
MINUTES
of the
33rd General Assembly

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ Alone!
“No one comes to the Father except through me.”
(John 14:6, NIV)

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 this section appears at the end of the Journal. The reports of the 29th General Assembly committees are included at the end of the Journal section.

APPENDICES: The reports submitted to the Assembly by presbyteries, committees of the Church, and by other bodies, for the Assembly's consideration. 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: The members of the permanent committees of the Assembly are listed in this section. A directory of the churches, ministers and presbytery officers is published separately.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

33rd General Assembly

Dr. Bill Dudley Elected Moderator



Bill Dudley

Teaching Elder Dr. Bill Dudley has been elected as Moderator of the 33rd General Assembly. Bill is the Senior Pastor at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in Signal Mountain, Tennessee and is currently in his 25th year of ministry there. In his forty-four years of ministry, Bill has served as Associate Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama; Pastor of Newnan Presbyterian Church in Newnan, Georgia; and, again at Memorial Church in Montgomery as Senior Pastor for fourteen years prior to his call to Signal Mountain.

Dr. Dudley transferred his ordination to the EPC in 2007 after 38 years in the PCUSA; this occurred at the same time the Signal Mountain Church was received into the EPC. He is a faithful presbyter within the Presbytery of the Southeast where he serves on the Ministerial and Candidates Committee. He has served for the past sixteen years as a Trustee of Montreat College in Montreat, North Carolina. The heart of his ministry has been church renewal and redevelopment, building up of small congregations and conflict resolution.

Within the Chattanooga community, Dr. Dudley has served on numerous boards and ministries and continues to be actively involved in the communities of Signal Mountain and Chattanooga. His services, over the years in Chattanooga, have included the Chattanooga Resource Foundation, CONTACT Ministry, Bethany Christian Services and the selection committee for The Dora Maclellan Brown Foundation. He is an active member of the Chattanooga Rotary Club and has served on committees and development for his alma mater, Auburn University.

A native of Opelika, Alabama and a covenant child of First Presbyterian Church of Opelika, Dudley is a graduate of Auburn University and received both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary. The Dudley's have three children and three grandchildren.

Bill's wife, Julia-Lake, is the daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian missionaries to the Congo.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

33rd General Assembly

Moderator-Elect Nominee RE Gordon Miller

Ruling Elder Gordon Miller has been elected as Moderator-Elect of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). Miller has served his church, his presbytery, and the EPC denomination. He is a member of River Oaks Community Church in Clemmons, North Carolina where he has served as a Ruling Elder for six years. He has served in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic on the Ministerial Committee and one two-year term as the Moderator. Miller has served for two terms on the EPC's Permanent Committee on Theology.



Gordon Miller

Miller enjoys SCUBA diving and has been a diving instructor for 15 years. He combined this avocation with his experience as an emergency medical technician to aid local and state law enforcement agencies with water rescue operations and body recovery. Later, Miller served on a local and federal special operations and response team for natural disasters, such as Hurricane Andrew. During Andrew, Miller flew to Florida as part of such a medical response team to assist with local recovery efforts.

Miller earned his law degree in 1975 from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, home of the "Demon Deacons." He practices in all aspects of litigation – civil, criminal and domestic. He is married to Connie Miller; they have four children and three grandchildren. Miller describes himself as an avid reader and a student of both theology and philosophy.

MODERATORS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

| GA | Year | Name | Presbytery | Location |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | 1981 | TE Calvin Gray | Midwest | Livonia, MI |
| 2 nd | 1982 | RE Irvin Rinehart | West | Aurora, CO |
| 3 rd | 1983 | TE James Van Dyke | Southeast | St. Louis, MO |
| 4 th | 1984 | RE Donald Harms | Midwest | Jackson, MS |
| 5 th | 1985 | TE James Morrison | East | Aurora, CO |
| 6 th | 1986 | RE Roger Vonder Bruegge | Central South | Livonia, MI |
| 7 th | 1987 | TE E. Perry Mobley | Southeast | Rome, GA |
| 8 th | 1988 | RE Richard Heidtman | Midwest | Englewood, CO |
| 9 th | 1989 | TE Andrew Jumper | Central South | St. Louis, MO |
| 10 th | 1990 | RE James Rimmel | Allegheny | Bethesda, MD |
| 11 th | 1991 | TE William Flannagan | Central South | Livonia, MI |
| 12 th | 1992 | RE John Adamson | Central South | Memphis, TN |
| 13 th | 1993 | TE W. Graham Smith | East | Aurora, CO |
| 14 th | 1994 | RE William Johns | Southeast | Pompano Beach, FL |
| 15 th | 1995 | TE Wayne Hoffman | Mid-America | Charlotte, NC |
| 16 th | 1996 | RE Claude Russell | West | Englewood, CO |
| 17 th | 1997 | TE Richard Little | Mid-Atlantic | St. Louis, MO |
| 18 th | 1998 | RE Alan Smith | East | Highlands Ranch, CO |
| 19 th | 1999 | TE James McGuire | Midwest | Rome, GA |
| 20 th | 2000 | RE John M. Graham, III | Southeast | Northville, MI |
| 21 st | 2001 | TE Darryl "Bud" Sparling | West | Greenwood Vill., CO |
| 22 nd | 2002 | RE Knox Sherer | Mid-Atlantic | Memphis, TN |
| 23 rd | 2003 | TE Ron DiNunzio | Florida | Brighton, MI |
| 24 th | 2004 | TE Orin Littlejohn | Central South | Virginia Beach, VA |
| 25 th | 2005 | TE William Meyer | Mid-Atlantic | Golden, CO |
| 26 th | 2006 | TE Paul Heidebrecht | Mid-America | Rome, GA |
| 27 th | 2007 | TE Bill Vogler | Mid-America | Highlands Ranch, CO |
| 28 th | 2008 | RE Allen Roes | Mid-Atlantic | Bethesda, MD |
| 29 th | 2009 | TE Nate Atwood | Mid-Atlantic | Brighton, MI |
| 30 th | 2010 | RE Rob Liddon | Central South | Englewood, CO |
| 31 st | 2011 | TE Doug Klein | West | Cordova, TN |
| 32 nd | 2012 | RE Ken Roberts | West | Baton Rouge, LA |
| 33 rd | 2013 | TE Bill Dudley | Central South | Highlands Ranch, CO |

MODERATOR-ELECT

| | | | | |
|------------------|------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 34 th | 2014 | RE Gordon Miller | Central South | Knoxville, TN |
|------------------|------|------------------|---------------|---------------|

STATED CLERKS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

| Years | Name | Presbytery of Origin |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1981-2000 | TE L. Edward Davis Stated Clerk Emeritus | Midwest |
| 2001-2006 | TE Michael Glodo | Florida |
| 2006-present | TE Jeffrey Jeremiah | West |

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|---|--|
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**MINUTES
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JOURNAL

MINUTES - THURSDAY MORNING

**First Session
June 20, 2013**

33-1 MORNING WORSHIP

Worship began at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Park, Colorado. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 2013**

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <i>He Is Exalted</i> | Band |
| Welcome and Call to Worship | | Dick Schultz |
| | <i>Psalm 150:1-6</i> | Marcia Schultz |
| Opening Worship | | Band |
| | <i>Let Everything That Has Breath O Worship the King Revelation Song</i> | |
| Prayer | | Dick Schultz |
| Scripture | <i>Acts 4:8-12</i> | Marcia Schultz |
| Music | <i>Be Thou My Vision</i> | Mary Ellen Blatchford |
| The Message | | Bill Armstrong |
| Closing Song | <i>Jesus Messiah</i> | |
| Benediction | | Dick Schultz |

33-2 CONVENING OF THE 33rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 33rd General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by the Moderator, RE Ken Roberts. The constituting prayer was offered by Dr. Sam Logan, International Director of the World Reformed Fellowship.

ON MOTION: TE Bob Garment (Florida), TE Howard Shockley (Mid-Atlantic) and TE Zac Hicks (West) were elected to serve as Recording Clerks for the 33rd General Assembly.

ON MOTION: RE William Connor (Florida), RE Cecil Matthews (West) and TE Dan Sonnenberg (Midwest) were elected to be readers of the daily minutes as provided for in *Rules for Assembly* §8-12.

33-3 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Steve McConaghie, Local Arrangements Coordinator, brought greetings and made opening announcements.

33-4 INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES

TE Steve Bryant, Chairman of the National Outreach Committee, introduced National Outreach Home Missionaries TE Kevin Brown (Trinity Christian Community, New Orleans, LA) and RE John Bueno (Latins United Christian Ministries, Omaha, NE).

TE George Carey, Director of World Outreach, introduced the World Outreach missionaries present for this Assembly.

Missionaries & Missions Assistants

Dave and Wendy
Anderson, Bruce
Rob and Iris
Jeff and Natasha
^Bailey, Benjamin and Monica
Bein, Larry
Brake, Jeff and Amy
John and Allie
Caldwell, Jim and Lois
Ryan and Amy
Asaph and Lynn
Dan and Stefanie
Furr, Chris and Kirsten
Gibson, Chris and Debbie
Alison
Randy and Martha
Robert
Ryan and Tara
Bob and Nancy
Kearby, Don

Matt and Michelle
Kopan, Greg
Livingstone, Greg and Sally

McCaskill, Austin and Beverly

Mike and Tammy
Tim
Tim and Kim
Murphy, Jim and Barbie

Field of Service

East Asia
US/Belarus
US/Muslim Ministry Coordinator
Russia
Middle East/Arab Gulf
Member Care Missions Assistant
Russia
Central Asia
Member Care Missions Assistant
Central Asia
Central Asia
South Asia
France
Hungary
South Asia
SE Asia
Middle East/Arab Gulf
East Asia
Central Asia
US/Western US Associate for Missions
Advancement, Engage 2025
South Asia
Engage 2025 Missions Assistant
England/Muslim World, Senior Associate
for Missions Advancement, Engage
2025
Albania, Central Associate for Missions
Advancement, Engage 2025
SE Asia
US/Muslim World
Central Asia
US & WO Field Missionary Member Care

Missionaries & Missions Assistants

Roe, Courtney
 Snowden, Tami
 Stewart, Shawn and Lisa
 Thrash, Phil

 Nick and Amanda
 Brandon and Liz
 Woodworth, Stephen and Carrie

Field of Service

Germany/Europe
 US/Unreached Overseas
 US/WO Missionary Recruitment
 US/Eastern US Associate for Missions
 Advancement, Missionary Prayer
 Network Coordinator, Engage 2025
 Middle East/Arab Gulf
 WO Team Development Coordinators
 US/WO International Theological
 Education Network Asst. Coordinator

^pseudonym name used for security purposes

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for all EPC missionaries.

33-5 DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND ASSEMBLY ENROLLMENT

The Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, declared a quorum to be present with registration in excess of the required quorum (Cf. G.16-24, “*at least five Ministers and five Ruling Elders representing at least three Presbyteries*”). The roll of the Assembly follows:

Alleghenies Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Bay Village, OH | Bay Presbyterian | Karen Corcoran Ray Kinat Mike Vonderau | Chooch Guertin Carol Rettew Garnett Slatton |
| Canton, OH | Westminster Community | Elizete Pawson Marc Shefelton | Bill Pawson |
| Homeworth, OH | Middle Sandy EPC | Dave Socatch | Tom Sawyer |
| Allison Park, PA | Memorial Park Presbyterian | Don Creasy Roger Rumer | Betsy Rumer Dean Weaver |
| Bakerstown, PA | First Presbyterian | | Daniel Muttart |
| Beaver, PA | The SOMA Gathering | | Marc de Jeu |
| Beaver Falls, PA | CUP EPC | Jud Herter | |
| Enon Valley, PA | Bethel EPC | Bette McKim Murat Tanyel | Mark Tippin |
| Ligonier, PA | Covenant Presbyterian | | Bob Cummings |
| Pittsburgh, PA | Beverly Heights Presbyterian | | Nate Devlin |
| | New Hope Church | Ken Hale | |
| Portersville, PA | Mountville Presbyterian | | Don Hurray |
| | The Presbyterian Church of Portersville | | Dana Opp |
| Pulaski, PA | New Bedford Presbyterian | Doug Houk | Doug Runyan |
| Slippery Rock, PA | Gateway Community EPC | | Bob Stauffer Chris White |
| Somerset, PA | St. Paul's Presbyterian | | Keith Fink |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| St. Marys, PA | Shiloh Presbyterian | Marty Keebler Patricia Keebler | Scott Wiest, Sr. |
| Venetia, PA | Peters Creek Presbyterian | Arthur Ritter | Doug Brandt |
| Wexford, PA | North Park EPC | Bruce Allison Mark Sharpnack | |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Thom Burbridge |

Central South Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Huntsville, AL | Central Presbyterian | | Randy Jenkins |
| Mobile, AL | Covenant Presbyterian | Harold White | Alec Flynt |
| Montgomery, AL | Grace @ Bell Road | Ted Hailes Hal Oates | Scott Lawry |
| Opelika, AL | First Presbyterian | | Scott Bowen |
| Tallassee, AL | First Presbyterian | Pamela Price William Thomas | Chris Bower |
| Ward, AR | Sylvania Presbyterian | Carlos Dixon | |
| Anna, IL | First EPC | | Jonathan Whitley |
| Carbondale, IL | Hope Church Carbondale | | Josh Schatzle |
| Alexandria, LA | Grace Presbyterian | Merrill Blackburn | Bob Vincent |
| Baton Rouge, LA | First Presbyterian | Gerry Arnold Lloyd Lunceford Howard Tull | Whitney Alexander Gerrit Dawson Dick Gates |
| Mandeville, LA | New Covenant Presbyterian | Beverly Rowalt Dale Williams | Hunter Gray |
| Monroe, LA | Covenant Presbyterian | W. Lee Perkins Clem Viola | John Mabray |
| | Graceminster Presbyterian | | Bruce Rux |
| New Orleans, LA | Woodland Presbyterian | Dick Piner | John Uhl |
| Thibodaux, LA | First Presbyterian | | Bill Crawford |
| Brandon, MS | Lakeside Presbyterian | | Jim Blaha Bill Hyer |
| Columbus, MS | Covenant Presbyterian | | Bob Wilbur |
| Corinth, MS | First Presbyterian | Pat Tucker | Don Elliott |
| Gulfport, MS | Westminster Presbyterian | Charles McKinley | |
| Jackson, MS | Covenant Presbyterian | | Steve Burton |
| Laurel, MS | Westminster Presbyterian | Victor Jones, Jr. | Mike Allen |
| Madison, MS | Grace Chapel EPC | | Steve Bryant |
| Port Gibson, MS | First Presbyterian | Gary Knight Lem Montgomery | Michael Herrin |
| Atoka, TN | Atoka Presbyterian | | Ken Van Kampen |
| Cordova, TN | Highland Hts. Presbyterian | Pegge Baughcum | Tim Foster |
| Covington, TN | First Presbyterian | Walt Freeland Lee Johnston | Scott Sealy |
| Germantown, TN | Faith Presbyterian | Bob Dunn Vicki Dunn | |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| Memphis, TN | Second Presbyterian | John Adamson Ted Galyon Ron Hickman John Holmes Rob Liddon | Dan Burns Dick Cain Sandy Willson |
| Carrollton, TX | Crosspointe Church | | David Wahlstedt |
| Elysian Fields, TX | Golden Rule Presbyterian | | Brad Simms |
| Houston, TX | Christ EPC | Markus Berger Warren Conerly David DeBruler Dan Sharp Ed Wedin | Richard Harris |
| Katy, TX | Cornerstone EPC | Gene Cover Linda Cover | Carter Sanger Allen White |
| Lake Jackson, TX | First Presbyterian | | Alan Trafford |
| Marshall, TX | EPC of Marshall | Mike (missionary) | |
| Mercedes, TX | Genesis Presbyterian | | Hector Reynoso |
| Nacogdoches, TX | Pineywoods Presbyterian | | Ed Bowman |
| San Antonio, TX | Hope Church | Jim Harris Jim Ohlemacher Terry Thill | |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Larry Bein Randy Carstens Robert (missionary) James Quillin Daniel Situka Brandon (missionary) |

East Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Bethesda, MD | Fourth Presbyterian | | Ron Meyer Rob Norris Todd Smedley |
| Londonderry, NH | Orchard Christian Fellowship | | Ken Glasier |
| Newark, NJ | Closer to God EPC | | Valdir Reis |
| Voorhees, NJ | Ashland EPC | | Jamie Cupschalk |
| Brooklyn, NY | Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian | | Vito Aiuto Jamison Galt Chris Hildebrand |
| Lancaster, NY | Lancaster Presbyterian | Edward Carlsen | |
| Montgomery, NY | Goodwill EPC | Joe Slesinski | Jay Lee |
| Gap, PA | Bellevue Presbyterian | Mary Ann Berthoud Phil Castor Elise Roelands Frank Rotella | Bud Davies |
| Glen Rock, PA | Bethlehem Steltz Reformed | | John Dorr, Jr. |
| Glenmoore, PA | Fairview Presbyterian | Linda Gyrath | Mark Atkinson |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Havertown, PA | Bethany Evangelical Church | Harry Rezer Mike Sywulak | Jerry Iamurri |
| | Manoa Community | Chris Chandler Daniel Heise Jon Loeliger | Brown Caldwell |
| Malvern, PA | Grace Covenant | Lois Caldwell George Hammond | Denny Finnegan Pat Hartsock |
| Oreland, PA | Oreland EPC | John Craymer Doug Lieberman Joan Romano | Jim Farrell Tim Ricci |
| Parkesburg, PA | Upper Octorara Presbyterian | Charles Huston | Bill Kelly |
| Haymarket, VA | Living Hope EPC | | Tim MacGowan |
| Kingstowne, VA | Faith EPC | Bruce Alexander Zelda Artz Alan Smith | |
| Reston, VA | Reston Presbyterian | | Tom Dages |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Helen Franssell |

Florida Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Brooksville, FL | Faith EPC | Doug Dempsey | Matthew Everhard |
| Ft. Myers, FL | New Hope Presbyterian | Bill Enslin Paul Pierce | Stu Austin |
| Orlando, FL | First Presbyterian | Leigh Swanson | Donna McClellan David Swanson Case Thorp |
| Pembroke Pines, FL | Faith Presbyterian | | Michel Yonts |
| Plant City, FL | EPC of Plant City | Larry Doak | Scott Lingle |
| Pompano Beach, FL | New Covenant EPC | Jose Rojas | |
| St. Petersburg, FL | Cornerstone Bible Church | Tim Jesaitis | |
| Tallahassee, FL | Covenant Presbyterian | Christie Kimbrel Jean McCarter | Rick Gernhardt |
| | Hope EPC | William Connor Brian Martinez | Bob Garment |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Bill Martin |

Mid-America Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Lawrence, KS | Grace EPC | | Chad Donohoe |
| Leawood, KS | Covenant Chapel | | Doug Karst Glen Massey |
| Ottawa, KS | Grace Community Fellowship | | Kent Mathews |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| Wichita, KS | Eastminster Presbyterian | Bonnie Dakan Ray Jones Don Lear Susan Lear Kedre Mellor John Moody Suzanne Moody | Paul Bammel Bob Hopper Kermit Oppriecht |
| Joplin, MO | New Creation | | Cliff Mansley |
| Kansas City, MO | Gashland Presbyterian | Bill Pearce | Ritchey Cable |
| Kirkwood, MO | Greentree Community | | Nathan Moser Tom Ricks |
| St. Louis, MO | Central Presbyterian | Rex Dunlap Dexter Kuhlman Dale Schaefer | Eric Stiller |
| | Riverside Church | | Matt Blazer Zack Eswine |
| Tulsa, OK | Kirk of the Hills | Max Deardorff George Hertensteiner | Wayne Hardy |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Craig Babb |

Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Black Mountain, NC | iSight Church | Anthony Rodriguez | |
| Cary, NC | Fellowship of Christ | Bob Mathews Joe McCoy | Gary McGhee David McLean |
| Charlotte, NC | Faith Liberation Christian Community | Rush Sherrill, Jr. | |
| | St. Giles EPC | Matt Franklin Roby Wallin | Nate Atwood |
| Clemmons, NC | River Oaks Community | Frank Carter Gordon Miller | David Beaty Andrew Wild |
| Huntersville, NC | Lake Forest Church | | Michael Flake Mike Moses Mitch White |
| Matthews, NC | Village Church | Donovan Campbell | |
| Mebane, NC | Mebane Presbyterian | | Jeff Smith |
| Monroe, NC | Bethlehem Presbyterian | Pat Sloan Eric Thomas | Ken Thomas |
| Montreat, NC | Christ Community Church - Montreat | Lloyd Davis Steve Foster | Ron Horgan Richard White |
| Mooresville, NC | Centre Presbyterian | Judi Phelps Tim Tunnell | |
| Raleigh, NC | Hope Church | Ted Lithgow | Marty Duffell Bill Enns |
| Southern Pines, NC | Christ Fellowship | | Jim Thyne |
| Stanley, NC | Castanea Presbyterian | | Eric Bartel |
| Wesley Chapel, NC | Siler Presbyterian | Anita Hill Butch Hill | |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| Westfield, NC | Asbury EPC | Cindy Boyles Terry Collins Rebecca Hunter | |
| Wilmington, NC | Myrtle Grove Presbyterian | | Jim Glasgow Steven Mattis |
| Anderson, SC | Christ Church EPC | | Tom Pitman |
| Darlington, SC | Darlington Presbyterian | Byard Stone, Jr. | Kevin Cauley |
| Florence, SC | Trinity EPC | Bill Allen | Matt Walton |
| Gaffney, SC | Overbrook Presbyterian | | David Weber |
| Sumter, SC | Concord Presbyterian | | James Braswell |
| Covington, VA | Greenwood EPC | | Bill Catoe |
| Elkton, VA | EPC of Elkton | | Rob Buchanan |
| Greenwood, VA | Lebanon Presbyterian | | Bud Brainerd Don Hardman |
| Lynchburg, VA | Rivermont EPC | Michael Hall Vic Uotinen | Ron Cox Chris Deneen Clay Smith |
| Mechanicsville, VA | Church in Restoration | | Billy Craig Jeff Lee |
| Richmond, VA | Hope Church | Brad Houff | David Dwight |
| Stuart, VA | Stuart Presbyterian | | Danny Redman |
| Virginia Beach, VA | Kempsville Presbyterian | Victor Hildebrand Fred Teagle | Neil Ellison Steve Keller |
| Bluefield, WV | Westminster Presbyterian | | Jonathan Rockness |
| Cross Lanes, WV | Perrow Presbyterian | | Josh Hanson |
| Past General Assembly Moderators (<i>see G.16-21C</i>) | | James Rimmel | |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Bruce Anderson Chris Furr Dick Little Jack Maxwell George Schwab Howard Shockley Steven Strickler Gabe Swing Phil Thrash Steve Woodworth |

Midwest Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Auburn, IN | St. Andrew EPC | Rick Spear | Glen Francis |
| Evansville, IN | Olivet EPC | Mark Taylor | |
| Frankfort, IN | First EPC | Cary Carter Neal Dorsey | |
| Franklin, IN | Hopewell Presbyterian | | Brad Moger |
| Indianapolis, IN | Southport Presbyterian | Susan Berilla David Lee Sara Lee David Steiner | Robert Hock |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Kokomo, IN | First EPC | Pat Bevington Bill Carman Sabra Carman | Joyce Harris Jerry Van Auken |
| Warsaw, IN | Warsaw EPC | | Erik Ohman |
| West Lafayette, IN | Covenant Church | Joe Ely Mike Faith Cliff Johnston Marshall Overley Alan Sutton | Rob Eyman |
| Ann Arbor, MI | Knox Presbyterian | | Mike Frison Tom Robinson |
| Brighton, MI | Cornerstone EPC | David Jonckheere Andy Warner | Richard Alberta Art Hunt Scott Larson |
| Clarkston, MI | North Oaks Community | | Steve Brown |
| | Oakland EPC | | Wayne Uppendahl |
| Farmington Hills, MI | Grace Chapel | Ron Webber Roy Yanke | Doug Walker |
| Flint, MI | Peace Presbyterian | David Haney | David Galbraith |
| Grand Rapids, MI | Oakhill Presbyterian | Alyson Kieda Dave Pucci | Jeffrey Carlson |
| Grosse Pt. Woods, MI | Living Hope Evangelical | | James Rizer |
| Mt. Pleasant, MI | Mt. Pleasant Community | Timothy Hall Bob Joynt | Brian LaMew |
| Northville, MI | Ward EPC | John Baird Ken Casey Phyllis Ellsworth Dan Hooker Stan Koster | Tyler Groff Phil Linton Scott McKee Doug Thompson |
| Plymouth, MI | Trinity Presbyterian | | Mark Fuller |
| Rochester, MI | Faith Church EPC | Donald Bugg Mark Schmink | |
| South Lyon, MI | Fellowship EPC | | David Brown |
| Trenton, MI | First Presbyterian | Mike Dalton Ray Sawmiller Walter Seitz | Aaron Carr Ian Leslie |
| Cincinnati, OH | Evangelical Community | Gordon Doughman Francis Lieuwen | Rich Lanning |
| Findlay, OH | Gateway Church | Scott Long Tom Snyder | Ben Borsay Craig Cramer |
| Lebanon, OH | Lebanon Presbyterian | Jerry Anson Inga Kimple Carolyn Lucke | Peter Larson Chuck Testas |
| Perrysburg, OH | Stonebridge | | Dan Sonnenberg |
| South Charleston, OH | First Presbyterian | Lois Staton Thomas Staton | |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|--------|---------------|---|
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Chris (missionary) Ed McCallum Tim (missionary) Mark Vanderput |

Pacific Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Fairbanks, AK | First Presbyterian | Norm Klann | Andrew Ekblad Dave Moody |
| Bakersfield, CA | First Presbyterian | | Jeff Chandler |
| Berkeley, CA | Christ Church | | Troy Wilson |
| Clayton, CA | Clayton Community | | Shawn Robinson |
| Clovis, CA | Trinity Community | Bob Christopher | Chuck Shillito |
| Danville, CA | Community Presbyterian | Lee Camp Heidi Johnson Pat Serpan Rhea Serpan George Smith Bern Thompson Cheryl Thompson | Cathy Burkholder Scott Farmer Mark Wollan |
| Fair Oaks, CA | Fair Oaks Presbyterian | Suzi Kneeder Barbara McCormick | |
| Fresno, CA | Easton Presbyterian | Mark Lanford | Ron Owens |
| | First Armenian Presbyterian | | Paul Irwin |
| | First Presbyterian | Denise Fink Scott Norvell Keith Walsh | Lana Roberts Jeremy Vaccaro |
| | Millbrook Presbyterian | | Jerry Voss |
| Nevada City, CA | Sierra Presbyterian | Dave Anderson Janet Lowell Terry Lowell Scott Obermuller | Mike Griffin |
| Orange, CA | Covenant Presbyterian | | Stan Van Den Berg |
| Roseville, CA | Centerpoint Community | Alex Shaw Tom Watson | James Barstow |
| Sacramento, CA | Fremont Presbyterian | Ken Moody Gene Vanderwall | Don Baird |
| San Jacinto, CA | Valley Community | | Guy Boyer |
| Sanger, CA | Sanger Community | Marty Carpenter Barbara Halls | Paul Bergquam |
| Santa Maria, CA | Heritage EPC | | Dave Brogren |
| Weed, CA | Grace Presbyterian | Gerry Watson | Jim Howe |
| Winters, CA | Pioneer Presbyterian | Connie Badgley | Bob Badgley |
| Meridian, ID | Reflections Church | | David Goebel |
| Parma, ID | Sterry Memorial Presbyterian | Sandra Bartles Bonnie Van Cleve | Mark Cox |
| Reno, NV | Covenant Presbyterian | Joanne Dickson Gerry Dunlap | Jay Hull |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| Jacksonville, OR | First Presbyterian | Mike McCandless | Richard Evans |
| Oregon City, OR | First Presbyterian | Sandra Jelinek Brenda Wheeler | Bruce Marten |
| Portland, OR | Kenton Church | | Alan Wilkerson |
| Davenport, WA | Davenport Presbyterian | | Ted Broadway |
| Gig Harbor, WA | Chapel Hill Presbyterian | Art Heitlauf Deanna Squyres | Larry Hackman Megan Hackman John Thomas |
| | Grace EPC | John Griffin Kay Griffin | Ed Longabaugh |
| Graham, WA | Evergreen Presbyterian | Tami Malone Lark Schwartz | Lance Williamson |
| Kent, WA | First EPC | Ron Bengelink Scott Griffin John Messer | Tommy Allen |
| Sequim, WA | Sequim Community | | Anthony Toth |
| Wenatchee, WA | Saddlerock EPC | Bob Blane Lynda Huson Anne Weidenbach Bob Welsh | Pat McElroy |
| Yakima, WA | Terrace Heights EPC | Maggie Morelan | Edward Cummings |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Samuel Adamson Dave Fenska Jeff Jeremiah Brad Yorton |

Rivers & Lakes Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Little Rock, IA | First Presbyterian | Mark Gross | |
| Montezuma, IA | First Presbyterian Evangelical | Donald Flater David Miller | George Salnave |
| Aurora, IL | First Presbyterian | | Jeff Moore |
| Hillsboro, IL | First Presbyterian | | Matthew Ferguson |
| Quincy, IL | Faith Presbyterian | | Rodney Bakker |
| Stillman Valley, IL | Kishwaukee Community Presbyterian | Melanie Mays | Rus Howard |
| Warrenville, IL | Immanuel Presbyterian | Jack Swanson Zondra Swanson | George Garrison |
| Amberg, WI | United Presbyterian | Don Landwehr | |
| Crivitz, WI | Faith EPC | | Rick Marcy |
| Green Bay, WI | Christ Alone | Jodi Buntin Thai Ju Caroline Tromble | Ted Tromble |
| Reading, MN | Bethel Presbyterian | | Keith Gallagher |

Southeast Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Chickamauga, GA | Hope Fellowship EPC | | Chris Robinson |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| Cumming, GA | Parkway Presbyterian | | Cido Araujo Bill Ford |
| Dalton, GA | ChristChurch Presbyterian | Palmer Griffin Harvey Wages | Mickey Shealy |
| Rome, GA | Covenant Presbyterian | Carl Neal | |
| | First Presbyterian | Rob Davis Martin Foster | Jeff Chadwick Ken Chivers |
| Franklin, NC | Cornerstone EPC | | Tommy Jordan |
| Hazelwood, NC | Providence Church | | Josh Cole |
| Knoxville, TN | Cedar Springs Presbyterian | Carroll Coakley Andy Holt Tom Reesor Dave Roberts Russell Simmons | Scott Jackson John Wood |
| | CrossWalk Community | Frank Clepper | |
| Memphis, TN | Woodland Presbyterian | Wendy Dabbous Angela Graves | |
| Signal Mtn., TN | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian | William Brown Priscilla Caine Scott Ferguson Steven Frost Patsy Hazlewood Diane Mizell Bruce Novkov Donna Peterson Jean Smith Steve Tipps | David Burke Andy Cornett Bill Dudley Margaret Ferguson Tim Filston |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Kevin Brown |

West Presbytery

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Carefree, AZ | Desert Hills Presbyterian | Nan Boyer-Searle Dave Hulbert Jeanie Hulbert Jacqy Kilgore Steve Searle | James Noble |
| Surprise, AZ | Grace Community | C. Howard Kast Gordon Walls | Cooper McWhirter |
| Aurora, CO | Cornerstone Community | | Bob Mossman |
| | Covenant Community | | Marc Huebl |
| | Faith Presbyterian | Merrill Newman Bob Parks Bonnie Semple | Doug Klein Fred Stifel |
| Castle Rock, CO | Canyons Community | Roger DuCharme Judy Eli Jon Greeneisen | |
| Centennial, CO | Highline Community | Lee Larsen Jim Tallant | Bob Beltz |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Englewood, CO | Cherry Creek Presbyterian | Jan Bole Mark Cevaal Elaine Epperson Ron Foote Debbie Guillod Al Johnson Scott Kayser Catherine Motter Ken Roberts David Van Valkenburg Diane Wonhoff | Bruce Finfrock Chris Piehl Brad Strait Dave Strunk |
| Falcon, CO | Grace Community | | Pat Jeffrey |
| Ft. Collins, CO | Christ Fellowship | Jeremy Davis Steve Ray | Brian Post |
| Greeley, CO | First Presbyterian | Aldo Classen Tad Gilmore Mary Haight | Gregory Ehlert |
| Greenwood Vlg., CO | Greenwood Community | Jennifer Condreay Diane Leede Deb Oberg | Doug Ashley Tom Melton |
| Highlands Ranch, CO | Cherry Hills Community | Gary Fields Dutch Franz Gene Kissinger Cecil Matthews Tim Riggle Sam Searcy Jeff Wood Vickey Wood | Michael Anderson Sue Bailey Evie Bodett Jim Dixon Brett Garretson Nathan Hoag Ramona Spilman |
| Lakewood, CO | Bear Creek Church | Steve Anderson Ted Brandsma Carl Christianssen Butch Pritchett | Jim Coleman |
| Littleton, CO | GracePoint Community | | Fred Lian |
| | Littleton Christian | | Mike Wright |
| | Neighborhood Church | | Eugene Scott |
| Loveland, CO | Faith Evangelical | Rich Johnson Chris Perciante Les Walker | |
| Parker, CO | Parker EPC | Linda Brown Greg Daniels | Gary McCusker Doug Resler |
| Vail, CO | Covenant Presbyterian | Deb Felio Bud Wright | |
| Kansas City, MO | Colonial Presbyterian | Randall Leonard Larry Stone | Jim West |
| Enid, OK | Westminster Presbyterian | Chad Caldwell | |
| Cordova, TN | Advent Presbyterian | | Christopher Scruggs |

| City & State | Church | Ruling Elders | Teaching Elders |
|---|-------------------|---|--|
| | Hope Presbyterian | Kathy Flake Randy Flake Mike Sadler Tim Whalen | Freddie Albaugh Eli Morris Dave Ruff Rufus Smith |
| Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery | | | Dave Baer Sharon Beekmann Zac Hicks Mark Ingles Donald (missionary) Aaron Laenger Greg Livingstone Chris Smith Don Sweeting Richard Vroon |

Final Enrollment

Number of Churches represented: 234
 312 Teaching Elders
 318 Ruling Elders
 630 Commissioners

Requests to be Excused

The following Teaching Elders submitted written requests to be excused from the 33rd General Assembly:

Dr. Greg Darden (Faith Presbyterian, Germantown, TN), Rev. Nancy Duff (Centerpoint Community, Roseville, CA), Rev. Dennis Flach (New Covenant Presbyterian, Natchez, MS), CH (LTC) Timothy Mallard (Chaplain, United States Army), Rev. James Pitts (Sylvania Presbyterian, Ward, AR), Rev. Bruce Powell (Siler Presbyterian, Wesley Chapel, NC), Rev. Anthony Stiff (Centerpoint Community, Roseville, CA) and Rev. Adel Thalos (Valleybrook Presbyterian, Hixson, TN).

ON MOTION: The following corresponding members were enrolled with voice but not vote for the duration of the Assembly:

- Arman Arenbayev, Sasha Knyazkov, Sasha Zhigar, Kairat Muratbayev, Muhammed Nagumanov and Zhumagali Jauzhanov – Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)
- Catherine Ogden – St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina
- Ludgero Morais – Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB)
- Sam Logan – World Reformed Fellowship (WRF)
- Krishnasamy and Pramila Rajendran – World Evangelical Alliances (WEA)
- Samuel Sesay – Sierra Leone
- Kiran Kumar – Presbyterian Church of South India
- Bill Armstrong – President, Colorado Christian University

33-6 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

ON MOTION: the docket was adopted as follows:

DOCKET

Thursday, June 20, 2013

First Session

8:30 Opening Worship – former Senator Bill Armstrong, President of Colorado Christian University, preaching

9:45 **33rd General Assembly – Session 1**

- 1.1 Assembly Convenes (RE Ken Roberts, Moderator of the 32nd General Assembly)
- 1.2 Constituting Prayer (Dr. Samuel Logan, International Director of the World Reformed Fellowship)
- 1.3 Election of Recording Clerks: TE Bob Garment, TE Zac Hicks and TE Howard Shockley
- 1.4 Election of Minutes Committee: RE Bill Connor, RE Cecil Matthews and TE Dan Sonnenberg
- 1.5 Local Arrangements/Announcements (Steve McConaghie, Cherry Hills Community Church)
- 1.6 Introduction of Home and World Outreach Missionaries (TE Steve Bryant, National Outreach Committee Chairman and TE George Carey, World Outreach Director)
- 1.7 Opening Items
 - a. Call for the quorum
 - b. Enroll corresponding members
 - c. Adoption of docket
- 1.8 Outgoing Moderator's Remarks (RE Ken Roberts)
- 1.9 Presentation to Outgoing Moderator (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
- 1.10 Nominating Committee – partial report (RE Alan Johnson)
 - a. Introduction of Moderator-Elect Nominee of the 33rd General Assembly: RE Gordon Miller
 - b. Nomination of Moderator of the 33rd General Assembly: TE Bill Dudley
 - c. Seconding speech: TE David Swanson
 - d. Election of Moderator
 - e. Remarks by Incoming Moderator
 - f. Prayer for New Moderator (RE Ken Roberts)
- 1.11 Church Planters Presentation (TE Tom Ricks)

- 1.12 Face-to-Face (TE Fred Lian)
- 1.13 Instructions for Lunch (Steve McConaghie, Cherry Hills Community Church)
- 1.14 Closing Prayer (TE Bruce Anderson, World Outreach Missionary)
- Noon – 1:30 Lunch and Networking Groups..... Commons
 - Church Communications: Dana Cadman.....Room 115
 - Church Planting: Tom Ricks.....Room 170
 - Clerks of Session: Howard Shockley.....Room 249/251
 - College Ministries: Susan HollandAspen Room (Chapel)
 - Newly Ordained Ministers: Fred LianRoom 252
 - PIR Ministries: Roy Yanke.....Room 226
 - Presbyterian Lay Committee: Carmen Fowler-DaBerge.....Room 271
 - Visitors to General Assembly: Bill Dudley/COA.....Room 94
 - Women In Ministry Leaders: Susan Nash/Rill Currie.....Room 225
 - Women Teaching Elders & Candidates: Joyce Harris.....Room 250
 - World Outreach-Engage 2025: Greg LivingstoneRoom 190
- 1:45 **33rd General Assembly – Session 2**
 - 2.1 Opening Prayer (Krishnasamy Rajendran, Ambassador of World Evangelical Alliances (WEA))
 - 2.2 Introduction of Chaplains (TE Mark Ingles)
 - 2.3 Welcome to Fraternal Guest (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
 - 2.4 Greetings from Fraternal Guest – Dr. Ludgero Morais, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB)
 - 2.5 Chief Operating Officer Report (Mr. Phil VanValkenburg)
 - 2.6 Nominating Committee – partial report (RE Alan Johnson)
 - a. First Reading of Permanent Committee Nominees
 - b. Standing Committee Assignments
 - c. Introduction of Standing Committee Chairmen
 - 2.5 Permanent Judicial Commission Report (RE Jim Rimmel)
 - a. **Recommendation #42**
 - 2.6 Ratification of Descending Overtures from 32nd General Assembly
 - 2.7 Matters Received and Referred
 - a. Refer Communications, Overtures and Recommendations as noted in the Commissioners Handbook
 - 2.8 Instructions to Standing Committees (Jeff Jeremiah)
 - 2.9 Closing Prayer (TE Bob Hopper, Interim Pastor, World Outreach Missionary)
- 3:00 - 5:00 Standing Committee Meetings
 - Administration.....Room 190
 - Christian Education & Communications.....Room 228

- Fraternal RelationsRoom 280/281
 - Memorials & Appreciation.....Room 226
 - Ministerial Vocation.....Room 197
 - National Outreach.....Room 249/251
 - Nominating (*if necessary*)Room 94
 - Overtures & ResolutionsRoom 190
 - Permanent Judicial Commission (*if necessary*).....Room 228
 - Student & College MinistriesRoom 271
 - Theology.....Room 298
 - Women In MinistryAspen Room (Chapel)
 - World OutreachRoom 115
- 3:00 – 5:00 REALation Drop by Reception for WomenOrchard Room (Chapel)
- 5:00 – 7:00 Dinner (*on your own*)
- 7:30 – 9:00 Worship – TE Greg Livingstone Preaching..... Worship Center
- Investiture of Moderator
 - World Outreach Missionary Commissioning
 - Offering: World Outreach Engage 2025
- 9:00 – 10:00 Refreshments & ExhibitsCommons/Lobby

33-7 REMARKS OF RETIRING MODERATOR

Retiring Moderator Ken Roberts shared an overview of his year as Moderator noting how much he had learned about our denomination, our presbyteries, our churches and our people. He noted the growth of the EPC is evidenced by the record number of Commissioners in attendance at this Assembly. Roughly 60% of the churches in the EPC have been members for 6 years or less and about 94% of these churches left their former denomination to affiliate with the EPC. He’s seen God at work in their commitment to Jesus, and to one another, and in their desire to follow the truth of His Word in spite of the hardships many have faced. He encouraged all members of the EPC not to take for granted what we have.

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah presented the retiring Moderator with tokens of his office to celebrate his year of service.

33-8 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Partial)

Moderator Ken Roberts introduced RE Alan Johnson who will report in the absence of the Nominating Committee Chairman RE John Ivy.

Mr. Johnson opened the report with prayer and introduced RE Gordon Miller, nominee for Moderator-elect. Election of the Moderator-elect took place on Saturday morning.

Mr. Johnson placed into nomination for Moderator TE Bill Dudley, and introduced Bill's wife, Jakie. TE David Swanson offered the seconding speech.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

ON MOTION: Teaching Elder Bill Dudley was elected as Moderator of the 33rd General Assembly by acclamation.

The newly elected Moderator expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed on him to serve as Moderator. He spoke of his 44 years of ministry and how grateful he is for the spiritual renewal he has experienced serving in the EPC. He thanked the Assembly for trusting him as a believer in Christ and colleague in ministry.

The retiring Moderator offered prayer for TE Dudley.

33-9 SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON CHURCH PLANTING

TE Tom Ricks shared his experience in the development of City Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He encouraged every church to participate in church planting advising that diagnostics have been created to assist those who don't know what to do. Hundreds of man hours in cooperation with the National Outreach Committee and Presbytery Church Development Committees have resulted in great progress. He showed a video of some of their stories. Investing in church planting – as a patron, parent or partner – would be a phenomenal gift to the future. Members of the Church Planting Team are: TE Mike Moses and RE Jack Cathey (Mid-Atlantic), TE Shawn Robinson (Pacific), TE Jim Holland (Central South), TE Tom Melton (West) and TE Tom Ricks (Mid-America).

33-10 FACE-TO-FACE

Ministerial Vocation Committee Chairman TE Fred Lian began with prayer and explained the Face-to-Face process. Representatives from the following churches were recognized and informed the Assembly of the following ministerial openings:

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Chapel Hill Presbyterian, Gig Harbor, WA | Youth Pastor |
| Community Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI | Associate Pastor |
| Cornerstone EPC, Brighton, MI | Millennial Ministry Position |
| Covenant Presbyterian, Rome, GA | Pastor |
| Covenant Presbyterian, Simsbury, CT | Pastor |
| Covenant Presbyterian, West Lafayette, IN | Worship Pastor |
| Eastminster EPC, Wichita, KS | Pastor |
| Eastminster EPC, Wichita, KS | Associate Pastor of Missions |
| EPC of Plant City, FL | Pastor |
| Faith EPC, Rochester Hills, MI | Pastor |
| First EPC, Frankfort, IN | Pastor |
| First Presbyterian, Covington, TN | Associate Pastor of Discipleship |
| First Presbyterian, Thomasville, GA | Pastor |
| First Presbyterian, Rome, GA | Director of Student Ministries |
| Freemont Presbyterian, Sacramento, CA | Pastor |

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| Saint Andrew EPC, Auburn, IN | Pastor |
| Southport Presbyterian, Indianapolis, IN | Multiple Openings |
| Trinity Community Church, Clovis, CA | Assistant Pastor |
| Wabash Presbyterian, Allendale, IL | Pastor |
| Westminster Presbyterian, Enid, OK | Pastor |
| Westminster Presbyterian, Gulfport, MS | Pastor |

33-11 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

Steve McConaghie of Cherry Hills Community Church gave instructions for the lunch break. World Outreach Missionary TE Bruce Anderson led the Assembly in prayer.

MINUTES - THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**Second Session
June 20, 2013**

33-12 CONVENING OF THE SECOND SESSION

Moderator Bill Dudley called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. with prayer offered by Krishnasamy Rajendran, Ambassador of World Evangelical Alliances (WEA).

33-13 INTRODUCTION OF CHAPLAINS

TE Mark Ingles began by showing a video from the Army Chaplain Corps. He then introduced various EPC Chaplains in attendance.

- Donovan Campbell, Army National Guard Chaplain Candidate
- Tim Foster, Navy Reserve
- Helen Franssell, Capital Caring Hospice. Arlington, VA
- Aaron Laenger, Army Reserve
- William Pawson, Civil Air Patrol
- Jason Riggs, Navy (retired) – Veterans Administration
- Daniel Situka, Vitas Hospice, Houston, TX
- Ted Tromble, Aurora BayCare Medical Center, De Pere, WI
- Brad Yorton, Navy (retired)

TE Ingles and the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for the Chaplains, their families and their ministries.

33-14 GREETINGS FROM FRATERNAL GUEST

The Stated Clerk introduced Fraternal Guest, Dr. Ludgero Morais, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) who noted the tremendous growth that has taken place since the first Presbyterian church was planted in Brazil 153 years ago. There are now 1.2 million members, 6000 local churches, 4800 pastors, 8 seminaries,

hospitals, schools (the largest private university in all Latin America with 48,000 students) and missionaries in 58 different countries.

33-15 REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Mr. Phil VanValkenburg, Chief Operating Officer, presented his report to explain in part the rationale for the proposed action of the Assembly to be considered later:

That the 33rd General Assembly appoint the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (G.16-26.B) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced, or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination.

The COO offered an updated overview of the Affordable Health Care Act with a presentation on how the plan is expected to work, how it may affect the EPC insurance plan and the concerns it raises for the EPC plan.

33-16 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Partial)

RE Alan Johnson, opened his report with prayer and offered the first reading of Permanent Committee nominees.

Committee on Administration

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| Class of 2016 | TE Erik Ohman | Midwest |
| | RE Dale Schaefer | Mid-America |
| | TE Dean Weaver | Alleghenies |

Board of Benefits

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| Class of 2016 | RE Will Barnes | Rivers & Lakes |
| | RE John Dewald | Central South |
| Class of 2015 | TE Ron Cox | Mid-Atlantic |

Committee on Chaplains Work & Care

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug McCready | East |
| | RE Rich Whipple | Midwest |

Committee on Christian Education & Communications

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jose Rojas | Florida |
| | RE Fred Teagle | Mid-Atlantic |

EPC Foundation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Pat McElroy | Pacific |
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Committee on Fraternal Relations

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| Class of 2016 | RE Sam Searcy | West |
| | RE Tod Paulson | Rivers & Lakes |
| Class of 2014 | RE Peter Pugliese | Alleghenies |

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Michael Flake | Mid-Atlantic |
| | TE Jerry Iamurri | East |

Committee on National Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Steve Bryant | Central South |
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Permanent Judicial Commission

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jim Herring | Central South |
| | RE Dave Leighton | West |
| | RE Stephen Mahan | Midwest |

Presbytery Review

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| Class of 2016 | RE Max Riddle | Southeast |
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Committee on Student and College Ministries

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| Class of 2016 | TE Mark Steimer | Southeast |
| | Sam Gyorfi | West |
| | TE David Burke | Southeast |
| Class of 2015 | Elliott Simko | East |
| Class of 2014 | TE Megan Hackman | Pacific |

Committee on Theology

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| Class of 2016 | RE Bob Donan | Central South |
| | TE Ramona Spilman | West |

Committee on Women in Ministry

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| Class of 2016 | Karen Corcoran | Alleghenies |
| | Stacey Laho | Midwest |

World Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug Thompson | Midwest |
| | Sheryl Smith | West |
| | RE Al Johnson | West |

The Chairman introduced the Chairmen of the Standing Committees and directed Commissioners to the printed list of Standing Committee assignments (see pp. 256-261).

Standing Committee Chairmen and Clerks:

Administration

Chairman: RE Ray Kinat
Clerk: TE George Salnave

Fraternal Relations

Chairman: RE Carroll Coakley
Clerk: TE Tommy Jordan

Ministerial Vocation

Chairman: TE Zack Eswine
Clerk: TE Robert Eyman

Overtures & Resolutions

Chairman: TE David Strunk
Clerk: TE Steve Keller

Theology

Chairman: TE Alec Flynt
Clerk: TE Helen Franssell

World Outreach

Chairman: TE Kevin T. Cauley
Clerk: TE Rich Lanning

Christian Ed. & Communications

Chairman: RE Paul Pierce
Clerk: TE Dennis Finnegan

Memorials & Appreciation

Chairman: RE Angela Graves
Clerk: TE Ken Van Kampen

National Outreach

Chairman: TE Richard Alberta
Clerk: TE Bruce Marten

Student & College Ministries

Chairman: RE Denise Fink
Clerk: TE Wayne Uppendahl

Women In Ministry

Chairman: RE Alan Smith
Clerk: TE Phil Thrash

33-17 REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

RE Jim Rimmel, Moderator of the PJC, opened the report with prayer. He informed the Assembly that as there were no disciplinary cases or Stated Clerk opinions before the committee during the past year; their work focused on the work of the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Review. He outlined the process and criteria the committee followed.

That **Recommendation #42**, “that **Recommendations #20 and Recommendation #21** from the Ministerial Vocation Committee recommending amendments to *Book of Government* §13-5 and §15-3 be postponed until such time as the *Revised Book of Government* has been either ratified or defeated” be adopted.

___*Adopted*

33-18 MATTERS RECEIVED AND REFERRED

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 13-01 from Moderator Ken Roberts dated June 2013 offering the Moderator’s nominees for various appointments.

Referred to the Floor

Communication 13-02 from Cedar Springs EPC dated November 13, 2012 inviting the 34th General Assembly to meet at their church in June 2014.

Referred to Administration

Communication 13-03 from First Presbyterian of Orlando dated November 19, 2012 inviting the 35th General Assembly to meet at their church in June 2015.

Referred to Administration

OVERTURES

Overture 13-A from the Midwest Presbytery addressing a disparity between the Westminster Confession and the *Book of Worship* on the matter of offering communion to shut-ins.

Referred to Overtures & Resolutions

Overture 13-B from the Presbytery of the Pacific requesting an adjustment of presbytery boundaries between Presbytery of the Pacific and Presbytery of the West.

Referred to Administration

RECOMMENDATIONS

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| Recommendations |
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See Rules for Assembly 9-1 through 9-7. Referrals noted on Communications, Overtures and Recommendations are those which will be recommended by the Stated Clerk and are subject to approval by the General Assembly.

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| From the Committee on Administration |
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Recommendation #1

That the Assembly approve an amendment to *Rules for Assembly* 12-1 to allow for up to three non-ordained individuals with needed expertise to serve on the Board of Benefits.

| Current Rules for Assembly 12-1 | Proposed Rules for Assembly 12-1 <i>Additions in bold italics</i> |
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| <p>XII. The Board of Benefits</p> <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>XII. The Board of Benefits</p> <p>1. Membership to consist of six persons in three classes of two each. <i>At least one of the members must be a Teaching Elder and at least two must be Ruling Elders. The other three members shall be active members of EPC congregations with expertise needed for the Board to carry out its responsibilities. Members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are eligible to be reelected for additional terms after an interim of</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>one year.</i> 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.</p> |
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Referred to Administration

Recommendation #2

That the 33rd General Assembly create a new presbytery according to its powers as provided for in *Book of Government* 16-22-B.1 that shall be called the Great Plains Presbytery consisting of all member churches and teaching elders within the geographic boundaries defined as follows (a map is included as Attachment COA-A):

- Northern border: The U.S./Canada border
- Western border: From the northwestern corner of Bottineau County, North Dakota south along the county line to state highway 5, then east to the junction of US 83, then US 83 south to the Texas border, then following the Texas/Oklahoma border.
- Southern border: The Oklahoma state line.
- Eastern border: The eastern state lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota

Further, that the creation of this presbytery shall be effective on the date of the convening of the first meeting of the churches within these boundaries after January 1, 2014 as determined by the officers-designate after all necessary preparations have been made and due notice to those churches given. Those officers-designate shall be: TE Wayne Hardy (Moderator-designate), TE Kermit Opprecht (Stated Clerk-designate), RE Mike Gibson (Treasurer-designate), TE Kent Matthews (Ministerial Committee Chairman-designate), and RE Randall Leonard (Session Review Chairman-designate).

Further, that the boundaries of the Mid-America and West Presbyteries be amended by default to exclude their respective portions of this new presbytery.

Further, that any retired ministers and ministers laboring out of bounds included in the geographic boundaries indicated shall be included in the membership of this presbytery, subject to any exceptions as provided for in *Book of Government* 11-12 (3rd paragraph).

Finally, that bylaws be drafted by the new presbytery as soon as possible and conveyed to the Presbytery Review Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission for review.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #3

That the Assembly extend the provision adopted by the 27th General Assembly for presbyteries to receive ministers and churches as transitional members to December 31, 2014.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #4

That the Assembly designate the 2013 Thanksgiving Offering for missionary recruitment.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #5

That the Assembly approve an amended Administrative Budget for 2013 of \$2,025,950 (see p. 132).

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #6

That the Assembly approve an Administrative Budget of \$2,072,630 for 2014 (see p. 132).

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #7

That the Assembly amend the 2013 Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) budget by adding an asking of \$12,500 for Medical Ministries (see p. 133).

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #8

That the Assembly approve Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$581,500 for 2014 (see p. 134).

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #9

That the Assembly appoint the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (G.16-26.B) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #10

That the Assembly establish a special committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of studying *Book of Government* 12-2.G, 12-2.H, Act of Assembly 82-07, 83-07, the *Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees* and any other appropriate documents that address the academic requirements for those seeking ordination as teaching elders in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In addition, the special committee will:

- 1) Evaluate the academic requirements of seminaries used by EPC candidates to determine if our academic requirements are in alignment with those seminaries.
- 2) Consider the appropriateness of “EPC specific” academic requirements and other models of Masters of Divinity degree instruction.

This special committee will make a report with recommendations no later than the 2015 General Assembly.

Rationale:

- a. An ambiguity in *Book of Government* 12-2.G (“A degree requiring at least three years of study from a seminary approved by the Presbytery”) and Acts of Assembly 82-07 (“MDiv or equivalent”) needs to be addressed, with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- b. The academic requirements of many seminaries granting Master of Divinity degrees have changed since the original establishment of *Book of Government* 12-2.G and Acts of Assembly 82-07. In addition, what is required in some of these classes has changed (for example, the workload in Greek and Hebrew classes has been reduced at some seminaries). Should the EPC accept these curriculum changes without review or comment, or should the EPC determine its own academic requirements? This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- c. The Ministerial Vocation Committee added some EPC specific academic requirements for candidates in extraordinary circumstances. Should these requirements be applied to all candidates seeking ordination in the EPC?
- d. The American Theological Society (ATS) accredits seminaries and degree programs in the US. Recently, ATS reduced the minimum hours for an MDiv from 90 semester hours to 72 semester hours. The question: “Is the EPC willing to declare a 72 hour MDiv degree as meeting the academic requirement of *Book of Government* 12-2.G?” This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- e. With online class instruction for credit available for those pursuing an MDiv, the very nature of seminary education is changing. Should the EPC address this opportunity and provide guidance as to how to complete a degree program utilizing online classes?
- f. Other models (cohort, mentored study, for example) besides the traditional three year residency at a seminary campus are emerging. Should the EPC address the possibility of these models being acceptable for those seeking an MDiv?

Referred to Ministerial Vocation

Recommendation #11

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, Tennessee) to host the 34th General Assembly (June 18-21, 2014) and the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando (Florida) to host the 35th General Assembly (June 24-27, 2015).

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #39

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly 9-2* as follows:

| Current Rules for Assembly 9-2 | Proposed Amendment to Rules for Assembly 9-2 (changes in bold italics) |
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| <p>IX. Assembly Committees 9-2 The Moderator will appoint chairmen and secretaries of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect committee personnel from Commissioners registrations mailed no later than ten days prior to the Assembly convening. Ratio should be as close to 2:1 (RE:TE) as possible.</p> | <p>IX. Assembly Committees 9-2 The <i>Stated Clerk, in consultation with</i> the Moderator, will appoint chairmen and secretaries <i>recording clerks</i> of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect Assembly committee personnel from Commissioners registrations <i>and Ruling Elder certifications received no later than May 31. The committee membership ratio should be as close as possible to the ratio of Ruling and Teaching Elders registered and certified as Commissioners.</i></p> |

Grounds:

1. The first change (“The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Moderator”) better reflects the practice by which chairs and recording clerks are appointed.
2. “Recording clerks” reflects terminology that is currently in use.
3. Based on current Rule 9-2, commissioners that are both certified by their Clerk of Session and have completed their registration process for the Assembly as late as ten days prior to the Assembly convening are assigned to an Assembly committee (aka, “standing committee”). The number of eligible commissioners (and a record number of commissioners this year), makes this requirement especially burdensome in June. While Commissioners may be certified and registered until noon on the second day of the Assembly meeting, this motion moves the deadline for Assembly committee assignments from June 10 to May 31, which corresponds with the raising of registration fees, a policy established by the COA. This will allow the roster of Assembly Committees to be posted much earlier, which will benefit commissioners coming to the Assembly.
4. Historically, the RE:TE ratio at General Assembly meetings has been close to 1:1. Assigning Assembly Committee membership with a 2:1 ratio has been impossible. The revision reflects what has become standard practice.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #40

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* by changing all references to “Assembly Committee” to “Standing Committee.”

Grounds:

While *Rules for Assembly* speak of “Assembly Committee,” the term “Standing Committee” has been used instead in print and verbal communication for many years with the understanding that this is a committee that has standing only during the time the Assembly is in session. If approved, this motion would clean up this “vocabulary disconnect” between the *Rules for Assembly* and a term in common use.

Referred to Administration

Recommendation #41 – Replacing Recommendation #8

That the Assembly approve Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$611,500 for 2014 (see p. 134).

Referred to Administration

From the Board of Benefits

Recommendation #12

That ministers drawing retirement income from the EPC Defined Contribution Retirement Plan [403(b)(9)] be allowed to designate up to 100% of their retirement income for housing allowance, as permitted by applicable regulations adopted pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

Grounds: To do so allows retired ministers to take advantage of this significant tax benefit in retirement, thereby making more of their retirement income available for living expenses. Adopting this recommendation on an annual basis provides retired ministers with a readily available reference if asked by tax authorities.

Referred to the Floor

From the Chaplains Work and Care Committee

None

From the Committee on Christian Education & Communications

Recommendation #13

That the Assembly refer the New City Catechism to the Theology Committee for study and a report on its consistency with the system of doctrine presented in the Westminster Standards (see pp. 199-205; <http://www.newcitycatechism.com>).

Grounds: The Christian Education & Communications Committee has reviewed the New City Catechism for possible endorsement or commendation as a resource, but

wants to ensure the New City Catechism is consistent with the confessional standard of the EPC.

Referred to Theology

From the Constitution Revision Ad Interim Committee

Recommendation #14

That the Assembly receive the Proposed *Book of Government* as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived per *Rules for Assembly* 14-2; and that *Rules for Assembly* 14-3 be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report.

Note: This is a procedural recommendation enabling the Assembly to save time in discussing and coming to a vote on the proposal as a whole. The same process was followed in the 16th General Assembly, which approved a new *Book of Discipline*.

Referred to the Floor

Recommendation #15

That the Assembly adopt the Proposed *Book of Government* as a whole.

Note: If the Assembly adopts the Proposed *Book of Government*, it will go to the Presbyteries as a descending overture for approval and ratification at the 34th General Assembly.

Referred to the Floor

Recommendation #16

That the Assembly receive the proposed revision of the *Book of Worship* and forward it to Sessions and Presbyteries for study and input by December 31, 2013.

Referred to the Floor

NOTE: due to size limitations copies of the Proposed Book of Government and Proposed Book of Worship are not included in these minutes. Hard copies were distributed to all Teaching Elders and were available from the EPC website for review prior to the 33rd General Assembly.

From the Foundation Board

None

From the Committee on Fraternal Relations

Recommendation #17

That the Assembly endorse the letter of the Fraternal Relations Committee supporting the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) (see p. 236).

Referred to Fraternal Relations

Recommendation #18

That the Assembly approve the Fraternal Agreement with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK) (see pp. 234-235).

Referred to Fraternal Relations

From the Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Recommendation #19

That the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation at the 33rd General Assembly request a 5-minute informational presentation in accordance with *Rules for Assembly* 9-8 on the work of Pastor In Residence Ministries either by Mr. Roy Yanke or another representative of the organization present at the Assembly.

Referred to Ministerial Vocation

Recommendation #20

That §13-5 of the *Book of Government* be amended to provide definitive guidance for presbyteries on recognizing ordinations from non-ecclesiastical sources presented by ministers seeking to transfer to the EPC.

| Current G.13-5 | Proposed Revision of G.13-5 <i>(changes in bold italic)</i> |
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| The examination of an ordained Minister coming from another denomination: A Minister seeking to become a member of a Presbytery in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination. Further, such person shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A person coming from any other tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination. Each person seeking admission shall always be examined on personal Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth. | The examination of an ordained Minister coming from another denomination: A Minister seeking to become a member of a Presbytery in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination. Further, such person shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A person coming from any other tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination. Each person seeking admission shall always be examined on personal Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth. |

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| <p>Presbytery shall not ordinarily receive a Minister seeking to transfer from another denomination while discipline, inquiry, or charges are pending against the Minister. Presbytery may, however, by three-fourths vote and following careful review of the case, declare pending charges insufficient for refusal of membership.</p> | <p><i>If a person presents a non-ecclesiastical ordination, the person will be considered as lacking approved ordination credentials. However, if the person presents required education & appropriate ministry experience, the Presbytery shall proceed as if the person is coming from a non-Reformed tradition (see paragraph above). The person shall, upon approval, become immediately eligible for ordination and to receive a call approved by the Presbytery.</i></p> <p>Presbytery shall not ordinarily receive a Minister seeking to transfer from another denomination while discipline, inquiry, or charges are pending against the Minister. Presbytery may, however, by three-fourths vote and following careful review of the case, declare pending charges insufficient for refusal of membership.</p> |
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Grounds: The 32nd General Assembly sustained an opinion of the Permanent Judicial Commission stating that the current language of G.13-5 does not prohibit presbyteries from recognizing non-ecclesiastical ordination. However, ordination outside the church is inconsistent with a Reformed/Presbyterian view of the Office of the Minister of the Word. The current language of G.13-5 has led to inconsistencies in the ways presbyteries have considered those who seek to transfer without ordination from a church body. The proposed amendment is consistent with the EPC's high view of office in the church, but recognizes the practical reality that some with non-ecclesiastical ordination have education equivalent to EPC standards and, in some cases, a great deal of experience. Such individuals should not need to first become Candidates Under Care. They should, however, be ordained once they are received by the Presbytery.

*Referred to Ministerial Vocation
(if PJC recommendation to postpone is defeated)*

Recommendation #21

The Ministerial Vocation Committee recommended that the 33rd General Assembly amend §15-3 of the *Book of Government* regarding the calling of ministers age 70 and above as written in the Column 4 below:

| <p>COLUMN 1: Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 2: Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 3: Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly)</p> | <p>COLUMN 4: Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> |
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| <p>15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: When a Minister serving in any capacity in the Church reaches the age of 70, that relationship shall be terminated. The Minister is obligated to notify the Presbytery six months prior to the 70th birthday. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the same relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. When such a renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary. No person having reached the age of 70 is eligible to accept any call as Teaching Elder other than</p> | <p>15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: When a Minister serving in any capacity in the Church reaches the age of 70, that relationship shall be terminated reviewed by the Ministerial Committee and make its recommendation(s) to Presbytery. The Minister is obligated to notify the Presbytery six months prior to the 70th birthday. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the same relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery concurrence of the calling body and approval by the Presbytery. When such a renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary. No person having reached the age of 70 is eligible to</p> | <p>15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: Should a minister desire to continue to serve in his present pastoral relationship beyond the age of 70, he must notify, in writing, the calling body and presbytery. The minister is then eligible to be re-elected yearly for a term of one (1) year. When such renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body no installation is necessary.</p> | <p>15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: Should a Minister desire to continue to serve in the current call beyond age 70, the Minister must notify, in writing, the calling body and the Presbytery. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected annually by the calling body with the approval of the Presbytery. When such renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary.</p> <p><i>If a minister age 70 or above desires to accept a different call, the Presbytery, on recommendation from the Ministerial Committee, must approve the call by a 2/3 majority. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the</i></p> |

| <p>COLUMN 1: Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 2: Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 3: Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly)</p> | <p>COLUMN 4: Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> |
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| <p>the call being served upon reaching that age. Presbytery may set aside this limitation by a 2/3 vote. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected in this new relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. Moreover, a Minister who has reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as Stated Supply, Interim Supply, or Occasional Supply for a period of up to one year as approved by the Presbytery. The Presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that court to establish such relationships.</p> | <p>accept any call as Teaching Elder other than the call being served upon reaching that age. Presbytery may set aside this limitation by a 2/3 vote. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected in this new relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. Moreover, a Minister who has reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as Stated Supply, Interim Supply, or Occasional Supply for a period of up to one year as approved by the Presbytery. The Presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that court to establish such relationships.</p> | <p>Should a minister fail to provide the above called for notice or opt not to; his pastoral relationship will be dissolved upon his 70th birthday. However, with the approval of presbytery a minister who has reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as stated supply, interim supply or occasional supply for a period of up to one (1) year. The presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of</p> | <p><i>same relationship yearly with the approval of the calling body and Presbytery.</i></p> <p>Should a minister fail to provide the above called for notice or opt not to; the pastoral relationship will be dissolved upon the 70th birthday. However, with the approval of the Presbytery a minister, who has reached the age of 70, is eligible to serve as stated supply, interim supply or occasional supply for a period of up to one (1) year. The presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that Court to establish such relationship.</p> |

| COLUMN 1: Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 | COLUMN 2: Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 | COLUMN 3: Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly) | COLUMN 4: Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 |
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| | | that court to establish such relationship. | |

Grounds: Overture 12-H was referred to the Ministerial Vocation Committee because 1) the Stated Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery reported that the provision for ministers age 70 and above to receive a different call had been inadvertently omitted from the Overture, and 2) the Permanent Judicial Commission had offered a substantial substitution to the 32nd General Assembly. The Ministerial Vocation Committee’s recommendation substantially retains the wording from the Permanent Judicial Commission and retains the provision for ministers age 70 and above to accept another call with a supermajority approval of the Presbytery. The Committee makes this recommendation for the following reasons:

1. Given the health many ministers retain in their 70’s, their desire to continue to serve, and the valuable experience they bring to their callings, ministers should be able to continue in their callings or accept new ones at age 70 and above. There is no biblical or cultural warrant for a mandatory cut-off age for ministers remaining in or accepting a new call
2. Age 70 is an appropriate age for all parties to begin an annual review and renewal of a Minister’s call. This is a safeguard to a minister remaining too long for unhealthy reasons.
3. In the proposed amendment, responsibility for initiating the renewal of the call rests with the minister, something that is unclear in current G.15-3. If the minister does not request renewal, the pastoral relationship is dissolved.
4. The proposed amendment removes the Session from the annual renewal process, except in the case of an Assistant Pastor in which the Session is the calling body. This is consistent with the fundamental principle of the EPC *Book of Government*, that the congregation has the irrevocable right to call its own pastors (Pastor and Associate Pastors), subject to the concurrence of the Presbytery (G.7-5).
5. The proposed amendment removes masculine references due to the presence of women Teaching Elders in the EPC.

Referred to Ministerial Vocation
(if PJC recommendation to postpone is defeated)

From the Committee on National Outreach

None

From the Nominating Committee

See Nominating Committee report (see pp. 252-261)

From the Permanent Judicial Commission

Recommendation #42

That consideration of **Recommendations #20 and #21** from the Ministerial Vocation Committee (see pp. 30-34) regarding amendments to *Book of Government* §13-5 and §15-3 be postponed until such time as the *Revised Book of Government* has been either ratified or defeated.

Referred to the Floor

From the Presbytery Review Committee

All Recommendations below from Presbytery Review are referred to the Floor

Note: An asterisk () indicates that notations requiring responses will be forwarded to the Presbytery (Rules for Assembly 9-11C.2.)*

Recommendation #22

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries of the Alleghenies, Central South, East, Florida, Mid-America, Mid-Atlantic, Rivers and Lakes, Southeast and West to exceptions from the 31st General Assembly and to notations requiring response as adequate with the following comments (see pp. 275-293).

- A. To the Presbytery of the Alleghenies: In the future, Minutes must record a definite action of the Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms (G.13-6; Act of Assembly 03-04). See **Recommendation #23** below.
- B. To the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery: In the future, Minutes should continue to record the definite action of Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms (G.13-6, Act of Assembly 03-04), but the Minutes should not record the content of the exception (Act of Assembly 03-09). See **Recommendation #31** below.

Recommendation #23 (regarding the Presbytery of the Alleghenies)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be approved with the following exceptions:*

1. P. 69, 4-06; p. 92, 5-06; p. 116, 6-06; p. 125, 06-19A; p.140, 07-06 – Attendance is not listed in the body of the Minutes (Rules for Assembly 9-12G, Act of Assembly 00-11, “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes,” p.1).
 2. P. 72, 04-11E, F; p.. 78, 4-22B, C; p. 103, 05-19C, E; p. 120, 6-10C, D; p. 125, 06-19D; p. 126, 06-19D, E, F; p. 140, 07-10D, E; p.148, 07-17B – There is no record that Presbytery allowed or disallowed the ministers’ exceptions to the Westminster Confession (G.13-6, Act of Assembly 03-09). A statement of this action should be included in the Clerk’s template.
- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, which added a significant number of churches in the past year, for their diligent, impartial and fair examinations of those incoming churches.

Recommendation #24 (regarding the Presbytery of the Central South)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South be approved with the following exception:*

P. 411, 87-12; p. 412, 87.19; p. 414, 87-19 – Duties and term for Assistant Pastors Cain and Rhodes are not listed; duties for Associate Pastor Harris are not listed (G.11-6, 7).

Recommendation #25 (regarding the Presbytery of the East)

A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East be approved with the following exception:*

96-26H: Omission – No advisor was appointed for candidate Scott Redd (G.12-2D).

B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the East:

Financial reports included in the body of the minutes could be more concise (e.g., p. 00650ff). The Presbytery should consider condensing them as per the guidelines approved by the General Assembly (Minutes of the General Assembly, 26-40 and “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes”).

C. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the East:

1. The Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk are to be commended for an exemplary set of Minutes.
2. The Presbytery of the East does an exceptional job of their responsibility to review Session minutes.
3. The Presbytery is commended for recording its remarks on the retirement of TE Glen Knecht (95-40B).
4. The Presbytery is to be commended for its carefulness and balance between due process and interdenominational transactions for a pastor coming from the PCUSA (95-40C).

Recommendation #26 (Regarding the Presbytery of Florida)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Florida be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. Moderator's signature was not on any of the approved minutes submitted for review (stated meetings 66, 67, 68, called meeting 07). The Stated Clerk is instructed to file copies of the signed pages with the Office of the General Assembly.
 2. 67th Stated Meeting, 67.13: Minutes do not record the duties or term for Assistant Pastor Whitlock (G.11-7) or the duties for Associate Pastors McClellan and Thorp (G.11-6).

Recommendation #27 (Regarding the Presbytery of Mid-America)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America be approved.*
- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of Mid-America for its pastoral care in handling of closing of Grace Hill and the death of Brett Eubank's father.

Recommendation #28 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved.
- B. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:
1. The Stated Clerk composed an exemplary summary on the missional work in a multi-cultural / cross cultural environment (pp. 10-11, 71st Stated Meeting).
 2. The Minutes included an excellent statistical summary in the 71st Stated Meeting. Such an accounting is very helpful for the historical record.
 3. The Minutes of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery are an excellent example of a balance of both comprehensiveness and brevity with accuracy and clarity.

Recommendation #29 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Midwest)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved.
- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the Midwest:

For clarity and for the benefit of those outside the Presbytery, Minutes should utilize the same first name throughout (e.g. Minutes of the 142nd Stated Minutes use both "Alton" and "Al" for RE Bennett).

Recommendation #30 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Pacific)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific be approved with the following exception:*
- P. 151 (15(*sic*)-21): No length of term is specified for Assistant Pastor Thomas (G.15-7).

Recommendation #31 (Regarding the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery)

- A. That the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. Pp. 98 – 99, 5.06; p. 118, 6.05C: Financial reporting does not meet the requirements of Act of Assembly 06-09 (Minutes of the 26th General Assembly, 26-40).
 2. P. 104 - 106, 5-14B and E; P. 129, 6.10B, P. 130, 6.10C: Presbytery’s action to allow or disallow stated exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms is to be recorded in the minutes, but not the exceptions themselves (Act of Assembly 03-09).
 3. P. 131, 6.10E: A motion to authorize the Coordinating Council to create a governing body is out of order because, (1) Mr. Grapengater is a Candidate, not a Teaching Elder, (2) there is not yet a mission church which needs a temporary governing body, and (3) presbyteries appoint commissions (of which a temporary governing body is a type) directly, not through a committee (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05). It would, however be appropriate to authorize the Council to appoint a Committee to oversee the development of a church planting project.
 4. Pp. 166-167, 7-17E: There is no record of Rev. Puckett signing the required ministerial obligation (G. 16-16L).
- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery:
- Presbytery Minutes would be more beneficial as legal records with less narrative, first person reporting, and more third person statements of definitive actions.

Recommendation #32 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Southeast)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. 86-19 (p. 10); 7th Called Meeting (p. 2, section B, p. 3, section C) – A committee cannot appoint a commission (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05).
 2. 86-10 (p. 11) – Appointing dual moderators and appointing an RE from outside the congregation as Moderator is out of order (G.16-9). If the situation still exists, the matter is remanded to the Presbytery for correction.

Recommendation #33 (Regarding the Presbytery of the West)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West be approved.*

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| From the Committee on Student & College Ministries |
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From the Committee on Theology

Recommendation #34

That the Assembly adopt the full complement of the “*Position Paper on Abortion*” as originally adopted at the 6th General Assembly and subsequently revised at the 32nd General Assembly (see pp. 309-313).

Referred to Theology

From the Committee on Women in Ministry

None

From the Committee on World Outreach

Recommendation #35

That the Assembly approve People International as a Cooperative Mission Agency (see pp. 332-336).

Grounds: This agency is highly regarded for its ministry focus on Central Asia where some of the hardest to reach Muslim people groups reside. WO has a couple who has affiliated with this agency and will go to the field in Central Asia in a strategic area for the Engage 2025 Initiative.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Referred to World Outreach

Recommendation #36

That the Assembly approve Christian Friends of Korea as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 341-346).

Grounds: This agency has board members who are elders in the EPC and comes to WO at a time that we are in the process of developing a medical missions ministry. The agency does medical work at government invitation in the communist (no God) nation of North Korea.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Referred to World Outreach

Recommendation #37

That the Assembly approve The Antioch Partners as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 347-350).

Grounds: This evangelical sending agency is sister to both Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation, two organizations that began frontier missions as part of the PCUSA years ago. Many of our new churches from the

PCUSA are connected with The Antioch Partners and some of their board members are now part of the EPC. The Antioch Partners is no longer part of the PCUSA. This partnership would be a win-win for both agencies.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Referred to World Outreach

Recommendation #38

That the Assembly approve the revised World Outreach Master Plan (see pp. 351-354).

Grounds: Review of the Master Plan is made every three years and it was determined that there is very little need to make changes to the Master Plan at this review.

Referred to World Outreach

33-19 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah gave final instructions for Standing Committees as they prepared to convene on Thursday afternoon.

TE Bob Hopper closed the session with prayer at 3:15 p.m.

33-20 EVENING WORSHIP

Worship began at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Park, Colorado. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 2013
7:30 PM**

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| | <i>Power in the Blood</i> | Band |
| Welcome and Call to Worship | | Dick Schultz |
| Opening Worship | | Band |
| | <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> | |
| | <i>Made to Worship</i> | |
| | <i>Mighty to Save</i> | |
| Prayer of Praise | | Dick Schultz |
| Investiture of Moderator | | Ken Roberts |
| | | Jeff Jeremiah |
| Video | <i>Go Into All the World</i> | |
| | <i>Live Like That</i> | Nick Carleton |
| Commissioning of World Outreach Missionaries | | Bill Dudley |
| | | George Carey |
| Scripture | <i>Matthew 9:36-38</i> | Jeff Jeremiah |
| The Message | | Jeff Livingstone |

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| Offertory | <i>Send Me</i> | Janet Choyce |
| Closing Song | <i>In Christ Alone</i> | Dick Schultz |
| Benediction | | Dick Schultz |
| Postlude | | Band |

MINUTES - FRIDAY MORNING

**Third Session
June 21, 2013**

33-21 MODERATOR'S SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Worship began at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Park, Colorado. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

ORDER OF WORSHIP FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 2013 8:30 AM

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| | <i>The Wonderful Cross</i> | Band |
| Welcome and Call to Worship | | Randy Sapp |
| Opening Worship | <i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i> <i>How Could I But Love You</i> | Band |
| Prayers of Confession & Intercession | | Gene Kissinger |
| Offertory | <i>Jesus Paid it All</i> | Randy Sapp & Analee |
| Scripture | <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> | Gene Kissinger |
| The Message | | Ken Roberts |
| Celebration of the Lord's Supper | | Nate Atwood |
| Congregational Song | <i>Here I Am To Worship</i> <i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i> | Band |
| Time of Prayer | | Ken Roberts Nate Atwood |
| Instrumentals | | Band |
| Closing Song | <i>Above All</i> | Band |
| Benediction | | Randy Sapp |

33-22 CONVENING OF THE THIRD SESSION AND ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Moderator Bill Dudley called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with prayer offered by TE Robert (last name omitted intentionally), World Outreach Missionary.

