the Interchurch Relations Committees to continue meeting for the purposes of finding areas of mutual commitments, discovering areas of differences and exploring ways of resolving those differences, exploring new and creative ways of working together. They shall report back to the respective parent bodies each year, until such time as either committee may ask to be discharged from this duty, or until the appointing body may discharge the committee from such duty (**Minutes** 11-26). (*Cf. Act 92-for subsequent action*)

- 92-01 The Assembly approves *The Geneva Statement*, to be added to the joint statement adopted by the EPC and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (cf Act 91-10).

The Geneva Statement

Being persuaded from Scripture that all Christians are united together as one body in Christ, we acknowledge our responsibility to God and one another to labor together in the work of Christ so as to promote the peace, purity, and unity of the church, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world.

We share a common understanding of the Scriptures as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, for laboring together in ministry. Recognizing that some differences exist between us in our understanding of certain issues concerning God's will for His church, we also recognize that that which we hold in common far outweighs that which differentiates us. It is understood that our common labors shall not compromise the consciences of either church. The integrity of each church concerning its standards and policies must be maintained and respected.

We therefore pledge ourselves to labor together in love to advance the work of Christ in both our common and separate ministries, seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We promise that if ever we should offend one another in our common labors, we shall do everything possible to resolve the matter and to maintain cooperation. We commit ourselves to labor in support of our church courts, faithfully reporting our activities to the appropriate board or agency, and our respective committees concerning interchurch relations.

We further believe that such practical fraternity, apart from any quest for organizational union will be pleasing to God and promote the advancement of the Gospel in the world. For these reasons we commit ourselves to this Agreement of Cooperation which is to be attached to the joint statement previously adopted by our churches.

(Minutes, 12-21).

- 92-02 The Assembly approved an annual exchange of fraternal delegates to the meetings of the EPC and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, rather than the present alternating year exchange (Minutes 12-21) (Cf. Act 85-10).
- 92-16 The Assembly responds to questions raised by the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) concerning our stance on charismatic gifts by referring them to the Positoin Paper on the Holy Spirit, along with the following interpretive statements:
1. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church holds that baptism in or with the Holy Spirit is to be identified with regeneration and adoption;
 2. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church views the gifts of the Holy Spirit as these

are specified in such passages as I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4 as valid for the church at the present time.

3. The Position Paper on the Holy Spirit distinguishes between the Word of God on the one hand, and the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy on the other. Whatever the exercise the gift of prophecy may involve, it is plain that its exercise is subject to the Holy Scriptures and to the local session.
4. Clearly the implication of the Position Paper on the Holy Spirit is that because preeminence is ascribed to the Holy Scriptures, one would have to draw a very sharp distinction between the Bible (the Word of God) and any other form of revelation mentioned in the New Testament. (**Minutes**, 12-44)

FISCAL MATTERS

81-09 Assembly adopts suggested guideline of \$5 "per member" contribution by EPC congregations (**Minutes**, 1-24).

82-08 The fiscal year of the Assembly shall be a calendar year (**Minutes**, 2-50).

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 missions, new church development, etc., shall be supported by benevolence offerings of the various congregations as follows:

1. Each committee shall make a request to the Assembly through the Administration Committee for specific project funding in the succeeding year.
2. Upon the Assembly's approval, this shall become the Benevolence Askings of the denomination.
3. Local congregations may give to this objective in the following manner:
 - a. Undesignated giving to all objectives which gifts shall be applied according to the percentage of the budget for each program.
 - b. 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 the 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 sessions.

To move toward 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 and based on the current membership as of December 31, and in 1985, with the approval of the General 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 Administration 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 (**Minutes**, 3-53).

- 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 need (**Minutes**, 3-54).
- 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 Administration 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 authorized EPC churches to receive such an offering whose funds shall be administered by the permanent Committee on Administration (**Minutes**, 5-43).
- 86-07 The Assembly endorses the concept of "2nd Mile Giving" for Women's Ministries to be part of the Benevolence Askings Budget (**Minutes**, 6-60).
- 87-20 The Assembly approves the adoption of a per member benevolence goal for each congregation, to be determined by the total benevolences approved by the Assembly. Assembly Office shall provide to each session and congregation information on the approved benevolences along with the suggested per member goal by September 1 following the meeting of the General Assembly, along with the suggested per member contribution for the Assembly's Administration Budget.

Each session and congregation is assured that such per member goal is not an assessment but only a suggestion, and that contributions to approved Assembly benevolences may be designated for specific causes and those contributions shall be used only for such designated causes.

The Assembly urges each congregation to notify the Assembly Office no later than February of each year of its intended giving goal for that year to approved Assembly benevolences, with the understanding that the local church's goal is not a pledge but only a goal towards which the church will strive (**Minutes**, 7-55).

- 89-05 The Assembly decides that the Administration Budget will bear the administrative expenses of the Board of Pension and Benefits and the Pension Plan for the next two years (**Minutes**, 9-48).

- 89-18 The Assembly raises the per member asking from \$8 to \$10 (**Minutes**, 9-48).
- 90-01 The Assembly approves a half-time Director of Women's Ministries and granted an exception to its fiscal policy (Act 83-08) permitting the position to be funded for a period not exceeding three years through the Women's "Faith Focus" benevolence (**Minutes**, 10-24).
- 90-02 The Assembly approves a half-time Director of Youth Ministries position and granted an exception to fiscal policy (Act 83-08) permitting the position to be funded by benevolence giving for a period not exceeding five years (**Minutes**, 10-25).
- 90-10 The Church Loan Fund policies shall be amended to include the following: "A presbytery shall contractually guarantee timely repayment of principal and fees upon the recommendation of its Church Development Committee following its determination that the loan is a sound financial venture (**Minutes**, 10-36).
- 90-12 The Assembly approves and endorses the following eight principles regarding the propriety of lending money at interest:
1. It is always right and honoring to God that the church make gifts and/or interest-free loans to mission congregations situated in severely disadvantaged areas, and to congregations in need of special assistance.
 2. The Old Testament prohibition of usury had in view Israel as a national entity, a commonwealth, a body politic unique in its position in redemptive history, a prohibition which therefore cannot be directly applied to the New Testament church. Here we take the general position clearly set forth in *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (Chapter XIX, "Of the Law of God" paragraph iv); "To them [i.e., Israel] also as a body politic, he gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the state of that people, not obliging any other, now further than the general equity thereof may require."
 3. The prohibition of usury, or the lending of money at interest, through never absolute (for example, interest could be charged when loans were made to non-Israelites) was designed by God for the commonwealth of Israel, and intended to govern its life in the period prior to the coming of Christ and the fulfilling of the law by him (Matthew 5:17-18). The principle of love which underlay that prohibition continues to be relevant to the lives of believers and to the life of the church. We believe, however, that the laws themselves are no longer directly applicable "further than the general equity thereof may require."
 4. The preservation of the value of the principal by means of the charging of interest, given administrative costs and the prevalence of inflation, and even some increasing of the principal itself for the good of Christ's kingdom, cannot be said to be a violation of biblical teaching for the reasons set forth in the preceding statements.
 5. Underlying the Old Testament teaching on interest and its New Testament implications is always the great truth that relations among believers in the area

of finance, the lending of money, and the charging of interest, as in all others, are to be governed by the requirements of love, equity, and justice.

6. Given the principles enunciated in this paper, we believe that in administering the funds available for loans to congregations, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church must take into consideration the diverse nature of those congregations applying for assistance. It is clear, for example, that some congregations are in a much more favorable position to repay loans with interest than is the case with others. What may be applicable in one set of circumstances may not be at all applicable in another.
 7. It is clear from the Scriptures (I Timothy 6:10) and from Christian history that churches, as individuals, are not immune to the temptations of avarice. Those responsible for the administration of funds belonging to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will remember the importance of proceeding with caution in this area and profit from the example of biblical teaching as well as from the broader history of the church.
 8. It is our conviction that a loan with interest ought not to be extended to a person, or persons, lacking collateral or the ability to repay the sum borrowed. Further, in our view a clear distinction must be made between a mission or ministry supported by the church through gifts given without any expectation of repayment, and support extended to church extension projects or congregations seeking to purchase property and construct a building. It is entirely proper to grant assistance to new or existing congregations by means of a loan to which interest is attached and which is to be repaid on a mutually agreeable schedule. (**Minutes**, 10-36).
- 90-16 The Assembly conceptually endorses the Medical Benevolence Trust with the understanding that the actual Trust Agreement would be presented to the 11th Assembly. Approval to begin promotion of the Trust is given (**Minutes**, 10-41).
- 92-21 Policy is established that financial solicitations of any type for support of an EPC church planting project be limited to the organizing context for the project, viz. daughter church project to its mother church, presbytery plant to its presbytery, Assembly supported plants to Assembly approved National Outreach Committee benevolence projects (**Minutes**, 12-46).
- 92-23 The Assembly approves an increase in the per member asking from \$10 to \$12 (**Minutes** 12-46).

PROGRAM MATTERS

- 84-14 The General Assembly adopts Preliminary Position Papers on Homosexuality, The Value and Respect For Human Life, Capital Punishment, Abortion, and The Ordination of Women (**Minutes**, 4-38). (*Cf. Acts 86-20 and 87-21*)
- 86-08 The Task Force on Aging shall continue its work with the goal of implementing the following recommendations adopted by the Assembly:

Short Range Goals:

1. To encourage each presbytery to assign the study of a ministry to older adults to an appropriate committee.
2. Produce and distribute resource material for the local church's 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 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 collecting information and sharing about effective ministries with older adults within the EPC as well as other denominations.
4. Provide information about current state and federal legislation as well as national public policy.
5. Emphasize the importance of individual Christians modifying their lifestyles to improve their physical, emotional, and spiritual health (**Minutes**, 6-60).

86-09 The Youth Ministry concept for summer youth conference is adopted. (**Minutes**, 6-60)

86-20 The Assembly adopts Position Papers on Abortion, The Ordination of Women, and Homosexuality (**Minutes**, 6-35, 6-36, and 6-37 respectively). (*Cf. Act 84-14*)

86-21 The Assembly adopts the Position Paper on The Holy Spirit (**Minutes**, 6-33).

87-04 The Assembly approves the development of an officer training program for the purposes of (1) continued resourcing of current officers and (2) resourcing new officers (**Minutes**, 7-38).

87-05 The Assembly decides not to do business with hotels and motels promoting pornography for their customers in the cities where future General Assemblies are held, and further will encourage its constituents to refrain personally from patronizing such establishments (**Minutes**, 7-38).

87-21 The Assembly adopts the Position Paper On The Value Of and Respect For Human Life (**Minutes**, 7-36). (*Cf. Act 84-14*)

88-06 The Assembly approves the concept of presbyteries covenanting with colleges and other educational institutions, but disapproved the General Assembly entering into such agreements (**Minutes**, 8-55).

88-19 The Assembly adopts as a resource for its congregations "The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" (**Minutes**, 8-56).