The docket for Friday, June 21st was presented for approval.

8:30 Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer – RE Ken Roberts speaking

10:30 **33rd General Assembly – Session 3**

- 3.1 Opening Prayer (TE Robert (last name omitted intentionally), World Outreach Missionary)
- 3.2 Approval of Docket and Announcements (TE Bill Dudley)
- 3.3 Host Church Arrangements/Announcements (Steve McConaghie, Cherry Hills Community Church)
- 3.4 Report of the National Outreach Committee (TE Steve Bryant)
 - a. Winner of 2013 Bartlett Hess Award – Lake Forest EPC, Huntersville, North Carolina
- 3.5 Introduction of New Churches (TE Bill Dudley)
 - a. Prayer for New Churches (RE Alan Smith)
- 3.6 Stated Clerk’s Report (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
- 3.7 Nominating Committee - partial report (RE Alan Johnson)
 - a. Introduction of Permanent Nominating Committee Members
 - b. Work of the Permanent Committees
 - c. Nominations for Permanent Committees
- 3.8 Instructions for Participating from the Floor (TE Bill Dudley)
- 3.9 Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Review (TE Howard Shockley)
 - a. **Recommendation #14**
 - b. **Recommendation #15**
 - c. **Recommendation #16**
- 3.10 Report of the Board of Benefits (RE David Van Valkenburg)
 - a. **Recommendation #12**
- 3.11 Ratification of 32nd General Assembly Descending Overtures
- 3.12 Appreciation of EPC Support (TE Chris Hildebrand)
- 3.13 Introduction of Fraternal Guest (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
- 3.14 Greetings from Fraternal Guest – RE Catherine Ogden, Moderator, St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina
- 3.15 2014 General Assembly (Ms. Suzanne Stelling)
- 3.16 Face-to-Face – continued (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
- 3.17 Instructions for Lunch (Steve McConaghie, Cherry Hills Community Church)
- 3.18 Closing Prayer (RE Catherine Ogden)

- Noon–1:30 Lunch and Networking Groups..... Commons
 - Benefits Q&A: Phil Van ValkenburgRoom 115
 - BSA Sponsor Churches.....Room 250
 - Children’s Ministries: Sheila Robinson and Family.....Room 271
 - Church/Media Relations: Neil Browne.....Aspen Room (Chapel)
 - English Language Institute China: David Raisor.....Room 94

- Fraternal Guests: Fraternal Relations Committee.....Room 252
- Int'l Theological Ed. Network: Bruce Anderson.....Room 225
- Leaders of Small Churches: Ed McCallumRoom 170
- Missionary Care Lunch: Jim MurphyOrchard Room (Chapel)
- Pastors Mentoring Pastors: Zack Eswine.....Room 255
- Student Ministry Leaders: Susan HollandRoom 249/251
- Young Ministers (40 and under): Michael FlakeRoom 298

1:45 **33rd General Assembly – Session 4**

- 4.1 Opening Prayer (TE Sam Sesay, WO Mission Evangelist and Overseer of the Engage 2025 Initiative in Sierra Leone)
- 4.2 Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee (RE Carroll Coakley)
 - a. Additional Standing Committee Recommendation Regarding Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB)
 - b. **Recommendation #18**
- 4.3 Greetings from the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK) (TE Arman Arenbayev)
 - a. Prayer for the ERCK (RE Rob Liddon)
- 4.4 Report of the Theology Committee (TE Matthew Everhard)
 - a. **Recommendation #34**
- 4.5 Report of the Overtures and Resolutions Committee (TE David Strunk)
 - a. **Overture 13-A**
- 4.6 Report of the Ministerial Vocation Committee (TE Zack Eswine)
 - a. **Recommendation #10**
 - b. **Recommendation #19**
- 4.7 Presentation by RE Roy Yanke, Pastor in Residence Ministries
- 4.8 Report of the Administration Committee (RE Dutch Franz)
 - a. **Overture 13-B**
 - b. **Recommendation #1**
 - c. **Recommendation #2**
 - d. **Recommendation #4**
 - e. **Recommendation #5**
 - f. **Recommendation #6**
 - g. **Recommendation #7**
 - h. **Recommendation #39**
 - i. **Recommendation #40**
 - j. **Recommendation #41**
- 4.9 Report of the World Outreach Committee (TE Kevin Cauley)
 - a. **Recommendation #38**
- 4.10 Report of the Director of World Outreach (TE George Carey)
- 4.11 Report of the Coordinator of Student and College Ministries (Ms. Susan Holland)

- 4.12 Report of the Interim Director of Women In Ministry (Ms. Susan Nash)
- 4.13 Report of the Director of Communications and Information Systems (Mr. Dana Cadman)
- 4.14 Closing Prayer (Kiran Kumar, former Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of South India)
- 5:30–7:00 Dinner (meal ticket required).....Room 190 & 170 (overflow)
- 7:30-9:00 Worship, TE Jim Dixon Preaching Worship Center
- 9:00-10:00 Reception for visitors and observers.....Commons/Lobby

ON MOTION: The docket was approved as presented.

33-23 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Steve McConaghie, Local Arrangements Coordinator, brought greetings and made opening announcements.

33-24 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

TE Steve Bryant opened the report with prayer. The Bartlett Hess Award was presented to the Lake Forest Church of Huntersville, NC. Following an oral report from various staff members, the Lake Forest team presented a brief video of their work.

33-25 INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHURCHES

The Moderator, TE Bill Dudley, welcomed the new churches that have joined the EPC in the last year.

The following churches are on record with the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as being received from other denominations, received from independence or constituted as mission churches from May 31, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

Churches marked with an asterisk (*) are transitional members.

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

| | | |
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| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sharon, PA | 6/3/2012 | PCUSA |
| Starkdale Presbyterian Church, Wintersville, OH | 6/13/2012 | independence |
| Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Enon Valley, PA | 6/26/2012 | PCUSA |
| Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, NY | 8/15/2012 | PCUSA |
| New City Church (mission church), Pittsburgh, PA | 9/28/2012 | |
| *Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, PA | 10/29/2012 | independence |
| *Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA | 11/12/2012 | independence |
| Mount Perry Presbyterian Church, Mount Perry, OH | 11/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Mountville Presbyterian Church, Portersville, PA | 12/1/2012 | PCUSA |

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| *First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA | 12/4/2012 | independence |
| *Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, OH | 2/12/2013 | independence |
| Center Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA | 3/2/2013 | PCUSA |
| Hanover Presbyterian Church, Clinton, PA | 4/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA | 4/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Redeemer Presbyterian Church (mission church), Erie, PA | 4/27/2013 | |
| The SOMA Gathering (mission church), Beaver, PA | 4/27/2013 | |

Presbytery of the Central South

| | | |
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| First Presbyterian Church - Lake Jackson, TX | 10/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Memorial Presbyterian Church, San Augustine TX | 10/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile AL | 10/26/2012 | independence |
| One Hope Presbyterian, Longview TX | 10/26/2012 | independence |
| Graceminster Presbyterian Church, Monroe LA | 10/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport MS | 10/31/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis AR | 11/13/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton AL | 2/17/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the East

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| Bethany Evangelical Church, Havertown PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Milford PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| Grace Covenant, Malvern PA | 9/29/2012 | n/a |
| Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| Fairview Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore PA | 2/1/2013 | PCUSA |
| Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian Church EPC, Brooklyn NY | 2/1/2013 | n/a (was PCA) |
| Guinston Presbyterian Church, Airville PA | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Felton PA | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of Florida

| | | |
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| Providence Church (mission church), Brooksville FL | 2/11/2012 | |
| First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando FL | 6/5/2012 | PCUSA |
| Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship, Leesburg FL | 4/13/2013 | |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee FL | 2/7/2013 | PCUSA |
| City Church Wilton Manors FL (mission church) | 1/13/2013 | |
| Kirk of the Pines (mission church), Nassau Bahamas | 2/20/2013 | |

Presbytery of Mid-America

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| Brazeau Presbyterian Church, Brazeau MO | 1/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy MO | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| City Church (mission church), St. Louis MO | 5/19/2013 | |

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| *Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs MO | 12/12/2012 | independence |
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Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

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| Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Abbeville SC | 6/5/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Norton VA | 6/12/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hurley VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church, Marion VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC | 7/17/12 | PCUSA |
| Benton Heights Presbyterian Church, Monroe NC | 7/21/2012 | PCUSA |
| Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton WV | 9/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Monroe NC | 9/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| New Horizon EPC (mission church), Candler NC | 10/6/2012 | |
| Lake Norman Fellowship, Mooresville NC | 10/15/2012 | independence |
| Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel NC | 11/27/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Indian Hill Presbyterian Church, Stanfield, NC | 11/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Calhoun Falls SC | 2/9/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mebane Presbyterian Church, Mebane NC | 2/12/2013 | PCUSA |
| Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy NC | 2/16/2013 | PCUSA |
| Church in Restoration (mission church), Mechanicsville VA | 2/20/2013 | |
| Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter SC | 2/23/2013 | PCUSA |
| Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, Locust NC | 2/24/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mary's Presbyterian Church, Tazewell VA | 3/14/2013 | PCUSA |
| Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church, Tazewell VA | 3/14/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Waynesboro Mission Church, Waynesboro VA | 3/26/2013 | |
| *Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington NC | 5/4/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island SC | 5/19/2013 | PCUSA |
| Hope Church, Hanahan SC | 5/29/2013 | |
| *Riceville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC | 5/28/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the Midwest

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|---|------------|--------------|
| Church by the Woods, Sharonville OH | 9/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh MI | 9/17/2012 | independence |
| Living Hope Evangelical Church (mission church), Grosse Pointe Woods MI | 10/10/2012 | n/a |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Ada OH | 10/15/2012 | independence |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus, Bucyrus OH | 11/28/2012 | independence |
| Oakhill Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids MI | 11/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| The Antioch Movement (mission church), Ypsilanti MI | 2/8/2013 | n/a |

Presbytery of the Pacific

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| Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Parma ID | 6/2/2012 | PCUSA |
| Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor WA | 6/4/2012 | PCUSA |
| Bickleton Evangelical Church, Bickleton WA | 6/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Yakima WA | 7/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| Living Waters Presbyterian Church, Wendell ID | 9/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno NV | 10/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, Hanford CA | 10/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| Faith Family Fellowship, Grandview WA | 10/12/2012 | independence |
| First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City, Oregon City OR | 11/9/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Fairbanks AK | 11/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Grace Presbyterian Church, Weed CA | 12/9/2012 | PCUSA |
| Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento CA | 12/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis OR | 2/7/2013 | PCUSA |
| *CP Reformed Church, Caldwell ID | 3/20/2013 | independence |

Presbytery of Rivers and Lakes Presbytery

| | | |
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| Hogarty Community Church, Aniwa WI | 5/31/2012 | PCUSA |
| Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg, Alton IL | 9/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Crivitz WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Pembine, Pembine WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| United Presbyterian Church of Amberg, Amberg WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock IA | 11/27/2012 | PCUSA |
| Edgington Presbyterian Church, Taylor Ridge IL | 3/10/2013 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Mora, Mora MN | 3/31/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the Southeast

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| Christ Church Presbyterian, Dalton GA | 10/5/2012 | independence |
| Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Acworth GA | 12/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| ONEchurch (mission church), Bogart GA | 2/2/2013 | |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Thomasville GA | 5/14/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the West

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, Carefree AZ | 6/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview, Longview TX | 6/14/2012 | independence |
| Grace Community Church, Falcon CO | 6/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock TX | 12/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| Community Protestant Church, West Yellowstone MT | 2/1/2013 | PCUSA |
| Cornerstone Church of Stapleton, Stapleton NE | 2/8/2013 | PCUSA |
| Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman AZ | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |

RE Alan Smith led the court in prayer for our new EPC congregations.

33-26 REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah opened the report with prayer. He spoke of the growth of the EPC from 182 to 462 churches since the creation of the Transitional Presbyteries in 2007 and the need to now move from transfer growth to transformation.

In his role as Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeremiah focuses on three areas:

1. Contributing input and leadership to the goal of making the EPC a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical and Missional churches
2. Representing the EPC to the general public and the greater church, seeking to establish and improve those relationships that will glorify God and build/expand His kingdom
3. Establishing and overseeing the organization of the Office of the General Assembly that will best serve the local churches and presbyteries of the EPC in the vision, planning, growth and development of the church.

Special areas of attention in 2012-2013 included the hiring of Mr. Phil VanValkenburg as Chief Operating Officer (COO), ongoing support for presbytery leadership through meetings with presbytery Church Development Committee chairmen twice a year, keeping abreast of the EPC Medical Plan and ObamaCare and Ecumenical/Fraternal Relations with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK) and the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO).

Dr. Jeremiah recognized General Assembly staff members Annette Minard and Sandy Milis for their exceptional work. Annette has served as Finance Manager and subsequently Director of Finance since 1999 and Sandy has served as Arrangements Coordinator since 1996.

33-27 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Partial)

RE Alan Johnson opened his report with prayer and then introduced members of the Permanent Nominating Committee. The Chairman offered the second reading of Permanent Committee nominees.

Committee on Administration

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| Class of 2016 | TE Erik Ohman | Midwest |
| | RE Dale Schaefer | Mid-America |
| | TE Dean Weaver | Alleghenies |

Board of Benefits

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| Class of 2016 | RE Will Barnes | Rivers & Lakes |
| | RE John Dewald | Central South |
| Class of 2015 | TE Ron Cox | Mid-Atlantic |

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| Committee on Chaplains Work & Care | | |
| Class of 2016 | TE Doug McCready RE Rich Whipple | East Midwest |
| Committee on Christian Education & Communications | | |
| Class of 2016 | RE Jose Rojas RE Fred Teagle | Florida Mid-Atlantic |
| EPC Foundation | | |
| Class of 2016 | TE Pat McElroy | Pacific |
| Committee on Fraternal Relations | | |
| Class of 2016 | RE Sam Searcy RE Tod Paulson | West Rivers & Lakes |
| Class of 2014 | RE Peter Pugliese | Alleghenies |
| Committee on Ministerial Vocation | | |
| Class of 2016 | TE Michael Flake TE Jerry Iamurri | Mid-Atlantic East |
| Committee on National Outreach | | |
| Class of 2016 | TE Steve Bryant | Central South |
| Permanent Judicial Commission | | |
| Class of 2016 | RE Jim Herring RE Dave Leighton RE Stephen Mahan | Central South West Midwest |
| Presbytery Review | | |
| Class of 2016 | RE Max Riddle | Southeast |
| Committee on Student and College Ministries | | |
| Class of 2016 | TE Mark Steimer Sam Gyorfi TE David Burke | Southeast West Southeast |
| Class of 2015 | Elliott Simko | East |
| Class of 2014 | TE Megan Hackman | Pacific |
| Committee on Theology | | |
| Class of 2016 | RE Bob Donan TE Ramona Spilman | Central South West |
| Committee on Women in Ministry | | |
| Class of 2016 | Karen Corcoran Stacey Laho | Alleghenies Midwest |

World Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug Thompson | Midwest |
| | Sheryl Smith | West |
| | RE Al Johnson | West |

33-28 FACE-TO-FACE (continued)

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah invited the representatives of the two remaining churches to come forward and present their open positions to the Assembly.

| <u>Church</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| First EPC, Kokomo, IN | Church Planting Pastor |
| Kingman Presbyterian, Kingman, AZ | Senior Pastor |

33-29 2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ms. Suzanne Stelling formally invited the Assembly to Knoxville, Tennessee for the 34th General Assembly. Ms. Stelling presented a brief video announcing the event.

33-30 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

Steve McConaghie of Cherry Hills Community Church gave instructions for the lunch break. RE Catherine Ogden, St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina, led the court in prayer.

MINUTES - FRIDAY AFTERNOON

**Fourth Session
June 21, 2013**

33-31 CONVENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION

Moderator Bill Dudley called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. with prayer offered by TE Sam Sesay, World Outreach Mission Evangelist and Overseer of the Engage 2025 Initiative in Sierra Leone.

33-32 APPRECIATION FOR EPC SUPPORT

TE Chris Hildebrand addressed the Assembly to convey thanks for the EPC’s support in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and presented a brief video of the recovery work.

33-33 REVISION OF AFTERNOON DOCKET

The Stated Clerk presented a revised afternoon docket as follows:

1:45 33rd General Assembly – Session 4

- 4.1 Opening Prayer (TE Sam Sesay, WO Mission Evangelist and Overseer of the Engage 2025 Initiative in Sierra Leone)
- 4.2 Appreciation of EPC Support (TE Chris Hildebrand)

- 4.3 Instructions for Participating from the Floor (TE Bill Dudley)
 - a. Move to one of the 3 microphones on the floor and wait to be recognized
 - b. Identify yourself and your presbytery before you speak
 - c. If you intend to propose an amendment (or a substitute) to a motion, please write it down before you present it from the microphone (be prepared to bring it to the front of the Sanctuary if your amendment/substitution is approved for consideration)
 - d. When a motion is considered, to ensure fairness, both speakers in favor of the motion and those not in favor of the motion will be chosen to speak to the Assembly
 - e. Debate on a motion will not exceed 15 minutes; by majority vote, debate may be extended for 5 minutes
 - f. A commissioner may speak for up to 3 minutes; only after everyone else has spoken may a commissioner speak a second time to a motion
 - g. The chair of the committee making the report may make the final statement as the debate ends.
- 4.4 Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Review (TE Howard Shockley)
 - a. **Recommendation #14**
 - b. **Recommendation #15**
 - c. **Recommendation #16**
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- 7:30-9:00 Worship, TE Jim Dixon Preaching Worship Center
- 9:00-10:00 Reception for visitors and observers.....Commons/Lobby

ON MOTION: The revised docket was approved.

The Moderator offered instructions to those who wished to participate from the floor.

33-34 REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

TE Howard Shockley, Chairman, opened the report with prayer. He provided the process the committee followed in their review and revision of the *Book of Order* and recognized committee members TE James Quillin, RE Ted Brandsma and expressed gratitude for the assistance of Assistant Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum.

That **Recommendation #14**, “that the Assembly receive the Proposed *Book of Government* as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived per *Rules for Assembly* 14-2; and that *Rules for Assembly* 14-3 be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report” be adopted.

____ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #15**, “that the Assembly adopt the Proposed *Book of Government* as a whole” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #16**, “that the Assembly receive the proposed revision of the *Book of Worship* and forward it to Sessions and Presbyteries for study and input by December 31, 2013” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

33-35 REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RE Carroll Coakley, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #18**, “that the Assembly approve the Fraternal Agreement with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK) as amended” be adopted (see pp. 101-103).

___ *Adopted*

That the **Additional Recommendation from the Standing Committee**, “that the 33rd General Assembly direct the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee to converse with leadership of the Brazilian Presbyterian Church (IPB), with the goal of creating a fraternal agreement between the IPB and the EPC” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

33-36 INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL GUEST

TE Arman Arenbayev, brought greetings from the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK), a presbytery of 6 churches from 2 cities. He spoke of the persecution they face yet all 6 churches remain active. He requested prayer for the leaders and churches to remain faithful to their desire to spread the Gospel through the nation of Kazakhstan.

RE Rob Liddon offered prayer for the ERCK.

33-37 REPORT OF THE THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

TE Alec Flynt, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Theology, had to depart the Assembly prior to the presentation of their report. Standing Committee member TE Matthew Everhard gave the report in his place. TE Everhard opened the report with prayer for the feeblest among us.

He began with a brief history on the EPC’s Position Paper on Abortion noting its adoption by the 6th General Assembly and revision by the 32nd General Assembly. Due to a clerical oversight a portion of that revision was omitted requiring approval by the 33rd General Assembly. The Standing Committee upon reviewing the omitted section, however, felt additional revisions were needed as follows:

- A. That the parentheses in Item 1 of the Position Paper on Abortion, “e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons” be struck.

Rationale: It is unnecessary to delineate specific examples of a “problematic pregnancy” as given in Item 6 for what is here a pastoral care issue.

- B. Replace Items 3 & 4 with a single paragraph: “The church must be supportive of the woman who chooses life for the child of an unwanted pregnancy and must seek ways to support and care for those children carried to term through unwanted pregnancy,” striking ‘through no fault of their own.’”

Rationale: a ‘pregnancy’ is not carried; a *child* is.

- C. In Item 6 strike “e.g. . . . reasons).” Replace with “the most extreme circumstances that endanger the life of the mother.)”

Rationale: “. . . physical health; or valid medical reasons . . .” is too vague and could be interpreted too loosely, so that it might be used to support an unnecessary abortion.

- D. Renumber the list accordingly.

ON MOTION: The Assembly amended the recommendation of the Standing Committee by changing the word “unwanted” to “unexpected” when referring to a pregnancy in the first paragraph and items 1 and 3.

ON MOTION: The Assembly amended the recommendation of the Standing Committee in item 2 to read as follows:

“The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to any man involved to inform and direct him in his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child’s father.”

ON MOTION: The Assembly amended the recommendation of the Standing Committee by changing “giving up” to “placing” in item 4.

ON MOTION: The Assembly amended the recommendation of the Standing Committee by adding the word “physical” in item 5 to clarify how the pregnancy would endanger the life of the mother.

That **Recommendation #34**, “that the Assembly adopt the full complement of the *Position Paper on Abortion* as originally adopted at the 6th General Assembly and subsequently revised at the 32nd General Assembly,” be adopted as amended:

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| <p>From Current Position Paper</p> | <p>As recommended by the <u>Permanent Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked in bold)</p> | <p>As recommended by the <u>Standing Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked with strike-through and <i>italics</i>) and amended by the 33rd General Assembly (changes marked with double-strike-through, <i>italics</i> and shading)</p> |
| <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, that the General Assembly urges that the following steps be implemented by individuals, congregations, and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women facing problem or unwanted pregnancies should receive support, love, acceptance and counsel from pastors, counselors, physicians and Christian friends both during and after the decisions they face. The Church must provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to these persons. | <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unwanted pregnancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women A woman facing a problematic pregnancy (e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons) or an unwanted pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman’s decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to that individual. | <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unwanted unexpected pregnancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A woman facing a problematic pregnancy (e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons) or an unwanted unexpected pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman’s decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to that individual. |

| From Current Position Paper | As recommended by the <u>Permanent Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked in bold) | As recommended by the <u>Standing Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked with strike-through and <i>italics</i>) and amended by the 33 rd General Assembly (changes marked with double-strike-through , <i>italics</i> and shading) |
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| <p>2. The men involved who respond with indifference must be confronted with their responsibilities and role in such crises.</p> <p>3. The Church must support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who result from unwanted pregnancies.</p> | <p>2. The man involved who might otherwise be indifferent must be informed of his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child's father.</p> <p>3. The Church must be especially supportive of the woman who decides to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full-term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who, through no fault of their own, are the result of an unwanted pregnancy.</p> | <p>2. The <i>Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to any man</i> involved who might otherwise be indifferent must be <i>to inform and direct him of in his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child's father.</i></p> <p>3. The Church must be especially supportive of the woman who decides to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who, through no fault of their own, are the result of an unwanted pregnancy.</p> <p>3. <i>The church must be supportive of the woman who chooses life for the child of an unwanted unexpected pregnancy and must seek ways to support and care for those children carried to term through unwanted</i></p> |

| From Current Position Paper | As recommended by the <u>Permanent Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked in bold) | As recommended by the <u>Standing Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked with strike-through and <i>italics</i>) and amended by the 33 rd General Assembly (changes marked with double-strike-through , <i>italics</i> and shading) |
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| <p>5. The Church must serve as a therapeutic community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption.</p> <p>6. Both individual Christians and the Church should oppose abortion and do everything in their power to provide supportive communities and alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and</p> | <p>5. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or giving up a child for adoption.</p> <p>6. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except under the most extreme of circumstances e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and</p> | <p><i>unexpected pregnancy through no fault of their own.</i></p> <p>1. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or giving up <i>placing</i> a child for adoption.</p> <p>5. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except under the most extreme of circumstances e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons that endanger the physical life of the mother), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>6. The Church should declare to the world and</p> |

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| <p>teach its members that abortion must never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> | <p>teach its members that abortion should never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> <p>8. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells for medical research or treatment.</p> <p>9. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by <i>in vitro</i> fertilization than would be implanted <i>in utero</i>, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.</p> | <p>teach its members that abortion should never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> <p>7. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells for medical research or treatment.</p> <p>8. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by <i>in vitro</i> fertilization than would be implanted <i>in utero</i>, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.</p> |

Adopted as Amended

33-38 INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL GUEST

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah introduced RE Catherine Ogden, Moderator of the St. Andrews Presbytery in Argentina. RE Ogden addressed the court sharing updates on the work in Argentina.

33-39 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFITS

RE David Van Valkenburg, Chairman, opened the report with prayer and reviewed the work of the Board which has oversight of the retirement and medical plans

available to all EPC ministers, church staff and General Assembly Office employees. He thanked TE Ron Horgan and RE John Baird for their many years of service on the board including a 1 year extension beyond their normal term. He spoke of the medical plans wellness program which emphasizes prevention rather than treatment and strongly encouraged everyone to complete their wellness profile and actively follow any recommendations. The Board also strongly encourages churches to fulfill the investment recommendations for their pastors. In closing he reminded EPC ministers that the housing allowance is a tax benefit which must be approved every year.

That **Recommendation #12**, “that ministers drawing retirement income from the EPC Defined Contribution Retirement Plan [403(b)(9)] be allowed to designate up to 100% of their retirement income for housing allowance, as permitted by applicable regulations adopted pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code” be adopted.

Grounds: To do so allows retired ministers to take advantage of this significant tax benefit in retirement, thereby making more of their retirement income available for living expenses. Adopting this recommendation on an annual basis provides retired ministers with a readily available reference if asked by tax authorities.

___ *Adopted*

33-40 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS

TE David Strunk, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

That **Overture 13-A**, “that the 33rd General Assembly provide consistent constitutional guidance through its Permanent Judicial Commission in the matter of the administration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to shut-ins and the apparent contradiction between the *Book of Worship* G.3-3, G and the Westminster Confession 29-3 be referred to the Permanent Committee on Theology to study the perceived contradiction between the Westminster Confession 29-3 and the *Book of Worship* G.3-3” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

33-41 REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

TE Zach Eswine, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #10**, “that the Assembly establish a special committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of studying *Book of Government* 12-2.G, 12-2.H, Act of Assembly 82-07, 83-07, the *Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees* and any other appropriate documents that address the academic requirements for those seeking ordination as Teaching Elders in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In addition, the special committee will:

- 1) Evaluate the academic requirements of seminaries used by EPC candidates to determine if our academic requirements are in alignment with those seminaries.
- 2) Consider the appropriateness of “EPC specific” academic requirements and other models of Masters of Divinity degree instruction.

This special committee will make a report with recommendations no later than the 2015 General Assembly” be adopted as written.

Grounds:

- a. An ambiguity in *Book of Government* 12-2.G (“A degree requiring at least three years of study from a seminary approved by the Presbytery”) and Acts of Assembly 82-07 (“MDiv or equivalent”) needs to be addressed, with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- b. The academic requirements of many seminaries granting Master of Divinity degrees have changed since the original establishment of *Book of Government* 12-2.G and Acts of Assembly 82-07. In addition, what is required in some of these classes has changed (for example, the workload in Greek and Hebrew classes has been reduced at some seminaries). Should the EPC accept these curriculum changes without review or comment, or should the EPC determine its own academic requirements? This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- c. The Ministerial Vocation Committee added some EPC specific academic requirements for candidates in extraordinary circumstances. Should these requirements be applied to all candidates seeking ordination in the EPC?
- d. The American Theological Society (ATS) accredits seminaries and degree programs in the US. Recently, ATS reduced the minimum hours for an MDiv from 90 semester hours to 72 semester hours. The question: “Is the EPC willing to declare a 72 hour MDiv degree as meeting the academic requirement of *Book of Government* 12-2.G?” This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- e. With online class instruction for credit available for those pursuing an MDiv, the very nature of seminary education is changing. Should the EPC address this opportunity and provide guidance as to how to complete a degree program utilizing online classes?
- f. Other models (cohort, mentored study, for example) besides the traditional three year residency at a seminary campus are emerging. Should the EPC address the possibility of these models being acceptable for those seeking an MDiv?

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #19**, “that the 33rd General Assembly include a 5-minute informational presentation in accordance with *Rules for Assembly* 9-8 on the work of Pastor In Residence Ministries either by Mr. Roy Yanke or another representative of the organization present at the Assembly” be adopted as written.

___ *Adopted*

PRESENTATION BY RE ROY YANKE, PASTOR IN RESIDENCE (PIR) MINISTRIES

Mr. Roy Yanke stated that 1500 burned out/forced out pastors leave ministry every month. PIR was born 20 years ago out of the heart and passion of EPC TE Chuck Wickman and has grown to a national ministry with the purpose of caring for lost shepherds. They work with safe churches to help the wounded work through the cause of their exit and return to ministry. An assessment tool for pastors is available. Mr. Yanke invited the Assembly to their exhibit to share how EPC churches could become a safe church to help bring healing to a wounded pastor.

33-42 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Chairman RE Ray Kinot had to depart before he could make the report. RE Dutch Franz opened the report with prayer.

That **Overture 13-B**, “that the boundary of the Presbytery of the Pacific in southeastern Idaho be modified” be adopted.

___ *Adopted.*

That **Recommendation #1**, “that the Assembly approve an amendment to *Rules for Assembly* 12-1 to allow for up to three non-ordained individuals with needed expertise to serve on the Board of Benefits” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #2**, “that the 33rd General Assembly create a new presbytery according to its powers as provided for in *Book of Government* 16-22-B.1 that shall be called the Great Plains Presbytery consisting of all member churches and teaching elders within the geographic boundaries defined as follows (see pp. 127, 130 & 131).

- Northern border: The US/Canada border
- Western border: From the northwestern corner of Bottineau County, North Dakota south along the county line to state highway 5, then east to the junction of US 83, then US 83 south to the Texas border, then following the Texas/Oklahoma border.
- Southern border: The Southern Oklahoma state line.
- Eastern border: The eastern state lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota

Further, that the creation of this presbytery shall be effective on the date of the convening of the first meeting of the churches within these boundaries after January 1, 2014 as determined by the officers-designate after all necessary preparations have been made and due notice to those churches given. Those officers-designate shall be: TE Wayne Hardy (Moderator-designate), TE Kermit Opprecht (Stated Clerk-designate), RE Mike Gibson (Treasurer-designate), TE Kent Matthews (Ministerial Committee Chairman-designate) and RE Randall Leonard (Session Review Chairman-designate).

Further, that the boundaries of the Mid-America and West Presbyteries be amended by default to exclude their respective portions of this new presbytery.

Further, that any retired ministers and ministers and evangelists laboring out of bounds included in the geographic boundaries indicated shall be included in the membership of this presbytery, subject to any exceptions as provided for in *Book of Government* 11-12 (3rd paragraph).

Finally, that by-laws be drafted by the new presbytery as soon as possible and conveyed to the Presbytery Review Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission for review”...

Grounds: The upcoming year presents unique challenges to the Board of Benefits, with a transition to a new Benefits Director and the strong possibility federal regulations being implemented that will create sweeping changes in medical insurance that would have significant impact on the EPC Medical Plan. TE Horgan and RE Baird have served well for multiple terms on the Board of Benefits and their expertise is needed during this critical upcoming year. The suspension of the Rules for Assembly is for one year only, leaving a six-member board in place following the 2013 General Assembly.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #4**, “that the Assembly designate the 2013 Thanksgiving Offering for missionary recruitment” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #5**, “that the Assembly approve an amended Administrative Budget for 2013 of \$2,025,950 (see p. 132)” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #6**, “that the Assembly approve an Administrative Budget of \$2,072,630 for 2014 (see p. 132)” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #7**, “that the Assembly amend the 2013 Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) budget by adding an asking of \$12,500 for Medical Ministries (see p. 133)” be adopted.

___ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #39** be adopted, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly 9-2* as follows:

| Current Rules for Assembly 9-2 | Proposed Amendment to Rules for Assembly 9-2 (changes in bold italics) |
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| <p>IX. Assembly Committees</p> <p>9-2 The Moderator will appoint chairmen and secretaries of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect committee personnel from Commissioners registrations mailed no later than ten days prior to the Assembly convening. Ratio should be as close to 2:1 (RE:TE) as possible.</p> | <p>IX. Assembly Committees</p> <p>9-2 The <i>Stated Clerk, in consultation with</i> the Moderator, will appoint chairmen and secretaries <i>recording clerks</i> of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect Assembly committee personnel from Commissioners’ registrations <i>and Ruling Elder certifications received no later than May 31. The committee membership ratio should be as close as possible to the ratio of Ruling and Teaching Elders registered and certified as Commissioners.</i></p> |

Grounds:

1. The first change (“The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Moderator”) better reflects the practice by which chairs and recording clerks are appointed.
2. “Recording Clerks” reflects terminology that is currently in use.
3. Based on current Rule 9-2, commissioners that are both certified by their Clerk of Session and have completed their registration process for the Assembly as late as ten days prior to the Assembly convening are assigned to an Assembly committee (aka, “standing committee”). The number of eligible commissioners (and a record number of commissioners this year), makes this requirement especially burdensome in June. While Commissioners may be certified and registered until noon on the second day of the Assembly meeting, this motion moves the deadline for Assembly committee assignments from June 10 to May 31, which corresponds with the raising of registration fees, a policy established by the COA. This will allow the roster of Assembly Committees to be posted much earlier, which will benefit commissioners coming to the Assembly.
4. Historically, the RE:TE ratio at General Assembly meetings has been close to 1:1. Assigning Assembly Committee membership with a 2:1 ratio has been impossible. The revision reflects what has become standard practice.

___ ***Adopted***

That **Recommendation #40**, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* by changing all references to ‘Assembly Committee’ to ‘Standing Committee’” be adopted.

Grounds:

While *Rules for Assembly* speak of “Assembly Committee,” the term “Standing Committee” has been used instead in print and verbal communication for many years with the understanding that this is a committee that has standing only during the time the Assembly is in session. If approved, this motion would clean up this “vocabulary disconnect” between the *Rules for Assembly* and a term in common use.

___ ***Adopted***

That **Recommendation #41**, which replaced **Recommendation #8**, “that the Assembly approve Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$611,500 for 2014 (see p. 134)” be adopted.

___ ***Adopted***

The report concluded with the Assembly praying for the newly formed Great Plains Presbytery.

33-43 REPORT OF THE WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

TE Kevin Cauley, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #38**, “that the Assembly approve the revised World Outreach Master Plan (see pp. 351-354)” be adopted.

Grounds: Review of the Master Plan is made every three years and it was determined that there is very little need to make changes to the Master Plan at this review.

___ ***Adopted***

33-44 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WORLD OUTREACH

World Outreach Director George Carey opened the report with prayer. He stated there are 112 World Outreach missionaries and projects in 27 countries and provided the giving statistics and support from various EPC churches. He provided the status of presbytery involvement in Engage 2025. Other World Outreach endeavors include EPC World Outreach Medical Ministry which provides short-term medical mission trips and Business as Mission is changing the world/benefitting the community through genuine business.

33-45 REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF STUDENT AND COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Susan Holland, Coordinator of Student and College Ministries, opened the report with prayer. She shared the challenges of retaining and sustaining faith in young adults

with 60-75% leaving the church and not returning. She spoke of the experience of college students whose professors are hostile to Christianity and their being ill equipped to respond to challenges of the bible's authenticity. Equipping, training and resourcing needs to and will be an area of focus for the permanent committee.

The Moderator led prayer for the success of this ministry to young adults.

33-46 ADJOURNMENT FOR DINNER

RE Kiran Kumar, former Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of South India, led the Assembly in prayer.

33-47 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship began at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 2013
7:30 PM**

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| Prelude | <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> | Band |
| Welcome and Call to Worship | | Randy Sapp |
| Opening Worship | <i>Everlasting God I Am Free God You Reign Revelation Song</i> | Band |
| Prayer of Praise | | Dick Schultz |
| Offertory | <i>I Will Rise</i> | Randy Sapp |
| Scripture | <i>Revelation 20:11-15</i> | Jeff Jeremiah |
| The Message | <i>God as Judge</i> | Jim Dixon |
| Closing Song | <i>How Great Is Our God</i> | Randy Sapp |
| Benediction | | Randy Sapp |
| Postlude | | Band |

MINUTES - SATURDAY MORNING

**Fifth Session
June 22, 2013**

33-48 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship began at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Park, Colorado. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 22, 2013**

8:30 AM

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| Welcome and Call to Worship | <i>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i> | Band |
| Opening Worship | <i>Forever Reign</i> | Nick Carleton Band |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> | Nick Carleton |
| Song | <i>How He Loves</i> | Band |
| Scripture | <i>Job 1:6-12</i> <i>Romans 3:21-30</i> | |
| The Message | | Jim Noble |
| Closing Song | <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> | Band |
| Benediction | | Nick Carleton |

33-49 CONVENING OF THE FIFTH SESSION AND ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Moderator Bill Dudley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with prayer offered by RE Muhammed Nagumanov, Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan.

8:30 Opening Worship, TE Jim Noble Preaching

9:30 **33rd General Assembly – Session 5**

- 5.1 Opening Prayer (RE Muhammed Nagumanov, Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan)
- 5.2 Docket and Announcements
- 5.3 Reception of 32nd General Assembly minutes
- 5.4 Ratification of 32nd General Assembly Descending Overtures
- 5.5 Report of the Interim Director of Women In Ministry (Ms. Susan Nash)
- 5.6 Omnibus Consent Motion
- 5.7 Appreciation for John Baird
- 5.8 Prayer for the Committee on Administration (RE John Baird)
- 5.9 Report of the Director of Communications and Information Systems (Mr. Dana Cadman)
- 5.10 Nominating Committee – Final Report (RE Alan Johnson)
 - a. Nomination of Moderator-elect (RE Gordon Miller)
 - b. Nominating Second (TE Howard Shockley)
 - c. Election of Moderator-elect
 - d. Remarks by Moderator-elect
 - e. Prayer for Moderator-elect (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
 - f. Election of Permanent Committee Members

g. Election of 2013-2014 Nominating Committee Members, 2013-2014 Board of Benefits Chairman and Chaplain Endorser

5.11 Report of the Presbytery Review Committee (TE Ed McCallum)
 a. **Recommendations #22-33**

5.12 Memorials and Appreciation Report (TE Ken Van Kampen)

5.13 Closing Prayer (TE Bill Dudley)

Adjournment of the Assembly
 Benediction (TE Bill Dudley, Moderator)

ON MOTION: The docket for Saturday, June 22nd was approved as presented.

33-50 RECEPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 32nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly received the minutes of the 32nd General Assembly. Adoption of the minutes will be accomplished by the Committee on Administration (November 2013) as allowed in *Robert's Rules of Order*. The Stated Clerk asked that additions or corrections to this document be forwarded to the General Assembly Office no later than September 30, 2013.

ON MOTION: The minutes of the 32nd General Assembly were received.

33-51 RATIFICATION OF DESCENDING OVERTURES

Descending Overture 12-A

That the *Book of Government* §2-3 and §16-14 be amended to make Associate Member Status mandatory after 2 years for certain ministers unless an exception is made by the Presbytery.

| Current Language <i>Book of Government</i> §2-3 | Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government</i> §2-3 (changes in bold italics) |
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| §2-3 A minister who is retired or serving in a capacity which may impede or prevent regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings may, upon request, be granted the status of Associate Member, according to the process stipulated in G.16-14. Associate members are entitled to serve with voice and vote on all committees of Presbytery and General Assembly. Associate Members | §2-3 A minister who is retired or serving in a capacity which may impede or prevent regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings may, upon request <i>within two years of this change in call</i> , be granted the status of Associate Member, according to the process stipulated in G.16-14. <i>Those who are retired, serving in a capacity which prevents regular and/or required attendance, or those</i> |

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| <p>are entitled to serve with voice but not vote on Commissions to ordain and install pastors and to receive churches. Associate Members shall have voice but not vote at all Presbytery and General Assembly meetings. Associate Members are not eligible to serve as officers of any court but do retain all rights and privileges of ordination and are to be afforded the same pastoral care as Active Members. Any Associate Member called to serve as Stated Supply or Interim Supply shall automatically be returned to active membership status during such service.</p> | <p><i>without Presbytery approved call for two years will automatically be placed on the Associate Membership roll. Presbytery, by a 2/3 vote, may exempt a Minister from becoming an Associate Member for one year. This exemption may be granted to the minister on an annual basis.</i> Associate members are entitled to serve with voice and vote on all committees of Presbytery and General Assembly. Associate Members are entitled to serve with voice but not vote on Commissions to ordain and install pastors and to receive churches. Associate Members shall have voice but not vote at all Presbytery and General Assembly meetings. Associate Members are not eligible to serve as officers of any court but do retain all rights and privileges of ordination and are to be afforded the same pastoral care as Active Members. Any Associate Member called to serve as Stated Supply or Interim Supply shall automatically be returned to active membership status during such service.</p> |
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| <p>Current Language <i>Book of Government §16-14</i></p> | <p>Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §16-14</i> (changes in bold italics)</p> |
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| <p>§16-14 The Presbytery may establish a roll of Associate Members as defined in G.2-3. Presbyteries may place an ordained Minister of Presbytery on the roll of Associate Members upon that Minister's request and upon recommendation of the Ministerial Committee and a</p> | <p>§16-14 The Presbytery <i>shall</i> establish a roll of Associate Members as defined in G.2-3. Presbyteries may place an ordained Minister of Presbytery on the roll of Associate Members upon that Minister's request and upon recommendation of the Ministerial Committee and</p> |

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| <p>2/3 vote of Presbytery. Presbyteries may, by 2/3 vote, receive an ordained Minister from another Reformed body as an Associate Member, following the normal process of examination. (G.13-5).</p> | <p>a 2/3 vote of Presbytery <i>when that request is made within two years of a change in call which makes one eligible for Associate Membership. All Ministers who have been retired and pastors without Presbytery approved call for two years will automatically be placed on the Associate Member roll.</i> Presbyteries may, by 2/3 vote, receive an ordained Minister from another Reformed body as an Associate Member, following the normal process of examination. (G.13-5).</p> |
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Grounds: Since its beginning, a distinctive feature of the polity of Evangelical Presbyterian Church has been a 2 to 1 ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders in the higher church courts. In recent years the number of retired ministers and ministers without presbytery approved calls has increased. This trend is likely to continue, making it much more difficult to maintain the 2 to 1 ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders. The proposed amendment still permits those recently retired, as well as those who have calls outside the bounds that make it difficult to attend meetings, the choice of requesting placement on the Associate Member roll for a period of two years. However, in the proposed amendment, placement on the Associate Member roll is mandatory after two years, with the Presbytery having the authority to make exceptions where appropriate. Since Associate Members are not counted for the purpose of parity adjustments, the proposed amendment increases the possibility of achieving the desired 2:1 ratio of Ruling to Teaching Elders.

Descending Overture 12-B

That the *Book of Government* §6-1B be amended by adding the following words to the end of the last sentence: “and their names placed on the Baptized Roll.”

| <p>Current Language <i>Book of Government §6-1B</i></p> | <p>Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §6-1B</i> (change in bold italics)</p> |
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| <p>B. Baptized Members: All those whose parent(s) are members in good standing in a congregation are to be considered members of the covenant by right of birth and adoption. As such, they are entitled to pastoral</p> | <p>B. Baptized Members: All those whose parent(s) are members in good standing in a congregation are to be considered members of the covenant by right of birth and adoption. As such, they are entitled to pastoral</p> |

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Grounds: There is potential confusion between current G.6.1B, which restricts Baptized Members to those whose parents are members in good standing in a congregation, and G.9-1B in which the “Baptized Roll” is to contain names of children of members along with names of others who received baptism upon profession of faith. The proposed amendment links and clarifies the two sections.

Descending Overture 12-C

That *Book of Government* §10-6.E be amended by adding a new section 6 regarding the transfer of lay pastors from other Reformed bodies.

| No Current Language | Proposed new <i>Book of Government</i> §10-6E(6) |
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| | 6. A Ruling Elder previously commissioned as a lay pastor by another Reformed body may become a Commissioned Pastor as deemed appropriate by the Presbytery and subject to the same requirements of the EPC Commissioned Pastor. |

Grounds: Some congregations transferring to the EPC are served by a Ruling Elder designated as a Commissioned Lay Pastor (or similar title). In some situations, requirements of other bodies for those commissioned lay pastors may exceed those of the EPC. Further, some of those commissioned lay pastors may have years of effective ministry experience with the transferring congregation. The *Book of Government* currently has no provision for the transfer of commissioned lay pastors who wish to continue ministry to their congregation as an EPC Commissioned Pastor (G.10-6E). The proposed amendment addresses that situation.

Descending Overture 12-D

That *Book of Government* §12-2 be amended by adding a new section I, providing procedures for Candidates from other Reformed bodies to accept calls from EPC congregations.

| No current Language | Proposed Amendment Adding new §12-2I to the <i>Book of Government</i> |
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| | I. A Candidate from another Reformed denomination who has been under care for at least one year in that denomination, has met EPC educational requirements for ordination, and is pursuing a call from an EPC congregation shall be examined in the manner prescribed in G.13-2. |
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Grounds: Congregations may desire to call Candidates from other Reformed bodies that have completed seminary and the required educational preparation for ministry. Currently, such individuals must become members of an EPC congregation for six months, be received by an EPC Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care, and complete the requirements of that Presbytery before being qualified for ordination (*Book of Government* chapters 12 and 13) even though requirements of candidacy in other Reformed bodies may exceed the requirements of the EPC. By contrast, an ordained minister from a non-Reformed tradition who does not meet the same educational qualifications may be called by an EPC congregation without that minister being required to go through membership and candidacy. This proposed amendment addresses that discrepancy by establishing a means by which a candidate from another Reformed body may be called by a congregation and examined by the Presbytery without additional requirements of membership and candidacy.

Descending Overture 12-E

That *Book of Government* §16-27B.2 be amended to change the deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly from 30 to 60 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.

| Current Language <i>Book of Government</i> §16-27B.2 | Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government</i> §16-27B.2 (change in bold <i>italics</i>) |
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| 2. All proposals requesting amendment to the Constitution shall be communicated in writing to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall refer all such proposed amendments to the Permanent Judicial Commission, which shall examine the proposed amendment for clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of | 2. All proposals requesting amendment to the Constitution shall be communicated in writing to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall refer all such proposed amendments to the Permanent Judicial Commission, which shall examine the proposed amendment for clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of |

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| <p>the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly along with its recommendations, which may include an amended version of any proposed constitutional changes as well as advice to accept or decline the proposals referred to the Commission. The General Assembly shall not consider any amendment until there has been a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission.</p> | <p>the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly along with its recommendations, which may include an amended version of any proposed constitutional changes as well as advice to accept or decline the proposals referred to the Commission. The General Assembly shall not consider any amendment until there has been a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission.</p> |
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Grounds: As the EPC grows, the workload of the Permanent Judicial Commission has increased significantly. The current thirty-day deadline for submitting amendments to the Constitution places an undue burden on the Commission, which must review all proposed amendments to the Constitution. The proposed sixty-day cutoff will ensure that time is available more adequate notice of the workload of the Commission for its May meeting.

Descending Overture 12-F

That *Book of Discipline* §3-5 be amended by deleting the second paragraph.

| <p>Current Language <i>Book of Discipline</i> §3-5</p> | <p>Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Discipline</i> §3-5</p> |
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| <p>§3-5 Termination of Jurisdiction Jurisdiction in judicial cases ends upon receipt of written notice of renunciation by the Clerk or Stated Clerk of the court of original jurisdiction. In the event an individual orally renounces jurisdiction, this fact shall be confirmed by letter from the court acknowledging that renunciation. The letter shall be delivered in person or by form of mail requiring a written receipt. If the court receives no written response within ten days, the acknowledgement of renunciation of jurisdiction shall be deemed final. In such instances, a case already begun</p> | <p>§3-5 Termination of Jurisdiction Jurisdiction in judicial cases ends upon receipt of written notice of renunciation by the Clerk or Stated Clerk of the court of original jurisdiction. In the event an individual orally renounces jurisdiction, this fact shall be confirmed by letter from the court acknowledging that renunciation. The letter shall be delivered in person or by form of mail requiring a written receipt. If the court receives no written response within ten days, the acknowledgement of renunciation of jurisdiction shall be deemed final. In such instances, a case already begun</p> |

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| <p>may be concluded only with the permission of the accused.</p> <p>A “Renunciation of Jurisdiction” shall have the effect of terminating membership in the church and removing an officer from membership and ordained office in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and terminating that person’s exercise of office. Though a court may pronounce a judgment of admonition, suspension, removal from office, or excommunication against a person who has renounced jurisdiction, it need not do so unless the court deems it necessary for the purity and welfare of the church or the benefit of the offender and may not do so without first giving written notice to the person making such renunciation and providing that person an opportunity to respond within fifteen days of the written notice.</p> | <p>may be concluded only with the permission of the accused.</p> |
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Grounds: The existence or use of the second paragraph of current D.3-5 undermines or negates the effect of an accused party’s renunciation of membership, i.e. the termination of jurisdiction in any judicial case(s) against the accused in the Church Court. The case **Guinn v. Church of Christ** (775 P2d 766 (Oklahoma 1989)) underscores the liability a church may incur if it implemented the second paragraph of current **D.3-5**. The court held the church liable for invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress for actions taken after the plaintiff had notified the church she was withdrawing her membership. The court said, “Parishioner voluntarily joined the Church of Christ and by doing so consented to submit to its tenets. When she later removed herself from membership, petitioner withdrew her consent, depriving the church of the power actively to monitor her spiritual life through overt disciplinary acts. No real freedom to choose religion would exist in this land if under the shield of the first amendment religious institutions could impose their will on the unwilling and claim immunity from secular courts for their tortuous acts.”

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| VOTE OF THE PRESBYTERIES |
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Overture 12-A

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 60 | 2 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 40 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 55 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |
| Southeast | 74 | 2 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-B

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 65 | 0 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 42 | 0 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 56 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |
| Southeast | 84 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-C

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 58 | 4 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 43 | 0 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 55 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |

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| Southeast | 82 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-D

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
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| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 67 | 35 |
| East | 58 | 1 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 42 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 57 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 42 | 0 |
| Southeast | 78 | 0 |
| West | 54 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-E

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 67 | 0 |
| Florida | 21 | 1 |
| Mid-America | 41 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 58 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 41 | 1 |
| Southeast | 83 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-F

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 56 | 1 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 61 | 1 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 43 | 3 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 16 | 31 |

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| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 42 | 0 |
| Southeast | 85 | 2 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 10 | 1 |

ON MOTION: Descending **Overtures 12-A through 12-F** as approved by the several presbyteries were ratified.

33-52 REPORT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Susan Nash opened the report with prayer. She spoke of the impact the transition of the EPC has had on the committee and entire Assembly. The growth in the number and diversity of the churches we serve makes a difference. The impact of technology and social media has changed the way we serve and resource our churches and presbyteries. In the coming year the committee will looking at the reason for transformation attempting to build into the lives of those transformed by the gospel who are now looking at a culture and churches in need of transformation. They will be looking at ways to train and network better. Building on the truth of the triune God and His word which transforms our lives, communities and world will be the goal of the committee next year as they seek to help our churches and presbyteries.

33-53 OMNIBUS CONSENT MOTION

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah presented the Omnibus Consent Motion explaining that matters in the Omnibus may be brought out for individual vote by consent of the court but that the Omnibus motion itself must be acted upon without amendment.

ON MOTION: Recommendation #9 was removed from the Omnibus Motion for separate consideration

OMNIBUS CONSENT MOTION – 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From the Committee on Administration

Recommendation #3

That the Assembly extend the provision adopted by the 27th General Assembly for presbyteries to receive ministers and churches as transitional members to December 31, 2014.

Recommendation #11

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, Tennessee) to host the 34th General Assembly (June 18-21, 2014) and the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando (Florida) to host the 35th General Assembly (June 24-27, 2015).

From the Committee on Fraternal Relations

Recommendation #17

That the Assembly endorse the letter of the Fraternal Relations Committee supporting the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) (see p. 236).

From the Committee on Theology

Recommendation #13

That the Assembly refer the New City Catechism to the Theology Committee for study and a report on its consistency with the system of doctrine presented in the Westminster Standards (see pp 199-205; <http://www.newcitycatechism.com>).

Grounds: The Christian Education & Communications Committee has reviewed the New City Catechism for possible endorsement or commendation as a resource, but wants to ensure the New City Catechism is consistent with the confessional standard of the EPC.

From the Committee on World Outreach

Recommendation #35

That the Assembly approve People International as a Cooperative Mission Agency (see pp. 332-340).

Grounds: This agency is highly regarded for its ministry focus on Central Asia where some of the hardest to reach Muslim people groups reside. WO has a couple who has affiliated with this agency and will go to the field in Central Asia in a strategic area for the Engage 2025 Initiative.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Recommendation #36

That the Assembly approve Christian Friends of Korea as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 341-346).

Grounds: This agency has board members who are elders in the EPC and comes to WO at a time that we are in the process of developing a medical missions ministry. The agency does medical work at government invitation in the communist (no God) nation of North Korea.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Recommendation #37

That the Assembly approve The Antioch Partners as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 347-350).

Grounds: This evangelical sending agency is sister to both Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation, two organizations that began frontier missions as part of the PCUSA years ago. Many of our new churches from the PCUSA are connected with The Antioch Partners and some of their board members are now part of the EPC. The Antioch Partners is no longer part of the PCUSA. This partnership would be a win-win for both agencies.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Additional Motions

1. That the minutes of all Permanent Committees be approved with notations and that the written reports of the following standing committees, with no recommendations coming to the floor, be received:
 - Christian Education & Communications
 - National Outreach
 - Student & College Ministries
 - Women In Ministry

ON MOTION: The Omnibus Consent Motion was approved as amended.

That **Recommendation #9**, “that the Assembly appoint the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (G.16-26.B) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination” be adopted.

Adopted

33-54 APPRECIATION FOR JOHN BAIRD

The Moderator expressed thanks and appreciation for RE John Baird, member of the Board of Benefits. Prayer for the Committee on Administration was offered by RE Baird for wisdom and direction in charting the future of the EPC benefits plan.

33-55 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Mr. Dana Cadman opened the report with prayer. The digital archive project transferring hard copy documents into digital records providing greater ability to retrieve information and protect the records and history of our denomination from loss is close to completion. During this process he found audio cassette recordings

from all General Assemblies and the first 6 are available on the EPC's website. The next project will be the consolidation of multiple databases and our website. Blackbaud in Charlotte, NC, whose Raisers Edge product has been used by the EPC for 13 years to manage donations, has been selected for this work. Following the merge of the databases the Net Community Grow, which will allow churches web access to login and update their contact information, will be added. Social media usage has increased which represents more people sharing stories, prayer, requests for help, encouragement and love for one another. He ended his report by encouraging our churches to continue to share their stories and videos with him so they can be shared with others as a reminder that we are not alone but part of something bigger and greater.

33-56 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

RE Alan Johnson, opened his report with prayer and brought to the floor the nomination of Gordon Miller as Moderator-elect. TE Howard Shockley. Stated Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, brought the seconding speech.

ON MOTION: RE Gordon Miller was elected as Moderator-elect.

Moderator-elect Gordon Miller addressed the court briefly. Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah led the court in prayer for the Moderator-elect.

ON MOTION: The slate of nominees to permanent committees was elected as follows:

Committee on Administration

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| Class of 2016 | TE Erik Ohman | Midwest |
| | RE Dale Schaefer | Mid-America |
| | TE Dean Weaver | Alleghenies |

Board of Benefits

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| Class of 2016 | RE Will Barnes | Rivers & Lakes |
| | RE John Dewald | Central South |
| Class of 2015 | TE Ron Cox | Mid-Atlantic |

Committee on Chaplains Work & Care

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug McCready | East |
| | RE Rich Whipple | Midwest |

Committee on Christian Education & Communications

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jose Rojas | Florida |
| | RE Fred Teagle | Mid-Atlantic |

EPC Foundation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Pat McElroy | Pacific |
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Committee on Fraternal Relations

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| Class of 2016 | RE Sam Searcy | West |
| | RE Tod Paulson | Rivers & Lakes |
| Class of 2014 | RE Peter Pugliese | Alleghenies |

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Michael Flake | Mid-Atlantic |
| | TE Jerry Iamurri | East |

Committee on National Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Steve Bryant | Central South |
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Permanent Judicial Commission

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jim Herring | Central South |
| | RE Dave Leighton | West |
| | RE Stephen Mahan | Midwest |

Presbytery Review

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| Class of 2016 | RE Max Riddle | Southeast |
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Committee on Student and College Ministries

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| Class of 2016 | TE Mark Steimer | Southeast |
| | Sam Gyorfi | West |
| | TE David Burke | Southeast |
| Class of 2015 | Elliott Simko | East |
| Class of 2014 | TE Megan Hackman | Pacific |

Committee on Theology

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| Class of 2016 | RE Bob Donan | Central South |
| | TE Ramona Spilman | West |

Committee on Women in Ministry

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| Class of 2016 | Karen Corcoran | Alleghenies |
| | Stacey Laho | Midwest |

World Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug Thompson | Midwest |
| | Sheryl Smith | West |
| | RE Al Johnson | West |

Mr. Johnson presented the names of those presented by the Moderator for various positions.

Appointed 2013-2014 Nominating Committee Chairman
TE George Garrison (Rivers & Lakes)

Nominating Committee

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Presbytery</u> | <u>Class</u> |
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| RE Bruce Alexander | East | 2016 |
| RE Cecil Matthews | West | 2016 |
| RE Dan Sharp | Central South | 2016 |
| RE Kirk Kjellman | Alleghenies | 2016 |

The Moderator nominated RE David Van Valkenburg (West) to serve as the 2013-2014 Board of Benefits Chairman.

The Moderator nominated TE Mark Ingles (West) to serve as Chaplain Endorser (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016).

ON MOTION: All Moderator nominations were elected as presented.

33-57 REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE

TE Ed McCallum presented the report due to the absence of all committee members and opened the report with prayer. He thanked the members of the committee, RE Carl Martin, RE Al Bennett and TE Dennis Flach for their work receiving and reading the minutes of all 11 Presbyteries' meetings. TE McCallum noted the heavy workload of our Presbyteries over last 6 years receiving 279 churches and asked Presbytery Stated Clerks, members of a ministerial committee, member of Church Development committee to stand and receive the thanks of the Assembly for their work.

He offered **Recommendation #22 – Recommendation #33** for adoption as a whole.

NOTE: An asterisk (*) indicates that notations requiring responses will be forwarded to the Presbytery (*Rules for Assembly* 9-11C.2)

Recommendation #22

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries of the Alleghenies, Central South, East, Florida, Mid-America, Mid-Atlantic, Rivers and Lakes, Southeast and West to exceptions from the 31st General Assembly and to notations requiring response as adequate with the following comments (see pp. 275-293).

- A. To the Presbytery of the Alleghenies: In the future, Minutes must record a definite action of the Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms (**G.13-6**; Act of Assembly 03-04). See **Recommendation #23** below.
- B. To the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery: In the future, Minutes should continue to record the definite action of Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms (**G.13-6**, Act of Assembly 03-04), but the Minutes should not record the content of the exception (Act of Assembly 03-09). See **Recommendation #31** below.

Recommendation #23 (regarding the Presbytery of the Alleghenies)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. P. 69, 4-06; p. 92, 5-06; p. 116, 6-06; p. 125, 06-19A; p.140, 07-06 – Attendance is not listed in the body of the Minutes (Rules for Assembly 9-12G, Act of Assembly 00-11, “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes,” p. 1)
 2. P. 72, 04-11E, F; p.. 78, 4-22B, C; p. 103, 05-19C, E; p. 120, 6-10C, D; p. 125, 06-19D; p. 126, 06-19D, E, F; p. 140, 07-10D, E; p.148, 07-17B – There is no record that Presbytery allowed or disallowed the ministers’ exceptions to the Westminster Confession (G.13-6, Act of Assembly 03-09). A statement of this action should be included in the Clerk’s template.
- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, which added a significant number of churches in the past year, for their diligent, impartial and fair examinations of those incoming churches.

Recommendation #24 (regarding the Presbytery of the Central South)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South be approved with the following exception:*

P. 411, 87-12; p. 412, 87.19; p. 414, 87-19 – Duties and term for Assistant Pastors Cain and Rhodes are not listed; Duties for Associate Pastor Harris are not listed (G.11-6, 7)

Recommendation #25 (regarding the Presbytery of the East)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East be approved with the following exception:*
- 96-26H: Omission – No advisor was appointed for candidate Scott Redd (G.12-2D).
- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the East:
- Financial reports included in the body of the minutes could be more concise (e.g., p. 00650ff). The Presbytery should consider condensing them as per the guidelines approved by the General Assembly (Minutes of the General Assembly, 26-40 and “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes”).
- C. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the East:
1. The Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk are to be commended for an exemplary set of Minutes.
 2. The Presbytery of the East does an exceptional job of their responsibility to review Session minutes.
 3. The Presbytery is commended for recording its remarks on the retirement of TE Glen Knecht (95-40B).

4. The Presbytery is to be commended for its carefulness and balance between due process and interdenominational transactions for a pastor coming from the PCUSA (95-40C).

Recommendation #26 (Regarding the Presbytery of Florida)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Florida be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. Moderator's signature was not on any of the approved minutes submitted for review (stated meetings 66, 67, 68, called meeting 07). The Stated Clerk is instructed to file copies of the signed pages with the Office of the General Assembly.
2. 67th Stated Meeting, 67.13: Minutes do not record the duties or term for Assistant Pastor Whitlock (G.11-7) or the duties for Associate Pastors McClellan and Thorp (G.11-6).

Recommendation #27 (Regarding the Presbytery of Mid-America)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America be approved.*
- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of Mid-America for its pastoral care in handling of closing of Grace Hill and the death of Brett Eubank's father.

Recommendation #28 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved.
- B. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:
 1. The Stated Clerk composed an exemplary summary on the missional work in a multi-cultural / cross cultural environment (pp. 10-11, 71st Stated Meeting)
 2. The Minutes included an excellent statistical summary in the 71st Stated Meeting. Such an accounting is very helpful for the historical record.
 3. The Minutes of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery are an excellent example of a balance of both comprehensiveness and brevity with accuracy and clarity.

Recommendation #29 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Midwest)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved.
- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the Midwest:

For clarity and for the benefit of those outside the Presbytery, Minutes should utilize the same first name throughout (e.g. Minutes of the 142nd Stated Minutes use both "Alton" and "Al" for RE Bennett).

Recommendation #30 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Pacific)

A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific be approved with the following exception:*

P. 151 (15(*sic*)-21): No length of term is specified for Assistant Pastor Thomas (G.15-7)

Recommendation #31 (Regarding the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery)

A. That the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:*

1. Pp. 98 – 99, 5.06; p. 118, 6.05C: Financial reporting does not meet the requirements of Act of Assembly 06-09 (Minutes of the 26th General Assembly, 26-40).
2. P. 104 - 106, 5-14B and E; P. 129, 6.10B, P. 130, 6.10C: Presbytery's action to allow or disallow stated exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms is to be recorded in the minutes, but not the exceptions themselves (Act of Assembly 03-09).
3. P. 131, 6.10E: A motion to authorize the Coordinating Council to create a governing body is out of order because, (1) Mr. Grapengater is a Candidate, not a Teaching Elder, (2) there is not yet a mission church which needs a temporary governing body, and (3) presbyteries appoint commissions (of which a temporary governing body is a type) directly, not through a committee (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05). It would, however be appropriate to authorize the Council to appoint a Committee to oversee the development of a church planting project.
4. Pp. 166-167, 7-17E: There is no record of Rev. Puckett signing the required ministerial obligation (G. 16-16L).

B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery:

Presbytery Minutes would be more beneficial as legal records with less narrative, first person reporting, and more third person statements of definitive actions.

Recommendation #32 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Southeast)

A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved with the following exceptions:*

1. 86-19 (p. 10); 7th Called Meeting (p. 2, section B, p. 3, section C) – A committee cannot appoint a commission (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05).
2. 86-10 (p. 11) – Appointing dual moderators and appointing an RE from outside the congregation as Moderator is out of order (G.16-9). If the situation still exists, the matter is remanded to the Presbytery for correction.

Recommendation #33 (Regarding the Presbytery of the West)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West be approved.*

Recommendations 22-33 Adopted

33-58 REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS AND APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

TE Ken Van Kampen opened the report with prayer.

Memorials

The 33rd General Assembly remembers with gratitude those Ministers and Ruling Elders who died during the Assembly year. (If notification of death is received subsequent to the current Assembly year, the names of those elders are listed as they are received.)

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE John Albrecht | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 4-20-13 | 3 |
| RE Edgar Bailey | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 12-25-12 | 39 |
| RE E. J. (Bart) Bartholomew | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 9-3-12 | 3 |
| RE Paul Beckman | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 9-11-12 | 3 |
| RE Jody Bellott, Jr. | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 11-9-12 | 5 |
| RE Marcia Bennett | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 10-5-12 | - |
| RE Robert Bennington, Jr. | Grace Presbyterian Franklin, NC | 12-28-12 | 12 |
| RE Charles Black | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 2-22-13 | 6 |
| RE Joe BonDurant | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 9-12-12 | 50 |
| RE Roger Boothe | Central Presbyterian St. Louis, MO | 7-13-12 | 6 |
| RE Guy Boyer, Sr. | Cherry Hills Community Highlands Ranch, CO | 1-17-13 | 30 |
| RE Robert Bracken | First EPC Frankfort, IN | 1-6-13 | 8 |
| RE Robert Brooks | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 3-26-13 | - |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE James Bruhn | Memorial Park Allison Park, PA | 6-10-12 | 22 |
| TE James A. "Jim" Carr | Laboring Out of Bounds | 8-20-12 | 10 |
| RE Dexter Clement | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 6-25-12 | 3 |
| RE Howard Cleveland | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-28-13 | 21 |
| RE Robert Cload | Evangelical Community Cincinnati, OH | 5-19-12 | 7 |
| RE Herb Clum | First Pres. of Trenton Trenton, MI | 5-14-13 | 3 |
| RE Sue Coles | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 9-29-12 | 6 |
| RE Rob Cooper | First Presbyterian Corinth, MS | 9-7-12 | 5 |
| RE Judy Coulter | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 5-5-12 | 13 |
| RE Jean Cowden | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 2-24-13 | 13 |
| RE William Craddock | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 2-27-13 | 48 |
| RE Virgil Crosby | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 10-13-12 | 33 |
| RE William Cunningham | Northampton Presbyterian Hampton, VA | 2-20-13 | 19 |
| RE Hadley "Stretch" DePuy | Fourth Presbyterian Bethesda, MD | 1-22-13 | 9 |
| RE Marlys Derania | Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA | 2-21-13 | 11 |
| RE Ernie Dietrich | First EPC Cedar Grove, WI | 1-14-13 | 3 |
| RE John Doles | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 10-25-12 | 20 |
| RE James Duke | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 7-14-12 | 19 |
| RE Roy Dunn | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 2-20-13 | 6 |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE Harry Elder | CUP EPC Beaver Falls, PA | 5-12-12 | 15 |
| RE James Emery | New Bedford EPC New Bedford, PA | 9-18-12 | 3 |
| RE Ludie Ervin | Darlington Presbyterian Darlington, SC | 8-4-12 | 5 |
| RE Gary Ferderer | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 11-23-12 | 6 |
| TE Ronald Glover | retired | 12-5-12 | 36 |
| RE Gertrude Gray | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 1-3-13 | 3 |
| RE Robert Gray | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 3-4-12 | 1.5 |
| RE David Gregg | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 2-28-13 | 12 |
| RE John Griffin | Westminster Presbyterian Bluefield, WV | 7-29-12 | 8 |
| RE Diana Haley | Kirk of the Hills Tulsa, OK | 7-18-12 | - |
| RE Russell Hart | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 9-24-12 | 6.5 |
| RE Merle Hayward | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 7-21-12 | 39 |
| RE Burdette Heikens | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 8-22-12 | 3 |
| RE Dorothy Louise Hill | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 1-30-12 | 21 |
| RE Doug Hixson | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-20-13 | 12 |
| RE Richard Hoover | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 3-27-13 | 35 |
| RE Graham Humble | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 2-13-13 | 30 |
| RE Jane Hunter | Faith EPC Kingstowne, VA | 9-12-12 | 33 |
| RE Maynard Hutchinson | First Pres. Evangelical Montezuma, IA | | |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE George Johnen | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 12-6-12 | - |
| RE Robert Johnson | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 4-17-13 | 19 |
| RE Charlie Jones | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 11-18-12 | 7.5 |
| RE Marvin Keefer | First Presbyterian Levelland, TX | 5-28-12 | 39 |
| RE Richard Kendrick | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 11-28-12 | 9 |
| RE Charles Leonard | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-31-13 | 22 |
| RE Velma Long | First Presbyterian Corinth, MS | 8-7-12 | 3 |
| RE Everett Lucas | First EPC Frankfort, IN | 11-4-12 | 8 |
| RE John McClain | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 5-7-12 | 49 |
| RE Margaret McCombs | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 10-6-12 | 3 |
| RE Arthur McEldowney | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 3-12-13 | 50 |
| RE Thomas McIlwain | First Presbyterian Ocean Springs, MS | 10-31-12 | 12 |
| RE Carol Ann Miller | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 8-20-12 | 3 |
| RE O. Wayne Miner | Memorial Park Allison Park, PA | 7-7-12 | 37 |
| RE Conley Moffett | Faith EPC Kingstowne, VA | 12-16-12 | 5 |
| RE Ernest Myers | The Presbyterian Church Portersville, PA | 5-16-13 | 53 |
| RE Virginia Patterson | Immanuel Presbyterian Warrenville, IL | 9-12-12 | - |
| RE Barbara Platon | Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA | 6-12-12 | 13 |
| *John Quarles | Living Hope EPC Haymarket, VA | Oct 2012 | - |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| TE Gary Reddish | retired | 11-25-12 | 24 |
| RE Mary Reighney | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 7-25-12 | 15 |
| RE Robert Rishel | New Bedford EPC New Bedford, PA | 9-24-12 | 3 |
| RE James Robinson | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 8-24-12 | 3 |
| RE Melvin Rogers | Bethel EPC Reading, MN | 10-9-12 | 21 |
| RE Robert Sanborn (<i>former Midwest Presbytery Stated Clerk</i>) | Ward EPC Northville, MI | 8-4-12 | - |
| RE Jean Sawtelle | Woodland Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 2-15-12 | 27 |
| RE John Schilling | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 9-18-12 | 19 |
| RE Albert Schoenbeck | Central Presbyterian St. Louis, MO | 12-19-12 | 25 |
| RE Mary Schroeder | Faith EPC Crivitz, WI | 3-17-12 | 3 |
| RE Felix Sharpe | Faith EPC Brooksville, FL | 12-21-12 | 25 |
| RE Elbert Shaw | Christ Church Presbyterian Dalton, GA | 1-20-13 | 30 |
| RE Gladys Sheppard | Faith Presbyterian Pembroke Pines, FL | 2-21-13 | 1 |
| RE Wilbur Shumaker | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 8-23-12 | 43 |
| RE Bryan Smith | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 7-2-12 | - |
| RE Donald Smith | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 6-6-12 | 50 |
| RE Howard Smith | Rivermont EPC Lynchburg, VA | 1-12-12 | 1 |
| RE Herb Stephens | Brainerd Presbyterian Chattanooga, TN | 12-20-12 | 36 |
| RE Doug Stinespring | Rivermont EPC Lynchburg, VA | 5-7-12 | 5 |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE Ray Taylor | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 1-3-13 | 20 |
| RE Harry “Gene” Tetirick | Myrtle Grove EPC Wilmington, NC | 4-15-12 | 16 |
| RE John Trube | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 8-27-12 | 29 |
| RE James Van Maren | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 11-12-12 | 49 |
| RE William Watters | GracePoint Dubuque, IA | 5-15-12 | 49 |
| RE Ray Wilde | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 3-30-13 | - |
| RE Sarah Wilhite | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 1-4-13 | 21 |
| RE Kenneth Wolthuis | Cornerstone EPC Brighton, MI | 10-3-12 | 6 |
| RE Billie Wright | First Presbyterian Ocean Springs, MS | 4-10-13 | 6 |
| RE Wayne Zimmerman | Faith EPC Loveland, CO | 12-3-12 | 8 |

*Mr. Quarles was slated to be in the initial class of Ruling Elders at Living Hope EPC but was unable to serve due to health reasons.

TE Van Kampen led the Assembly in prayer for those Ministers and Ruling Elders who went to be with the Lord this past year. All present joined in singing *For All the Saints*.

Appreciation

The Assembly expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Cherry Hills Community Church, its senior pastor, Jim Dixon, the staff and the many volunteers who had a part in welcoming us to this Assembly.

We express our gratitude to the fine workshop speakers Lee Strobel, Mark Mittelberg, Nancy Grisham and Garry Poole.

We thank the outgoing moderator, RE Ken Roberts, for his service this last year and incoming moderator, TE Bill Dudley. We also express our gratitude to the Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, on his continuing service, Dr. Ed McCallum and the General Assembly staff.

33-59 CLOSING PRAYER

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

33-60 ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator adjourned the Assembly at 11:50 a.m. with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Jeremiah
Stated Clerk

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Committee on Administration

Standing Committee Report 33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Administration convened at 3:33 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Ray Kinat opened the meeting with prayer. TE George Salnave served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Communication 13-02** (answered by B.12 **Recommendation #11** below)
2. **Communication 13-03** (answered by B.12 **Recommendation #11** below)
3. **Overture 13-B**
4. **Recommendation #1**
5. **Recommendation #2**
6. **Recommendation #3**
7. **Recommendation #4**
8. **Recommendation #5**
9. **Recommendation #6**
10. **Recommendation #7**
11. **Recommendation #8** (replaced by **Recommendation #41**)
12. **Recommendation #9**
13. **Recommendation #11**
14. **Recommendation #39**
15. **Recommendation #40**
16. **Recommendation #41**
17. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That **Overture 13-B** from the Presbytery of the Pacific, “that the boundary of the Presbytery of the Pacific in southeastern Idaho be changed to read, “*the portion of Idaho west of US Highway 93 and all of the city of Twin Falls and all of Jerome County*” be adopted. [note: italicized portion is the change]
2. That **Recommendation #1** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve an amendment to Rules for Assembly 12-1 to allow for up to three non-ordained individuals with needed expertise to serve on the Board of Benefits” be adopted.

Grounds: The upcoming year presents unique challenges to the Board of Benefits, with a transition to a new Benefits Director and the strong possibility federal regulations being implemented that will create sweeping changes in medical insurance that would have significant impact on the EPC Medical Plan. TE Horgan and RE Baird have served well for multiple terms on the Board of Benefits and their expertise is needed during this critical upcoming year. The suspension of the Rules for Assembly is for one year only, leaving a six-member board in place following the 2013 General Assembly.

| Current Rules for Assembly 12-1 | Proposed Rules for Assembly 12-1 <i>Additions in bold italics</i> |
|--|---|
| <p>XII. The Board of Benefits</p> <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>XII. The Board of Benefits</p> <p>1. Membership to consist of six persons, in three classes of two each. <i>At least one of the members must be a Teaching Elder and at least two must be Ruling Elders. The other three members shall be active members of EPC congregations with expertise needed for the Board to carry out its responsibilities. Members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are eligible to be reelected for additional terms after an interim of one year.</i> 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.</p> |

3. That **Recommendation #2** from the Committee on Administration, “that the 33rd General Assembly create a new presbytery according to its powers as provided for in *Book of Government* 16-22-B.1 that shall be called the Great Plains Presbytery consisting of all member churches and teaching elders within the geographic boundaries defined as follows (see map on Attachment COA-A)” be adopted as amended.

- Northern border: The U.S./Canada border
- Western border: From the northwestern corner of Bottineau County, North Dakota south along the county line to state highway 5, then east to the junction of US 83, then US 83 south to the Texas border, then following the Texas/Oklahoma border.
- Southern border: The *Southern* Oklahoma state line.
- Eastern border: The eastern state lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota

Further, that the creation of this presbytery shall be effective on the date of the convening of the first meeting of the churches within these boundaries after January 1, 2014 as determined by the officers-designate after all necessary preparations have been made and due notice to those churches given. Those officers-designate shall be: TE Wayne Hardy (Moderator-designate), TE Kermit Opprecht (Stated Clerk-designate), RE Mike Gibson (Treasurer-designate), TE

Kent Matthews (Ministerial Committee Chairman-designate), and RE Randall Leonard (Session Review Chairman-designate).

Further, that the boundaries of the Mid-America and West Presbyteries be amended by default to exclude their respective portions of this new presbytery.

Further, that any retired ministers and ministers *and evangelists* laboring out of bounds included in the geographic boundaries indicated shall be included in the membership of this presbytery, subject to any exceptions as provided for in *Book of Government* 11-12 (3rd paragraph).

Finally, that by-laws be drafted by the new presbytery as soon as possible and conveyed to the Presbytery Review Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission for review”...

[note: amendments appear in italics]

4. That **Recommendation #3** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly extend the provision adopted by the 27th General Assembly for presbyteries to receive ministers and churches as transitional members to December 31, 2014” be adopted.
5. That **Recommendation #4** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly designate the 2013 Thanksgiving Offering for missionary recruitment” be adopted.
6. That **Recommendation #5** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve an amended Administrative Budget for 2013 of \$2,025,950 (see Attachment COA-B)” be adopted.
7. That **Recommendation #6** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve an Administrative Budget of \$2,072,630 for 2014 (see Attachment COA-B)” be adopted.
8. That **Recommendation #7** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend the 2013 Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) budget by adding an asking of \$12,500 for Medical Ministries (see Attachment COA-C)” be adopted.
9. That **Recommendation #9** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly appoint the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (G.16-26.B) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced, or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination” be adopted.

10. That **Recommendation #11** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly accept the invitation of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, Tennessee) to host the 34th General Assembly (June 18-21, 2014) and the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando (Florida) to host the 35th General Assembly (June 24-27, 2015)” be adopted.

11. That **Recommendation #39** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly 9-2* as follows:” be adopted.

| Current Rules for Assembly 9-2 | Proposed Amendment to Rules for Assembly 9-2 (changes in bold italics) |
|---|--|
| <p>IX. Assembly Committees</p> <p>9-2 The Moderator will appoint chairmen and secretaries of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect committee personnel from Commissioners registrations mailed no later than ten days prior to the Assembly convening. Ratio should be as close to 2:1 (RE:TE) as possible.</p> | <p>IX. Assembly Committees</p> <p>9-2 The <i>Stated Clerk, in consultation with</i> the Moderator, will appoint chairmen and secretaries <i>recording clerks</i> of each Assembly committee. Representation on each committee shall be presbyterial. The Assembly Nominating Committee will elect Assembly committee personnel from Commissioners registrations <i>and Ruling Elder certifications received no later than May 31. The committee membership ratio should be as close as possible to the ratio of Ruling and Teaching Elders registered and certified as Commissioners.</i></p> |

Grounds:

1. The first change (“The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Moderator”) better reflects the practice by which chairs and recording clerks are appointed.
2. “Recording Clerks” reflects terminology that is currently in use.
3. Based on current Rule 9-2, commissioners that are both certified by their Clerk of Session and have completed their registration process for the Assembly as late as ten days prior to the Assembly convening are assigned to an Assembly committee (aka, “standing committee”). The number of eligible commissioners (and a record number of commissioners this year), makes this requirement especially burdensome in June. While Commissioners may be certified and registered until noon on the second day of the Assembly meeting, this motion moves the deadline for Assembly committee assignments from June 10 to May 31, which corresponds with the raising of registration

fees, a policy established by the COA. This will allow the roster of Assembly Committees to be posted much earlier, which will benefit commissioners coming to the Assembly.

4. Historically, the RE:TE ratio at General Assembly meetings has been close to 1:1. Assigning Assembly Committee membership with a 2:1 ratio has been impossible. The revision reflects what has become standard practice.

12. That **Recommendation #40** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* by changing all references to “Assembly Committee” to “Standing Committee”” be adopted.

Grounds:

While *Rules for Assembly* speak of “Assembly Committee,” the term “Standing Committee” has been used instead in print and verbal communication for many years with the understanding that this is a committee that has standing only during the time the Assembly is in session. If approved, this motion would clean up this “vocabulary disconnect” between the *Rules for Assembly* and a term in common use.

13. That **Recommendation #41** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$611,500 for 2014 (see Administration Report Attachment COA-D / page ADM-10 - green replacement page)” be adopted.

14. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated July 5, 2012, August 28, 2012, September 25, 2012, October 22-23, 2012, November 8, 2012, November 20, 2012, November 21, 2012, December 11, 2012, December 18, 2012, January 8, 2013, January 21-22, 2013, March 7, 2013 and April 15-17, 2013 be approved as submitted.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Recommendation #3**
 - **Recommendation #9**
 - **Recommendation #11**
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

Appreciation was given to the Committee on Administration by applause.

The Standing Committee acknowledges with appreciation the excellent work of the permanent Administration Committee.

TE George Salnave closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Kinat, Chairman
RE Ray Kinat

George M. Salnave, Clerk
TE George Salnave

Committee on Christian Education & Communications

**Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Christian Education & Communications convened at 3:33 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Paul Pierce opened the meeting with prayer. TE Denny Finnegan served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated September 14, 2012 and April 19, 2013 be approved with minor notations.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

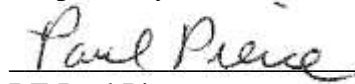
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

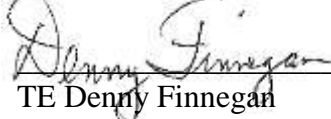
The Standing Committee on Christian Education & Publications commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

A “request” came from a member of the Standing Committee that the CE web-page would show up better on the website (TE Paul Bammel).

RE Paul Pierce closed the meeting with prayer at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
RE Paul Pierce


_____, Clerk
TE Denny Finnegan

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations convened at 3:28 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Carroll Coakley opened the meeting with prayer. TE Tommy Jordan served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Recommendation #17**
2. **Recommendation #18**
3. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That **Recommendation #17**, from the Committee on Fraternal Relations, “that the Assembly endorse the letter of the Fraternal Relations Committee supporting the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) (see Fraternal Relations Committee report Attachment FR-A)” be adopted. The vote was unanimous within the standing committee.
2. That **Recommendation #18**, from the Fraternal Relations Committee, “that the Assembly approve the Fraternal Agreement with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK), be adopted as amended in Article 4.4 (see italics). The vote was unanimous within the standing committee:

The Fraternal Agreement between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)

This fraternal agreement celebrates what God has done in the mutually edifying relationship He has established between our respective parts of the Kingdom of God and places that relationship on a footing which will allow us together to continue to expand that Kingdom through the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the reign of Christ over His people.

Preamble

ERCK, founded by EPC missionaries, was transferred in May, 2011 into the hands of local leaders and became the independent Association of Reformed Churches in Kazakhstan (ARCK). In 2012, ARCK chose to rename itself the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK). In 2013 this Agreement of relationship between the EPC and ERCK has been signed with all the benefits and responsibilities that arise from such relationship. Such Agreement is necessary in order to further understand the basic teachings of the Reformed Church, and to propagate them throughout Central Asia.

These articles include a three-year agreement of continued ministry, support and fellowship between the two Churches, from three years of the effective date. At the end of this three-year agreement, EPC and ERCK will decide whether to extend the agreement for another five years in order to improve the cooperation in the service to Jesus Christ.

1. Article One - Effective date
 - 1.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon the approval of the 33rd General Assembly of the EPC (2013) and the approval of ERCK.

2. Article Two - Mutual relations
 - 2.1 Between the General Assembly of the EPC and ERCK there should be fraternal and partnership relations, contributing to the development of the mission, and regulated by the articles of this Agreement, except for the amendments introduced by the majority votes of both bodies.
 - 2.2 After initial adoption these articles can be submitted for consideration by the members of both bodies.

3. Article Three - Terms of the agreement
 - 3.1 Term: This Agreement shall be valid for three years from the effective date. It shall govern the relationship between the parties during this period of time in accordance with the terms specified in it.
 - 3.2 Governance:
 - 3.2.1 The Constitution of ERCK is its own Book of the Church Order, which includes the Westminster Confession, the Larger and the Small Catechism. This Constitution and all other governing documents must conform to the Scripture.
 - 3.2.2 The Book of Church Order: ERCK will continue using its own book of the church order, based on the *Book of Order* of the EPC and the Book of Government of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.

4. Article Four - Operating Agreements
 - 4.1. Fraternal Relations – The EPC and ERCK agree to exchange fraternal delegates annually.
 - 4.2. On an annual basis EPC agrees to send its experienced pastors and teachers to conduct workshops, seminars, and to share their experience.
 - 4.3. ERCK agrees to accommodate summer teams from EPC churches and presbyteries to show how God is working in Central Asia.
 - 4.4. Missionaries sent by ERCK: When ERCK-*approved* missionaries are sent into the world, *these* missionaries, in consultation with the World Movement (WO) EPC World Outreach (WO) - can apply for support from the EPC.
 - 4.5. EPC World Outreach (WO) will promote and encourage missionary projects and partnership between the EPC and ERCK. The Missions Committee of ERCK together with the EPC Director of World Outreach (WO) will conduct a regular evaluation of the projects.

- 4.6 Purpose: this agreement between the EPC and ERCK will form a basis for on-going mutually beneficial partnership. This partnership will require a significant personal dedication and the material resources of both parties of the covenant for the purpose of the missionary work and service to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, both parties, the elected and authorized officers, shall sign and certify this document with their seals, in two copies, in the Russian and English languages.

3. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 18, 2012, February 21, 2013, and March 20, 2013, be approved with minor notations. The vote was unanimous within the standing committee.

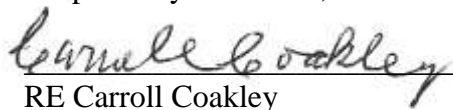
C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee


1. Per *Rules for Assembly 9-6*, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
- **Recommendation #17**
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee
2. **That the Fraternal Relations standing committee recommends that the 33rd General Assembly direct the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee to converse with leadership of the Brazilian Presbyterian Church (IPB), with the goal of creating a fraternal agreement between the IPB and the EPC, be adopted. The vote was unanimous within the standing committee.**

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

TE Tommy Jordan closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

 _____, Chairman
RE Carroll Coakley

 _____, Clerk
TE Tommy Jordan

Committee on Memorials & Appreciation

Standing Committee 33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Memorials and Appreciation convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Angela Graves opened the meeting with prayer. TE Ken Van Kampen served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Memorials

The 33rd General Assembly remembers with gratitude those Ministers and Ruling Elders who died during the Assembly year. (If notification of death is received subsequent to the current Assembly year, the names of those elders are listed as they are received.)

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| RE John Albrecht | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 4-20-13 | 3 |
| RE Edgar Bailey | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 12-25-12 | 39 |
| RE E. J. (Bart) Bartholomew | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 9-3-12 | 3 |
| RE Paul Beckman | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 9-11-12 | 3 |
| RE Jody Bellott, Jr. | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 11-9-12 | 5 |
| RE Marcia Bennett | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 10-5-12 | - |
| RE Robert Bennington, Jr. | Grace Presbyterian Franklin, NC | 12-28-12 | 12 |
| RE Charles Black | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 2-22-13 | 6 |
| RE Joe BonDurant | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 9-12-12 | 50 |
| RE Roger Boothe | Central Presbyterian St. Louis, MO | 7-13-12 | 6 |
| RE Guy Boyer, Sr. | Cherry Hills Community Highlands Ranch, CO | 1-17-13 | 30 |
| RE Robert Bracken | First EPC Frankfort, IN | 1-6-13 | 8 |
| RE Robert Brooks | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 3-26-13 | - |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE James Bruhn | Memorial Park Allison Park, PA | 6-10-12 | 22 |
| TE James A. "Jim" Carr | Laboring Out of Bounds | 8-20-12 | 10 |
| RE Dexter Clement | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 6-25-12 | 3 |
| RE Howard Cleveland | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-28-13 | 21 |
| RE Robert Cload | Evangelical Community Cincinnati, OH | 5-19-12 | 7 |
| RE Herb Clum | First Presbyterian of Trenton Trenton, MI | 5-14-13 | 3 |
| RE Sue Coles | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 9-29-12 | 6 |
| RE Rob Cooper | First Presbyterian Corinth, MS | 9-7-12 | 5 |
| RE Judy Coulter | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 5-5-12 | 13 |
| RE Jean Cowden | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 2-24-13 | 13 |
| RE William Craddock | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 2-27-13 | 48 |
| RE Virgil Crosby | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 10-13-12 | 33 |
| RE William Cunningham | Northampton Presbyterian Hampton, VA | 2-20-13 | 19 |
| RE Hadley "Stretch" DePuy | Fourth Presbyterian Bethesda, MD | 1-22-13 | 9 |
| RE Marlys Derania | Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA | 2-21-13 | 11 |
| RE Ernie Dietrich | First EPC Cedar Grove, WI | 1-14-13 | 3 |
| RE John Doles | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 10-25-12 | 20 |
| RE James Duke | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 7-14-12 | 19 |
| RE Roy Dunn | First Presbyterian Baton Rouge, LA | 2-20-13 | 6 |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| RE Harry Elder | CUP EPC Beaver Falls, PA | 5-12-12 | 15 |
| RE James Emery | New Bedford EPC New Bedford, PA | 9-18-12 | 3 |
| RE Ludie Ervin | Darlington Presbyterian Darlington, SC | 8-4-12 | 5 |
| RE Gary Ferderer | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 11-23-12 | 6 |
| TE Ronald Glover | retired | 12-5-12 | 36 |
| RE Gertrude Gray | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 1-3-13 | 3 |
| RE Robert Gray | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 3-4-12 | 1.5 |
| RE David Gregg | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 2-28-13 | 12 |
| RE John Griffin | Westminster Presbyterian Bluefield, WV | 7-29-12 | 8 |
| RE Diana Haley | Kirk of the Hills Tulsa, OK | 7-18-12 | - |
| RE Russell Hart | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 9-24-12 | 6.5 |
| RE Merle Hayward | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 7-21-12 | 39 |
| RE Burdette Heikens | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 8-22-12 | 3 |
| RE Dorothy Louise Hill | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 1-30-12 | 21 |
| RE Doug Hixson | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-20-13 | 12 |
| RE Richard Hoover | Desert Hills Presbyterian Scottsdale, AZ | 3-27-13 | 35 |
| RE Graham Humble | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 2-13-13 | 30 |
| RE Jane Hunter | Faith EPC Kingstowne, VA | 9-12-12 | 33 |
| RE Maynard Hutchinson | First Pres. Evangelical Montezuma, IA | | |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
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| RE George Johnen | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 12-6-12 | - |
| RE Robert Johnson | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 4-17-13 | 19 |
| RE Charlie Jones | Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA | 11-18-12 | 7.5 |
| RE Marvin Keefer | First Presbyterian Levelland, TX | 5-28-12 | 39 |
| RE Richard Kendrick | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 11-28-12 | 9 |
| RE Charles Leonard | Second Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 1-31-13 | 22 |
| RE Velma Long | First Presbyterian Corinth, MS | 8-7-12 | 3 |
| RE Everett Lucas | First EPC Frankfort, IN | 11-4-12 | 8 |
| RE John McClain | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 5-7-12 | 49 |
| RE Margaret McCombs | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 10-6-12 | 3 |
| RE Arthur McEldowney | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 3-12-13 | 50 |
| RE Thomas McIlwain | First Presbyterian Ocean Springs, MS | 10-31-12 | 12 |
| RE Carol Ann Miller | First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK | 8-20-12 | 3 |
| RE O. Wayne Miner | Memorial Park Allison Park, PA | 7-7-12 | 37 |
| RE Conley Moffett | Faith EPC Kingstowne, VA | 12-16-12 | 5 |
| RE Ernest Myers | The Presbyterian Church Portersville, PA | 5-16-13 | 53 |
| RE Virginia Patterson | Immanuel Presbyterian Warrenville, IL | 9-12-12 | - |
| RE Barbara Platon | Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA | 6-12-12 | 13 |
| * John Quarles | Living Hope EPC Haymarket, VA | 10-29-12 | - |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| TE Gary Reddish | retired | 11-25-12 | 24 |
| RE Mary Reighney | Covenant Presbyterian Monroe, LA | 7-25-12 | 15 |
| RE Robert Rishel | New Bedford EPC New Bedford, PA | 9-24-12 | 3 |
| RE James Robinson | Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA | 8-24-12 | 3 |
| RE Melvin Rogers | Bethel EPC Reading, MN | 10-9-12 | 21 |
| RE Robert Sanborn <i>former Midwest Presbytery Stated Clerk</i> | Ward EPC Northville, MI | 8-4-12 | - |
| RE Jean Sawtelle | Woodland Presbyterian Memphis, TN | 2-15-12 | 27 |
| RE John Schilling | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 9-18-12 | 19 |
| RE Albert Schoenbeck | Central Presbyterian St. Louis, MO | 12-19-12 | 25 |
| RE Mary Schroeder | Faith EPC Crivitz, WI | 3-17-12 | 3 |
| RE Felix Sharpe | Faith EPC Brooksville, FL | 12-21-12 | 25 |
| RE Elbert Shaw | Christ Church Presbyterian Dalton, GA | 1-20-13 | 30 |
| RE Gladys Sheppard | Faith Presbyterian Pembroke Pines, FL | 2-21-13 | 1 |
| RE Wilbur Shumaker | Hickory United EPC Hickory, PA | 8-23-12 | 43 |
| RE Bryan Smith | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 7-2-12 | - |
| RE Donald Smith | First Presbyterian Aurora, IL | 6-6-12 | 50 |
| RE Howard Smith | Rivermont EPC Lynchburg, VA | 1-12-12 | 1 |
| RE Herb Stephens | Brainerd Presbyterian Chattanooga, TN | 12-20-12 | 36 |
| RE Doug Stinespring | Rivermont EPC Lynchburg, VA | 5-7-12 | 5 |

| Name | Church | Date of Death | Years of Service |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| RE Ray Taylor | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 1-3-13 | 20 |
| RE Harry "Gene" Tetirick | Myrtle Grove EPC Wilmington, NC | 4-15-12 | 16 |
| RE John Trube | Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH | 8-27-12 | 29 |
| RE James Van Maren | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA | 11-12-12 | 49 |
| RE William Watters | GracePoint Dubuque, IA | 5-15-12 | 49 |
| RE Ray Wilde | Sierra Presbyterian Nevada City, CA | 3-30-13 | - |
| RE Sarah Wilhite | Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Signal Mountain, TN | 1-4-13 | 21 |
| RE Kenneth Wolthuis | Cornerstone EPC Brighton, MI | 10-3-12 | 6 |
| RE Billie Wright | First Presbyterian Ocean Springs, MS | 4-10-13 | 6 |
| RE Wayne Zimmerman | Faith EPC Loveland, CO | 12-3-12 | 8 |

* Mr. Quarles was training to be a Ruling Elder in the initial class of Ruling Elders at Living Hope EPC but was unable to serve due to health reasons.

B. Appreciation

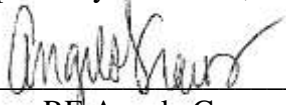
The Assembly expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Cherry Hills Community Church, its senior pastor, Jim Dixon, the staff and the many volunteers who had a part in welcoming us to this Assembly.

We express our gratitude to the fine workshop speakers Lee Strobel, Mark Mittelberg, Nancy Grisham and Garry Poole.

We thank the outgoing moderator RE Ken Roberts for his service this last year and incoming moderator, TE Bill Dudley. We also express our gratitude to the Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, on his continuing service, Dr. Ed McCallum and the GA staff.

RE Ted Gaylon closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
RE Angela Graves


_____, Clerk
TE Ken Van Kampen

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation convened at 3:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman TE Zach Eswine opened the meeting with prayer. TE Rob Eyman served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Recommendation #10**
2. **Recommendation #19**
3. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That **Recommendation #10** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly establish a special committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of studying *Book of Government* 12-2.G, 12-2.H, Act of Assembly 82-07, 83-07, the *Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees* and any other appropriate documents that address the academic requirements for those seeking ordination as Teaching Elders in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In addition, the special committee will:
 - 1) Evaluate the academic requirements of seminaries used by EPC candidates to determine if our academic requirements are in alignment with those seminaries.
 - 2) Consider the appropriateness of “EPC specific” academic requirements and other models of Masters of Divinity degree instruction.This special committee will make a report with recommendations no later than the 2015 General Assembly” be adopted as written.

Rationale:

- a. An ambiguity in *Book of Government* 12-2.G (“A degree requiring at least three years of study from a seminary approved by the Presbytery”) and Acts of Assembly 82-07 (“MDiv or equivalent”) needs to be addressed, with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- b. The academic requirements of many seminaries granting Master of Divinity degrees have changed since the original establishment of *Book of Government* 12-2.G and Acts of Assembly 82-07. In addition, what is required in some of these classes has changed (for example, the workload in Greek and Hebrew classes has been reduced at some seminaries). Should the EPC accept these curriculum changes without review or comment, or should the EPC determine its own academic requirements? This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- c. The Ministerial Vocation Committee added some EPC specific academic requirements for candidates in extraordinary circumstances. Should these requirements be applied to all candidates seeking ordination in the EPC?
- d. The American Theological Society (ATS) accredits seminaries and degree programs in the US. Recently, ATS reduced the minimum hours for an MDiv

from 90 semester hours to 72 semester hours. The question: “Is the EPC willing to declare a 72 hour MDiv degree as meeting the academic requirement of *Book of Government* 12-2.G?” This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.

- e. With online class instruction for credit available for those pursuing an MDiv, the very nature of seminary education is changing. Should the EPC address this opportunity and provide guidance as to how to complete a degree program utilizing online classes?
 - f. Other models (cohort, mentored study, for example) besides the traditional three year residency at a seminary campus are emerging. Should the EPC address the possibility of these models being acceptable for those seeking an MDiv?
2. That **Recommendation #19** from the Committee on Ministerial Vocation, “that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation at the 33rd General Assembly request a 5-minute informational presentation in accordance with *Rules for Assembly* 9-8 on the work of Pastor In Residence Ministries either by Mr. Roy Yanke or another representative of the of the organization present at the Assembly be adopted as written.
 3. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated September 10-11, 2012, January 28-29, 2013, February 6, 2013 and March 18, 2013 be approved with minor notations.

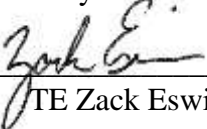
C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

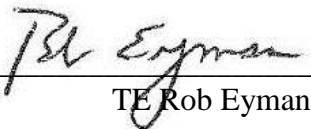
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

TE Zack Eswine closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE Zack Eswine


_____, Clerk
TE Rob Eyman

Committee on National Outreach

**Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on National Outreach convened at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. RE John Adamson opened the meeting with prayer. TE Bruce Marten served as Clerk for the committee.

The committee heard presentations on church planting (TE Tom Ricks), on church revitalization (TE Ken Priddy) and on the NOC budget situation (TE Steve Bryant).

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That the minutes of the Permanent Committee dated September 27, 2012, October 24, 2012, March 21, 2013 and April 24-25, 2013 be approved as submitted.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:

- **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee


The Standing Committee on National Outreach commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

TE Bruce Marten closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman

TE Richard Alberta


_____, Clerk

TE Bruce Marten

Committee on Overtures and Resolutions

**Standing Committee Report
33rd General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions convened at 3:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman TE David Strunk opened the meeting with prayer. TE Steve Keller served as Clerk for the committee. Roll was called with 23 Ruling and Teaching Elders present.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Communication 13-04 as information**
2. **Communication 13-05 as information**
3. **Communication 13-06 as information**
4. **Overture 13-A**

B. Recommendations

1. By a vote of 17-7 (1 abstention) the Committee defeated a recommendation to adopt Overture 13-A "that the 33rd General Assembly provide consistent constitutional guidance through its Permanent Judicial Commission in the matter of the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to shut-ins and the apparent contradiction between the *Book of Worship* 3-3G and the Westminster Confession 29-3.

The Committee recommended by a vote of 22-0 (1 abstention) **that the Assembly approve the following substitute motion:**

That the perceived contradiction between the Westminster Confession 29-3 and the Book of Worship 3-3G (referenced in Overture 13-A) be referred to the Theology Committee for study and possible recommendation.

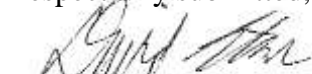
C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

1. Per Rules for Assembly 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:

None

TE David Strunk closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE David Strunk


_____, Clerk
TE Steve Keller

Committee on Student and College Ministries

**Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Student and College Ministries convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Denise Fink opened the meeting with prayer. TE Wayne Uppendahl served as Clerk for the committee.

- Oral Reports: Susan Holland updated us with a challenging report on the state of ongoing work of the Student and College Ministry. Included were the topics of networking, resources and 23 college students that we were able to send to Urbana 2012. Ms. Holland also answered questions and led discussion regarding Youth Cohort.
- David DeBruler, new chair of the permanent committee, challenged us to be more supportive of youth leaders in ministry in our local churches. How does the session come alongside the youth leader in working towards goals in ministry? How do we bridge the parents of youth with ministry needs of parenting youth?

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 26-27, 2012 and March 15-16, 2013 be approved with minor notations.

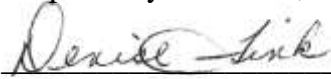
C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee on Student Ministries commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

RE Denise Fink closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
RE Denise Fink


_____, Clerk
TE Wayne Uppendahl

Committee on Theology

Standing Committee Report 33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Theology convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman TE Alec Flynt opened the meeting with prayer. TE Helen Franssell served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation #13**
2. **Recommendation #34**
3. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations:

1. That **Recommendation #13** from the Committee on Christian Education and Communications, “that the Assembly refer the New City Catechism to the Theology Committee for study and a report on its consistency with the system of doctrine presented in the Westminster Standards (see CE&C report Attachment CEC-B; <http://www.newcitycatechism.com>)” be adopted.

Rationale: The Christian Education & Communications Committee has reviewed the New City Catechism for possible endorsement or commendation as a resource, but wants to ensure the New City Catechism is consistent with the confessional standard of the EPC.

2. That **Recommendation #34** from the Committee on Theology, “that the Assembly adopt the full complement of the “*Position Paper on Abortion*” as originally adopted at the 6th General Assembly and subsequently revised at the 32nd General Assembly (see Theology Committee report Attachment THEO-A) be adopted as amended:(see below).
 - a. That the parentheses in Item 1 on page THEO-4 of the Position Paper on Abortion, “e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons” be struck.

Rationale: It is unnecessary to delineate specific examples of a “problematic pregnancy” as given in Item 6 for what is here a pastoral care issue.

- b. Replace Items 3 & 4, page THEO-5 with a single paragraph: “The church must be supportive of the woman who *chooses life for the child of an unwanted pregnancy* and must seek ways to support and care for *those children carried to term through unwanted pregnancy*”, striking “through no fault of their own”.

Rationale: a ‘pregnancy’ is not carried; a *child* is.

- c. In Item 6, page THEO-5: strike “e.g. . . . reasons)”. Replace with “the most extreme circumstances that endanger the life of the mother.)”

Rationale: “. . . physical health; or valid medical reasons . . .” is too vague and could be interpreted too loosely, so that it might be used to support an unnecessary abortion.

- d. Renumber the list accordingly.

| From Current Position Paper | As recommended by the <u>Permanent Committee on Theology</u> (changes marked in bold) | As recommended by the <u>Standing Committee on Theology</u> (marked with strike-through and <i>italics</i>) |
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| <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, that the General Assembly urges that the following steps be implemented by individuals, congregations, and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies:</p> <p>1. Women facing problem or unwanted pregnancies should receive support, love, acceptance and counsel from pastors, counselors, physicians and Christian friends both during and after the decisions they face. The Church must provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to these persons.</p> | <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unwanted pregnancies:</p> <p>1. Women A woman facing a problematic pregnancy (e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons) or an unwanted pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman’s decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical</p> | <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unwanted pregnancies:</p> <p>1. A woman facing a problematic pregnancy (e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons) or an unwanted pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman’s decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical</p> |

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| <p>2. The men involved who respond with indifference must be confronted with their responsibilities and role in such crises.</p> <p>3. The Church must support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who result from unwanted pregnancies.</p> | <p>and spiritual guidance to that individual.</p> <p>2. The man involved who might otherwise be indifferent must be informed of his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child's father.</p> <p>3. The Church must be especially supportive of the woman who decides to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full-term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who, through no fault of their own, are the result of an unwanted pregnancy.</p> | <p>and spiritual guidance to that individual.</p> <p>2. The man involved who might otherwise be indifferent must be informed of his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child's father.</p> <p>3. The Church must be especially supportive of the woman who decides to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term.</p> <p>4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who, through no fault of their own, are the result of an unwanted pregnancy.</p> <p>3. <i>The church must be supportive of the woman who chooses life for the child of an unwanted pregnancy and must seek ways to support and care for those children carried to term through unwanted pregnancy ”, striking ‘through no fault of their own.</i></p> <p>4. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual</p> |
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| <p>5. The Church must serve as a therapeutic community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption.</p> <p>6. Both individual Christians and the Church should oppose abortion and do everything in their power to provide supportive communities and alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion must never be</p> | <p>5. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or giving up a child for adoption.</p> <p>6. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except under the most extreme of circumstances e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion should never be used as a</p> | <p>wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or giving up a child for adoption.</p> <p>5. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except under the most extreme of circumstances e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons that endanger the life of the mother), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>6. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion should never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> <p>7. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells</p> |
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| <p>used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> | <p>convenience or a means of birth control.</p> <p>8. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells for medical research or treatment.</p> <p>9. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by <i>in vitro</i> fertilization than would be implanted <i>in utero</i>, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.</p> | <p>for medical research or treatment.</p> <p>8. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by <i>in vitro</i> fertilization than would be implanted <i>in utero</i>, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.</p> |
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3. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated February 27, 2013 and March 20, 2013 be approved with minor notation.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

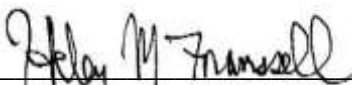
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
- **Recommendation #13**
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee
2. Regarding the Position Paper on Abortion:

The Standing Committee commends the Permanent Committee on Theology for their good work during the past year.

TE Alec Flynt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


 _____, Chairman
 TE Alec Flynt


 _____, Clerk
 TE Helen Franssell

Committee on Women In Ministry

**Standing Committee
33rd General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Women In Ministry convened at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman RE Alan Smith opened the meeting with prayer. TE Phil Thrash served as Clerk for the committee.

The committee heard from Interim Director Susan Nash, Permanent Committee Chairman Ruth Baer and new Administrative Assistant Kristen Uppendahl.

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated July 27-28, 2012, September 19, 2012, October 5-6, 2012, February 13-16, 2013, March 19, 2013 and May 7, 2013 be approved with minor notations.

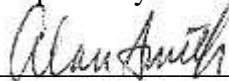
C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee

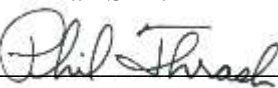
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee on Women In Ministry commends the Permanent Committee for its work this year.

TE Marc Huebl closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
RE Alan Smith


_____, Clerk
TE Phil Thrash

Committee on World Outreach

Standing Committee 33rd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on World Outreach convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and met once. Chairman TE Kevin Cauley opened the meeting with prayer. TE Richard Lanning served as Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee

1. **Recommendation #35**
2. **Recommendation #36**
3. **Recommendation #37**
4. **Recommendation #38**
5. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations

1. That **Recommendation #35** from the World Outreach Committee (WOC) “that the Assembly approve People International as a Cooperative Mission Agency (see pp. 332-340)” be adopted.

Grounds: This agency is highly regarded for its ministry focus on Central Asia where some of the hardest to reach Muslim people groups reside. WO has a couple who has affiliated with this agency and will go to the field in Central Asia in a strategic area for the Engage 2025 Initiative.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

2. That **Recommendation #36** from the World Outreach Committee, “that the Assembly approve Christian Friends of Korea as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 341-346)” be adopted.

Grounds: This agency has board members who are elders in the EPC and comes to WO at a time that we are in the process of developing a medical missions ministry. The agency does medical work at government invitation in the communist (no God) nation of North Korea.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

3. That **Recommendation #37** from the World Outreach Committee, “that the Assembly approve The Antioch Partners as an Approved Mission Agency (see pp. 347-350)” be adopted.

Grounds: This evangelical sending agency is sister to both Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation, two organizations that began frontier missions as part of the PCUSA years ago. Many of our new churches from the PCUSA are connected with The Antioch Partners and some of their board members

are now part of the EPC. The Antioch Partners is no longer part of the PCUSA. This partnership would be a win-win for both agencies.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

4. That **Recommendation #38** from the World Outreach Committee, “that the Assembly approve the revised World Outreach Master Plan (see pp. 351-354)” be adopted.

Grounds: Review of the Master Plan is made every three years and it was determined that there is very little need to make changes to the Master Plan at this review.

5. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated June 20, 2012, September 6-8, 2012, January 10-12, 2013, March 13-14, 2013, March 26, 2013, April 1, 2013 and April 12, 2013 be approved as submitted with our gratitude for the faithful and thorough work of the World Outreach Committee and staff.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee


1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
 - **Recommendation #35**
 - **Recommendation #36**
 - **Recommendation #37**
 - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee on World Outreach commends the Permanent Committee for its work this past year.

TE Dean Weaver closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE Kevin Cauley


_____, Clerk
TE Rich Lanning

PART II
APPENDICES

NOTES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION
33rd General Assembly

Members of the Committee on Administration are RE Gwynn Blair (Florida), TE Jeff Chadwick (Southeast), TE Bill Dudley (Moderator-elect, Southeast), RE Jan Juday (Midwest), RE Gary Fields (West), RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic, TE Doug Klein (Chairman, West), RE Ken Roberts (GA Moderator, West), TE Erik Ohman (Midwest), RE Ed Wedin (Central South), RE Dale Schaefer (Mid-America) and TE Jeff Jeremiah (Stated Clerk).



Doug Klein
Chairman

The Committee met at the GA Office in Livonia October 22-23, 2012 and April 15-17, 2013, and in Brooksville, FL January 21-22, 2013. The COA met via telephone conference call on July 5, August 28, November 8, November 19, November 21 and December 18, 2012, and on March 7, and May 20, 2013.

Work of the Committee

As a general comment, the workload of the COA has increased dramatically with the growth of the EPC. The COA has added an additional August meeting to the annual meeting schedule to keep up with the growth. In addition, the COA will continue to utilize phone conference calls in between meetings. The following are special items of importance and interest the COA has addressed in the past year.

1. Great Plains Presbytery. The 2012 General Assembly referred “the possible creation of a Great Plains Presbytery in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota to the Committee on Administration for study and development, with a report and possible recommendation to the 33rd General Assembly.” With Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah I hosted meetings with the leadership of a proposed Great Plains Presbytery in Kansas City, KS on October 26, 2012, January 16, 2013 and April 10, 2013. From the outset I was very impressed with their enthusiasm for this possibility. These churches followed through with attention to detail with the necessary leadership and financial commitments that will ensure that Great Plains will start well in January 2014 if the Assembly approves its creation.
2. Amicus filing – One of the responses of the 2012 General Assembly to the Preventative Care Mandate was to declare, “Where deemed advisable by the Committee on Administration, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will join as *amici curiae* in pending or future civil actions to ensure the protection of religious freedom and rights of conscience.” The COA authorized the EPC to file its first *amicus* in November, 2012 in the case of Stormans et al v. Selecky et al. The work of the “Legal Team” of Jim Rimmel, John Graham and Kent Talbert in assisting and advising the COA in this matter is greatly appreciated. The COA is attempting to utilize great wisdom and diligence in joining any *amici curiae* in determining when the General Assembly should speak to critical cultural and social issues.
3. EPC Medical Plan and Obamacare. The COA has devoted considerably more time to the impact of Obamacare on the EPC Medical Plan in the past year. It has been a regular

agenda item on our face-to-face and conference call meetings. Board of Benefits chair David Van Valkenburg made a major presentation at our January meeting. This produced the motion asking the General Assembly to give commission power to the COA to retain, revise, outsource or terminate the EPC Medical Plan. The COA has attempted to be extremely proactive on this difficult issue to protect our staff participants and provide guidance and potential alternatives for Sessions to consider.

4. GA Staffing
 - a. Chief Operating Officer. Working closely with the Board of Benefits, the COA decided to merge Director of Benefits responsibilities into the Chief Operating Officer Position description in September, 2012 and search for a new COO. Phil Van Valkenburg was appointed on January 2, 2013. He brings extensive parachurch and local and national church experience to this new and much-needed position. His expertise has already been evident in helping us sort through the EPC Medical Plan's relationship to Obamacare.
 - b. Director of World Outreach. George Carey will retire at the end of his three year term on December 31, 2014. At its April 15-17 meeting the COA approved the search process to call George's successor. The goal is to have the new Director in place by March, 2014. Our World Outreach opportunities and potential missionaries are increasing and we have committed to staffing accordingly.
 - c. Director of Women in Ministry. With the departure of Jacky Gatliff, Susan Nash was appointed the Interim Director of Women in Ministry. The COA also appointed a study group of COA and Women In Ministry members to study the long-term future of Women In Ministry in the EPC and report to the April 2014 COA meeting.
5. Disaster Relief. The COA reviewed and revised the Fund approval and fund distribution processes so that we can respond more quickly when disaster strikes. We were able to collectively and quickly respond as a church family to both the Hurricane Sandy and the Oklahoma tornado damage.
6. Transitional membership. In response to the input of presbytery leadership, the COA requests that transitional membership for churches and ministers be extended to December 31, 2014 (see recommendation COA-3). We will address this issue on a year by year basis.

It has been a great honor for me to have served as the 31st Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the COA during this time of unprecedented growth and opportunity. One of my joys is to see the burgeoning number of candidates in the pipeline to become World Outreach Missionaries and the increased interest in church planting within our church family. Those are the two areas that will define our faithfulness to the Great Commission in the coming years. To God be the glory!

Recommendations to General Assembly:

Recommendation COA-1

That the Assembly approve an amendment to *Rules for Assembly 12-1* to allow for up to three non-ordained individuals with needed expertise to serve on the Board of Benefits.

| Current Rules for Assembly 12-1 | Proposed Rules for Assembly 12-1 <i>Additions in bold italics</i> |
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| XII. The Board of Benefits | XII. The Board of Benefits |

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| <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>1. Membership to consist of six persons, in three classes of two each. <i>At least one of the members must be a Teaching Elder and at least two must be Ruling Elders. The other three members shall be active members of EPC congregations with expertise needed for the Board to carry out its responsibilities. Members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are eligible to be reelected for additional terms after an interim of one year.</i> 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.</p> |
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Recommendation COA-2

That the 33rd General Assembly create a new presbytery according to its powers as provided for in *Book of Government* 16-22-B.1 that shall be called the Great Plains Presbytery consisting of all member churches and teaching elders within the geographic boundaries defined as follows (a map is included as Attachment COA-A):

- Northern border: The U.S./Canada border
- Western border: From the northwestern corner of Bottineau County, North Dakota south along the county line to state highway 5, then east to the junction of US 83, then US 83 south to the Texas border, then following the Texas/Oklahoma border.
- Southern border: The Oklahoma state line.
- Eastern border: The eastern state lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota

Further, that the creation of this presbytery shall be effective on the date of the convening of the first meeting of the churches within these boundaries after January 1, 2014 as determined by the officers-designate after all necessary preparations have been made and due notice to those churches given. Those officers-designate shall be: TE Wayne Hardy (Moderator-designate), TE Kermit Opprecht (Stated Clerk-designate), RE Mike Gibson (Treasurer-designate), TE Kent Matthews (Ministerial Committee Chairman-designate), and RE Randall Leonard (Session Review Chairman-designate).

Further, that the boundaries of the Mid-America and West Presbyteries be amended by default to exclude their respective portions of this new presbytery.

Further, that any retired ministers and ministers laboring out of bounds included in the geographic boundaries indicated shall be included in the membership of this presbytery, subject to any exceptions as provided for in *Book of Government* 11-12 (3rd paragraph). Finally, that by-laws be drafted by the new presbytery as soon as possible and conveyed to the Presbytery Review Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission for review.

Recommendation COA-3

That the Assembly extend the provision adopted by the 27th General Assembly for presbyteries to receive ministers and churches as transitional members to December 31, 2014.

Recommendation COA-4

That the Assembly designate the 2013 Thanksgiving Offering for missionary recruitment.

Recommendation COA-5

That the Assembly approve an amended Administrative Budget for 2013 of \$2,025,950 (Attachment COA-B)

Recommendation COA-6

That the Assembly approve an Administrative Budget of \$2,072,630 for 2014 (Attachment COA-B)

Recommendation COA-7

That the Assembly amend the 2013 Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) budget by adding an asking of \$12,500 for Medical Ministries (Attachment COA-C).

Recommendation COA-8

That the Assembly approve Partnership Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$581,500 for 2014 (Attachment COA-D).

Recommendation COA-9

That the Assembly appoint the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (G.16-26.B) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced, or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination.

Recommendation COA-10

That the Assembly establish special committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of studying *Book of Government* 12-2.G, 12-2.H, Act of Assembly 82-07, 83-07, the *Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees* and any other appropriate documents that address the academic requirements for those seeking ordination as teaching elders in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In addition, the special committee will:

- 1) Evaluate the academic requirements of seminaries used by EPC candidates to determine if our academic requirements are in alignment with those seminaries.
- 2) Consider the appropriateness of “EPC specific” academic requirements and other models of Masters of Divinity degree instruction.

This special committee will make a report with recommendations no later than the 2015 General Assembly.

Rationale:

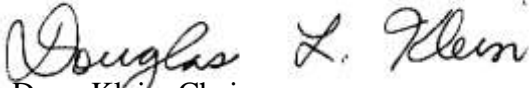
- a. An ambiguity in *Book of Government* 12-2.G (“A degree requiring at least three years of study from a seminary approved by the Presbytery”) and Acts of Assembly 82-07

- (“MDiv or equivalent”) needs to be addressed, with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
- b. The academic requirements of many seminaries granting Master of Divinity degrees have changed since the original establishment of *Book of Government* 12-2.G and Acts of Assembly 82-07. In addition, what is required in some of these classes has changed (for example, the workload in Greek and Hebrew classes has been reduced at some seminaries). Should the EPC accept these curriculum changes without review or comment, or should the EPC determine its own academic requirements? This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
 - c. The Ministerial Vocation Committee added some EPC specific academic requirements for candidates in extraordinary circumstances. Should these requirements be applied to all candidates seeking ordination in the EPC?
 - d. The American Theological Society (ATS) accredits seminaries and degree programs in the US. Recently, ATS reduced the minimum hours for a MDiv from 90 semester hours to 72 semester hours. The question: “Is the EPC willing to declare a 72 hour MDiv degree as meeting the academic requirement of *Book of Government* 12-2.G?” This question should be answered by a study group with a recommendation made to the General Assembly.
 - e. With online class instruction for credit available for those pursuing an MDiv, the very nature of seminary education is changing. Should the EPC address this opportunity and provide guidance as to how to complete a degree program utilizing online classes?
 - f. Other models (cohort, mentored study, for example) besides the traditional three year residency at a seminary campus are emerging. Should the EPC address the possibility of these models being acceptable for those seeking an MDiv?

Recommendation COA-11

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, Tennessee) to host the 34th General Assembly (June 18-21, 2014) and the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando (Florida) to host the 35th General Assembly (June 24-27, 2015).

Respectfully submitted,


Doug Klein, Chairman

June 2013





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| Proposed 2013 Amended and 2014 budgets | | | | | |
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| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | | |
| Personnel Disbursements | | | | | |
| Stated Clerk Salary | 142,055 | 143,257 | 150,750 | 150,750 | 155,230 |
| Program Staff Salaries | 426,405 | 439,657 | 549,200 | 546,300 | 652,500 |
| Support Staff Salaries | 194,958 | 191,478 | 195,000 | 238,200 | 229,300 |
| Staff Insurance/Pension | 162,029 | 175,212 | 225,300 | 207,600 | 257,800 |
| Executive Expense Allowance | 3,715 | 3,825 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,300 |
| Staff Travel/Expenses | 41,156 | 49,063 | 49,000 | 49,000 | 54,000 |
| Executive Travel | 41,087 | 46,814 | 46,500 | 46,500 | 46,500 |
| Taxes/Worker Comp | 60,185 | 60,151 | 70,100 | 77,700 | 83,000 |
| Officer/Director Liability | 11,110 | 11,110 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 11,200 |
| | 1,082,700 | 1,120,567 | 1,301,350 | 1,331,550 | 1,493,830 |
| Administration Disbursements | | | | | |
| Contingencies | 1,273 | 2,088 | 2,000 | 7,350 | 2,000 |
| Telephone/Internet Access | 15,072 | 12,340 | 17,000 | 18,500 | 20,200 |
| Office Supplies and Expense | 12,984 | 15,542 | 15,000 | 19,000 | 18,000 |
| Printing & Promotion | 29,132 | 26,232 | 30,000 | 28,000 | 29,000 |
| Postage | 26,421 | 18,066 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 25,000 |
| Technology Support | 65,099 | 64,769 | 73,000 | 77,600 | 100,800 |
| Financial Audit | 8,600 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 9,000 |
| Professional Fees | 763 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 958 | 1,425 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Office Development | 2,372 | 750 | 1,000 | 3,500 | 2,500 |
| Committee Travel/Expense | 66,261 | 59,969 | 80,000 | 95,000 | 80,000 |
| GA Administration | 29,096 | 31,798 | 30,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| Staff Technical Training | - | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Pension Fund Administration | 7,406 | 9,397 | 8,500 | 9,250 | 4,000 |
| Fraternal Relations | 14,493 | 18,229 | 12,700 | 18,500 | 21,800 |
| Chaplain Endorser Resources | | 266 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Presbytery Devel/Support | 2,728 | 15,961 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Leadership Development | 250 | - | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Christian Ed/Resource | 753 | 220 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Office Rent and Utilities | 151,758 | 138,692 | 150,000 | 144,000 | 150,000 |
| Other Maintenance/Insurance | 7,342 | 5,629 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Van Expense | 5,755 | 2,309 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Capital Purchases | | | | | 25,000 |
| Capital Expenditures from Reserves | | 16,437 | | 177,000 | 30,000 |
| | 448,519 | 448,619 | 483,900 | 694,400 | 578,800 |
| Grand Totals | 1,531,219 | 1,569,185 | 1,785,250 | 2,025,950 | 2,072,630 |

PROPOSED AMENDED PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS) 2013

Ministerial Vocation

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| Chaplain's Work and Care | \$20,000 |
| Care of Pastors and Spouses | \$5,000 |
| Small Church Network | <u>\$5,000</u> |
| | \$30,000 |

Administration

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| Medical Benevolence Fund | \$25,000 |
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National Outreach

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| Urban Ministry | \$15,000 |
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Student Ministries

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| Student Ministries Program Development | \$5,000 |
| Youth Ministry Coaching in Community Program | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| | \$15,000 |

College Ministries

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| College Ministry Leadership Development | \$5,000 |
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Women's Ministries

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| Per Woman Asking | \$20,000 |
| Faith Focus | <u>\$20,000</u> |
| | \$40,000 |

World Outreach

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| Argentina – Partnerships for Church Planting & Revitalization | \$10,000 |
| Special Translation Projects | \$10,000 |
| Kazakhstan – ARCK Presbytery Development | \$11,000 |
| Engage 2025: Church Planting Teams in Muslim World | \$35,000 |
| Europe Training Centre for Believers of Muslim Background | \$20,000 |
| Muslim Outreach Ministries in the United States | \$15,000 |
| Russia - Tyumen Bible Institute & Outreach Projects | \$15,000 |
| Sierra Leone Presbytery Organization | \$15,000 |
| Sierra Leone Christian Schools Development | \$30,000 |
| Budapest Refuge for Missionaries | \$30,000 |
| Training National Workers to Care for Exploited Children | \$10,000 |
| Africa – Theological and Islamic Training | \$15,000 |
| Medical Ministries | <u>\$12,500</u> |
| Missionary Recruitment | \$30,000 |
| Missionary Member Care & Denominational Training | <u>\$40,000</u> |
| | \$298,500 |

Total **\$428,500**

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS) 2014**Ministerial Vocation**

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| Chaplain's Work and Care | \$20,000 |
| Care of Pastors and Spouses | \$5,000 |
| Small Church Network | <u>\$5,000</u> |
| | \$30,000 |

Administration

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| Medical Benevolence Fund | \$25,000 |
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National Outreach

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| Urban Ministries Leadership Development | \$15,000 |
| Church Planting Internships | <u>\$30,000</u> |
| | \$45,000 |

Student and College Ministries

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| Student and College Ministries Leadership Development | \$10,000 |
| Urbana Scholarships 2015 conference | <u>\$2,500</u> |
| | \$12,500 |

Women's Ministries

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| Per Woman Asking | \$20,000 |
| Faith Focus | <u>\$20,000</u> |
| | \$40,000 |

World Outreach

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| Engage 2025: Church Planting Teams in Muslim World | \$35,000 |
| Europe Training Centre for Believers of Muslim Background | \$20,000 |
| Muslim Outreach Ministries in the United States | \$15,000 |
| Sierra Leone Presbytery Organization | \$15,000 |
| Sierra Leone Christian Schools Development | \$30,000 |
| Place of Refuge for Missionaries | \$30,000 |
| Belarus Christian Leadership Development – ITEN | \$22,000 |
| Pakistan Seminary Partnership – ITEN | \$32,000 |
| Philemon Preschool Project Lebanon | \$75,000 |
| Training National Workers to Care for Exploited Children | \$10,000 |
| Health Clinic Among Unreached in Himalays | \$50,000 |
| Medical Ministries | \$25,000 |
| Missionary Recruitment | \$30,000 |
| Missionary Member Care & Denominational Training | <u>\$40,000</u> |
| | \$429,000 |

Fraternal Relations

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| Kazakhstan – ARCK Presbytery Development | \$10,000 |
| Argentina – Partnerships for Church Planting & Revitalization | \$10,000 |
| Special Translation Projects | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| | \$30,000 |

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|--------------|------------------|
| Total | \$611,500 |
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**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Financial Statements
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Livonia, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

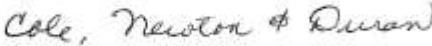
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Evangelical Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

COLE, NEWTON & DURAN



March 7, 2013

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statements of Financial Position
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| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Unrestricted | \$ 153,624 | \$ 165,523 |
| Restricted | 4,822,353 | 2,494,786 |
| Investments: | | |
| Restricted | 6,332,370 | 4,694,895 |
| Accounts receivable | 10,368 | 84,052 |
| Inventory | 16,527 | 26,288 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 11,335,242 | 7,465,544 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Furniture and equipment | 178,251 | 176,921 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (111,924) | (90,231) |
| NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | 66,327 | 86,690 |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Copyrights, net of amortization | 43,000 | 44,500 |
| Notes receivable | 712,243 | 649,447 |
| Deposits | 153,999 | 187,799 |
| TOTAL OTHER ASSETS | 909,242 | 881,746 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 12,310,811 | \$ 8,433,980 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 370,997 | \$ 455,960 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted | | |
| Net EPC | 1,098,904 | 914,470 |
| Board designated | 111,843 | - |
| Total unrestricted | 1,210,747 | 914,470 |
| Temporarily restricted | 10,729,067 | 7,063,550 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | 11,939,814 | 7,978,020 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 12,310,811 | \$ 8,433,980 |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year December 31, 2012

| REVENUE | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Totals |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 1,662,641 | \$ 3,106,971 | \$ 4,769,612 |
| Interest and dividends | 10,300 | 21,693 | 31,993 |
| Program income | 10,581,401 | 169,287 | 10,750,688 |
| Other income | 29,301 | 193,352 | 222,653 |
| Realized and unrealized gains on investments | 110,004 | 174,214 | 284,218 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>12,393,647</u> | <u>3,665,517</u> | <u>16,059,164</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Program expenses | 10,506,321 | - | 10,506,321 |
| General and administrative | 1,587,049 | - | 1,587,049 |
| Fundraising | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>12,097,370</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,097,370</u> |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | 296,277 | 3,665,517 | 3,961,794 |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>914,470</u> | <u>7,063,550</u> | <u>7,978,020</u> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 1,210,747</u> | <u>\$ 10,729,067</u> | <u>\$ 11,939,814</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year December 31, 2011

| REVENUE | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Totals |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 1,469,662 | \$ 2,984,753 | \$ 4,454,415 |
| Interest and dividends | 15,000 | 21,930 | 36,930 |
| Program income | 9,754,855 | 46,397 | 9,801,252 |
| Other income | 23,015 | 141,640 | 164,655 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 29,845 | (14,553) | 15,292 |
| Subtotal | <u>11,292,377</u> | <u>3,180,167</u> | <u>14,472,544</u> |
| Assets released from restrictions | 1,370,933 | (1,370,933) | - |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>12,663,310</u> | <u>1,809,234</u> | <u>14,472,544</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Program expenses | 11,056,301 | - | 11,056,301 |
| General and administrative | 1,470,725 | - | 1,470,725 |
| Fundraising | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>12,531,026</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,531,026</u> |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | 132,284 | 1,809,234 | 1,941,518 |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>782,186</u> | <u>5,254,316</u> | <u>6,036,502</u> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 914,470</u> | <u>\$ 7,063,550</u> | <u>\$ 7,978,020</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year December 31, 2012

| | Program Services | General and Administrative | Fund Raising | Totals |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Compensation | \$ - | \$ 774,392 | \$ - | \$ 774,392 |
| Employee benefits | - | 175,212 | - | 175,212 |
| Payroll taxes and related expenses | - | 60,150 | - | 60,150 |
| Repairs and maintenance | - | 5,629 | - | 5,629 |
| Staff and executive travel | - | 99,702 | - | 99,702 |
| Committee expenses | - | 59,969 | - | 59,969 |
| Printing and promotion | - | 22,231 | 4,000 | 26,231 |
| Professional fees | - | - | - | - |
| Rent and property taxes | - | 138,692 | - | 138,692 |
| Vehicle expenses | - | 2,309 | - | 2,309 |
| Office supplies and expense | - | 16,293 | - | 16,293 |
| Telephone | - | 12,340 | - | 12,340 |
| Directors' and officers' insurance | - | 11,110 | - | 11,110 |
| Postage | - | 18,066 | - | 18,066 |
| Technology support | - | 64,770 | - | 64,770 |
| Financial audit | - | 8,500 | - | 8,500 |
| Development | - | 15,961 | - | 15,961 |
| Christian education and chaplain resources | - | 486 | - | 486 |
| Fraternal relations | - | 18,229 | - | 18,229 |
| Support and training | - | - | - | - |
| General Assembly expenses | - | 31,798 | - | 31,798 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 3,513 | - | 3,513 |
| Medical plan premiums | 924,885 | - | - | 924,885 |
| Medical plan claims | 6,025,681 | - | - | 6,025,681 |
| Medical plan administrative | 737,702 | - | - | 737,702 |
| Pension plan administrative | - | 9,397 | - | 9,397 |
| Program expenses | 2,818,053 | - | - | 2,818,053 |
| Subtotal | 10,506,321 | 1,548,749 | 4,000 | 12,059,070 |
| Board designated expenses | - | 16,437 | - | 16,437 |
| Fixed asset capitalization | - | (6,632) | - | (6,632) |
| Depreciation and amortization | - | 28,495 | - | 28,495 |
| | <u>\$ 10,506,321</u> | <u>\$ 1,587,049</u> | <u>\$ 4,000</u> | <u>\$ 12,097,370</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year December 31, 2011**

| | Program Services | General and Administrative | Fund Raising | Totals |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Compensation | \$ - | \$ 763,418 | \$ - | \$ 763,418 |
| Employee benefits | - | 162,029 | - | 162,029 |
| Payroll taxes and related expenses | - | 60,185 | - | 60,185 |
| Staff and executive travel | - | 85,958 | - | 85,958 |
| Repairs and maintenance | - | 7,342 | - | 7,342 |
| Committee expenses | - | 66,261 | - | 66,261 |
| Printing and promotion | - | 25,132 | 4,000 | 29,132 |
| Professional fees | - | 9,363 | - | 9,363 |
| Rent and property taxes | - | 151,758 | - | 151,758 |
| Vehicle expenses | - | 5,755 | - | 5,755 |
| Office supplies and expense | - | 12,985 | - | 12,985 |
| Telephone | - | 15,072 | - | 15,072 |
| Directors' and officers' insurance | - | 11,110 | - | 11,110 |
| Postage | - | 26,421 | - | 26,421 |
| Technology support | - | 65,099 | - | 65,099 |
| Development | - | 11,971 | - | 11,971 |
| Christian education resources | - | 753 | - | 753 |
| Fraternal relations | - | 14,493 | - | 14,493 |
| General Assembly expenses | - | 29,096 | - | 29,096 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 2,234 | - | 2,234 |
| Medical plan premiums | 938,549 | - | - | 938,549 |
| Medical plan claims | 6,402,329 | - | - | 6,402,329 |
| Medical plan administrative | 667,318 | - | - | 667,318 |
| Pension plan administrative | - | 7,406 | - | 7,406 |
| Program expenses | 3,048,105 | - | - | 3,048,105 |
| Subtotal | 11,056,301 | 1,533,841 | 4,000 | 12,594,142 |
| Fixed asset capitalization | - | (95,761) | - | (95,761) |
| Depreciation and amortization | - | 32,645 | - | 32,645 |
| | <u>\$ 11,056,301</u> | <u>\$ 1,470,725</u> | <u>\$ 4,000</u> | <u>\$ 12,531,026</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Statements of Cash Flows
December 31, 2012 and 2011

| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets | \$ 3,961,794 | \$ 1,941,518 |
| Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to cash flow from operating activities | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 28,495 | 32,645 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | - | - |
| Unrealized (gains) losses on investments | (284,218) | (15,292) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable | 73,685 | 9,721 |
| Decrease (increase) in inventory | 9,761 | (12,857) |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses | - | 3,541 |
| Decrease (increase) in deposits | 33,800 | (18,918) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable | (84,964) | (76,047) |
| Total adjustments | <u>(223,441)</u> | <u>(77,207)</u> |
| NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | <u>3,738,353</u> | <u>1,864,311</u> |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Decrease (increase) in notes receivable | (62,796) | 39,982 |
| Sale (purchase) of fixed assets | (6,632) | (95,761) |
| Sale (purchase) of investments | (1,353,257) | (516,377) |
| NET CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | <u>(1,422,685)</u> | <u>(572,156)</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 2,315,668 | 1,292,155 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>2,660,309</u> | <u>1,368,154</u> |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 4,975,977</u> | <u>\$ 2,660,309</u> |
| Supplemental disclosures | | |
| Cash paid for: | | |
| Income taxes | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest | \$ - | \$ - |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church**Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2012 and 2011****NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the Church) is a church denomination with member churches throughout the United States of America that are evangelical in spirit. As part of its support of the member churches, the Church administers designated funds and provides a medical insurance plan that is available to any employees of member churches and their families, and clergy and their families.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIESGENERAL

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

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Financial statement presentation follows requirements of the Not-for-Profit Entities Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. The Church is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

PROMISES TO GIVE

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Church that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable are primarily from the medical benefits plan; management has reviewed the accounts and believes they are all collectible. No provision for uncollectible accounts has been provided.

INCOME TAXES

The Church is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Church is not a private foundation under Code Section 509.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Church considers all highly liquid debt instruments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. However, short-term investments with maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less, which are subject to investment management direction, are treated as investments rather than cash.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use, and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support. The Church reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Church reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets at that time. Property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for the years 2012 and 2011 totaled \$26,995 and \$31,145 respectively.

INVENTORY

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

INVESTMENTS

Investments are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the changes in net assets. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the value of contributed services meeting the requirements of recognition in the financial statements was not material and has not been recorded.

NOTE 3 – NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable consists of loan agreements made to member churches at interest rates below the current market rates. The churches make principal and interest payments on a monthly basis. All notes are included in the Church Loan Fund, except for the EPC Foundation. Details of this account consist of the following:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Faith EPC | \$ 121,666 | \$ 131,666 |
| North Oaks Community | 58,785 | 67,085 |
| Christ Church | 109,158 | 119,167 |
| Peace Durham | 111,371 | 121,388 |
| New Creation | 115,333 | -0- |
| Munford | 70,000 | 75,000 |
| Grace Community | 124,102 | 133,333 |
| EPC Foundation | 1,828 | 1,808 |
| Total | \$ 712,243 | \$ 649,447 |

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Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 4 – NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| World Outreach | \$ 1,642,940 | \$ 1,478,244 |
| Church Development | 46,313 | 67,113 |
| Church Loan | 778,834 | 771,724 |
| Programs | 1,585,290 | 1,391,626 |
| Medical Insurance Plan | 6,675,690 | 3,354,843 |
| Total | \$ 10,729,067 | \$ 7,063,550 |

Board Designated Net Assets

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Committee on Administration approved designation of the surplus from the year 2012 in the amount of \$111,843 to be spent on future software upgrades and database consolidation.

NOTE 5 – SELF INSURANCE

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church currently utilizes a self-funded medical program using an insurance company to administer the claims. The program covers employees of member churches and their families, and clergy and their families. The program loss is limited by the use of a re-insurance policy.

Following is a summary of transactions for the self-insurance program for 2012 and 2011.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Premiums Billed | \$10,626,966 | \$ 9,685,368 |
| Interest and Dividend Income | 14,583 | 15,000 |
| Gain (Loss) in Market Value | 174,214 | (14,553) |
| Other | 193,352 | 141,640 |
| Premiums Expense | (924,885) | (938,549) |
| Claims Expense | (6,025,681) | (6,402,329) |
| Administrative Expense | (737,702) | (667,318) |
| Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenses | \$ 3,320,847 | \$ 1,819,259 |

Deposits-self insurance plan

The plan uses a service company to pay its medical claim forms. The company requires a deposit based on the amount of average claims payable. Total deposits at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$141,618 and \$175,418, respectively.

Claims payable-self insurance plan

Management records a liability for claims relating to a year that are not paid until the following year. Total claims payable at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$311,704 and \$414,155, respectively. It is possible that management may be unaware of certain claims until considerable time after the year end. Those claims are recorded as an expense in the period when management becomes aware of them.

NOTE 6 – PENSION PLAN

The General Assembly Office participates in a multi-employer pension plan administered by the Board of Pensions and Benefits as elected by the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The plan is a defined contribution type. Contributions by the General Assembly Office to the plan for participants for 2012 and 2011 were \$78,087 and \$70,087 respectively. Any employee may participate in the salary reduction aspect of the plan. Also, the Assembly may make contributions for the benefit of employees at its discretion.

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NOTE 7 – LEASES

Office space

The Church entered into an amended lease agreement, effective December 2, 2010, which expires December 31, 2016. Base monthly rent is \$11,111 with square footage rate increases \$0.50 per year, beginning January 1, 2012. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

| | |
|-------|-------------------|
| 2013 | \$ 140,952 |
| 2014 | 144,761 |
| 2015 | 148,570 |
| 2016 | <u>152,380</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 586,663</u> |

Equipment

The Church entered into an agreement for office equipment on March 1, 2012. The lease requires quarterly fees of \$825 and expires May, 2017. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

| | |
|-------|------------------|
| 2013 | \$ 3,300 |
| 2014 | 3,300 |
| 2015 | 3,300 |
| 2016 | 3,300 |
| 2017 | <u>1,100</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 14,300</u> |

NOTE 8 – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures funds on deposit in one financial institution up to \$250,000. Money market funds held within the Church's investments are not covered under the FDIC. At times during the year, the Church has uninsured deposits. The Church has not experienced any losses with respect to uninsured cash balances.

NOTE 9 – INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market value and are maintained in investment accounts as follows:

Administration

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wells Fargo | \$ 3,408,106 | \$ 2,722,020 |
| Vanguard | -0- | 37,258 |
| | <u>\$ 3,408,106</u> | <u>\$ 2,759,278</u> |

Medical Insurance Plan

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Exeter Trust Company | \$ 1,598,940 | \$ 1,412,843 |
| Merrill Lynch | 1,299,074 | 500,109 |
| Fidelity S & P Index Investments | 26,250 | 22,665 |
| | <u>\$ 2,924,264</u> | <u>\$ 1,935,617</u> |

| | | |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Totals | <u>\$ 6,332,370</u> | <u>\$ 4,694,895</u> |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|

These accounts are managed by fund administrators from each brokerage firm.

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NOTE 9 – INVESTMENTS, continued

At December 31, 2012, the investments were as follows:

| | Cash | Fixed Income | Stocks | Mutual Funds | Total |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Exeter Trust Company | \$ 46,943 | \$ 1,123,640 | \$ 428,357 | \$ -0- | \$1,598,940 |
| Merrill Lynch | 500,664 | 798,410 | -0- | -0- | 1,299,074 |
| Fidelity S&P Index | 210 | -0- | 26,040 | -0- | 26,250 |
| Wells Fargo | 154,664 | 1,457,123 | 1,484,591 | 311,728 | 3,408,106 |
| Vanguard | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| | <u>\$707,341</u> | <u>\$3,379,173</u> | <u>\$1,938,988</u> | <u>\$ 311,728</u> | <u>\$ 6,332,370</u> |

At December 31, 2011, the investments were as follows:

| | Cash | Bonds | Stocks | Mutual Funds | Total |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Exeter Trust Company | \$ 30,708 | \$ 298,607 | \$ 796,500 | \$ 287,028 | \$ 1,412,843 |
| Fidelity S&P Index | 210 | -0- | -0- | 22,455 | 22,665 |
| Merrill Lynch | 500,109 | -0- | -0- | -0- | 500,109 |
| Wells Fargo | 507,922 | 356,636 | 711,485 | 1,145,977 | 2,722,020 |
| Vanguard | -0- | 37,258 | -0- | -0- | 37,258 |
| | <u>\$538,840</u> | <u>\$ 692,501</u> | <u>\$1,507,985</u> | <u>\$1,455,460</u> | <u>\$ 4,694,895</u> |

Investment Risks – Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values in the near term could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 10 – FAIR VALUE

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and input used to measure fair value.

In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs used quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. Management's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

Management's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy.

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

• **NOTE 10 – FAIR VALUE, continued**

Management measures its investments in stocks, fixed income and mutual funds at fair value on a recurring basis. The fair value of its investments is based primarily on Level 1 inputs as described above.

NOTE 11 – PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION

Certain prior year amounts were re-stated to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 12 – COPYRIGHTS

The Church entered into an agreement with Summertown Tests for the purchase of copyrights for the EPC Edition of the Modern Language Version of the Westminster Confessions of Faith and Larger Catechism. The total purchase was \$50,000. The Church paid \$5,000 in 2005, and then settled the agreement with a final payment of \$23,750 in 2006. This copyright is being amortized at the rate of \$1,500 per year. In December of 2009, another copyright for the Westminster Confession of Faith was donated to the Organization. This has been valued at the same value as the other copyright (\$28,750) and is being amortized at \$1,500 per year beginning in 2010.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Total copyrights | \$ 57,500 |
| Less accumulated amortization | <u>14,500</u> |
| Balance | <u>\$ 43,000</u> |

NOTE 13 – PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENSES

The following is a breakdown of the Program expenses for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Medical Insurance Plan | \$ 7,688,258 | \$ 8,008,196 |
| World Outreach | 2,321,686 | 2,444,996 |
| Church Assistance | 357,245 | 552,441 |
| Church Development | 27,689 | 50,668 |
| Special Projects | -0- | -0- |
| Total | \$10,394,878 | \$11,056,301 |

NOTE 14 – EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

Management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date of the auditor's report, which was the first date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Information

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Combining Schedule of Financial Position
December 31, 2012**

| | Church Administration | Designated | Church Development | Medical Insurance Plan | Church Loan | Total |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | \$ 153,624 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 153,624 |
| Restricted | - | 762,020 | 46,313 | 3,969,797 | 44,223 | 4,822,353 |
| Investments | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 917,700 | 2,466,210 | - | 2,924,264 | 24,196 | 6,332,370 |
| Accounts receivable | 4,360 | - | - | 6,008 | - | 10,368 |
| Inventory | 16,527 | - | - | - | - | 16,527 |
| Property and equipment, net | 66,327 | - | - | - | - | 66,327 |
| Notes receivable | 1,828 | - | - | - | 710,415 | 712,243 |
| Copyrights, net | 43,000 | - | - | - | - | 43,000 |
| Deposits | 12,381 | - | - | 141,618 | - | 153,999 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,215,747 | \$ 3,228,230 | \$ 46,313 | \$ 7,041,687 | \$ 778,834 | \$ 12,310,811 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 365,997 | \$ - | \$ 370,997 |
| <u>Net Assets</u> | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 1,210,747 | - | - | - | - | 1,210,747 |
| Temporarily restricted | - | 3,228,230 | 46,313 | 6,675,690 | 778,834 | 10,729,057 |
| Total Net Assets | 1,210,747 | 3,228,230 | 46,313 | 6,675,690 | 778,834 | 11,939,814 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 1,215,747 | \$ 3,228,230 | \$ 46,313 | \$ 7,041,687 | \$ 778,834 | \$ 12,310,811 |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Combining Schedule of Financial Position
December 31, 2011**

| | Church Administration | Designated | Church Development | Medical Insurance Plan | Church Loan | Total |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | \$ 165,523 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 165,523 |
| Restricted | 810,172 | 250,812 | - | 1,582,824 | 50,978 | 2,494,786 |
| Investments | | | | | | |
| Restricted | - | 2,619,058 | 67,113 | 1,935,617 | 73,107 | 4,694,895 |
| Accounts receivable | 2,490 | - | - | 81,562 | - | 84,052 |
| Inventory | 26,288 | - | - | - | - | 26,288 |
| Property and equipment, net | 86,690 | - | - | - | - | 86,690 |
| Notes receivable | 1,808 | - | - | - | 647,639 | 649,447 |
| Copyrights, net | 44,500 | - | - | - | - | 44,500 |
| Deposits | 12,381 | - | - | 175,416 | - | 187,797 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 949,852 | \$ 2,869,870 | \$ 67,113 | \$ 3,775,421 | \$ 771,724 | \$ 8,433,980 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 35,382 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 420,578 | \$ - | \$ 455,960 |
| <u>Net Assets</u> | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 914,470 | - | - | - | - | 914,470 |
| Temporarily restricted | - | 2,869,870 | 67,113 | 3,354,843 | 771,724 | 7,063,550 |
| Total Net Assets | 914,470 | 2,869,870 | 67,113 | 3,354,843 | 771,724 | 7,978,020 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 949,852 | \$ 2,869,870 | \$ 67,113 | \$ 3,775,421 | \$ 771,724 | \$ 8,433,980 |

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Combining Schedule of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
December 31, 2012

| | Church Administration | Designated | Church Development | Church Loan | Medical Insurance Plan | Total |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 1,662,641 | \$ 3,106,971 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,769,612 |
| Interest and dividends | 10,300 | - | - | 7,110 | 14,583 | 31,993 |
| Program income | 75,080 | - | 48,642 | - | 10,626,966 | 10,750,688 |
| Other income | 29,301 | - | - | - | 193,352 | 222,653 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | 110,004 | - | - | - | 174,214 | 284,218 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>1,887,326</u> | <u>3,106,971</u> | <u>48,642</u> | <u>7,110</u> | <u>11,009,115</u> | <u>16,059,164</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>1,591,049</u> | <u>2,748,611</u> | <u>69,442</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,688,268</u> | <u>12,097,370</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 296,277 | 358,360 | (20,800) | 7,110 | 3,320,847 | 3,961,794 |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>914,470</u> | <u>2,869,870</u> | <u>67,113</u> | <u>771,724</u> | <u>3,354,843</u> | <u>7,978,020</u> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 1,210,747</u> | <u>\$ 3,228,230</u> | <u>\$ 46,313</u> | <u>\$ 778,834</u> | <u>\$ 6,675,690</u> | <u>\$ 11,939,814</u> |

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Combining Schedule of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
December 31, 2011

| | Church Administration | Designated | Church Development | Church Loan | Medical Insurance Plan | Total |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 1,469,662 | \$ 2,984,753 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,454,415 |
| Interest and dividends | 15,000 | - | - | 6,930 | 15,000 | 36,930 |
| Program income | 69,487 | - | 46,397 | - | 9,685,368 | 9,801,252 |
| Other income | 23,015 | - | - | - | 141,640 | 164,655 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | 29,845 | - | - | - | (14,553) | 15,292 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>1,607,009</u> | <u>2,984,753</u> | <u>46,397</u> | <u>6,930</u> | <u>9,827,455</u> | <u>14,472,544</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>1,474,725</u> | <u>2,997,437</u> | <u>50,668</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>8,008,196</u> | <u>12,531,026</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 132,284 | (12,684) | (4,271) | 6,930 | 1,819,259 | 1,941,518 |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>782,186</u> | <u>2,882,554</u> | <u>71,384</u> | <u>784,794</u> | <u>1,535,584</u> | <u>6,036,502</u> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 914,470</u> | <u>\$ 2,869,870</u> | <u>\$ 67,113</u> | <u>\$ 771,724</u> | <u>\$ 3,354,843</u> | <u>\$ 7,978,020</u> |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Administration
Schedules of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

ASSETS

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Comerica checking | \$ 931,262 | \$ 535,152 |
| Comerica money market | 26,046 | 325,833 |
| Petty cash | 300 | 300 |
| PayPal electronic account | 4,349 | 2,147 |
| Vanguard general fund money market | - | 163,075 |
| Wells Fargo general fund | 2,466,210 | 1,802,363 |
| Vanguard corporate bond fund | - | 37,258 |
| Wells Fargo Knox fund | 601,889 | 563,490 |
| Wells Fargo medical benevolence | 261,977 | 235,616 |
| Wells Fargo ministerial endowment | 53,834 | 47,443 |
| Literature inventory | 16,527 | 26,288 |
| Accounts receivable | 4,360 | 2,490 |
| Note receivable-EPC Foundation | 1,828 | 1,808 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | <u>4,368,582</u> | <u>3,743,263</u> |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Furniture and equipment | 178,251 | 176,921 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (111,924) | (90,231) |
| TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | <u>66,327</u> | <u>86,690</u> |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Copyrights | 43,000 | 44,500 |
| Deposit | 12,381 | 12,381 |
| TOTAL OTHER ASSETS | <u>55,381</u> | <u>56,881</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 4,490,290</u> | <u>\$ 3,886,834</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accrued expenses | \$ 5,000 | \$ 35,382 |
| DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS | <u>3,228,230</u> | <u>2,869,870</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>3,233,230</u> | <u>2,905,252</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | | |
| Net EPC | 1,145,217 | 981,582 |
| Board designated | 111,843 | - |
| TOTAL | <u>1,257,060</u> | <u>981,582</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>\$ 4,490,290</u> | <u>\$ 3,886,834</u> |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Administration
Schedules of Revenue and Expense
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

| REVENUE | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Per member giving | \$ 1,662,641 | \$ 1,469,662 |
| Market value adjustments | 110,004 | 29,845 |
| Missionary administration | 75,080 | 69,487 |
| Knox fund interest income | 10,300 | 15,000 |
| Other income | 29,301 | 23,015 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,887,326 | 1,607,009 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| <u>Personnel</u> | | |
| Stated clerk salary | 143,257 | 142,055 |
| Program staff salaries | 439,657 | 426,405 |
| Support staff salaries | 191,478 | 194,958 |
| Staff insurance and pension | 175,212 | 162,029 |
| Professional expense allowance | 3,825 | 3,715 |
| Staff travel and expenses | 49,063 | 41,156 |
| Executive travel | 46,814 | 41,087 |
| Payroll taxes and worker's compensation | 60,150 | 60,185 |
| Officers' and directors' liability insurance | 11,110 | 11,110 |
| <u>Total Personnel</u> | <u>1,120,566</u> | <u>1,082,700</u> |
| <u>Administration</u> | | |
| Contingencies | 2,088 | 1,273 |
| Telephone | 12,340 | 15,072 |
| Office supplies | 15,543 | 12,984 |
| Printing and promotion | 26,231 | 29,132 |
| Postage | 18,066 | 26,421 |
| Technology support | 64,770 | 65,099 |
| Financial audit | 8,500 | 8,600 |
| Professional fees | - | 763 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,425 | 958 |
| Office development | 750 | 8,993 |
| Committee travel | 59,969 | 66,261 |
| General Assembly administration | 31,798 | 29,096 |
| Pension fund administration | 9,397 | 7,406 |
| Chaplain endorser resources | 266 | - |
| Fraternal relations | 18,229 | 14,493 |
| Presbytery development | 15,961 | 2,728 |
| Leadership development | - | 250 |
| Christian education resources | 220 | 753 |
| Office rent and taxes | 138,692 | 151,758 |
| Office maintenance and insurance | 5,629 | 7,345 |
| Vehicle expense | 2,309 | 5,755 |
| Board designated expenses | 16,437 | - |
| Depreciation and amortization | 28,495 | 32,645 |
| Reclassification of fixed assets | (6,632) | (95,761) |
| <u>Total Administration</u> | <u>470,483</u> | <u>392,024</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1,591,049 | 1,474,724 |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | \$ 296,277 | \$ 132,285 |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Church Development
Schedules of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Alleghenies Presbytery | \$ 1,500 | \$ - |
| Midwest Presbytery | 14,048 | 14,027 |
| Southeast Presbytery | 5,280 | 5,280 |
| West Presbytery | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Mid-America Presbytery | 4,649 | 4,635 |
| Central South Presbytery | 12,795 | 7,500 |
| East Presbytery | 1,275 | 1,500 |
| Rivers and Lakes Presbytery | 2,605 | 2,244 |
| Florida Presbytery | 1,690 | 1,474 |
| Mid-Atlantic Presbytery | - | 4,937 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 48,642 | 46,397 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Presbytery development and travel | 12,406 | 3,703 |
| Region CDC coordinators | 22,500 | 30,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,086 | - |
| Church planter's development | 28,702 | 7,647 |
| Home missionary outreach | 4,407 | 7,407 |
| Urban ministries | 341 | 1,911 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 69,442 | 50,668 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS | (20,800) | \$ (4,271) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 67,113 | 71,384 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | \$ 46,313 | \$ 67,113 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Church Loan Fund
Schedules of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

| ASSETS | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Comerica checking | \$ 44,223 | \$ 50,978 |
| Wells Fargo investment account | 24,196 | 73,107 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 68,419 | 124,085 |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Notes receivable - | | |
| Christ Church | 109,158 | 119,167 |
| Faith EPC | 121,666 | 131,666 |
| Grace Community | 124,101 | 133,333 |
| Munford | 70,000 | 75,000 |
| New Creation | 115,333 | - |
| North Oaks | 58,785 | 67,085 |
| Peace Durham | 111,372 | 121,388 |
| TOTAL OTHER ASSETS | 710,415 | 647,639 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 778,834 | \$ 771,724 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS | \$ 778,834 | \$ 771,724 |

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Church Loan Fund
Schedules of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Investment Income | \$ 133 | \$ 361 |
| Notes receivable interest income | | |
| Hope Richmond | - | 480 |
| Peace Durham | 1,214 | 1,314 |
| Christ Church | 1,192 | 1,292 |
| North Oaks | 671 | 754 |
| Faith EPC | 1,323 | 1,296 |
| Grace Community | 1,127 | 1,433 |
| Restoration (Munford) | 750 | - |
| New Creation | 700 | - |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>7,110</u> | <u>6,930</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administration fee | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 7,110 | 6,930 |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>771,724</u> | <u>764,794</u> |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 778,834</u> | <u>\$ 771,724</u> |

Board of Benefits Report
33rd General Assembly

Members of the Board of Benefits are RE David VanValkenburg (Chairman), TE Greg Anthony, RE John Baird, RE Linden Cole, TE Ron Horgan, RE Andrew Warner, RE Kent Talbert. The Board met five (5) times during the last year: In-person at the GA offices in Livonia, MI, on August 10 and December 17, 2012, and telephonically on November 27, 2012, March 22, 2013, and May 14, 2013. In order to discuss various issues in much greater detail, the Medical Benefits and the Retirement Plan Committees met by telephone and internet several times during the year.