- 88-20 The Assembly endorses for distribution to its churches *The Children's Catechism: A New Modern Version*, published by Summertown Texts, Signal Mountain, Tennessee (1988) (**Minutes**, 8-55).
- 88-21 The Assembly endorses the work and ministry of Lay Renewal Ministries as an excellent resource for EPC churches to use (**Minutes**, 8-31).
- 88-22 The Assembly adopts the concept of endorsing curriculum publishers consistent with our theology and beliefs, and the subsequent marketing of such materials (**Minutes**, 8-55).
- 88-23 The Assembly approves the holding of a biannual conference for all ministers with less than five years experience in pastoral ministry (**Minutes**, 8-41).
- 88-24 The Assembly endorses for its churches two booklets: *What is the Reformed Faith*, by John R. de Witt, and *Baptism*, by Francis Schaeffer (**Minutes**, 8-60).
- 88-25 The Assembly approves the establishment of a Youth Speakers Bureau for the purpose of providing quality speakers for both local church and presbytery functions (**Minutes**, 8-54).
- 88-26 The Assembly endorses the Sonlife Strategy for Youth Discipleship as a Biblical, practical, uniform model for youth ministry in the local church (**Minutes**, 8-54).
- 88-27 The Assembly adopts Preliminary Position Paper on Pornography, to be sent to the presbyteries for further theological and Biblical reflection to the end that a position paper may be adopted (**Minutes**, 8-60).
- 89-16 The Assembly approves Bethany Christian Services as an agency for ministry to unmarried mothers and the unborn providing alternatives to abortion including adoption services, and to commend Bethany Christian Services as deserving of the prayers of our people as well as worthy of financial support from those of our people who feel so led (**Minutes**, 9-39).
- 89-17 The Assembly approves the establishment by the Christian Education & Publications Committee of a Christian Education Resource Network utilizing qualified regional (3 regions) people who will serve as (1) interpreters of the committee's goals for presbyteries in the region, and (2) phone resources for churches in the presbytery needing consultations, and (3) assistance for presbyteries in workshop development (**Minutes**, 9-39).
- 90-03 International and domestic short-term mission experiences for senior high young people shall be made available through the Youth Ministries Committee (**Minutes**, 10-25).
- 90-04 Committee on Christian Education shall make every effort to inform churches of available curriculum which is distinctly Reformed, such as Great Commission Publications and Christian Reformed Church materials (**Minutes**, 10-26).

- 90-05 The Assembly instructs the Committee on Christian Education to develop a curriculum for prospective new members, one for youth and one for adults, which shall include Presbyterian history, doctrine, and polity (**Minutes**, 10-26).
- 92-04 The Assembly requests the Youth Ministries Committee to research the establishment of a denominational retreat and camping facility, using Montreat and Young Life as models for this ministry (**Minutes**, 12-26).
- 92-05 The Assembly commends *The Officer's Training Manual* by Dr. Andrew Jumper for use in EPC churches, and recommends its printing in a spiral bound format (**Minutes** 12-27).
- 92-06 The Assembly encourages the use of the new *Westminster Confession of Faith Commentary* (Summertown Texts) in EPC churches (**Minutes**, 12-27).
- 92-17 Pilot project for a regional pastor is approved, to be sponsored jointly by the General Assembly and Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (**Minutes**, 12-45).
- 92-20 The Assembly adopts establishment of two subcommittees:
1. Evangelism, a subcommittee of National Outreach;
 2. Caring, a subcommittee of Ministerial Vocation (**Minutes**, 12-46).

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 developement 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 the 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.



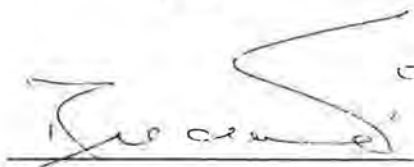
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Cooperative Agreement with Missionary Internship

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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 Missionary Internship.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Missionary Internship.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Missionary Internship shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. The World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Missionary Internship shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary activities on the field.
9. Final discipline as relates to theology and morals rests in the proper church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
10. The World Outreach missionary is to have liberty in the full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained in and understood in the Reformed view.
11. While on the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Missionary Internship.
12. While on the field, the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Missionary Internship who shall report to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually; progress, field evaluation and next year's projected goals.

13. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with Missionary Internship North American Director.
14. While on home service (while traveling to and from the field), the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of World Outreach. Among the missionary's home service responsibilities, consideration will be given by World Outreach to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by Missionary Internship. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for Missionary Internship.
15. While on home service the missionary shall be expected to carry on a deputation ministry for World Outreach within the constituency of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregations. Each agency shall assume the arrangements and expenses of deputation when the member is doing deputation for either agency. Primary deputation responsibilities will be with the EPC under World Outreach coordination, but within the context of the proportion of support from EPC sources.
16. The missionary shall not solicit homeland constituencies of either agency for personal funds or field needs without the permission of the respective agency.
17. The financial relationship of the missionary with Missionary Internship shall be the same as that for all other members for all assessments. During the EPC portion of home service, adequate financial arrangements may be set World Outreach.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Missionary Internship. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Missionary Internship at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both Missionary Internship and World Outreach will report support income to each other so periodic adjustments can be made.
19. Compensation, hospitalization, retirement, and insurance plans shall be provided to Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach missionaries by mutual agreement of both agencies.

Signed:

John F. Robinson

R. Oestreicher

date: June 26, 1985

date: Aug. 3, 1985

Missionary Internship

World Outreach

Cooperative Agreement with Overseas Crusades

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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 Overseas Crusades.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Overseas Crusades.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Overseas Crusades shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. The World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Overseas Crusades 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 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 Overseas Crusades.
12. While on the field, the missionary shall be an integral part of the field staff, sharing equally in privileges and responsibilities as any other member and being subject to the policies and direction of Overseas Crusades who shall report to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually; progress, field evaluation and next year's projected goals.

13. The missionary's field director will initiate furlough planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with Overseas Crusades 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 Overseas Crusades. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for Overseas Crusades.
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 Overseas Crusades 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 World Outreach.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Overseas Crusades. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Overseas Crusades at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both Overseas Crusades 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:

Lawrence E. Keges _____

R. Oestreicher _____

date: June 19, 1985 _____

date: July. 10, 1985 _____

Overseas Crusades _____

World Outreach _____

Cooperative Agreement with Logoi

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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 the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Logoi.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. 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 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. Semi-annually, 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:

John K. Underwood, Jr.

Edwin K. Randal

date: May 8, 1986

date: May 21, 1986

Logoi

World Outreach

Cooperative Agreement with Wycliffe

COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH

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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 Wycliffe.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of Wycliffe.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed for the candidate to properly do itineration or deputation for the candidate co-ordination of the World Outreach within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Wycliffe 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. Wycliffe 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 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 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 _____.
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 Wycliffe 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 World Outreach.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Wycliffe. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Wycliffe at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both Wycliffe 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:

Bernie May

Edwin K. Randal

date: November 24, 1985

date: December 19, 1985

Wycliffe Bible Translators

World Outreach

Cooperative Agreement with InterServe

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Cooperative Agreement with Evangelical Missionary Agencies

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

1. The missionary/partner shall have dual membership status with both the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach and InterServe.
2. The appointment of the missionary/partner shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary/partner candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of InterServe.
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed the candidate for iteration or deputation within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. InterServe shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary/partner.
8. InterServe shall be the directing agency in relation to missionary/partner 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/partner is to have liberty in the full and free presentation of the Gospel as contained and understood in the Reformed view. It is recognized that he/she must also respect the position of others in an interdenominational setting.
11. While on the field, the missionary/partner shall be under the jurisdiction of InterServe.
12. While on the field, the missionary/partner 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 InterServe.

13. The missionary/partner's field director will initiate home service planning in consultation with InterServe/USA who will coordinate and mutually approve this plan with World Outreach leadership.
14. While on home service (including while traveling to and from the field), the missionary/partner shall be under the jurisdiction of World Outreach. Among the missionary/partner's home service responsibilities, consideration will be given by World Outreach to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by InterServe. Progress and activity information relative to the accomplishment of these activities will be provided by InterServe.
15. While on home service, the missionary/partner 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/partner 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/partner with InterServe 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 InterServe. World Outreach support checks will be issued to InterServe at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both InterServe 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 missionary/partners by mutual agreement of both agencies.

Signed:

Ralph W. Eckardt, Jr.

William B. Read

Date: June 5, 1990

June 29, 1990

InterServe

World Outreach

* 'Partner' is the designation used by InterServe for members because of the implication of the word 'missionary' in the countries where they serve.

Cooperative Agreement with Frontiers

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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 Frontiers.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program Frontiers (when necessary).
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed the candidate for itineration or deputation within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. Frontiers shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. Frontiers 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 and understood in the Reformed view.
11. While on the field, the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of Frontiers.
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 Frontiers, who shall provide the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually with a report on the missionary's progress, field evaluation, and the following year's projected goals.

13. The missionary's field director will initiate home service planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with Frontiers North American Director.
14. While on home service (including 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 Frontiers. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided by Frontiers.
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 Frontiers 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 by which they shall receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and transfer them to Frontiers monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The North American Director for Frontiers shall inform World Outreach monthly of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Greg and Sally Livingstone. World Outreach support checks will be issued to Frontiers at that level. Semi-annually, in January and July, both Frontiers 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:

Greg Livingstone, General Director

William R. Read, Director of Outreach

Date: April 26, 1991

Date: April 2, 1991

Frontiers

World Outreach

Cooperative Agreement with SIM

Committee on World Outreach
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
26049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan 48239
Phone: (313) 532-9555

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 SIM.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of SIM (when necessary).
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed the candidate for itineration or deputation within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. SIM shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. SIM 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 SIM.
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 SIM, who shall provide the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually with a report on the missionary's progress, field evaluation and the following year's projected goals.

13. The missionary's field director will initiate home service planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with SIM's North American Director.
14. While on home service (including 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 SIM. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for SIM.
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 SIM 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 by which they shall receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and transfer them to SIM monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The North American Director for SIM shall inform the World Outreach monthly of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Tim North. World Outreach support checks will be issued to SIM at that level. Semiannually, in January and July, both SIM 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:




Ken Lloyd

SIM

Date: 4-14-92

/jd
3-25-92



William R. Read
Director of Outreach
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Date: 4-17-92

Cooperative Agreement between SEND International and EPC


Committee on World Outreach
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
26049 Five Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan 48239
Phone: (313) 532-9555

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 SEND International.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of SEND International (when necessary).
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed the candidate for itineration or deputation within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. SEND International shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. SEND International 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 SEND International.
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 SEND International, who shall provide the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually with a report on the missionary's progress, field evaluation and the following year's projected goals.

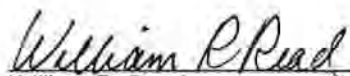
13. The missionary's field director will initiate home service planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with SEND International's North American Director.
14. While on home service (including while traveling to and from the field), the missionary shall be under the jurisdiction of World Outreach. Among the missionary's home service responsibilities, consideration will be given by World Outreach to assignments, projects, additional study or training requested by SEND International. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for World Outreach by SEND International.
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 SEND International 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 by which they shall receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and transfer them to SEND International monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The North American Director for SEND International shall inform the World Outreach monthly of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to Sam Rowen. World Outreach support checks will be issued to SEND International at that level. Semiannually, in January and July, both SEND International 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:


 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

SEND International

Date: June 19, 1992



William R. Read
 Director of Outreach
 Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Date: 6-19-92

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Cooperative Agreement with Arab World Ministries

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Phone: (313) 532-9555

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 **Arab World Ministries**.
2. The appointment of the missionary shall be subject to the approval of both agencies in accordance with the standards established by each agency.
3. In the event that the one agency requests confidential materials gathered by the other, such materials shall be shared with the understanding that the materials shall be kept confidential by that agency.
4. The missionary-candidate shall participate in the full candidate and training program of **Arab World Ministries** (when necessary).
5. An appropriate time shall be allowed the candidate for itineration or deputation within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church churches in order that adequate prayer and financial support can be realized.
6. **Arab World Ministries** shall supervise the securing of visas and make other arrangements necessary for beginning field work.
7. World Outreach shall be the sponsoring agency for financial and prayer support of the missionary.
8. **Arab World Ministries** 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 **Arab World Ministries**.
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 **Arab World Ministries**, who shall provide the Evangelical Presbyterian Church annually with a report on the missionary's progress, field evaluation and the following year's projected goals.