*David Van Valkenburg
Chairman*

The members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Board of Benefits consider it indeed an honor and privilege to serve the pastors, retired pastors, missionaries, lay staff, and the staff of the General Assembly of Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Board of Benefits takes very seriously its fiduciary responsibility to exercise appropriate oversight of the 403(b) (9) Retirement Plan and Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, and Long Term Disability Insurance Policies. We also maintain our commitment to provide optimum and affordable medical and prescription benefits plans for all ordained and non-ordained staff, so that they can focus their time and energy on the vital mission of serving our Lord Jesus Christ in the communities to which God has called them.

Please accept my sincere thanks to the Commissioners at the 32rd General Assembly for extending for one extra year the terms of Ruling Elder John Baird, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, MI, Presbytery of the Midwest, and Teaching Elder Ron Horgan, Christ Community Church, Montreat, NC, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. Both have served on the Board of Benefits for multiple terms and have accumulated much understanding of the many benefits issues that have, are, and may face the EPC in the future. Using the wisdom with which God has so graciously blessed them, their unselfish service this past year has been very beneficial for all people in the EPC that are covered by the various benefit plans. Teaching Elder Greg Anthony, Brandon, MS, Central South Presbytery, and Ruling Elder Linden Cole, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL, Rivers and Lakes Presbytery, terms of service expire this year. Both have dedicated many hours of prayer for God to lead the Board of Benefits in our deliberations and have generously shared their investment and actuarial expertise, respectively. Please join me in thanking these four exemplary members of the EPC for their commitment to serve Our Lord and the pastors and lay employees of our EPC churches.

Serving their first terms on the Board of Benefits are Ruling Elder Andy Warner (2011), Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brighton, MI, Presbytery of the Midwest; Ruling Elder Kent Talbert (2012), Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD, East Presbytery; and Ruling Elder David Van Valkenburg (2011), Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO, Presbytery of the West. These have willingly volunteered to actively study the issues confronting the Board of Benefits and to pray for God's blessing of great wisdom and keen understanding of the most appropriate actions that will optimally

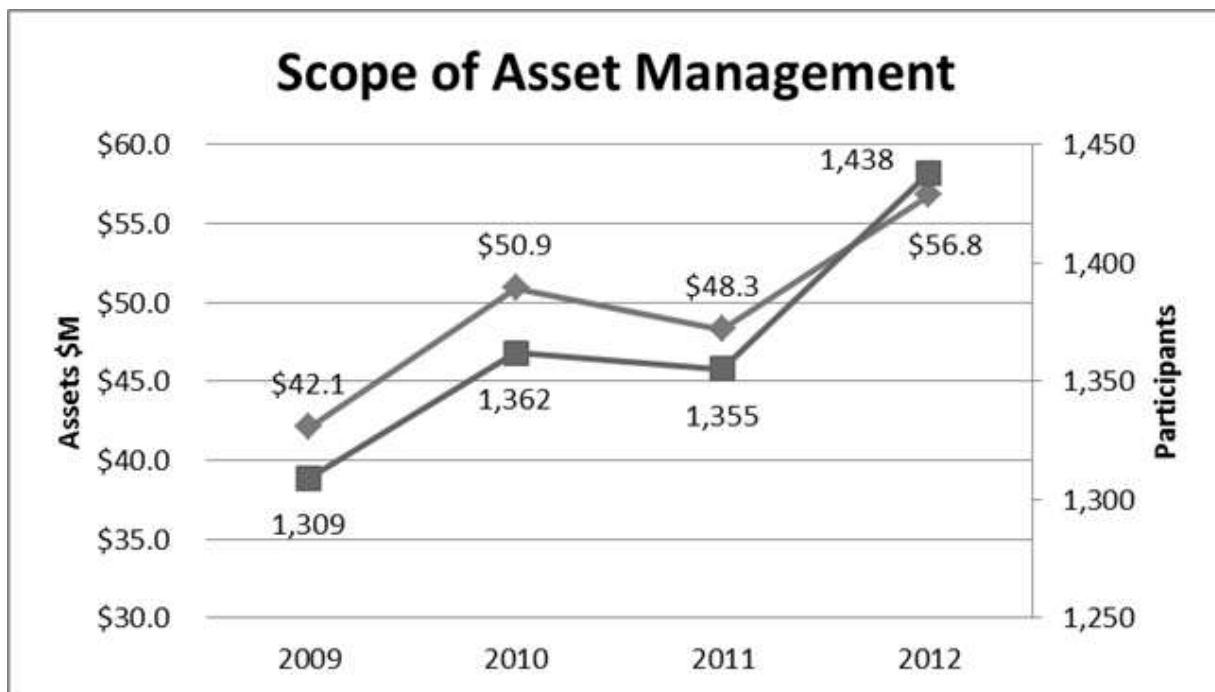
benefit those in the EPC that rely on the benefits plans for their and their families' peace of mind.

The Board gratefully thanks Michael Leighton for his many years of service to the EPC as its Director of Benefits. Although Michael officially retired December 31, 2012, he continues to provide critical support to the Board and the new, EPC Chief Operating Officer, Philip Van Valkenburg. Philip joined the GA staff on January 1, 2013. Among his other responsibilities in the GA Office, Philip also oversees the EPC benefits planning and administration. Ms. Linda DiVeto and Ms. Nancy Schipper provide daily service to all participants in the EPC Medical Benefits Plan, various Insurance policies, and the 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan. Their necessary activities have continued to expand as the EPC has added new churches. Please extend your thanks to Linda and Nancy for their diligent service to the EPC.

The Work of the Board

Retirement Plan

The total assets invested by EPC pastors and lay staff in the EPC 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan are shown below. This amount rebounded from 2011 because of more participants investing more funds and much improved stock market performance.



Because individual participants make their own investment decisions, the resultant annual gains and losses will significantly vary. However, the median performance of the personal portfolios in this Retirement Plan has generally outperformed the S & P 500 Index, as shown in the table below. Although this benchmark is not directly comparable because participants have funds invested in money market funds, government and corporate bonds as well as

domestic and international mutual funds, it does indicate that many participants have selected funds that have met and exceeded the general stock market gains/losses.

| | <u>1 Year</u> | <u>3 Years</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| EPC Median Performance | 14.5% | 7.7% | 0.5% | 5.7% |
| S & P 500 Performance | 13.4% | 8.6% | (0.6%) | 5.0% |

The investment philosophy of individual participants usually changes as a person grows older. With more years before retirement and commencement of withdrawal from these retirement funds, generally a younger person is prepared to take more risk and invest in more volatile securities. As individuals approach retirement age, most investment advisors suggest that older participants invest more conservatively with preservation of capital becoming the common investment philosophy. Although the Board is not in a position to provide specific, individualized investment advice, we continue to caution participants aged 60 and older that it may not be wise to invest primarily in mutual funds that contain mostly stock in publicly traded companies. Regardless of age, we would suggest that all participants, at least annually, contact an investment advisor at Fidelity to review their portfolio, its relative performance, and determine whether there might need to be a change in investment philosophy, which could lead to changes in investment choices among more than 35 different mutual funds that have a wide variety of investment strategies.

In order to be fiscally prudent, we strongly encourage each church to invest in this retirement plan the amount agreed upon in a pastor's terms of call. In addition, it is wise for each participant (pastors and lay staff) to monthly set aside as much as possible for their retirement. Although it is now becoming late to significantly increase the value of the portfolio of participants over 55 years old, it is worrisome that the median portfolio of participants in this age group is only \$28,500. On the other hand, the median portfolio of those participants under 55 years old is \$12,700. We recognize that participants may have other retirement investments. The message, however, goes to the younger participants to wisely save and invest funds now rather than trying to make all the gains in the last few years prior to retirement.

Medical Benefits Plans

The major focus of the Board of Benefits during FY2013 has been on trying to identify potential impacts of the full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) on the self-funded EPC Medical Benefits Plans. Almost twelve (12) months ago, the US Supreme Court decision essentially upheld the most significant provisions of Obamacare. The re-election of President Obama and the Democrats maintaining control of the Senate assured that only very minor, bipartisan changes would likely be made in the initial Obamacare law. However, the rules and regulations required to implement all the provisions of the Law are still being written, published with requested commentary, and final issuance of each new rule and regulation by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other federal agencies. Many such rules and regulations are still to be initially published prior to final adoption. It is not known at this time whether any

of these many, remaining rules and regulations will have a direct or indirect effect upon the EPC Medical Benefits Plans.

Central to the effective implementation of ObamaCare is the creation of computer hardware and software systems that will act as the internet websites (Exchanges) to which individuals may go to obtain competitive offers of medical insurance. Although the Law delegated this responsibility to each state, most states decided to defer this responsibility to the Federal Government to develop these complex systems. It is unclear how well Exchanges will perform or whether all State and Federal Exchanges will be completed in time to commence service October 1, 2013.

The HHS rule pertaining to the required, universal provision of free contraceptives (preventive contraceptives, abortifacients [morning after pill and week after pill], and sterilization) does exempt all “religious employers.” A “religious employer” is currently proposed (the final definition has yet to be released) to be defined as being organized and operated as a nonprofit entity with its own 501(c) (3) charter and referred to in section 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) or (iii) of the IRS Tax Code. This would cover churches, conventions or associations of churches, religious orders, and integrated auxiliaries of churches. An integrated auxiliary of a church must be a 501(c)(3) organization, affiliated with a church and “internally supported.” An organization is not “internally supported” if it offers goods, services or facilities for sale, other than on an incidental basis, to the general public; and it normally receives more than 50% of its support from a combination of government sources, public solicitation of contributions, and receipts from the sale of admissions or goods, the performance of services, or furnishing facilities in activities that are not unrelated trades or businesses. This definition would appear to include the ordained and lay staff of EPC churches, missionaries, retired pastors, and the GA office staff. However, it is unclear whether the employees of a counseling service, pre-school, or a primary school organized within a church’s 501(c)(3) charter would still be included within the definition of a “religious employer.” Such groups of employees that are employed within 501(c)(3) charters apart from that of the church may not be an “internally supported” activity, even if operated within the church facilities. Employees of religious organizations that do not meet this definition of “religious employer” would have no-cost access to certain contraceptive products and services through means other than their employer’s medical plan. These are uncertainties that may not be resolved without clarifying regulations and probable, extended litigation. The EPC Medical Benefits Plans do cover prescribed preventive contraceptives as any another prescription drug.

This exemption from the Contraceptive Mandate is consistent with the Position Paper on Abortion adopted by the 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 1986 wherein it states in part:

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life. The Westminster Shorter Catechism, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of life while demanding the preservation of life. Scripture teaches that we are not merely to avoid involvement in injustice. God's people

are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. Scripture passages are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.

The 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child. Because we hold these convictions concerning unborn children, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal systems into line with the scriptural view on protecting the poor and weak. Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. All citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. But the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state is not a private but a public matter. The Bible teaches that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion must never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.

This position was further supported by the 32nd General Assembly in 2012 wherein a special Resolution was adopted that stated in part:

We acknowledge not every part of the Preventive Care Mandate offends the conscience of all believers. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for example, does not take a stand against artificial means of contraception. However, we do profoundly object to abortion on demand.

The most significant economic issue for the Board of Benefits, the COA, the GA, and each church within the EPC to consider is the introduction of Premium Tax Credits (PTCs) as subsidies for individuals who purchase medical insurance through the State and Federal Exchanges. Those individuals whose Household Income is between 133% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level will be eligible to obtain medical insurance at various discounted rates through the application of these PTCs. Unless a church has 50 or more Full Time Equivalent Employees, there will be no penalty for discontinuing the provision of medical benefits and suggesting that all its employees obtain their medical insurance through the State/Federal Exchange or the private medical insurance marketplace. In order to keep these employees “whole,” the church could elect to provide additional, taxable income to help the employees pay for the cost of medical insurance. One very large unknown at this time is the cost of premiums for comparable medical insurance purchased through these Exchanges. Other potential barriers to obtaining such medical insurance are the complexity of the Exchanges and an adequate network of medical providers.

Because of the uncertainties discussed above and many other lesser issues, the Board of Benefits recommended to the Committee on Administration that it submit to the 33rd General Assembly the following Resolution:

MOTION: The 33rd General Assembly gives commission power to the Committee on Administration, effective July 1, 2013, to determine whether EPC Medical Benefits Plans should be retained, revised, outsourced or terminated.

A presentation by Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, EPC Stated Clerk, about this Resolution has happened in all Presbytery meetings this spring and a video version has been posted on the EPC website. The video and much more information is on this website: www.epc.org/benefits/coa-resolution-to-the-ga/.

Every effort has been made to assure that the EPC Medical Benefits Plans remain fully compliant with the HHS required benefits, excluding the Contraceptive Mandate. At the beginning of 2013, the following Women's Preventive Care benefits were added to the Plans:

- *Annual well-woman visits that are age and developmentally appropriate*
- *Screening for gestational diabetes in pregnant women*
- *Breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling*
- *Human papillomavirus DNA testing starting at age 30 for high risk women and no more frequently than every three years thereafter*
- *Annual screening for interpersonal and domestic violence*
- *Annual counseling for sexually transmitted infections*
- *Annual screening and counseling for human immune-deficiency virus (HIV)*
- *Contraceptive methods and counseling*

Two major benefit changes are required for all Medical Insurance Plans at the beginning of 2014: Guaranteed Issue (no exclusion due to a pre-existing condition) and no limits of Lifetime Maximum Benefits' payments. The EPC Medical Benefit Plans already include both of these provisions. Therefore, we have been advised that the Plan is fully compliant with the currently known, HHS required benefits effective 2014.

As we have witnessed over the years regarding our EPC Medical Benefits Plan, the monthly cost of medical and prescription claims has been volatile and this was, and is, especially true in smaller groups such as ours. Fortunately, over the past three (3) years, the Medical Reserve Fund has grown from a low level with very little safety margin for significant increases in monthly claims to a level that now provides a significant margin of safety for the EPC should there be a significant cyclical increase in claims or there is a major, negative impact on the EPC Medical Benefits Plan by the full implementation of ObamaCare. This is significant because if the Medical Reserve Fund were to be exhausted, claims would have to be paid by the EPC out of its other funds. This new level of stability in the Reserve Fund has occurred for several reasons. First, premium rates were increased by 29.8% in 2011, 9.8% in 2012, about 5% in 2013. Second, monthly claims, which had increased dramatically in 2009 and 2010, have seen very little change in claims per member over the last two years. Given the claims' experience generally since 2010 and the increase in premiums, the Medical Reserve Fund has increased on a yearly basis to a point where there now exists an adequate margin of safety, according to our actuarial consultants. The investment philosophy of the Medical Reserve Fund, as established by the Board of Benefits, is conservative and liquid. About 80% of the funds are invested in highly liquid, short-term Certificates of Deposit and

Federally Insured Savings Accounts. Thus, these funds are readily available without penalty to cover near term shortfalls in the operations of the Medical Benefits Plans.

The EPC Wellness Program is a systematic approach to healthcare that emphasizes employee health and disease prevention instead of the treatment of an illness. Studies show that employees who participate in such a program are: absent from work less often; more engaged in managing their health; more productive; and less costly to the healthcare system. The Program is voluntary and there is no cost to participate, but has immediate and long term benefits. To encourage participation, eligible individuals who complete an online Wellness Profile will receive a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at one of 200 retailers. The Board of Benefits strongly encourages all EPC Medical Plan participants to, not only complete this Wellness Profile, but also actively and faithfully follow the resultant, personal recommendations. Since the Bible teaches that “we are the temple of the living God” (II Corinthians 6:16), it is incumbent upon all participants in the EPC Medical Benefits Plan to endeavor to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Therefore, it should be expected that the growth of medical benefit claims will be less than the general marketplace.

In closing, the Board of Benefits covets your prayers for Our Lord to give each of us great wisdom and keen insight as we seek to determine where God is leading the EPC in order to provide the optimum Medical Benefits, other insurance policies, and Retirement Plans for all current and retired ordained pastors, lay staff, missionaries, and GA staff in 2014 and the years beyond.

In Conclusion

I close my report with the following short prayer that was recently included in a Tyndale House collection of daily prayers:

Dear Lord Jesus: So often we know the facts, but we do not know what to do about them. We need wisdom! Your Word has so much to say about wisdom. That is a good thing because life is messy, and getting through it gracefully requires much insight. We recognize that You, the All-Powerful, All-Knowing God, have designed this world in such a way that our choices really make a difference in the direction our lives take. So we need a lot of wisdom to make good choices. And You promise that You will supply plenty of wisdom to those who ask for it. Thank you for this essential gift. Wisdom begins with understanding that we are accountable to You, O Lord. Only Your wisdom helps us develop a godly perspective that penetrates the deceptive and distorted messages in this world. We choose to apply Your Truth to our daily situations. In Christ's Name we fervently pray, Amen.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

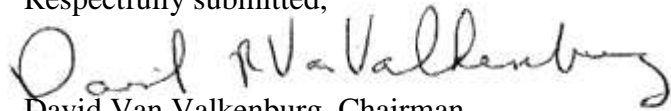
Recommendation BEN-1

That ministers drawing retirement income from the EPC Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (403(b)(9)) be allowed to designate up to 100% of their retirement income for housing allowance, as permitted by applicable regulations adopted pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

Grounds: To do so allows retired ministers to take advantage of this significant tax benefit in retirement, thereby making more of their retirement income available for living expenses.

Adopting this recommendation on an annual basis provides retired ministers with a readily available reference if asked by tax authorities.

Respectfully submitted,


David Van Valkenburg, Chairman

June 2013

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the General Assembly of the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Livonia, Michigan

Introduction

We were engaged to audit the modified cash basis financial statements of Evangelical Presbyterian Church Defined Contribution Retirement Plan as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

The plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note E, which was certified by Fidelity Investments, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

As described in Note C, these financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us on the basis of accounting described in Note C.



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April 26, 2013

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**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

December 31, 2012 and 2011

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Investments at fair value: | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 55,516,121 | \$ 46,068,376 |
| | <u>55,516,121</u> | <u>46,068,376</u> |
| | | |
| Cash | <u>1,332,457</u> | <u>2,273,550</u> |
| | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> |
| | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ADDITIONS | | |
| Investment income: | | |
| Dividends and interest | \$ 1,170,810 | \$ 1,078,576 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 3,673,846 | (2,446,029) |
| Realized gain (loss) on market value | <u>1,335,185</u> | <u>(28,794)</u> |
| Total investment income (loss) | <u>6,179,841</u> | <u>(1,396,247)</u> |
| Contributions | | |
| Church employer contributions | 4,415,172 | 4,406,060 |
| Participant contributions | <u>2,115,976</u> | <u>1,488,910</u> |
| Total contributions | <u>6,531,148</u> | <u>5,894,970</u> |
| TOTAL ADDITIONS | <u>12,710,989</u> | <u>4,498,723</u> |
| DEDUCTIONS | | |
| Benefit payments paid to participants | 4,148,835 | 7,066,996 |
| Administrative fees | <u>55,502</u> | <u>26,888</u> |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS | <u>4,204,337</u> | <u>7,093,884</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 8,506,652 | (2,595,161) |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | | |
| Beginning of year | 48,341,926 | 50,937,087 |
| End of year | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Evangelical Presbyterian Church – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The new Plan document was adopted and implemented effective January 1, 2009. The retirement plan is a 403(b) plan pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code section 403(b)(9). The plan is also intended to be a "church plan" within the meaning of section 404(e) of the Code and section 3(33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Eligibility

The Plan is available to any employees of member churches and clergy of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Any employee will be eligible to become a participant in the plan on the date the participant meets the particular member church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's (employer) eligibility conditions to become a participant. The employer's eligibility conditions shall be set forth in its adoption agreement or in such other written document as may be permitted by the plan administrator.

Payment of Benefits

Distributions are allowed upon retirement, termination of service, hardship, for rental allowance of a participant who is a minister of the gospel as defined in Code Section 107, and eligible direct rollovers to an eligible retirement plan.

Plan Funding

The plan is fully funded from contributions received from participants in salary reduction agreements or member churches on behalf of their employees or their pastors.

Administration of Plan Assets

The Board of Benefits of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall act as the Plan Administrator and shall be responsible for the administration of the Plan.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

NOTE B – TAX STATUS

The Plan is a tax-exempt entity as provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b).

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NOTE C – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accounting records of the Plan are maintained primarily on the modified cash basis method of accounting whereby revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with general accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

The Plan's investments are stated at fair market value based upon quoted market prices of the marketable securities that comprise each of the funds.

Date of Management's Review

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date of the auditor's report which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels:

Level 1 Fair Value Measurement inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical, actual assets and have the highest priority. The Plan considers cash, cash equivalents, including Money Market accounts, publically traded equities, mutual funds and US Treasury securities to be Level 1 inputs.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurement inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are quoted at prices that are not immediately current, or when price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers for example, interest rates and yield curves

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NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates. The Plan has no investments considered to be Level 2 inputs.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurement inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Unobservable inputs shall be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2012 and 2011.

| | 2012 | | 2011 | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Fair Value | Level 1 | Fair Value | Level 1 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,332,457 | \$ 1,332,457 | \$ 2,273,550 | \$ 2,273,550 |
| Equity mutual funds | <u>55,516,121</u> | <u>55,516,121</u> | <u>46,068,376</u> | <u>46,068,376</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> |

NOTE E – PLAN INVESTMENTS

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by the trustee. The following table represents investments at December 31, 2012 and 2011. Investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's assets are separately identified. All assets are valued at market value.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Independent Bank | \$ 42,804 | \$ 47,415 |
| Fidelity Retirement Government MMKT | 2,536,359 | 2,226,135 |
| Fidelity Intermediate Bond | 2,224,859 | 1,738,191 |
| Fidelity Contrafund | 5,762,999 | 5,706,325 |
| Fidelity Magellan | - | 2,589,699 |
| Fidelity Puritan | 2,452,126 | 2,209,330 |
| Fidelity Disciplined Equity | - | 2,766,972 |
| Fidelity Equity Income | 936,400 | 788,834 |
| Fidelity Leveraged Co. Stock | 631,484 | 414,850 |
| Fidelity Capital and Income | 1,506,684 | 1,356,878 |
| Fidelity Value | 1,383,812 | 1,168,359 |
| Fidelity Overseas | - | 317,413 |
| Fidelity Worldwide | 406,370 | 304,746 |
| Fidelity Diversified International | 1,916,512 | 1,931,598 |
| Fidelity Small Cap Independent | 636,877 | 723,092 |
| Fidelity Mid Cap Stock | 1,939,760 | 1,906,945 |
| Fidelity Freedom Income | 378,075 | 445,900 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2000 | 135,015 | 118,651 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2010 | 1,001,833 | 1,235,591 |

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NOTE E – PLAN INVESTMENTS (continued)

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fidelity Freedom 2020 | \$ 4,845,733 | \$ 3,622,305 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2030 | 2,878,579 | 1,961,644 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2040 | 1,625,583 | 1,199,025 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2050 | 236,336 | 158,084 |
| Fidelity Retirement MMKT | 3,434,623 | 2,027,120 |
| Spartan 500 Index Inv | 1,975,391 | 1,549,275 |
| Fidelity Real Estate | 813,349 | 644,617 |
| Fidelity US Bond Index | - | 1,108,676 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2005 | 164,057 | 167,648 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2015 | 1,895,309 | 2,088,923 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2025 | 2,332,503 | 1,767,374 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2035 | 1,819,541 | 1,360,607 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2045 | 828,261 | 559,464 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2055 | 2,029 | - |
| BLNK Brokerage Link | 1,289,653 | 1,049,225 |
| Spartan US Bond Index | 1,244,191 | - |
| OMYJ WFA Small Cap Val Inv | 621,935 | 515,395 |
| OQWY RS Partners A | 305,992 | 276,862 |
| TRP Blue Chip Growth | 3,053,560 | - |
| NB Guardian Trust | 2,930,361 | - |
| Thornburg Int Val R4 | 477,559 | - |
| OSOC RS Value A | 182,064 | 288,758 |
| | <u>\$ 56,848,578</u> | <u>\$ 48,341,926</u> |

The following investments represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fidelity Contrafund | \$5,762,999 | \$ 5,706,325 |
| Fidelity Magellan | - | 2,589,699 |
| Fidelity Retirement MMKT | 3,434,623 | - |
| Fidelity Disciplined Equity | - | 2,766,972 |
| Fidelity Diversified International | - | - |
| Fidelity Mid Cap Stock | - | - |
| Fidelity Freedom 2020 | 4,845,733 | 3,622,305 |
| Fidelity Freedom 2030 | 2,878,579 | - |
| TRP Blue Chip Growth | 3,053,560 | - |
| NB Guardian Trust | 2,930,361 | - |
| | <u>\$ 22,905,855</u> | <u>\$ 14,685,301</u> |

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NOTE F – RELATED PARTIES

All of the Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Investments. Fidelity Investments is also the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services and administrative costs amounted to \$55,502 for the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$ 26,888 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The Plan charged participants a fee for administrative costs approximating \$4,611 in 2012 and \$7,775 in 2011.

NOTE G – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE H – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed intent to do so, the Board of Benefits of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church may, subject to the prior approval of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, terminate the Plan and the Trust at any time. An adopting employer may terminate participation in this Plan in accordance with rules and procedures established by the sponsor.

NOTE I – PLAN COMPLIANCE

The Plan, as a Church Plan qualified under IRS Code Section 403(b) is required to adhere to certain requirements of the IRS Code section 401(a). That code section sets forth the requirements for constitution of all qualified pension or profit-sharing plans as qualified trusts by the Internal Revenue Service. Section 401(a)(9) of the code states that the plan must provide that the entire interest of each employee be distributed to such employee when required. The Plan has approximately \$39,638.63 in a Plan checking account that the Plan sponsor has not been able to specifically apply due to recordkeeping errors in years prior to 2010. The Plan sponsor currently has controls in place to avoid additional funds subject to these recordkeeping errors and is conducting an investigation into the existing funds for participant determination. As a result, the Plan management does not believe the Plan is subject to disqualification under IRS Code section 401(a).

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Livonia, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of Evangelical Presbyterian Church Medical Benefits Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets available for benefits, statements of plan's benefit obligations and statements of changes in plan's benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Evangelical Presbyterian Church Medical Benefits Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

COLE, NEWTON & DURAN

Cole, Newton & Duran
February 15, 2013

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Medical Benefits Plan
 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
 December 31, 2012 and 2011**

ASSETS

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Investments, at fair value | | |
| Money market | \$ 547,817 | \$ 531,027 |
| Fixed income | 1,922,050 | 298,607 |
| Stocks | 454,397 | 796,500 |
| Mutual funds | - | 309,483 |
| | <u>2,924,264</u> | <u>1,935,617</u> |
| Receivables: | | |
| Participating churches' contributions | <u>6,008</u> | <u>81,562</u> |
| Other asset: | | |
| Deposits | <u>141,618</u> | <u>175,418</u> |
| Cash | <u>3,969,797</u> | <u>1,582,824</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 7,041,687</u> | <u>\$ 3,775,421</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable for administrative expenses | \$ 54,293 | \$ 6,423 |
| Claims payable | <u>311,704</u> | <u>414,155</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>365,997</u> | <u>420,578</u> |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | <u>\$ 6,675,690</u> | <u>\$ 3,354,843</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions: | | |
| Premiums | \$ 10,626,966 | \$ 9,685,368 |
| Other | 193,352 | 141,640 |
| | <u>10,820,318</u> | <u>9,827,008</u> |
| Investment Income: | | |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments | 174,214 | (14,553) |
| Dividends and interest | 14,583 | 15,000 |
| | <u>188,797</u> | <u>447</u> |
| TOTAL ADDITIONS | <u>11,009,115</u> | <u>9,827,455</u> |
| DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO: | | |
| Claims | 6,025,681 | 6,402,329 |
| Premiums | 924,885 | 938,549 |
| Administrative expenses | 737,702 | 667,318 |
| | <u>7,688,268</u> | <u>8,008,196</u> |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS | <u>7,688,268</u> | <u>8,008,196</u> |
| NET INCREASE DURING THE YEAR | 3,320,847 | 1,819,259 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>3,354,843</u> | <u>1,535,584</u> |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 6,675,690</u> | <u>\$ 3,354,843</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Medical Benefits Plan
Statements of Plan's Benefit Obligations
December 31, 2012 and 2011**

| AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Claims payable | <u>\$ 311,704</u> | <u>\$ 414,155</u> |
| PLAN'S TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | <u><u>\$ 311,704</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 414,155</u></u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Statements of Changes in Plan's Benefit Obligations
December 31, 2012 and 2011

| AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Balance beginning of year | \$ 414,155 | \$ 469,130 |
| Claims reported and approved for payment | 5,923,230 | 6,347,354 |
| Claims paid | <u>(5,025,681)</u> | <u>(6,402,329)</u> |
| PLAN'S TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 311,704</u> | <u>\$ 414,155</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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**NOTE A – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES**

Description of the Plan

The following description of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Medical Benefits Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a fund of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the Church). The Plan is available to any employees of member churches and their families, and clergy and their families of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Plan provides health benefits, prescription drug coverage, life insurance and long term disability. Health, disability and death claims are processed by the administrators, but the responsibility for payments to participants and providers is retained by the Plan.

Premium revenue

The plan is fully funded from premiums charged to the participants at rates determined by the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A portion of the premiums collected from the participants is remitted to an insurance company for coverage in excess of the amounts self-insured by the Plan.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts receivable

Management has reviewed the accounts and believes they are all collectible. No provision for uncollectible accounts has been provided.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Subsequent events

Management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date of the auditor's report which was the first date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE B – TAX STATUS

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a tax-exempt organization as provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (9).

NOTE C – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Plan considers all highly liquid debt instruments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. However, short-term investments with maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less, which are subject to investment management direction, are treated as investments rather than cash.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, cash and cash equivalents included:

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Independent Bank Account | \$ 3,969,797 | \$ -0- |
| PNC Bank Account | <u>-0-</u> | <u>1,582,824</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,969,797</u> | <u>\$ 1,582,824</u> |

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures deposits in any one financial institution up to \$250,000. Money market funds in brokerages are not insured. At times during the year, the Plan has uninsured amounts on deposit. The Plan has not experienced any losses with regards to uninsured deposits.

NOTE D – INVESTMENTS

Investment accounts are stated at fair value and maintained with Exeter Trust Company, Merrill Lynch and Fidelity Investments. These accounts are managed by fund administrators from each company.

At December 31, 2012, the investments were as follows:

| | <u>Cash</u> | <u>Stocks</u> | <u>Fixed Income</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Exeter Trust Company | \$ 46,943 | \$ 428,357 | \$ 1,123,640 | \$ 1,598,940 |
| Merrill Lynch | 500,664 | -0- | 798,410 | 1,299,074 |
| Fidelity S&P Index | <u>210</u> | <u>26,040</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>26,250</u> |
| | <u>\$547,817</u> | <u>\$ 454,397</u> | <u>\$ 1,922,050</u> | <u>\$ 2,924,264</u> |

At December 31, 2011, the investments were as follows:

| | <u>Cash</u> | <u>Bonds</u> | <u>Stocks</u> | <u>Mutual Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Exeter Trust Company | \$ 30,708 | \$ 298,607 | \$ 796,500 | \$ 287,028 | \$ 1,412,843 |
| Merrill Lynch | 500,109 | -0- | -0- | -0- | 500,109 |
| Fidelity S&P Index | <u>210</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>22,455</u> | <u>22,665</u> |
| | <u>\$531,027</u> | <u>\$ 298,607</u> | <u>\$ 796,500</u> | <u>\$ 309,483</u> | <u>\$ 1,935,617</u> |

Investment Risks – Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values in the near term could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTE E – CLAIMS PAYABLE

Management records a liability for claims relating to a year that are not paid until the following year. Total claims payable at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$311,704 and \$414,155, respectively. It is possible that the management may be unaware of certain claims until considerable time after the year end. Those claims are recorded as an expense in the period when management becomes aware of them.

NOTE F – DEPOSITS

The Plan uses a service company to pay its medical claim forms. This company requires a deposit based on the amount of average claims payable. Total deposits at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$141,618 and \$175,418 respectively.

NOTE G – PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION

Certain prior year amounts were re-stated to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE H – FAIR VALUE

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and input used to measure fair value.

In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs used quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimated using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy.

The Plan measures its investments in stocks, fixed income and mutual funds at fair value on a recurring basis. The fair value of its investments is based primarily on Level 1 inputs as described above.



Milt Hines
Chairman

**Chaplains Work & Care Committee (CWCC) and
Chaplain Endorser Report**
33rd General Assembly

Members of the Chaplains Work and Care
Committee (CWCC) and Chaplain Endorser:

- ◆ TE Milt Hines (**Chairman**, Mid-Atlantic)
- ◆ TE Samuel Adamson (Pacific)
- ◆ RE John Holmes (Central South)
- ◆ TE Doug McCready (East)
- ◆ RE Rich Whipple (Midwest)
- ◆ TE Alan Wildsmith (Southeast)
- ◆ TE Mark Ingles (**Endorser**, West)



Mark Ingles
Endorser

The CWCC met July 20, 2012, October 1-2, 2012, November 28, 2012, January 3, 2013 and May 4, 2013.

The Work of the Committee

The 32nd General Assembly approved the CWCC’s recommendation to amend *Rules for Assembly* 10-1M to, 1) separate the position of Chaplain Endorser from the chairmanship of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee, 2) explicitly state the responsibilities of the Endorser, 3) provide for a means to fill the position of Endorser should the Endorser resign or become unable to serve, and 4) that one position on the committee be filled whenever possible with a currently serving military chaplain, normally the EPC’s most senior in rank.

In August 2012 Endorser Mark Jumper submitted his resignation to Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah who, in accordance with the newly revised *Rules for Assembly*, appointed TE Mark Ingles (West) to the position of Endorser. The Committee extends its thanks to TE Jumper for his guidance and leadership during the CWCC’s first year as a permanent committee of the General Assembly. He served with excellence and will be missed.

Three other CWCC recommendations to the 32nd General Assembly were also approved:

1. The Chaplains Work and Care Committee Handbook – the Committee’s procedure manual. This document gives our chaplains written guidelines and support in the challenging environments where many serve – especially in the military. We stand firm, holding to our Biblical Mandates to be lights in the place of service where God has called us, and to never waver from denominational and biblical standards.
2. The CWCC’s response to the referral from the 30th General Assembly regarding the Ministry of Chaplains (now included in the CWCC Handbook).
3. That the EPC join the *Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty Ministry* as an Associate Member, and that the EPC’s Chaplain Endorser maintains membership as a Regular Member.

Since the 32nd General Assembly, the CWCC approved the following chaplaincy endorsements:

- TE Jared Dilley (Midwest) – Army National Guard
- TE Helen Franssell (East) - Board Certification with the Association of Professional Chaplains
- TE Judson Jordan (Mid-Atlantic) – Army National Guard
- TE Jason Riggs (Florida) – Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Chaplain Service

The current count of EPC Chaplains is 18 military, 9 institutional (endorsed), 10 institutional (non-endorsed) and 6 chaplain candidates (see Attachment CWCC-A).

Again this year a workshop for chaplains, led by the EPC endorser, will be held prior to General Assembly designed for encouragement and training. It is expected that all EPC chaplains will annually attend both the General Assembly and the Chaplain's Workshop when feasible.

The Committee's main function is to be an encourager to all chaplains endorsed by the EPC and to maintain regular contact. Each member of the committee is assigned a group of chaplains for which they are responsible for maintaining this personal contact. The CWCC also reviews the qualifications of each endorsee applicant, develops and implements policies and procedures for EPC chaplain ministry, and provides pastoral care for chaplains and their families.

The work of the Endorser includes the following:

1. With the assistance of the Committee, the Endorser is responsible for the overall care of EPC chaplains, their families, and interested individuals by being available at all times by phone or the internet, and visiting them whenever possible.
2. Is the denomination's official signatory for chaplain endorsements, as well as fulfilling other documentation requirements for government agencies, institutions, and the EPC, in relationship to our chaplains.
3. Visits EPC chaplains in the field to provide support, as well as visiting churches to promote support of the CWCC and our EPC chaplains. Last year the endorser visited five of our chaplains and their families.
4. Represents the EPC, CWCC, and EPC chaplains for associations which the denomination has affiliation, as well as representation at four professional conferences:
 - a. The National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF)
 - b. The Endorsers Conference on Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (ECVAC)
 - c. The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) Annual Meeting
 - d. The Armed Forces Chaplain's Board Conference (AFCB)

Future Plans and Goals:

1. Continue and expand visits to more of our serving chaplains and their families at their homes and worksites. The endorser plans to visit multiple chaplains throughout the United States in the next 12 months including attendance at chaplain school graduations when possible. In addition the Endorser plans to visit various churches and/or Presbyteries to promote support of the CWCC and our EPC chaplains.
2. Foster a bond between our chaplains and our churches. Recommend/encourage chaplains to be involved in a Presbytery as regularly as possible.

3. Maintain lines of communication with anyone interested in chaplains or chaplaincy.
4. Work together with the GA office to fully develop, maintain, and keep updated the Chaplains Group on EPC Community (<http://epc.socialgo.com>).
5. Publish a minimum of two general newsletters to chaplains annually. Publish a Memorial Day Flyer to be sent out church wide for reproduction and distribution.
6. Represent our chaplains in professional situations.
7. Solicit prayers and support from all of you.

From Endorser Mark Ingles:

Media reports have circulated regarding the alleged DoD hiring of Mikey Weinstein, Military Religious Freedom Foundation founder, as a consultant on guidance for religious freedom in the military. The National Association of Evangelicals Chaplains Commission has been looking into this matter and have some initial findings. First, Mr. Weinstein is not working for any Department of Defense agency as a consultant or any other capacity and no commission or group was put together to advise the DoD on religious affairs. Second, it is true that Mr. Weinstein did meet recently with several Air Staff leaders including the SAF JAG and a USAF chaplain. Hopefully the AF will clarify the nature of that meeting in the near future. While we are grateful that the AF continues to highly value religious tolerance, we urge the AF to also continue to safeguard military member's constitutionally protected freedom to exercise their religious beliefs including the sharing of their faith.

In speaking with my chaplain colleagues here in Colorado Springs, there has been no change in policy that has come down regarding a chaplain's ability to share his or her faith when given the open opportunity to do so, nor any mandate to "water down" faith related worship nor sanctioned faith related gatherings. It has always been mandated that any invocations/prayers given at Commander directed activities must remain pluralistic in nature in respect of the various religions represented by those attending such functions. This also has remained the same and not expanded to our knowledge.

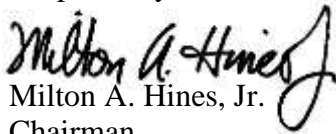
If you have any further questions regarding these matters, you are welcome to contact me at any time.

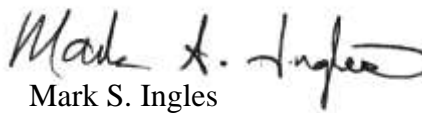
Thank you for supporting us. Without you the CWCC couldn't exist and without the CWCC, our denomination would not be properly represented by chaplains. May God continue to bless you and bless all you do across the nation and throughout the world.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

None

Respectfully submitted,


Milton A. Hines, Jr.
Chairman


Mark S. Ingles
Chaplain Endorser

June 2013

Military Chaplains (Endorsed)

Air Force Active Duty

Chaplain (Capt) Graham Baily
Chaplain (Capt) Jason Kim
Chaplain (Capt) William "Brian" Martin
Chaplain (Maj) Ronald "Russ" Ragon

Air National Guard

Chaplain (Maj) John Torres

Army Active Duty

Chaplain (CPT) Patrick Cobb
Chaplain (MAJ) Lane Creamer
Chaplain (CPT) Scott Kennaugh
Chaplain (LTC) Timothy Mallard
Chaplain (MAJ) Jeff McKinney

Army Active Guard Reserve

Chaplain (LTC) Daniel White

Army Reserve

Chaplain (CPT) Aaron Laenger

Army National Guard

Chaplain (CPT) Bobby Brown
Chaplain (CPT) Brad Edwards
Chaplain (MAJ) Judson Jordan

Navy Active Duty

Chaplain (LT) Brian Hill
Chaplain (LT) Robert Price

Navy Reserve

Chaplain (LCDR) Timothy Foster

Veterans Administration

Chaplain Samuel Adamson

Civil Air Patrol

Reverend William Pawson
Reverend John Rhodes

Institutional Chaplains (Endorsed)

Reverend Helen Franssell
Capital Caring (Hospice Division)
Reverend Milton Hines, Jr.
Sentara Williamsburg Regional
Medical Center
Reverend Douglas McCready
Hamburg Center
Reverend Ron Pierce
Mobile County Sheriff Office-FBI
Reverend Jason Riggs
Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
Chaplain Service
Reverend Ted Tromble
Aurora BayCare Medical Center

Institutional Chaplains (Non-Endorsed)

Reverend Robert Barrett
Hospice of the Valley
Reverend John Bower III
United Hospice of Aiken
Reverend Scott Eding
Hope Hospice
Reverend Nicholas Garner
San Jacinto Christian School
Reverend Bruce Gimbel
Jericho Road Ministries, Inc.
Reverend Dr. James Huston
Hospice Compassion
Reverend Richard Kidd
Regent University
Reverend Doug Overall
St. Luke's Health System
Reverend Daniel Situka
Vitas Health Care Corporation
Reverend Dan Weidman
Hospice of St. John

Chaplain Candidates

Boliver Allmon III
Donovan Campbell
Michael Khoe
Bryan Knedgen
Matt Smith
PJ Werner



*Dana Cadman
Staff Liaison*

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION &
COMMUNICATIONS**
33rd General Assembly



*Jim Blaha
Chairman*

Members of the Christian Education & Communications Committee are TE Jim Blaha (Chairman, Central South), TE Eric Bartel (Mid-Atlantic), TE Christopher Gilbert (East), Bonny Linder (Midwest), TE Bob Mossman (West) and RE Jose Rojas (Florida). The Committee met in-person on September 14th, 2012 and by phone on April 19th and May 6th in 2013.

Work of the Committee

1. Nearly three years of editing to make the *Book of Order* easier to use are completed and awaiting approval by our presbyteries. Some of the changes to the *Book of Order* include simplifying the language, using consistent terminology and providing more navigation aids. See the report of the Constitutional Review Committee and Appendix 2.
2. EPC History Project – TE Dr. Don Fortson (Mid-Atlantic Presbytery) will use his fall 2013 sabbatical to interview past Stated Clerk Ed Davis and conduct other research and writing for the EPC History Project. The goal is to have a completed history ready for the 35th General Assembly in 2015.
3. Leadership Training Guide (LTG) – Dr. Don Fortson has contributed text to replace the first two chapters of the LTG with a church history that has a greater focus on Presbyterianism and the place of the EPC in church history. A joint task force has been formed with the Theology Committee and some of the original authors of the LTG to continue updating this document before it is reformatted and reprinted. TE Brad Strait (Presbytery of the West) is serving as chairman of this joint task force.

The Leadership Training Guide was also translated into Russian and is being used by churches in Kazakhstan. The LTG was also translated into Spanish and is being used by churches in Argentina.

4. Commended Resources (see **Attachment CEC-A** for the Endorsement Policy)
 - a. “Concepts of Recovery”, *The Journey* Curriculum, Facilitator's Guide & DVD Set - A curriculum to help heal the trauma of abortion.
 - b. “Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World” by Jill Rigby.
 - c. “Raising Unselfish Children in a Self-Absorbed World” by Jill Rigby
 - d. “God Provides” Curriculum, Facilitators Guide, Workbooks, and DVD Set from Crown Ministries.
 - e. “The Root of Riches”, published by Crown Ministries.

5. Children's Ministry - The CE&P Committee continues to devote a significant portion of its attention to supporting EPC churches in their ministry to children.
 - a. The Committee continues to promote the commended International Network of Children's Ministry (INCM) ministry network. This committee-commended resource provides invaluable material for children's ministry that is well beyond the ability of the committee to produce, therefore referring EPC children's ministry staff and volunteers to the INCM is preferable to any attempt to create an internal denominational clearinghouse of children's ministry material and information. For example, a children's ministry leader at an urban church was looking for curriculum to teach life skills to children. The network provided an answer within two hours.
 - b. Despite survey results that say EPC children's ministry leaders want to network, networking lunches are poorly attended. The Committee is trying a different approach by publishing a list of conferences at www.EPC.org/Ministries/christian-education-communications/childrens-family-ministry-conferences/ and letting the churches form their own networking lunches. Networking organizers can promote their efforts through EPNews and the EPC's many social networking channels by contacting Dana Cadman.
 - c. Whether or not conference attendees participate in a networking luncheon, we would encourage them to write an article for EPNews about their conference experience. The Committee also considered creating a children's ministry leaders blog or Facebook page if three or four people could commit to providing content or recruiting writers.
 - d. Promoted the 2012 Children's Pastors' Conference, also a committee-commended resource, by sending postcards to member churches. Jim Blaha and volunteers contacted 386 EPC churches to update the contact list for children's ministry leaders (209 churches responded).
 - e. A Children's Ministries Networking Lunch was held at the 32nd General Assembly, although due to schedule conflicts, no members of the Committee were able to attend.
 - f. Many of the curriculum publishers commended or endorsed by the EPC include ministry leader training videos on their web site. A page of these links will be created to make it easier to find our ministry leaders to find these resources.

6. The Christian Education & Communications web pages on www.EPC.org were updated to make it easier to find resources.
 - a. Endorsed and commended children's ministry resources were placed on one page, while other resources were placed on a separate page.
 - b. A list of children's ministry conferences is now available and will be updated as new conference dates are published.
 - c. A page of church communicates resources, including videos, PDF documents, and links to other web sites is now available.

From the Director of Communications and Information Services, Dana Cadman

This last year has seen a major shift in my priorities as I spend less time on communications and focus my time on our two big technology projects – archiving our documents, and consolidating our databases and web publishing platforms.

We began indexing documents in August 2011. As of May 2013, we have scanned 26 file cabinets worth of information and roughly two dozen storage boxes of paper. All of our departments are now using the archive and we will be finished indexing our backlog of files this summer.

Sorting and preparing files for indexing has placed a great additional workload on each department and particularly the shoulders of Patti Moore (World Outreach), Susan Holland (Student and College Ministries), Rill Currie (Women In Ministry), Linda DiVeto (Benefits), Della Cullins and Carol Templin (Office of the Stated Clerk) and Annette Minard (Finance). I want to publicly acknowledge their efforts, often at inconvenient times for them, and thank them for their cooperation with this project.

In addition to guarding contractual, financial and historical documents against catastrophic loss, our archive allows us to provide you with better service. Just this last spring, someone called and asked me to locate their Personal Information Form from 2003. I was able to retrieve the information and e-mail a PDF of the form to them in less than three minutes. I was later told by other staff that before our archive, this might have taken five to fifteen minutes just to find the form, plus the time to fax the information and call the person to ensure they received it. Other staff members have experienced the same type of time savings in meeting your requests for information.

It is these types of office efficiencies and desire to provide you with greater service that we have embarked on our other big technology project – consolidating our database and web publishing platforms.

Over the years 15 different sources of data were developed to maintain contact information for churches and people, process and manage financial records, track the ordination process, publish web pages, register people for events like General Assembly and more. Because synchronizing these data sources is difficult and they are not interconnected, no one source contains either a complete or an accurate record of all of our information.

After a process that began with ten potential vendors, we contracted Blackbaud to help us consolidate our many sources of data into the Raiser's Edge database (published by Blackbaud) which our Finance Department has used for 13 years. We have completed that initial consolidation and are now in the process of reconciling conflicting address, phone and e-mail address information. We expect this clean-up to continue through the summer, so we ask for your patience and grace as we correct the information. If we are contacting you incorrectly or with information you do not want, or if you are not receiving information that you should, please e-mail Dana.Cadman@EPC.org so we can correct this information.

Because many of our databases are web-based, we are also consolidating the number of web-based services that we use. Our main web site, www.EPC.org, will receive a make-over and our ministry sites will eventually be integrated into it to make it easier for you to find information. Our Annual Statistical and Financial Reporting (ASFR) process will also be simplified for your convenience and to realize some efficiencies at the General Assembly

Office. Barring a major technical complication, next year you will use www.EPC.org instead of RegOnline to register for General Assembly.

Regarding our social media presence:

1. I have received a few e-mails affirming our conversion of EPNews from a bi-weekly distribution to a blog. Those who have subscribed to the RSS feed enjoy receiving articles as soon as they are published. A few people have left comments of encouragement or congratulations on some of the articles. I am very excited about this commenting feature and look forward to more two-way communications in the future.
2. EPC Community (<http://EPC.SocialGo.com>) has grown from 307 members to 398. Student and College Ministries continues to use it for conducting discussions and collaboration on homework related to online courses that EPC youth ministry leaders are studying as a group. Other discussions - Urban Ministries, the Z 4:10 Network, Leaders and Teams and Low-cost / No-cost Software - continue to be popular.
3. Facebook fans increased from 594 to 984 in the last year. Female ministry leaders and youth ministry leaders are still our largest audiences, but we've seen an increase in the number of church office staff and lay people interacting with our Facebook page. We have also seen more churches using Facebook – we are following the newsfeed of more than twice as many churches as we did last year. We regularly share their sermon podcasts, videos and other useful resources and “big news.” You can find our Facebook page at <http://www.Facebook.com/EPChurch>.
4. Twitter followers increased from 319 to 465. We regularly retweet links to sermon podcasts, pastor blogs and useful resources. Primary users are pastors, pastor candidates and youth ministry leaders. Our Twitter page is located at <http://www.Twitter.com/EPChurch>.
5. Our YouTube channel – <http://www.YouTube.com/EPChurch80> – has seen more traffic. We have playlists of videos for each of our ministries and other topics of interest, including missional discussions, church planting, church communications and more. We appreciate all of you who have sent us links to include and we hope you will keep sharing your video stories with us.
6. The EPC has an organization page on Google+ (148 followers). Primary users are early technology adapters and people who dislike Facebook. You can also find us on Flickr, LinkedIn, MySpace, Pinterest and Quora. I am still experimenting with these platforms to determine how to best use them for our denomination. If you have a great passion for any of these platforms and have ideas how we can use them, please contact me.
7. I have changed the format of the church communications webinars. Many people found it difficult to attend the once-a-month Monday meetings, so now I record all of the webinars and place them on our YouTube channel. Many people have told me they miss the two-way interaction of the old webinar format, but flexibility in when people can watch the videos and the combination of watching the videos then discussion them in EPC Community has been very well received. You can find links to the videos and PDFs of the webinar slides at <http://www.EPC.org/CEC/EPC-communicators/>.

As I have often told family members and friends, this is the best job I have ever had. I enjoy serving you and working with you and look forward to all God has in store for us for the upcoming year.

Recommendations to General Assembly:

Recommendation CEC-1

That the General Assembly refer the New City Catechism to the Theology Committee for study and a report on its consistency with the system of doctrine presented in the Westminster Standards (Attachment CEC-B; <http://www.newcitycatechism.com>).

Rationale: The Christian Education & Communications Committee has reviewed the New City Catechism for possible endorsement or commendation as a resource, but wants to ensure the New City Catechism is consistent with the confessional standard of the EPC.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Blaha
Chairman



Dana Cadman
Director
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June 2013

Endorsement Policy Evangelical Presbyterian Church

In addition to 1) approved documents (e.g., Position Papers, Advisory Letters, versions of the Confession and Catechisms) that express the mind of the Assembly, 2) Fraternal Relationships (Acts of the Assembly 84-06), 3) Cooperative Mission Agencies, and 4) Approved Missions Agencies (Acts of the Assembly 87-02), the Assembly and its permanent committees may deem it wise to recommend other resources to its churches as valuable aids for their ministries. All permanent committee recommendations shall be reported to the Committee on Administration, which has the right to overrule. In making such recommendations the Assembly and its permanent committees shall use the following categories and criteria:

Approved Resource Organizations:

Permanent Assembly committees may recommend resource organizations for approval by the General Assembly. Such organizations shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards
2. Exhibits both evangelical and reformed theology.
3. Ministry objectives compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly
4. Financial credibility as measured by the Evangelical Council for Financial

Accountability or by comparable standards Approved agencies will be listed in the EPC Directory and web site. The Office of the General Assembly and permanent Assembly committees may explore and implement areas of cooperative ministry with approved agencies, subject to the operational policies of the General Assembly.

Committee Endorsed Resources:

Permanent Assembly committees may endorse resources, e.g., print, audio/visual or curriculum. An endorsed resource shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards and/or demonstrates both evangelical and reformed theology
2. Compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the endorsing committee and the General Assembly.
3. Provides excellent ministry resources for EPC congregations Permanent committees may add annotations to their endorsements. Endorsed resources may be included, with their annotations, on the denominational web site, in other communications or kept in inventory for sale to member churches.

Committee Commended Resources: Permanent Assembly committees may commend resources, e.g., agencies, print, audio/visual, curriculum. Commended resources shall meet the following criteria:

1. A statement of faith consistent with the EPC Essentials of Our Faith and/or demonstrates evangelical theology.
2. Not necessarily reformed in its theology
3. Compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly
4. Provides effective ministry resources for EPC congregations

Permanent committees may add annotations to their commendations. Commended resources may be included, with their annotations, on the denominational web site, in other communications or kept in inventory for sale to member churches. Prior to implementing cooperative ministries with commended agencies the Committee must secure the approval of the Committee on Administration.

Permanent committees will establish procedures to periodically review agencies and resources they have recommended, endorsed or commended to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria above.

In cases in which permanent Assembly committees find that reviewed resources do not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation, they shall report their findings in their minutes using the following categories and criteria:

No Recommendation: The reviewed resource does not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation. It has no serious shortcomings and may contain useful material.

Not Recommended: The reviewed resource does not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation and has serious shortcomings in theology and/or methodology. Specific shortcomings may be noted in committee minutes.

Adopted, 22nd General Assembly (2002)

NEW CITY Catechism

PART 1 God, creation and fall, law.

Q1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Q2

What is God?

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Q3

How many persons are there in God?

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q4

How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Adapted by Timothy Keller and Sam Shammas from the Reformation catechisms

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Children's answers are in color.

Q5

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Q6

How can we glorify God?

We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Q7

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

Q8

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Q9

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Q10

What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

Q11

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Q12**What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?**

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

Q13**Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?**

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Q14**Did God create us unable to keep his law?**

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Q15**Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?**

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

Q16**What is sin?**

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Q17**What is idolatry?**

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Q18**Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?**

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

Q19**Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?**

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Q20**Who is the Redeemer?**

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

PART 2
Christ, redemption, grace.

Q25

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin. God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Q26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Q27

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Q28

What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

Q21

What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

One who is truly human and also truly God.

Q22

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Q23

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Q24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Q.29**How can we be saved?**

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Q.30**What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q.31**What do we believe by true faith?**

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Q.32**What do justification and sanctification mean?**

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Q.33**Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?**

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

Q.34**Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?**

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit, so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Q.35**Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?**

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

PART 3
Spirit, restoration, growing in grace.

Q.36

What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Q.37

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Q.38

What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Q.39

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Q.40

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Q.41

What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Give us today our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Q.42

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer, so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Q.43

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

Q.44

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Q.45**Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?**

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Q.46**What is the Lord's Supper?**

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

Q.47**Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?**

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q.48**What is the church?**

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Q.49**Where is Christ now?**

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Q.50**What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?**

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him, are raised to new life in this world, and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Q.51**Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?**

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

Q.52**What hope does everlasting life hold for us?**

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

COMMUNICATION 13-01



June 2013

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Dear Jeff,

The *Rules for Assembly* state that the Moderator is to appoint a chairman for the Nominating Committee, and to nominate persons to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee. The Moderator is also to nominate the chairman for the Board of Benefits for the forthcoming Assembly year and will nominate a Chaplain Endorser for a three-year term.

I am pleased to offer the following names

1. Appointment: 2013-2014 Nominating Committee Chairman
TE George Garrison (Rivers & Lakes)

2. Nominations: Nominating Committee

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Presbytery</u> | <u>Class</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| RE Bruce Alexander | East | 2016 |
| RE Cecil Matthews | West | 2016 |
| RE Dan Sharp | Central South | 2016 |
| RE Kirk Kjellman | Alleghenies | 2016 |

3. Nomination: 2013-2014 Board of Benefits Chairman
RE David Van Valkenburg (West)

4. Nomination: Chaplain Endorser (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016)
TE Mark Ingles (West)

It is my blessing and privilege to place these names before the Assembly and in so doing, to commend these fine people for service to our denomination and to our Lord

In Christ,

Ken Roberts
Moderator, 32nd General Assembly

COMMUNICATION 13-02



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Dear Jeff,

Please consider this letter as a formal invitation for the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to be our guests at Cedar Springs in Knoxville in June of 2014, as voted by our Elders on October 30, 2012.

We have just completed our new Student Ministry Center and should have the facilities and volunteers to make our time in the Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee unique and memorable. We have begun to assemble our leadership team and are praying for our Assembly in Denver this summer.

On behalf of John Wood and our Session, we look forward to hosting General Assembly.

In His Grace,

Scott Jackson
Associate Pastor

COMMUNICATION 13-03



November 19, 2012

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Dear Jeff,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of our Session and congregation, to invite the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to hold its 2015 General Assembly at First Presbyterian Church, Orlando. We are thrilled to now be part of this vibrant, growing body, and we would be pleased to host these meetings and serve in whatever way is most fitting.

Please advise us as to our next steps. In the meantime, know that we will be praying for you, the Committee on Administration, and the entire denomination as you continue to serve and lead us. With great joy and expectation, I send my

Warmest personal regards,



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COMMUNICATION 13-04

Note: By authorization of the Committee on Administration on November 20, 2012, the EPC joined an amicus brief in Stormans, et. al. v Selecky et. al., and added this “Statement of Interest.”

Statement of Interest

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church consists of over 400 churches in the United States and the Bahamas, with over 130,000 members. It is committed to the Presbyterian (representative) system of government and reformed theology. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church holds an annual meeting of local church representatives (called the “General Assembly”) which addresses business affecting the whole denomination and its mission. It is a non-profit organization that is incorporated in the State of Michigan; its administrative offices are in Livonia, MI.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is interested in Stormans et al v. Selecky et al because it is committed to protecting freedom of conscience as it is affirmed in the Bible and Westminster Confession of Faith, the doctrinal standard of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This tenet is included in the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in *Book of Government* 17-5: “The Church may make no laws to bind the conscience with respect to the interpretation of Scripture.” On June 22, 2012 the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church declared its affirmation of the Free Exercise clause of the Constitution of the United States, especially as the freedom of religious expression relates to abortion. Further, in response to the implementation of the Preventative Care Mandate of the Affordable Care Act, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church took the unprecedented step of declaring it “will join as amici curiae in pending or future civil actions to ensure the protection of religious freedom and rights of conscience.” It is the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church that the particulars in Storman et al v. Selecky et al are consistent with that of the implementation of the Preventative Care Mandate of the Affordable Care Act.

The specific interest of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in this case is declared in the following excerpts from the 2012 Evangelical Presbyterian Church Response to the Preventative Care Mandate:

On February 15, 2012 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued final regulations under the Affordable Care Act requiring nearly all new health insurance plans after August 1, 2012 to cover “all FDA-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and [related] patient education and counseling” (the “Preventive Care Mandate”).

The regulations apply to employers generally. Churches and other houses of worship are exempt from the mandate. However, a private company headed by a person with strongly

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held religious convictions as well as religious nonprofits (or what we might know of as para-church groups) are not exempt.

Thus, many non-church, religious non-profits and devout owners of for-profit organizations will be forced to participate in the provision of these drugs, procedures and services to their employees.

It is the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church that these regulations constitute an unprecedented overreach by the federal government and an infringement upon religious liberty and rights of conscience guaranteed by the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

We acknowledge not every part of the Preventive Care Mandate offends the conscience of all believers. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for example, does not take a stand against artificial means of contraception. However, we do profoundly object to abortion on demand (see “Position Paper on Abortion,” <http://www.epc.org/about-the-epc/position-papers/abortion/>). Others, like many of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, object to artificial contraception.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church strongly and respectfully objects to this government overreach and infringement of the Free Exercise Clause.

If the Department of Health and Human Services does not rescind the regulation, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church requests the United States Congress to take appropriate action to ensure the protection of religious liberty and rights of conscience.

COMMUNICATION 13-05

Release date, TBD - Between June 21-July 4, 2013

Dear Friends,

We write as an informal and diverse group of religious leaders, theologians, lay practitioners and community servants. We believe the doctrines of our respective faiths require something of us beyond the walls of our churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and other places of worship. Those faith convictions manifest through our daily interactions among family, neighbors, strangers and institutions.

Further, we recognize the United States, at its best, is unique among the nations of the world when it defends the self-evident freedom of all people to exercise their faith according to the dictates of their consciences. This freedom contributes to the vibrancy of our nation. Unfortunately, this delicate liberty of conscience is under threat.

Through its contraceptive services mandate, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) continues to breach universal principles affirmed and protected by the U.S. Constitution and other federal laws. While the mandate is a specific offense, it represents a greater fundamental breach of conscience by the federal government. Very simply, HHS is forcing Citizen A, against his or her moral convictions, to purchase a product for Citizen B. The HHS policy is coercive and puts the administration in the position of defining—or casting aside—religious doctrine. This should trouble every American.

Many of the signatories on this letter do not hold doctrinal objections to the use of contraception. Yet we stand united in protest to this mandate, recognizing the encroachment on the conscience of our fellow citizens. Whether or not we agree with the particular conscientious objection is beside the point. HHS continues to deny many Americans the freedom to manifest their beliefs through practice and observance in their daily lives.

The First Amendment states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Free exercise includes the freedom to order one’s life, liberties and pursuits in accordance with his or her convictions. HHS breaches the free exercise clause and federal statutes with broad bipartisan support by selectively denying some Americans this constitutionally protected right.

Americans afford each other broad liberties with respect to lifestyle choices. However, the federal government has neither a compelling interest nor the appropriate authority to coerce one citizen to fund or facilitate specific lifestyle choices of another. If the federal government can force morally opposed individuals to purchase contraception or abortion-causing drugs and devices for a third party, what prevents this or future administrations from forcing other Americans to betray their deeply held convictions?

Therefore, we call upon HHS to, at a minimum, expand conscience protections under the mandate to cover any organization or individual that has religious or moral objections to covering, providing or enabling access to the mandated drugs and services. Further, because HHS claims to be acting on authority granted it by Congress, we ask Congress to consider how it might prevent such offenses from occurring in the future. Any policy that falls short of affirming full religious freedom protection for all Americans is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

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Archbishop of Baltimore
Chairman
USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

Dr. Richard Land
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[Other signatories to follow...]

COMMUNICATION 13-05

Release date, TBD - Between June 21-July 4, 2013

In cooperative opposition, the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are seeking signatories for this open letter on religious freedom in light of the HHS mandate. We intend to release this letter during the Fortnight for Freedom, which takes place from June 21 to July 4. This is urgent because the HHS mandate will be finalized on Aug. 1.

We are presently seeking signatories from leadership representing various denominations and faiths.

Please let us know by June 20 if you would like to join this letter as a signatory. Contact either:

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Note: By authorization of the Committee on Administration on June 5, 2013, the Stated Clerk of the EPC will add his signature to this letter."

COMMUNICATION 13-06

Note: By authorization of the Committee on Administration on May 6, 2013, the Stated Clerk of the EPC added his signature to this letter.

Statement by Religious Leaders on Boy Scouts

Monday, May 20, 2013, 5:17 PM

<http://touchstonemag.com/mererecomments/2013/05/statement-religious-leaders-boy-scouts>

We strongly support the Boy Scouts of America current prohibition on open homosexuality and retaining it without revision. Nearly 70 percent of BSA troops are hosted by churches and religious institutions. Upholding traditional morality is vital for sustaining this partnership, for protecting Scout members, and for ensuring BSA has a strong future. A proposal from the BSA board to prohibit “discrimination” based on “sexual orientation or preference” for BSA members potentially would open the Scouts to a wide range of open sexual expressions. In our current culture, it is more important than ever for our churches to protect and provide moral nurture for young people and for the Scouts. We implore members of the upcoming BSA Council to affirm the BSA’s present policy, which the U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed, and which has served BSA well.

(Titles are for identification only.)

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OVERTURE 13-A



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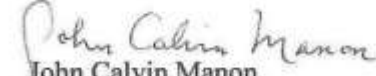
Dear Jeff,

Enclosed please find an ascending overture from the Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Flint, Michigan that includes an apparent contradiction between the Westminster Confession (29-3) and the Book of Worship (3-3G) relative to the taking of communion to shut-ins.

At its 147th Stated Meeting held on May 10, 2013 at Mt. Pleasant Community Church, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, the Presbytery of the Midwest voted to overture the 33rd General Assembly through its Permanent Judicial Commission to provide consistent constitutional guidance in the matter of the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

There was one NO vote cast that was asked to be recorded.

In His Service,


John Calvin Manon
Stated Clerk

OVERTURE 13-A

Memo to: John Manon, Stated Clerk
From: Edward Davis/Phillip Muir, Special Committee
Subject: Report & Recommendation re Calvary Church Proposal

Background

In its September, 2012 stated meeting, the Presbytery of the Midwest adopted a resolution from the Session of Calvary Church (Flint) to the effect that the Presbytery Moderator appoint a special committee to examine the apparent contradiction between the **Book of Worship** G.3-3, G, and the **Westminster Confession** 29-3 regarding the taking of communion to shut-ins.

The Moderator requested TE Edward Davis and TE Phillip Muir to study this matter and report. The special committee met twice, shared relevant materials by email and came to the conclusion that the proposed resolution from Calvary Church identifies a constitutional issue which warrants studied consideration by a body representing the General Assembly rather than a singular presbytery. The committee felt this represents consistency with the advice of G.16-B.

The committee offers the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

“That the Midwest Presbytery meeting in its 147th stated meeting adopt the proposed overture, following hereafter, for transmission to the 33rd General Assembly, convening on June 18, 2013.

“The Presbytery of the Midwest, meeting May 10, 2013 (147th stated meeting), respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church meeting in Highlands Ranch, Colorado on June 18, 2013 to consider the following:

Whereas, the Midwest Presbytery receiving a resolution from the Session of Calvary Church (Flint) that studied consideration be given the apparent contradiction between the Westminster Confession (29-3) and the Book of Worship (3-3-G) relative to the practice of taking communion to shut-ins, and

Whereas, the Midwest Presbytery in its September 14, 2012 stated meeting did favorably adopt the proposed need for studied consideration of the apparent contradiction, and

Whereas, the **Confession** (29-3) disallows such acts, reading,

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'...ministers are to take and break the bread, to take the cup, and (communicating themselves, too) to give both to the communicants – but not to anyone else not present at that time in the congregation' in contrast to the **Book of Worship** (3-3-G) which reads

'...when requested, the Church Session may authorize the Lord's Supper to be celebrated with those who are ill....,' and

Whereas, this apparent contradiction relating to one of the two sacraments given the church by our Lord as holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace, the presence of the apparent contradiction in constitutional documents seems to weaken and undermine their authority, and

Whereas, for the church to permit the apparent contradiction to continue seems to violate the Scriptural admonition in I Cor. 14:40 (ESV) '.....that all things be done decently and in order,' therefore, be it

Resolved, that necessary measures be taken to resolve the apparent contradiction between the language of the Westminster Confession and the Book of Worship.

Therefore, this Midwest Presbytery overtures the 33rd General Assembly through its Permanent Judicial Committee to provide consistent constitutional guidance in the matter of the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper."

OVERTURE 13-B



EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC

Ron Bengelink, Stated Clerk

May 13, 2013

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Dear Jeff,

At its Stated meeting on May 10-11, 2013 The EPC Presbytery of the Pacific voted unanimously to submit the following Overture to the 33rd General Assembly of the EPC. Since this proposed action affects our common boundary with the Presbytery of the West, it has been coordinated with them.

Overture to Modify the Boundary of the Presbytery of the Pacific in Southeastern Idaho

The Presbytery of the Pacific respectfully requests a revision to its boundary with the Presbytery of the West in Southeastern Idaho. We have become aware that our current boundary (US Highway 93) in the vicinity of Twin Falls bisects a farming valley that extends about 25 miles east and west of Highway 93, and that the communities in this valley - and the Presbyterian Churches in those communities - enjoy a strong cultural and economic affinity.

Recognizing that to the east of Highway 93, and this valley, is about 75 miles of open rangeland with no sizable communities. And that the concentration of population along the eastern edge of Idaho follows the route of Interstate 15 and is therefore economically tied to the Salt Lake City area on the south and the Yellowstone/Teton National Park area on the north and east.

And recognizing that a church in this valley and a bit west of Highway 93 (Living Waters Presbyterian Church of Wendell) has recently joined the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific and a PCUSA church in the eastern half of Jerome County is currently in the process of dismissal into the EPC, and that the Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton desires to join their sister church in the Presbytery of the Pacific.

We therefore request that the description of the boundary between the Presbytery of the Pacific and the Presbytery of the West in Southeastern Idaho be changed to read "... the portion of Idaho west of US Highway 93 and *all of the city of Twin Falls and all of Jerome County.*" The italicized portion is the requested revision.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Bengelink
Stated Clerk

**Ad Interim Committee on
Constitutional Revision
33rd General Assembly**

The 29th General Assembly approved this Moderator-appointed committee composed of Teaching Elders Dr. Howard Shockley (Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery), Dr. James Quillin (Central South Presbytery) and Ruling Elder Ted Brandsma (Presbytery of the West). GA Assistant Stated Clerk Dr. Ed McCallum serves the Committee as a resource and advisor.



*Howard Shockley,
Chairman*

The Work of the Committee

The 32nd General Assembly received the first draft of a ***Revised Book of Government*** and forwarded it to Sessions and presbyteries for study and comment. The Committee appreciates the feedback from several members who offered corrections, additions, suggestions and other pertinent information. One of the suggestions received involved adding language making the EPC's historic stance on the unhindered ownership of local church property without any implied trust more explicit. The Committee found merit in this suggestion but determined that it involved legal matters beyond the expertise of the Committee. Rather than incorporate such language in the ***Revised Book of Government*** coming to this Assembly, the Committee forwarded this matter to the Stated Clerk with a request that it be referred to the appropriate Permanent Committee for study and recommendation.

The Permanent Judicial Commission reviewed the substantive changes in the ***Revised Book of Government*** to ensure that none of those changes erode or otherwise adversely impact the rights of the local church set out under existing ***Book of Government*** Chapter 7 and that the substantive changes were clear, consistent and compatible with other provisions of the Constitution (see the Permanent Judicial Commission Report). The Committee, having reviewed all input it received, is presenting the outcome as a ***Revised Book of Government*** for the Assembly's consideration and action (see Appendix 2 and recommendations 2 and 3 below).

Following the same process as it did with the ***Book of Government***, the Committee is presenting its work on a revision of the ***Book of Worship*** to the 33rd General Assembly as a report, with a recommendation that it be sent to Sessions and Presbyteries for study and comment.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation CR-1

That the Assembly receive the ***Proposed Book of Government*** (Appendix 2) as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived per ***Rules for Assembly*** 14-2; and that ***Rules for Assembly*** 14-3 be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report.

*Note: This is a procedural recommendation enabling the Assembly to save time in discussing and coming to a vote on the proposal as a whole. The same process was followed in the 16th General Assembly, which approved a new **Book of Discipline**.*

Recommendation CR-2

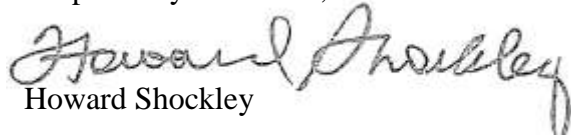
That the General Assembly adopt the **Proposed Book of Government** (Appendix 2) as a whole.

Note: If the Assembly adopts the **Proposed Book of Government**, it will go to the Presbyteries as a descending overture for approval and ratification at the 34th General Assembly.

Recommendation CR-3

That the General Assembly receive the proposed revision of the **Book of Worship** (Appendix 3) and forward it to Sessions and Presbyteries for study and input by December 31, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,


Howard Shockley

June 2013

NOTE: due to size limitations Appendix 2 (Proposed Book of Government) and Appendix 3 (Proposed Book of Worship) are not included in these minutes. Hard copies were distributed to all Teaching Elders and were available from the EPC website for review prior to the 33rd General Assembly.

DESCENDING OVERTURES
From the 32nd General Assembly, Evangelical Presbyterian Church

OVERTURE 12-A

That the *Book of Government* §2-3 and §16-14 be amended to make Associate Member Status mandatory after 2 years for certain ministers unless an exception is made by the Presbytery.

| Current Language <i>Book of Government §2-3</i> | Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §2-3</i> (changes in bold <i>italics</i>) |
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| <p>§2-3 A minister who is retired or serving in a capacity which may impede or prevent regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings may, upon request, be granted the status of Associate Member, according to the process stipulated in G.16-14. Associate members are entitled to serve with voice and vote on all committees of Presbytery and General Assembly. Associate Members are entitled to serve with voice but not vote on Commissions to ordain and install pastors and to receive churches. Associate Members shall have voice but not vote at all Presbytery and General Assembly meetings. Associate Members are not eligible to serve as officers of any court but do retain all rights and privileges of ordination and are to be afforded the same pastoral care as Active Members. Any Associate Member called to serve as Stated Supply or Interim Supply shall automatically be returned to active membership status during such service.</p> | <p>§2-3 A minister who is retired or serving in a capacity which may impede or prevent regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings may, upon request <i>within two years of this change in call</i>, be granted the status of Associate Member, according to the process stipulated in G.16-14. <i>Those who are retired, serving in a capacity which prevents regular and/or required attendance, or those without Presbytery approved call for two years will automatically be placed on the Associate Membership roll. Presbytery, by a 2/3 vote, may exempt a Minister from becoming an Associate Member for one year. This exemption may be granted to the minister on an annual basis.</i> Associate members are entitled to serve with voice and vote on all committees of Presbytery and General Assembly. Associate Members are entitled to serve with voice but not vote on Commissions to ordain and install pastors and to receive churches. Associate Members shall have voice but not vote at all Presbytery and General Assembly meetings. Associate Members are not eligible to serve as officers of any court but do retain all rights and privileges of ordination and are to be afforded the same pastoral care as Active Members. Any Associate</p> |

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| | Member called to serve as Stated Supply or Interim Supply shall automatically be returned to active membership status during such service. |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Current Language <i>Book of Government §16-14</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §16-14</i> (changes in bold <i>italics</i>)</p> |
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| <p>§16-14 The Presbytery may establish a roll of Associate Members as defined in G.2-3. Presbyteries may place an ordained Minister of Presbytery on the roll of Associate Members upon that Minister’s request and upon recommendation of the Ministerial Committee and a 2/3 vote of Presbytery. Presbyteries may, by 2/3 vote, receive an ordained Minister from another Reformed body as an Associate Member, following the normal process of examination. (G.13-5).</p> | <p>§16-14 The Presbytery <i>shall</i> establish a roll of Associate Members as defined in G.2-3. Presbyteries may place an ordained Minister of Presbytery on the roll of Associate Members upon that Minister’s request and upon recommendation of the Ministerial Committee and a 2/3 vote of Presbytery <i>when that request is made within two years of a change in call which makes one eligible for Associate Membership. All Ministers who have been retired and pastors without Presbytery approved call for two years will automatically be placed on the Associate Member roll.</i> Presbyteries may, by 2/3 vote, receive an ordained Minister from another Reformed body as an Associate Member, following the normal process of examination. (G.13-5).</p> |

Grounds: Since its beginning, a distinctive feature of the polity of Evangelical Presbyterian Church has been a 2 to 1 ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders in the higher church courts. In recent years the number of retired ministers and ministers without presbytery approved calls has increased. This trend is likely to continue, making it much more difficult to maintain the 2 to 1 ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders. The proposed amendment still permits those recently retired, as well as those who have calls outside the bounds that make it difficult to attend meetings, the choice of requesting placement on the Associate Member roll for a period of two years. However, in the proposed amendment, placement on the Associate Member roll is mandatory after two years, with the Presbytery having the authority to make exceptions where appropriate. Since Associate Members are not counted for the purpose of parity adjustments, the proposed amendment increases the possibility of achieving the desired 2:1 ratio of Ruling to Teaching Elders.

OVERTURE 12-B

That the *Book of Government* §6-1B be amended by adding the following words to the end of the last sentence: “and their names placed on the Baptized Roll.”

| Current Language <i>Book of Government §6-1B</i> | Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §6-1B</i> (change in bold <i>italics</i>) |
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| B. Baptized Members: All those whose parent(s) are members in good standing in a congregation are to be considered members of the covenant by right of birth and adoption. As such, they are entitled to pastoral oversight, to instruction, to nurture, and to encouragement to embrace Jesus as Lord and Savior. Such persons are entitled to receive the sacrament of Baptism. Upon reception of that sacrament, they shall be enrolled as Baptized Members. | B. Baptized Members: All those whose parent(s) are members in good standing in a congregation are to be considered members of the covenant by right of birth and adoption. As such, they are entitled to pastoral oversight, to instruction, to nurture, and to encouragement to embrace Jesus as Lord and Savior. Such persons are entitled to receive the sacrament of Baptism. Upon reception of that sacrament, they shall be enrolled as Baptized Members <i>and their names placed on the Baptized Roll.</i> |

Grounds: There is potential confusion between current G.6.1B, which restricts Baptized Members to those whose parents are members in good standing in a congregation, and G. 9-1B in which the “Baptized Roll” is to contain names of children of members along with names of others who received baptism upon profession of faith. The proposed amendment links and clarifies the two sections.

OVERTURE 12-C

That *Book of Government* §10-6.E be amended by adding a new section 6 regarding the transfer of lay pastors from other Reformed bodies.

| No Current Language | Proposed new <i>Book of Government</i> §10-6E(6) |
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| | 6. A Ruling Elder previously commissioned as a lay pastor by another Reformed body may become a Commissioned Pastor as deemed appropriate by the Presbytery and subject to the same requirements of the EPC Commissioned Pastor. |

Grounds: Some congregations transferring to the EPC are served by a Ruling Elder designated as a Commissioned Lay Pastor (or similar title). In some situations, requirements of other bodies for those commissioned lay pastors may exceed those of the EPC. Further, some of those commissioned lay pastors may have years of effective ministry experience

with the transferring congregation. The *Book of Government* currently has no provision for the transfer of commissioned lay pastors who wish to continue ministry to their congregation as an EPC Commissioned Pastor (G.10-6E). The proposed amendment addresses that situation.

OVERTURE 12-D

That *Book of Government* §12-2 be amended by adding a new section I, providing procedures for Candidates from other Reformed bodies to accept calls from EPC congregations.

| No current Language | Proposed Amendment Adding new §12-2I to the <i>Book of Government</i> |
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| | I. A Candidate from another Reformed denomination who has been under care for at least one year in that denomination, has met EPC educational requirements for ordination, and is pursuing a call from an EPC congregation shall be examined in the manner prescribed in G.13-2. |

Grounds: Congregations may desire to call Candidates from other Reformed bodies that have completed seminary and the required educational preparation for ministry. Currently, such individuals must become members of an EPC congregation for six months, be received by an EPC Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care, and complete the requirements of that Presbytery before being qualified for ordination (*Book of Government* chapters 12 and 13) even though requirements of candidacy in other Reformed bodies may exceed the requirements of the EPC. By contrast, an ordained minister from a non-Reformed tradition who does not meet the same educational qualifications may be called by an EPC congregation without that minister being required to go through membership and candidacy. This proposed amendment addresses that discrepancy by establishing a means by which a candidate from another Reformed body may be called by a congregation and examined by the Presbytery without additional requirements of membership and candidacy.

OVERTURE 12-E

That *Book of Government* §16-27B.2 be amended to change the deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly from 30 to 60 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.

| <p style="text-align: center;">Current Language <i>Book of Government §16-27B.2</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Government §16-27B.2</i> (change in bold <i>italics</i>)</p> |
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| <p>2. All proposals requesting amendment to the Constitution shall be communicated in writing to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall refer all such proposed amendments to the Permanent Judicial Commission, which shall examine the proposed amendment for clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly along with its recommendations, which may include an amended version of any proposed constitutional changes as well as advice to accept or decline the proposals referred to the Commission. The General Assembly shall not consider any amendment until there has been a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission.</p> | <p>2. All proposals requesting amendment to the Constitution shall be communicated in writing to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the next session of the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall refer all such proposed amendments to the Permanent Judicial Commission, which shall examine the proposed amendment for clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly along with its recommendations, which may include an amended version of any proposed constitutional changes as well as advice to accept or decline the proposals referred to the Commission. The General Assembly shall not consider any amendment until there has been a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission.</p> |

Grounds: As the EPC grows, the workload of the Permanent Judicial Commission has increased significantly. The current thirty-day deadline for submitting amendments to the Constitution places an undue burden on the Commission, which must review all proposed amendments to the Constitution. The proposed sixty-day cutoff will ensure that time is available more adequate notice of the workload of the Commission for its May meeting.

OVERTURE 12-F

That *Book of Discipline* §3-5 be amended by deleting the second paragraph.

| <p style="text-align: center;">Current Language <i>Book of Discipline §3-5</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Amendment <i>Book of Discipline §3-5</i></p> |
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| <p>§3-5 Termination of Jurisdiction Jurisdiction in judicial cases ends upon receipt of written notice of renunciation by the Clerk or Stated</p> | <p>§3-5 Termination of Jurisdiction Jurisdiction in judicial cases ends upon receipt of written notice of renunciation by the Clerk or Stated</p> |

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| <p>Clerk of the court of original jurisdiction. In the event an individual orally renounces jurisdiction, this fact shall be confirmed by letter from the court acknowledging that renunciation. The letter shall be delivered in person or by form of mail requiring a written receipt. If the court receives no written response within ten days, the acknowledgement of renunciation of jurisdiction shall be deemed final. In such instances, a case already begun may be concluded only with the permission of the accused.</p> <p>A “Renunciation of Jurisdiction” shall have the effect of terminating membership in the church and removing an officer from membership and ordained office in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and terminating that person’s exercise of office. Though a court may pronounce a judgment of admonition, suspension, removal from office, or excommunication against a person who has renounced jurisdiction, it need not do so unless the court deems it necessary for the purity and welfare of the church or the benefit of the offender and may not do so without first giving written notice to the person making such renunciation and providing that person an opportunity to respond within fifteen days of the written notice.</p> | <p>Clerk of the court of original jurisdiction. In the event an individual orally renounces jurisdiction, this fact shall be confirmed by letter from the court acknowledging that renunciation. The letter shall be delivered in person or by form of mail requiring a written receipt. If the court receives no written response within ten days, the acknowledgement of renunciation of jurisdiction shall be deemed final. In such instances, a case already begun may be concluded only with the permission of the accused.</p> |
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Grounds: The existence or use of the second paragraph of current D.3-5 undermines or negates the effect of an accused party’s renunciation of membership, i.e. the termination of jurisdiction in any judicial case(s) against the accused in the Church Court. The case **Guinn v. Church of Christ** (775 P2d 766 (Oklahoma 1989)) underscores the liability a church may incur if it implemented the second paragraph of current **D.3-5**. The court held the church liable for invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress for actions taken after the plaintiff had notified the church she was withdrawing her membership. The court said, “Parishioner voluntarily joined the Church of Christ and by doing so consented to submit to its tenets. When she later removed herself from membership, petitioner withdrew

her consent, depriving the church of the power actively to monitor her spiritual life through overt disciplinary acts. No real freedom to choose religion would exist in this land if under the shield of the first amendment religious institutions could impose their will on the unwilling and claim immunity from secular courts for their tortuous acts.”

VOTE OF THE PRESBYTERIES

Overture 12-A

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 60 | 2 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 40 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 55 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |
| Southeast | 74 | 2 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-B

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 65 | 0 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 42 | 0 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 56 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |
| Southeast | 84 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-C

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 58 | 4 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 43 | 0 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 55 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 44 | 0 |
| Southeast | 82 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-D

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 67 | 35 |
| East | 58 | 1 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 42 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 57 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 42 | 0 |
| Southeast | 78 | 0 |
| West | 54 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-E

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 57 | 0 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 67 | 0 |
| Florida | 21 | 1 |
| Mid-America | 41 | 1 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 58 | 0 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 41 | 1 |
| Southeast | 83 | 0 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 0 |

Overture 12-F

| Presbytery | Yes | No |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Alleghenies | 56 | 1 |
| Central South | 98 | 0 |
| East | 61 | 1 |
| Florida | 22 | 0 |
| Mid-America | 43 | 3 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 93 | 0 |
| Midwest | 16 | 31 |
| Pacific | 88 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 42 | 0 |
| Southeast | 85 | 2 |
| West | 60 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 10 | 1 |

EPC Foundation Board Report
33rd General Assembly

Members of the EPC Foundation Board are Ted Hailes, Mike Harris, John Looloian (President) and Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah. The Board met via telephone conference call on August 22, 2012.

The Work of the Foundation

1) Church Loan Fund

The Foundation Board receives applications for the EPC Church Loan Fund. After its review, it makes a recommendation to the Presbytery that will guarantee the loan. As of May 21, 2013 the assets of the Fund total \$781,267, of which \$689,961 has been lent to seven churches. No new loans were made in 2012-2013.

2) Foundations


On the recommendation of the Foundation Board, the 2012 General Assembly approved the following Christian foundations for consideration by EPC churches. These could: 1) assist presbyteries and churches in explaining planned giving options to church members, and 2) encourage church members to increase their giving to kingdom causes.

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| Waterstone Foundation 2925 Professional Place, Suite 201 Colorado Springs, CO 80904-8136 (719) 447-4620 www.waterstone.org | Hope Christian Community Foundation 5100 Poplar Ave., Suite 2412 Memphis, TN 38137 (901) 682-6201 www.hopememphis.com |
| National Christian Foundation 11625 Rainwater Dr., Suite 500 Alpharetta, GA 30009 (800) 681-6223 www.nationalchristian.com/home | Elgin Foundation 4624 Chambliss Avenue Knoxville, TN 37910 (865) 588-6250 |
| Kingdom Advisors 5605 Glenridge Dr., Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30342 (404) 497-7680 www.kingdomadvisors.org | |

Recommendations to the General Assembly

None

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey Jeremiah
Stated Clerk

June 2013

Fraternal Relations Committee Report

33rd General Assembly

Members of the Fraternal Relations Committee (FRC) are RE John Graham (Southeast), Gerrit Dawson (Central South), TE Gary McGhee (Mid-Atlantic), RE Sam Searcy (West) and RE Bill Painter (Midwest), with John Graham serving as the Committee chair. Serving in *ex-officio* capacity were GA Moderator Ken Roberts and Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah. The FRC met via telephone conference calls on October 18, 2012, February 21, 2013 and March 20, 2013.

Throughout the year Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah was in regular contact with Committee chair John Graham about fraternal relations issues.



*John Graham
Chairman*

The Work of the Committee

Current Relationships: The Committee kept itself aware of relationships with World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC); World Reformed Fellowship (WRF); St. Andrews Presbytery; Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK); Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB); Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP); Christian Reformed Church (CRC); National Association of Evangelicals (NAE); Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) and the Presbyterian Layman.

The Committee approved use of the Special Translation Project Fund as monies become available to develop a Spanish language version of the Modern Language Westminster Confession.

The Committee strongly endorsed the WCRC membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order and recommends that the 33rd General Assembly approve this action (see Attachment FR-A).

The Committee approved the following 2014 Partnership Opportunities (benevolence askings) for 2013 General Assembly approval:

1. Argentina: Church Planting and Revitalization
2. Kazakhstan: ERCK Leadership Development
3. Special Translation Projects

Recommendations to the General Assembly:

Recommendation FR-1

That the General Assembly endorse the letter of the Fraternal Relations Committee supporting the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) (see Attachment FR-A).

Recommendation FR-2

That the General Assembly approve the Fraternal Agreement with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)

The Fraternal Agreement between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)

This fraternal agreement celebrates what God has done in the mutually edifying relationship He has established between our respective parts of the Kingdom of God and places that relationship on a footing which will allow us together to continue to expand that Kingdom through the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the reign of Christ over His people.

Preamble

ERCK, founded by EPC missionaries, was transferred in May, 2011 into the hands of local leaders and became the independent Association of Reformed Churches in Kazakhstan (ARCK). In 2012, ARCK chose to rename itself the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK). In 2013 this Agreement of relationship between the EPC and ERCK has been signed with all the benefits and responsibilities that arise from such relationship. Such Agreement is necessary in order to further understand the basic teachings of the Reformed Church, and to propagate them throughout Central Asia. These articles include a three-year agreement of continued ministry, support and fellowship between the two Churches, from three years of the effective date. At the end of this three-year agreement, EPC and ERCK will decide whether to extend the agreement for another five years in order to improve the cooperation in the service to Jesus Christ.

1. Article One - Effective date

- 1.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon the approval of the 33rd General Assembly of the EPC (2013) and the approval of ERCK.

2. Article Two - Mutual relations

- 2.1 Between the General Assembly of the EPC and ERCK there should be fraternal and partnership relations, contributing to the development of the mission, and regulated by the articles of this Agreement, except for the amendments introduced by the majority votes of both bodies.
- 2.2 After initial adoption these articles can be submitted for consideration by the members of both bodies.

3. Article Three - Terms of the agreement

- 3.1 Term: This Agreement shall be valid for three years from the effective date. It shall govern the relationship between the parties during this period of time in accordance with the terms specified in it.
- 3.2 Governance:
 - 3.2.1 The Constitution of ERCK is its own Book of the Church Order, which includes the Westminster Confession, the Larger and the Small Catechism.

This Constitution and all other governing documents must conform to the Scripture.

3.2.2 The Book of Church Order: ERCK will continue using its own book of the church order, based on the *Book of Order* of the EPC and the Book of Government of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.

4. Article Four - Operating Agreements

4.1. Fraternal Relations – The EPC and ERCK agree to exchange fraternal delegates annually.

4.2. On an annual basis EPC agrees to send its experienced pastors and teachers to conduct workshops, seminars, and to share their experience.

4.3. ERCK agrees to accommodate summer teams from EPC churches and presbyteries to show how God is working in Central Asia.

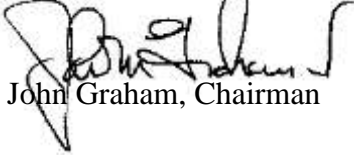
4.4. Missionaries sent by ERCK: When ERCK missionaries are sent into the world, some missionaries, in consultation with the World Movement (WO) EPC World Outreach (WO) - can apply for support from the EPC.

4.5. EPC World Outreach (WO) will promote and encourage missionary projects and partnership between the EPC and ERCK. The Missions Committee of ERCK together with the EPC Director of World Outreach(WO) will conduct a regular evaluation of the projects.

4.6 Purpose: this agreement between the EPC and ERCK will form a basis for on-going mutually beneficial partnership. This partnership will require a significant personal dedication and the material resources of both parties of the covenant for the purpose of the missionary work and service to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, both parties, the elected and authorized officers, shall sign and certify this document with their seals, in two copies, in the Russian and English languages.

Respectfully submitted,



John Graham, Chairman

June 2013



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March 22, 2013

World Communion of Reformed Churches
Dr. Setri Nyomi, General Secretary
150 route de Ferney, PO Box 2100
1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland

Dear Setri,

This is to inform you that the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a member denomination of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, endorses the application for membership in WCRC by the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO).

At its March 20, 2013 meeting, the Fraternal Relations Committee took the following action:

After a review of the appropriate sections of the constitution of the World Communion of Reformed Church and of the vision and goals of the Evangelical Covenant Order, the position of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church strongly endorses the WCRC membership application of the Evangelical Covenant Order.

The Committee recommends that the 33rd General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, meeting June 20-22, 2013, approve this action.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if in any way we can further support the WCRC membership application of the ECO.

Sincerely in Christ,


Jeff Jeremiah
Stated Clerk, Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Ministerial Vocation Committee Report
33rd General Assembly

Members of the ministerial Vocation Committee include RE Richard Halmekangas (Midwest), TE Rus Howard (Rivers and Lakes), TE Fred Lian (Chairman, West), RE Olin Morris (Central South), and TE Walter Turner (Southeast). We regretfully received the resignation of RE Glenn Parker at our September meeting. His position remained vacant this past year.



Fred Lian
Chairman

The Chairman would also like to recognize and applaud the efforts and wisdom of Assisted Stated Clerk Ed McCallum and Administrative Assistant Carol Templin. Their involvement with the committee has been invaluable.

The Committee met September 10-12, 2012 at the General Assembly offices, January 28-29, 2013 at Morningside EPC in Phoenix, AZ and by teleconferencing on March 18, 2013.

The Work of the Committee

It is a humbling experience to serve on the Ministerial Vocation Committee as the ministry responsibilities never diminish or lose significance. Since the last report we have held 3 meetings to handle the duties and challenges for which the committee is responsible. The meetings have included face-to-face times with just the committee members, as well as a day in September 2012 during which Ministerial Committee chairmen and Care of Candidates chairmen sat down together to discuss issues important to all.

As the growth of the denomination continues, we find that it is wise to visit and evaluate some documents that churches and candidates use, as well as reflect on some *Book of Order* language that is critical to our continued growth and success.

Educational Requirements for Ordination

One of these items concerns the language of *Book of Government* chapter 12 regarding ordination requirements and the wording of the Acts of Assembly 82-07, the “Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination.” At its January 2013 meeting, the Committee held a lengthy discussion with TE Mark Toone and TE Tony Still, both from the Presbytery of the Pacific, regarding inconsistencies between the constitutional and legislative language regarding ordination requirements and the respective roles of the Presbytery and General Assembly with regard to determining educational requirements for candidates who do not have the traditional Master of Divinity Degree. The discussion also ranged into the area of changes that are occurring in the Master of Divinity degree in seminaries and accreditation organizations and whether the EPC should be adjusting the educational and practical preparation it requires of its ministers. The conversation continued in a meeting convened by the Stated Clerk April 23, 2013 at First EPC, Kent,

Washington with Fred Lian (MVC Chairman), Ed McCallum (Assistant Stated Clerk), and members of the Pacific Presbytery TE Tommy Allen, RE Ron Bengelink (Presbytery Stated Clerk), TE Pat McElroy TE Mark Toone, and TE Tony Stiff present. The consensus reached at that meeting is reflected in the recommendation from the Committee on Administration asking the Assembly to form a study committee to deal thoroughly with these significant issues.

Advisors and Candidates

The Committee discussed results of the Best Practices/Responsibilities survey that evaluated how Advisors and Candidates interact. These results were summarized in a statement by the Ministerial Vocation Committee to be reported to the General Assembly, the Presbytery Stated Clerks and Ministerial/Candidates Chairmen, and incorporated in the next revision of the Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees.

Fulfilling the Committee's decision to report to the Assembly, the statement, which is not a mandate but a statement of best practices that should be followed, is as follows:

1. Advisors should become acquainted with the curricula of the seminaries in which their Candidates are enrolled. They should be familiar with the Reformed Reading List and encourage Candidates to study those resources in preparation for ordination, especially if the seminary does not include courses in or based on Reformed theology.
2. Advisors should contact Candidates at least once a quarter (preferably once a month), doing so in person whenever possible.
3. Advisors should communicate and help the Candidates accomplish the required elements of the ordination process:
 - a. Preparation for written and oral examinations
 - b. Psychological evaluations
 - c. Medical exam
 - d. Background check
 - e. Personal Information Form
4. Advisors should help Candidates determine/clarify their theological convictions.
5. Advisors should be alert to additional issues that Candidates may be facing, which the Advisor may handle directly or refer to the Candidates' pastors or other appropriate professional resources:
 - a. Marriage & Family issues
 - b. Faith & life issues (spiritual health, devotional life)
 - c. Financial issues
 - d. Emotional health
 - e. Character issues
 - f. Leadership issues
5. Advisors should assist Candidates in affirming the validity of their calls to

- ministry.
6. Advisors should help Candidates reflect on their field experiences.
 7. Advisors should help Candidates understand the process of finding a call.
 8. Advisors should submit a written report annually to the Presbytery's Ministerial or Candidates Committee concerning the progress of the Candidates. The report should include the following:
 - a. Time spent with Candidates
 - b. Ways in which communications have been maintained
 - c. Ways in which Candidates have been involved in the worship and work of local churches
 - d. Advisors should ask Candidates annually to provide a narrative of personal, spiritual and academic progress, growth in professional skills, and financial needs.

Pastoral Health

The Committee reviewed and discussed *Dangerous Calling: Confronting the Unique Challenges of Pastoral Ministry* by Paul David Tripp (Crossway Books, 2012). Tripp, writes about a culture among ministers, seminaries, and churches that emphasizes theological knowledge over a transformed and transforming heart. It is a culture that easily leads to disastrous separation of the minister's private and public life.

The Committee met with Pastor in Residence Ministries (www.pirministries.org) staff member Roy Yanke (an EPC Ruling Elder) to explore how the EPC might develop a closer relationship with them. The committee approved PIR Ministries as a commended resource of the MVC. PIR Ministries will be present as an exhibitor at the 33rd General Assembly. The MVC urges those attending the Assembly to visit the booth and learn more about this fine ministry. In particular, the MVC would like to see more EPC congregations become "refuge churches," being agents of healing for ministers who have had a forced exit. The MVC is recommending that the Standing Committee request time for a presentation on this special aspect of ministry (recommendation MVC-1 below).

In pursuing partnerships with agencies specializing in ministering to ministers, the MVC has also officially commended Quiet Waters (www.qwaters.org), who will have an exhibit at this Assembly, and Broom Tree Ministries (www.broomtreeministries.org).

As a result of generous contributions to the Partnership Opportunity (benevolence asking) for "Care of Pastors and Spouses," the MVC was able to assist with costs for a pastoral couple to attend a Quiet Waters Leadership Counseling Intensive and financially support both Broom Tree Ministries and PIR Ministries, through which EPC ministers and spouses have directly benefited.

Small Church Network

Contributions from individuals and churches to the “Small Church Network” Partnership Opportunity (benevolence fund) enabled the Committee to underwrite a dinner and seminar led by TE Ed McCallum in October 2012 for leaders of small churches in the Florida Presbytery.

Referrals from the 32nd General Assembly

1. The 32nd General Assembly referred the matter of recognizing non-ecclesiastical ordination for those who wish to transfer credentials to the EPC. The Committee’s conclusions are in Recommendation MVC-2 below.
2. The 32nd General Assembly also referred an Overture from the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery on the status of ministers at or above age 70 for study and recommendations. The MVC’s conclusions are in Recommendation MVC-3 below.

Both recommendations were referred to the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC), as required by G.16-27B.2. The PJC, not commenting on the clarity, consistency, compatibility or merits of the amendments, will recommend that the Assembly postpone consideration of these amendments until a decision is made regarding the proposed *Revised Book of Government* (Appendix 2).

Personal Information Form and Church Information Form

The Committee began a review of the Church Information Form and the Personal Information Form and recommending some wording changes and deletion of some parts of the Form. The Committee will continue its review and gather input from pastors, presbyteries, and churches in order to develop updated, usable forms that conforms to applicable employment law.

Future Assembly Workshop

The committee discussed the possibility of planning a General Assembly Workshop based on the topic of worship at the 2014 General Assembly. A request was made to the Committee on Administration to pursue this opportunity.

The Candidates Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP)

The committee had interviews with, and finalized the education plans for CEEP Candidates Kory Duncan, Greg Gunn, Brently Jordan Josh Maddin, Mary Ann Ruff and Steven Tyra.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation MVC-1

That the Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation at the 33rd General Assembly request a 5-minute informational presentation in accordance with *Rules for Assembly* 9-8 on the work of Pastor In Residence Ministries either by Mr. Roy Yanke or another representative of the of the organization present at the Assembly.

Recommendation MVC-2

That §13-5 of the *Book of Government* be amended to provide definitive guidance for presbyteries on recognizing ordinations from non-ecclesiastical sources presented by ministers seeking to transfer to the EPC.

| Current G.13-5 | Proposed Revision of G.13-5 <i>(changes in bold italic)</i> |
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| <p>The examination of an ordained Minister coming from another denomination: A Minister seeking to become a member of a Presbytery in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination. Further, such person shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A person coming from any other tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination. Each person seeking admission shall always be examined on personal Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth.</p> <p>Presbytery shall not ordinarily receive a Minister seeking to transfer from another denomination while discipline, inquiry, or charges are pending against the Minister.</p> | <p>The examination of an ordained Minister coming from another denomination: A Minister seeking to become a member of a Presbytery in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination. Further, such person shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A person coming from any other tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination. Each person seeking admission shall always be examined on personal Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth.</p> <p><i>If a person presents a non-ecclesiastical ordination, the person will be considered as lacking approved ordination credentials. However, if the person presents required education & appropriate ministry experience, the Presbytery shall proceed as if the person is coming from a non-Reformed tradition (see paragraph above). The person shall, upon approval, become immediately eligible for ordination and to receive a call approved by the Presbytery.</i></p> <p>Presbytery shall not ordinarily receive a Minister seeking to transfer from another denomination while discipline, inquiry, or charges are pending against the Minister.</p> |

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| Presbytery may, however, by three-fourths vote and following careful review of the case, declare pending charges insufficient for refusal of membership. | Presbytery may, however, by three-fourths vote and following careful review of the case, declare pending charges insufficient for refusal of membership. |
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Rationale: The 32nd General Assembly sustained an opinion of the Permanent Judicial Commission stating that the current language of G.13-5 does not prohibit presbyteries from recognizing non-ecclesiastical ordination. However, ordination outside the church is inconsistent with a Reformed/Presbyterian view of the Office of the Minister of the Word. The current language of G.13-5 has led to inconsistencies in the ways presbyteries have considered those who seek to transfer without ordination from a church body. The proposed amendment is consistent with the EPC’s high view of office in the church, but recognizes the practical reality that some with non-ecclesiastical ordination have education equivalent to EPC standards and, in some cases, a great deal of experience. Such individuals should not need to first become Candidates Under Care. They should, however, be ordained once they are received by the Presbytery.

Recommendation MVC-3

The Ministerial Vocation Committee recommended that the 33rd General assembly amend §15-3 of the *Book of Government* regarding the calling of ministers age 70 and above as written in the Column 4 below:

| COLUMN 1: Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 | COLUMN 2: Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 | COLUMN 3: Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly) | COLUMN 4: Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3 |
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| 15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: When a Minister serving in any capacity in the Church reaches the age of 70, that relationship shall be terminated. The Minister is obligated to notify the Presbytery six months prior to the 70th birthday. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the | 15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: When a Minister serving in any capacity in the Church reaches the age of 70, that relationship shall be terminated reviewed by the Ministerial Committee and make its recommendation(s) to Presbytery. The Minister is obligated to notify | 15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: Should a minister desire to continue to serve in his present pastoral relationship beyond the age of 70, he must notify, in writing, the calling body and presbytery. The minister is then eligible to be re-elected yearly for a term of one (1) year. When | 15-3 Dissolution by reason of age: Should a Minister desire to continue to serve in the current call beyond age 70, the Minister must notify, in writing, the calling body and the Presbytery. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected annually by the calling body with the |

| <p>COLUMN 1:</p> <p>Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 2:</p> <p>Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 3:</p> <p>Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly)</p> | <p>COLUMN 4:</p> <p>Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> |
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| <p>same relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. When such a renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary. No person having reached the age of 70 is eligible to accept any call as Teaching Elder other than the call being served upon reaching that age. Presbytery may set aside this limitation by a 2/3 vote. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected in this new relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. Moreover, a Minister who has reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as Stated Supply, Interim Supply, or Occasional Supply for a period of up to one year as approved by the Presbytery. The</p> | <p>the Presbytery six months prior to the 70th birthday. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the same relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery concurrence of the calling body and approval by the Presbytery. When such a renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary. No person having reached the age of 70 is eligible to accept any call as Teaching Elder other than the call being served upon reaching that age. Presbytery may set aside this limitation by a 2/3 vote. The Minister is then eligible to be re-elected in this new relationship yearly with the approval of the Church Session and the Presbytery. Moreover, a Minister who has</p> | <p>such renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body no installation is necessary.</p> <p>Should a minister fail to provide the above called for notice or opt not to; his pastoral relationship will be dissolved upon his 70th birthday. However, with the approval of presbytery a minister who has</p> | <p>approval of the Presbytery. When such renewal privilege is exercised by the calling body, no installation is necessary.</p> <p><i>If a minister age 70 or above desires to accept a different call, the Presbytery, on recommendation from the Ministerial Committee, must approve the call by a 2/3 majority. The Minister is then eligible to be reelected in the same relationship yearly with the approval of the calling body and Presbytery.</i></p> <p>Should a minister fail to provide the above called for notice or opt not to; the pastoral relationship will be dissolved upon the 70th birthday. However, with the approval of the Presbytery a minister, who has</p> |

| <p>COLUMN 1:</p> <p>Current <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 2:</p> <p>Overture 12-H from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery amending <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> | <p>COLUMN 3:</p> <p>Recommended Substitution from the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rec. #22 to the 32nd General Assembly)</p> | <p>COLUMN 4:</p> <p>Ministerial Vocation Committee Recommendation to amend <i>Book of Government</i> §15-3</p> |
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| <p>Presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that court to establish such relationships.</p> | <p>reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as Stated Supply, Interim Supply, or Occasional Supply for a period of up to one year as approved by the Presbytery. The Presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that court to establish such relationships.</p> | <p>reached the age of 70 is eligible to serve as stated supply, interim supply or occasional supply or occasional supply for a period of up to one (1) year. The presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that court to establish such relationship.</p> | <p>reached the age of 70, is eligible to serve as stated supply, interim supply or occasional supply or occasional supply for a period of up to one (1) year. The presbytery may appoint an appropriate committee of that Court to establish such relationship.</p> |

Rationale: Overture 12-H was referred to the Ministerial Vocation Committee because 1) the Stated Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery reported that the provision for ministers age 70 and above to receive a different call had been inadvertently omitted from the Overture, and 2) the Permanent Judicial Commission had offered a substantial substitution to the 32nd General Assembly. The Ministerial Vocation Committee’s recommendation substantially retains the wording from the Permanent Judicial Commission and retains the provision for ministers age 70 and above to accept another call with a supermajority approval of the Presbytery. The Committee makes this recommendation for the following reasons:

1. Given the health many ministers retain in their 70’s, their desire to continue to serve, and the valuable experience they bring to their callings, ministers should be able to continue in their callings or accept new ones at age 70 and above. There is no biblical or cultural warrant for a mandatory cut-off age for ministers remaining in or accepting a new call
2. Age 70 is an appropriate age for all parties to begin an annual review and renewal of a Minister’s call. This is a safeguard to a minister remaining too long for unhealthy reasons.
3. In the proposed amendment, responsibility for initiating the renewal of the call rests with the minister, something that is unclear in current G.15-3. If the minister does not request renewal, the pastoral relationship is dissolved.

4. The proposed amendment removes the Session from the annual renewal process, except in the case of an Assistant Pastor in which the Session is the calling body. This is consistent with the fundamental principle of the EPC *Book of Government*, that the congregation has the irrevocable right to call its own pastors (Pastor and Associate Pastors), subject to the concurrence of the Presbytery (G.7-5).
5. The proposed amendment removes masculine references due to the presence of women Teaching Elders in the EPC.

Respectfully submitted,


Fred Lian, Chairman

June 2013

Moderator's Report
33rd General Assembly

I want to welcome you to Denver for the 33rd General Assembly. Denver is my home. Both Barb and I were born here, in the same hospital, Denver's PRESBYTERIAN Hospital!

This GA will be a very important one and I want you to make every effort to be here. The docket is filled with significant and weighty issues, none bigger than the massive concern dealing with the future of the EPC's health plan - knowing that our nation faces the implementation of The Affordable HealthCare Act. As I write this, the list of unanswered questions is growing. We know some things, and we've identified other things that we don't know, but to paraphrase Donald Rumsfeld, "We don't really know yet what we don't know." This already has the full attention of the Committee on Administration (CoA), and in the coming year we will continue to grapple with this as one of our highest priorities. Jeff Jeremiah has laid out for you in the DVD shown at your most recent Presbytery meeting the rationale for giving the CoA Commission power to act on your behalf in making some very critical, time-sensitive decisions that need to be made throughout the year. I urge you to approve this motion.



*Ken Roberts, Moderator
32nd General Assembly*

This past year has rattled our sense of mortality with sickness and death reminding us of how very fragile life really is. Recalling a few of those examples, we were shocked last August by the murder of Dr. James Carr, an EPC pastor in Greenville, NC. We were alarmed at the news last August by a stroke that Cindy Jeremiah suffered, Jeff Jeremiah's wife, but have been delighted by her recovery. Then we were saddened at the news this past January of the death of Stretch DePuy who only one year ago completed a superb 6-year service on the CoA serving the last few years in the crucial role as chairman of the Personnel committee.

But God also folds into our lives joy as well. As I reflect on my year as your Moderator it seems dreamlike and fantastic. Jeff Jeremiah gave me the green light to visit as many Presbyteries as I could manage, a goal I hope to finish next fall. This has also allowed me to visit about 30 churches establishing many friendships that I will treasure for years. My heart has been filled to overflowing with the stories I have encountered along the way showing God at work, and I'd like to share a few of them with you here.

A few months back, a couple visited one of our EPC churches at the invitation of a member of that congregation. [The significance that this couple was invited to church must not be overlooked.] The husband, a non-believer, had recently been diagnosed with metastatic liver cancer and had been placed on the transplant list. On the Sunday they came, as part of the Morning Prayer, another woman had asked if they would pray over her for healing. During the prayer the pastor invited the woman forward and asked the elders of the congregation to come and lay hands on her for her healing.

The very next day, the new couple asked their friends if the church might be willing to pray for him as they had for the woman. That next Sunday during the Morning Prayer they called him forward. The elders laid hands on him and anointed him with oil for healing. During the prayer, he opened himself up to the Lord and received Christ. That is the most significant part of this story. However, later that week he went in for his regular appointment, and the doctor informed him he no longer qualified for a transplant because his liver had started working again, that he had so far regained 25% liver function. And today there is no longer any evidence of the cancer, he has gained back 50 pounds, has joined the Worship Team, and continues to give glory to God.

A second story shows God's redemption of a very different kind. A young couple in one of our EPC churches has been married 18 months. He's 30 years old, and he's in his pastor's weekly young men's Bible study. The pastor tells the story. "He goes on a business trip - meets a woman - and decides that he's never loved his wife and loves this new woman. They have an affair - but oddly, he still keeps coming to Bible study - and TELLS us what is going on. I stood back and watched the other guys take it in - they loved him and did not reject him - but said clearly they did not agree with his choice. He becomes more and more unsettled - agitated - business falls apart - but he is staying with his decision. Until a month later - as divorce proceedings are happening - God hits him over the head as he is out running one night - comes home and calls me and says, "[Pastor], I have had the most amazing thing happen - how do I get my wife back - I love her! This whole thing has been a lie!!" From that day on, this couple has fallen in love all over again - and it is an absolute miracle. Only God could have done that because he was convinced - sold - on this "other" woman - and now, they are like two teenagers in love and we're doing a "renewal of vows" ceremony in a month!"

A third story. "It was several years ago when I was working as a Resident Chaplain at a near-by hospital that I met a young man of 36 years of age who had been in the ICU for several weeks. I was told by the medical doctors to prepare the family for his imminent death, that he was experiencing multi-system organ failure and it wouldn't be long before he died.

What the doctors didn't know was that the night before as I was praying for this young man, the Lord laid on my heart that He wanted me to go into his hospital room and pray for him. So much was at stake... I had to explain this all to his family, right after they had been told that he had less than a 1% chance of living. What would I say in my prayer, I wondered? The Lord assured me He would guide and lead me.

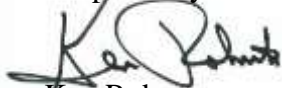
I honestly don't remember all of the words of my 'fervent prayer' but I do remember being led in prayer to assure this young man that he would live. The Spirit of God also led me to declare to him that I would meet him in person and speak with him, on the same floor of the ICU in the future! I was rather shocked as these words came from my mouth, as I had never prayed anything like that before. But the Spirit of God was truly present in that moment of time and simply called me to trust in Him and have faith that He was at work.

Two hours after this Spirit-led prayer, this young man's vitals turned around and his organs began to function. One week later he was discharged from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility. Three months later, he returned to the same ICU floor to have a follow-up procedure performed, and it was then that I met him and spoke with him for the first time. Tears flowed from his eyes as he thanked me. Through my own tears I could barely get out the words, "Please thank God for this miracle as it was all His plan and His doing."

A fourth story involves Petra, a 22-year-old member of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Denver who was in the crowded theater in Aurora, Colorado on July 19, 2012 when a gunman randomly opened fire during the premier of Bat Man killing 12 and wounding another 58. Petra was shot 4 times, and one of the bullets entered her nose, travelled through her nasal cavity - upward and back, and stopped inside the upper back part of her skull. But it didn't kill her. Her surgeon says the 'miracle' was how the bullet somehow managed to travel between the two lobes of her brain leaving her brain traumatized but without extensive or permanent damage. After a successful surgery to remove the bullet, a month long hospital stay and rehabilitation, God has allowed Petra a full recovery. Perhaps the most painful component of this whole ordeal for Petra was losing her dear mother who died of breast cancer last fall. Another part of this story involves Austin – her faithful companion. He was by her side in the hospital, and in rehab, and when she went home. He has been her persistent encourager and constant helper. On March 2 of this year Barb and I celebrated with them by attending their wedding at Cherry Creek. They are now living in Maryland where they are both in graduate school.

These are a few of the 'behind the scenes' stories of God at work in our denomination. During our GA meeting at Cherry Hills, I will be able to tell more of how God's hand and His mercies have been evident. He continues to show Himself strong through our churches, our presbyteries and our denomination as a whole – but more specifically in the lives of our people. I treasure the gift He has given me, and that you gave me last year, allowing me to be the Moderator of the 32nd General Assembly of the EPC.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Roberts

Moderator

32nd General Assembly

June 2013

National Outreach Committee Report

33rd General Assembly

Members of the National Outreach Committee are TE Steven S. Bryant (Chair - Central South), RE Frank Clepper (Southeast) and RE Rush Sherrill (Mid-Atlantic). The Committee met via conference call September 27, 2012 and March 20, 2013, and at the General Assembly office in Livonia October 24-25, 2012 and April 24-25, 2013.



*Steve Bryant
Chairman*

The Work of the Committee

National Outreach Committee is assigned:

- a. To coordinate, encourage and provide resources for church planting, evangelism and church development/revitalization efforts of presbyteries and churches.
- b. To provide oversight of Church Planter Assessing and Equipping, the Home Missionary application process, the Urban Ministries Network (UMN) and to encourage the pursuit of ethnic domestic ministry opportunities.

Supporting Our Presbyteries

Our committee meets two times a year in the Livonia office. We invite each presbytery to send to this gathering their Regional Church Development Coordinator (RCDC) and/or their Church Development Chair (CDC). Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah participates with us. Each presbytery brings or sends a written report of its current work in church planting and church development. At that gathering we share our successes, failures, best practices, and much prayer. We believe the networks built at these meetings help facilitate the work of church planting and revitalization across the landscape of the EPC.

Church Planting

In order to “jumpstart” church planting in the EPC, the NOC created the Church Planters Team (CPT) of Tom Ricks (Mid-America), Jim Holland (Central South), Shawn Robinson (Pacific), Jack Cathey and Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic) and Tom Melton (West). The CPT is committed to creating a culture of church planting in the EPC where every church has the opportunity to participate in the evangelization of the lost in the US through church planting.

The following is an update on church plants and mission groups (works begun since the 2012 General Assembly are underscored):

- Alleghenies – New City-Pittsburgh, PA (Rodger Woodworth), SOMA-Beaver, PA, Redeemer- Erie, PA, Next Steps-Albion, NY. Gateway Community EPC-Slippery Rock, PA (Bob Stauffer) achieved particular church status.
- Central South – Fruitland-Jackson, TN (Roy Whaley). Downtown-Memphis, TN (Richard Rieves) and One Hope-Longview, TX achieved particular church status. Grace Reformed-Prattville, AL was closed.

- East – Twin Tiers-Elmira, NY, North Point EPC-Peabody, MA (David Cook) and Church of Occoquan Valley-Woodbridge, VA (David Fischler). Grace-Pennington, NJ (Ken Buck) achieved particular church status.
- Florida – Solid Rock EPC-Leesburg, FL (John Lodge) achieved particular church status. Trinity Church-Ft. Pierce, FL.
- Mid-America – Faith-Perryville, MO. City Church-St. Louis, MO (Mike Werkheiser) achieved particular church status. Grace Community-Springfield, MO closed.
- Mid-Atlantic – Christ Covenant - Fredericksburg, VA (Bill Lindner), Lake Forest-Davidson campus-Davidson, NC (Michael Flake), Victoria-Victoria, VA and Trinity-Hilton Head Island, SC (Ian Lamont). North Grove EPC closed and became Grace Mission Church- Hampstead, NC (Bryan Slater). Church in Restoration-Mechanicsville, VA (Jeff Lee), New Horizon EPC-Asheville, NC (Bill Solomon), Church at Dutch Fork-Columbia, SC and Rock-Greenwood, SC. iSight-Montreat, NC (Commissioned Pastor Anthony Rodrieguez) achieved particular church status.
- Midwest – The Antioch Movement-Ypsilanti, MI (Dan Rose) and Deshler-Deshler, OH. The Well-Brighton, MI was dismissed to independency.
- Pacific – Christ Church-Berkeley, CA (Bart Garrett) achieved particular church status. Emmaus Road-Danville, CA closed.
- Rivers & Lakes - Confluence-Campaign, IL (Kevin Wilson). Cornerstone Fellowship-Buena Vista, MN was dismissed to independency.
- Southeast – oneChurch-Athens, GA (Stephen Hightower).
- West – E-470 Corridor-Denver, CO (Doug Klein) and Visio Dei-Phoenix, AZ (David Zook). Neighborhood Mission Church-Littleton, CO (Eugene Scott) achieved particular church status.

Summary: Since the 2012 General Assembly:

- Fifteen new works were begun.
- Eight works achieved particular church status.
- Four works were closed and two dismissed to independency.
- Thirteen works continue from before the 2012 General Assembly

Church Revitalization

In order to coordinate, encourage and provide resources for church health and vitality in our current churches as well as those considering reception into the EPC, the NOC commissioned a Revitalization Task Force (RTF) led by Ken Priddy (Mid-Atlantic). It includes Bob Stauffer (Alleghenies), Bill Rasch (Midwest) and Tom Clymer (Mid-Atlantic). Key documents of the RTF are available at www.epc.org.

The NOC looks forward to sharing presentations from the Church Planting Team and the Revitalization Task Force at this Assembly.

Bart Hess Award

The National Outreach Committee enthusiastically selected Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, North Carolina to receive the 2013 Bart Hess Award for innovative and reproducible work in church development. Lake Forest Church, under the able leadership of

TE Mike Moses, has grown from a core of 150 in 1998 to well over 1500 today. Not only has this very young church grown significantly, but planting has become central to its mission. It launched Lake Forest-Davidson campus in Davidson, NC in 2011.

Home Missionaries

The EPC home missionaries are:

- **John and Diane Davis** of Border Transitions Ministry work with the poor of Laredo, TX. Their ministry focuses on teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults, tutoring children, distributing food and ministering to the homeless (especially children).
- **Kevin Brown** heads up Trinity Christian Community in New Orleans. TCC is a Christian Community Development ministry that exists to improve the lives of the urban poor in New Orleans through leadership development, capacity building and community transformation.
- **John Bueno** of Latins United is available to all EPC churches nationwide as they relate to their Spanish-speaking neighbors. John can advise and assist churches who want to plant an immigrant church, create a culturally blended church or sharing building space with a Spanish-speaking church. He also helps with community involvement for all of the above. In addition, John can provide a cultural immersion experiences by hosting short-term mission trips to Colombia.

Funding the Ministry of NOC

Funding the ministry of National Outreach comes from our presbyteries. Each presbytery is asked to donate \$1.00 per member per year to this important work. National Outreach uses this money to connect people and resources throughout our denomination as they do the work of church planting and church revitalization. We are thankful for every gift to facilitate the ministry of planting and revitalization. See National Outreach Budget below:

2013 National Outreach Budget

| <u>Line Item</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>2013 Budget</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 593200 | Presbytery Development/Travel | \$17,500 |
| 593500 | Church Development Miscellaneous | \$ 1,000 |
| 593600 | Church Planter’s Development | \$35,000 |
| 593630 | RCDC | \$35,000 |
| 593650 | Urban Ministries | \$ 6,980 |
| 593660 | Special Projects - Travel | \$10,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$105,480 |

Recommendations to General Assembly:

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bryant, Chairman

June 2013

Report of the Nominating Committee
33rd General Assembly



John Ivy
Chairman

After corresponding by e-mail during December and then laying groundwork at January presbytery meetings, the Committee formally convened in Livonia, Michigan on March 22, 2013 when the majority of the slate before the Assembly was determined. Thereafter, we convened via conference call on May 1, 2013 and continued e-mail communications to finalize the slate.

Throughout the process, we prayerfully approached our work, asking the Lord to lead us to the men and women that He wanted serving the EPC. God has been faithful, so we joyfully present a slate of candidates who are eager to serve the Assembly.

The Committee, however, faced two challenges that will continue in the future. Recognizing that Assembly committee rosters are dominated by the male gender, we consciously sought women candidates for roles that historically favored men. Success in this area was limited, as very few presbyteries and Sessions had forwarded endorsement of potential nominees to the Committee. Secondly, it is becoming more difficult to maintain a healthy ratio of Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders with respect to particular committees requiring a 2:1 ratio. The pool of Ruling Elders is not reasonably sufficient to maintain the needed diversity. Both of these challenges need to be addressed - not at the Assembly level - but at the Presbytery and Congregational levels. This report, therefore, includes an encouragement to all to identify and endorse for nomination those passionate and qualified women and/or Ruling Elders who are prepared to emerge as leaders of the denomination in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Ivy". Below the signature, the name "John Ivy, Chairman" is printed in a smaller font.

John Ivy, Chairman

June 2013

Members of the Assembly's Nominating Committee:

Class of 2013

- TE Kevin Gourley (Alleghenies)
- RE Alan Johnson (West)
- RE John Ivy (Central South)
- TE Jason Steele (East)

Class of 2015

- TE Jerry Voss (Pacific)
- TE Scott Jackson (Southeast)
- RE Roby Wallin (Mid-Atlantic)
- RE Tom Werner (Mid-America)

Class of 2014

- RE Frank Carter (Mid-Atlantic)
- RE Tom Henson (Midwest)
- TE Bill Martin (Florida)
- TE George Garrison (Rivers & Lakes)



*TE Bill Dudley
Nominee for Moderator
33rd General Assembly*

Moderator Nominee – TE Bill Dudley

The Nominating Committee is pleased to place into nomination as Moderator of the 33rd General Assembly Dr. William E. (Bill) Dudley, Senior Pastor at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Dr. Dudley is in his 25th year of ministry at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church. In his forty-four years of ministry, Bill has served as Associate Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama; Pastor of Newnan Presbyterian Church in Newnan, Georgia; and, again at Memorial Church in Montgomery as Senior Pastor for fourteen years prior to his call to Signal Mountain.

Dr. Dudley transferred his ordination to the EPC in 2007 after 38 years in the PCUSA; this occurred at the same time the Signal Mountain Church was received into the EPC. He is a faithful presbyter within the Presbytery of the Southeast where he serves on the Ministerial and Candidates Committee. He has served for the past sixteen years as a Trustee of Montreat College in Montreat, North Carolina. The heart of his ministry has been church renewal and redevelopment, building up of small congregations and conflict resolution.

Within the Chattanooga community, Dr. Dudley has served on numerous boards and ministries and continues to be actively involved in the communities of Signal Mountain and Chattanooga. His services, over the years in Chattanooga, have included the Chattanooga Resource Foundation, CONTACT Ministry, Bethany Christian Services and the selection committee for The Dora Maclellan Brown Foundation. He is an active member of the Chattanooga Rotary Club and has served on committees and development for his alma mater, Auburn University.

A native of Opelika, Alabama and a covenant child of First Presbyterian Church of Opelika, Dudley is a graduate of Auburn University and received both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary. The Dudley's have three children and three grandchildren.

Bill's wife, Julia-Lake, is the daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian missionaries to the Congo.

Moderator-Elect Nominee – RE Gordon Miller

The Nominating Committee is pleased to place into nomination RE Gordon Miller as Moderator-Elect of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). Miller has served his church, his presbytery, and the EPC denomination. He is a member of River Oaks Community Church (Clemmons, NC) where he has served as a ruling elder for six years. He has served in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic on the Ministerial Committee and one two-year term as the Moderator. Miller has served for two terms on the EPC's Permanent Committee on Theology.

Miller enjoys SCUBA diving and has been a diving instructor for 15 years. He combined this avocation with his experience as an emergency medical technician to aid local and state law enforcement agencies with water rescue operations and body recovery. Later, Miller served on a local and federal special operations and response team for natural disasters, such as Hurricane Andrew. During Andrew, Miller flew to Florida as part of such a medical response team to assist with local recovery efforts.

Miller earned his law degree in 1975 from Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC), home of the "Demon Deacons". He practices in all aspects of litigation – civil, criminal, and domestic. He is married to Connie Miller; they have four children and three grandchildren. Miller describes himself as an avid reader and a student of both theology and philosophy.



*RE Gordon Miller
Nominee for Moderator-Elect
33rd General Assembly*

Slate of Nominations – Permanent Committees & Boards

Committee on Administration

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| Class of 2016 | TE Erik Ohman^ RE Dale Schaefer^ TE Dean Weaver | Midwest Mid-America Alleghenies |
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Board of Benefits

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| Class of 2016 | RE Will Barnes RE John Dewald | Rivers & Lakes Central South |
| Class of 2015 | TE Ron Cox | Mid-Atlantic |

Committee on Chaplains Work & Care

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug McCready^ RE Rich Whipple^ | East Midwest |
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Committee on Christian Education & Publications

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jose Rojas ^ RE Fred Teagle | Florida Mid-Atlantic |
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EPC Foundation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Pat McElroy | Pacific |
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Committee on Fraternal Relations

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| Class of 2016 | RE Sam Searcy^ RE Tod Paulson | West Rivers & Lakes |
| Class of 2014 | RE Peter Pugliese | Alleghenies |

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

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| Class of 2016 | TE Michael Flake TE Jerry Iamurri | Mid-Atlantic East |
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Committee on National Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Steve Bryant^ | Central South |
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Permanent Judicial Commission

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| Class of 2016 | RE Jim Herring RE Dave Leighton RE Stephen Mahan | Central South West Midwest |
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Presbytery Review

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| Class of 2016 | RE Max Riddle | Southeast |
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Committee on Student and College Ministries

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| Class of 2016 | TE Mark Steimer^ Sam Gyorfi^ TE David Burke | Southeast West Southeast |
| Class of 2015 | Elliott Simko | East |
| Class of 2014 | TE Meghan Hackman | Pacific |

Committee on Theology

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| Class of 2016 | RE Bob Donan^ TE Ramona Spilman | Central South West |
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Committee on Women in Ministry

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| Class of 2016 | Karen Corcoran Stacey Laho | Alleghenies Midwest |
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World Outreach

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| Class of 2016 | TE Doug Thompson^ Sheryl Smith RE Al Johnson | Midwest West West |
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Standing Committee Assignments

Administration

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RE Steve Anderson

RE Jerry Anson

TE Donald Baird

RE Sandra Bartles

RE Susan Berilla

TE Scott Bowen

TE Doug Brandt

TE Robert Buchanan

TE Dan Burns

RE Chad Caldwell

RE Lee Camp

RE Sabra Carman

TE Josh Cole

TE James Coleman

TE Edward Cummings

TE William "Bud"

Davies

TE Marc de Jeu

TE Nate Devlin

RE Carlos Dearl Dixon

TE John Dorr, Jr.

RE Bill Enslin

RE Donald Alfred Flater

TE Matthew Ferguson

RE Ron Foote

TE Tim Foster

RE Dutch Franz

RE Steven Frost

TE David Galbraith

TE Brett Garretson

TE Jim Glasgow

RE Jon Greeneisen

RE Palmer Griffin

RE George Hammond

RE Daniel Heise

RE Victor Hildebrand

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RE Rhea Serpan

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TE Ken Glasier
RE John Griffin
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RE Gary Knight
TE Ian Leslie
TE Austin McCaskill
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RE Keith Walsh

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TE Clifford Mansley
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RE Joe McCoy
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RE Cary Carter
TE Mark Cox
RE Max Deardorff
TE Andrew Ekblad
TE Timothy Filston

TE Keith Fink
RE Theodore Hailes
TE Wayne Hardy
TE Michael Herrin
RE George Hertensteiner
TE William Hyer
TE William "Bill" Kelly
RE Jacqueline Kilgore
RE Inga Kimple
RE Norm Klann
RE Stan Koster
TE Peter Larson
TE Scott Larson
RE David Lee
RE Sara Lee
RE Randall Leonard
RE Francis Lieuwen
RE Jon Loeliger
RE Lloyd Lunceford
RE Robert Mathews
RE Cecil Matthews
TE Jack Maxwell
TE Ron Meyer
RE Olin Morris
TE Nathan Moser
TE Daniel Muttart
RE Bruce Novkov
RE Walter Lee Perkins
TE Brian Post
TE Valdir Reis
RE Arthur Ritter
RE Anthony Rodriguez
RE Frank Rotella
RE Roger Rumer
TE Doug Runyan
RE Stephen Searle
TE Daniel Situka
TE Jeffrey Smith
RE Thomas Staton
TE Fred Stifel
RE Byard Stone, Jr.
TE Bradley Strait
RE Alan Sutton
RE Michael Sywulak
RE William Thomas
RE Bern Thompson

RE Steve Tipps
RE Tim Tunnell
RE Vic Uotinen
TE Mark Vanderput
TE Richard Vroon
TE David Wahlstedt
TE D. Dean Weaver
RE Ronald Webber
RE Brenda Wheeler
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Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission
33rd General Assembly

Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) are TE William Catoe, RE Jim Herring (Clerk), RE David Leighton, TE Paul Pankey, RE Jim Rimmel (Moderator), RE George “Smoky” Russell, RE Ron Schwedland and RE Joe Slesinski. The PJC met at 11:00 AM EDT on May 17, 2013 via an online and telephonic "Go-To-Meeting" format and completed the following actions since the 32nd General Assembly. Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Stated Clerk.



Jim Rimmel
Moderator

Matters Regarding Judicial Appeals

None.

Matters Regarding Amendment to the *Book of Order*

At its meeting, the PJC primarily considered an extensive report and document from the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Review, also known as the Constitutional Review Committee ("CRC"). The CRC intends to offer the report for approval at the 33rd General Assembly to be held in June 2013. Within the CRC report are a number of proposed substantive changes to the existing EPC *Book of Government*. The CRC report will be offered by the CRC as a complete substitution for the current EPC *Book of Government*.

In its deliberations, the PJC determined that its role in considering the CRC's changes to the *Book of Government* was to decide if any of the changes:

- 1) Erode or alter the rights reserved to the local church as set forth in *Book of Government* Chapter 7 - “Rights Reserved to a Particular Church,” and
- 2) Are consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

Moreover, the CRC seeks the concurrence of the PJC to include the changes in the Revised *Book of Government* for approval by the 33rd General Assembly.

The PJC therefore considered each of the "proposed substantive changes" which are numbered in the CRC report according to their placement in the proposed *Book of Government* as follows:¹

1. Add the Term "mission group" to proposed Chapter 5.

G.S-3 **A Mission Group** is the first stage in the development of a mission church. A Mission Group may be initiated by a church court or by groups from outside the denomination recognized by a presbytery. Mission Groups fall under the oversight of an appropriate committee or commission of a church court.

¹ Appendix 2 (the entire Revised *Book of Government*) is not included in these minutes due to size limitations. Hard copies were distributed to all Teaching Elders as well as available on the EPC website for review prior to the 33rd General Assembly.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* has no category for the beginning stages of a new church (pre-mission church status). The term "mission group" is in use by the General Assembly Office and several presbyteries and is a helpful addition to constitutional language.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

2. Add a provision to proposed Chapter 5 allowing a presbytery to have access to the congregation during a dismissal process and allowing discipline cases not related to the dismissal to continue.

G.5-10A (*Sentence added to the end*) This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Presbytery from reasonable means of access to the Session or church members in order to present its position. Nor shall this provision be construed to prohibit the Presbytery from taking action under the *Book of Discipline* on matters unrelated to the request for dismissal.

Grounds: Situations have arisen in which a church seeking dismissal denied the Presbytery reasonable means of presenting its position to the membership of the church. If there is a matter requiring church discipline of a minister and that matter is unrelated to the dismissal process, the Presbytery should be able to go forward with the judicial process.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in Book of Government Chapter 7, and is consistent with the Book of Worship and Book of Discipline.

3. Add a provision to proposed Chapter 5 to address a situation in which a congregational vote for dismissal fails to obtain a two-thirds majority.

G.5-10D If a request for dismissal fails to achieve the required two-thirds majority of the congregation present and voting, the process of dismissal (**G.5-10**) may not be repeated until at least 12 months have elapsed following the vote.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* is silent on what happens if a vote for dismissal falls short of a two-thirds majority. The proposed addition would prevent unnecessary disruption in church life by immediately repeating the process.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

4. Add provisions to Chapter 6 clarifying the relationship of the Session and Trustees.

G.6-8C All personal property of the local church is under the authority of the Session. If the congregation does not elect a Board of Trustees, the responsibilities above (G.6-8A) are retained by the Session.

G.6-8D If a congregation does not elect Trustees (or if Deacons have not been given the responsibility for property), the Session, or a designated portion of the Court, shall serve as the Trustees of the Local Church.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* contains only minimal information about the responsibility of Trustees. The proposed additions clarify areas which have proven to be confusing in the relationship of the Trustees, Session, and congregation.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

5. Add a provision for the Session to request the Presbytery Moderator to appoint a Teaching Elder from outside the congregation to moderate a congregational meeting if needful.

G.7-4B In the case of sickness or temporary absence of the Pastor, or if it is deemed impractical or unwise by the Session for the Pastor to moderate a congregational meeting, the Session shall either:

1. Appoint one of its members, with the concurrence of the Pastor, to call the meeting to order and to preside, or
2. Request the Moderator of the Presbytery to appoint another Teaching Elder from outside the congregation to call the meeting to order and preside.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* has no provision for an outside Moderator of a congregational meeting. Experience has shown that it is sometimes needful to have someone from outside the congregation moderate a meeting. Proposed G.7-4B.2 adds such a provision.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

The PJC suggested that the word “to” in subsection 2 be struck before “appoint” and “order” (as indicated above). The CRC agreed and that editorial correction will be included in the document published to the General Assembly.

6. Add a definition of what constitutes a majority vote.

G.7-8 Unless stipulated otherwise, any majority vote specified in this *Book of Government* means a majority of those present and voting.

Grounds: A majority vote may be of either those registered or those voting. The proposed addition clarifies the matter, which is important when a court of the church is closely divided on an issue.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

7. Add a standard for parliamentary procedure.

G.7-10 *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure unless stipulated otherwise in a church's bylaws.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* is silent about a standard procedure for meetings. The common practice of using *Roberts Rules of Order* has been included in proposed G.7-10 as the "default," while allowing congregations to adopt another appropriate standard.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

8. Change the requirement for a person serving in a temporary pastoral relation to resign from that relationship before being eligible to be considered by the Search Committee as Pastor.

G.10-7B Ordinarily, a person currently serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is not eligible to be called as Pastor of that church. Should a Search Committee desire to consider any person who has served in a temporary capacity since the pulpit most recently became vacant, it must secure approval by a three-fourths vote of the Session and a three-fourths vote of the Ministerial Committee in order to proceed.

Grounds: The necessity for a pastor in a temporary relationship to step aside from that relationship in order to be called as pastor has been removed in the proposed revision. The provision in proposed G.10-7B places the same requirements on the person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship as on an Associate Pastor succeeding a Pastor.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

9. Add instructions for continuing and removing people from the baptized roll.

- G.8-3A** 2. *[final sentence]* All those baptized are entitled to this pastoral care even though they are adults and have not made a profession of faith in Christ.
3. The Session shall remove a person from the baptized roll upon enrolling that person as a confirmed member (G.8-3B.1) or upon receiving credible information that the person has become a member of another church.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* is silent on what a Session should do when a person on the baptized roll either joins another church without the Session's knowledge or becomes an adult without making a profession of faith. These additions make explicit what may be logically inferred from the *Book of Order* and *Westminster Confession of Faith* regarding church membership and baptism.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

10. Renaming and defining "drop from the roll without censure,"

G.14-4B By removal from office without sanction. Presbytery may remove a Teaching Elder from office without judicial process (without sanction) for the following reasons:

1. The Teaching Elder no longer senses a call to ministry and requests removal from office.
2. The Teaching Elder, who does not meet the criteria for retirement, or exhibits compelling evidence of inability to serve the Church over a reasonable period of time.
3. The Teaching Elder has failed to inform Presbytery of a new residence or place of ministry and the Presbytery, after diligent effort, is unable to obtain current contact information after one year.
4. The Teaching Elder has been on the inactive roll for at least 5 years.

Grounds: Current G.15-8 uses the term "drop from the roll without censure" without further explanation. Proposed G.14-4B substitutes the term "without sanction" for consistency with the *Book of Discipline* and gives explanations for its use, based on current practice.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

11. Add responsibility for recording property transactions with civil authority.

G.18-2B.4 Property transactions.

The Clerk of Session shall ensure that all transactions regarding real and personal property have been properly recorded with civil authorities as required unless this responsibility has been committed to the church Trustees, Deacons, or Treasurer.

Grounds: A key responsibility of the Clerk of Session, on which the current *Book of Government* is silent, has been made explicit in proposed G.18-2B.4.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

12. Add a provision for the Session to be able to meet when the Moderator is absent for an extended period of time.

G.18-2A.3 If there is no Pastor or Associate Pastor, or if there is no Associate Pastor and the Pastor is absent for more than one month, the Session may elect one of its members to serve as Moderator.

Grounds: The addition covers situations such as a pastor being on an extended sabbatical or with an extended illness and the Session cannot reasonably suspend regular business for a long period of time. The current *Book of Government* is silent about such situations.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

13. Add authorization for a Presbytery Stated Clerk to issue a provisional opinion.

G.22-4A. In the case of a reference from the Session, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery may, if necessary, issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next stated or called meeting of the Presbytery.

Grounds: To carry out the responsibilities of responding to a lower court in a timely manner, a provision should be added to give Presbytery Stated Clerks the ability to issue a provisional opinion similar to the process delineated for the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. The current *Book of Government* has no such provision.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

14. Make explicit a voluntary limit on conscience assumed by those taking ordination vows:

G.25-2A The Church may make no laws to bind the conscience with respect to the interpretation of Scripture. No person may be rejected for membership or ordination because of such matters of conscience unless that matter has been officially declared a heresy by the Church, or unless it obstructs the constitutional governance of the Church. However, those seeking ordination in the EPC, either initially or by transfer, voluntarily limit their free exercise of conscience to the lawful bounds of the Essentials of Our Faith, the Westminster Standards, and the *Book of Order* of the EPC.

Grounds: The final sentence is necessary to reflect the operational but unstated assumption that matters of conscience do have boundaries based on ordination vows and, for ministers, the exceptions to the Confession and Catechisms stated and allowed or disallowed by the Presbytery.

Action by the PJC: The PJC finds that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*.

15. Add a provision to Chapter 5 clarifying where a person's membership is held when a Church is dissolved.

G.5-9 *[Last sentences of first paragraph regarding dissolution of a church]* The Presbytery shall hold the membership of any remaining members until such time as the individual members request transfer to another Christian church, following the stipulations of G.8-4.

Grounds: The current *Book of Government* is silent on what happens to a person's membership when a church dissolves and that person's membership has not yet been transferred. This amendment clarifies that when a person requests a transfer of membership after a church's dissolution, the Presbytery handles the transaction. The Presbytery "holding" a person's membership does not imply that the person is a member of the Presbytery.

Action by the PJC: Having determined that the proposed language does not erode or change the rights reserved to the local church in *Book of Government* Chapter 7, and is consistent with the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Discipline*, the PJC approved unanimously the proposed amendment.

BOOK OF GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

On motion duly made and carried, additional proposed amendments to the *Book of Government* contained in the Report of the Ministerial Vocation Committee ("MVC") to the PJC were placed in the record of the PJC proceedings. However, on motion duly made and unanimously carried, the consideration by the PJC of the Report of the MVC was postponed until the proposed changes to the EPC *Book of Government* presented in the CRC Report are considered and acted upon by the 33rd General Assembly.

Matters Regarding Interpretation of the *Book of Order*

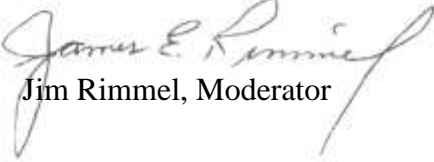
None.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation PJC-1

That consideration of **Recommendation MVC-2** (see pages 241-242) regarding an amendment to *Book of Government* 13-5 and **Recommendation MVC-3** (see pages 242-245) regarding an amendment to *Book of Government* 15-3 be postponed until such time as the *Revised Book of Government* has been either ratified or defeated.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Rimmel, Moderator

June 2013

Report of the Presbytery Review Committee
33rd General Assembly

Members of the Presbytery Review Committee (PRC) are RE Al Bennett (Midwest), TE Dennis Flach (Chairman, Central South) and RE Carl Martin (Mid-America). The PRC met May 20 – 21, 2013 to review the minutes of the Presbyteries for the past reporting year. Prior to its meeting committee members review all minutes from all presbyteries for the latest twelve month reporting cycle. This work reflects the review and control aspect of the Court of General Assembly and serves as a gauge of denominational health, right practice and due process.



Dennis Flach
Chairman

As Chair of the Committee, it was my distinct pleasure to serve with members Carl Martin and Al Bennett, who was providentially hindered from attending the Livonia meeting. Al did provide observations to the minutes in written form which accomplished the same ends for the Committee. Concomitantly with our Livonia travel and meeting days, the Sunday tornadoes featured prominently and ominously in our abbreviated schedule.

Having completed the review process despite weather and travel delays, the minutes submitted by the Presbytery Stated Clerks proved vibrant, instructive and diligent. Very few exceptions were identified and minutes were overall highly qualified to convey the actions of our various presbyteries. The insights gained from this comprehensive review proved without doubt that the denomination and its respective presbyteries are performing their regional responsibilities in exemplary fashion. The Committee is grateful for the diligent work of our Clerks.

Finally, the steady hand of guidance provided by Dr. Ed McCallum again was an indispensable aid and anchor to the entire process. The Committee is indebted to Ed's steadfast service to our denominational family. Special appreciation is extended to Carl Martin, who has completed two consecutive terms on the Committee, as he has made invaluable observations throughout his terms of service. To God be All Glory through Christ Jesus, Lord of the Church.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Note: An asterisk () indicates that notations requiring responses will be forwarded to the Presbytery (Rules for Assembly 9-11C.2)*

Recommendation PRC-1

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries of the Alleghenies, Central South, East, Florida, Mid-America, Mid-Atlantic, Rivers and Lakes, Southeast and West to exceptions from the 31st General Assembly and to notations requiring response as adequate with the following comments (see pages 275-293).

- A. To the Presbytery of the Alleghenies: In the future, Minutes must record a definite action of the Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster

Confession and Catechisms (G.13-6; Act of Assembly 03-04). See recommendation PRC-2 below.

- B. To the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery: In the future, Minutes should continue to record the definite action of Presbytery to allow or disallow exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms (G.13-6, Act of Assembly 03-04), but the Minutes should not record the content of the exception (Act of Assembly 03-09). See recommendation PRC-10 below.

Recommendation PRC-2 (regarding the Presbytery of the Alleghenies)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be approved with the following exceptions:*

 - 1. P. 69, 4-06; p. 92, 5-06; p. 116, 6-06; p. 125, 06-19A; p.140, 07-06 – Attendance is not listed in the body of the Minutes (Rules for Assembly 9-12G, Act of Assembly 00-11, “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes,” p. 1)
 - 2. P. 72, 04-11E, F; p.. 78, 4-22B, C; p. 103, 05-19C, E; p. 120, 6-10C, D; p. 125, 06-19D; p. 126, 06-19D, E, F; p. 140, 07-10D, E; p.148, 07-17B – There is no record that Presbytery allowed or disallowed the ministers’ exceptions to the Westminster Confession (G.13-6, Act of Assembly 03-09). A statement of this action should be included in the Clerk’s template.

- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, which added a significant number of churches in the past year, for their diligent, impartial and fair examinations of those incoming churches.

Recommendation PRC-3 (regarding the Presbytery of the Central South)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South be approved with the following exception:*

P. 411, 87-12; p. 412, 87.19; p. 414, 87-19 – Duties and term for Assistant Pastors Cain and Rhodes are not listed; Duties for Associate Pastor Harris are not listed (G.11-6, 7)

Recommendation PRC-4 (regarding the Presbytery of the East)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East be approved with the following exception:*

 - 96-26H: Omission – No advisor was appointed for candidate Scott Redd (G.12-2D).

- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the East:
Financial reports included in the body of the minutes could be more concise (e.g., p. 00650ff). The Presbytery should consider condensing them as per the guidelines approved by the General Assembly (Minutes of the General Assembly, 26-40 and “Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes”).
- C. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the East:

1. The Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk are to be commended for an exemplary set of Minutes.
2. The Presbytery of the East does an exceptional job of their responsibility to review Session minutes.
3. The Presbytery is commended for recording its remarks on the retirement of TE Glen Knecht (95-40B).
4. The Presbytery is to be commended for its carefulness and balance between due process and interdenominational transactions for a pastor coming from the PCUSA (95-40C).

Recommendation PRC-5 (Regarding the Presbytery of Florida)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Florida be approved with the following exceptions:*
1. Moderator's signature was not on any of the approved minutes submitted for review (stated meetings 66, 67, 68, called meeting 07). The Stated Clerk is instructed to file copies of the signed pages with the Office of the General Assembly.
2. 67th Stated Meeting, 67.13: Minutes do not record the duties or term for Assistant Pastor Whitlock (G.11-7) or the duties for Associate Pastors McClellan and Thorp (G.11-6).

Recommendation PRC-6 (Regarding the Presbytery of Mid-America)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America be approved.*
- B. That the Assembly commend the Presbytery of Mid-America for its pastoral care in handling of closing of Grace Hill and the death of Brett Eubank's father.

Recommendation PRC-7 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved.
- B. That the Assembly forward the following commendations to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:
 1. The Stated Clerk composed an exemplary summary on the missional work in a multi-cultural / cross cultural environment (pp. 10-11, 71st Stated Meeting)
 2. The Minutes included an excellent statistical summary in the 71st Stated Meeting. Such an accounting is very helpful for the historical record.
 3. The Minutes of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery are an excellent example of a balance of both comprehensiveness and brevity with accuracy and clarity.

Recommendation PRC-8 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Midwest)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved.

- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Presbytery of the Midwest:

For clarity and for the benefit of those outside the Presbytery, Minutes should utilize the same first name throughout (e.g. Minutes of the 142nd Stated Minutes use both “Alton” and “Al” for RE Bennett).

Recommendation PRC-9 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Pacific)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific be approved with the following exception:*

P. 151 (15(*sic*)-21): No length of term is specified for Assistant Pastor Thomas (G.15-7)

Recommendation PRC-10 (Regarding the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery)

- A. That the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:*

1. Pp. 98 – 99, 5.06; p. 118, 6.05C: Financial reporting does not meet the requirements of Act of Assembly 06-09 (Minutes of the 26th General Assembly, 26-40).
2. P. 104 - 106, 5-14B and E; P. 129, 6.10B, P. 130, 6.10C: Presbytery’s action to allow or disallow stated exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms is to be recorded in the minutes, but not the exceptions themselves (Act of Assembly 03-09).
3. P. 131, 6.10E: A motion to authorize the Coordinating Council to create a governing body is out of order because, (1) Mr. Grapengater is a Candidate, not a Teaching Elder, (2) there is not yet a mission church which needs a temporary governing body, and (3) presbyteries appoint commissions (of which a temporary governing body is a type) directly, not through a committee (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05). It would, however be appropriate to authorize the Council to appoint a Committee to oversee the development of a church planting project.
4. Pp. 166-167, 7-17E: There is no record of Rev. Puckett signing the required ministerial obligation (G. 16-16L).

- B. That the Assembly forward the following general advice to the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery:

Presbytery Minutes would be more beneficial as legal records with less narrative, first person reporting, and more third person statements of definitive actions.

Recommendation PRC-11 (Regarding the Presbytery of the Southeast)

- A. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved with the following exceptions:*

- a. 86-19 (p. 10); 7th Called Meeting (p. 2, section B, p. 3, section C) – A committee cannot appoint a commission (G.16-27B, Act of Assembly 91-05).

- b. 86-10 (p. 11) – Appointing dual moderators and appointing an RE from outside the congregation as Moderator is out of order (G.16-9). If the situation still exists, the matter is remanded to the Presbytery for correction.

Recommendation PRC-12 (Regarding the Presbytery of the West)

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West be approved.*

Respectfully submitted,


Dennis Flach, Chairman

June 2013

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

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RE: 32nd General Assembly – POA Minutes Review

Dear Jeff:

Below is my response to exceptions/notations to the minutes of the POA, taken by the 32nd General Assembly and conveyed in your letter dated November 6, 2012. The below response was approved by the presbytery at our 7th stated meeting held on February 23, 2013.

Exceptions

1. 1-20F and following: Minutes do not indicate that exceptions of ministers to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms were allowed or disallowed as required by G.13-6.

As the presbytery heard the exception(s), duly examined the minister(s), voted to receive the minister(s), and the motion(s) carried, any exception(s) to the WCF and catechisms were in fact accepted as part of the entire process to receive the minister(s).

2. Omission: The Presbytery has not acted to establish an annual parity adjustment of Ruling and Teaching Elders as required by G.2-3.

01-11E presents the annual disparity adjustment, so it was in fact acted upon. With the constantly changing growth and make-up of the presbytery, this annual adjustment quickly becomes irrelevant.

3. 3-12A: There is no record of the Presbytery conducting a service of appreciation and thanksgiving upon the retirement of TE George Yates (G.15-9).

Pastor Yates was quite ill. The nature of his illness made it untenable for him to participate in such a service at the Presbytery level. Pastor Yates was able to be part of an abbreviated appreciation service held by the church where he served.

Notations Requiring Response

1. Exhibit A: The title page indicates they were adopted Sept. 2, 2011, which is before the meeting of the Presbytery. No entity existed at that time with authority to adopt bylaws. Further, there was no reference to this Exhibit in the minutes.

Attachment PRC-A

The bylaws were presented to the Presbytery as a first reading in September 2011, as indicated in 01-11F. A final set of bylaws were then presented in November 2011; motion made to approve/accept these bylaws; and motion carried, as indicated in 02-14D. As such, the official bylaws have a title page that indicates they were adopted on November 18, 2011.

2. 1-20A: Significant duties are listed for Ministerial Committee, but significant constitutional requirements are omitted, such as the review of the work of pastors and terms of call. The Presbytery should review G.16-27A to ensure that all constitutional responsibilities are included.

The bylaws of the Presbytery clearly indicate that the responsibilities delineated in BOO-BOG 16-27 are included as duties of the Ministerial Committee. The three categories of duties listed in 01-20A are simply an abbreviated listing given as a reminder of the broader responsibilities prior to beginning examinations. It is not intended to be a detail listing of specific duties.

Other Notations

1. 1-03: It is unclear if the meeting was opened in prayer(Rules for Assembly 9-12G.2)
All of our meetings and reports are opened in prayer. Will make this more clear in the minutes.
2. First and Second Meetings Attendance lists: In the future, follow the standardized method of reporting Attendance (Acts of Assembly 00-11; Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes)
Noted
3. Page 18 (1-20D): "Grandfathering" is a vague term that does not adequately communicate the action of presbytery. Minutes should reference G.5-4 as the constitutional authority.
Noted
4. The Committee noted that some reports were opened with prayer and some were not. If this is a matter of omission from the minutes, future minutes should consistently record the fact. If minutes accurately record that some were opened in prayer and some not, it is advisable for the Presbytery to develop a consistent practice of whether or not reports are opened with prayer.
All of our meetings and reports are opened in prayer. Will make this more clear in the minutes.
5. In the middle of a meeting, use the term "recess" rather than "adjourn".
Noted

Please advise of any questions or comments.

Your brother in Christ,



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Dear Jeff:

In response to your letter dated November 6, 2012, on behalf of the Presbytery Review Committee and 32nd General Assembly, please find attached the responses of the Central South Presbytery regarding the three exceptions and one notation requiring response that was issued. This was approved by the Central South Presbytery at its 89th stated meeting held April 26-27, 2013 at Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee.

We greatly appreciate your work and the work of the Presbytery Review Committee. If I may be of any further service please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ken Van Kampen
Stated Clerk

November 6, 2012

Ken Van Kampen, Stated Clerk
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Dear Ken,

The 32nd General Assembly, meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, took the following actions related to the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South:

Approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South with the following exceptions:

1. Page 340 (84.12a): The Presbytery failed to give the Administrative Commission authority to appoint an advisor for Mr. Ince when receiving him as a candidate.

Response: The Central South Presbytery so notes this. As a matter of reference, the Commission, due to providential hindrance, was never able to act and was dissolved at the 86th Stated Meeting (Page 391, 86.22).

2. Pg. 360 (item g.2): An Advisor was not assigned to candidate Todd Erickson.

Response: The Clerk failed to record in the minutes that the Candidate Committee Chairman, TE Bob Wilbur, reported to the Presbytery that TE Richard Rieves, Downtown Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was assigned as the advisor to Candidate Todd Erickson. The 85th stated meeting minutes (85.20, page 370) have been corrected to reflect the appointment.

3. Omission: the Presbytery did not act to establish a parity adjustment of Ruling and Teaching elders as required by G.2-3.

Response: The failure to do so is noted. The Presbytery will seek compliance in the future.

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notations requiring responses. *Rules for Assembly* define notations as having “insufficient information in the Minutes to determine if an action is constitutional. Such notations are not read to the General Assembly but require a response to the Presbytery Review Committee” (*Rules* 9-11C.2). The response may need to include action of the presbytery to correct their minutes to show the constitutional requirements were followed.

1. Page 375: Moderator’s signature not included.

Response: The moderator returned the certified minutes with his signature on May 2, 2012. A copy of the p. 375 has been returned to the General Assembly Office.



EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**PRESBYTERY OF THE EAST
OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK**

**Rev. Ronald Meyer
Stated Clerk**

**RE Lanah Hamrick
Assistant Stated Clerk**

May 13, 2013

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Dear Dr. Jeremiah:

Subject: Presbytery Review Committee – Exceptions and Notations from the Minutes of the 91st, 92nd, and 93rd Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of the East

Regarding the exceptions and notations from the Presbytery Review Committee of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for the minutes of the subject Stated Meetings per actions from the 32nd General Assembly, the Presbytery of the East submits the following responses approved at its 96th Stated Meeting (February 1-2, 2013).

Approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East with the following exceptions:

1. Pg. 584 (91-40A): Minutes do not indicate that exceptions by Ms. Franssell to the Westminster Confession and Confession (sic) were allowed or disallowed as required by G.13-6.

Presbytery of the East Response (revisions indicated in italics):

The Exception is correct. At the 96th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the East, TE Ron Meyer, Stated Clerk, requested a motion to approve the following replacement language for Paragraph 91-40A: "TE Opp moved approval of the out-of-bounds call of Helen Franssell, *including her exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*, to serve as a Chaplain at Capital Caring Hospice Services, Arlington, Virginia." A motion was made from the floor of Presbytery to approve the response. It was seconded and carried without discussion.

2. Pg. 585 (91-40C): Commission members are to be named by the Presbytery, not by another Committee, or by another Commission. It is appropriate to name people outside of the EPC to take part in an ordination/installation Commission, but they should be specifically named and clearly be designated as "corresponding members" (G.16-26B).

Presbytery of the East Response (revisions in italics).

The Exception is correct. The POTE concurs that members of a Commission to Ordain or Install cannot go unnamed in the motion to approve the Commission. That constitutes a Committee naming the members of a Commission and not the Presbytery. At the 96th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the East, TE Ron Meyer, Stated Clerk, requested a motion to approve the following replacement Paragraph 91-40C, which identifies the previously unnamed members of the Commission:

"91-40C TE Opp moved approval of the following Commission to ordain Helen Franssell as a Chaplain serving at Capital Caring Hospice Services, Arlington, Virginia, for a service of ordination to take place on Sunday, June 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Faith EPC. The Commission will be dissolved upon completion of its responsibilities and will file the minutes of the Ordination Service to the State Clerk:

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| TE Neil Smith (Faith EPC) | RE Donald Colley (Faith EPC) |
| TE Robert Barnett (Faith EPC) | RE Joseph Slesinski, Convener |
| TE David Fischler (Faith EPC) | (Goodwill EPC) |
| TE Nancy Stewart (POTE-Retired) | RE Jean Bonilla (Faith EPC) |
| <i>Rev. Carolyn Richar, Corresponding Member</i> | |
| <i>Rev. Charles Spigner, Corresponding Member</i> | |

A motion was made from the floor of Presbytery to approve the response. It was seconded and carried without discussion.

3. Pg. 606 (92-35D): TE Rodriguez did not sign the required Ministerial Obligation (G.16-16L).

Presbytery of the East Response:

The Presbytery Review Committee is referred to Paragraph 93-26P of the Stated Clerk's Report for the 93rd Stated Meeting which states at the second bullet "Received signed Ministerial Obligation Form for TE Jose Rodriguez."

A motion was made from the floor of Presbytery to approve the response. It was seconded and carried without discussion.

The Presbytery of the East acknowledges the notations that do not require responses and will proceed in the future as recommended. Also, the Presbytery appreciates the commendation of the EPC Presbytery Review Committee for exemplary exercise of its task of review and control (e.g., Pages 575 – 575 (sic)).

We continue to be blessed by the work performed by the Presbytery Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRC Exceptions.

The 32nd General Assembly reported the following exception to the minutes of Florida Presbytery which require a response from the presbytery:

Omission: The Presbytery did not act to establish a parity adjustment of Ruling and Teaching Elders as required by G.2-3.

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

Response: This provision requires a presbytery to make the annual correction by a rotating alphabetical system but does not require a separate action each year by the court. Florida Presbytery has instructed the Stated Clerk to compose the updated list annually and publish it to the churches. That annual parity correction list is also forwarded to the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as a separate document.

ON MOTION To approve the exception response and submit it to the PRC.

Response approved at the 68th Stated Meeting of Florida Presbytery, Feb 13th 2013, Nassau, Bahamas.

Robert J. Garment
Stated Clerk



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Dear Dr. Jeremiah,

The following are responses to the exception and notations issued by the 32nd General Assembly as approved by the Presbytery at its 64th Stated Meeting on January 26, 2013.

Regarding the response to the exception issued by the 32nd General Assembly:

Omission: The Presbytery did not act to establish a parity adjustment of Ruling and Teaching Elders as required by G. 2-3.

Response: The Presbytery did act and established a parity adjustment of Teaching and Ruling Elders under item D on page 808 in parenthesis (8:19). Further it is listed for action on page 811 under item F, and again on page 814 under item E, Omnibus/Consent Motion, #2 and noted attachment #4.

The following notation requires a response. *Rules for Assembly* define such notations as having "insufficient information in the Minutes to determine if an action is constitutional".

1. Page 790 (should be page 796) last paragraph—possible misstatements. The paragraph regarding the disposition of the property of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church should be re-examined for accuracy.

Response: Recommend to the Presbytery that on page 796, in the last paragraph, fourth sentence beginning "The Stated Clerk by inserting 'without determining the church's viability' so the sentence reads, "The Stated Clerk stated to Presbytery that the General Assembly was contacted about this matter and was told that if the Presbytery dissolved the church *without determining the church's viability* the Permanent Judicial Commission would rule the Presbytery out of order on this matter.

The following are responses to notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters.

1. Page 786 (60.05) - Grammatical: Sentence should be corrected to read "Established and older congregation benefits from insights gained by new church plants."

Attachment PRC-E

Response: Recommend to the Presbytery that the Minutes of the 60th Stated Meeting, page 786 (60.05) be corrected to read, "Established and older congregation benefits from insights gained by new church plants."

2. Attachment 2, 60th Stated Meeting/Attachment 1, 61st Stated Meeting: Title of document "Income by Customer" is inappropriate and should be changed.

Response: Recommend to the Presbytery that future attachments of the Treasurer's Report will be titled will be titled "Revenue".

3. Page 790: "Other pastors" should be given in detail (e.g. Associate Members, Out of Bounds, Retired, Corresponding members, etc. What is the distinction between "Guests" and "Others"?

Response: Care will be taken to be specific in Presbytery Attendance with regard to "Other pastors". With regard to a distinction between "Guests" and "Others", there is no difference and in the future, the term "Guests" will be used.

4. Pages 818-819 (62.06.2): Omission: Insert "part-time" before "Associate Pastor" in the call of Rev. Keen. For salary, housing, and car allowance, "0" is more appropriate than "N/A". The paragraph beginning "The Commission to install, " is unclear and needs to be re-written."

Response: Recommend to the Presbytery that the Minutes of the 62nd Stated Meeting starting at "The Commission to install be corrected by inserting "part-time" before "Associate Pastor" in the call of Rev. Joel Keen. For salary, housing and car allowance, inserting "0" instead of N/A.

The paragraph beginning "The Commission to install . . . be rewritten to read as follows, "The Commission to install Pastors Darden Caylor and Joel Keen was approved by Presbytery and consisted of the following members: RE Dexter Kuhlman, Chairman, Central Presbyterian; TE Daryl Madi, West County Fellowship; TE Dr. Tom Ricks, Greentree; RE Wayne Grace, Central Presbyterian; RE Stan Davis, Sutter; RE Tom Werner, Greentree.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE

To
**Notation to Presbytery Minutes
As Reported by the 32nd General Assembly
Submitted by the
PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
74th Stated Meeting
April 26-27 2013**

The 32nd General Assembly, meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, took the following action related to the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:

Regarding Presbytery responses to exceptions issued by the 31st General Assembly (2011): The Assembly received the responses of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery as adequate.

The Presbytery Review Committee approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic.

Made the following commendations:

1. The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic is commended for establishing an attendance policy And its sensitive diligence in holding people to account.
2. The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic is commended for its missional work spearheaded by Church Development Director Ken Priddy. The Presbytery is exemplary in organizing itself To accomplish its first priority of "evangelism and renewal within its bounds" (G.16-16F).

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notation requiring response. *Rules for Assembly* define such notations as having "insufficient information in the Minutes to determine if an action is constitutional. Such notations are not read to the General Assembly but require a response to the Presbytery Review Committee" (*Rules* 9-11C.2).

1. Page 311 (12C.06E): No person currently serving in a temporary relationship is eligible to be called as Pastor of that church" (G.11-8). It is unclear from the minutes as to whether or not Rev. Catoe was currently serving as interim supply or if he had stepped down from that position and was then considered as Pastor. The phrase "as served" is ambiguous at that point. [*sic*; correct phrase used in minutes is "has served"]

The Presbytery Review Committee reported no notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters (*Rules* 9-11C.1).

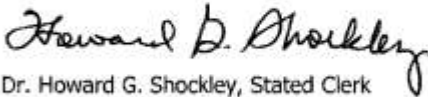
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Page two

Response to notation:

The ambiguity noted by the Presbytery Review Committee is understandable. Admitted, more information should have been recorded on the circumstances of this call. Rev. Catoe was originally called to serve as an Interim Pastor for a period of one year. When that term expired, the Search Committee, Session and congregation expressed their desire that he be called as Pastor. Upon receiving this information and learning that Rev. Catoe was willing to accept the call, the Ministerial Committee determined that sufficient time had elapsed to satisfy the requirements of G.11-8 and encouraged the search process to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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September 29, 2012

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Dear Jeff,

At our sixth meeting of Rivers and Lakes the presbytery approved the following response to General Assembly's Recommendation PRC-11 presented to our General Assembly last June.

Recommendation PRC-11 (Regarding the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery)

A. That the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following exceptions:*

1. Pg. 69 (3.11): Presbytery did not establish a temporary governing body for Confluence Church following its constitution as a mission church (G.5-2A).

Response: The clerk regrets this error and the presbytery will appoint a governing body for Confluence Mission in Champaign IL at its sixth meeting in September 2012. Meanwhile, leaders of Immanuel Presbyterian along with church planting advisor Rev. Tom Ricks are offering on-going support and council to the evangelist and his mission church.

2. Pg. 70 (3.12B): The specific exceptions given to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms are not to be recorded in the Minutes (*Act of Assembly* 03-09).

Response: Minutes 3.12B record that the pastor thought the confession "overly restrictive in some areas regarding Sabbath." Upon expansion the pastor said that he is concerned about the term "worldly activities and recreations" because that language "fosters an unhelpful sacred/secular split" and that laypeople might come to believe that the "only good activities are those that pertain to preaching/teaching and learning God's Word and the rest is just [inferior] work." The presbytery approved this exception.

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Attachment PRC-G

3. Pg. 82 (4.07): The Commission to install officers of First Presbyterian Princeville, IL was formed improperly with only four members. A minimum of five is required (G.16-26B-2e).

Response: The clerk recognized this error (too late) and at the 5th meeting Rivers and Lakes Presbytery approved a fifth member to the commission (See 5.07H).

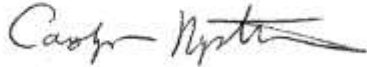
B. That the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be commended

1. For asking its members to “identify the most godless place in our presbytery,” and to “identify a place in the world where missionaries are needed and where we PRC-3 could corporately get behind an outreach to that area.” These are significant indicators that the Presbytery is dealing with important missional issues early in its organizational life.

2. For the high level of Ruling Elder involvement in the Presbytery. Often presbytery attendance is close to or reaches the 2:1 ratio, which is rare in our connectional life.

Response: We are grateful for these commendations. We can see that the Review Committee has grasped some of our values, which we hope to keep and hold strong. The clerk is also grateful and admiring that during General Assembly the chair of PRC dared to enter the “enemy territory” of a dinner for all stated clerks of presbyteries and so declared us “friends.”

Sincerely,



Carolyn Nystrom, Stated Clerk
Rivers and Lakes Presbytery, EPC

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RIVERS & LAKES PRESBYTERY
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November 28, 2012

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Dear Jeff:

Having responded to the published exceptions to the minutes of Rivers and Lakes Presbytery as printed in the 2012 General Assembly Handbook (see enclosed), I am now responding to the notations. First regarding notations as having "insufficient information:"

1. pg 49 (2.05), pg 82 (4.07): Minutes do not specify that all areas required for examination or Ruling Elders were covered (G.13-8).

Response: The clerk will remind future teams examining incoming elders of G.13-8.

2. pg 50 (2.09), B, C): It is unclear as to whether or not this is a church plant or a different kind of ministry organization begun by the presbytery. As a result it is unclear what constitutional provision might apply.

Response: The ministry/church plant was ambiguous at the outset in order to best serve the needs and interests of those who became part of it. If a similar situation arises in the future we will be more specific.

3. pg 51 (2:11): Not all the required areas of examination were specified in the Minutes (i.e. Theology and Reformed Tradition)

Response: My mistake. The clerk is now being more careful in recording this.

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters (*Rules 9-11C.1*)

- a. Pg 50. It would be helpful to record the text, sermon title and preacher in the Minutes.

Response: The clerk will be happy to add these items in the future.

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- b. pg 51. In the future, use the constitutional term "Candidate under care" (G.12-2A)

Response: The clerk will comply.

- c. pg 52, 71. Dates for ordination/installation services should be established prior to the Presbytery meeting. The commissions to install Rev. Salnave and Justine Sembler are uncomfortably open-ended.

Response: Our experience has been that when examining and receiving pastors and churches "pending dismissal" it is impossible to predict when that date might be. Thus far we have been able to schedule installation services at a mutually agreeable time of all participants shortly after dismissal. Regarding Rev. Sembler's date of ordination, we waited for family members to name a mutually available date. In the future we will try to establish ordination/installation dates at the time presbytery meets—if possible.

- d. Pg. 52 (2:12): Presbytery cannot approve the "position" of pastor in a church in another body. Minutes would better read, "his call as pastor. . . ."

Response: The clerk will try to use the correct phrasing if a similar situation arises in the future.

- e. In the future when recording presbytery's action regarding a Candidate's or Pastor's exceptions to the Confession/Catechisms, use the constitutional term "allows/disallow" rather than "accept."

Response: The clerk will comply.

Sincerely,



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Hello Jeff,

I have made the necessary corrections as per your letter of November 6, 2012 as issued by the 32nd General Assembly. My answers pertain to the Notations Requiring Responses and these responses are enclosed with this letter.

I presented these corrections as errata to the 88th Presbytery and they approved them for presentation to the Presbytery Review Committee. They will be included in the minutes of the 88th Presbytery as Errata.

I trust these answers to the Notations Requiring Responses to the committee.

Your fellow laborer for the Kingdom of Christ,

Jerry Clothier
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Southeast

Attachment PRC-H

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST
ERRATA
FEBRUARY 3, 2013

A. There were no Exceptions to the Minutes by the 32nd General Assembly.

B. Notations Requiring Responses

1. 84-22 (Pg. 12): TE Zinn and Riser were placed on the retirement roll but there is no reference to a service of appreciation and thanksgiving conducted by a Commission of the Presbytery. (G.15-9)

Both TE S. Riser and TE R. Zinn were given the honor of being presented at the front of Presbytery at which time they were thanked for their years of service in the ministry and for their service to the Presbytery of the Southeast. Prayer was offered for them as they entered into a new era of their lives. Both men have remained active in the life of the Presbytery of the Southeast. In 84-22 (Pg. 12) this is plainly stated in the case of TE Zinn and probably understated in the case of TE Riser.

Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church held a brief service of recognition for TE Roy Zinn at a later date.

The congregation of New Beginning held a commemoration dinner with testimonies of TE Riser's service to the church and the evening was concluded with prayer.

C. Notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters (Rules 9-11C.1 No response is required.

These notations have been noted.

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Dear Dr. Jeremiah:

This letter is in response to the Presbytery Review Committee's letter dated November 6, 2012, regarding its findings which were presented at the 32nd General Assembly meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notation for the Presbytery of the West in its Minutes 11-136, 11-144: The location of Springhill Presbyterian Church is inconsistent. It should consistently be listed as either Belgrade or Bozeman. On 11- 136, Montana should be abbreviated as MT, not MO.

I will correct the ambiguity in the record of the Minutes and make corrections for the abbreviation of Montana. Some of the ambiguity is due to the fact that the church facility is located in Belgrade, Montana, and the church offices are located in Bozeman, Montana. The Presbytery of the West will use Bozeman, Montana.

If you could please forward this to the Presbytery Review Committee it would be appreciated.

Regards in Christ,



Rev. Marc Huebl
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the West, EPC

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

33rd General Assembly

As I complete my seventh year as Stated Clerk, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus and you in this exciting and challenging time in the life of the EPC. At our 2012 Assembly we celebrated the doubling of our number of churches (182 to 364 since 2007). We've continued to add more churches and ministers in the last twelve months (450 churches as of May 20). In the meantime our presbyteries have grown from eight to eleven, with a twelfth being proposed to you at this Assembly.



Jeff Jeremiah
Stated Clerk

A number of years ago I read that an organization cannot enjoy compounded 5% growth for more than three years without undergoing major decay in its core values (or “DNA”). The influx of new members or customers will move the group away from those values that attracted new people to it in the first place. As we continue to experience growth each year it strikes me that the church our Lord leads is no ordinary “organization.” In the twenty-first century we believe Jesus has called us to be a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical and Missional churches. As we stay faithfully focused on that call, and aggressively pursue those opportunities He gives us to participate in the establishment of His kingdom reign in this country and throughout the world we can expect great things to happen for Christ and His kingdom in the months ahead!

Ministry Report

In my role as Stated Clerk, my work focuses on three major responsibilities:

- 1) Contributing input and leadership to the goal of making the EPC a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical and Missional churches,
- 2) Representing the EPC to the general public and the greater church, seeking to establish and improve those relationships that will glorify God and build/expand His kingdom, and
- 3) Establishing and overseeing the organization of the Office of the General Assembly that will best serve the local churches and presbyteries of the EPC in the vision, planning, growth and development of the church.

Special areas of attention in 2012-2013 included:

- 1) General Assembly Staff (I)

The 2012 search for a successor to Director of Benefits Michael Leighton evolved into the search for a new Chief Operating Officer (COO). The search team of Board of Benefits member John Baird, COA Personnel Chair Jeff Chadwick and I worked from late summer into the fall identifying and interviewing candidates. We were very pleased to hire January 1, 2013 Phil VanValkenburg as our COO. Phil's experience

- that uniquely qualified him for this position included: EPC and PCA church officer experience, local church administrative experience (including the oversight of benefits plans), national church experience (he served on the equivalent of the EPC's COA in the PCA). While the overwhelming majority of his time is currently spent in the Benefits area as we understand the impact of Obamacare on the EPC Medical Plan, as the third executive in the GA Office he's been a huge help to Ed McCallum and me.
- 2) **Supporting Presbytery Leadership** –We are all committed to strong, vibrant presbyteries that are effectively supporting the mission of each of our churches. Advising, supporting and encouraging the leadership of our eleven presbyteries was a major priority of increased importance and time in 2012-2013. All of our presbyteries are in transition. Our three newest presbyteries (Alleghenies, Rivers & Lakes and Pacific) are growing rapidly. Presbyteries that “gave up” churches as the new presbyteries were formed have had to adjust their work due to smaller numbers (even as they've continued to bring in churches). Other presbyteries are growing so large they're considering dividing. Through telephone calls and emails issues in our presbyteries can normally be addressed and resolved quickly. Assistant Stated Clerk Ed McCallum and I host annual meetings in Livonia of our presbytery Stated Clerks (November) and Ministerial Committee chairs (September). We meet with presbytery Church Development Committee chairs twice a year at the National Outreach Committee meeting that hosts them.
 - 3) **The EPC Medical Plan and ObamaCare** – a team that included Board of Benefits members David Van Valkenburg and Ron Horgan, COA members Doug Klein and Ken Roberts and staff members Phil VanValkenburg and Dana Cadman produced the script that was the basis of the video that was shown at six of our presbyteries this spring. I presented the same material live to remaining five presbyteries. In all, I was able to visit ten of our eleven presbyteries in the past year.
 - 4) **Ecumenical Relations**
 - a. **Fraternal Relations with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)** – formerly the Association of Reformed Churches of Kazakhstan (ARCK). When the ARCK was formed on May 11, 2011, their leadership immediately turned to the EPC delegation led by Moderator Rob Liddon and asked for fraternal relations. While we said yes without hesitation, we have not yet agreed to a fraternal agreement with ARCK. With the assistance of former WO missionary Dan Burns, in January, 2013 I visited with ERCK leadership in Almaty, Kazakhstan to discuss and finalize a fraternal agreement. This agreement will be presented to you for action at this Assembly.
 - b. **Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO)** – My office has engaged in informal conversations with the leadership of this group, which was formed in January, 2012. At the request of the Fraternal Relations Committee, the COA sent a recommendation letter supporting the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) membership application of ECO in April. Membership in the

WCRC will remove an obstacle some PCUSA presbyteries had erected to prevent the dismissal of churches and ministers to ECO.

5) General Assembly Staff (II)

The mission statement of the General Assembly office is 1) Resourcing and encouraging EPC leaders, churches and presbyteries to pursue God's mission in the world, and, 2) Ensuring our connectional life is consistent with Presbyterian polity as it is expressed in God's Word. You are served by an exceptional GA staff that is committed to and passionate about its work, which it sees as a calling from the Lord at a special time in the life of His church. Five of them (Ed McCallum, Della Cullins, Annette Minard, Susan Holland and Sandy Milis) pre-date me from when I became Stated Clerk in September, 2006. There are two I'd like to recognize and commend to you:



Annette Minard

Annette Minard has served as Finance Manager and subsequently Director of Finance since 1999. Due to her outstanding work the Finance function of the General Assembly has achieved the highest commendation of the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). Under her direction, the department maintains this standard as: 1) the number of churches, members and World Outreach missionaries and the countries they serve in continue to grow, 2) the scope and complexity of government reporting requirements grows and 3) much-needed technology upgrades are implemented in the GA office. In addition to her attention to detail, she also thinks “systems,” as she considers how changes in Finance department procedures affect other

departments, and how changes (typically workload growth) in our departments affect the work of Finance.

Twenty-first century communications technology has been great for connecting us across the miles. However, it can't replace the high value of face-to-face visits and meetings. **Sandy Milis**, who has served as Arrangements Coordinator since 1996, does an outstanding job arranging travel. I'm thankful for all the work she does for me each time she emails an itinerary to me. I know she's saved thousands of dollars for the EPC as she's managed my EPC travel over the years. Of course, she also coordinates travel arrangements for committee members flying in from all over the country for meetings. With reduced flights, smaller planes and airfares that can change two to three times in a day, this work is getting more challenging. Her work impacts all of us at our General Assembly meeting, as she negotiates lodging with hotels that host us.



Sandy Milis

Statistical Overview

1) Serving in the EPC

A. Teaching Elders: We currently have:

- 497 Teaching Elders serving in EPC churches (2011: 473 | 2010: 449)
- 15 Teaching Elders serving as Evangelists, mainly in church planting ministries.
- 5 Teaching Elders serving as Administrators (2011: 5 | 2010:6)
- 99 Teaching Elders serving in out-of-bounds ministries such as World Vision, Navigators, Intervarsity, correctional institutions, and seminaries (2011: 99 | 2010: 88)
- 35 Teaching Elders serving in Chaplaincy ministries (2011: 42 | 2010: 36)
- 97 Teaching Elders who are retired from full time ministry (although many are still actively engaged in activities such as leading Bible studies, volunteering as chaplains, and writing) (2011: 85 | 2010: 78)
- 19 Teaching Elders who are serving as EPC World Outreach missionaries (2011: 19 | 2010: 19)
- 26 Teaching Elders who are serving as Interim or Stated Supply (2011: 16)
- 82 Teaching Elders currently without a presbytery-approved call (2011: 72 | 2010: 65)

B. Ruling Elders: A total of more than 3,482 Ruling Elders are serving in our 416 EPC churches.

2) Gathering the EPC – as of December 31, 2012:

- A. Churches – there are 416 member churches that are a part of the EPC, an increase of 92 churches (28%) from 2011.
- B. Membership – total active church membership grew from 112,389 (2011) to 134,833 in 2012. This is an increase of 3,024, or 20%.
- C. Worship – Worship attendance in 2012 was 114,762, an increase of 18,673 over the 2011 figure of 96,089. This was growth of 19%.


(For a complete summary of church statistics, see Attachment SC-A “2011 Churches of Record” and Appendix 1 “2012 Annual Statistical and Financial Report.”)

3. Supporting the EPC

- A. A total of \$4,641,852 was donated to the EPC and its ministries during 2012. This is an increase of 6.8% over 2011 giving.
- B. Per Member Asking (PMA) which was \$23 per member in 2012, increased by \$191,760 (13%).
- C. Giving to EPC missionaries was over \$2.4 million, the highest amount in the EPC's history.
- D. Our churches and members continued to respond generously to Special Offerings such as the Gratitude Gift, Thanksgiving Offering and disaster relief needs including Hurricane Sandy, Indianapolis and Carrollton, Texas, increasing their giving to these offerings by 22%.
- E. The total of other benevolent giving, which would include our Project Opportunities, decreased significantly (-22%).

(See Attachment SC-B for a comparison of yearly financial support for the EPC from 2006 to 2012.)

Respectfully submitted,


Jeff Jeremiah, Stated Clerk

June 2013

Statistical Overview

1. 33rd General Assembly - Churches of Record

As of June 6, 2013, the EPC reports 464 churches on its roster. This compares to 354 reported to the 32nd General Assembly (June 2012), an increase of 105 (31%).

The following churches are on record with the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as being received from other denominations, received from independence, or constituted as mission churches **from May 31, 2012 to May 31, 2013**. Corrections to the record are welcome and should be sent as soon as possible to epchurch@epc.org for inclusion in the Minutes of the 33rd General Assembly.

Churches marked with an asterisk (*) are transitional members.

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sharon, PA | 6/3/2012 | PCUSA |
| Starkdale Presbyterian Church, Wintersville, OH | 6/13/2012 | independence |
| Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Enon Valley, PA | 6/26/2012 | PCUSA |
| Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, NY | 8/15/2012 | PCUSA |
| New City Church (mission church), Pittsburgh, PA | 9/28/2012 | |
| *Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, PA | 10/29/2012 | independence |
| *Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA | 11/12/2012 | independence |
| Mount Perry Presbyterian Church, Mount Perry, OH | 11/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Mountville Presbyterian Church, Portersville, PA | 12/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA | 12/4/2012 | independence |
| *Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, OH | 2/12/2013 | independence |
| Center Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA | 3/2/2013 | PCUSA |
| Hanover Presbyterian Church, Clinton, PA | 4/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA | 4/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Redeemer Presbyterian Church (mission church), Erie, PA | 4/27/2013 | |
| The SOMA Gathering (mission church), Beaver, PA | 4/27/2013 | |

Presbytery of the Central South

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| First Presbyterian Church - Lake Jackson, TX | 10/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Memorial Presbyterian Church, San Augustine TX | 10/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile AL | 10/26/2012 | independence |
| One Hope Presbyterian, Longview TX | 10/26/2012 | independence |
| Graceminster Presbyterian Church, Monroe LA | 10/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport MS | 10/31/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis AR | 11/13/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton AL | 2/17/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the East

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Bethany Evangelical Church, Havertown PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Milford PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| Grace Covenant, Malvern PA | 9/29/2012 | n/a |
| Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg PA | 9/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| Fairview Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore PA | 2/1/2013 | PCUSA |
| Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian Church EPC, Brooklyn NY | 2/1/2013 | n/a(was PCA) |
| Guinston Presbyterian Church, Airville PA | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Felton PA | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of Florida

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando FL | 6/5/2012 | PCUSA |
| Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship (mission church), Leesburg FL | 8/23/2012 | |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee FL | 2/7/2013 | PCUSA |
| Kirk of the Pines (mission church), Nassau, Bahamas | 2/20/2013 | |

Presbytery of Mid-America

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Brazeau Presbyterian Church, Brazeau MO | 1/26/2013 | PCUSA |
| Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy MO | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| City Church (mission church), St. Louis MO | 5/19/2013 | |
| *Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs MO | 12/12/2012 | independence |

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Abbeville SC | 6/5/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Norton VA | 6/12/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hurley VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church, Marion VA | 6/14/2012 | PCUSA |
| Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC | 7/17/12 | PCUSA |
| Benton Heights Presbyterian Church, Monroe NC | 7/21/2012 | PCUSA |
| Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton WV | 9/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Monroe NC | 9/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| New Horizon EPC (mission church), Candler NC | 10/6/2012 | |
| Lake Norman Fellowship, Mooresville NC | 10/15/2012 | independence |
| Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel NC | 11/27/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Indian Hill Presbyterian Church, Stanfield, NC | 11/27/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Calhoun Falls SC | 2/9/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mebane Presbyterian Church, Mebane NC | 2/12/2013 | PCUSA |
| Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy NC | 2/16/2013 | PCUSA |

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Church in Restoration (mission church), Mechanicsville VA | 2/20/2013 | |
| Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter SC | 2/23/2013 | PCUSA |
| Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, Locust NC | 2/24/2013 | PCUSA |
| Mary's Presbyterian Church, Tazewell VA | 3/14/2013 | PCUSA |
| Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church, Tazewell VA | 3/14/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Waynesboro Mission Church, Waynesboro VA | 3/26/2013 | |
| *Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington NC | 5/4/2013 | PCUSA |
| *Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island SC | 5/19/2013 | PCUSA |
| Hope Church, Hanahan, SC | 5/29/2013 | |
| *Riceville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC | 5/28/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the Midwest

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Church by the Woods, Sharonville OH | 9/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh MI | 9/17/2012 | independence |
| Living Hope Evangelical Church (mission church), Grosse Pointe Woods MI | 10/10/2012 | n/a |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Ada OH | 10/15/2012 | independence |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus, Bucyrus OH | 11/28/2012 | independence |
| Oakhill Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids MI | 11/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| The Antioch Movement (mission church), Ypsilanti MI | 2/8/2013 | n/a |

Presbytery of the Pacific

| | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Parma ID | 6/2/2012 | PCUSA |
| Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor WA | 6/4/2012 | PCUSA |
| Bickleton Evangelical Church, Bickleton WA | 6/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Yakima WA | 7/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| Living Waters Presbyterian Church, Wendell ID | 9/30/2012 | PCUSA |
| Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno NV | 10/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, Hanford CA | 10/11/2012 | PCUSA |
| Faith Family Fellowship, Grandview WA | 10/12/2012 | independence |
| First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City, Oregon City OR | 11/9/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Fairbanks AK | 11/20/2012 | PCUSA |
| Grace Presbyterian Church, Weed CA | 12/9/2012 | PCUSA |
| Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento CA | 12/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis OR | 2/7/2013 | PCUSA |
| *CP Reformed Church, Caldwell ID | 3/20/2013 | independence |

Rivers and Lakes Presbytery

| | | |
|--|------------|-------|
| Hogarty Community Church, Aniwa WI | 5/31/2012 | PCUSA |
| Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg, Alton IL | 9/28/2012 | PCUSA |
| Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Crivitz WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |

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|--|------------|-------|
| First Presbyterian Church of Pembine, Pembine WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| United Presbyterian Church of Amberg, Amberg WI | 10/29/2012 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock IA | 11/27/2012 | PCUSA |
| Edgington Presbyterian Church, Taylor Ridge IL | 3/10/2013 | PCUSA |
| First Presbyterian Church of Mora, Mora MN | 3/31/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the Southeast

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton GA | 10/5/2012 | independence |
| Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Acworth GA | 12/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| ONEchurch (mission church), Bogart GA | 2/2/2013 | |
| *First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Thomasville GA | 5/14/2013 | PCUSA |

Presbytery of the West

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, Carefree AZ | 6/1/2012 | PCUSA |
| *Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview, Longview TX | 6/14/2012 | independence |
| Grace Community Church, Falcon CO | 6/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock TX | 12/16/2012 | PCUSA |
| Community Protestant Church, West Yellowstone MT | 2/1/2013 | PCUSA |
| Cornerstone Church of Stapleton, Stapleton NE | 2/8/2013 | PCUSA |
| Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman AZ | 4/27/2013 | PCUSA |

Two churches were dissolved or dismissed:

Rivers & Lakes

Cornerstone Community Church, Bemidji, MN 9/28/2012 Dismissed to independence

Central South

Grace Reformed Church, Prattville, AL 1/25/2013 Dissolved

2. Inclusive Membership

Inclusive membership is the total of active members of churches, baptized rolls of churches (G.6-1B; 9-1B), and Ministers (members of presbyteries).

| Year | Active Members | Baptized Roll | Ministers | Inclusive Membership |
|------|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2008 | 92,155 | 11,502 | 658 | 104,315 |
| 2009 | 99,879 | 13,163 | 720 | 113,762 |
| 2010 | 105,908 | 13,378 | 741 | 120,027 |
| 2011 | 108,387 | 13,459 | 791 | 122,637 |
| 2012 | 134,833 | 15,216 | 875 | 150,924 |

| | Financial Statistics | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
| Giving to Presbyteries | 1,428,384 | 1,087,005 | 1,050,879 | 1,015,994 | 912,193 | 835,917 | 656,539 |
| Giving to General Assembly | | | | | | | |
| <i>Per member asking</i> | 1,661,422 | 1,469,662 | 1,413,891 | 1,446,899 | 1,217,021 | 1,129,304 | 1,111,456 |
| <i>Missionary Support</i> | 2,434,382 | 2,298,813 | 2,279,846 | 2,200,299 | 2,225,719 | 2,233,728 | 2,123,614 |
| <i>Benevolence Giving</i> | | | | | | | |
| World Outreach | 113,519 | 137,758 | 150,642 | 148,140 | 112,524 | 102,464 | 192,780 |
| Women's Ministries | 34,461 | 46,658 | 48,514 | 41,620 | 39,405 | 57,230 | 37,810 |
| Special Offerings | 270,001 | 220,662 | 199,336 | 130,305 | 164,236 | 178,540 | 244,152 |
| National Outreach | 23,423 | 74,393 | 77,337 | 32,510 | 44,231 | 57,261 | 70,744 |
| Church Loan Fund | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 1,000 |
| Church Development | 48,642 | 46,397 | 49,187 | 23,861 | 38,502 | 50,880 | 45,774 |
| Student/College Ministries | 1,184 | 4,653 | 3,103 | 3,772 | 6,044 | 5,843 | 11,330 |
| Other Designated Giving | 54,818 | 46,086 | 60,653 | 107,442 | 118,882 | 41,083 | 62,843 |
| <i>Total Benevolence Giving</i> | 546,048 | 576,607 | 588,772 | 511,511 | 523,824 | 493,318 | 666,434 |
| Total Giving to GA | 4,641,852 | 4,345,082 | 4,282,509 | 4,134,849 | 3,966,564 | 3,856,350 | 3,901,503 |
| <i>Other designated giving:</i> | | | | | | | |
| Vision 21 Implementation | -- | -- | -- | -- | 275 | 1,892 | 17,983 |
| Pastoral Care | 6,915 | 4,015 | 2,764 | 1,717 | 4,962 | 212 | 1,866 |
| Medical Benevolence | 4,660 | 3,997 | 1,260 | 2,260 | 2,260 | 2,200 | 3,200 |
| Moderators Scholarship Fund | 3,869 | 3,720 | 2,363 | 2,299 | 783 | 3,251 | 2,659 |
| Jumper Scholarship | 1,000 | 13,500 | 16,000 | 62,826 | 950 | 1,055 | 1,820 |
| Staff Support & Development | -- | -- | -- | 500 | -- | -- | -- |
| Other/Designated Miscellaneous | 2,000 | 2,352 | -- | -- | -- | 18,498 | 1,750 |
| Jopin Group Local Offering | -- | -- | -- | 24,248 | 80,395 | -- | -- |
| Small church Network | 954 | 1,558 | 2,189 | 2,015 | -- | -- | -- |
| Chaplains Work and Care | 11,731 | 6,017 | 5,131 | 5,708 | 4,146 | 8,800 | -- |
| Christian Education/Library | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1,000 | -- |
| Other Income Giving | 23,689 | 10,927 | 30,946 | 5,869 | 25,111 | 4,175 | 33,565 |
| <i>Total Other Designated Giving</i> | <i>54,818</i> | <i>46,086</i> | <i>60,653</i> | <i>107,442</i> | <i>118,882</i> | <i>41,083</i> | <i>62,843</i> |
| <i>Special offerings</i> | | | | | | | |
| Emergency relief | 189,889 | 165,949 | 153,573 | 91,363 | 120,700 | 122,000 | 201,474 |
| Lenten offering | -- | -- | 284 | -- | -- | 106 | 918 |
| Gratitude Gift (Christmas) | 35,912 | 32,319 | 16,909 | 22,059 | 23,413 | 21,247 | 11,797 |
| Thanksgiving | 44,200 | 19,530 | 26,635 | 11,376 | 15,755 | 35,187 | 26,585 |
| GA Offering | -- | 2,864 | 1,935 | 5,507 | 4,368 | * | 3,378 |
| <i>Total Special Offerings</i> | <i>270,001</i> | <i>220,662</i> | <i>199,336</i> | <i>130,305</i> | <i>164,236</i> | <i>178,540</i> | <i>244,152</i> |
| *Given to host church to defray expenses. | | | | | | | |



*Susan Holland
Coordinator*

Student & College Ministries Report 33rd General Assembly

Members of the Student & College Ministries Committee are TE Mark Steimer (2013; Southeast), NO Sam Gyorfi (2013; West), TE Chris Robinson (2014; Southeast/Chairman), TE Dan Weidman (2014; West), NO Chris Brown (2014; Mid-Atlantic/College), RE Douglas Dempsey (2014; Florida), TE Scott Bowen (2015; Central South/College), TE Jonathan Shirk (2015; Alleghenies), RE David DeBruler (2015; Central South). There are currently three vacancies on the committee.



*Chris Robinson
Chairman*

The Committee met October 26-27, 2012 in Livonia, Michigan and March 15-16, 2013 in Livonia, Michigan.

Chairman, Chris Robinson, will be leaving the Student and College Ministries Committee, as of June 2013. The committee approved the appointment of David DeBruler as the new committee chairman.

The Work of the Committee

Priorities and Standards

The 33rd General Assembly approved the combination of the Student Ministries Committee and College Ministries Committee, resulting in the formation of the Student and College Ministries Committee (hereafter, SCMC). The stated grounds for amending the *Rules of the Assembly* were to maximize the natural connection that exists when high school students become college students, sharing networks and recognizing that many church leaders serve both age groups. A minimum of three committee members, of the twelve member committee, have expertise in college ministries. Furthermore, College Ministries retains some autonomy in its identity through a separate website, benevolence askings funds, and presentation of resources.

Student and College Ministries acknowledges that the strategies of Equip, Provide and Connect (Student Ministries–“EPC”) and Gather, Resource and Develop (College Ministries–“GraD”) correspond to the EPC Missional Grid components of Equipping, Resources and Gathering. The SCMC further reaffirms their missional commitment to ascertaining the actual needs of leaders, churches and presbyteries and thereafter implementing strategies responsively.

The Student Ministries Vision Statement “to build a vibrant movement of missional networks throughout the EPC by *Equipping* youth workers for ministry, *Providing* encouragement and resources and *Connecting* them in community,” is affirmed.

The College Ministries Vision Statement “GRaD is a movement of EPC College Ministries to Gather, Resource, and Develop EPC leaders to engage and transform today’s college and university culture—one student and one campus at a time,” is currently under review.

Goals Accomplished

1. Administration – Information Systems

SCM is coordinating efforts with the EPC Information Services Department to sort and prepare all existing files for archiving. This project is a one-time project that all departments in the EPC are working towards. SCM would like to acknowledge Dana Cadman, Director of Communications and Information Systems and his staff for their assistance and guidance. Archiving began in early 2013 and will continue for the next several months. The extra work load has reduced the amount of time devoted to Equipping, Providing and Connecting priorities. However, the resulting future SCM office efficiencies in accomplishing priorities will certainly make up for much of the diverted time.
2. Equip (CM-Develop)
 - a. **Online Book Study** – SCM continues its commitment to providing regular “training in community” opportunities. SCM provides video uploads, discussion forums, and collaboration on homework using the EPC Community (<http://EPC.SocialGo.com>). Thirty-four youth leaders are studying the books, *Youth Ministry 3.0: A Manifesto of Where We’ve Been, Where We Are and Where We Need to Go* and *The Beautiful Mess: What’s Right About Youth Ministry*, both authored by Mark Oestreicher. The author is participating in the online conversation and upcoming conference call.
 - b. **YouTube** – We began creating training videos for the Online Book Study. These videos are now uploaded on the EPC YouTube channel.
 - c. **Free Webinars** – Promoted and participated in several free online webinars sponsored by ministries such as ParentMinistry.net on topics such as Recognizing Depression and Suicide Prevention and Current Social Media Trends of Teens.
 - d. **Youth Leader Cohorts** – Continue to promote and plan for this professional development and coaching opportunity. Second promotional video was filmed, featuring the testimonies of youth leaders who have participated in a Cohort. Susan Holland took an online course in Grant Writing for the Non-Profit Organization, in preparation for writing a grant to raise scholarship funds for Cohort participants.
 - e. **New Youth Leader Training** – Development of plan for recommending resources and coaching for first and second year youth leaders. Ongoing.
 - f. **Models of College Ministry (CM-Develop)** – Promotion of 5 Models of College Ministry for equipping churches, found on the college ministry website at <http://epc.org/ministries/college-ministries/equipping-churches/>.
3. Provide (CM-Resource)
 - a. **Youth Membership Curriculum** – Pursuant to user suggestions, portions of the section on Communion were revised using language from the EPC Leadership Training Guide. Revised manual and downloadable versions.
 - b. **Website Transition** – The EPCStudentMinistries.org site was transitioned to a new host, requiring the assistance of a website designer. The transition was

- necessary due to changes in the original host site. The new site offers most of the same resources; however, there are numerous clinches on the new site. Additional investment in the site was postponed until the EPC.org site completes its upcoming make-over, allowing Student Ministries to transition to a new micro-site at EPC.org. Subcommittee created to prepare content and design for transition to micro-site.
- c. **Recommended Missions Opportunities** – The committee approved several new ministries to recommend: Project 52 (Chris Robinson), Fast of Leone (Jonathan Shirk/Alleghenies) and Juvenile Justice Mission (Eric Kelly).
 - d. **Tumblr Site** – Renewed interest in our Tumblr site, specifically our resources entitled *Teen Same-Sex Attraction: Resources for Presenting a Biblical Perspective in a Culture of Tolerance* at <http://epcstudentministries.tumblr.com/post/10239473008/teen-same-sex-attraction-resources-for-presenting-a>
 - e. **Urbana 12 Scholarships (CM-Resource)** – College Ministries created a scholarship fund, received applications and awarded scholarships to 23 approved applicants to attend Urbana 12, a missions conference. CM partnered with World Outreach to promote the scholarships and WO luncheon which was attended by 125 EPC young adults. Scholarship recipients submitted “Reflections” of their experience.
4. Connect (CM-Gather)
- a. **Facebook and Twitter** – Ongoing connection with leaders in groups while providing resources to use in ministry, training opportunities and parent resources. We currently serve 367 leaders on three Facebook sites: EPC Youth Leaders (212 members); EPC Student Ministries (56 Likes); EPC College Ministries (99 members). We also have 228 Twitter followers.
 - b. **Presbytery/Regional Gatherings** – Several organic gatherings of youth leaders have occurred, initiated by local youth leaders, at the Southeast Presbytery meeting, Detroit area and Alleghenies Presbytery.
 - c. **Updated Database** – In anticipation of the new EPC database, Raisers Edge, SCM requested and were approved for a part-time assistant to contact all EPC churches to update our database. Update was completed in April 2013.
 - d. **e-Letter** – Template for e-Letter was finalized and periodic e-Letters are sent out to our database contacts, informing them of upcoming equipping opportunities and providing ministry resources.

New Goals and Evaluation Standards

1. Administration – Information Systems
Complete the sorting, filing and archiving of all Student and College Ministries files by Fall/Winter 2013.
2. Equip (CM-Develop)
 - a. **Online Book Study** – Continue to offer book studies and courses online. Next study to begin in the Fall 2013 and/or Winter 2014.
 - b. **Training Videos and Webinars** – Reach out to EPC youth and college leaders to determine what topics are of interest and if some of our own leaders have videos

to share. Videos would appear on website and EPC YouTube channel. During the 32nd General Assembly, Student Ministries Network Luncheon, several leaders were interested in training videos concerning D-Groups (Discipleship Groups). SCM will work with the Christian Education Committee on this project.

- c. **Youth Leader Cohort** – Our goal is to launch our first Cohort of 10 youth leaders to begin in the fall 2013 and continue through the Fall 2014. Until that time we will continue to promote the Cohort and raise scholarship funds.
 - d. **Regional Summits** – Explore the feasibility of hosting regional summits in presbyteries and locations where leaders are already gathering. The goal is to offer affordable training in community and facilitate discussion to ascertain local needs and resources. Consideration will begin in the fall of 2013 and if launched will begin as early as the winter of 2014.
 - e. **Models of College Ministry** – Continue to promote and expand the resources available to assist churches in reaching college students. Ongoing.
3. Provide (CM-Resource)
- a. **Hiring and Keeping a Youth Worker** – Review and revise, if necessary. Begin this process at the fall 2013 committee meeting.
 - b. **Website Transition** – Created a sub-committee at the spring 2013 meeting to review all content of our current SM and CM websites; prepare current information for transition; identify new resources and training opportunities; and work with a web designer to upgrade the site, while still maintaining our visual identity. Work will continue until EPC.org transition is complete, estimated completion date is early 2014.
 - c. **Resource Sharing** – Our goal is to build into our new website a means for leaders sharing resources with other EPC leaders. Explore options during website transition and continue working on the details of this “Share Tank” through Fall/Winter 2014.
 - d. **Committee Commended Resources** – Expand our list of resources to specific areas of need, including Apologetics and Master Plan for the Spiritual Development of Students, Junior High through College. Ongoing.
 - e. **Parent Resources** – Explore the need and potential resources for being more intentional about coming along side parents by resourcing/training churches, ministry leaders and parents. Fall 2013 meeting and ongoing.
 - f. **Urbana 15 Scholarship Fund** – The recent success of our Urbana 12 scholarship program necessitates the need to begin raising funds, in anticipation of the 2015 conference.
4. Connect (CM-Gather)
- a. **Training in Community** – See “Equip” above, for the ongoing development of opportunities to connect with other ministry leaders during various training events.
 - b. **Facebook, Twitter and e-Letter** – Attracting new leaders to these connection points is ongoing. Serving leaders by providing resources, equipping opportunities and ways for leaders to connect using these vehicles, is also ongoing. Our goal is to make sure all EPC leaders are aware and see the value of connecting.

- c. **Surveys** – One means of ascertaining the needs of those we serve is through the use of Survey Monkey. Surveys are being developed and distributed to youth leaders, college ministry leaders, young adult ministry leaders and parents of teens/young adults from the summer to fall of 2013. Results will be analyzed at the fall 2013 committee meeting. Implementation of suggestions and findings will thereafter be determined.

5. Finances

In the past, Student Ministries produced income from program fees. Now that Student and College Ministries is no longer creating, maintaining, or sustaining youth/mission trips, program fees are no longer an avenue for income. As a result, the Committee needs to develop income from other sources. "Askings" from GA is our first strategy. Secondly, if permitted, Student and College Ministries may embark on some fund raising strategies. Finally, there are numerous grants available that the Committee can tap into. It will be a goal of Student and College Ministries to develop skills in writing, applying, and acquiring potential grants.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Robinson, Chairman



Susan Holland, Coordinator

June 2013

Theology Committee Report
33rd General Assembly

Members of the 2013 Permanent Theology Committee are: RE Bill DuBose (Mid-Atlantic), TE Chris Curtis (Alleghenies Presbytery), RE Bob Donan (Central South), RE Dugald McNab (Florida Presbytery), Chairman TE Cooper McWhirter (West Presbytery), TE Adel Thalos (Southeast). The Committee conducted two telephone conference calls on February 27, 2013 and again on March 20, 2013. The committee wishes to extend grateful thanks for the valued input by: the EPC Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, and Ms. Della Cullins, Executive Assistant and Office Manager for recording the Minutes of our meetings.



Cooper McWhirter
Chairman

The Work of the Committee

The Theology Committee was charged with two assignments: the *Position Paper on Abortion*, previously approved at the 32 General Assembly, inadvertently left out a portion of said document due to a clerical error. Consequently, the Committee on Administration requested that the Theology Committee approve and submit the entire document for review at this year's GA. The other task assigned to the Theology Committee was a review and critique of the existing *Leadership Training Guide* (LTG). Comments from Committee members have been forwarded to the Christian Education and Communications Committee for their consideration.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation THEO-1

That the 33rd General Assembly adopt the full complement of the "*Position Paper on Abortion*" as originally adopted at the 6th General Assembly and subsequently revised at the 32nd General Assembly (Attachment THEO-A)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cooper McWhirter".

Cooper McWhirter, Chairman

June 2013

Comparison: Current Position Paper on Abortion vs. Theology Committee Proposed Revisions

| POSITION PAPER ON ABORTION <i>Adopted by the 6th General Assembly June 1986</i> | POSITION PAPER ON ABORTION <i>Theology Committee Proposed Revisions January 25, 2012</i> Changes indicated in bold |
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| <p>The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life.</p> <p><i>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)</i></p> <p><i>“My frame was hidden from Thee when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.” (Psalm 139:15)</i></p> <p><i>“Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named me.” (Isaiah 49:1)</i></p> <p><i>“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb.” (Luke 1:15)</i></p> <p><i>“And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Luke 1:41)</i></p> | <p>The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life based on what the Scriptures clearly teach:</p> <p><i>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:15 NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.” (Psalm 139:15 NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name.” (Isaiah 49:1 NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.” (Luke 1:15 NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Luke 1:41 NIV)</i></p> <p>To further differentiate mankind from any other living creature, we read: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27 NIV) Unlike any other created being, Scripture also teaches: “Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” (Genesis 2:7 NIV).</p> |

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| <p>The <i>Westminster Shorter Catechism</i>, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of life while demanding the preservation of life: <i>“The Sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.”</i> (Question 68)</p> <p><i>“The Sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.”</i> (Question 69)</p> | <p>The <i>Westminster Shorter Catechism</i>, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of innocent life while demanding the preservation of life from the moment of conception through to natural death: <i>“The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.”</i> (Question 68)²</p> <p><i>“The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly... ”</i> (Question 69)</p> |
| <p>Scripture teaches that we are not merely to avoid involvement in injustice. God’s people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.</p> | <p>Scripture teaches that we are not merely to avoid involvement in injustice. God’s people are called upon to speak for the oppressed and defenseless. The Scripture passages cited above are evidence that God accords human value and dignity to the unborn child.</p> |
| <p>The 6th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child.</p> | <p>The Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child. This extends to the unborn child <i>ex utero</i> as no less a human being than the child in the mother’s womb.</p> |
| <p>Because we hold these convictions concerning unborn children, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal systems into line with the scriptural view on protecting the poor and weak.</p> | <p>Because we hold these convictions concerning the unborn child, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal systems into line with the scriptural view on protecting the poor, the weak, and the defenseless.</p> |
| <p>Christians are called to be good citizens by impacting the state in positive ways. All citizens, Christians and non-Christians alike, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. But the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the state is not a private but a public matter.</p> | <p>Christians are called upon to be good citizens by impacting the State in positive ways. All citizens, both Christians and non-Christians, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. However, the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the State is not a private but a public matter.</p> |

² Quotations from the Westminster Confession of Faith are from *The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms in Modern English*, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 2009.

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| <p>The Bible teaches that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life.</p> | <p>The Bible teaches that all persons and nations are responsible before God for their moral and ethical decisions, including those which relate to the preservation of human life.</p> |
| <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, that the General Assembly urges that the following steps be implemented by individuals, congregations, and judicatories in an effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problem pregnancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women facing problem or unwanted pregnancies should receive support, love, acceptance and counsel from pastors, counselors, physicians and Christian friends both during and after the decisions they face. The Church must provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to these persons. 2. The men involved who respond with indifference must be confronted with their responsibilities and role in such crises. 3. The Church must support and nurture women who decide to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full term. 4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who result from unwanted pregnancies. 5. The Church must serve as a therapeutic community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from abortion or giving up a child for adoption. 6. Both individual Christians and the Church should oppose abortion and do | <p>In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unwanted pregnancies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A woman facing a problematic pregnancy (e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons) or an unwanted pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman’s decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to that individual. 2. The man involved who might otherwise be indifferent must be informed of his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child’s father. 3. The Church must be especially supportive of the woman who decides to carry an unwanted pregnancy to full-term. 4. The Church must seek ways to support and care for all children who, through no fault of their own, are the result of an unwanted pregnancy. 5. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or giving up a child for adoption. 6. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except |

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| <p>everything in their power to provide supportive communities and alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion must never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> | <p>under the most extreme of circumstances e.g., life-threatening; physical health; or valid medical reasons), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>7. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion should never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.</p> <p>8. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells for medical research or treatment.</p> <p>9. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by <i>in vitro</i> fertilization than would be implanted <i>in utero</i>, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.</p> |
| <p>The purpose of this statement is pastoral. It is best proclaimed by those who are profoundly aware of their continuous need for the mercy and forgiveness of God. The Church must always follow the compassionate example of Christ who said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”</p> | |



*Susan Nash
Interim Director*

Women In Ministry Committee Report 33rd General Assembly



*Ruth Baer
Chairman*

Members of the Women in Ministry Committee are Ruth Baer, Chairman (West), Julie Battenfield (Pacific), Abigail Bowen (Southeast), Lilian Werner (Mid-America) and Suzanne Stelling (Southeast). The Committee met face-to-face three times: July 27-28, 2012 in Greenwood Village, CO; October 6-7, 2012 in Livonia, MI; and February 13-16, 2013 in Fort Myers, FL. Conference calls took place on: September 19, 2012, March 19, 2013, and May 7, 2013.

The Work of the Committee

In July 2012, Jacky Gatliff resigned as Director, EPC Women In Ministry. The EPC Women In Ministry Committee worked in collaboration with Interim Director Susan Nash in two areas:

1. Oversight of the ongoing operation of the EPC Women In Ministry Department, promoting its mission: **EPC Women In Ministry serves local churches by equipping women as ministry leaders in God's church to enlarge His kingdom for the glory of Christ.**
2. Assisting the Office of the General Assembly in assessing current ministry needs and discerning future direction for EPC Women In Ministry.

Website, Social Networking and Leader Data Base

The EPC Women In Ministry website (www.epcwomeninministry.org) continues to provide ministry and leadership resources that are easily accessible. The site includes:

- **Who We Are:** defining mission and purpose of EPC Women In Ministry
- **Resources:** including information on REAL 2.0; Blogs We Like; Speakers' Directory; Study Recommendations; REAL bookstore
- **Set Free:** describing the purpose, supported projects, information on ordering Set Free Resource Packet

- **Women In Ministry:** pages where you will come to know women serving God and His purposes in ways that will both challenge and encourage us
- **Events:** calendar and description of upcoming events for EPC Women In Ministry as well as local churches
- **Leading Voices:** a blog by and for EPC women who lead in ministry

In October Jo Kadlecek, worship leader/elder NorthPoint EPC, Danvers, MA, began oversight of “Leading Voices,” a twice-monthly blog written by EPC writers. (www.epcwomeninministry.org/leading-voices)

The purpose is:

- To introduce and connect women in the EPC to the leaders who serve among them and to identify emerging leaders as well.
- To provide a communication outlet for women who are actively involved in ministry by sharing their experiences, insights, perspectives, and stories on various leadership topics: discoveries, innovative ideas, unique relational challenges, women and men serving together, spiritual formation that takes places as we are involved in ministry, etc.; and
- To promote and review ministry resources that are being, or could be, developed/used by leaders: i.e., books written by EPC women; ministry ideas that reflect the missional purpose and goals of the EPC; films, mainstream books or elements of culture (art) that could be supplemental tools for leadership and personal enrichment.

Committee member Abigail Bowen took over website administration duties.

To view the website, go to: <http://www.epcwomeninministry.org/>

The database for communicating with leaders, teaching elders, ministry wives and committee members continues to grow. The database is developed through the use of Constant Contact.

The Set Free Project

The Interim Director has visited both Hope House near Asheville, NC and The Dream House and Shine Career School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. EPC member and Transitions Global staff member Pam Harvey led a trip in January 2013 with 5 other EPC women. The team was impressed with the quality of the care and training being given to victims of sexual trafficking. The trips along with thinking for the future have led the Committee to ask questions about the long-term direction of a separate missions project through WIM. For now, many churches participate and look for this project. As of the writing of this report, approximately \$21,000 has been given to the Set Free Project.

The “Set Free Project” is the ministry focus for EPC Women In Ministry for 2012-2013. “Set Free” addresses the horror of sexual trafficking by inviting women to engage in and support ministries that seek to both rescue and restore young women who are victims of

trafficking. The supported ministries are ones in which women in the EPC provide various levels of leadership. In keeping with the mission of EPC Women In Ministry, funds will be directed to further equip encourage and support the staff and volunteers of these ministries. Such support will work to provide for the longevity of each ministry.

It was determined that the project should continue for the short-term and focus on projects dealing with oppression of women that can be vetted through World Outreach.

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Women In Ministry Luncheon: “Living in the Deep End,” EPC Author Nicole Unice

Nicole Unice is a fresh voice for the next generation. Part bible teacher, part community organizer, part busy mom—Nicole has the uncanny ability to relate to people in all ages and stages of life with her “keeping it real” approach to ordering a life around God’s Word.

Nicole received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the College of William and Mary and her masters in Christian Counseling from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Future Direction for EPC Women In Ministry

The future direction of the ministry was the major focus of the work of the interim director during this period. It entailed visits to five presbyteries (Pacific, Alleghenies, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Central South), discussions with various leaders, analysis of the websites of all EPC churches who maintain them. In light of the rapid growth of churches into the denomination, it was deemed necessary to attempt to understand the nature of Women in Ministry in the churches. In addition, several lists were compiled as resources: Directors of Women in Ministry, Christian Education, Discipleship, and Spiritual Formation with the intent of a networking conference in the near future; women with seminary or Bible school training; women teaching elders; churches seeking Directors of Women in Ministry.

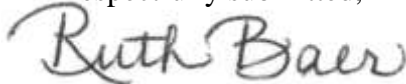
The committee, at its February retreat, affirmed the need of continuing the excellence in resourcing and equipping leaders in the presbyteries and churches and yet recognized the long-term need to work in conjunction with the larger denominational context to address the complexity of issues related to the changing cultural context of ecclesiastical life, changes prompted by generational differences and technological progress, four models of Women in Ministry in our churches against a backdrop of complementarian and egalitarian contexts. The Committee approved a position description for a Permanent Director of Women in Ministry and a white paper explaining the need to address these complexities to be proposed to the Committee on Administration at its April 2012 meeting. The COA proposed to (1) extend the interim director term for Susan Nash at least until June 2014 and (2) appoint a study committee made up of some members of both WIM and COA Committees to report to the April 2014 COA meeting with their findings and direction. They also affirmed the need for the continued resourcing and equipping of WIM in providing for the leadership and administrative needs of WIM.

The short-term future for WIM is to strengthen the resourcing/equipping focus through REAL Training events, through a networking conference for directors of staff positions, through the expansion of its web/social media output, and through consulting with presbyteries for best methods of helping their churches. This focus will be maintained while the joint committee looks at the long-term direction with the idea of men and women advancing the gospel together.

Recommendations to the General Assembly

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Baer
Chairman



Susan Nash
Interim Director

June 2013



*George R. Carey
Director*

World Outreach Committee Report
33rd General Assembly



*Doug Thompson
Chairman*

Members of the World Outreach Committee are TE Doug Thompson (Midwest), chairman; RE Phil Castor (East), RE Carroll Coakley (Southeast), RE Elsie Demarest (West), TE Don Elliott (Central South), RE Phyllis Ellsworth (Midwest), RE Ken Roesler (Midwest), TE Betsy Rumer (Alleghenies), and TE Gabe Swing (Florida). Stated Clerk Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, Assistant Stated Clerk Dr. Ed McCallum and GA Moderator RE Ken Roberts are ex-officio members of the committee.

The Committee met in six stated meetings since the last General Assembly: June 20, 2012, September 6-8, 2013, January 10-12, 2013, March 13-14, 2013, April 1, 2013 and April 12, 2013.

World Outreach Giving

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| 2012 | \$2,548,759 |
| 2011 | \$2,454,771 |
| 2010 | \$2,430,488 |
| 2009 | \$2,365,880 |
| 2008 | \$2,339,639 |

**Presbytery Support of EPC World Outreach
Missionaries and Ministries During 2012**

| Presbytery | % Congregations Participating | \$ Per Member |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Southeast | 62% (1 st) | \$35.21 (5 th) |
| Midwest | 50% (2 nd) | \$33.38 (6 th) |
| Mid-Atlantic | 47% (3 rd) | \$47.12 (4 th) |
| Central South | 43% (4 th) | \$49.31 (3 rd) |
| East | 43% (4 th) | \$93.91 (1 st) |
| Rivers and Lakes | 40% (6 th) | \$14.16 (11 th) |
| West | 38% (7 th) | \$59.15 (2 nd) |
| Florida | 33% (8 th) | \$23.27 (7 th) |
| Pacific | 32% (9 th) | \$17.83 (9 th) |
| Mid-America | 31% (10 th) | \$21.84 (8 th) |
| Alleghenies | 28% (11 th) | \$17.07 (10 th) |

THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE:

A. Recruitment as a focus

The World Outreach Committee (WOC) has maintained a steady focus on recruitment of new missionaries and more churches to support World Outreach (WO) ministry. In addition to the addition two years ago of our regional associates, a recruitment coordinator, Shawn Stewart began full time recruitment ministry in March of this year. Shawn has served over 20 years as a youth leader, and as an overseas missionary, giving him first-hand knowledge of both his primary audience and the mission field. Recruitment was enhanced by the production and distribution of five videos on DVD including three regarding Engage 2025; one regarding Member Care; and one regarding the Missionary Prayer Network. Two Globe magazines of 16 pages each were produced during 2012.

- 1) During 2012 an Engage 2025 Summit was held at the EPC headquarters along with the second annual Encounter WO, as well as a medical conference in January. These gatherings attracted a sizable number of potential missionaries and workers.
- 2) A new category for commissioning was established this year by the WOC, that of Missions Assistants. These are people who volunteer their time on a long term basis to work with ministries of WO. The first three of these are working with the Member Care ministry and a fourth is working with Engage 2025. Others are considering working with Medical Ministry and Business as Mission (BAM).
- 3) There will be 21 missionaries and missions assistants commissioned at this year's General Assembly.
- 4) More than 50 missionaries and missions assistants will be present at this year's General Assembly. All commissioners are encouraged to meet as many as possible.

At the recommendation of World Outreach, the Committee on Administration is recommending that this year's Thanksgiving Offering be designated for missionary recruitment.

B. World Outreach Report on Contextualization of the Gospel in Muslim Cultures

The WOC has finalized a statement on contextualization of the Gospel in Muslim cultures. This final statement was developed following a draft presentation presented at last year's General Assembly with encouragement to the church at large to direct comments and questions to the committee throughout the year. After receiving input from the church at large, the contextualization team of the WOC worked together to make needed changes and the WOC finalized the report that is presented in this report as attachment (WO-A). The team was composed of WO Director George Carey, Missionary Greg Livingstone, Missions Pastor Phil Linton, Missions Pastor Vic Uotinen and former Stated Clerk and seminary professor Mike Glodo. The team has been pleased to hear that their conclusions in the document match beautifully with a best practices contextualization statement produced recently by the World Evangelical Alliance requested by Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL.

C. World Outreach Staff

The home office employs two full time employees and three part time employees. Rev. George Carey serves as Director. George will step aside as director at the end of his second three year term in December of 2014. The Committee on Administration will be hiring a director-elect no later than March of 2014 to transition into the position with George during 2014. An Associate Director will come on board in 2015 as the work of World Outreach grows exponentially. Patti Moore serves as the Administrative Assistant. Amy Rose serves as the part-time Finance Assistant. Former World Outreach Director, Dick Oestreicher, works part-time as an advisor to the director. Pam Webber joined World Outreach part time this year as Project Assistant. There are supported missionaries that make up the Mobilization Team stateside and overseas to assure promotion of World Outreach and to enhance recruitment and nurture of missionaries. These include: Don Kearby, Phil Thrash, and Austin McCaskill-Associates for Missions Advancement (AMAs); Jim and Barbie Murphy-Member Care Coordinators; Bruce Anderson-International Theological Education Network (ITEN) Coordinator; Shawn Stewart-Recruitment Coordinator; Brandon and Liz Wells-Team Development Coordinators; and John M-Platform Development Advisor. Greg Livingstone will continue his role as Senior Associate but will relinquish responsibilities of oversight of the AMAs and Coordinator of the Engage 2025 Initiative. The committee commends the service and dedication of each staff member.

D. Engage 2025-World Outreach Church Planting Teams in the Muslim World: "Going where the church isn't."

Please consider attending the networking lunch for Engage 2025 on Thursday of General Assembly to hear Greg Livingstone and to meet with those from your presbytery involved in Engage 2025.

- *the Engage 2025 Initiative includes adoptions as follows:*
 1. Presbytery of the West-Sumatra
 2. Presbytery of the Midwest-Siberia
 3. Presbytery of the Alleghenies-Sierra Leone, Africa
 4. Presbytery of the Central South-Tripoli, Lebanon highly under consideration
 5. Presbytery of the Pacific-Malaysia-a group of Northwest churches
- *In addition to the above presbyteries, the following presbyteries have a working group of 'Great Commission champions' in the process of recruiting churches to form a partnership:*
 1. Presbytery of the East
 2. Presbytery of the Southeast
 3. Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic
 4. Presbytery of Mid America

E. Medical Missions Ministry

In January of this year a medical conference was held at the EPC headquarters with more than 20 EPC-related medical personnel (doctors, nurses, and others) gathering to hear

from each other as to the work in progress in their respective international medical ministries. Out of that meeting was revealed a desire by the participants to meet annually and to organize themselves for the purpose of mutual support, to jointly publicize medical short term trips, and to eventually provide medical ministries as a foundation for World Outreach church planting strategies. A 30 plus year recently retired hospital administrator CEO, Chuck Baker agreed to coordinate plans for the medical missions ministry and is currently in progress of applying to become a World Outreach Missions Assistant.

F. International Theological Education (ITEN)

Please consider attending the networking lunch for ITEN on Friday of General Assembly.

Exciting developments occurred during the year of 2012 and continue in 2013 as Rev Bruce Anderson guides this fast growing ministry. An assistant coordinator will soon join Bruce as they respond to EPC churches which already have international theological ministries in progress and network with overseas theological schools in need of partnerships to send teachers and help to these schools to train nationals to go to the unreached peoples of the world. If interested contact Bruce at andersonb.ifr@gmail.com.

G. Missionary Member Care

Please consider attending the networking lunch or Member Care on Friday of General Assembly. Hear from a panel of local church missionary leaders to help you learn how to care for missionaries your church supports.

Rev Jim and Barbie Murphy have visited 67 field missionaries since beginning this strategic ministry in September of 2011. They recently received help by adding three missions assistants to their department. Rev Jim and Lois Caldwell will serve Member Care on the East coast of the U.S. and Rev Larry Bein will serve from the central U.S. in counseling and training of churches to do member care for their missionaries. A worthy goal of the Murphys is to see each EPC missionary visited annually by someone from the denomination.

H. Missionary Prayer Network (MPN)

This foundational ministry for missionary success is led by Rev Phil and Diane Thrash. There are almost 200 prayer intercessors signed up to pray for EPC missionaries around the clock. A secure web site enables missionaries to write requests safely and receive prayer immediately. The web site is accessed only by missionaries and intercessors with the secret code. To join up contact phil.thrash@epc.org for further information.

I. The World Outreach Missionary Family

The people on the front lines of implementing the World Outreach vision are the women, men and children who make up the WO missionary family. These ordinary folks, in obedience to God, have accepted an extraordinary call. Currently these are the missionaries and missions assistants who make up the EPC World Outreach missionary family:

| <u><i>Missionaries and Missions Assistants</i></u> | <u><i>Field of Service</i></u> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Dave and Wendy Ruthie, Amber | East Asia |

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| *Anderson, Bruce and Ellie David, Daniel, Samuel | US/Belarus |
| Rob and Iris Stephanie, Peter, Marissa | US/Muslim Ministry Coordinator |
| Bain, Jeff and Natasha AJ, Sophia | Russia |
| ^Bailey, Benjamin and Monica Mary, Virginia, Elizabeth <i>^pseudonym name used for security purposes.)</i> | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| *Bein, Larry | Member Care Missions Assistant |
| Brake, Jeff and Amy | Russia |
| *Branch, Paul and Elizabeth Linda, Joseph | Guatemala |
| *Caldwell, Jim and Lois | Member Care Missions Assistant |
| Ryan and Amy Sean, Caitlyn , Aaron | Central Asia |
| *Asaph and Lynn Leah, Emma | Central Asia |
| Fain, John and Dawn Marie, David, Luke, Christy | SE Asia |
| *Dan and Stefanie Abigail, Eliana, Amelia, Michaela | South Asia |
| Ken and Wendy Wesley, Calvin | East Asia |
| Fox, Mark & Jennifer Sarah, Caleb, Josiah, Elijah | South Asia |
| Furr, Chris and Kirsten Maren, Reece, Carlson | France |
| Gibson, Chris and Debbie Rebekah | Hungary |
| Alison | South Asia |
| Randy and Martha Joel, Rachel | SE Asia |
| *Robert and Joyce Lydia | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| *Kris and Christy Wesley | South Asia |
| *Joseph and Austia | SE Asia |
| Ryan and Tara Britton | East Asia |
| Bob and Nancy | Central Asia |
| Joseph and Mandi Joseph | South Asia |
| Jeff and Lynne Evan, Jayden, Calvin, Jenna, Darren | SE Asia |

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| *Kearby, Don and Pam Austin, Elianna, Michelle | US/Western US Associate for Missions Advancement, Engage 2025 |
| Kelley, Stephen and Belinda | US/Muslim World |
| Kim, Jeff and Veronique Victor, Anna | Southwest France |
| Matt and Michelle Nicole, Josiah | South Asia |
| Kopan, Greg | Engage 2025 Missions Assistant |
| Lance and Lisa Makayla, Natalie, Alia | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| Livingstone, Greg and Sally | England/Muslim World, Senior Associate for Missions Advancement, Engage 2025 |
| McCaskill, Austin and Beverly | Albania, Central Associate for Missions Advancement, Engage 2025 |
| John and Carlene Caleb, Mackenzie, Rachel | South Asia/Muslim World |
| McIntyre, Thomas and Jennifer Ashlee | Taiwan |
| Sean and Angie Morgan, Samuel, William, Ella | SE Asia |
| *Mike and Tammy | SE Asia |
| Tim and Karen Abigail, Tim, Peter | US/Muslim World |
| Tim and Kim Andrew, Abigail, Peter | Central Asia |
| Murphy, Jim and Barbie | US & WO Field Missionary Member Care |
| David and Lisa Hannah | East Asia |
| Tim | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| Nykamp, Jon and Kristi Stephanie, Timmy, Matthew | Ethiopia |
| George and Cynthia | East Asia |
| Pat | East Asia |
| Roe, Courtney and Krista Alex | Germany/Europe |
| Ryan and Kelly Ella, Sophia, Juliana | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| Snowden, Tami Tabitha | US/Unreached Overseas |
| *Stewart, Shawn and Lisa Micah | US/WO Missionary Recruitment |
| Jonathan | East Asia |
| April | East Asia |
| *Thrash, Phil and Diane Kelsey | US/Eastern US Associate for Missions Advancement, Missionary Prayer Network Coordinator, Engage 2025 |

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| *Nick and Amanda Walker, Dave and Deb | Middle East/Arab Gulf Singapore |
| *Brandon and Liz Sam, Elijah, Asa, Evanageline | Middle East/Arab Gulf |
| Jonathan and Fozia | South Asia |

*Indicates a missionary serving directly under World Outreach

Included in the above list are the following new missionaries and missions assistants appointed since the 32nd General Assembly:

- Larry Bein – Central South Presbytery serving as WO Member Care Missions Assistant as needed
- Jim and Lois Caldwell – Presbytery of the East as WO Member Care Missions Assistants as needed
- Ryan and Amy – Trinity Community Church, CA in the Presbytery of the Pacific finalizing support to serve in Southeast Asia as long term missionaries
- Asaph and Lynn – Rock EPC, SC in the Mid Atlantic Presbytery finalizing support to serve in Central Asia as long term missionaries
- Dan and Stefanie – Lake Forest, NC in the Mid Atlantic Presbytery finalizing support to serve in Central Asia as long term missionaries
- Ryan and Tara – Cherry Creek, CO in the Presbytery of the West finalizing support to serve in East Asia as short term missionaries
- Bob and Nancy – Hope EPC, TN in the Presbytery of the West finalizing support to serve in Central Asia as long term missionaries
- Rev Bob and Tacey-Presbytery of Alleghenies and Eastminster Presbyterian Church to serve in Central Asia as long term missionaries with ITEN
- Greg Kopan – Bay Presbyterian, OH in the Presbytery of the Alleghenies as WO Engage 2025 Missions Assistant
- Mike and Tammy – EPC Marshall, TX in the Central South Presbytery finalizing support to serve in Southeast Asia
- Nick and Amanda – All Saints, TN in the Central South Presbytery finalizing support to serve in the Middle East as long term missionaries

Since the 32nd General Assembly we have had four World Outreach member units resign:

- Kelly Downs – Cherry Hills Community, CO resigned from WO
- Amy L – EPC WO Intern completed her assignment with WO
- Dave and Rivers Partin – Covenant Chapel, KS resigned from WO

J. Missionaries Serving Jointly with WO and Other Mission Agencies:

From our earliest days World Outreach has sought to do ministry with other like-minded partners (sometimes called “cooperative mission agencies” or co-ops). At this time, we have missionaries on the field serving under cooperative agreements with the following agencies:

English Language Institute/China (ELIC)
Frontiers
Greater Europe Mission (GEM)
Interserve
Ministry Essentials, International (MEI)
Mission to Unreached Peoples (MUP)

OC, International
OMF International
Pioneers International
SEND, International
SIM, International
WEC, Intl.

(Other cooperative agreements are also in place under which we do not have missionaries serving at this time.)

II. THE WORLD OUTREACH VISION: FULL-CYCLE CHURCH PLANTING

“Going where the church isn’t.”

From its inception, the focus of World Outreach has been on church planting. Not long after, it was decided to pay particular attention to the Muslim world and more specifically to unreached people groups contained therein. Our church planting philosophy, as outlined in the Assembly-approved *Master Plan*, identifies four broad, interconnecting stages in ‘full cycle’ church planting (illustrated in the diagram below). In the first stage, the Gospel is sown and new believers are gathered into the Kingdom. As these believers grow in maturity and number they are gathered together in the church. As the church grows, leadership is trained and begins training others. As the new church sends out workers to carry on church planting both nationally and internationally, the cycle begins again.



As a result of this focus, the majority of World Outreach missionaries are engaged in tasks related to one or more of these broad stages of church planting. We have workers whose primary role is evangelism, others doing discipleship and providing guidance and direction to emerging churches. Some are engaged in the training of national leaders, while others are dedicating themselves to assisting nationals in sending out missionaries to the unreached peoples of the world. In the multitude of diverse tasks our missionaries are engaged in, this one passion stands out, seeing Christ glorified by the establishing and

growing of His church among those who have not yet heard. We call it simply, “going where the church isn’t.”

Recommendations to the General Assembly

Recommendation WO-1

That the Assembly approve People International as a Cooperative Mission Agency. The details are presented in the attached document (WO-B).

Grounds: This agency is highly regarded for its ministry focus on Central Asia where some of the hardest to reach Muslim people groups reside. WO has a couple who has affiliated with this agency and will go to the field in Central Asia in a strategic area for the Engage 2025 Initiative.

Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Recommendation WO-2

That the Assembly approve Christian Friends of Korea as an Approved Mission Agency. The details are presented in the attached document (WO-C).

Grounds: This agency has board members who are elders in the EPC and comes to WO at a time that we are in the process of developing a medical missions ministry. The agency does medical work at government invitation in the communist (no God) nation of North Korea. Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.

Recommendation WO-3

That the Assembly approve The Antioch Partners as an Approved Mission Agency. The details are presented in the attached document (WO-D).

Grounds: This evangelical sending agency is sister to both Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation, two organizations that began frontier missions as part of the PCUSA years ago. Many of our new churches from the PCUSA are connected with The Antioch Partners and some of their board members are now part of the EPC. The Antioch Partners is no longer part of the PCUSA. This partnership would be a win-win for both agencies.

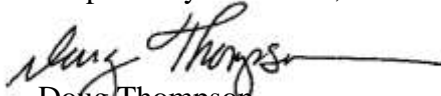
Satisfactory financial background was reviewed and approved by WOC.


Recommendation WO-4

That the Assembly approve the revised World Outreach Master Plan. The details are presented in the attached document (WO-E).

Grounds: Review of the Master Plan is made every three years and it was determined that there is very little need to make changes to the Master Plan at this review.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairman


George R. Carey
Director

June 2013

**A Statement of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach Committee
Regarding Contextualization of the Gospel in Muslim Cultures**

Abstract

This report addresses issues that have surfaced recently regarding 1) the rendering of the Father-Son relationship within the Trinity for Bible translations for the Muslim world and 2) the relationship of Muslim-background believers to their former Muslim religious communities according to some so-called “Insider Movement” missions strategies. The conclusions of the report are that Bible translations must plainly reflect the Father-Son relationship as expressed in the original inspired text by translating pater (father) and huios (son) using the normal, common familial words in all target languages; and that Muslim-background believers must ultimately identify with the visible fellowship of other believers, although the process of doing so may be dictated partially by particular circumstances.

1.0 Introduction and Background – The world’s Muslim population has historically been highly resistant to the gospel. Many in the Christian community have been strategizing for more than twenty years concerning how the church should modify its approach to missions among Muslim peoples, recognizing that we need to present the gospel to Muslims in new ways – in ways that are more culturally coherent, removing unnecessary obstacles, and are more easily understood. The technical term for this approach is contextualization, by which is meant simply conveying the gospel message in ways that are appropriate culturally and understandable in the context of the culture and language of those being evangelized. A great deal of creativity has been employed by many groups in contextualizing the gospel for Muslims, and some who have done so have reported significantly larger numbers of converts.