13. The missionary's field director will initiate home service planning in consultation with World Outreach and also with **Arab World Ministries'** North American Director.
14. While on home service (including 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 **Arab World Ministries**. Progress and activity information during home service will be provided for World Outreach by **Arab World Ministries**.
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 **Arab World Ministries** 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 by which they shall receive and receipt the missionary's funds from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and transfer them to **Arab World Ministries** monthly to be transmitted to the field by that agency. The North American Director for **Arab World Ministries** shall inform the World Outreach monthly of funds designated for the missionary from other sources.
18. At the time of departure, World Outreach will commit itself to a level of monthly support to **John and Margy Haines**. World Outreach support checks will be issued to **Arab World Ministries** at that level. Semiannually, in January and July, both **Arab World Ministries** 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:


 William J. Saal
 US Director
 Arab World Ministries

Date: 15 June 1992

jd:6-12-92


 William R. Read
 Director of Outreach
 Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Date: June 17, 1992

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

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MISSION STATEMENT

The North American Mission of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall be to establish and develop churches in strategic communities and people groups which have not been reached for Christ and who are most responsive to the uniqueness of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

GUIDELINES

In our faithfulness to God's calling, we as Reformed and Evangelical people commit ourselves to the following:

1. The growth and expansion of the Kingdom of God.
2. The prioritizing of reaching the unreached.
3. The prioritizing of those locations that are high growth areas for us.
4. The pursuit of this mission in cohesive and mutually accountable partnership of General Assembly, presbyteries, and congregations with priority on responsiveness to opportunity.
5. The joint partnership with our fraternal churches in order to achieve our common mission for Jesus Christ.
6. The pursuit of excellence in the context of our mission or the glory of Christ.

Goal 1-1

To equip the church with an understanding of Reformed evangelism as the key to successful proclamation of the Gospel.

Objectives

- A. Provide presbytery workshops using key resource people to teach Reformed evangelism.
- B. Make available instructional materials regarding Reformed evangelism.

Goal 1-2

To develop pastors with Reformed commitment and giftedness.

Objectives

- A. Evaluate the effectiveness of present seminary curriculum of the above goal.
- B. Evaluate the pastor by use of the assessment process with reference to the above goal.

Goal 1-3

To understand how God is at work in North America today.

Objectives

- A. Develop an understanding of the signs and wonders movement.
- B. Develop an understanding of North American churches and agencies which are reaching the unreached with a generational ministry.

Goal 1-4

To plant vibrant churches that will reproduce themselves.

Objectives

- A. Develop congregational strategies for church planting.
- B. Develop a key city strategy, including prioritizing.

Goal 2-1

To identify key population areas and people groups with high potential for EPC church planting and to identify specific strategies for reaching people of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds with the Good News of the Gospel.

Objectives

- A. Evaluate and understand EPC strength and presence in key population areas as targets for church planting.
- B. Evaluate and understand key populations with no EPC presence but with high potential as targets for church planting.

Goal 2-2

To define and identify unreached people groups with high potential for planting an EPC church.

Objectives

- A. Resource and train people to conduct demographic studies for targeted areas.

- B. Conduct demographic studies of people groups in key target areas.
- C. Develop a metro cluster strategy for church planting.

Goal 3-1

To understand the EPC personality as it relates to the mission of reaching the unreached.

Objectives

- A. Develop an understanding of the EPC corporate personality to provide guidance for reaching the unreached.
- B. Study and understand the successful church planting history of the EPC.

Goal 4-1

To use cohesive partnerships in building and developing a financial base for making the mission possible.

Objectives

- A. Conduct a comparative study of churches of other denominations to identify models of success.
- B. Plan conferences enabling presbyteries and congregations to understand "in consultation with each other" (*Book of Government*, Chapter 5-1).

Goal 4-2

To develop and maintain a system of open effective communication among governing bodies of the church.

Objectives

- A. Publish a denominational newsletter.
- B. Encourage presbyteries in developing and/or maintaining an effective newsletter.

Goal 4-3

To train and resource leadership personnel at every level.

Objectives

- A. Hold an annual leadership conference on church planting.
- B. Provide persons experience in church planting development to equip presbyteries and congregations.

Goal 5-1

To develop working relationships with leadership personnel in church development within other fraternal bodies.

Objectives

- A. Participate annually in NAPARC Home Mission Consultation.
- B. Participate annually in strategic church planting Conferences.

Goal 5-2

Comity: To develop cooperative strategies with other denominations.

Objectives

- A. Study NAPARC paper on comity for possible adoption.
- B. Develop sensitivity to other Reformed or evangelical ministries in target areas.

Goal 6-1

To understand excellence as it provides direction in the context of our mission.

Objectives

- A. Determine the proper resources of leadership and ministry potential before making a final commitment to a target area.
- B. Publish and distribute case studies on church planting for denominational distribution.
- C. Inform EPC leadership who are not church planters in our mission of church planting.
- D. Encourage each presbytery to develop a manual or plan for planting and developing churches.

Goal 6-2

To select the highest caliber of potential leaders.

Objectives

- A. Equip and oversee the training of church planters.
- B. Develop an EPC Assessment Center.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

Denominational Goals for Pastoral Care

Introduction:

Clergy stress has been identified as a growing problem within all denominations. Burnout is often seen as the end result of increasing pressures upon the minister, impacting both his/her professional and personal life. Numerous health problems are now understood as stemming directly from stress and/or stress-induced illnesses. The impact on individual spiritual life can be devastating. The Sixth General Assembly assigned this Committee the task of developing a strategy to address this problem.

The following goals reflect many hours of study, discussion, and prayer by the Committee. Documents studied represent evaluation and experiences from such noted counsellors and pastors as Stuart and Jill Briscoe, David McKenna, Mary L. Bouma, Ted Engstrom, Chuck Swindoll, and Craig Ellison. Preliminary investigation also produced an astounding revelation: Few, if any, mainline denominations have formally addressed ministerial stress. We could not find any who have developed an official strategy for reducing stress among clergy. It is our conviction that pressures on ministers will not lessen in the future. In the following goals we have sought to consider both immediate and long-range needs. Some of these goals can be immediately implemented. It is our prayer that through God's grace, wisdom, and direction, constructive responses can be realized, to the edification of the Body as a whole and of its individual members.

- GOAL #1:** To encourage a balanced perspective on spiritual and numerical growth by developing tools for measuring the spiritual health of congregational life beyond those of statistical comparisons, such as growth, finances, size.

Objectives:

- 1.1: Evaluate the present process of annual review as to its helpfulness for both denominational reporting and congregational growth and development.
- 1.2: Development of evaluative instruments for the measurement of spiritual health and vitality of the congregation to be used by the Session.
- 1.3: Evaluate the influence of the Church Growth Movement upon the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
- 1.4: Identify learning experiences that incorporate a balanced perspective between the values of both numerical and spiritual growth.

- GOAL # 2:** To establish processes for annual review of identifiable needs within congregational life in relationship to an intentional mission statement and specific goals.

Objectives:

- 2.1: Develop a working bibliography of evaluative and assessment tools presently available.
- 2.2: Develop a self-study document sensitive to the EPC which may be used by congregations seeking to develop a master plan for missions.
- 2.3: Identify and train resource persons within Presbyteries who may assist congregations in developing a local master plan for missions.

GOAL #3: To offer an annual growth experience for persons in ministry focusing upon spiritual, emotional, marital, family and church life.

Objectives:

3.1: Review the General Assembly agenda to determine the feasibility of reinstituting workshop time for growth experiences.

GOAL #4: To reaffirm our denominational commitment to quality continuing education for ministers and to develop resources for fulfilling this commitment.

Objectives:

4.1: Instruct Presbyteries to do a self-study of how present study leave time is being used in terms of time, cost, and effectiveness in ministry.

GOAL #5: To provide regional resource persons for pastoral care and support.

Objectives:

5.1: Explore with the Committees on Administration and Church Development various models by which this need could be met.

GOAL #6: To publish a monthly Pastoral Newsletter focusing on pastoral support, skills development, and information essential for effective ministry.

Objectives:

6.1: The General Assembly office, in concert with the Ministerial Vocation Committee, shall publish two issues of the Pastoral Newsletter, during 1987-1988.

6.2: The Pastoral Newsletter is to be distributed to Teaching Elders and lay leadership.

GOAL #7: To provide marriage and family enrichment opportunities for pastors and their spouses.

Objectives:

7.1: Send at least one ministry couple from each Presbytery to an MVC endorsed growth experience during 1987-1988.

7.2: Develop a financial base for the above goal from congregations and individuals willing to support this ministry.

GOAL #8: To encourage ministers in taking their weekly day of rest and occasional special times for renewal and reflection.

Objectives:

8.1: The Ministerial Vocation Committee is to communicate by pastoral letter its loving concern and encouragement that ministers and sessions see that this goal is taken seriously.

GOAL #9: To motivate ministers and sessions to take seriously the priesthood of believers and to commit themselves to equipping the laity for ministry.

Objectives:

9.1: Encourage ministers and sessions to study Ephesians 4:11-16, and to evaluate their oversight of the congregations life and mission in the light of this passage.

GOAL #10: To provide tools enabling pastoral candidates and congregations to articulate clearly their philosophy and goals for ministry and to resolve differences constructively.

Objectives:

- 10.1: Develop a Church Information Form adequate for substantive discussion between the search committees and candidates.
- 10.2: Encourage Ministerial Committees to fulfill their pastoral role in negotiations between pastoral candidates and search committees.

GOAL #11: To help ministers make a more objective assessment of their calling, gifts, and effectiveness in ministry in light of their ordination vows.

Objectives:

- 11.1: Identify credible assessment resources readily available for persons in Christian vocations.

THE GENEVA STATEMENT

Agreement of Cooperation between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Being persuaded from Scripture that all Christians are united together as one body in Christ, we acknowledge our responsibility to God and one another to labor together in the work of Christ so as to promote the peace, purity, and unity of the church, and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the world.

We share a common understanding of the Scriptures, as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechism for laboring together in ministry. Recognizing that some differences exist between us in our understanding of certain issues concerning God's will for His church, we also recognize that which we hold in common far outweighs that which differentiates us. It is understood that our common labors shall not compromise the consciences of either church. The integrity of each church concerning its standards and policies must be maintained and respected.

We therefore pledge ourselves to labor together in love, to advance the work of Christ in both our common and separate ministries, seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We promise that if ever we should offend one another in our common labors, we shall do everything possible to resolve the matter and to maintain cooperation. We commit ourselves to labor in support of our church courts, faithfully reporting our activities to the appropriate board or agency, and our respective committees concerning interchurch relations.

We further believe that such practical fraternity, apart from any quest for organizational union will be pleasing to God and promote the advancement of the Gospel in the world. For these reasons we commit ourselves to this Agreement of Cooperation, which is to be attached to the joint statement previously adopted by our churches.

Adopted June, 1992
12th General Assembly

The 11th General Assembly (1991) together with the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church authorized the Inter-Church Relations Committees to continue meeting for purposes of finding areas of mutual commitments, discovering areas of differences, and exploring ways of resolving those differences, exploring new and creative ways of working together. They shall report back to the respective parent bodies each year, until such time as either committee may ask to be discharged from this duty, or until the appointing body may discharge the committee from such duty.

Adopted June, 1991
11th General Assembly

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FUND

RESOLVED that there is hereby declared this _____ day of June, 1992 by the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church meeting in Memphis, Tennessee a Medical Benevolence Fund designated and distinct from all other funds of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to be administered by the Committee on Administration under the following terms and conditions:

1. Fund Income. The Committee shall, after paying the necessary expenses of the management and preservation of the fund, pay an amount up to but not exceeding the net income of the fund as directed by the Benevolence Committee. In the year that the total distributions over the course of a calendar year, as directed by the Benevolence Committee, shall total an amount less than the entire net income, then the Committee shall accumulate any excess income and add it to the principal.

2. Benevolence Committee. The Benevolence Committee shall be composed of two ruling Elders and one teaching Elder of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church who shall be nominated by the Committee on Administration and elected by the General Assembly. Each member of the Benevolence Committee shall serve for a term of three years and shall not be eligible for succession. The first group of Committee members shall be elected with staggered terms, that is one shall be elected for a one year term, one shall be elected for a two year term and one shall be elected for a three year term.

3. Distribution Requirements. The Benevolence Committee shall order the Committee on Administration to make distributions from the income of the fund only under the following conditions:

- A. All distributions shall be used solely for the purpose of paying for the cost of medical benefits insurance.
- B. Only the following individuals shall be eligible as beneficiaries of such distributions:
 - 1. Ministers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church who are without a present call. Such beneficiaries shall be eligible, however, only until such time as their income* exceeds \$20,000.00 annual gross effective income, until medical benefits become available from some other source as a part of such person's income or for a maximum period of one year.

* From all sources

2. Mission church pastors of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church; but only if the mission church is not a daughter church of another Evangelical Presbyterian Church and only until such time as such pastor's annual gross effective income shall exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 and in no event shall such pastor receive distributions for more than one year.
 3. Retired ministers of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches.
- C. Applications for distributions shall be made to the Benevolence Committee by the Presbytery having jurisdiction over the prospective beneficiary. The Benevolence Committee shall develop an application form which, among other things, shall be executed by the Presbytery and shall contractually commit the Presbytery to pay on behalf of said beneficiary an amount equal to the distribution from this fund, it being the intention that this fund shall never pay more than one-half of the actual amount of the medical benefit insurance premium paid on behalf of each individual beneficiary. Applications shall be received by the committee quarterly in January, April, July and October.
- D. In the event that the income from this fund is not sufficient to pay the entire one-half of the need of the individual applicants in any year, then the Benevolence Committee shall order its distributions to be made prorata based upon the amount of income available from this fund.
4. Amendment. The General Assembly shall have the power at any time, by a vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the General Assembly, duly-constituted, to modify, alter or amend this designation of endowment fund and to change the requirements for the beneficiaries thereof.
5. Accountings. The Committee on Administration shall render annually, a statement of properties in the fund and of receipts and disbursements by category during the period covered to the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church at its annual meeting. Each accounting shall be done on a calendar year basis and shall be rendered to the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church meeting during the next calendar year.

Constitution

Women's Ministries Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF _____

_____ Church, Presbytery of the _____

_____, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Article II

We subscribe to the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Presbyterian denomination. The foundation of this Statement of Faith is given here:

All Scripture is self-attesting, and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and new Testaments, is a complete and unified witness of God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

Statement of Purpose

Ephesians 4:12: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. . ."

Central to Women's Ministries is the affirmation of women as being loved and called by God into a personal relationship with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ, and the nurture of women in the knowledge of Him and His plan for each individual life. Therefore, the purpose of Women's Ministries of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is to provide an atmosphere for the women of the church to mature spiritually and to recognize and develop their God-given gifts.

Article III

The membership of Women's Ministries shall be open to all women of the church. The participation membership may be divided into small groups for personal maturing and ministry.

Article IV

Officers

The officers of Women's Ministries shall be members of the local church. The officers of Women's Ministries may be designated according to the needs of the local church. Suggestions are: President, Vice-President (one or more), Secretary (one or more), Treasurer, and Historian/Parliamentarian. The following Program Chairmen are suggested: Spiritual Nurture, Leadership Development, Community Outreach, Christian Values (issues of the day), and Mission Coordinator.

Article V

Representative to Women's Presbytery Representative Council

Each church shall be represented by at least one woman at the Women's Presbytery Representative Council.

Each local church is encouraged to send at least one woman to the Women's Conference, which will be held on an every third year schedule.

Article VI

Standing Committees

Standing Committees may be appointed as needed. Suggestions are: Study, Prayer, Finance, Nursery, Hospitality, Nominating, Local Church Service, Publicity, Special Events.

Article VII

Relationships

Women's Ministries shall be under the jurisdiction of the session of the local church.

Women's Ministries will maintain a relationship of mutual support and concern with EPC at the Presbytery and General Assembly levels.

Article VIII

Finances

The work of Women's Ministries may be financed through regular pledges, voluntary offerings, church budget, and/or fundraising as approved by the session.

Article IX

Meetings

Meetings may be scheduled as desired, and needed, by the women in the individual congregations.

Article X

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted at least two weeks in advance.

Article XI

Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in matters not addressed in this Constitution.

World Outreach Missions Master Plan

Revised 1992

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The global mission of the EPC shall be to plant, develop, and nurture the Church of Jesus Christ in those cultures and people groups where particular opportunity and our ability to respond most closely coincide. For this purpose World Outreach exists.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT

1. EPC is committed to the establishment and development of indigenous Reformed churches in each people group within its priority areas of the world.
2. EPC is committed to church planting evangelism and affirms its mission through both Word and deed.
3. EPC is committed to the participation of every church and church member in the program of WO and believes the key to lay mobilization is the use of spiritual gifts.
4. EPC's WO resources shall be administered in an efficient and effective manner, with the exercise of wise stewardship, sound management, and full accountability.
5. EPC is committed to engage in relationships with domestic and foreign churches in which a unified mission/fraternal effort will result in greater effectiveness.
6. EPC-WO shall act only in keeping with the Word of God, the confessional standards, and the **Book of Order** of the EPC.
7. EPC shall accept the responsibility to continue faithful in proclaiming the Gospel to the nations until the Lord returns.
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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

World Outreach is committed to develop its mission program with clear intentionality. It shall minister in Latin America, the Pacific Rim, and the Muslim World, the North American urban ministry field, and the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Preference shall be given to world-class cities, unreached peoples, and responsive people groups.

Key: Each goal stated below is followed by a list of objectives. Short-term objectives are targets for EPC's 15th anniversary (1996). Long-term objectives are beyond that.

GOAL I MISSION EDUCATION IN THE EPC

In order for the EPC to be a mission oriented denomination, it is appropriate to encourage and promote a mission vision for the EPC. The primary tasks of World Outreach shall be to nurture denominational mission consciousness in churches and presbyteries.

Short-Term Objectives

- I.1 To plan and conduct at least one trip each year for service and education in areas where World Outreach is at work.
- I.2 To provide mission-awareness and candidate-development resources for use by EPC congregations.
- I.3 To promote and encourage participation in national and regional mission conferences such as Urbana.
- I.4 To encourage each congregation to have an annual "Mission Conference" or "Mission Day".
- I.5 To prepare and distribute a World Outreach supplement for ACMC's Mission Policy Handbook", encouraging every congregation to develop its own mission statement, policy, and objectives.
- I.6 To encourage each EPC presbytery to establish its own World Outreach Committee to accelerate the foreign missions endeavor throughout the denomination.

Long-Term Objectives

- I.7 To plan World Outreach seminars, workshops, and conferences through which clusters of congregations as well as entire Presbyteries shall be encouraged to cooperate and strengthen their mission commitment.
- I.8 To provide cross-cultural internship opportunities (length 2-12 months) for EPC seminarians.

GOAL II MISSION IN PARTNERSHIP

To fulfill more effectively the Biblical mandate, World Outreach shall develop mission partnerships with other Reformed and Presbyterian churches in North America and abroad. Partnerships shall also be developed with other compatible church, educational and parachurch agencies through which World Outreach goals may be reached.

Short-Term Objectives

- II.1 To become well informed and highly supportive of what our sister churches in North American Presbyterian and Reformed Churches (NAPARC) are doing in world missions.
- II.2 To affirm cooperative agreements already established and increase the church's understanding of the purpose, strategy, and procedure of those cooperating agencies.
- II.3 To establish agreements with agencies which meet the criteria of World Outreach and which are capable of becoming instruments to help the church achieve its goals:
 - 1) By deploying church-planting missionaries
 - 2) By deploying support personnel
 - 3) By providing services and assistance

Long-Term Objectives

- II.4 To establish a working agreement with a seminary or institution for leadership training in each area where EPC has deployed church-planting missionaries.
- II.5 To establish agreements with NAPARC members for cooperatively deploying church planting teams.
- II.6 To establish a mission partnership with a Reformed denomination, which shall include the deployment of EPC personnel in Asia.

GOAL III ARGENTINA

In cooperation with the St. Andrews Presbytery in Buenos Aires, World Outreach shall engage in church planting in Argentina. The goal shall be to establish a fully indigenous Presbyterian denomination in Argentina.

Short-Term Objective

- III.1 To select areas in Argentina appropriate for the establishment of additional presbyteries.

GOAL IV BRAZIL

The EPC and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) established a joint agreement for a partnership in missions (Articles of Agreement, 1985). The planning and oversight of this agreement is the responsibility of the **Joint Committee for Missions (JCM)**, a body composed of three representatives elected from each church. The JCM makes recommendations to the General Assembly through the World Outreach Committee.

Short-Term Objectives

- IV.1 To provide funds and support for the development of new IPB presbyteries.
- IV.2 To establish and maintain graduate level scholarships to train faculty for IPB seminaries.
- IV.3 To provide visiting professors and other mission specialists to aid the IPB in leadership development and in mission planning.
- IV.4 To provide funds and support to strengthen and extend the foreign missions program of the IPB.

GOAL V MISSION PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

As a missionary sending agency, World Outreach shall emphasize sending teams to plant churches.

Short-Term Objectives

- V.1 To develop processes and tools for personnel and human resources management in recruiting, screening, training, deploying, and evaluating, and in providing member care.
- V.2 To define a "church planting team" -- its purpose, composition, structure, functions, and relationships.

- V.3 To develop a process for building and deploying church planting teams.

Long-Term Objectives

- V.4 To have 101 missionaries in the field by the year 2001.

- V.5 To develop policies and structures for integrating internationals into World Outreach church planting teams.

- V.6 To encourage short-term missionary service (one to two years) where consistent with World Outreach objectives.

GOAL VI BI-VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Recognizing that most of the world's population lives in countries closed to direct missionary witness ("restricted access nations"), World Outreach shall send trained personnel to such areas. The primary purpose of these individuals shall be their commitment to church planting or church growth within the context of their business or professional assignment.

Short-Term Objectives

- VI.1 To develop a program for selecting, training, deploying and supporting bi-vocational missionaries in "restricted access nations".
- VI.2 To deploy five units to serve as teachers or specialists in China.
- VI.3 To deploy ten units to work in the Muslim world.

GOAL VII NORTH AMERICAN ETHNIC CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

World Outreach shall coordinate strategic church development among the ethnic population in North America.

Short-Term Objectives

- VII.1 To develop resources which will help presbyteries effectively integrate present ethnic congregations into the life and fellowship of the presbytery.
- VII.2 To develop a national plan for ethnic church planting, including the use of missionaries from churches with whom World Outreach works.

GOAL VIII RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Consistent with World Outreach's commitment to mission in both Word and deed, its ministry shall include projects which assist long-term development as well as emergency relief. World Outreach shall endeavor to work through local churches, thereby opening doors for gospel proclamation.

Short-Term Objectives

- VIII.1 To establish and support relief and development projects in areas where World Outreach has church planting ministries, preferably in cooperation with other Reformed and Presbyterian agencies.
- VIII.2 To establish and support relief and development projects in communities in North America where EPC congregations are being established or are ministering.

- VIII.3 To cooperate with approved evangelical organizations engaged in broad relief and development ministries.

GOAL IX NORTH AMERICAN URBAN MINISTRIES

Because the inner city neighborhoods of North America are in great need of the gospel, World Outreach shall develop and/or support ministries to extend and strengthen the influence of the church into these areas.

Short-Term Objectives

- IX.1 To study inner city ministries within and outside the denomination, in order to determine what makes such a ministry effective.
- IX.2 To begin one new ministry by the end of 1993. This will involve the following steps:
- Choose a location
 - Determine the form of the ministry
 - Recruit a leader
 - Raise support

GOAL X EASTERN EUROPE AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Believing that the Holy Spirit has moved in a mighty way to open the door of opportunity for the proclamation of the gospel and the building of the Kingdom in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, World Outreach will develop ways for individual congregations and the denomination as a whole to respond to this opportunity.