For 20 years or more, discussions concerning this important missiological development had been taking place rather quietly, “behind the scenes,” mainly within the missions community, with various opinions being voiced regarding how much contextualization is appropriate. However, more recently it has become a much more public debate. The question being debated today by the global church is how far biblically faithful Christians should go in adapting traditional methods used in missions to make the gospel more understandable and acceptable to people in various Muslim contexts. This issue is being addressed currently by many evangelical and Reformed churches around the world. Several denominations have felt compelled to issue public statements within the past year, in which they have taken a stand on how much contextualization they believe is biblically acceptable, having felt that certain practices being used by some creative, cutting-edge missionaries have pushed the envelope too far.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church has identified the Muslim world as one of its main areas of missions emphasis. Thus, EPC World Outreach (hereafter referred to as World Outreach) understands very well the need to contextualize the presentation of the gospel for Muslims. We sadly acknowledge that the church has far too often neglected to contextualize its message sufficiently and has instead insisted on proclaiming the gospel in ways that are familiar to those proclaiming it but not culturally coherent to Muslim peoples. We regret that

this practice has resulted far too often in new believers being extracted unnecessarily from their families and from their former Muslim communities.

Therefore, World Outreach encourages all its missionaries to contextualize the presentation of the gospel in their particular Muslim cultures, as they are led by the Holy Spirit within biblical boundaries set by the EPC's theological standards and by the guidelines established by World Outreach. This current document is written to clarify those boundaries.

2.0 Two Significant Current Issues – As we consider the ongoing public debate on these matters, there are two significant issues that require World Outreach to speak at this time. The first has to do with Bible translations in some Muslim contexts in which the words *pater* and *huios* have been replaced with words other than the normal familial terms in order to remove a cultural barrier in the minds of Muslims. That cultural barrier exists because when Muslims read that Jesus is the “Son of God,” that reinforces the erroneous belief they have been taught, namely, that the Bible teaches that Jesus is God's biological son. Thus, alternative words for Father and Son are used in some so-called “Muslim-Idiom” translations to avoid such misunderstanding by Muslim readers. So, the first major issue is whether World Outreach can endorse Bible translations that do not use the normal familial terms for *pater* and *huios*.

The second major issue has to do with whether converts from Islam should be encouraged to remain indefinitely within Islam and whether they should continue to identify indefinitely as Muslims – a practice advocated by some missionaries and some missions organizations. The sincere desire behind this strategy has been to win more Muslims to Christ, the thought being that if converts remain as “Insiders” within the Muslim community, they will be better able to share the gospel with their families and friends. So, the second major issue is whether World Outreach can endorse such a practice as a permanent framework for “churches” in the Muslim world.

The EPC's theological standards provide clear boundaries for contextualization and set limits to acceptable contextualization for all EPC members. In addition, “The World Outreach Master Plan,” published in 2010, defines the EPC's “big picture” approach to global missions. This current document appeals to those foundational documents and is written to express World Outreach's position on the two issues identified above.

3.0 The World Outreach Master Plan – Our denomination's strategic approach to global missions is described clearly and concisely in The Evangelical Presbyterian Church's World Outreach Master Plan, which is a document that was approved and published in 2010. We have framed this current document mainly as a reaffirmation of our continuing commitment to that Master Plan, which we believe to be in full accord with Scripture as we understand it and with the EPC's constitutional theological standards. The Master Plan and our theological standards give us clear guidance concerning how far World Outreach should go in adapting its theology to accommodate Muslims. The complete master plan can be viewed on the EPC web site at <http://www.epc.org/mediafiles/wo-master-plan.pdf>.

4.0 Commitment to Our Principal Calling - The Master Plan states the principal calling of World Outreach as follows: “*Our principal calling is to the work of **full-cycle church planting** among unengaged/unreached people groups, with a particular focus on Muslims.*”

The Master Plan explains that full-cycle church planting includes four distinct stages: (1) GATHER IN new believers to the Kingdom; (2) GATHER TOGETHER new believers as the church; (3) TRAIN UP leaders for the new churches; and (4) SEND OUT missionaries and church planters from the new churches.

Furthermore, the World Outreach Master Plan states that our long-term vision is to “establish and develop indigenous Reformed churches that relate to one another in a connectional manner and which relate to their context in a biblically faithful and culturally compelling way.”

We once again affirm the World Outreach Master Plan as a document that guides all our global missions initiatives according to the EPC’s understanding of Scripture. It is foundational to all we do, and is a plan all World Outreach missionaries are committed to adhere to wherever they may serve. And thus we reaffirm our commitment to full-cycle church planting, as explained in the Master Plan.

5.0 Commitment to the EPC’s Constitutional Documents – As the missions arm of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, World Outreach also affirms our continuing and ongoing commitment to the constitutional documents of our denomination, which are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the EPC Book of Order, and the document, “Essentials of Our Faith.” Those documents define for us systematically what the EPC, as a Reformed and evangelical church, believes the Bible teaches concerning the “faith once delivered to the saints.” We are committed to adhere to these foundational theological documents in every aspect of our missions initiatives, including everything we do and teach in every culture around the world.

Growing directly out of this theological commitment, we affirm the following regarding the Bible, the Triune God, the Person of Jesus Christ, and the Church. These articles of faith relate directly to the theological issues pertinent to the debate about contextualization. Thus, we affirm the following:

1. The Bible as the Infallible Word of God – We affirm our belief that the Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments as inspired by the Holy Spirit in the original languages) is the complete and unified witness to God’s redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks.
2. The Triune Nature of God – We affirm our belief in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe translating *pater* and *huios* with words other than the normal familial terms in any language fundamentally modifies essential aspects of God’s self-revelation about Himself and about the interrelationship of the Father and Son within the Trinity.
3. Christ as the Eternal Son of God – We affirm our belief in the eternal nature of the second Person of the Godhead, Jesus Christ, who in the fullness of time came down from Heaven and was incarnated as fully man, God in the flesh, who came to live for us, to die on a cross for us, to be raised from the dead for us, and who now reigns at the right hand of the Father (His Father and our Father), and who will return to earth one day – personally, visibly and bodily – to judge the living and the dead and to consummate history.

4. Definition of the True Church – We affirm that the true church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the global Body of Christ. The church finds her visible, yet imperfect expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of the Lord.

We are reminded of the EPC’s motto: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity. We reaffirm our commitment to all that is included in “the Essentials,” including specifically the four items mentioned above. We affirm that this is part of the essential body of revealed truth we have been called to teach as we disciple the nations to fulfill the Great Commission.

6.0 Commitment to Establish New Churches – In light of our commitment to our principal calling and to the theological standards contained in our EPC constitution (see above), we affirm that our goal in missions to unengaged peoples is not only to gather in new believers to the Kingdom from all other world religions and belief systems, but also to *gather together new believers as churches*.

Furthermore, we affirm our commitment to the definition of what a church is, as defined in the constitutional documents of the EPC. While we recognize other evangelical churches that believe the Essentials as our brothers and sisters in Christ, nevertheless, as stated in our Master Plan, World Outreach’s long-range goal in missions is to gather new believers from among unengaged peoples into *Reformed* churches. This implies that those new believers will eventually subscribe not only to the Essentials, but also to other historical theological standards of the Reformed faith.

7.0 The World Outreach’s Position Regarding “Muslim-Idiom” Bible Translations – Although we do not question the good intentions of those who advocate using “Muslim-Idiom” translations to make the gospel more easily understood by Muslims, we believe God’s self-revelation of His divine nature as Father, Son and Holy Spirit conveys divinely inspired truth that must be preserved in all Bible translations in all languages. Using words other than the normal, common familial terms for *pater* and *huios* would fundamentally alter the readers’ understanding of the Trinity, as God has revealed Himself to humankind in the original biblical languages.

Familial language in the Bible is admittedly offensive to Muslims because the Qur’an and their religious instruction teach them not to apply such words as “Son” and “Father” to God. However, we must, as biblically faithful followers of Christ, build relationships from which we can instruct Muslims in the truth of such familial terms from the biblical text as translated from the original languages. Footnotes and explanatory marginal notes should be used to aid readers of the Bible to understand the meaning of the biblical text, but the rendering of *pater* and *huios* using normal familial terms must be preserved in all translations.

8.0 The World Outreach’s Position Regarding Converts from Islam - Regarding those within the Muslim world who have come to saving faith in Christ, but who remain for a season as “insiders” within Islam, we first of all thank God that they have come to saving faith in Christ. Furthermore, we thank God that they have been gathered into the Kingdom of

God by the work of the Holy Spirit, that they have responded in faith to the gospel of grace; and we rejoice that they are, therefore, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

However, we believe their initial faith in Jesus Christ is just the first stage of the process we are about in global missions. As long as they remain as “*insiders*” within Islam, they can, at best, be considered as members of an “embryonic church.” Having been gathered into the Kingdom, World Outreach is committed to continuing to work patiently with Muslim background believers to encourage them to be gathered together into particular churches. Our full-cycle church planting task is not complete until this is accomplished, and furthermore, until national leaders are trained to lead the church (stage 3), and the church develops a missions vision of its own (stage 4). Reiterating what was said above, while we recognize other evangelical churches – churches that may not share our Reformed convictions – as our brothers and sisters in Christ, our WO Master Plan has as its ultimate goal to “establish and develop indigenous Reformed churches which relate to one another in a connectional manner and which relate to their context in a Biblically faithful and culturally compelling way.”

We acknowledge that in some contexts within the Muslim world, the complete process may develop slowly. In such contexts, new converts are undoubtedly wise to not break away totally from their former Muslim identity too abruptly. We respect their wisdom and prudence in choosing to remain “under the radar” so to speak for a season and to initially meet as “embryonic churches.” However, we must continue to work patiently with them, loving them as our brothers and sisters in Christ, but always remembering that our long-term goal is that God will eventually gather them into particular churches, with ordained church leaders and a missions vision of their own. That is World Outreach’s goal in full-cycle church planting.

9.0 Summary of World Outreach’s Position on Contextualization in Muslim Contexts – First, World Outreach affirms the need to contextualize the gospel in appropriate ways in every culture. We encourage all our missionaries to do so in ways that will make the gospel more understandable and make worship more culturally coherent in the particular cultures in which they work.

Second, because we are committed to the integrity of God’s Inspired Word and to our denomination’s constitutional standards, World Outreach cannot endorse the use of any Bible translations that do not translate *pater* and *huios* using the normal, common familial terms. We believe God’s self-revelation of His nature as Father, Son and Holy Spirit conveys essential divinely inspired truth that must be preserved in all Bible translations in all languages. Our policy is that the normal, common familial terms for *pater* and *huios* must always be retained in the biblical text, and that footnotes and marginal notes should be added to explain the meaning as necessary. Third, because we are committed in the long term to seeing Reformed churches develop and grow among unengaged peoples as stated in the World Outreach Master Plan, World Outreach cannot endorse the practice of encouraging new believers in Christ to remain inside their former Muslim faith communities indefinitely. Although we realize there may be a transition period, and that it may take a long time, we believe we should continue to instruct such new believers, with patience, to move eventually from their “embryonic churches”

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People International becoming a Cooperative Agency with EPC

I. Doctrinal Statement and Mission Statements

Our Purpose

TO UNVEIL GOD'S GLORY

TO CENTRAL ASIAN MUSLIMS

BY

ESTABLISHING AND

ENABLING HIS CHURCH

Our Beliefs: Statement of Faith

The members of People International believe in:

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgment.

5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Savior of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfill the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgment, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Principle of Unity

All members of People International are united in our Statement of Faith. These beliefs are held historically by the Church. However, our Statement of Faith does not attempt to describe all beliefs and practices of the Church. PI is composed of people from many cultures and church backgrounds. We acknowledge our diversity and celebrate the unity in the Body of Christ on many other issues and practices which are clearly based upon the Bible. We are committed to working together in one spirit and relating to one another and our local church partners in an ethos of grace, humility and love. In all things, we endeavor to be kind, sensitive and loving towards each other, seeking unity and peace. By working together we demonstrate practical unity in Christ to the lost and to the Church.

Core Values

These organizational Core Values shape the way PI works. Together with our Statement of Faith and Purpose Statement, they describe the heart of who we are and how we live.

1. Christ Centered We are passionate in our love for God and His Word, and we strive for purity of heart towards Him, the world around us, and those we serve.
2. Love for Muslims God has put a deep love for Muslim people in our hearts which we express by sharing Christ in biblically and culturally appropriate ways.
3. Teamwork and Partnering We strive to serve in teams that are united in strategy and purpose, with team members serving together and dependent upon one another. Where possible we partner with others who share our values and purpose.
4. Creativity and Flexibility We encourage original and bold initiatives resulting in diverse, effective, Spirit led ministries.

5. **Church Focused** *We serve the Church from all the world by sending members to plant, develop, and equip missional churches that are locally led and resourced.*
6. **Care for One Another** *We celebrate God's work in us individually, recognising our human frailties and limitations, forgiving, respecting, and investing in each other in an ethos of grace.*
7. **Integrity and Stewardship** *We are diligent in using the resources God has entrusted to us, acting with integrity in our dealings with those we serve, our members, donors, partners and governments.*

Our Moral and Spiritual Standards

We recognize that all members of People International are sinners saved by God's wonderful grace. We continue to struggle with temptation, realizing we will never fully reach the perfection we desire this side of heaven. Nevertheless, maintaining an upright testimony both abroad and at home is essential to accomplishing our mission. "For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life." 1 Thes. 4:7-8.

There are acts which PI believes violate Biblical standards for practice and living and are, therefore, unacceptable for our members. Certain acts that PI believes violate Biblical standards for practice and living harm the reputation of Christ and PI. Such acts could be a reason for discipline, review of membership, and possibly termination of membership. 1 Tim 1:8-10 and Gal 5:19-21 and other passages contain examples of these.

II. Agency History:

1979: Gairdner Trust Ministries

The Lord raised up a unique vision through Ron George who established the ministry in 1979 under the name "Gairdner Trust Ministries". This UK based organisation was originally named after Temple Gairdner, a Scottish missionary who laboured among the Muslims of Egypt in the early part of the twentieth century.

The leadership of Gairdner Trust Ministries was deeply moved by events coming out of one of the first trips into Central Asia. A UK member met an Uzbek Christian who was desperate for the scriptures in his own language. The following year when our member returned to deliver the scriptures, he learned that the Uzbek Christian had been arrested and placed in a psychiatric hospital. We later heard that an overdose of drugs was administered to him and he died in the hospital.

Researching Central Asia and educating the church in the West

The first years of Gairdner Trust Ministries were devoted to raising awareness among the Church in the West about the needs of Central Asians. Muslim awareness seminars were held, prayer fellowships started, literature published, and inquiries about Central Asian Muslims were answered. Pioneer researchers were sent to the then little-known areas of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Xinjiang in Western China. Wherever our researchers went they found millions of Central Asian Muslims who

desperately needed the Saviour. Churches in the West had little or no information about these people.

We began to publish *People Group Profiles* on a regular basis and ethnographic research reports called *SCANs (Society of Central Asian News)*. *Muslim Peoples News* started to be distributed. The more that was published, the more that was taught, and the more travelling that was done, the more the ministry grew. Soon others wanted to get involved.

Specific people groups were adopted for research and ministry. They were generally those of either Turkic or Persian origin who were living geographically between Albania in the West and China in the East. We generally called them "Central Asian peoples." These Central Asians have a population of over 400 million, and live in the heart of what has become known as the 10-40 window, containing the most unreached areas of the world.

Some additional members joined with us, prayer groups were started, a six-week annual Islamic Course was started in England; and the publications continued to make thousands aware of these unreached Muslim peoples. Some teams were formed in western cities, evangelising Turks and Central Asians living there. To this point, most of the ministry was centred in the UK and Europe, although some efforts were being directed toward North America and Turkey.

1987: Renamed "People International"

In 1987 the name was changed to *People International (PI)*, and a new focus was added. Not only were we committed to educating the Western Church about Islam and Central Asian Muslims, but also more direct efforts in evangelism and church planting began to take place among Central Asians. With this new thrust, short-term teams were sent into "closed" areas of Central Asia, and where possible we started to place long-term teams.

New "National Offices" were opened in the USA (1986), the Netherlands (1988), Germany (1991), Australia (1993) and New Zealand (1995). Most recently, Canada (2007) joined the PI family. In the 1980s evangelistic work began among Central Asian Muslims residing in Western Europe and North America—particularly among those people coming from countries which were basically closed to Western Christians. As the vision grew, so did the number of people joining with us.

1991: Focusing the Ministry

In 1991 Clive Pritchard took over the leadership of People International. With the political changes taking place in Central Asia as a result of the collapse of communism, new opportunities opened for "tentmakers" to live and serve in these countries. The former emphases on educating the Western church about Islam and facilitating ministry among displaced Central Asian Muslims living in the West were mainly set aside in light of this unprecedented opportunity for ministry directly to the millions of totally unreached Muslims. PI sharpened its vision, focusing our priority upon church planting in Central Asia itself, placing long-termers on various fields throughout the broader Turkic and Persian worlds—from Turkey in the West to North-West China in the East, and from Tatarstan in the North to Pakistan in the South.

God Gave the Increase

People International is fully committed to sending long-term members who move into the heartlands of these peoples, equipping, training, and enabling these members for effective ministry. They are challenged to cultivate relationships among the Muslims and ultimately work to establish Christ's church all across what we call "Central Asia".

Our focus has unreservedly remained upon church planting in Central Asia. At the same time, along with direct evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training, PI has been used of God to relieve much suffering among those in need. Humanitarian projects were established in many of the countries, caring for orphans, performing thousands of eye surgeries, training doctors, digging water wells, building schools, and teaching mothers to care for their children with cerebral palsy, to name a few. These projects also allowed PI's members access into CA society. Providing the Scriptures is essential to establishing the church and building up believers. The Bible translation, Central Asian Russian Scriptures, plus the Uzbek and Turkmen Bible translation projects, are all key ministries in which PI members were involved.

- III. **Mission Statement Mission Objectives (see above)**
- IV. **ECFA membership or comparable financial standards: YES, we are a member of ECFA**
- V. **Missio Nexus (formerly Mission Exchange/EFMA) membership or comparable: We are a member of MissionNext.**
<http://missionnext.org/>, and we do attend Missio Nexus Leadership conferences yearly, but we are not members.
- VI. **Confirmation that EPC missionaries will be free to teach and practice the faith expressed in the Westminster standards: Yes, they will be free to teach and practice faith expressed in the Westminster Confession.**


Find a trusted ECFA accredited organization

ECFA accredits its members and holds them to high standards of accountability with respect to governance, financial management and stewardship/fundraising practices.

When you give to an ECFA accredited organization, you are supporting a church or nonprofit organization you can trust to use the gift to carry out the Great Commission while meeting high standards. ECFA does not compare one member with another. For over 30 years, ECFA has effectively used a pass-fail approach requiring its members to meet all of its standards—all of the time!

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People International



About Us

Our story:

People International is an interdenominational Christian organization, whose vision is to see churches established that proclaim the Good News among the Muslim peoples of Central Asia and model true Christian living on the example of Jesus Christ.

People International was established in 1979 and since then has been researching Central Asia and making the needs of the Central Asian people known to Christians in other parts of the world.

Since 1980, People International has been sending in short-term teams and placing workers long-term on the field to live and work among the local people.

Visit this page to find more about the history of this movement called *People International*»»

What we do:

People International has a two-fold approach. Firstly, we research Central Asia and make the needs of the Central Asian people known to Christians in other parts of the world and secondly, we send short-term teams and place workers long-term on the field in teams to live and work among the local people.

Our workers in Central Asia are involved in the work of church planting, friendship evangelism and scripture translation, as well as showing the love of Christ in practical ways through project work.

How we do it:

Our strategy is to place teams in Central Asia who focus on learning the language and the culture. These teams then model to new believers a strategy for the establishment of new churches.

We read in the New Testament that churches were formed wherever people became Christians.

While planting a church is a great accomplishment, our real job is to train and mobilize emerging leaders for effective ministry that will multiply throughout Central Asia.

While our aim is to proclaim the gospel where it has not previously been preached, our task is not complete until we see believers established in local churches where they can be built up in faith and made effective in the service of the Lord.

Who we serve:

People International works among the Muslim people groups living in the area stretching across Central Asia from Turkey to the Xinjiang Province of North-West China. This area includes more than fourteen different countries and regions and more than twenty people groups.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. -Revelation 7:9

You can find out more about Central Asia and its People Groups including a map of the area.

You can also go directly to **general information about Central Asia**.

Why Central Asia?

Communism fell in 1991 throughout Central Asia, yet its spiritual darkness still holds many people in fear and bondage.

There is a growing need for prayer, resources and Christian workers if we are going to advance the Kingdom of God throughout Central Asia.

Let us unite together and seek to move forward in confidence that God's name is going to be truly glorified throughout Central Asia in the coming days!

We do the work because of the great need. One of the spiritually darkest areas of the world today is Central Asia where there are over 450 million unreached Muslim peoples.

They all need to see the light of the gospel and to know that Jesus loves them and that He died so that they could live. In the midst of political change, great uncertainty and moral darkness they need to experience the only true hope and joy found in Jesus who is the "light of the world."

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." -John 8:12

We know from scripture that the Gospel must be preached to all nations before Jesus' return. Central Asia represents a significant area of as yet "unreached" peoples. It is one of the last major areas of the world which has not heard of the Gospel, and where, with a few exceptions, there has been no indigenous church.



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Application for Christian Friends of Korea
to be considered as an Approved Mission Agency of the EPC

I. CFK's Doctrinal Statement:

We believe...

1. In the Bible alone as the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. In one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the full deity and humanity 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. In regeneration by the Holy Spirit as being absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful people.
5. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. In God's calling to His people to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among all peoples.

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II. Agency History: Christian Friends of Korea was established in 1995 by a group of people who saw an opportunity for sustained Christian ministry in North Korea following the visits there by Dr. Billy Graham in 1992 and 1994. Initially named the Eugene Bell Centennial Foundation in honor of one of the early Presbyterian missionaries to Korea, some of our initial efforts included sending food in response to the flooding and other natural disasters that struck North Korea beginning in 1995. Beginning in 1997, CFK responded to a request to provide support to tuberculosis (TB) facilities that were seeing a large increase in the number of patients due to the famine and hardships North Korea was experiencing.

In 1998, we changed our name to Christian Friends of Korea to better reflect our identity and purpose, and refocused our efforts on the Southwestern region of North Korea – North and South Hwanghae Provinces and the Provincial City region of Kaesong. We now provide ongoing support (food, medicine, medical supplies, greenhouses, tractors, clean water systems, renovations, etc.) to 29 care facilities in the DPRK, including provincial TB and hepatitis hospitals and sanatoria scattered throughout the geographical region, many of them in remote areas. We also provide some assistance to hospitals in Pyongyang and to the Kaesong Provincial Pediatric Hospital – formerly known as the Ivey Hospital, a rare remnant of Christian missionary work built in 1907. All support is provided openly under our name (Christian Friends of Korea) and logo (which includes the cross of Jesus Christ.)

At least twice a year, we visit the institutions that we support to confirm the arrival, distribution, and use of CFK donations, to encourage staff and patients, and to assess current needs.

In recent years, God has expanded our work into major capacity building projects, such as hospital renovations and re-equipping, water development and sustainable agriculture. These projects, done twice/year, involve many highly skilled Christian volunteers (including many from Christ Community Church in Montreat, NC) who work side-by-side with North Koreans and contribute to trust-building efforts that bring lasting change. Often, in the course of doing these projects, North Koreans ask questions giving us opportunities to share more openly about our faith and purpose.

Over the past 5 years, we have been working on a major national-level project with Stanford University and the Ministry of Public Health to establish North Korea's first-ever National TB Reference Laboratory. This project began with major renovations, sending/installation of all new equipment, and extensive training (still ongoing) towards international accreditation of the lab. Already this project has helped to reshape the diagnosis and treatment of TB in the country and gather in extensive new resources in the fight against TB, while building trust and relationships at many levels of society.

In all we do, we strive to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ transparently in word and deed.

III. Mission Statement: The mission of Christian Friends of Korea is to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in North Korea by means of educational, humanitarian and religious projects and exchanges, and to promote peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the Pacific Rim.

IV. Mission Objectives: Christian Friends of Korea seeks to minister in the name of Christ to the people of North Korea:

1) through Christian witness— by worshiping with and encouraging the local Christian population (however small or invisible); by example (in word and deed) as we work alongside and with North Koreans in the course of our work; by encouraging historical truth with regard to Christianity in general and early missionary work specifically; by clear and public identification with and communication of our Christian identity and purposes. We believe that *how we do something* is as important as *what we do*, and we seek to *faithfully live out the Good News of Jesus Christ in both word and deed*.

2) through the provision of humanitarian aid ranging from outright donations of food/medicine, to the completion of complex renovations/technical projects in accordance with best practices and the highest international standards in order to meet real human needs efficiently, effectively, responsibly and transparently *in the name of Christ*; and

3) through educational and outreach programs – hosting North Korean delegations, engaging in training of various kinds, assisting other groups with similar purposes engage with North Korea, and educating people outside of North Korea about Korea and opportunities for Christian engagement.

Christian Friends of Korea is unique among others working in North Korea today. CFK is very grass-roots and has relied heavily on the expertise and wisdom of many retired missionaries (largely Presbyterian, but also inclusive of other denominations) to Korea (and their children) who lend not only their credibility and lifelong experiences in Christian ministry among Koreans, but also their individual areas of expertise. Among this group are doctors, dentists, agricultural specialists, church planters, educators, builders and academics, to name a few. Some of these people have served on our Board, Advisory Board, or Medical Advisory Committee, others provide great encouragement, and are available when needed for consultation. They all bring a deep understanding of the language, history, culture, politics and physical realities in North Korea to the table, and a shared passion to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ there. Many were commissioned (or their parents were commissioned) in Montreat, NC, to serve in Korea, so a very special bond exists between CFK and Christ Community Church. Over the years, CFK has included in its delegations many volunteers from this congregation who have helped to build passive solar greenhouses, put in solar-powered clean water systems, renovated operating rooms, rebuilt the National TB Reference Lab, etc. Christ Community Church supports their member's participation with CFK through both prayer and financial support.

V. ECFA Membership: CFK has been an ECFA member in good standing since 1999. (please see attached link <http://www.ecfa.org/MemberProfile.aspx?ID=9985> as Appendix I)

Support from EPC Churches: CFK receives support from Christ Community Church (EPC) in Montreat, NC; and two active CFK Board Members are also ruling elders of Christ Community Church. Other EPC churches that have supported CFK in the past include First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia; and Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, VA.

Conclusion: Christian Friends of Korea has a remarkable opportunity to work as an openly Christian ministry within a society that has been closed to the Good News of Jesus Christ for over sixty years. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the prayers and generosity of His people, CFK has been able to forge lasting and warm relationships with many North Koreans built on a foundation of trust and mutual respect. We have been able to affect real change in the lives of suffering people in North Korea.

Each patient has a family – and all those lives are affected when a loved one is returned to them. Each work group is affected when a colleague is returned to them restored to health and able to rejoin productive society. The doctors and nurses are affected when they are given the tools they know they need in order to help their patients. The officials we work with are affected by seeing the needs of their people, facilitating our help to them, and by learning of the willingness of people (even people who they are told are their enemies) to give of their resources to others far away. But perhaps the greatest gift we give is hope – that people around the world remember them and pray for them, that they can be cured of disease, that life can get better, that the life of a common factory worker, wife, or farmer is indeed so precious in the sight of God that He was willing to sacrifice his son for them. The ripple effects are enormous – and we may never know their full extent.

It is our prayer that by showing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to suffering people, it will help prepare the soil of many hearts, long hardened against the Gospel, to receive the life-giving news of redemption and reconciliation possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ -- a redemption that first restores one's relationship with God, and then restores relationships outwardly, bringing about peace and genuine reconciliation.

We are seeking to become an Approved Mission Agency of the EPC because we believe that we share a joint calling and mission to share the Gospel among the most unreached people in difficult places. God continues to expand the work of CFK, and we want to invite participation in this work by like-minded and like-hearted believers so they too may share their God given talents and resources in service to Christ to build His kingdom in the DPRK.

Additional Background Information on the DPRK: Appendix 2

Background on the DPRK: In 1948, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was founded in the northern half of the Korean peninsula. Led by the "Great Leader" Kim Il Sung, this communist state remains one of the most isolated, repressive and closed societies in the world. During the Korean War (1950-1953), which ended in an armistice, rather than a peace treaty, the country was devastated. North Koreans are deeply suspicious of foreigners, and have developed an ideology of Juche, or highly nationalistic self-reliance. Officially, it remains an atheistic society, albeit one of the most "religious" ones that exists in the world today, deifying the deceased President Kim Il Sung and his dynastic successor, the "Dear Leader" Kim Jong Il. In December 2011, the 27 year old grandson of Kim Il Sung – Kim Jong Un – became the new leader of the DPRK following his father's unexpected death. Until very recently, North Korea's contacts with the outside world have been primarily through communist countries such as China, the Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe.

With the fall of communism in the early 1990's, traditional trade and barter relationships with the Soviet Union and other Eastern-bloc countries began to break down. Generous subsidies ended and trade was subject to the ability of the North Koreans to pay in hard currency. This combined with economic and agricultural mismanagement and devastating floods in 1995 and 1996 precipitated a humanitarian disaster of epic proportions in North Korea. While the North Koreans have estimated that approximately 220,000 lives were lost due to food shortages during the 1995-1997 period, the UN and other organizations have estimated losses of between 1 and 3 million lives from starvation and related diseases, out of an estimated 22 million people – roughly 5-10% of the entire population. This period of extreme hardship and suffering is known in North Korea as the Arduous March.

North Korea is a mountainous country, with only 18% of its land considered arable. International relief organizations agree that North Korea is unable, and has been unable for some time, to feed its own people adequately. Serious shortages of electrical power, fossil fuels, and every imaginable consumer item have plagued the country for the past two decades. This year, the World Food Program estimates that North Korea will be short about 500,000 metric tons of food, out of the 5.5 million tons it needs to feed its population adequately.

North Korea is still arguably the most restrictive country in the world in terms of how it treats its own citizens and how it treats foreign visitors. Consequently it is an extremely difficult environment in which to work. Nearly everything must be negotiated. Information is closely held, and when available, is often conflicting. Travel is severely restricted, and when allowed, is carefully supervised and controlled. Movement within the country continues to be difficult, due to persistent fuel shortages and severe problems with roads and other modes of transportation.

While there are four official churches, 2 Protestant, 1 Catholic, and 1 Russian Orthodox, and official reports of over 500 "house" churches, the open practice of faith differing from the near worship of the dynastic Kim family all but prohibited, and in many cases, severely persecuted. Following the rise of the Communists to power, thousands of Christians either fled to the South or disappeared. North Korean

historical accounts portray Christian missionaries as political puppets of imperialist forces seeking to overrun the Korean people.

We seek to rise above the politics that surrounds our country's relations with North Korea. Over the past eighteen years, there have been many sensitive periods of crisis and tension making our work difficult – yet by God's grace, it has continued and even grown in the face of this adversity. Despite "satellite launches", nuclear tests, sanctions and threats that have profoundly impacted our countries' relations, we continue to be able to work in the North and trust that this will continue. It is indeed remarkable that despite this highly-charged and politicized environment, Christian Friends of Korea is able to work openly under our name (which translates literally into the Korean language) ministering to the people of North Korea in the name of Christ through tuberculosis, pediatric and other work.

The
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March 25, 2013

Rev. George Carey
World Outreach
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Dear George,

Thank you for giving The Antioch Partners (TAP) the opportunity of applying for approved agency status with the EPC.

Attached are the following documents: A Brief History of TAP, TAP's Mission, Vision and Values, TAP's Theological Affirmations and our FY 2012 independent audit. After reviewing these, if you need any additional information, don't hesitate to let me know and I will get it to you as quickly as possible.

I did want to comment on two of the requested items, namely, ECFA membership and Missio Nexus membership. TAP is not yet a member of ECFA, though I expect we will join in the near future. As a new sending agency, when I checked with ECFA several years ago, one requirement was three years of independent audit history. Our first independent audit was done in 2009, so we now have the required history. Though we are not yet members of ECFA, know that the TAP board and our TAP staff take financial accountability seriously, as is evident by the fact that as soon as TAP became a separate 501c3 organization, we began having annual independent audits. In terms of membership in Missio Nexus, we are not members, though TAP board members and other key TAP staff are members of various collaborative organizations, such as the International Society for Frontier Missiology, the American Society of Missiology and the Evangelical Missiological Society. Furthermore, TAP works collaboratively with a significant number of mission organizations, such as: InterVarsity Link, Mission Training International, etc.

Again, after reviewing our information, if you need anything else for your upcoming WO Committee meeting, don't hesitate to let me know.

Blessings to you this Holy Week,

W. Andrew Adair

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TAP Mission, Vision & Values

Our Mission:

To send out followers of Jesus to participate in God's mission in the world. We are committed to inviting people to follow Jesus, social justice and establishing worshipping communities among unreached peoples throughout the world.

Our Vision:

Presbyterians effectively equipped, sent out and supported as they participate in God's mission in the world, and every Presbyterian congregation extensively, strategically, and radically involved in this process.

Our Values:

Sharing the Good News: Our passion in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is to see people become followers of Jesus living transformed lives in the power of the Holy Spirit. We want to see these disciples involved in outward-focused worshipping communities which are impacting the world. Our commitment includes strengthening and increasing the missional capacity of our partners.

Unreached Peoples: We are deeply concerned about the un-reached and least-reached people groups of the world. These are the people groups where there is no indigenous church, or where the newly emerging church is not yet able to effectively share the Good News with its people group.

God Already at Work: God has been, and continues to be, at work in the world and he calls us to join him. When we prayerfully consider the possibility of serving in a given context, our approach is to discern what God is doing, who he is working through, and how he might be calling us to participate in his work in partnership with the broader body of Christ.

Prayer: Prayer is fundamental in everything we do. As we participate in God's mission in the world, our basic responsibility is to be people of prayer. We are committed to this as individuals, and as a fellowship of Christ's servants.

Kingdom of God: The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God; it is both "now" and "not yet." Just as the Kingdom of God was a central focus for Jesus, so it is for us, and we understand our involvement in the world in the context of God's Kingdom. This means we are committed to the wholeness of the Gospel: sharing the message of Jesus (words), social action (works), and demonstrations of the Spirit's power (wonders). It also means we are committed to the growth of the church, as well as to working for social righteousness, because both of these are integrally related to the Kingdom of God.

Partnership: As one expression of the body of Christ, we are committed to working in partnership with the global body of Christ whenever possible. We believe God can do more

A Brief History of The Antioch Partners

In 2006 The Outreach Foundation (TOF) and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) joined in a strategic alliance to create a new structure for expanding long-term, cross-cultural, incarnational mission service opportunities for Presbyterians. That step of faith set in motion months of prayer, planning and preparations which culminated in the creation of The Antioch Partners (TAP). TAP became operational in summer 2007 and forty missionaries (called "Partners") have now been appointed for mission service and more are on the way (of these forty, thirty-four are already serving in their ministry locations around the world and six are at various points in the support raising process). Furthermore, the TAP board set the goal of increasing the number of Partners serving through TAP to seventy-five by the end of 2014. This reflects our conviction that God is calling more and more men and women from Presbyterian congregations across the US to participate in his mission in the world in new ways, and we are excited to serve those who share our evangelical commitments and convictions.

TAP is accomplishing its purpose by serving local Presbyterian congregations in the assessment, training, sending and supporting of long-term mission personnel. In order to help you better understand how TAP functions, here is a summary of some of the important aspects of how TAP operates:

- Participation in the Discernment Process: TAP Staff are ready to enter into the discernment process with those sensing God's call to long-term, cross-cultural mission service. TAP Staff are committed to assisting people as they walk through the discernment process, whether or not TAP turns out to be the best sending agency option for them.
- First Who, Then What*: TAP focuses on appointing those who have a clear sense of call to long-term mission service (and this call has been affirmed by their local congregation), and have appropriate gifts and abilities to thrive in cross-cultural service. TAP Staff then work with global partners and the missionary Partners themselves to identify appropriate roles for these cross-cultural servants. *Note: This phrase comes from Jim Collin's book, Good to Great.
- Placement Priorities: TAP has two main priorities in placing mission personnel: serving in frontier mission contexts (i.e. working among unreached and least-reached people groups), and strengthening the missional capacity of global partners.
- Missionary Support: TAP Partners develop their own support teams (this includes raising their own financial support) with assistance from TAP staff.
- Missionary Care: TAP's perspective is effective missionary care (often called member care) is essential if missionaries are to be effective for the duration of their service, and this can only happen when support teams (sending churches and individuals), local partners and TAP staff all work together to create communities of care for mission personnel.

In terms of TAP's organizational structure, we are committed to a flat, lean organizational framework. An important strategy helping us accomplish this is leveraging capacities of both founding organizations, as well as other partners. Examples include the following:

- TAP's finance and accounting functions are outsourced to PFF

- Recruiting for TAP is carried out by both PFF and TOF staff, as well as congregational mission leaders
- TOF and PFF staff/board members serve on the TAP Board
- Utilizing office space provided by Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston
- Utilizing volunteer staff/consultants such as our BAM Coordinator

As expressed, TAP is committed to serving Presbyterian congregations, and individual Christians, who share our evangelical convictions and commitments. In terms of Presbyterian individual congregations, TAP is committed to serving congregations staying in the PCUSA, as well as those moving to ECO or the EPC. Currently, TAP is serving congregations in all three of these Presbyterian entities and there are TAP Partners from congregations affiliated with each of these as well.

WORLD OUTREACH PROPOSED MASTER PLAN 2013

Mission Statement

Our missional commitment is to glorify God by sowing the seed of the Gospel, with the goal of seeing mature churches develop primarily among unengaged/unreached people groups with a particular focus on Muslims.

Values and Commitments

The foundation of World Outreach is the written Word of God. Building upon that foundation, we commit ourselves to

- Faithful **proclamation** of the Gospel to the nations until the Lord returns,
- Fervent **prayer** for the evangelization of the world, and
- Active **participation** in that glorious task through ministries of Word and deed.

Seeking to be sensitive and responsive to the Holy Spirit's work throughout the world, we pray that God will use us to

- Gather God's people, scattered among the peoples of the earth, into the Church of Jesus Christ.
- Establish and develop indigenous reformed churches ~~which~~ **that** relate to one another in a connectional manner and ~~which~~ **that** relate to their context in a Biblically faithful and culturally compelling way.
- Identify, train, and develop national leadership from and for the indigenous churches.
- Equip and motivate indigenous churches to participate in cross-cultural missions.

Pursuing these goals, we will endeavor to

- Engage the participation of every member of the EPC in fulfilling the goals of our mission.
- Partner with other evangelical churches and organizations to demonstrate the unity of the Body of Christ.
- Administer entrusted resources in an efficient and effective manner with full accountability.
- Provide excellent care for our missionaries, caring for them as family, doing all that we can to ensure their spiritual, physical, and emotional well being as individuals, families, and teams.

The EPC’s World Outreach Ministry is committed to the constitutional documents of our denomination ~~which that~~ are the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*, the *EPC Book of Order* and *Essentials of Our Faith*.

WO Vision Statement

World Outreach is the mission mobilizing and sending arm of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Our principal calling is to the work of ***full-cycle church planting*** among unengaged/unreached people groups, with a particular focus on Muslims.

We will also pursue strategic partnerships ~~which that~~ advance the full cycle of church planting where the church has already been established but has not yet grown to maturity, and we will pursue ministries ~~which that~~ support and equip our missionary church planters and national church leaders, and ~~which that~~ mobilize the people and churches of the EPC with a compelling mission vision.



EPC Mission Priorities

I. Church Planting among Muslim Peoples

“Our calling is to the work of full-cycle church planting among the unengaged/unreached peoples, with a particular emphasis on Muslims”

A. World Outreach Church Planting Teams among Muslim Peoples

Current:

- Africa
- Central Asia
- Middle East
- Southeast Asia
- South Asia

*Proposed Change:
Add: Africa*

Strategic initiative:

Engage 2025 - Ten new EPC presbytery church plants by the year 2025 among unengaged/unreached Muslim peoples.

B. Church Planting Teams in Partnership with other Mission Agencies among Muslim Peoples

C. Ministry Among Muslims in the United States

II. Strategic Church Planting Ministries/Partnerships

"We will also pursue strategic ministries and partnerships ~~which that~~ will advance the full cycle of church planting where the church has already been established but has not yet grown to maturity. Additionally, we will endeavor to train these existing churches to minister beyond themselves to unengaged/unreached people groups of the world."

World Outreach has identified strategic ministries and partnerships in which we have an opportunity to advance the full cycle of church planting. ~~in the following countries and geographical areas:~~

- ~~Argentina~~
- ~~Belarus~~
- ~~East Asia~~
- ~~England~~
- ~~France~~
- ~~Germany~~
- ~~Siberia~~

*Proposed Change:
Delete because countries are changing often.*

The following ministries are strategic areas of emphasis of World Outreach:

- Overseas International Churches
- Post-Christian and Muslim Peoples in Europe
- Theological Education for National Church Leaders

III. Missions Mobilization and Personnel Development

“...we will pursue ministries to support and equip missionary church planters and national church leaders, and to mobilize the people and churches of the EPC with a compelling mission vision.”

A. Mission Personnel Development

(This area of emphasis focuses on training and equipping our missionaries and the national church leaders with whom we partner.)

B. Missions Vision Development

(This area of emphasis focuses on promoting a missions vision within the denomination, and nurturing missions consciousness and excellence in EPC churches and presbyteries, enabling the EPC to truly be a missions church.)

C. Missionary Care

We are committed to providing excellent care for our missionaries to ensure their spiritual, physical and emotional well-being as individuals, families and teams.

This commitment will be evident as the staff of the EPC’s World Outreach and the World Outreach Committee establishes direct and intentional contact with each of our missionaries, including visiting them on their fields of ministry when possible. We will promote their financial and project needs to churches and presbyteries.

PART III
DOCUMENTS

NOTES

ACTS OF THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2013)

PRESBYTERIES

33-03 The Assembly changes the boundaries of the Presbytery of the Pacific and the Presbytery of the West to include in the Presbytery of the Pacific that portion of Idaho west of US Highway 93 and all of the city of Twin Falls and all of Jerome County. (**Minutes**, 33-42)

33-04 The Assembly divides the Presbyteries of the West and Mid-America and creates the Great Plains Presbytery effective as of the convening of its first meeting after January 1, 2014 with the geographic boundaries defined as follows:

- Northern border: The U.S./Canada border
- Western border: From the northwestern corner of Bottineau County, North Dakota south along the county line to state highway 5, then east to the junction of US 83, then US 83 south to the Texas border, then following the Texas/Oklahoma border.
- Southern border: The southern Oklahoma state line.
- Eastern border: The eastern state lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota

(**Minutes**, 33-42)

33-07 The Assembly extends the provision adopted by the 27th General Assembly for presbyteries to receive ministers and churches as transitional members to December 31, 2014. (**Minutes**, 33-53) *See Acts of Assembly 07-01 and 11-09.*

FRATERNAL MATTERS

33-01 The Assembly approves a fraternal agreement with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK). (**Minutes**, 33-35)

33-08 The Assembly endorses a letter of support for the membership application of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) in the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC). (**Minutes**, 33-53)

PROGRAM MATTERS

33-02 The Assembly adopts a revised “Position Paper on Abortion (originally adopted by the 6th General Assembly and revised by the 32nd General Assembly). (**Minutes**, 33-37)

WORLD OUTREACH

- 33-05** The Assembly approves a revised World Outreach Master Plan. (**Minutes**, 33-43)
- 33-09** The Assembly approves People International as a Cooperative Mission Agency (**Minutes**, 33-53)
- 33-10** The Assembly approves Christian Friends of Korea as an Approved Mission Agency (**Minutes**, 33-53)
- 33-11** The Assembly approves The Antioch Partners as an Approved Mission Agency (**Minutes**, 33-53)

BOARD OF BENEFITS-INSURANCE

- 33-06** The Assembly appoints the Committee on Administration as an Administrative Commission (**G.16-26.B**) from July 1, 2013 until the convening of the 35th General Assembly (June 2015) with the power to determine whether the EPC Medical Benefits Plan should be retained, revised, outsourced, or terminated and to take such actions as may be needed as a result of that determination. (**Minutes**, 33-53)

**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERY, ARGENTINA**

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| <p>These Articles celebrate what God has done in the mutually edifying relationship he established between our respective parts of the Kingdom of God and place that relationship on a footing which will allow us together to continue to expand that Kingdom through the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the reign of Christ over His people.</p> | <p>Estos Artículos celebran lo que Dios ha realizado en la relación de mutua edificación que él estableció entre nuestras respectivas partes del Reino de Dios, y colocan esta relación en un camino que nos permitirá continuar juntos la expansión de este Reino a través de la proclamación del Evangelio y la administración del reinado de Cristo sobre su pueblo.</p> |
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| ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT Evangelical Presbyterian Church and St. Andrews Presbytery (Argentina) | ARTÍCULOS DE ACUERDO Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y Presbiterio San Andrés (Argentina) |
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| Preamble | Preámbulo |
| <p>In 1987, a small Presbyterian church in Argentina, established by a Scottish colony one hundred and fifty six years previously, was accepted by the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of the United States as a presbytery with all the benefits and duties corresponding to such a relationship. The EPC incorporated the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and named it the St. Andrews Presbytery. In 2004, the General Assembly of the EPC approved Articles of Dismissal and Agreement, as the goal of developing an authentic Presbyterian church, autonomous and national in scope had been realized. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church has benefited by its participation in the profound renewal of the Argentine character and lifestyle, through the work of the Holy Spirit, and by the proclamation of the Reformed message.</p> <p>Those Articles included a five year Agreement for continuing ministry, support and fellowship between the two churches. With the conclusion of this five year agreement, the EPC and St. Andrews Presbytery have agreed to pursue another five year agreement with the goal of</p> | <p>En 1987, una pequeña iglesia presbiteriana en Argentina, constituida ciento cincuenta y seis años antes por colonos escoceses, era aceptada por la Asamblea General de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana de Estados Unidos, como uno de sus presbiterios con todos los derechos y obligaciones inherentes a esa relación. La IEP incorporó a la Iglesia Presbiteriana San Andrés y la llamó el Presbiterio San Andrés. En el 2004 la Asamblea General de dicha Iglesia aprobó los Artículos de Desvinculación y Acuerdo, dado que la meta de desarrollar una auténtica iglesia Presbiteriana , autónoma y nacional había sido alcanzada. La Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana se benefició por su participación en la profunda renovación del carácter y estilo de vida argentino, a través del trabajo del Espíritu Santo, y por la proclamación del mensaje reformado.</p> <p>Esos Artículos incluían un Acuerdo de cinco años para continuar el ministerio, apoyo y hermandad entre las dos iglesias. Con la finalización de este acuerdo de cinco años, la IEP y el Presbiterio San Andrés han acordado establecer otro acuerdo de cinco años con la meta de mejorar nuestra</p> |

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| improving our partnership in ministry for Jesus Christ by 2014. | cooperación en el ministerio de Jesucristo para el 2014. |
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| ARTICLE ONE Effective Dates | ARTÍCULO UNO Fecha de Inicio |
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| 1.1 The effective date of this action will be upon the adjournment of the 29 th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and the August 8, 2009 meeting of the St. Andrews Presbytery. | 1.1 La fecha de inicio de esta acción será luego del cierre de la 29 ^o Asamblea General de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y la reunión del 8 de agosto de 2009 del Presbiterio San Andrés. |
| ARTICLE TWO Relationship | ARTÍCULO DOS Relación |
| 2.1 The General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and St. Andrews Presbytery shall exist in full fraternal relationship and in partnership for mission, which shall be governed by these Articles of Agreement, except as amended by a majority vote of both bodies. | 2.1 La Asamblea General de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y el Presbiterio San Andrés continuarán en plena relación fraternal y cooperación en la misión, la cual será gobernada por estos Artículos de Acuerdo excepto que sean modificados por un voto mayoritario de ambos cuerpos. |
| 2.2 After initial adoption, these articles may be amended by the majority vote of both bodies. | 2.2 Luego de la adopción inicial, estos artículos podrán ser modificados por un voto mayoritario de ambos cuerpos. |
| ARTICLE THREE Terms of Agreement | ARTÍCULO TRES Términos de Acuerdo |
| 3.1 <u>Effective Period:</u> This agreement will last for a period of five years from the Effective Date, the terms of which as specified herein shall govern the relationship during that time. | 3.1 <u>Período Efectivo:</u> Este acuerdo se establece por un período de cinco años desde la Fecha de Inicio, que será gobernado durante ese tiempo por los términos especificados aquí. |
| 3.2 <u>Governance:</u> | 3.2 <u>Gobierno:</u> |
| 3.2.1 Until such time as the work of the Constitutional Review Committee is complete (see 3.4) the Constitution of St. Andrews Presbytery shall be the Book of Order of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Westminster Confession, Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and “Essentials of Our Faith.” This Constitution and all other governing documents shall be subordinate to the Holy Scriptures. | 3.2.1 Hasta el tiempo en que el trabajo del Comité de Revisión Constitucional sea concluido (ver 3.4), la <u>Constitución</u> del Presbiterio San Andrés será el <i>Libro de Orden</i> de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana, la Confesión de Fe de Westminster, los Catecismos Mayor y Menor y el documento Los Esenciales de la Fe. Esta Constitución y cualquier otro documento de gobierno serán subordinados a las Sagradas Escrituras. |

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| <p>3.2.2 <u>Book of Order</u>: St. Andrews Presbytery will continue to use the Spanish translation of the 2003 edition of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Book of Order (Book of Government, Book of Discipline, Book of Worship) as already certified by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly in all its applicable parts. Subsequent amendments ratified by the General Assembly will be considered for ratification by St. Andrews on a case by case basis.</p> | <p>3.2.2 <u>Libro de Orden</u>: el Presbiterio San Andrés continuará usando la traducción al español de la edición 2003 del <i>Libro de Orden (Libro de Gobierno, Libro de Disciplina y Libro de Adoración)</i> de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana tal como fue certificada por la Oficina del Secretario de la Asamblea General en todas sus partes de aplicación. Las subsiguientes modificaciones ratificadas por la Asamblea General serán consideradas para su ratificación por San Andrés caso por caso.</p> |
| <p>3.2.3 <u>Westminster Confession and Catechisms</u>: St. Andrews Presbytery will continue to use the Mexican Spanish translation of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms with the addition of chapters 24, 34 and 35 of the Summertown Text Modern Language Version (English) until such time that St. Andrews Presbytery may opt for or commission another translation.</p> | <p>3.2.3 <u>Confesión de Fe y Catecismos de Westminster</u>: el Presbiterio San Andrés continuará usando la traducción mexicana de la Confesión de Fe y los Catecismos de Westminster, con el agregado de los capítulos 24, 34 y 35 de la Versión en Lenguaje Moderno de Summertown (en inglés) hasta el momento en que el Presbiterio San Andrés opte por otra traducción.</p> |
| <p>3.3 <u>Ecclesiastical Structure</u>: When a second presbytery is formed, the provisions of the <i>Book of Order</i> regarding the General Assembly will become applicable.</p> | <p>3.3 <u>Estructura Eclesiástica</u>: Cuando se forme un segundo presbiterio, las disposiciones del Libro de Orden concernientes a la Asamblea General serán de aplicación.</p> |
| <p>3.4 <u>Constitutional Review Committee</u>: St. Andrews Presbytery will continue to appoint a Constitutional Review Committee of not less than five members belonging to at least three churches to study the Book of Order and make recommendations to St. Andrews Presbytery during the course of these Articles of Agreement regarding any proposed revisions.</p> | <p>3.4 <u>Comité de Revisión Constitucional</u>: el Presbiterio San Andrés continuará teniendo un Comité de Revisión Constitucional de no menos de cinco miembros de al menos tres Iglesias para estudiar el <i>Libro de Orden</i> y, y hacer recomendaciones al Presbiterio San Andrés, durante la duración de estos Artículos de Acuerdo, concernientes a cualquier revisión propuesta.</p> |
| <p>3.5 <u>Court of Appeal</u>:</p> | <p>3.5 <u>Corte de Apelación</u>:</p> |
| <p>3.5.1 The Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall appoint annually a three-member judicial commission to act as the final court of appeal for cases involving the discipline of Teaching Elders who are members of St. Andrews Presbytery. The PJC will appoint members who, to the extent possible, are</p> | <p>3.5.1 La Comisión Judicial Permanente (CJP) de la Asamblea General de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana designará anualmente una comisión judicial de tres miembros para actuar como corte final de apelación en casos que incluyan la disciplina de presbíteros maestros que son miembros del Presbiterio San Andrés. La CJP designará miembros que, dentro de lo posible, estén</p> |

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| familiar with St. Andrews Presbytery. This commission may include, but is not limited to, PJC members. | familiarizados con el Presbiterio San Andrés. Esta comisión puede incluir, pero no se limita a, miembros de la CJP. |
| 3.5.2 This St. Andrews Judicial Commission shall be dissolved at such time a General Assembly or synod is formed by St. Andrews Presbytery. Its members shall serve one year terms but may be reappointed. | 3.5.2 Esta Comisión Judicial San Andrés será disuelta al momento en que una Asamblea General o Sínodo sea formada por el Presbiterio San Andrés. Sus miembros servirán por término de 1 año pero podrán ser reasignados. |
| ARTICLE FOUR Operational Agreements | ARTÍCULO CUATRO Acuerdos de Operación |
| 4.1 <u>Fraternal Relationship</u> – the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews Presbytery shall exchange fraternal delegates yearly. | 4.1 <u>Relaciones Fraternal</u> es – la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y el Presbiterio San Andrés intercambiarán delegados fraternales anualmente. |
| 4.2 <u>Relationship of World Outreach Missionaries with St. Andrews Presbytery</u> | <u>Relación de Misioneros de Alcance Mundial con el Presbiterio San Andrés</u> |
| 4.2.1 The placement of World Outreach Missionaries in Argentina shall be governed by applicable provisions in the World Outreach Manual, in consultation with St. Andrews Presbytery. The World Outreach Annual Review of missionaries serving in Argentina will be made available to St. Andrews Presbytery, | 4.2.1 El envío de los Misioneros de Alcance Mundial a Argentina será gobernado por las disposiciones de aplicación en el Manual de Alcance Mundial en consulta con el Presbiterio San Andrés. La Revisión Anual de Alcance Mundial de los misioneros sirviendo en Argentina estará disponible al Presbiterio San Andrés. |
| 4.2.2 World Outreach Missionaries will have voice and vote in church courts of St. Andrews Presbytery. They may be full members of committees but are not eligible to serve as chairman. | 4.2.2 Los Misioneros de Alcance Mundial tendrán voz y voto en las cortes eclesiásticas de Presbiterio San Andrés. Podrán ser miembros plenos de comités pero no podrán servir como presidentes. |
| 4.2.3 World Outreach Missionaries in Argentina are subject to the EPC presbytery in which they hold membership in matters of church discipline. In matters of employment they are accountable to EPC World Outreach. In day to day ministry activities they are accountable to St. Andrews Presbytery in consultation with EPC World Outreach. | 4.2.3 Los Misioneros de Alcance Mundial en Argentina están sujetos al presbiterio de la IEP donde mantienen membresía en materia de disciplina eclesiástica. En materia de empleo, rendirán cuentas a Alcance Mundial de la IEP. En cuanto a las actividades del ministerio cotidiano rendirán cuentas al Presbiterio San Andrés en consulta con Alcance Mundial de la IEP. |
| 4.3 <u>Missionaries sent from St. Andrews Presbytery</u> : When missionaries from St. Andrews Presbytery are being sent to the world, individual missionaries may, in consultation with World Outreach, seek | 4.3 <u>Misioneros enviados desde el Presbiterio San Andrés</u> : Cuando misioneros del Presbiterio San Andrés sean enviados al mundo, los misioneros podrán individualmente, en consulta con Alcance |

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| support from EPC churches for their own support accounts. | Mundial, buscar apoyo de las iglesias de IEP para su sostén. |
| 4.4 World Outreach will promote and encourage mission projects and partnerships of EPC and St. Andrews Presbytery churches. Regular Evaluations of the projects will be conducted by the Mission Committee of St. Andrews Presbytery and shared with the World Outreach Director. | 4.4 Alcance Mundial promoverá y animará los proyectos misioneros y de cooperación entre las Iglesias de la IEP y del Presbiterio San Andrés. Evaluaciones regulares de los proyectos serán conducidas por el Comité de Misiones del Presbiterio San Andrés y compartidas con el Director de Alcance Mundial. (NOTA: Esta es una posible forma de encarar situaciones como la de Entre Ríos) |
| 4.5 <u>Theological Education:</u> | 4.5 <u>Educación Teológica:</u> |
| 4.5.1 <u>Ordination Requirements:</u> The educational requirements for the ordination of teaching elders in Argentina set by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church shall continue during the period of this agreement until such time as the Constitutional Review Committee has finished its work (see 3.4). Input on possible changes in standards will be directed to the Constitutional Review Committee. | 4.5.1 <u>Requisitos de ordenación:</u> Los requisitos educacionales para la ordenación de presbíteros maestros en Argentina establecidos por la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana continuarán durante el período de este acuerdo hasta que el Comité de Revisión Constitucional termine su trabajo (ver 3.4). Las contribuciones para posibles cambios en los requisitos serán dirigidas al Comité de Revisión Constitucional. |
| 4.5.2 <u>Written Examinations:</u> The Evangelical Presbyterian Church will supply ordination examinations to St. Andrews Presbytery for translation and use during the effective period. St. Andrews Presbytery will determine a system for grading the examinations. | 4.5.2 <u>Exámenes escritos:</u> La Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana proporcionará exámenes de ordenación al Presbiterio San Andrés para su traducción y uso durante este período. El Presbiterio San Andrés determinará un sistema para evaluar los exámenes. |
| 4.5.3 <u>St. Andrews Theological Institute (SATI):</u> The St. Andrews Theological Institute will continue development as a joint project of General Assembly and St. Andrews Presbytery. | 4.5.3 <u>Instituto Teológico San Andrés (ITSA):</u> El Instituto Teológico San Andrés continuará en desarrollo como un proyecto conjunto de la Asamblea General y el Presbiterio San Andrés. |
| 4.5.3.1 Although open to students outside the churches of the St. Andrews Presbytery, SATI's programs and initiatives give special priority to the unique training needs of the present and future leaders of the congregations of the St. Andrews Presbytery, including Teaching and Ruling elders, candidates for ordination, theology students, and ministry leaders within the local churches | 4.5.3.1 Aunque abierto a estudiantes que no forman parte de las iglesias del Presbiterio San Andrés, los programas e iniciativas del ITSA dan prioridad especial a las particulares necesidades de capacitación del actual y futuro liderazgo de las congregaciones del Presbiterio San Andrés, incluyendo presbíteros maestros y gobernantes, candidatos para ordenación, estudiantes de teología, y los líderes de ministerios dentro de las iglesias locales. |

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| <p>4.5.3.2 As a non-traditional, Presbytery-based program with limited resources and infrastructure, SATI seeks to offer unique content, resources and strategies that serve to complement and complete existing programs of instruction, with particular regard to the leadership and ministry needs of the Saint Andrews Presbytery churches.</p> | <p>4.5.3.2 Como un programa no-tradicional, basado en el Presbiterio, que cuenta con limitados recursos e infraestructura, el ITSA busca proveer contenidos, recursos y estrategias únicos que sirven para complementar y completar existentes programas de instrucción, con particular referencia a las necesidades en cuanto al liderazgo y ministerio de las iglesias del Presbiterio San Andrés.</p> |
| <p>4.5.3.3 The common focus that unifies diverse initiatives is the desire to help our churches grow in the incarnation of Biblical and Reformed theology and Presbyterian identity within the Argentine context. Another crucial concern is the integration of theology and mission. To this end, during the period of this new agreement SATI will pursue the following objectives, in partnership with the Missions Committee and in consultation with World Outreach and the Task force to be created per 4.6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification of church planting and church growth resources consistent with a Reformed understanding of the <i>Missio Dei</i> and Presbyterian ecclesiology. • The mobilization and equipping of teams within the local churches who will serve as core groups for mother/daughter church plants. • Provide challenge, encouragement, and training for people who will take the Gospel message, with the intent of seeing a church planted, to non-churched cultures, which may exist either inside or outside of Argentina. • Ongoing instruction in Reformed doctrine and the principles of Presbyterian ecclesiology within the mission churches in ways that promote the healthy integration of mission churches into the broader communion of the Saint Andrews Presbytery. • The equipping of Ruling elders and | <p>4.5.3.3. El enfoque común que unifica iniciativas diversas es el deseo de ayudar a nuestras iglesias a crecer en su capacidad de encarnar teología bíblica y reformada y la identidad presbiteriana dentro del contexto argentino. Otra preocupación crucial es la integración de teología y misión. Hacia este fin, durante el período de este nuevo acuerdo, el ITSA perseguirá los siguientes objetivos, en cooperación con el Comité de misiones y en consulta con Alcance Mundial y el Grupo de tareas que se creará de acuerdo a lo establecido en el inciso 4.6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La identificación de recursos para plantación de iglesias e “igle-crecimiento” que son consecuentes con una comprensión reformada de la <i>Missio Dei</i> y la eclesiología presbiteriana. • La movilización y capacitación de equipos dentro de las iglesias locales que servirán como las bases para el establecimiento de iglesias “hijas”. • La provisión de desafío, aliento y entrenamiento de personas que llevarán el mensaje del Evangelio, con el objetivo de ser una iglesia plantada, a culturas no evangelizadas, que puedan existir tanto adentro como afuera de la Argentina. • La continuada instrucción de la doctrina reformada y los principios de eclesiología presbiteriana dentro de las iglesias misión, de maneras que promuevan la integración saludable de las mismas dentro de la comunión más amplia del Presbiterio San Andrés. • La capacitación de presbíteros |

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| ministry leaders for service within the missions churches. | gobernantes y líderes de ministerios para el servicio de las iglesias misión. |
| 4.5.3.4 In keeping with St. Andrews Presbytery's desire to bless and encourage the efforts of EPC leaders and congregations in their ministry to the Hispanic community in the US, SATI will work during this period to identify and develop opportunities and strategies that serve to meet some of the EPC's equipping needs with regards to the leadership and development of Spanish language ministries and congregations in the US. | 4.5.3.4 De acuerdo al deseo del Presbiterio San Andrés de bendecir y alentar a los esfuerzos de líderes y congregaciones de la EPC que ministran a la comunidad hispana en EEUU, durante este período el ITSA trabajará para identificar y desarrollar oportunidades y estrategias que respondan a algunas de las necesidades de la IEP respecto la capacitación de líderes y el desarrollo de ministerios y congregaciones de habla hispana dentro de los EEUU. |
| 4.6 The EPC Committee on Administration will create a task force to oversee the provision of church planting and leadership development resources to the St. Andrews Presbytery. This task force will work with the Administration Committee of the St. Andrews Presbytery. | 4.6. El Comité en Administración de la IEP creará un grupo de tareas que supervisará la provisión de recursos para plantación de iglesias y desarrollo de liderazgo al Presbiterio San Andrés. Este grupo de tareas trabajará en conjunto con el Comité en Administración del Presbiterio San Andrés. |
| 4.7 <u>Goal.</u> At the conclusion of this agreement, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews Presbytery will have a foundation for an ongoing mutual partnership which will call for a significant commitment of personnel and financial resources for mission and ministry for Jesus Christ. | 4.7 <u>Objetivo.</u> Al término de este acuerdo, la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y el Presbiterio San Andrés tendrán una base para una continua cooperación mutua, la cual propiciará un compromiso significativo de personal y recursos financieros para la misión y el ministerio por Cristo Jesús. |
| Now therefore, the parties hereto, by their duly elected and authorized officers, in duplicate and in Spanish and English, hereto set their hands and affix their seals on this _____ day of _____, 2009. BY/POR | Por tanto ahora, las partes establecidas, a través de sus funcionarios debidamente elegidos y autorizados, en duplicado y en Español y en Inglés, firman y aprueban el día _____ de _____ de 2009 BY/POR |
| Moderator, St. Andrews Presbytery Moderador, Presbiterio San Andrés ATTEST/ CERTIFICACIÓN | Moderator, 29th General Assembly Moderador, 29 Asamblea General ATTEST/ CERTIFICACIÓN |
| Stated Clerk, St. Andrews Presbytery Secretario, Presbiterio San Andrés | Stated Clerk, General Assembly Secretario, Asamblea General |

CHURCH LOAN FUND CRITERIA

1. Church must submit a Church Loan Fund Application (Section 2 of 3) along with the church's financial information, including balance, expense, and income statements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. Fee rate: The original rate shall be established at the time the loan is made for a period of one (1) year and renewed on each succeeding anniversary date, and shall be based upon prevailing money market rates.*
3. Maximum term of loan:
 - Land – five years
 - Capital Improvements – five years
 - Equipment – five years
 - Building – fifteen yearsRepayment minimum:
 - Land – 20% of original principal each year
 - Capital Improvements – 20% of original principal each year
 - Equipment – 20% of original principal each year
 - Building – 6.67% of original principal each year.Payable in twelve monthly installments each year, including above-noted principal plus 1/12 of applicable fees each month.
4. Loans shall be restricted for church site acquisition and/or building construction or purchase, capital improvements, or equipment purchase..
5. Maximum loan to any one church:
 - a. 10% of total Church Loan Fund or \$150,000, whichever is larger;
 - b. 75% of the value of mortgaged property;
 - c. Debt service: an amount not to exceed 40% of a church's previous year's income (operating budget).
6. Security of loans
 - a. A presbytery shall contractually guarantee timely monthly repayment of mortgage upon the recommendation of its Church Development Committee following its determination that the loan is a sound financial venture.**
 - b. The Church Loan Fund shall carry a first or second mortgage on property for which the loan is being made.
7. Church must have adequate insurance, guaranteed title and performance bonds from contractors involved.
8. Church must have proposed land for existing building appraised by a qualified appraiser. New construction should be granted by competitive bidding on plans.
9. If church disaffiliates with the EPC, for any reason, the loan principal balance becomes due immediately.

10. Community zoning laws must be allowable by such laws. These requirements should be satisfied prior to loan approval.

Adopted 1983

**Amended 1994*

***Amended 1990*

****Amended 2003*

The document substantially revised 2008

CHURCH LOAN FUND
THE SEVEN STEP PROCESS (SSP) OF THE CHURCH LOAN FUND (CLF)

Step 1

Each EPC church pastor and session seeking an EPC loan shall study and follow the Church Loan Fund Criteria Sheet and comply with each item in order to properly complete the CLF Application. At this time, alert the respective Presbytery Church Development Committee of the church's Application.

Step 2

Each church will submit the Loan Fund Application to the General Assembly Office for review.

Step 3

Submit the reviewed CLF Application, with all required supporting documents, to the local church's respective Presbytery Church Development Committee (CDC). A representative of the Office of the General Assembly will assist in coordination with the Presbytery CDC.

Step 4

Verification and reasonable documentation of expenditures covered by the loan will be provided to the Church Loan Fund Committee.

Step 5

Approval by the Church Loan Fund Committee will be given after all preceding steps have been completed and are satisfactory.

Step 6

The EPC church that has been approved for a loan from the CLF will receive a certified check from the CLF through the General Assembly Office.

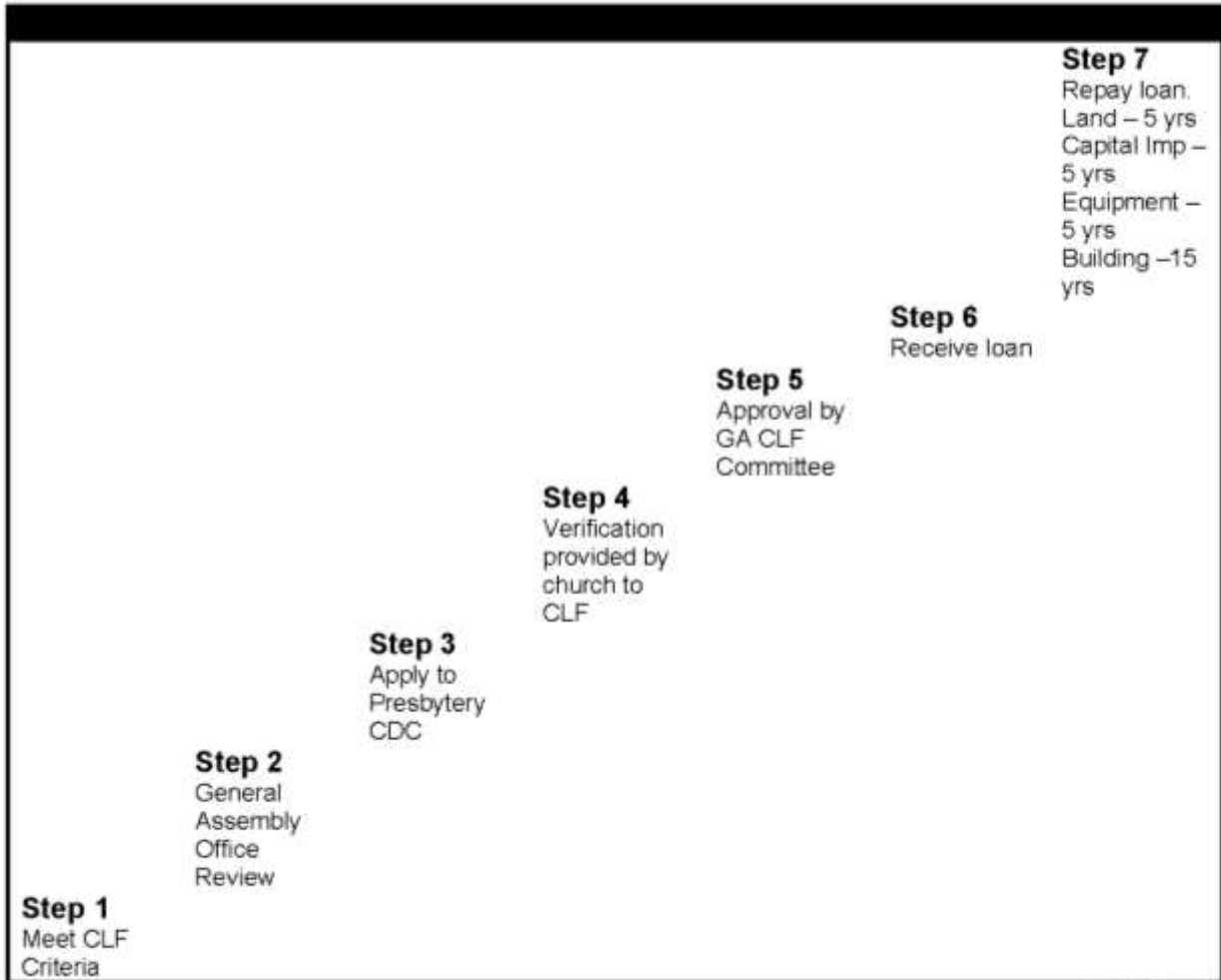
Step 7

Repayment of the loan shall be made according to an agreed-upon schedule of payments.

Note: Loans on land, capital improvements, and equipment are to be paid within five years.

Loans on church facilities are to be paid within fifteen years.

CHURCH LOAN FUND – THE SEVEN STEP PROCESS



Rev. 10/07

ENDORSEMENT POLICY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In addition to 1) approved documents (e.g., Position Papers, Advisory Letters, versions of the Confession and Catechisms) that express the mind of the Assembly, 2) Fraternal Relationships (Acts of the Assembly 84-06), 3) Cooperative Mission Agencies, and 4) Approved Missions Agencies (Acts of the Assembly 87-02), the Assembly and its permanent committees may deem it wise to recommend other resources to its churches as valuable aids for their ministries. All permanent committee recommendations shall be reported to the Committee on Administration, which has the right to overrule. In making such recommendations the Assembly and its permanent committees shall use the following categories and criteria:

Approved Resource Organizations: Permanent Assembly committees may recommend resource organizations for approval by the General Assembly. Such organizations shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards
2. Exhibits both evangelical and reformed theology.
3. Ministry objectives compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly
4. Financial credibility as measured by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability or by comparable standards.

Approved agencies will be listed in the EPC Directory and web site. The Office of the General Assembly and permanent Assembly committees may explore and implement areas of cooperative ministry with approved agencies, subject to the operational policies of the General Assembly.

Committee Endorsed Resources: Permanent Assembly committees may endorse resources, e.g., print, audio/visual or curriculum. An endorsed resource shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards and/or demonstrates both evangelical and reformed theology
2. Compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the endorsing committee and the General Assembly.
3. Provides excellent ministry resources for EPC congregations

Permanent committees may add annotations to their endorsements. Endorsed resources may be included, with their annotations, on the denominational web site, in other communications or kept in inventory for sale to member churches.

Committee Commended Resources: Permanent Assembly committees may commend resources, e.g., agencies, print, audio/visual, curriculum. Commended resources shall meet the following criteria:

1. A statement of faith consistent with the EPC Essentials of Our Faith and/or demonstrates evangelical theology.
2. Not necessarily reformed in its theology
3. Compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly

4. Provides effective ministry resources for EPC congregations

Permanent committees may add annotations to their commendations. Commended resources may be included, with their annotations, on the denominational web site, in other communications or kept in inventory for sale to member churches. Prior to implementing cooperative ministries with commended agencies the Committee must secure the approval of the Committee on Administration.

Permanent committees will establish procedures to periodically review agencies and resources they have recommended, endorsed or commended to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria above.

In cases in which permanent Assembly committees find that reviewed resources do not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation, they shall report their findings in their minutes using the following categories and criteria:

No Recommendation: The reviewed resource does not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation. It has no serious shortcomings and may contain useful material.

Not Recommended: The reviewed resource does not meet the criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation and has serious shortcomings in theology and/or methodology. Specific shortcomings may be noted in committee minutes.

Adopted, 22nd General Assembly (2002)

**THE FRATERNAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(EPC) AND THE EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH OF KAZAKHSTAN (ERCK)**

This fraternal agreement celebrates what God has done in the mutually edifying relationship He has established between our respective parts of the Kingdom of God and places that relationship on a footing which will allow us together to continue to expand that Kingdom through the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the reign of Christ over His people.

Preamble

ERCK, founded by EPC missionaries, was transferred in May, 2011 into the hands of local leaders and became the independent Association of Reformed Churches in Kazakhstan (ARCK). In 2012, ARCK chose to rename itself the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK). In 2013 this Agreement of relationship between the EPC and ERCK has been signed with all the benefits and responsibilities that arise from such relationship. Such Agreement is necessary in order to further understand the basic teachings of the Reformed Church, and to propagate them throughout Central Asia. These articles include a three-year agreement of continued ministry, support and fellowship between the two Churches, from three years of the effective date. At the end of this three-year agreement, EPC and ERCK will decide whether to extend the agreement for another five years in order to improve the cooperation in the service to Jesus Christ.

1. Article One - Effective date

1.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon the approval of the 33rd General Assembly of the EPC (2013) and the approval of ERCK.

2. Article Two - Mutual relations

2.1 Between the General Assembly of the EPC and ERCK there should be fraternal and partnership relations, contributing to the development of the mission, and regulated by the articles of this Agreement, except for the amendments introduced by the majority votes of both bodies.

2.2 After initial adoption these articles can be submitted for consideration by the members of both bodies.

3. Article Three - Terms of the agreement

3.1 Term: This Agreement shall be valid for three years from the effective date. It shall govern the relationship between the parties during this period of time in accordance with the terms specified in it.

3.2 Governance:

3.2.1 The Constitution of ERCK is its own Book of the Church Order, which includes the Westminster Confession, the Larger and the Small Catechism. This Constitution and all other governing documents must conform to the Scripture.

1.2.2 The Book of Church Order: ERCK will continue using its own book of the church order, based on the *Book of Order* of the EPC and the Book of Government of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.

4. Article Four - Operating Agreements

- 4.1. Fraternal Relations – The EPC and ERCK agree to exchange fraternal delegates annually.
- 4.2. On an annual basis EPC agrees to send its experienced pastors and teachers to conduct workshops, seminars, and to share their experience.
- 4.3. ERCK agrees to accommodate summer teams from EPC churches and presbyteries to show how God is working in Central Asia.
- 4.4. Missionaries sent by ERCK: When ERCK missionaries are sent into the world, some missionaries, in consultation with the World Movement (WO) EPC World Outreach (WO) - can apply for support from the EPC.
- 4.5. EPC World Outreach (WO) will promote and encourage missionary projects and partnership between the EPC and ERCK. The Missions Committee of ERCK together with the EPC Director of World Outreach(WO) will conduct a regular evaluation of the projects.
- 4.6 Purpose: this agreement between the EPC and ERCK will form a basis for on-going mutually beneficial partnership. This partnership will require a significant personal dedication and the material resources of both parties of the covenant for the purpose of the missionary work and service to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, both parties, the elected and authorized officers, shall sign and certify this document with their seals, in two copies, in the Russian and English languages.

Adopted by the 33rd General Assembly, June 2013

THE GENEVA STATEMENT

The General Assembly, together with the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, authorized 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.

(6/91)

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 Agreement of Cooperation, which is to be attached to the joint statement previously adopted by our churches.