Short-Term Objectives

- X.1 To investigate ministries now being conducted in this geographic area by other Reformed denominations and mission agencies.
- X.2 To recommend at least two appropriate ministries to EPC churches for consideration of their support.
- X.3 To deploy ten missionaries to work in this geographic area.

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PRESBYTERY WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEES (Committee Description)

1. World Outreach Missionaries

Recruitment

- Encourage prayer for the identification of World Outreach missionary candidates.
- From among both the members of presbytery and its congregations, seek out and encourage potential candidates to consider World Outreach service.
- Encourage and assist candidates in the application process.
- Disseminate current information on World Outreach's specific needs for new missionaries.

Support

- Urge the churches of the presbytery to help support all World Outreach missionaries through the World Outreach office.
- Encourage each church to include in its mission committee policy, a statement which gives preferential support consideration to World Outreach missionary appointees.

Contact

- Insure adequate communication is maintained between churches and the missionary on field.

Home Service

- Plan, in cooperation with World Outreach Committee, strategic opportunities for World Outreach missionaries to share their work with presbytery.
- Meet with, for reporting and review, each missionary on home service who is a member of presbytery.

2. Interpretation And Support Of World Outreach Projects

- Encourage regular representation from the presbytery on World Outreach mission trips, helping the participants share broadly on their return.
- Establish and pursue the goal of preferential support for World Outreach projects by every church in the presbytery.
- Provide on request, information on current World Outreach projects, their progress, and their support status.

3. Ethnic Church Development

- Encourage representatives of presbytery to visit any EPC ethnic congregations or mission churches within the presbytery.
- See opportunities for integrating ethnic congregations into the life and fellowship of the presbytery.

4. Mission Education

- Plan World Outreach seminars, workshops, and conferences whereby clusters of churches or the entire presbytery will be encouraged to cooperate, thereby strengthening their mission commitment.
- Encourage every congregation to have a periodic mission conference or mission day, sharing resources with one another as appropriate.
- Distribute information on the mission program of World Outreach.
- Develop and coordinate ways to nurture greater prayer support for World Outreach missionaries and ministries.

The ECFA Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.



The symbol of trust

Statement of Faith

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We believe in the **Holy Scriptures** as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. . .

One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. . .

Our **Lord Jesus Christ**, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His personal return in power and glory. . .

the **Salvation** of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. . .

the **Holy Spirit**, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness, and work for the Lord Jesus Christ. . .

the **Unity of the Spirit** of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ. . .

the **Resurrection** of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.



David M. Howard
general director

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National Association of Evangelicals

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Constitution

World Alliance of Reformed Churches

Preamble

The one foundation of the church is Jesus Christ, the Lord, in whom God's Word became flesh and to whom the Scriptures bear witness; and the church on earth; though composed of many members, is one body in the communion of the Holy Spirit, under the headship of the one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Article I - Name

The name of the organization, hereinafter called the Alliance, shall be: *The World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian and Congregational)*, and in shorter form, *The World Alliance of Reformed Churches*.

Article II - Membership

Any Church which accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour; holds the Word of God given in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme authority in matters of faith and life; acknowledges the need for the continuing reformation of the church catholic; whose position in faith and evangelism is in general agreement with that of the historic Reformed confessions, recognizing that the Reformed tradition is a biblical, evangelical and doctrinal ethos, rather than any narrow and exclusive definition of faith and order, shall be eligible for membership.

United churches which share this understanding of the nature and calling of the church shall be eligible for membership.

Membership in the Alliance does not restrict the relationship of any church with other churches or with other inter-church bodies.

Article III - Purposes

The purposes of the Alliance shall be:

1. to further all endeavours to proclaim the Word of God faithfully, and to order the life and worship of the church in obedience to God's Word;
2. to further the work of evangelism, mission and stewardship in all their aspects, to promote common study of the Christian Faith and its implications;
3. to encourage the diversity and familial character of ministries in the church under the one Head, Jesus Christ;
4. to widen and deepen understanding and community among the member churches and churches eligible for membership and to help them to fulfill their own responsibilities in the service of Christ;
5. to further intercourse between the member churches, through mutual visitation, through the dissemination of information, and by other practicable means;
6. to unite the forces of the member churches in common service wherever needed and practicable;
7. to help member churches which may be weak, oppressed or persecuted; and through all available channels to stimulate and provide aid to needy churches among them;
8. to promote and defend religious and civil liberties wherever threatened throughout the world;

9. to facilitate the contribution to the ecumenical movement of the experiences and insights which churches within the Alliance have been given in their history, and to share with churches of other traditions within that movement, and particularly in the World Council of Churches, in the discovery of forms of church life and practice which will enable the people of God more fully to understand and express together God's will for his people.

Article IV - General Council

1. Composition and Meetings

The General Council shall consist of delegates appointed by the member churches in such numbers as shall be specified in the By-Laws. The General Council shall meet ordinarily once in five years. The Executive Committee may convene the General Council on its own initiative and shall do so at the request of one third of the member churches. The time, place and programme may be determined by the General Council or in the *interim* by the Executive Committee.

2. Functions

The General Council shall have power to make and administer policies, plans and programmes in accordance with the purpose of the Alliance; to elect officers, members of the Executive Committee, Departments, Commissions and Committees; to adopt and amend a Constitution and By-Laws; to consider all matters brought before it by member churches; and to give oversight to the affairs of the Alliance. None of these provisions shall limit the autonomy of any member church.

Article V - Executive Committee

1. Composition and Meetings

- a. The General Council shall elect an Executive Committee from the delegates to that General Council, the members to hold office from their installation until their successors are elected and installed in office.
- b. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Alliance and twenty-five members elected by the General Council. The executive officers shall be corresponding members of the Executive Committee.
- c. If any member of the Executive committee is unable to attend a particular meeting of the Committee, an alternate may be appointed under provision in the By-Laws.
- d. The times, places, and plans of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be according to the provisions in the By-Laws or as specified from time to time by the General Council or the Executive Committee.

2. Functions

The Executive Committee shall exercise general oversight of the work of the Alliance between the meetings of the General Council, shall represent and, if necessary, speak for the Alliance between meetings of the General Council and perform all duties specified elsewhere in this Constitution and in the By-Laws or committed to it by the General Council. It shall have power to fill all vacancies in the offices of the Alliance and in its own membership which may occur between meetings of the General Council.

Article VI - Officers of the Alliance

The General Council shall elect the following officers from the delegates to that General Council to hold office from their installation until their successors are elected and installed in office.

1. A President
2. Three Vice-Presidents
3. Moderators of Departments

Article VII - Executive Officers

The Executive Committee shall elect the following executive officers, each of whom shall hold office for a fixed term of years and be eligible for re-election:

1. A General Secretary
2. One or more Associate Secretaries or Departmental Secretaries
3. One or more Assistant Secretaries
4. A General Treasurer
5. An Area Secretary and Area Treasurer for each Area which may be organized, upon nomination of the Area.

The terms of office of Associate Secretaries, Departmental Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries shall be not more than five years.

The General Secretary shall be the chief executive officer and shall be responsible to the General Council and to the Executive Committee to direct and co-ordinate the work of the Alliance.

Article VIII - Departments, Commissions and Committees

1. The General Council may establish Departments.
2. The General Council or the Executive Committee may establish Commissions and Committees.

Article IX - Organization of Areas

In order to promote the closest possible community and cooperation among member churches in particular areas of the world and the effectiveness of the total work of the Alliance, the General Council may authorize the organization of an Area by the member churches in any given area of the world. The number, bounds, and names of the Areas shall be determined by the General Council and ordinarily shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Alliance. The organization of an Area shall be effected by the member churches within the area in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alliance, under By-Laws drawn up in the Area and ratified by the General Council or the Executive Committee.

Article X - Legal Status

The General Council and the Executive Committee shall take the steps necessary to qualify the Alliance to own and deal with property, both real and personal.

Article XI - Principal Office

The principal office of the Alliance shall be in Geneva, Switzerland.

Article XII - Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds affirmative vote of the delegates in attendance at any meeting of the General Council, providing the proposed amendment has been transmitted to the members of the Executive Committee, to each member Church, and to the Moderator of each Area, at least on year before it is voted.
2. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at any meeting of the General Council.

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**ANNUAL STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS
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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTING (ALLEGHENY PRESBYTERY)

CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSORS
					PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1 CALVARY EPC	BUTLER, PA	11	15	295	10	7	13	3	10	10	302	133	0	7	6
2 EP FELLOWSHIP	KIRTLAND, OH	6	15	157	0	0	0	0	3	0	154	165	4	0	0
3 FAITH EPC	RICHMOND, OH	9	9	139	19	0	0	0	1	1	156	106	0	2	0
4 NORTH PARK	WEXFORD, PA	11	17	486	45	0	0	4	3	5	518	270	4	8	0
5 PERROW PRESBYTERIAN	CROSS LANES, WV	11	15	337	8	5	14	3	3	2	356	272	6	0	7
6 TABERNACLE EPC	YOUNGSTOWN, OH	11	21	426	19	11	7	3	5	19	444	244	0	3	2
7 WESTMINSTER PRES	BLUEFIELD, WV	16	15	513	12	19	21	11	8	1	545	206	5	1	11

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (ALLEGHENY PRESBYTERY)

CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1 CALVARY EPC	21,283	131,222	46,790	172,522	1,500	2,950	8,217	10,150	178,012	193,339	5,956
2 EP FELLOWSHIP	55,104	123,301	42,883	147,042	1,200	1,500	500	16,492	165,984	166,734	54,354
3 FAITH EPC	91,917	110,232	30,785	108,683	578	1,390	900	4,024	141,017	115,556	117,379
4 NORTH PARK	89,339	420,418	360,895	798,672	0	4,800	2,250	0	781,313	805,722	44,890
5 PERROW PRESBYTERIAN	32,174	399,873	14,758	341,098	3,720	3,800	2,000	72,831	414,829	423,247	23,556
6 TABERNACLE EPC	48,878	330,889	55,716	322,024	1,160	4,280	4,047	17,738	386,805	349,247	86,036
7 WESTMINSTER PRES	30,420	544,593	50,651	459,817	786	3,840	4,224	78,393	595,244	547,042	78,622

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTING (EAST PRESBYTERY)

CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSORS
					PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1 ASHLAND EPC	VOORHEES, NJ	12	7	409	10	5	4	4	7	18	401	141	0	10	3
2 CHRIST CHURCH	BURKE, VA	2	0	71	0	2	3	2	3	0	71	47	1	3	0
3 DUNDALK PRESBYTERIAN	DUNDALK, MD	12	9	274	5	0	17	5	5	18	270	147	0	4	5
4 FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	ALEXANDRIA, VA	14	8	217	1	7	12	7	0	13	217	98	0	9	0
5 FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN	BETHESDA, MD	23	30	2174	132	0	0	29	11	0	2266	1640	16	25	73
6 GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN	MONTGOMERY, NY	6	9	98	12	0	0	3	0	1	106	97	0	1	0
7 NEW LIFE PRES (MC)	GAITHERSBURG, MD	2	2	15	0	25	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	2	0

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (EAST PRESBYTERY)

CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PERMEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1 ASHLAND EPC	84,320	216,793	31,548	153,577	1,050	4,500	5,200	37,940	248,341	202,267	130,394
2 CHRIST CHURCH	13,711	65,067	945	57,858	130	710	123	1,575	65,012	60,396	19,327
3 DUNDALK PRESBYTERIAN	68,500	124,470	27,042	129,657	0	2,800	1,650	9,075	151,512	143,182	76,830
4 FAITH PRES ALEXANDRIA	61,265	319,729	41,754	351,493	434	2,170	3,340	16,032	361,463	379,459	69,289
5 FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN	2,064,730	2,092,401	224,527	1,964,102	0	21,100	38,200	437,773	2,316,928	2,461,175	1,920,483
6 GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN	5,414	182,720	2,457	127,319	1,700	1,000	2,066	25,618	170,591	157,703	12,888
7 NEW LIFE PRES (MC)	3,031	47,494	5,508	28,002	0	0	0	500	52,000	28,502	27,529

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTING (CENTRAL SOUTH PRESBYTERY)

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSORS
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	ATOKA PRESBYTERIAN	ATOKA, TN	3	3	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	39	0	1	0
2	CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN	HOUSTON, TX	7	0	64	0	5	0	3	0	6	60	28	0	1	0
3	CHRIST EPC	HOUSTON, TX	8	9	594	2	12	9	2	0	0	615	716	9	18	1
4	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR	HOUSTON, TX	6	5	90	1	0	0	4	0	8	79	50	0	10	0
5	COVENANT COMM (MC)	WACO, TX														
6	COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN	COLUMBUS, MS	6	0	83	5	7	2	3	0	5	89	34	0	8	0
7	CROSSROADS COMMUNITY	AUSTIN, TX	4	0	26	7	1	11	1	0	9	36	118	21	0	7
8	EPC MARSHALL	MARSHALL, TX	0	0	150	0	0	16	0	1	0	165	173	3	2	0
9	FAITH EPC	FAYETTEVILLE, AR														
10	FIRST EPC	ANNA, IL	7	9	139	0	2	5	1	2	1	138	117	3	0	0
11	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	ATMORE, AL	3	5	85	3	0	2	0	2	8	80	105	0	4	3
12	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	HOLMA, LA	5	5	124	0	2	0	1	2	9	114	123	4	2	0
13	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	MERIDIAN, MS	12	12	446	5	9	0	53	11	10	386	117	0	4	8
14	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	WASKOM, TX	RECEIVED 1991													
15	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	WEST POINT, MS	9	7	164	2	4	2	0	1	5	166	119	1	3	2
16	GOLDEN RULE PRES	ELYSIAN FIELDS, TX	7	3	43	1	5	1	1	2	0	47	31	0	0	0
17	GRACE CHURCH (MC)	DALLAS, TX	6	0	0	0	2	46	4	0	0	44	29	0	0	0
18	HOPE PRESBYTERIAN	CORDOVA, TN	14	0	251	3	21	11	4	1	0	291	328	4	13	0
19	LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN	BRANDON, MS	12	12	462	16	68	9	19	3	32	501	281	7	13	15
20	LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN	LOUISVILLE, MS	6	6	65	0	3	0	1	4	0	63	29	0	1	0

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	CHURCHES	RECEIPTS			DIS-BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS-BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		BEGINNING BALANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PERMEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	ATOKA PRESBYTERIAN	14,085	17,494	18,939	33,781	0	0	0	160	36,433	33,941	16,577
2	CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN	181,373	86,523	14,603	85,890	2,300	840	1,205	0	101,126	90,035	192,464
3	CHRIST EPC	0	908,394	7,415	389,089	4,782	6,948	2,017	225,860	915,810	622,596	293,114
4	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR	70,636	76,782	6,326	86,959	900	900	0	0	83,108	90,559	69,085
5	COVENANT COMM (MC)											
6	COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN	4,869	62,657	15,377	70,727	0	755	0	3,600	78,034	75,082	7,821
7	CROSSROADS COMMUNITY	128	63,859	3,024	65,711	715	0	190	44	67,003	66,660	343
8	EPC MARSHALL	7,950	154,895	96,576	224,050	3,637	2,000	10,918	2,700	251,473	243,305	16,128
9	FAITH EPC											
10	FIRST EPC (ANNA)	13,107	97,633	105,137	196,971	600	666	1,950	8,365	202,970	206,551	7,526
11	FIRST PRES (ATMORE)	16,196	124,188	6,437	101,004	1,800	1,200	3,720	7,705	130,605	115,429	31,372
12	FIRST PRES (HOUMA)	17,472	113,914	29,918	140,620	1,250	1,250	2,450	14,005	143,830	123,575	37,727
13	FIRST PRES (MERIDIAN)	102,110	340,918	43,388	323,684	0	4,000	0	0	384,306	327,684	156,532
14	FIRST PRES (WASKOM)	RECEIVED 1991										
15	FIRST PRES (WEST POINT)	19,944	100,030	25,109	136,491	2,762	1,608	1,229	0	125,139	142,090	2,993
16	GOLDEN RULE PRES	7,262	23,175	0	19,098	0	0	0	0	23,175	19,038	11,399
17	GRACE CHURCH (MC)	5,067	109,442	4,394	115,871	0	0	0	0	113,836	115,871	3,032
18	HOPE PRESBYTERIAN	147,954	324,072	61,647	373,078	2,096	2,620	7,850	0	385,724	385,644	148,034
19	LAKESIDE PRES	83,320	319,680	152,105	447,154	0	4,620	3,450	14,092	471,785	470,316	85,789
20	LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN	21,542	55,974	5,795	55,436	4,632	520	840	1,445	61,759	62,873	20,438

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSORS
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
21	NORTHPORT PRES. (MC)	NORTHPORT, AL														
22	PROVIDENCE PRES	ROWLETTE, TX	7	2	36	0	0	7	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0
23	REDEEMER EPC (MC)	IRONDALE, AL														
24	SECOND PRESBYTERIAN	MEMPHIS, TN	59	72	3608	34	46	40	112	42	44	3530	2544	17	47	21
25	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN	MOBILE, AL	5	6	70	1	0	12	3	1	8	71	83	1	4	0
26	TUNICA PRES	TUNICA, MS	6	9	118	3	7	6	2	0	2	129	102	1	2	3
27	WESTMINSTER PRES.	LAUREL, MS	9	8	285	7	8	0	6	2	0	292	198	1	6	1
28	WESTMINSTER PRES.	BOSSIER CITY, LA	2	0	58	0	0	0	5	1	19	33	23	0	0	0
29	ZACHARY PRESBYTERIAN	ZACHARY, LA	5	0	86	1	4	0	1	1	0	89	47	0	3	0

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	CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DIS- BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
			TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPIC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPIC MISSIONS			
21	NORTHPORT PRES (MC)											
22	PROVIDENCE PRES	16,834	87,744	8,487	109,187	229	287	315	2,400	98,231	112,428	837
23	REDEEMER EPC (MC)											
24	SECOND PRESBYTERIAN	0	3,382,628	2,682,291	5,297,849	38,080	36,080	28,839	645,791	6,064,929	6,048,829	0
25	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN	6,477	70,772	37,292	89,910	2,485	560	669	2,380	108,064	106,004	8,637
26	TUNICA PRES	19,744	74,538	2,601	87,275	0	2,000	0	0	77,139	89,275	7,808
27	WESTMINSTER PRES LAUREL	302,221	351,587	21,316	292,548	21,731	2,850	8,878	1,021	372,902	327,029	348,094
28	WESTMINSTER PRES(BOSS)	11,432	34,597	842	29,414	408	510	200	9,704	35,439	39,236	7,835
29	ZACHARY PRESBYTERIAN	24,175	66,407	101,200	189,463	660	660	1,200	600	187,807	172,583	19,199

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CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDEFS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
					PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1 CARMEL COMMUNITY	DEL MAR, CA	5	0	27	0	0	11	3	3	0	32	27	0	0	4
2 CHRIST COMMUNITY	PASADENA, CA	6	0	145	3	12	0	2	0	0	158	115	3	2	0
3 FOOTHILLS EPC (MC)	ALTADENA, CA														
4 HEMET VALLEY EPC	SAN JACINTO, CA														
5 NEW COVENANT EPC	TUCSON, AZ	0	0	22	0	2	8	1	0	0	31	35	0	0	0
6 SANTA MARIA PRES.	SANTA MARIA, CA	6	9	86	2	0	5	0	0	3	90	57	1	0	1
7 SUNSHINE CHR FELLOWSHIP	PHOENIX, AZ (MC)														
8 THAI CHR MINISTRIES	BELLFLOWER, CA	8	4	42	1	0	3	0	0	19	27	11	0	0	0

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (FAR WEST PRESBYTERY)

CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1 CARMEL COMMUNITY	869,323	48,983	25,860	75,252	0	310	2,028	0	72,823	77,590	864,556
2 CHRIST COMMUNITY	5,078	128,519	0	118,948	50	200	100	4,989	128,519	124,287	9,310
3 FOOTHILLS EPC (MC)											
4 HEMET VALLEY EPC											
5 NEW COVENANT EPC (MC)	13,958	35,342	0	27,313	120	230	0	2,950	35,342	30,613	18,685
6 SANTA MARIA PRES	29,302	104,939	6,972	119,148	4,869	860	745	0	111,911	125,622	15,591
7 SUNSHINE CHR FELLOWSHIP											
8 THAI CHR MINISTRIES	9,868	48,149	7,808	54,579	275	392	0	3,600	55,957	58,846	6,980

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CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
					PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1 ABUNDANT LIFE (MC)	LAKE MARY, FL	0	0	20	2	8	0	0	0	1	29	30	2	1	2
2 CHRIST COVENANT	TAMPA, FL	7	0	110	1	0	0	3	0	0	108	84	0	0	0
3 CORNERSTONE EPC	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	9	9	182	0	8	23	4	1	32	174	87	2	5	0
4 FAITH EPC	BROOKSVILLE, FL	5	5	214	4	5	25	0	2	0	245	98	1	0	3
5 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	HOMESTEAD, FL	14	0	215	7	5	19	4	2	6	232	40	2	2	0
6 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	NICEVILLE, FL	5	5	185	5	13	10	1	0	4	209	NOT KEPT	4	3	0
7 NEW COVENANT	POMPANO BEACH, FL	12	21	1116	15	22	68	32	10	17	1180	675	50	32	0
8 TRINITY EPC	FT PIERCE, FL	5	0	105	8	0	25	4	2	12	121	107	2	0	8

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CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DIS- BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1 ABUNDANT LIFE (MC)	258	45,265	0	37,071	305	290	978	1,246	45,265	39,890	5,693
2 CHRIST COVENANT	13,741	75,421	124,572	204,724	1,146	402	0	810	199,993	205,882	6,852
3 CORNERSTONE EPC	0	154,984	48,739	200,996	0	1,668	0	0	203,703	202,854	1,039
4 FAITH EPC (BROOKSVILLE)	49,512	143,125	159,259	287,052	1,200	2,150	154	0	302,411	290,556	61,367
5 FIRST PRES (HOMESTEAD)	28,589	109,519	184,488	125,730	2,677	0	0	160,482	273,967	286,889	13,687
6 FIRST PRES (NICEVILLE)	20,781	137,262	14,563	123,072	10,300	2,000	5,600	420	151,825	139,362	35,214
7 NEW COVENANT	8,154	1,181,213	142,549	1,256,426	14,232	11,180	2,007	26,743	1,303,762	1,310,508	1,348
8 TRINITY EPC	19,853	114,105	14,588	122,535	1,548	1,070	0	0	128,694	125,153	23,394

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORTING (MID-AMERICA PRESBYTERY)

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	BALDWIN COMMUNITY PRES	BALDWIN, IL	6	2	43	2	0	0	0	0	0	45	43	2	3	0
2	CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN	ST LOUIS, MO	24	35	2601	41	52	42	32	23	86	2593	1108	11	48	13
3	CHRIST CHAPEL PRES	ST LOUIS, MO	7	8	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	73	NOT GIVEN	0	0	0
4	CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN	CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO	3	3	46	0	9	2	7	1	0	49	46	0	0	0
5	COVENANT CHAPEL	LEAWOOD, KS	6	0	302	0	15	5	2	0	58	262	157	0	6	0
6	EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN	GROVER, MO	8	9	233	23	15	6	7	2	8	260	192	4	5	17
7	FREEDOM PRESBYTERIAN	TULSA, OK														
8	GRACE EPC	LAWRENCE, KS														
9	GRACE FELLOWSHIP	ST PETERS, MO	2	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	5	43	48	0	0	0
10	HEARTLAND EPC	OVERLAND PARK, KS	7	0	126	11	22	17	0	0	12	164	238	0	36	0
11	IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN	CAROL STREAM, IL	12	10	197	18	0	0	0	0	0	215	235	6	3	0
12	SUTTER PRESBYTERIAN	ST LOUIS, MO	7	18	138	0	0	2	0	5	0	135	92	2	1	0
13	WEST HIGHLANDS EPC (MC)	LENEXA, KS														
14	WESTKIRK PRESBYTERIAN	DES MOINES, IA	12	0	209	2	5	2	4	4	4	206	128	1	4	18

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	CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DIS- BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
			TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	BALDWIN COMMUNITY PRES	2,130	18,180	22,995	38,868	316	0	241	0	40,556	39,427	3,258
2	CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN	2,680,519	2,708,551	1,008,423	3,426,121	98,302	26,010	125,080	185,797	3,714,974	3,861,310	2,534,183
3	CHRIST CHAPEL PRES	21,160	75,707	136,812	84,079	588	730	0	8,761	212,519	84,126	139,561
4	CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN	21,875	61,517	87,821	142,191	1,900	460	790	1,100	149,138	148,441	24,572
5	COVENANT CHAPEL	98,159	386,522	83,800	364,406	0	3,020	0	10,000	450,322	377,426	171,055
6	EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN	45,126	208,557	0	187,005	0	2,330	1,100	6,950	208,557	187,385	66,298
7	FREEDOM PRESBYTERIAN											
8	GRACE EPC											
9	GRACE FELLOWSHIP	39,280	57,050	0	72,830	0	0	0	0	57,050	72,830	23,500
10	HEARTLAND EPC	30,400	215,613	147,377	349,584	1,100	865	0	13,292	363,590	364,841	29,149
11	IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN	24,057	225,270	91,497	239,613	878	1,950	0	26,754	316,787	289,195	71,639
12	SUTTER PRESBYTERIAN	9,486	119,641	50,863	159,782	1,720	1,380	0	13,170	170,304	178,052	3,738
13	WEST HIGHLANDS EPC (MC)											
14	WESTKIRK PRESBYTERIAN	200,140	74,903	148,617	179,787	412	2,090	2,600	0	223,520	184,809	238,771

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN	FLORENCE, SC	7	0	80	2	0	3	2	2	24	57	55	0	0	0
2	BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERIAN	BRUNSWICK, NC	RECEIVED 1991													
3	CHRIST CHURCH	ANDERSON, SC	3	4	55	0	0	8	0	0	3	60	74	0	3	0
4	CHRIST EPC	MIDLOTHIAN, VA	3	0	54	1	2	1	0	2	4	52	45	0	0	1
5	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR (MC)	DURHAM, NC	RECEIVED 1991													
6	CLEVELAND PRESBYTERIAN	ABINGDON, VA	6	0	75	0	0	0	12	0	0	63	77	0	1	0
7	COMMUNITY BIBLE	HIGHLANDS, NC	5	0	79	0	0	4	0	0	0	83	67	0	0	0
8	CORNERSTONE PRES.	FRANKLIN, NC	8	0	84	0	3	1	0	0	4	84	8	0	0	0
9	COVENANT EPC (MC)	ALBERMARLE, NC														
10	COVENANT FELLOWSHIP	SHELBY, NC	4	0	38	6	15	8	0	0	5	63	96	0	4	5
11	CRAMERTON EPC	CRAMERTON, NC	6	5	66	3	0	1	0	0	8	62	55	3	0	2
12	EPC OF ELKTON	ELKTON, VA	6	0	49	12	1	2	0	1	4	59	48	10	0	8
13	FAIRVIEW CHR FELLOWSHIP	FAIRVIEW, NC	DISMISSED FEBRUARY 1992													
14	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	ROANOKE, VA	5	4	76	8	1	0	0	0	0	83	58	2	1	2
15	FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST	RALEIGH, NC	RECEIVED 1991													
16	FIRST EPC (MC)	GAFFNEY, SC	4	4	54	8	8	2	0	0	5	59	79	0	1	0
17	FOREST HILL PRES	CHARLOTTE, NC	18	18	1201	12	124	70	53	1	14	1429	1508	6	49	12
18	FOREST HILLS EPC	WILSON, NC	7	0	88	8	0	0	0	0	21	67	24	0	0	0
19	GRACE CHAPEL	CHARLOTTE, NC	4	0	39	2	9	5	0	0	6	49	62	2	1	0
20	GRACE EPC	FRANKLIN, NC	4	7	56	2	2	2	1	0	12	51	50	3	0	2

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CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1 BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN	5,303	41,137	4,993	42,455	450	180	0	0	46,130	43,085	8,348
2 BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERIAN	RECEIVED 1991										
3 CHRIST CHURCH	19,597	150,693	42,943	148,833	2,400	1,200	1,359	7,200	193,636	160,992	52,241
4 CHRIST EPC	9,592	93,709	20,517	97,902	0	1,104	529	19,539	114,228	119,074	4,744
5 CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR	RECEIVED 1991										
6 CLEVELAND PRES	100,737	19,275	16,681	14,265	0	472	0	888	35,956	15,425	121,165
7 COMMUNITY BIBLE	59,109	131,899	0	122,068	3,100	0	2,397	15,451	131,899	143,016	47,992
8 CORNERSTONE PRES	14,144	50,634	15,642	61,982	1,800	500	605	1,990	66,276	66,877	13,543
9 COVENANT EPC (MC)											
10 COVENANT FELLOWSHIP	46,887	68,527	114	79,333	200	380	1,423	18,384	68,641	99,720	17,808
11 CRAWFERTON EPC	25,936	44,999	4,718	43,767	1,005	870	1,137	4,008	49,717	50,587	25,066
12 EPC OF ELKTON	3,254	55,881	11,502	64,648	1,550	800	550	1,100	67,383	68,648	1,989
13 FAIRVIEW CHR FELLOWSHIP	DISMISSED FEBRUARY 1992										
14 FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	18,042	79,340	725	77,118	1,402	750	860	9,634	80,085	89,774	8,333
15 FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST	RECEIVED 1991										
16 FIRST EPC (MC)	37,115	93,672	20,859	107,850	2,500	540	1,400	900	114,531	112,990	38,656
17 FOREST HILL PRES	401,089	2,200,513	274,769	2,260,117	16,550	16,960	7,380	108,316	2,475,282	2,411,323	466,048
18 FOREST HILLS EPC	25,443	33,084	23,370	71,102	143	715	570	235	58,454	72,765	9,132
19 GRACE CHAPEL	6,466	82,227	5,319	65,431	1,000	0	850	2,374	67,546	69,655	4,347
20 GRACE EPC	3,267	38,982	13,361	49,855	500	500	600	600	50,223	51,856	1,634

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
21	HARVEST CHURCH	ASHEVILLE, NC	3	0	14	0	18	11	0	0	1	42	60	0	0	0
22	KEMPSVILLE PRES	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	12	18	1052	6	30	60	10	0	19	1119	607	26	3	16
23	LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN	GREENWOOD, VA	4	0	51	4	0	0	0	1	0	54	47	0	0	0
24	LEE PARK PRESBYTERIAN	MONROE, NC	6	6	97	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	70	0	1	0
25	UNWOOD PRESBYTERIAN	GASTONIA, NC	9	0	69	4	2	0	0	1	13	81	44	4	0	1
26	MYRTLE GROVE PRES	WILMINGTON, NC	15	15	1546	43	40	51	22	5	254	1399	1850	0	27	30
27	NEW BEG CHR FELLOWSHIP	GREENSBORO, NC	5	2	156	0	0	36	0	0	11	181	136	14	0	0
28	NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN	MATTHEWS, NC	RECEIVED 1991													
29	NORTHAMPTON PRES	HAMPTON, VA	9	0	110	4	2	7	3	3	18	99	42	1	4	3
30	PLUMTREE PRESBYTERIAN	PLUMTREE, NC	11	0	178	5	4	3	1	2	8	179	149	5	0	5
31	REYNOLDA PRESBYTERIAN	WINSTON SALEM, NC	15	15	780	20	82	18	14	1	27	856	486	6	10	5
32	ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN	CHARLOTTE, NC	6	7	411	6	11	5	16	2	0	415	327	8	0	5
33	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN	FLORENCE, SC	9	9	420	4	30	22	17	0	2	457	436	3	5	0
34	WOODSIDE PRESBYTERIAN	ROANOKE, VA	4	0	44	1	0	0	0	1	0	44	6	1	0	1

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	CHURCHES	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		BEGINNING BALANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
21	HARVEST CHURCH	3,015	41,560	7,000	37,432	0	140	21	0	48,580	37,593	14,002
22	KEMPSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN	141,114	1,091,748	169,523	1,012,675	2,004	9,996	9,996	110,955	1,281,271	1,145,626	256,759
23	LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN	19,893	41,555	3,800	48,575	500	510	0	800	45,355	50,385	14,983
24	LEE PARK PRESBYTERIAN	15,316	40,480	8,273	36,942	2,459	1,609	1,436	1,950	46,759	44,796	17,271
25	LIMWOOD PRESBYTERIAN	1,250	51,871	0	50,221	150	890	519	663	51,871	52,243	878
26	MYRTLE GROVE PRES	151,071	984,492	112,027	877,806	0	23,000	11,525	117,479	1,076,519	1,029,809	197,781
27	NEW BEG CHR FLSHIP (MC)	84,420	132,091	18,107	204,781	3,000	1,700	0	1,200	150,188	210,891	23,927
28	NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN	375	15,990	0	5,652	0	NEW OCT. 1991	0	0	15,990	5,652	10,713
29	NORTH-HAMPTON PRES	11,215	62,116	2,727	80,075	0	1,000	1,193	0	64,843	62,269	13,789
30	PLUMTREE PRESBYTERIAN	22,315	119,532	3,000	79,399	3,600	1,780	1,200	41,160	122,532	127,139	17,708
31	REYNOLDA PRESBYTERIAN	136,229	887,445	85,890	596,929	19,766	11,875	9,200	128,119	773,335	786,878	145,586
32	ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN	141,410	523,880	11,115	382,913	5,822	4,110	4,968	152,428	535,005	550,241	126,174
33	TRINITY PRES (FLORENCE)	139,537	541,305	0	462,339	23,700	4,200	31,211	31,703	541,305	553,153	127,659
34	WOODSIDE PRESBYTERIAN	10,218	23,953	5,614	30,159	0	0	0	0	29,587	30,159	9,626

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN	FLINT, MI	18	21	541	21	10	19	0	7	45	539	332	8	21	5
2	COMMUNITY EPC	OWOSSO, MI	2	4	70	0	0	2	0	2	4	68	84	3	2	0
3	CORNERSTONE PRES	BRIGHTON, MI	10	33	288	2	6	15	0	0	19	292	285	0	5	0
4	COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN	ANN ARBOR, MI	5	4	134	4	5	7	4	0	7	139	159	3	3	2
6	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	ROCHESTER, MI	8	0	298	8	13	21	4	0	55	281	511	12	13	0
7	FELLOWSHIP EPC	SOUTH LYON, MI	7	7	129	2	0	0	2	0	0	129	113	2	3	0
8	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	TRENTON, MI	12	35	781	32	14	24	5	9	84	733	477	2	10	27
9	GRACE CHAPEL	FARMINGTON HILLS, MI	9	21	362	0	17	24	10	1	13	379	317	3	19	0
10	KENSINGTON COMM (MC)	TROY, MI														
11	KNOX PRESBYTERIAN	MT CLEMENS, MI	11	0	463	17	7	15	1	3	47	451	580	2	13	11
12	LAKE CITY EPC	LAKE CITY, MI	5	0	71	0	2	1	2	0	0	72	89	1	0	0
5	MILITARY AVENUE	DETROIT, MI	3	0	48	3	2	2	0	0	0	55	180	1	6	0
13	MT. PLEASANT COMMUNITY	MT. PLEASANT, MI	10	11	247	0	0	7	10	0	10	234	164	8	4	0
14	NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY	CLARKSTON, MI	4	0	46	0	0	4	0	0	2	48	56	2	5	0
15	OAKLAND AVENUE	PONTIAC, MI	9	13	265	0	0	2	3	6	0	258	0	4	2	0
16	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN	COLUMBIA CITY, IN	12	12	200	18	0	0	0	1	0	215	138	1	7	10
17	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN	PLYMOUTH, MI	14	35	595	16	21	33	7	2	24	632	538	2	9	11
18	WARD PRESBYTERIAN	LIVONIA, MI	33	240	5001	83	191	119	51	28	39	5276	6033	45	86	12

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	RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
	CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN	61,355	201,382	211,206	352,913	0	5,410	3,975	17,872	412,588	379,970	93,973
2	COMMUNITY EPC	54,052	86,471	3,982	62,510	445	700	500	12,805	90,433	78,960	87,525
3	CORNERSTONE PRES	138,828	238,875	340,888	508,022	2,728	2,980	9,000	60,473	579,563	581,113	137,278
4	COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN	43,884	103,777	21,799	101,217	804	1,340	6,640	23,110	125,576	133,111	36,148
5	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	106,392	801,484	157,441	873,647	1,788	3,090	2,200	65,595	758,825	746,220	119,097
7	FELLOWSHIP EPC	41,119	114,254	19,985	125,463	875	1,350	17,820	11,028	134,239	156,336	19,022
8	FIRST PRES (TRENTON)	22,864	587,655	121,171	707,199	0	8,083	8,270	0	708,828	723,552	7,938
9	GRACE CHAPEL	887,690	417,630	1,814,075	2,029,539	2,172	3,620	12,604	48,692	2,231,705	2,086,827	1,022,768
10	KENSINGTON COM. (MC)	36,377	328,541	73,001	420,534	0	0	0	0	401,542	420,534	17,385
11	KNOX PRESBYTERIAN	161,133	488,228	127,588	527,012	5,400	4,610	3,322	157,200	515,816	697,544	79,405
12	LAKE CITY EPC	26,402	82,931	41,730	110,522	426	710	2,122	7,218	104,661	120,998	10,065
5	MILITARY AVENUE	18,328	41,646	47,837	81,977	0	480	0	5,150	89,282	87,607	20,004
13	MT PLEASANT COMMUNITY	48,974	206,636	51,796	227,726	500	0	2,879	37,237	258,432	258,336	37,070
14	NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY	8,348	65,607	3,447	66,147	276	460	1,000	0	89,254	67,883	9,719
15	OAKLAND AVENUE	17,230	258,944	39,613	226,086	0	889	389	27,407	298,557	254,559	61,228
16	TRINITY (COLUMBIA CITY)	1,936	86,108	41,248	117,383	0	2,401	0	3,107	127,356	122,671	6,421
17	TRINITY (PLYMOUTH)	53,486	627,869	31,160	478,586	3,570	5,950	12,150	87,350	658,829	587,606	124,709
18	WARD PRESBYTERIAN	1,479,920	3,565,958	1,908,585	3,892,362	25,610	50,100	130,630	682,473	5,474,543	4,783,308	2,193,288

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	BRainerd PRESBYTERIAN	CHATTANOOGA, TN	13	24	558	16	12	8	6	5	28	552	320	2	4	13
2	COVENANT COMM. PRES. (MC)	DENNISTON, KY														
3	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	LAVONIA, GA	8	0	88	6	1	5	0	0	10	88	52	8	0	2
4	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	LOUISVILLE, KY	4	0	27	5	0	3	0	1	0	34	23	2	0	1
5	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	ROME, GA	31	20	1040	16	28	1	11	8	11	1055	342	7	5	11
6	GOLDEN PRESBYTERIAN	KNOXVILLE, TN	6	0	42	3	15	5	0	0	3	62	16	0	2	2
7	GRACE COMM. PRES	MARIETTA, GA	9	9	282	0	9	0	3	0	188	100	45	0	5	0
8	GRACE PRESBYTERIAN	MURFREESBORO, TN	5	10	57	1	0	22	0	0	0	80	84	1	0	0
9	LYNN GARDEN PRES.	KINGSPORT, TN	6	0	60	0	0	4	1	1	1	61	64	0	1	0
10	NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY	ATLANTA, GA	7	6	90	2	31	25	18	1	6	123	188	8	1	0
11	VALLEYBROOK PRES	HIXSON PIKE, TN	8	0	135	1	1	7	2	0	12	130	148	1	2	1

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	CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DIS- BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
			TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	BRANERD PRESBYTERIAN	2,963	495,617	18,730	454,827	14,192	5,560	12,577	11,900	514,347	499,056	18254
2	COVENANT COM. PRES. (MC)											
3	FAITH PRES (LAVONIA)	3,181	31,899	0	34,408	527	423	300	0	31,899	35,658	-578
4	FIRST PRES (LOUISVILLE)	11,000	26,000	0	26,600	600	200	400	0	26,000	27,800	9,200
5	FIRST PRES (ROME)	129,950	820,120	47,041	670,856	81,100	10,400	24,739	103,590	867,161	890,865	106,446
6	GOLDEN PRESBYTERIAN	25,166	99,716	63,992	93,289	800	600	0	0	103,708	94,680	34,205
7	GRACE (MURFREESBORO)	10,334	84,218	0	88,374	0	0	0	0	84,218	88,374	6,178
8	GRACE COMMUNITY PRES	5,000	123,000	23,000	146,000	0	0	0	2,000	146,000	148,000	3,000
9	LYNN GARDEN PRES.	27,869	39,842	8,412	48,365	600	600	236	0	48,054	49,603	26,120
10	NEW COV. COM. (ATLANTA)	15,877	177,959	590,667	715,150	3,594	800	4,983	4,822	708,626	729,429	-4,626
11	VALLEYBROOK PRES.	3,112	120,147	8,225	119,577	250	0	0	4,335	120,372	124,162	5,322

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/89 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSORS
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	BELGRAND	ARGENTINA										75				
2	CITY CHURCH	ARGENTINA										200				
3	METRO	ARGENTINA										100				
4	OLIVOS	ARGENTINA										400				
5	PARANACITO	ARGENTINA										50				
6	QUILMES	ARGENTINA										25				
7	SAN ANTONIA DE PADUA	ARGENTINA										100				
8	TEMPERLEY	ARGENTINA										150				

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	CHURCHES	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS		DIS- BURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DIS- BURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
			TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	BELGRAND											
2	CITY CHURCH											
3	METRO											
4	OLIVOS											
5	PARAMACITO											
6	QUILMES											
7	SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA											
8	TEMPERLY											

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	CHURCHES	LOCATION	ELDERS	DEACONS	12/31/90 MEMBERSHIP	GAINS			LOSSES			12/31/91 MEMBERSHIP	SS ENROLLMENT	ADULT BAPTISMS	INFANT BAPTISMS	YOUTH PROFESSING
						PROFESSION OF FAITH	CERT.	OTHER	CERT.	DEATHS	OTHER					
1	BEAR CREEK EPC	DENVER, CO	18	25	635	12	15	20	15	4	36	628	417	2	14	5
2	CHERRY CREEK PRES	ENGLEWOOD, CO	12	110	1709	0	0	431	0	0	321	1819	2240	16	51	0
3	CHERRY HILLS COMMUNITY	ENGLEWOOD, CO	10	63	3418	73	245	122	400	14	225	3217	1100	35	18	0
4	CHRIST FELLOWSHIP	FT. COLLINS, CO	3	3	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	83	5	1	0
5	CHRIST OUR KING PRES	DENVER, CO	7	0	75	2	0	38	0	1	12	102	120	3	2	0
6	CORNERSTONE COMM	AURORA, CO	6	0	0	30	120	50	0	0	0	200	140	8	5	0
7	CORNERSTONE EPC (MC)	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO														
8	COVENANT COMMUNITY	AURORA, CO	5	8	55	2	8	0	3	0	4	59	49	0	0	2
9	EPC TEXOA (MC)	TEKOA, WA	0	5	28	4	2	4	3	0	0	35	57	2	1	0
10	FAITH EVANGELICAL	LOVELAND, CO	11	0	326	9	25	11	2	1	23	345	332	6	4	0
11	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN	AURORA, CO	22	103	1501	31	40	80	193	50	143	1266	500	0	31	0
12	FIRST EPC	RENTON, WA	15	17	576	17	26	32	0	1	29	621	283	1	18	0
13	GREENWOOD COMMUNITY	DENVER, CO	8	0	0	61	220	0	0	0	0	261	248	4	10	0
14	NORTHWEST CHURCH	REDMOND, WA	4	0	21	1	5	0	0	0	0	27	73	1	0	0
15	PARKER PRESBYTERIAN	PARKER, CO	6	12	115	3	17	1	0	0	0	136	114	1	3	0
16	TRINITY EPC	LITTLETON, CO	10	19	323	3	17	9	5	4	14	329	139	0	4	0
17	WEST BOWLES COMMUNITY	LITTLETON, CO	7	12	263	11	39	56	2	0	30	331	197	4	2	7

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	CHURCHES	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
		BEGINNING BALANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	OTHER INCOME	LOCAL CAUSES	PRESBYTERY	PER MEMBER GIVING	EPC BENEVOLENCES	NON-EPC MISSIONS			
1	BEAR CREEK EPC	24,523	554,265	339,775	893,882	0	6,350	15,223	0	894,040	915,210	3,353
2	CHERRY CREEK PRES	1,482,301	3,033,968	437,484	2,435,777	10,800	17,090	20,300	346,029	3,471,452	2,829,998	2,123,757
3	CHERRY HILLS COMM	597,984	3,554,048	1,942,077	3,929,201	6,400	3,350	19,680	1,020,450	5,497,025	4,979,081	1,115,828
4	CHRIST FELLOWSHIP	12,054	88,614	11,580	78,408	0	0	0	2,978	80,194	81,384	10,884
5	CHRIST OUR KING PRES	78,833	100,954	10,881	109,878	380	900	0	0	111,815	104,935	86,513
6	CORNERSTONE COMM	0	171,481	10,019	94,207	1,708	1,900	0	0	181,480	97,815	83,885
7	CORNERSTONE EPC (MC)											
8	COVENANT COMMUNITY	11,300	98,780	0	97,181	0	50	550	0	98,780	97,761	10,319
9	EPC TEKOA (MC)	374	6,601	4,450	8,104	1,440	0	0	300	11,051	9,844	1,581
10	FAITH EVANGELICAL	38,377	336,048	12,999	30,830	2,760	3,280	1,800	87,391	389,046	328,158	59,267
11	FAITH PRES (AURORA)	41,786	1,841,448	197,410	1,639,100	10,129	15,000	8,476	215,424	1,838,858	1,888,190	-7,543
12	FIRST EPC (RENTON)	45,488	369,430	225,141	517,955	9,537	6,000	664	36,300	594,371	570,456	69,603
13	GREENWOOD COMMUNITY	0	524,114	503,151	972,926	0	500	500	3,362	1,027,286	977,168	50,077
14	NORTH-WEST CHURCH (MC)	10,412	46,966	5,878	45,062	100	270	0	750	52,844	48,192	17,074
15	PARKER PRESBYTERIAN	70,214	182,658	16,557	154,920	1,847	100	1,800	12,494	199,215	170,961	98,468
16	TRINITY EPC	12,337	243,559	37,531	247,329	2,400	2,800	3,500	15,816	281,090	271,845	21,792
17	WEST BOWLES COMMUNITY	21,892	281,151	7,430	229,146	0	1,973	250	0	288,581	231,369	79,104

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