(6/92)

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FUND

The 12th General Assembly (1992) created a Medical Benevolence Fund designated and distinct from all other funds of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This Fund is to be administered by a Benevolence Committee under the following terms and conditions, which include amendments of succeeding General Assemblies through June 2011:

1. Fund Income: The Stated Clerk (or his designee) shall make distributions from the Fund as directed by the Benevolence Committee. The Fund shall receive income from Fund investment proceeds and from the Medical Benevolence Fund Benevolence Askings.
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 appointed by the Moderator. The Benevolence Committee's membership will be reviewed, reinstated, or replaced every three years. Committee members will oversee the investment activity of the Fund and distributions from the Fund.
3. Distribution Requirements: The Benevolence Committee shall order the Stated Clerk (or his designee) to make distributions from 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. Eligible beneficiaries of distributions:
 1. Ministers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church who are:
 - a. Active members of presbytery who are without a present call
 - b. Mission church pastors, but only if the mission church is not a daughter church of another Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 - c. Retired ministers
 2. Household income limited to
 - a. \$35,000-\$50,000 for a single or couple
 - b. \$40,000-\$50,000 for singles and couples with dependents
 3. Assistance will be provided at a proportional rate (15% increments) within the ranges above
 4. The Benevolence Committee may adjust the income limits of eligibility based on cost of living increases and funds utilization. Any such adjustments will be reported to the General Assembly.
 - 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 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.

4. Amendment: The Committee on Administration may modify, alter or amend the Medical Benevolence Fund and change the requirements for the beneficiaries thereof. Any changes will be reported to the General Assembly.
5. Accountings: The Benevolence Committee shall make an annual report of the income to and distributions from the Medical Benevolence Fund to the Committee on Administration.

*Adopted 6/1992
Amended 6/1997, 6/2001, 6/2006, 6/2011*

MISSIONAL CHURCH AND DENOMINATION DEFINITION

Our denomination wants to clarify for its member churches who we are and what we do as the United States and many other nations become mission fields that are larger, more spiritually diverse and more antagonistic to the Gospel than ever before.

The term “missional” has become common and therefore highly nuanced. We desire to define missional in a simple and specific way so that each EPC church can commit to a unified, obedient pursuit of the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

1. A missional church grasps that God is a missionary God and that “it is not so much that God has a mission for his church in the world, but that God has a church for his mission in the world.”*
2. A missional church believes that the mission of God is rooted unalterably in the Bible, God’s infallible Word. Therefore, a missional church believes that the essence of God’s mission is to extend the reign of God and is summed up in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. A missional church is a visible community of authentic disciples of Jesus Christ who *gather* for celebration, prayer and teaching and then *disperse* locally and globally as His missionaries to love and serve people. In so doing, a missional church both *pursues* and *welcomes* sinners as they are drawn into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The greater purpose in all of this is that the earth will be filled with the worship of God.
4. A missional church believes that it is more than just a collection of individuals, but that it is a community called together by God both to love Him and serve Him.
5. A missional church is concerned with more than maintaining programs for existing members; it is called to mobilize its people both individually and as a community to daily self-sacrifice for the hurting world around them. A missional church is both inwardly strong and outwardly focused.
6. A missional church perceives that the essence of these things is the essence of its existence. Therefore, a missional church will constantly seek to reevaluate itself as to whether or not its emphasis, organization, and activity effectively positions the church to partner with God in His mission.
7. A missional denomination:
 - a. Believes ministry begins with the local church.
 - b. Is made up of local congregations committed to being missional.
 - c. Believes that the Presbyteries and General Assembly, being expressions of the larger church, have an important role to play in identifying, equipping and supporting leaders and churches. They are a key link in the principle of mutual accountability toward missional ministry and Biblical standards.
 - d. Constantly examines whether its polity, structures and programs are supporting or inhibiting that missional commitment.

* J. Andrew Kirk, What is Mission? Theological Explorations (London: Darton, Longman and Todd; Minneapolis: fortress Press, 1999), pp 23-37.

Adopted by the 29th General Assembly, June 2009

**POSITION STATEMENT ON THE FINAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE US
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (“PREVENTIVE CARE MANDATE”)
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

On February 15, 2012 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) issued final regulations under the Affordable Care Act¹ requiring nearly all new health insurance plans after August 1, 2012 to cover “all FDA-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and [related] patient education and counseling” (the “Preventive Care Mandate”).²

In a substantial departure from prior federal law, HHS’ regulations define “religious employer” narrowly to include in essence only churches and other houses of worship. As a result, many religious nonprofits do not fall within the definition, and accordingly will be required to provide insurance coverage for Plan B, ella, other FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, and related education and counseling.

The regulations apply to employers generally. Churches and other houses of worship are exempt from the mandate. However, a private company headed by a person with strongly held religious convictions as well as religious nonprofits (or what we might know of as Para church groups) are not exempt. Examples of such entities that are not exempt are Christian and other faith-based K-12 schools and colleges, religiously-affiliated hospitals, Gospel Rescue Missions, religious drug rehabilitation programs, prison ministries and religious charities.

Thus, many non-church, religious non-profits and devout owners of for-profit organizations will be forced to participate in the provision of these drugs, procedures and services to their employees. Currently, the penalty to the employer for non-compliance will be approximately \$2,000 per year per employee.

It is the position of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church that these regulations constitute an unprecedented overreach by the federal government and an infringement upon religious liberty and rights of conscience guaranteed by the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.³

¹ Enacted in 2010, the Affordable Care Act consists of two laws: (1) the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148); and (2) the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (Pub. L. No. 111-152). A decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, No. 11-393 and *Florida v. Department of Health and Human Services*, No. 11-400, is expected prior to the end of the court’s term (June 29, 2012). These cases challenge the constitutionality of the Acts.

² The regulations mandate health care plans provide free access to Plan B (known as the “morning-after pill”) and ella (known as the “week-after pill”) as part of “all FDA-approved contraceptive methods.” Each is an abortifacient drug. HHS classifies Plan B and ella as contraceptives.

³ “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion *or prohibiting the free exercise thereof*; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” (emphasis added) Amendment I, United States Constitution.

We acknowledge not every part of the Preventive Care Mandate offends the conscience of all believers. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for example, does not take a stand against artificial means of contraception. However, we do profoundly object to abortion on demand (see “Position Paper on Abortion,” www.EPC.org/about-the-epc/position-papers/abortion). Others, like many of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, object to artificial contraception.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church encourages its members to pray fervently and humbly to our God for the protection of our religious freedoms.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church strongly and respectfully objects to this government overreach and infringement of the Free Exercise Clause. It humbly requests the Department of Health and Human Services to rescind the offending regulation.

If the Department of Health and Human Services does not rescind the regulation, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church requests the United States Congress to take appropriate action to ensure the protection of religious liberty and rights of conscience.

Where deemed advisable by the Committee on Administration, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will join as *amici curiae* in pending or future civil actions to ensure the protection of religious freedom and rights of conscience.

*Adopted by the 32nd General Assembly
June 2012*

POSITION PAPER ON ABORTION
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is convinced that the Bible strongly affirms the dignity and value of every human life based on what the Scriptures clearly teach:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:15 NIV)

“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.” (Psalm 139:15 NIV)

“Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name.” (Isaiah 49:1 NIV)

“for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.” (Luke 1:15 NIV)

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Luke 1:41 NIV)

To further differentiate mankind from any other living creature, we read: *“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”* (Genesis 1:27 NIV) Unlike any other created being, Scripture also teaches: *“Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”* (Genesis 2:7 NIV).

The *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, a confessional statement shared by most Reformed churches, forbids the taking of innocent life while demanding the preservation of life from the moment of conception through to natural death:

“The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.” (Question 68)⁴

“The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly... ” (Question 69)

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

⁴ Quotations from the Westminster Confession of Faith are from *The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms in Modern English*, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 2009.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church affirms that the Bible does not distinguish between prenatal and postnatal life. It attributes human personhood to the unborn child. This extends to the unborn child *ex utero* as no less a human being than the child in the mother's womb.

Because we hold these convictions concerning the unborn child, we urge the promotion of legislation that brings our judicial and legal systems into line with the scriptural view on protecting the poor, the weak, and the defenseless.

Christians are called upon to be good citizens by impacting the State in positive ways. All citizens, both Christians and non-Christians, must have freedom of conscience on all private moral and ethical issues, since God alone is Lord of the conscience. However, the issue of equal protection of life under the laws of the State is not a private but a public matter.

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

In addition to prayers and general assistance, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church urges that the following steps be implemented by the individuals, congregations, and judicatories in a concerted effort to provide substantial support for those impacted by problematic and/or unexpected pregnancies:

1. A woman facing a problematic pregnancy or an unexpected pregnancy should expect to receive support, love, acceptance and wise counsel from her pastor(s), counselor(s), physician(s) and fellow Christians. Regardless of the woman's decision, the Church should always provide compassionate biblical and spiritual guidance to that individual.
2. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to any man involved to inform and direct him in his personal responsibilities and obligations as the child's father.
3. The Church must be supportive of the woman who chooses life for the child of an unexpected pregnancy and must seek ways to support and care for those children carried to term through unexpected pregnancy.
4. The Church must serve as a loving and supportive community to those who have experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds as a result of undergoing an abortion or placing a child for adoption.
5. Christians should individually and corporately oppose abortion (except under the most extreme of circumstances that endanger the physical life of the mother), and do everything in their power to provide support groups, para-church ministries and sponsoring agencies which offer viable alternatives to abortion.
6. The Church should declare to the world and teach its members that abortion should never be used as a convenience or a means of birth control.
7. The Church should actively oppose the killing of human embryos through the extraction of stem cells for medical research or treatment.

8. The Church should oppose the practice of producing more embryos by *in vitro* fertilization than would be implanted *in utero*, which would either be destroyed immediately or stored frozen with the strong practical likelihood of later destruction.

*Adopted by the 6th General Assembly
June 1986*

*Amended by the 32nd General Assembly
June 2012*

*Amended by the 33rd General Assembly
June 2013*

POSITION STATEMENT ON PRESBYTERY DEVELOPMENT
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Assembly adopts a new Position Statement on Presbytery Development, superseding the statement of the 13th General Assembly (*Act 93-05*). (**Minutes, 32-44** and “Documents” section)

The purpose of this position statement is to guide the General Assembly and presbyteries in making decisions concerning the establishment of new presbyteries or the realignment of existing boundaries.

The church as the body of Christ is composed of all those persons who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, together with their children. The church on earth is not limited to particular forms of government or denominations; nevertheless, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church believes the perfecting of the visible church is best achieved through the scriptural doctrine of government by a plurality of Elders constituting church courts of regular gradation.

The purpose of the Church is to bring glory to God in obedience to the will of Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, by faithfully ruling over all of whom He has made it overseer and by faithfully extending His rule to as many and as far as His Spirit enables it. As a regional manifestation of the visible Church, a Presbytery must be earnestly committed to the reign of Christ through both biblical mission and biblical governance. As stewards of the Kingdom of God, church courts must neither “bury the talents” of what has been entrusted to them by not fulfilling its mandate (Matt. 25:18) nor fail to exercise the keys of the kingdom (Matt. 16:19) by sacrificing governance for mission. Christ’s will both to extend and govern his kingdom are one and the same. While sometimes coming in tension with one another, the church’s mission and its governance are not in conflict, but complementary.

A Presbytery is to organize itself as it prayerfully deems best to fulfill this purpose, subject to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the church. The specific duties included in this are described in **Book of Government 16-16**. In full recognition that the Spirit moves according to God’s good pleasure, a Presbytery should provide ways to recognize and encourage, not impede, the active work of God the Spirit. Therefore a Presbytery should encourage, promote and facilitate the formation of ministry networks within, throughout and across its boundaries. The particular way in which a Presbytery organizes itself is to take special care not to hinder the mission of God but rather to foster cooperation with and faithfulness to it.

The mission of a Presbytery is to organize itself as it deems best for the propagation of the Gospel, the advancement of the Kingdom, and the edification of the people by fulfilling its duties according to **Book of Government 16-16**.

In order to be faithful to and effective in its mission a Presbytery must be self-sustaining, self-governing and self-perpetuating.

In order to be faithful to its mission, a Presbytery must be viable. It must have sufficient human and financial resources to carry out its work. The extent of the resources needed will vary, depending on the geographic scale of its boundaries, the experience and gifts of its members and the level of commitment of its churches. Factors to be considered:

1. Total church membership.
2. Total financial resources of churches within its bounds.
3. Financial support for or pledges of support for its work.
4. Geographic scale and cost and mode of travel within its bounds.
5. Presence of experienced and capable potential leadership.
6. Other clear indications of commitment by churches within its bounds.
7. While the presence of one or more large churches may be desirable, sufficient commitment by medium-sized and small churches can provide a sufficiently strong foundation for an effective Presbytery.

The Assembly must satisfy itself regarding the viability of proposed or existing presbyteries, including through the means of the Committee on Administration, the Presbytery Review Committee and any other committees or commissions formed for this purpose.

Changes in presbytery boundaries may be initiated by the presbyteries or the Committee on Administration. Proposed changes in presbytery boundaries must include an assessment of the impact of such change on the presbyteries affected.

A recommendation to create a new presbytery must include a viability assessment of the resulting presbyteries in terms of the criteria described above including proposed officers *pro tem*.

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Act of Assembly 12-05*

REPORT ON EXISTING ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

In response to a referral from the 31st General Assembly, the Fraternal Relations Committee explored each of the EPC's current ecumenical relationships and makes the following status report, recommending no substantive changes.

National Association of Evangelicals (NAE)

The EPC is a member denomination and the Stated Clerk, and others he may wish to appoint, will continue to be actively involved. In addition to Jeff Jeremiah, two other EPC members serve on the NAE board (Don Sweeting and Luder Whitlock).

Christian Reformed Church (CRC)

Our fraternal relationship with the CRC continues and representatives of the CRC will be invited to visit our Assembly every few years at the discretion of the Stated Clerk.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)

Our fraternal relationship with the ARP continues and representatives of the ARP will be invited to visit our Assembly every few years at the discretion of the Stated Clerk.

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

While we do not have a formal relationship with the PCA, the EPC will continue development of our friendship and support. This year the PCA extended an invitation to the EPC to send a visitor to its 2012 Assembly and Committee urged our Stated Clerk to identify a suitable person to attend as our representative.

St. Andrews Presbytery in Argentina

The EPC is in the third year of a second five-year fraternal agreement with St. Andrews Presbytery. The St. Andrews Consultation team of RE Bill Martin (Central South), TE Jeff Chadwick (Southeast) and Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah monitor the agreement and our relationship with St. Andrews. The Stated Clerk visited St. Andrews in April 2012.

Association of Reformed Churches of Kazakhstan (ARCK)

This denomination came into existence in 2011 and entered into a fraternal relationship with the EPC at our last Assembly. Direct face-to-face meetings have yet to be held but we expect the relationship will be patterned after the one with St. Andrews Presbytery. The Stated Clerk will visit Kazakhstan in August 2012 to meet with ARCK leaders and former WO missionary Dan Burns to draft a fraternal agreement.

Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB)

While we have a long history of involvement with the IPB through its Andrew Jumper Institute at McKenzie University in Brazil, the EPC does not have a formal relationship with the IPB. They have sent visitors to our Assembly in recent years and plan to attend the 32nd Assembly with the intention of establishing a formal partnership. The IPB has also extended an invitation to the EPC to send a representative to their upcoming Assembly. The Committee will pursue developing this relationship.

World Reformed Fellowship (WRF)

The EPC is a member of this global body The EPC is a member of this this global body, and additional involvement by EPC members and by representatives of our Assembly is encouraged. The Committee encourages EPC pastors, mission leaders and theological educators to meet Dr. Sam Logan, the WRF executive director, and become familiar with the work of the WRF.

World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WCRC—formerly WARC)

While not being enthusiastic about the EPC belonging to two global Reformed bodies, the Committee recommends no changes at this time. Our membership in the WCRC provides a corresponding relationship with the PCUSA that has helped facilitate the dismissal of churches to the EPC. The Committee on Administration recommended to the FRC as part of this review that membership in WCRC continue for the coming year and the FRC concurs.

*32nd General Assembly
June 2012*

**RESPONSE OF THE PERMANENT THEOLOGY COMMITTEE
TO THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS
REGARDING “THE ESSENTIALS” AND THE *WESTMINSTER CONFSSION***

1. Introduction.

1.1. Assignment of General Assembly

Upon recommendation of the Overtures and Resolutions Committee, the Assembly directed the Theology Committee to undertake a comprehensive study of the relationship that now exists and that should exist between the document entitled “The Essentials of Our Faith” and the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, to include, but not be limited to, an examination of the relevance of each to (i) the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, (ii) the vows of ordination for pastors and elders, (iii) relations with other denominations, and (iv) the teaching and edification of lay persons.

1.2. Our understanding of the task

The Committee has engaged itself in this task remembering the God-inspired words of the Apostle Paul, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” And “...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” (Eph 4:3, 15) The Committee recognizes that within our General Assembly there is a concern to clarify the relationship between the *Westminster Confession* and “The Essentials.” There has been some confusion as to what relationship does exist between the two when answering the third and fourth ordination vows and in cases of determining attrition from the faith on the part of a pastor, elder or deacon. In the maturing process of our denomination these questions must be answered as we zealously seek to “be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church.” (Minister’s vow #8, **G 14.1.A.8**, see Appendix F)

1.3. Summary and outline

In carrying out this assignment this study will present first a historical perspective of the *Westminster Confession* and its continuing relevance today. It will trace the adoption of the *Westminster Confession* in Reformed churches including our denomination. A brief history of “The Essentials of Our Faith” will be presented including a statement regarding its intent and any relevance to the ordination vows of church officers, to the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and its general usage in the ministry of our Church.

This study will also examine the distinction between “essentials” and “non-essentials” and what guiding principles can be used in determining what these are. It will clarify which judicatories have responsibility in this determination. The study will endeavor to define what it means to “sincerely receive and adopt the *Westminster Confession* and *Catechisms* of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scripture.”

1.4. Pastoral statement

This paper is presented in a gracious pastoral spirit with a high regard to our responsibility to be wholeheartedly faithful to the Word of God and in Christian love to maintain our adopted motto: “In Essentials...Unity; In Non-essentials...Liberty: In all things...Charity.”

2. Historical perspective.

2.1. Broad background

Unless we would be guilty of hubris, we must consider the relationship of “The Essentials” to the *Confession* within the context of the *Confession*’s historical purpose and development. Though we are ultimately confident in the Spirit of Christ to lead and sanctify His Bride, Presbyterian polity is ever vulnerable to both willful and unintended ignorance of the past. While this report cannot fully compensate for any weakness that exists on this count, the bibliography and following summaries may provide some help.

2.1.1. Westminster Confession

Confessional history is at least as old as the New Testament itself, as reflected in such places as Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:3-5; Phil. 2:5-11 and 1 Tim. 3:16. The post-apostolic period, beginning with the church fathers’ references to the *regulae fidei* (rule of faith), continuing through the classic creeds of the ancient church (Apostles’ Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon) and concluding with the pre-Westminster Reformed confessions (e.g. *Augsburg Confession, Belgic Confession, Thirty-Nine Articles, Second Helvetic Confession, Scots Confession, Heidelberg Catechism*) evidence a noble pedigree for the church’s practice of formulating secondary standards intended to articulate the teachings of scripture. Never intended to supplant scripture’s ultimate authority, these expressions of the church’s belief met various challenges, threats and other needs throughout her history.

The *Westminster Confessions of Faith and Catechisms* were the product of a call by the British parliament to revise the *Thirty-Nine Articles*. While political changes prevented the adoption of the Westminster standards by the Church of England, they were adopted by the Presbyterian churches in Scotland, England and Ireland in the 1690s. The debates surrounding confessional assent, along with the exclusion of ministers who would not subscribe as well as those who might have insincerely subscribed, provide the background to American presbyterianism’s history of subscription. The British history includes the Irish Pacific Act of 1720 which allowed ministers to state their differences with the *Confession*, with the individual presbyteries ruling whether those exceptions were acceptable.

The EPC’s constitutional form of the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* reflects amendments of the original work of the Westminster Assembly in changes to the chapter on the civil magistrate and other minor matters as well as the addition of chapters on the Holy Spirit and the love of God and missions.

2.1.2. Adopting Act of 1729

The Adopting Act of 1729 was the result of the act of the Synod of Philadelphia which at that time constituted the vast majority of American presbyterians (see Appendix A for full text of the Act). In the spirit of the Irish Pacific Act, it constituted a compromise between those calling for strict subscription and those who resisted any secondary standards. It confirmed the ultimate authority of scripture, but called for all ministers to

declare their agreement in, and approbation of, the Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, as being in all the essential and necessary articles, good forms of sound words and systems of Christian doctrine.

All ministers and candidates were required, in writing or by verbal assent, to make this declaration. They were, if applicable, to declare “any scruple [exception] with respect to any article or articles of said Confession or Catechisms” to their respective presbyteries or to the Synod. The appropriate court could approve one with such exceptions if those exceptions were considered “not essential and necessary in doctrine, worship, or government.” The Act concluded with an affirmation that no one with acceptable exceptions would be more lowly regarded or derogatorily described as a result. Though debate continued and splits opened and healed, no action of the Synod (or later Assembly) served to weaken the Act until the 1880s.

Beginning in the 1880s and continuing until the present day Modernity made greater and greater inroads into the faith and life of the mainline presbyterian denominations. However, even given the separatist presbyterian movements of this century, no change to the status of the *Confession* occurred until the UPCUSA (Northern Presbyterian Church) added the *Confession of 1967* and other creedal statements to make up *The Book of Confessions*. At this time the vow “to receive and adopt” the Confession and Catechisms was changed to a vow to be guided by the multiple confessions.

Today, the ministerial vows regarding confessionalism of the major presbyterian denominations are as indicated on the chart following.

2.2. EPC history

At its founding, the EPC identified itself thoroughly with historic presbyterianism when the First General Assembly adopted the *Book of Order* and the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* as its constitution. This testified to the denomination’s desire to be reformed according to scripture both in its doctrine and government.

Though the EPC is young as denominations go, entering her ecclesiastical adolescence with the attendant growing pains, she is in the blessed position of having many of her founding members not only living, but with clear and vivid memories of those founding years. Their recollections constitute an important source of data for determining our present position on and future direction in many areas of denominational life. Yet time can elevate past expectations to the status of history. Hence we must not turn to our individual expectations and undocumented understandings of what “The Essentials of Our Faith” is, but to our documented history. Of course this history is amendable where it can be shown to err, but it provides the only objective basis for this discussion.

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| Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) | Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essentials tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? Will you be a minister of Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions? |
| Presbyterian Church in America | Do you sincerely receive and adopt the <i>Confession</i> |

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| | <i>of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?</i> |
| Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church | Do you accept the doctrines of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, as founded on the Word of God as the expression of your own faith and do you resolve to adhere thereto? |
| Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America | Do you believe in and accept the system of doctrine and the manner of worship set forth in the <i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i> , the <i>Larger and Shorter Catechisms</i> , and the <i>Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church</i> , as being agreeable to, and founded upon, the Scriptures? |
| Orthodox Presbyterian Church | Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures? |
| Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures? Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the essentials of the faith you will on your initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow? |

Confessional Vows of Presbyterian Denominations

2.2.1. Stated Clerk’s “Reflections on the Essentials”

The best starting place for understanding the relationship between “The Essentials of Our Faith” and the *Confession* are the remarks of Stated Clerk L. Edward Davis delivered at the Sixteenth General Assembly entitled “Reflections on the Essentials.” These remarks were occasioned by an inquiry from the Permanent Judicial Commission and are included in their entirety as Appendix A to this report. A summary of the most relevant points are as follows:

- The fourth ordination vow in **G.14-1.A-4** as ratified by the First General Assembly contained the phrase “fundamentals of faith” rather than the present wording.
- The First General Assembly adopted the document entitled “Essentials of the Faith” “to provide a short, brief explanation of the non-negotiable essentials which may be found in fuller expression within the *Confession*.” Such identifying statements, as Dr. Davis reported,

have been a common phenomenon within the broader evangelical, non-confessional community.

- The Second General Assembly amended the fourth vow to read “essentials of the faith.” It also made some minor changes to “Essentials of the Faith” including changing the title to “Essentials of Our Faith.”
- By the conclusion of the Second General Assembly the *Confession* was our historic, confessional statement while the “Essentials of Our Faith” existed for the purpose of “testimony and witness.”
- In the 1984 edition of the *Book of Government*, without any action by the General Assembly, the wording of the fourth ordination vow was changed from “essentials of the faith” to “*Essentials of the Faith*.”
- It was the Stated Clerk’s conclusion that, unless specific evidence to the contrary can be provided, it appears that the change in the fourth ordination vow (i.e. capitalizing and italicizing “essentials of the faith”) as printed in the *Book of Government* was an unauthorized change.

Subsequent to the Stated Clerk’s report, the Sixteenth General Assembly voted down a motion to correct the unauthorized capitalization of this phrase, but then acted to refer the matter to the Permanent Judicial Commission for review. The PJC reported to the Seventeenth General Assembly with its ruling described below. Even without correcting the *Book of Government*, it should be noted that the wording in the fourth ordination vow, “essentials of *the* faith,” is not the same as the title of the document “Essentials of *Our* Faith.”

2.2.2. Act of the Assembly 88-29: Advisory letter on relationship of “The Essentials” and the *Westminster Confession of Faith*

Prior to the Stated Clerk’s report to the Sixteenth General Assembly, had acted twice on the matter of the relationship of “The Essentials of Our Faith” and the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*. The first such action was **Act 88-29** (see Appendix C). There the Eighth General Assembly stated the following:

As Presbyterians, we hold the *Westminster Confession of Faith* to be our standard of doctrine as it is found in Scripture... “The Essentials” is a distillation for [sic] the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and is helpful in stating what we believe. The two are not in contradiction but are in harmony with one another as an expression of Reformed doctrine.

In this action the Assembly stated that ““The Essentials’ should not be made a part of our Constitution and given that authority.”

2.2.3. Act of the Assembly 93-17: PJC ruling on role of “The Essentials”

The Thirteenth General Assembly reiterated the previous position in sustaining a Permanent Judicial Commission ruling (see Appendix D). It further clarified that “The Essentials” were “never to be used as an explicit standard for a minimal core of beliefs for candidates, ordination, or ministerial exams. It is not...to be construed as a substitute for the WCF.” The Assembly stated that a person, though assenting to “The Essentials,” disagreed with the *Westminster Confession* and “would be unacceptable as a Teaching or Ruling Elder in the EPC, being out of accord with the Constitution.”

2.2.4. Act of the Seventeenth General Assembly: PJC Ruling that vow 4 should be “essentials of the faith”

The Permanent Judicial Commission issued two rulings on this matter that the Seventeenth General Assembly sustained. One ruling called for the wording in the third ordination vow to be corrected to “essentials of the faith” (removing italics and capitalization), since the correct version of the *Book of Government* had been changed without Assembly authorization.

2.2.5 Act of the Seventeenth General Assembly: PJC ruling regarding meaning of third ordination vow

The other PJC ruling on this matter sustained by the Seventeenth General Assembly (see Appendix E) responded to an inquiry from the Presbytery of the West regarding the meaning of the third ordination vow, particularly what it means to “receive and adopt the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.” The substance of this ruling was that it means “the ordinand holds these teachings as his own, and will teach them as truth.”

Though not constituting part of the Assembly’s action, the grounds given by the PJC for this ruling included “the exclusive role of each individual presbytery in examining and evaluating candidates for church office.” This ground, even if considered part of the Assembly’s action, could in no way be understood to mitigate the process of review and control which is fundamental to presbyterian polity and provided for in the Constitution of the Church.

3. Recapitulation of present position: Relationship of “The Essentials” to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*

The discussions that have surrounded this issue, the actions of the Assembly notwithstanding, make it apparent that varied understandings have existed in the past regarding the relationship of “The Essentials” and the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*. These varied understandings are probably the result of several factors. It seems these factors include at least the following:

- The expected variety of beliefs which are the result of studied persons following their respective consciences.
- Varied histories from previous ecclesiastical contexts where attitudes toward confessional adherence varied greatly.
- Lack of awareness of the historical meaning of confessional adherence.
- Lack of understanding or misunderstanding of the system of doctrine taught in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*.
- Varied verbal representations made to individuals and congregations as they considered affiliation with the EPC.
- Expediency when ordination vows and constitutional standards were subordinated to effecting pastoral and other officer relationships.

Regardless of their sources, it is apparent that these varied understandings exist. However, it is the conclusion of the Committee that the record of the Assembly’s actions is unambiguous. The standard for holding office in the EPC includes “sincerely receiv[ing] and adopt[ing] the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.” Though it is not our desire to find otherwise, even if we were willing the record will not permit it. This conclusion does not address what

constitutes this system of doctrine. Further, it is not intended as an interpretation of the vow. This is the responsibility of the courts of original jurisdiction.

4. Relationship of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* to...

4.1. ...the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Preface to the *Book of Order* of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church states, “The constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is subordinate to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, consists of its doctrinal standards set forth in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, with the *Larger* and *Shorter Catechisms* and the *Book of Order*...” Therefore, it is the conclusion of the Committee that the relationship of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* to the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is one of inclusion. The *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* are part of our Constitution.

4.2. ...the vows of ordination for pastors and elders

The third ordination vow for pastors, elder and deacons asks candidates to answer positively, “Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of the Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?” (**G 14-1.A.3** and **14-1.E.3**)

Therefore, it is the conclusion of the Committee that a relationship of substantial subscription exists between all ruling and teaching elders and the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*. Consequently, no one can be ordained into the office of ruling or teaching elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church without answering this vow in the affirmative.

4.3. ...relations with other denominations, and

While the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* grant us no official relationship with any other denomination, they do serve positively to identify us theologically with other Reformed denominations. This biblical heritage opens avenues of fellowship and mutual encouragement within the larger body of Christ.

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* also serves to differentiate us from non-Reformed denominations. This system of doctrine guards us from error and also establishes a platform from which we may address the differences within the larger body of Christ.

4.4. ...the teaching and edification of lay persons

G 4-5 states that the home and the church should also make special provision for instructing the children in the Bible and in the Church Catechisms... The Session shall encourage the parents of the Church to guide their children in the catechizing and disciplining of them in the Christian religion.

The *Book of Order* does not specifically state that the church is to teach their children the catechism of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. However, it is clearly implied in the instructions because in every other instance where the catechism is mentioned, it is mentioned in relationship to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*.

G 14.1.E.3 asks, “Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of the Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?” This third ordination vow for ruling elders and deacons assumes both training in, and understanding of, the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*. Therefore

preparation for office should be thorough enough to allow officers to take this vow with understanding and integrity.

G 16-10.H states that a portion of the Church Session’s responsibility is “To oversee the educational program of the congregation, and to determine its literature.” This does not state unequivocally that the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* are to be used for the purpose of education. However, since both the church and parents are to instruct their children in its catechisms, adult believers must be trained therein if they are to teach the children.

D1-1 states that the term [discipline] has two senses: the one referring to the whole government, inspection, training, guardianship and control which the church maintains with respect to its member, its officers and its courts; the other a restricted and technical sense, signifying ecclesiastical judicial procedures.

In the former sense, “discipline” within the Church is an operation of teaching and training. Although the *Book of Discipline* does not specify that the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* are to be used in such a role, it can be said that the Church, which elects to omit the *Confession* and its *Catechisms*, does so to its own detriment.

5. Relationship of the document “Essentials of Our Faith” to...

5.1. ...the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

The preface to the *Book of Order* of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church states that: The Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is subordinate to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, consists of its doctrinal standards set forth in *The Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms* and *The Book of Order* consisting of the *Book of Government*, the *Book of Discipline* and the *Book of Worship*. The Standards set forth in the *Book of Order* regulate the government, discipline, and worship of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

It is therefore the conclusion of the Committee that, since it is nowhere mentioned as a part of the Constitutional, no constitutional relationship exists between the document “Essentials of Our Faith” and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

5.2. ...the vows of ordination for pastors and elders,

Nowhere in the chapters of the *Book of Government* which deal with the ordination and role of pastors, elders and deacons (**G.10-G.15**) is there any mention of the document “Essentials of Our Faith.” **Act 93-17** states that “Essentials of Our Faith” is “never to be used as an explicit standard for a minimal core of beliefs for candidates, ordination, or ministerial exams.”

Further, the document “Essentials of Our Faith” is inadequate in its scope of Christian doctrine as it applies to ordination (i.e. “Essentials of Our Faith” is silent on such issues as hell, covenantal theology, assurance of salvation, freedom of conscience, Presbyterian polity, the bodily resurrection of believers, divorce and remarriage and the existence of Satan). By its silence on such doctrinal matters it shows that adherence to the “Essentials of Our Faith” alone is not adequate for ordination to the office of pastor, elder or deacon.

It is therefore the conclusion of the Committee that, although all candidates for ordination would be in agreement with the document “Essentials of Our Faith” because it contains

Scriptural truths, it nonetheless has no official relationship to the vows taken by officers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

5.3. ...relations with other denominations, and

Act 81-01 states that, “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.” It is therefore the conclusion of the Committee that the document “Essentials of Our Faith” helps to distinguish us from other Christian denominations. While the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* express our commitment to historic Reformed orthodoxy, “The Essentials of Our Faith” expresses our desire to hold to that commitment with an evangelical and irenic spirit.

5.4. ...the teaching and edification of lay persons.

Act 81-01 states that, “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.” The *Book of Government* in chapters 14 and 16 call for the teaching and edification of God’s people. The document “Essentials of Our Faith” is an effective and appealing summary of our Christian Religion.

It is therefore the conclusion of the Committee that the document, “Essentials of Our Faith” should be commended for use by all congregations within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as a tool for teaching people the truths of our Christian religion. It is also recommended that where the document “Essentials of Our Faith” is limited in its scope of doctrine, the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* be used to expand the Church’s understanding of God’s Word.

6. Defining: What is it to “sincerely receive and adopt?”

The action of the Seventeenth General Assembly stated that to

“receive and adopt the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures...” means that the ordinand holds these teachings as his own, and will teach them as truth.

When one answers affirmatively the questions asked at the service of ordination, an oath is taken before God and before a congregation or a presbytery. This oath, or any oath, should be a serious matter for a Christian. In the “Pastoral Letter Regarding Criteria for Evaluating Membership in Secret Fraternal Organizations” adopted by the Assembly, advice is given about the taking of oaths. This letter says that one should not swear to anything that he is not completely convinced is true. But there is one more condition regarding an oath taken before a court of the church. If one says that he sincerely receives and adopts the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* as containing the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures, this oath involves more than his own understanding of the *Confession*. It also involves the understanding of the Church. It would be dishonest for someone to take an oath that he receives and adopts the *Confession* if he knows that his own understanding of that *Confession* is different from that of the Church. That oath is taken before witnesses who have every right to assume that there is a common understanding of the system of doctrine. It is an obligation of every officer of the church to promote and defend the *Westminster Confession*

of Faith and Catechisms. Confusion would result if there were no common understanding of doctrine.

Even though the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* have stood for centuries as a fine expression of the Reformed faith, they are not the Word of God. They stand as secondary standards and define what the Reformed church believes to be true doctrine as given in the Holy Scriptures. Because the *Confession* and *Catechisms* are not Scripture, Reformed Christians may differ on some minor points of doctrine as stated in those documents. Candidates for ordination should be willing to state the points on which they disagree with the *Confession* and *Catechisms* and give their reasons. Courts would do well to encourage candidates to state their differences.

7. Conclusion

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a Reformed denomination in terms of its history and Constitution. The goal of Reformed theology is to be reformed according to the scriptures without being bound by human tradition. While coming to full flower in the centuries since the Reformation, it believes itself to be the doctrines of the ancient church, including such great theologians as Augustine.

In addition to its desire to be biblical, Reformed theology sees the glory of God as the highest good. In serving that end it draws biblical teaching in relationship to itself in a self-consistent system of doctrine. When scriptural truth is shown to be self-consistent, it results in the greater glory of God, who is Truth. Furthermore, the individual teachings of scripture are not fully understood apart from their relations to the rest of scripture.

If the standards of the Church are neglected, the Church will, in time, drift farther from this biblical teaching. Out of their love for God and the people that have been entrusted to their care, officers of the church must guard that truth and have the courage to proclaim it. The courts of the church must guard the offices of minister, elder and deacon to be sure that none be admitted to those offices who will not promote and defend the Reformed faith as found in the *Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*.

As a denomination we desire to be able to say with the apostle Paul

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to your-selves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. —Acts 20:26-28

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APPENDIX A

The Adopting Act

As Adopted by the Synod of Philadelphia in 1729

Although the Synod do not claim or pretend to any authority of imposing our faith upon other men's consciences, but do profess our just dissatisfaction with, and abhorrence of such impositions, and do utterly disclaim all legislative power and authority in the Church, being willing to receive one another as Christ has received us to the glory of God, and admit to fellowship in sacred ordinances, all such as we have grounds to believe Christ will at last admit to the kingdom of heaven, yet we are undoubtedly obliged to take care that the faith once delivered to the saints be kept pure and uncorrupted among us, and so handed down to our posterity; and do therefore agree that all the ministers of this Synod, or that shall hereafter be admitted into this Synod, shall declare their agreement in, and approbation of, the Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, as being in all the essential and necessary articles, good forms of sound words and systems of Christian doctrine, and do also adopt the said Confession and Catechisms as the confession of our faith. And we do also agree, that all the Presbyteries within our bounds shall always take care not to admit any candidate of the ministry into the exercise of the sacred function but what declares his agreement in opinion with all the essential and necessary articles of said Confession, either by subscribing the said Confession of Faith and Catechisms, or by a verbal declaration of their assent thereto, as such minister or candidate shall think best. And in case any minister of this Synod, or any candidate for the ministry, shall have any scruple with respect to any article or articles of said Confession or Catechisms, he shall at the time of his making said declaration declare his sentiments to the Presbytery or Synod, who shall, notwithstanding, admit him to the exercise of the ministry within our bounds, and to ministerial communion, if the Synod or Presbytery shall judge his scruple or mistake to be only about articles not essential and necessary in doctrine, worship, or government. But if the Synod or Presbytery shall judge such ministers or candidates erroneous in essential and necessary articles of faith, the Synod or Presbytery shall declare

them incapable of communion with them. And the Synod do solemnly agree, that none of us will traduce or use any opprobrious terms of those that differ from us in these extra-essential and not necessary points of doctrine, but treat them with the same friendship, kindness, and brotherly love, as if they had not differed from us in such sentiments.

APPENDIX B

“Reflections on the Essentials”

Remarks of the Stated Clerk to the Sixteenth General Assembly (1996)

Permit me to walk slowly through this most sensitive issue so that you may understand the conclusion to which I have come. I speak not only in response to the questions raised by the PJC, but also from the perspective of the Stated Clerk as denominational historian and archivist. Please hear me from that perspective.

In this Presbytery (West) a hearty and robust discussion on the nature of the Essentials has been developing for several months. Overture #96-B on this subject has been offered the Assembly. One part of the discussion surrounding this overture is the question of what constitutional authority, if any, does the document known as the “Essentials of Faith” have? In Chapter 14 of the *Book of Government* one finds in the fourth ordination vow for ministers, elders and deacons, an explicit italicized reference to the “Essentials of Faith.” Herein lies a major question.

As presbytery discussion related to the “Essentials of Faith” has developed, I have been compelled to reexamine our earliest years, especially 1981, 1982 and 1983. Our early and most formative years were exciting years--years in which both the excitement and passion of a new movement drove and energized us all. Years in which highest priority for many people wanting to be part of “something new” was no organizational clarity. Thus, to pursue historical clarity one has to dig and dig. Research on this question has been hindered by the following factors.

The chairman of the task group charged with producing what we know today as the “Essentials of Faith” was Dr. George Scotchmer. A man deeply loved and respected by many, George pastored Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Louis for many years. George is now deceased. With the help of his wife, we have looked for the working file of this theological committee. But for very brief notes, the two additional members of the task group did not retain written information helpful in historical clarification. We have been further handicapped in this matter by Andrew Jumper’s death. Andy rendered a most formidable influence in the writings of the Assembly. He provided the church its first provisional Book of Government. In these earliest years Andy’s contribution was prolific. Securing access to Andy’s files during those earliest years has been difficult. I hope such information can be found and assimilated into our denominational history.

Some of you recall the First General Assembly that convened in September, 1981. Documents presented to that Assembly were a provisional Book of Government and a provisional Book of Worship. These two works were initially drafted by Andy Jumper and subsequently edited by a committee composed of Messrs. Jumper, Davis, Gray, Hess and Wolf. Others like Bill Flannagan and George Scotchmer would contribute at specific points. In that Assembly, the provisional Book of Government was adopted with a limited number of

amendments. In Chapter 14 the fourth ordination vow reflected the following language: “the fundamentals of this system of doctrine.” The First Assembly, however, amended its provisional Book of Government, Chapter 14-vow 4, to read “fundamentals of faith” rather than “fundamentals of this system of doctrine.” The Assembly then ratified the proposed Book of Government.

Reflecting the evangelical spirit as well as the Reformed spirit characteristic of its initial membership, there arose an expressed need from the Constituting Convention of March 1981 for a brief statement of faith in addition to an historical confessional statement. Consequently, the Steering Committee elected by the Constituting Convention tasked its first theology committee (Dr. Scotchmer plus 2) responsibility to bring to the First Assembly a brief statement of faith that, for the most part, is what you have today in the document entitled the “Essentials of Faith.” The Steering Committee offered that statement to the First Assembly not as a substitute but as a brief statement to stand alongside the Confession for this infant church to use in a variety of ways. Such a tool was very common to those with broader evangelical roots who had come out of that broader evangelical world into Presbyterianism. In that First Assembly, the title of the document was changed to “Essentials of the Faith.” Minutes of the First Assembly and the 1981-1982 minutes of the Steering Committee, reflect the purpose and intent of the “Essentials of the Faith” to provide a short, brief explanation of the non-negotiable essentials which may be found in fuller expression within the Confession. A statement of faith in brief form, sometimes called a “creed,” was a familiar tool to many attending the First Assembly. When that Assembly adjourned, it had adopted a Book of Government, a Book of Worship, and would adopt, at a later time, a Book of Discipline borrowed from the PCUS and the PCA.

Subsequent to the First Assembly, the first blue book (Book of Order) was published under the oversight of an editorial committee working in consultation with the initial Theology Committee of three. In that first blue book (dates June 1, 1982 in its preface), one finds in Chapter 14, the fourth ordination vow, the words “fundamentals of the faith.” The Second Assembly (though its minutes are unfortunately sketchy at points) took action to the effect that the next publication of the Book of Government, Chapter 14, should substitute the words “essentials” for the word “fundamentals” in the Book of Government. This, however, was done without capitalization of any language in the fourth vow.

The Second Assembly adopted a few minor changes to the “Essentials of the Faith” document and then approved the Theology Committee’s recommendation to change the documents to “Essentials of Our Faith.” It can, therefore, be reasonably established that the continuing intent of the Assembly was to have in one hand, an historic confessional statement known as the Westminster Confession of Faith (although the specific version of the Westminster Confession and which chapters to include were questions yet to be determined), and in the other hand, for purposes of testimony and witness, a brief document entitled “Essentials of Our Faith.”

In the continuing work of that early editorial committee, much was still being done in St. Louis alongside the corresponding work of the Theological Committee. Somewhere between the 1982 and 1984 editions of the Book of Government, the words “Essentials of the Faith” in the fourth ordination vow were italicized and printed. This, in effect, established a frame of reference to a specific document. Just how and when this took place (somewhere between Government, 1982 edition and Government, 1984 edition) remains a question.

All this brings me to the following: In seeking as clear a picture as possible of those earliest years, with supportive historical date, I am unable to find any clear evidence indicating the Assembly duly authorized changing the language “essentials of the faith” into language to be capitalized and italicized as it is today, indicating a reference to a specific document. This is the conclusion I must bring to the PJC as together we struggle with this issue. In the context of Overture #96-B and the understandable debate which surrounds the larger question, I have endeavored in good conscience to clarify with reasonable historic data what genuinely did exist in those earliest documents, and what was the Assembly’s original intent regarding the “Essentials of Our Faith” document.

Mr. Moderator, I’m not sure what implications this may have. If it is indeed true, and I believe it is, and unless additional evidence to the contrary is forthcoming, the fourth ordination vow found in Chapter 14, Book of Government, should read “essentials of the faith” with no italics or bolding. And if indeed this is how the Book of Government, Chapter 14, should be understood in terms of historical accuracy, such conclusion may influence the discussion of the larger question emerging as to the appropriate relationship of the document known as the “Essentials of Our Faith,” clearly adopted by the First Assembly and moderately amended by the Second Assembly, and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Let me be clear. There is no question this body in the first two assemblies adopted a brief statement of faith, initially named it the “Essentials of the Faith,” then changed the caption to read “Essentials of Our Faith,” thus giving us the content one finds today in the little pamphlet published as the “Essentials of the/our Faith.” The historical question I have raised does not bear upon the legitimacy of that document which stood alongside Confession of Faith, although not explicitly with the Book of Government. There is no question as to the historical adoption of that document for the purposes initially stated.

There is serious question as to whether the Assembly ever took explicit action to place the “Essentials” document *per se* in the fourth ordination question of G.14. I believe not. Rather, what it did was to take the most original sense understood in the words “fundamentals of the faith” and substitute that same sense with lower case language to read “essentials of the faith” with the understanding that if persons both outside of and within the church ask what is meant when one cites our motto, “In Essentials, Unity; in Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity” here is a short, concise statement of faith to help. The original intent seems clear.

When, however, you study the language of the fourth ordination question of Chapter 14, you should understand that the historical intent was to have some means whereby the potential problem of faith attrition on the part of persons already ordained to the office of minister, elder, or deacon could be addressed. In my judgment, the intent of this Assembly, at least through its Fifth Assembly, was that the document known as “Essentials of the Faith” should be the exclusive frame of reference as to how the fourth vow may be understood. There are occasional footprints in the Assembly’s history recognizing that some day the church would need to grapple further with the relationship between its Confession and the “Essentials.”

Those of us who withdrew from either the PCUSA or the PCUS will remember the historical concerns as to how best the church shall deal with loss of faith and change of belief on the part of ordained ministers and elders. The original intent of the fourth question was to address that historical problem. God forbid that such similar issues of faith should ever

confront us. God forbid there ever be an attrition and loss of essential truth held in good faith by our office bearers.

Mr. Moderator, it is my assessment - and that is what the PJC has asked of me - that clear evidence does not currently exist in the historical records of our church, at least through the Fifth General Assembly, to authenticate the capitalization of the words “essentials of the faith” in ordination vow four, Chapter 14 of Government. What this means to us today and shall mean in the future to this Assembly, the Assembly in its wisdom will need to determine.

APPENDIX C
**An Advisory Letter on the Relationship of
the Westminster Confession of Faith and “The Essentials”**
Act of the Assembly 88-29

The Committee on Theology was given the task of studying the relationship between “The Essentials” and the Westminster Confession of Faith. This referral came out of a motion to the 7th General Assembly to make “The Essentials” a part of our Constitution.

The Committee concurs with the Stated Clerk that “The Essentials” should not be made a part of our Constitution and given that authority. This document now carries the authority of an Act of the Assembly (reference Acts of the Assembly §81-1).

In order to further understand the relationship between “The Essentials” and the Westminster Confession of Faith, it is important to remember our historical context. As Presbyterians, we hold the Westminster Confession of Faith to be our standard of doctrine as it is found in Scripture. This standard is held not only in the intellect but also in the heart. The Westminster Confession of Faith is a positive statement of what we believe Scripture teaches.

“The Essentials” is a distillation for [sic] the Westminster Confession of Faith and is helpful in stating what we believe. The two are not in contradiction but are in harmony with one another as an expression of Reformed doctrine.

Courts of the EPC should encourage their members to continue studying our Confession in the light of the Word of God that we may grow theologically and spiritually together, unto the stature of the fullness of Christ.

[Adopted by the 8th General Assembly, June, 1988]

APPENDIX D
**Permanent Judicial Commission Opinion Upheld by the
Thirteenth General Assembly**
Act of the Assembly 93-17

The purpose of the Essentials of the Faith is to provide an explicit and concise expression of the essentials of the Christian faith, but also leave room for Christians to disagree on non-essentials. It is never to be used as an explicit standard for a minimal core of beliefs for candidates, ordination, or ministerial exams. It is not to duplicate the Westminster Confession of Faith, or to be construed as a substitute for the WCF. Because it is not part of the Constitution, it is never to be used as such. Theoretically, a person could affirm the Essentials, as all knowledgeable Christians would do, but disagree with the WCF. Such a

person would be unacceptable as a Teaching or Ruling Elder in the EPC, being out of accord with its Constitution. On the other hand, a person cannot affirm the WCF and disbelieve any part of the Essentials. ~~The Essentials are to be subscribed to in addition to the full WCF~~ (G.14-1A.4). (Minutes 13-38)

NOTE: The last sentence of this opinion was struck by Act of the Assembly 96-26.

APPENDIX E

Action of the Seventeenth General Assembly Regarding Meaning of the Third Ordination Vow

The following was the ruling of the Permanent Judicial Commission sustained by the Seventeenth General Assembly in response to a request from the Presbytery of the West

Every Assembly, Presbytery and Session of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has lawfully required every ordinand to affirm his or her personal faith in the doctrines taught by the Westminster Confession of Faith and its catechisms as wholly consistent with Holy Scripture. Doctrinal affirmation by the ordinand is clearly focused in the third ordination vow (G.14-A-3, 14-E-3). It is the nature of a vow to settle the question being asked. There are no conditional vows, by design as well as by definition. To "...receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures..." means that the ordinand holds these teachings as his own, and will teach them as truth.

APPENDIX F

Vows of Ministers, Book of Government 14.1

- A. The Ordination of a Minister: The person presiding shall propose the following questions for one being ordained and for one coming into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from some other denomination:
1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
 2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
 3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
 4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the essentials of the faith you will on your initiative make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
 5. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
 6. Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?
 7. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

8. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
9. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?
10. Are you now willing to take the charge of this Church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a Pastor?

**RULES FOR ASSEMBLY
AS AMENDED THROUGH JUNE 2013**

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 practical. Any Presbytery or church of Presbytery that desires to entertain the General Assembly shall forward an invitation to the Stated Clerk no later than three years before the preceding Assembly. If two or more Presbyteries or churches submit invitations to host the General Assembly for the same year, the Committee on Administration will submit a recommendation to the General Assembly naming the host church or Presbytery. The Committee on Administration will make its recommendation based on the following criteria:
- A.** Capability to host, i.e., availability of housing, costs, travel arrangements, committee meeting rooms, availability of food service for breaks and meals, space for exhibitors and General Assembly staff, and local transportation.
 - B.** Priority will be given to the Presbytery or church which has never hosted a General Assembly or which hosted General Assembly the greatest number of years ago.

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 which shall include a prayer for the President of the United States, all United States military personnel (to include their families) especially those serving in harm's way, the Governor of the State in which the General Assembly takes place, and the United States of America. Also, this public prayer should be communicated in writing by the Moderator to the President and the Governor.
- 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. At this time the Stated Clerk may also recommend that Ministers or Ruling Elders in good standing in other parts of the Church be seated as corresponding members of the Assembly, having the privilege of the floor but without vote.
- 2-3** The first order of business shall be the election of a Moderator. Though the Moderator-elect will normally be the presumptive nominee, the Committee on Nominations must make such nomination. The floor shall be opened for additional nominations. There shall be only one nominating speech per nominee not to exceed five minutes for each nominee. No seconding speeches shall be permitted.

- 2-4 A Moderator-elect shall be elected according to the same procedure as the election of Moderator.
- 2-5 Election shall be by ballot, on ballots provided by the Stated Clerk. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk shall gather, count and report the ballot tabulation to the Stated Clerk. Election shall be by majority. Should no majority exist among a plurality of nominees, a second ballot shall be called for the two highest nominees. The Moderator shall declare the election. If there is only one nominee, a motion for a voice vote to elect by acclamation shall be in order.
- 2-6 The Moderator and Moderator-elect shall assume their respective duties immediately upon being declared elected.

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. An address 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. Moderator-elect

- 4-1 The Moderator-elect is an officer of the General Assembly and shall ordinarily be the presumptive nominee for Moderator at the succeeding Assembly. The duties of the Moderator-elect shall be to assist the Moderator in the performance of the Moderator's duties as requested by the Moderator.

V. The Stated Clerk

- 5-1 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. (*Cf. Acts 82-09*)
- 5-2 The Stated Clerk shall perform the duties assigned by the **Book of Government** and by the **Rules for Assembly**, and such other duties as are assigned by action of the Assembly.
- 5-3 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.
- 5-4 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.

- 5-5 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 Standing Committees, or any Commissioner request clarification of Assembly business.
- 5-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.
- 5-7 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.

VI. The Assembly Arrangements

- 6-1 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.
- 6-2 The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated by the General Assembly. 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.
- 6-3 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.
- 6-4 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.

VII. Communications and Overtures

- 7-1 A communication to the General Assembly is formal correspondence received by the Stated Clerk from other churches, inter-church agencies and from other organized bodies outside the church proper having business with the Assembly.
- 7-2 The Stated Clerk shall recommend to the Assembly reference for all communications.
- 7-3 An overture ordinarily is the request of a Presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter.
- 7-4 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 thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Assembly shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled Commissioners.

VIII. Reports to the General Assembly

- 8-1 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.

- 8-2** 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.

IX. Standing Committees

- 9-1** All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Standing Committees, except reports of ad interim committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:
- A.** Administration - concerning administrative matters
 - B.** World Outreach - concerning world missions
 - C.** National Outreach - concerning home missions and evangelism
 - D.** Christian Education and Communications- concerning Christian education and publications
 - E.** Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers
 - F.** Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies
 - G.** Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation
 - H.** Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications
 - I.** Theology - concerning theological matters under study
 - J.** Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church
 - K.** Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries for the youth of the church
- 9-2** The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Moderator, will appoint chairmen and recording clerks of each Standing Committee. Representation on each committee shall be Presbyterian. The Nominating Committee will elect Standing Committee personnel from Commissioners registrations and Ruling Elder certifications received no later than May 31. The committee membership ratio should be as close as possible to the ratio of Ruling and Teaching Elders registered and certified as Commissioners.
- 9-3** The committees may be scheduled to meet prior to the opening session of the Assembly to handle business referred by the Stated Clerk.
- 9-4** The Standing Committees shall proceed as follows:
- A.** At the assigned time, each committee shall assemble in its assigned place, review material in hand and begin its work.
 - B.** Each committee shall be available to reconvene to consider additional matters referred from the Assembly floor.
 - C.** A quorum is considered to be a simple majority.
- 9-5** The Standing Committee's report shall be brief and concise. It shall include the following:
- A.** A list of all items referred to and considered by the committee;

- B. A statement of all issues discussed;
 - C. A report of all recommendations contained in reports, communications and overtures referred. Action taken by the Standing Committees to approve, modify or not approve those items referred shall be reported back to the Assembly with reasons.
- 9-6** If a Standing Committee believes that any of its recommendations will receive consensus support of the Assembly, it may, by majority vote, designate in its report that such items are to be included in an omnibus consent motion, which will contain all such items from all Standing Committees. The omnibus consent motion itself may be divided only by a majority vote. Constitutional amendments and recommendations regarding budgets may not be designated for inclusion in an omnibus consent motion.
- 9-7** Minutes of the corresponding permanent committee shall be submitted to the Standing Committee for review.
- 9-8** Informational presentation of special aspects of work reported by a particular Standing Committee shall be limited to five (5) minutes. The Moderator may extend this time up to an additional ten (10) minutes.
- 9-9** Any recommendation affecting the budget of the Assembly shall be referred to the Committee on Administration for review before presentation to the Assembly.
- 9-10** The completed report of a Standing Committee shall contain the full text of the report and handled as follows:
- A. Proofed and signed by chairman of committee and thereafter given to Stated Clerk for permanent record;
 - B. Presented to the Assembly during docketed time by chairman or designate.
- 9-11** No partial report of a Standing Committee shall be presented without consent of the Assembly.
- 9-12** A. Presbytery **Minutes** shall be examined for conformity to:
- 1. The constitutional standards of the church, as to substance of the action recorded;
 - 2. Appropriate standards as to the use of the English language.
- B. Each set of Presbytery **Minutes** must be read by at least two members of the Committee on Presbytery Review.
- C. The findings of the Committee with respect to the **Minutes** of each Presbytery shall be reported under the following categories as appropriate:
- 1. 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.
 - 2. Notations requiring response: Insufficient information in the Minutes to determine if an action is constitutional. Such notations are not read to the

General Assembly but require a response of the presbytery to the Presbytery Review Committee.

3. Exceptions: Violations of constitutional standards of actions which in substance appear not to conform to EPC standards should be reported here.
- D. 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.
- E. Notations and exceptions in the Committee's report shall be handled as follows:
 1. Notations shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery without being read to the Assembly or recorded in its Minutes.
 2. Exceptions shall be read before the Assembly, recorded in its Minutes, and disposed of as the Assembly determines.
- F. The Presbyteries shall take note in their **Minutes** of exceptions and notations conveyed from the Assembly and of the disposition they have made of such.
- G. **Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes**
 1. Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. (**G.16-17**). Presbytery review year shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year. **Minutes** should reflect the names of Ruling and Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.
 2. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.
 3. Declaration of quorum (**G.16-18**).
 4. Accurate record of motions passed and actions taken (**G.16-19**).
 5. Minutes should be typed with complete sentences, correct spelling and bound in hard cover.
 6. Minutes should be signed by Stated Clerk and Moderator.
 7. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of candidates received and dismissed.
 8. Minutes should reflect an accurate record of ministers received and dismissed including proper examination procedures leading to ordination and/or installation.
 9. Record of approved pastoral calls and any changes in calls and the granting of permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery (**G.16-16A**).
 10. Minutes must reflect an annual review of sessional records.
 11. Minutes must reflect establishing, dissolving, dividing, uniting, receiving, and dismissing of churches (**G.16-16E**).

12. Minutes must reflect observations of and carrying out of General Assembly injunctions and instructions.
13. Overtures to the General Assembly must be recorded.
14. Minutes will reflect any judicial cases before Presbytery and the disposition thereof in accordance with the **Book of Discipline**.
15. Minutes will include all actions of Presbytery appointed commissions.
16. Minutes should include annual approved Presbytery budget and related financial reports.

9-13 The minutes of each day will not be read at the beginning of each day of Assembly but will be proofread by a committee of three Commissioners in consultation with the recording clerks of the Assembly. The committee of three shall be nominated by the convening Moderator and the minutes shall be posted in a public place where they can be read by interested Commissioners.

X. Permanent Committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission

10-1 The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:

A. Committee on Administration

1. Chaired by the immediate past Moderator.
2. Committee Membership: Moderator, Moderator-elect, Stated Clerk, immediate past Moderator, and nine elected members.
3. Functions in the following ways:
 - a. Administrative oversight
 1. Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education, Ministerial Vocation, National Outreach, Women's Ministries, Student Ministries and College Ministries Committees.
 2. Responds to emergency and disaster situations
 3. Serve as Directors of the corporation
 - b. Denominational Development
 1. General Assembly planning
 2. Promotion/public relations
 3. Personnel administration (staff hiring, staff accountability)
 4. Budget development: receive projections from all committees and submit to General Assembly a proposed budget
 5. All legal and corporate matters
 6. Property and liability insurance
 - c. All other business of ecclesiastical matters not specifically assigned to any other committees.

B. Committee on World Outreach

1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Assistant Stated Clerk serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members. The Committee's membership shall include three Teaching Elders and at least four Ruling Elders. The two remaining positions may be filled by non-ordained, active members of EPC churches with particular expertise or experience in world missions. Committee members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and then may not be reelected for at least one year. The Committee on World Outreach shall meet at least twice a year, including the week of General Assembly.

C. Committee on National Outreach

1. Membership to be three. Chairman is to be elected by committee.
2. Duties:
 - a. To coordinate, encourage and provide resources for church planting, evangelism, and church development efforts of presbyteries and churches.
 - b. To provide oversight of Church Planter Assessing and Equipping, the Home Missionary application process, the Urban Ministries Network (UMN) and to encourage the pursuit of ethnic domestic ministry opportunities.

D. Committee on Ministerial Vocation

1. Membership to be six members; chairman elected by committee.
2. Monitors and aids ministerial committees of local presbyteries.
3. Assists in placement of pastors and helps churches to find pastors.
4. Provides information on colleges and seminaries.
5. Examines extraordinary candidates.
6. Oversees theological testing.

E. Committee on Women In Ministry

1. Membership shall be comprised of five women, each a currently active member of an EPC congregation, with two classes of two and one class of one.
2. Duties: To set priorities and standards, provide opportunities for equipping and resourcing of Women In Ministry leadership. The committee will determine effective means to interface and work effectively with Women in Ministry chairs and committees in each of the presbyteries.

F. Committee on Christian Education and Communications

1. To be comprised of six members, two of whom may be non-elders qualified in Christian Education and who are active members of EPC churches. Chairman is to be elected by committee.
2. Duties:

- a. To develop and evaluate curriculum for presbyteries and local churches as needed.
- b. To cooperate with and encourage church day schools as needed.
- c. To provide assistance to local churches for the development and operation of Christian Education.
- d. To develop, evaluate, and support publications of general interest to the church, especially those valuable to the area of Christian Education. This includes supporting and promoting publications handled by other Permanent Committees or General Assembly staff.
- e. To participate in camp and conference center development, should it be feasible and desired.
- f. To participate in and support lay leadership development.
- g. To promote and evaluate prayer, worship and music resources.
- h. To help communicate the identity, vision, mission, and advantages of the EPC to local churches and to those outside the EPC.

G. Committee on Student and College Ministries

1. Membership of twelve to be composed of a minimum of three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders in three rotating classes of four each. The six remaining positions may be filled with non-ordained individuals who are members of EPC congregations and have expertise in student and/or college ministries. At least three of the committee members should have expertise in college ministries. To the extent possible, members should be broadly representative of EPC presbyteries.
2. Duties:
 - a. To equip EPC student and college ministry workers with leadership development and training resources,
 - b. To provide and/or recommend resources to EPC churches in their ministry to middle school, high school and college students,
 - c. To connect student ministry leaders and college ministry leaders among EPC churches through networking opportunities
 - d. To partner with other permanent committees in projects and programs of mutual interest.

H. Committee on Theology

1. 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.
2. 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.

I. Committee on Fraternal Relations

1. Membership to consist of six members plus the immediate past Moderator, the Moderator, the Moderator-elect and the Stated Clerk as members ex-officio. The chairman is to be selected by the committee.
2. Duties: to assist the General Assembly and the Office of the Stated Clerk 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.

J. 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, §16-27.B**

K. Committee on Presbytery Review

1. Membership: Committee to consist of three members, including at least one former stated clerk.
2. Duties: To provide structure, order, and continuity in reviewing the minutes of the Presbyteries.

L. Committee on Chaplains Work and Care

1. Membership: The Committee shall consist of six members, including at least three members with experience as Chaplains and at least two Ruling Elders. Whenever possible, one position on the Committee will be filled by a currently serving military chaplain, normally the EPC's most senior in rank. The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee and be responsible for coordinating the work and business of the Committee in consultation with the Office of the Stated Clerk and the Chaplain Endorser.
2. Responsibilities: the Committee will be responsible to:
 - a. oversee and conduct the chaplain endorsement process,

- b. develop and implement policies and procedures for EPC chaplain ministry,
 - c. provide for pastoral care for endorsed chaplains and their families.
- 3. Chaplain Endorser: The Moderator shall nominate to the General Assembly a Teaching Elder to serve as the denomination's Chaplain Endorser for a three-year term, which is renewable. The Endorser will be operationally accountable to the Office of the Stated Clerk.
 - a. The nominee will normally be one with experience in military chaplaincy.
 - b. The Endorser is an ex-officio member of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee with voice and vote.
 - c. The Endorser is the denomination's designated signatory for chaplain endorsements, and the official representative of the denomination regarding chaplaincy matters to government agencies, institutional chaplain certification agencies, and chaplain endorsing conferences and associations with which the denomination has affiliation.
 - d. The Endorser is the denominational representative for pastoral visits to chaplains at their place of service.
 - e. Should the Endorser resign or become unable to serve, the Stated Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall serve in that position until a new Endorser is nominated and elected.
- 10-2** The power and authority of the permanent committees shall be those set forth in these Rules or by direction of the General Assembly.
- 10-3** Each committee shall be constituted on a three year, three class structure. All members shall be Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders except as noted. Insofar as practicable, the ratio of two Ruling Elders to one Teaching Elder shall be maintained.
- 10-4** 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 the classes according to the vacancies being filled.
- 10-5** A majority of a permanent committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 10-6** 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.

XI. Committee on Nominations

- 11-1** The membership shall consist of twelve members, in three classes of four each composed of five Teaching Elders and seven Ruling Elders, with at least one person from each Presbytery. When the number of Presbyteries exceeds twelve, 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**.
- 11-2** 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.
- 11-3** Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate four 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.
- 11-4** Duties:
- 1.** Nominees for Moderator-elect: 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-elect of the General Assembly. Such recommendation shall be forwarded to the committee no later than February 28 of that year. After February 28, 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-elect. 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 thirty days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.
 - 2.** Nominees for Moderator: Ordinarily, the Committee shall nominate the Moderator-elect for Moderator of the succeeding Assembly. However, if the Moderator-elect is unable or declines such nomination or the Committee deems it unwise to do so, it shall nominate at least one but not more than two candidates for Moderator utilizing the same procedures as for Moderator-elect.
 - 3.** To nominate to the Assembly persons for vacancies of all Assembly permanent committees. Recommendations from Sessions or Presbyteries shall be forwarded to the Committee no later than February 28 of that year. The Endorsement for Nomination form shall be used and shall reflect official action of the Session or the Presbytery.

4. To name from the Commissioners to the Assembly those who will serve on the various standing committees of the Assembly.
5. The Committee shall meet in March each year to select nominee(s) for Moderator-elect or Moderator of the General Assembly as the case may be and for permanent committees.
6. In the event that a vacancy on the Committee occurs, the Moderator of the Assembly may appoint another person from that presbytery to fill the position and serve the term of the person who vacated their membership.
7. In the event that a member is not able to attend the meeting of the Committee, the Moderator may appoint another person from that presbytery to serve in the place of the absent member for that meeting.

XII. The Board of Benefits

- 12-1** The Board of Benefits shall oversee the administration of the denominational Retirement Plan and the Group Insurance Plan.
1. Membership to consist of six persons, in three classes of two each. At least one of the members must be a Teaching Elder and at least two must be Ruling Elders. The other three members shall be active members of EPC congregations with expertise needed for the Board to carry out its responsibilities. Members may serve all or part of two consecutive terms and are eligible to 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.
 2. Duties: to serve as trustees under the Retirement Plan adopted by the Assembly; to administer the Group Insurance Plan; to administer the proceeds of the "Gratitude Gift;" to make annual report of its proceedings to the Assembly.

XIII. New Business

- 13-1** Any matter presented in any form which has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be treated as new business.
- 13-2** New business must be presented to the Assembly by noon of the second day of business. The Committee on Administration may assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.

XIV. Parliamentary Procedure

- 14-1** Except as otherwise specifically provided in these **Rules, *Robert's Rules of Order*** shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure.
- 14-2** In presenting the report of a committee, the chairman shall lead the Assembly in a brief prayer before making the report. The entire report shall be read before any comment. The Assembly may waive the reading of any particular report by a majority vote of commissioners present. When a minority 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.

14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately.

1. The chairman moves the adoption.
2. The Moderator asks, "Is there objection or question?"
3. Hearing no objection or question, the Moderator states, "It is adopted." (Procedure known as "Short Form of Voting.")

14-4 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 fifteen (15) minutes unless extended. A simple majority may extend debate in additional five (5) minute increments. No Commissioner may speak longer than three (3) minutes at one time.
5. Debate shall be free, open, and responsible with equal time being given to proponents insofar as possible.

14-5 All motions shall be presented in writing and read before the vote.

XV. Amendment or Suspension of Rules

15-1 The **Rules** of the General Assembly may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total enrollment of the Commissioners. A motion to amend is debatable. A motion to suspend is not debatable

WHAT IT MEANS TO “RECEIVE AND ADOPT” THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS

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In the early 18th Century, American Presbyterians determined that it was necessary to adopt a doctrinal statement in order to declare their common faith. The Synod of Philadelphia in 1729 adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as the confession of their faith. In the 1729 “Adopting Act,” Presbyterians declared their “agreement in and approbation of the Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, as being, in all the essential and necessary articles, good forms of sound words and systems of Christian doctrine.”

The Adopting Act stipulated that ministers may state their “scruples” with the Confession, i.e., describing places where they had disagreements with particular articles. After hearing the candidates’ scruples, a Presbytery would determine whether or not these reservations were about articles “essential and necessary” in doctrine, worship or government. If scruples were judged to be over “extra-essentials,” the minister was admitted as a member. This established the principle of liberty of conscience.

When the first General Assembly met in 1789 they endorsed the Adopting Act and established a formula for subscribing the Confession that was included in the Form of Government. The subscription formula asked this question of the ministerial candidate: “Do you sincerely **receive and adopt** the confession of faith of this church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?” The phrase “system of doctrine” was understood to include not only fundamental catholic Christianity and the evangelical doctrines of the Protestant Reformation but also the unique Reformed or Calvinistic system of doctrine embodied in the Westminster Standards. It was the Reformed system of the Confession that distinguished the Presbyterian theological heritage from Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Arminian systems of doctrine.

The 1789 formula of subscription has served American Presbyterians well for over 200 years. Amidst significant doctrinal diversity, schism and reunion, the historic subscription vow has stood the test of time as a median position between the extremes of strict subscription (every word) and a minimal subscription requiring “essentials of Christianity only.” The historic moderate doctrinal position of Presbyterianism has allowed diversity in expressing the Reformed faith while at the same time affirming our distinctives as Reformed people committed to the doctrines of grace.

When a church officer takes the traditional ordination vow in the EPC, he or she is affirming a personal commitment to the doctrines displayed in the Westminster Standards. The subscription vow is understood to be an acknowledgment of the Reformed or Calvinistic “system of doctrine” as expressing one’s own belief of what the Holy Scriptures teach. This vow allows one freedom to express reservations about parts of the Confession provided these “scruples” are not about “essential” components of the Reformed system. It is the duty of sessions and presbyteries when examining candidates for church office to determine what constitutes an essential of the “system of doctrine” found in the Confession and Catechisms. The balance of individual liberty and commitment to Reformed theology is a hallmark of Presbyterianism and a value we hold dear.

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PART V

**ANNUAL STATISTICAL
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NOTES

PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES - 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|--|---------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bay Presbyterian Church | Bay Village | OH | \$530,876.00 | \$3,802,247.00 | \$0.00 | \$52,294.00 | \$3,854,541.00 | \$3,160,715.00 | \$232,184.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$12,500.00 | \$12,750.00 | \$342,387.00 | \$3,758,036.00 | \$627,381.00 |
| 2 | Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Enon Valley | PA | \$31,570.00 | \$312,962.00 | \$109,834.00 | \$18,197.00 | \$440,993.00 | \$221,601.00 | \$5,832.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,107.00 | \$77,715.00 | \$306,255.00 | \$166,308.00 |
| 3 | Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church | Pittsburgh | PA | \$430,119.00 | \$777,524.00 | \$391,732.00 | \$27,548.00 | \$1,196,804.00 | \$631,123.00 | \$666,102.00 | \$3,610.00 | \$8,303.00 | \$16,403.00 | \$114,407.00 | \$1,431,645.00 | \$195,278.00 |
| 4 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Ligonier | PA | \$53,897.00 | \$342,380.00 | \$12,211.00 | \$166,268.00 | \$520,859.00 | \$463,756.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$5,040.00 | \$5,400.00 | \$9,400.00 | \$28,778.00 | \$509,474.00 | \$65,282.00 |
| 5 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Sharon | PA | \$411,401.00 | \$357,292.00 | \$14,784.00 | \$78,045.00 | \$485,550.00 | \$471,032.00 | \$80,940.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$190.00 | \$0.00 | \$552,162.00 | \$344,789.00 |
| 6 | CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Beaver Falls | PA | \$1,200.00 | \$229,984.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,311.00 | \$241,295.00 | \$189,616.00 | \$10,944.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$8,500.00 | \$21,200.00 | \$230,260.00 | \$12,235.00 |
| 7 | Faith Fellowship | Johnstown | OH | | | | | | | | | \$2,000.00 | | | | |
| 8 | First Presbyterian Church | Beaver | PA | \$0.00 | \$1,096,462.00 | \$325,082.00 | \$176,701.00 | \$1,598,245.00 | \$1,112,722.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$294,255.00 | \$1,407,977.00 | \$190,268.00 |
| 9 | Fort Palmer Presbyterian Church | Bolivar | PA | \$4,293.00 | \$95,477.00 | \$16,705.00 | \$5,654.00 | \$117,836.00 | \$70,346.00 | \$23,086.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,257.00 | \$16,242.00 | \$110,931.00 | \$11,198.00 |
| 10 | Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Gateway Community EPC | Slippery Rock | PA | \$0.00 | \$67,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$67,000.00 | \$51,700.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$54,400.00 | \$12,600.00 |
| 12 | Hickory United Presbyterian Church | Hickory | PA | \$533,907.00 | \$350,974.00 | \$217,438.00 | \$140,662.00 | \$709,074.00 | \$394,435.00 | \$26,610.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,197.00 | \$3,997.00 | \$122,185.00 | \$547,227.00 | \$695,754.00 |
| 13 | Hudson Presbyterian Church | Hudson | OH | \$52,850.00 | \$393,780.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$166,970.00 | \$570,750.00 | \$602,850.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$612,850.00 | \$10,750.00 |
| 14 | Knox Presbyterian Church | Kenmore | NY | \$87,747.00 | 474143 | \$42,987.00 | \$0.00 | \$517,130.00 | \$355,329.00 | \$134,064.00 | \$34,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,727.00 | \$565,620.00 | \$39,257.00 |
| 15 | Lancaster Presbyterian Church | Lancaster | NY | \$44,668.00 | \$446,020.00 | \$52,577.00 | \$60,197.00 | \$558,794.00 | \$459,721.00 | \$49,671.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,489.00 | \$25,255.00 | \$547,136.00 | \$56,326.00 |
| 16 | Lighthouse Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Richmond | OH | \$28,625.00 | \$122,808.00 | \$0.00 | \$50,324.00 | \$173,132.00 | \$91,698.00 | \$14,972.00 | \$384.00 | \$897.00 | \$4,047.00 | \$0.00 | \$111,101.00 | \$90,656.00 |
| 17 | Mansfield First Presbyterian Church | Mansfield | OH | \$0.00 | \$210,866.00 | \$0.00 | \$52,331.00 | \$263,197.00 | \$289,494.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$19,893.00 | \$309,387.00 | (\$46,190.00) |
| 18 | Memorial Park Presbyterian Church | Allison Park | PA | \$480,503.00 | \$2,267,542.00 | \$1,234,646.00 | \$791,547.00 | \$4,293,735.00 | \$2,820,261.00 | \$415,660.00 | \$15,082.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$19,740.00 | \$590,639.00 | \$3,861,382.00 | \$912,856.00 |
| 19 | Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Homeworth | OH | \$150,133.00 | \$127,588.00 | \$42,102.00 | \$16,557.00 | \$186,247.00 | \$111,223.00 | \$21,492.00 | \$1,370.00 | \$3,151.00 | \$6,538.00 | \$17,015.00 | \$157,638.00 | \$178,742.00 |
| 20 | Mount Perry Presbyterian Church | Mount Perry | OH | | \$66,152.00 | \$484,215.00 | \$89,509.00 | \$550,367.00 | \$69,791.00 | \$3,714.00 | | \$2,185.00 | | \$6,500.00 | \$82,190.00 | \$468,177.00 |
| 21 | Mountville Presbyterian Church | Portersville | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 22 | Mt. Pleasant Church | Aliquippa | PA | (\$12,467.00) | \$309,033.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,732.00 | \$312,765.00 | \$99,455.00 | \$151,703.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,402.00 | \$2,402.00 | \$29,247.00 | \$282,807.00 | \$17,491.00 |
| 23 | New Bedford Presbyterian Church | Pulaski | PA | \$152,443.00 | \$261,747.00 | \$21,021.00 | \$0.00 | \$282,768.00 | \$194,431.00 | \$29,928.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$44,851.00 | \$269,210.00 | \$166,001.00 |
| 24 | New City Church (mission church) | Pittsburgh | PA | | \$17,697.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,716.00 | \$49,193.00 | \$23,210.00 | | | \$0.00 | | | \$23,210.00 | \$25,983.00 |
| 25 | New Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church | New Castle | PA | \$123,738.00 | \$240,150.00 | \$44,556.00 | \$42,861.00 | \$365,813.00 | \$207,124.00 | \$36,594.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$4,669.00 | \$13,121.00 | \$35,517.00 | \$294,856.00 | \$194,695.00 |
| 26 | New Hope Church | Pittsburgh | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 27 | North Park EPC | Wexford | PA | \$670,714.00 | \$1,204,982.00 | \$0.00 | \$161,670.00 | \$1,366,652.00 | \$1,218,866.00 | \$56,193.00 | \$4,374.00 | \$9,003.00 | \$25,201.00 | \$85,907.00 | \$1,390,541.00 | \$646,825.00 |
| 28 | Peters Creek Presbyterian Church | Venetia | PA | \$214,718.00 | \$449,711.00 | \$56,562.00 | \$33,725.00 | \$559,998.00 | \$464,213.00 | \$47,234.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$4,588.00 | \$23,036.00 | \$542,071.00 | \$212,645.00 |
| 29 | Shiloh Presbyterian Church | St. Marys | PA | \$133,809.00 | \$215,176.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,999.00 | \$222,175.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,140.00 | \$4,140.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,140.00 | \$351,844.00 |
| 30 | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church | Somerset | PA | \$326,282.00 | \$712,431.00 | \$434,781.00 | \$111,913.00 | \$1,259,125.00 | \$529,693.00 | \$258,663.00 | \$12,410.00 | \$8,993.00 | \$9,993.00 | \$147,427.00 | \$958,186.00 | \$627,221.00 |
| 31 | Starkdale Presbyterian Church | Wintersville | OH | \$228,672.00 | \$351,212.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,157.00 | \$375,369.00 | \$353,869.00 | \$37,026.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$51,944.00 | \$443,339.00 | \$160,702.00 |
| 32 | Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Youngstown | OH | | | | | | | | | \$9,090.75 | | | | |
| 33 | The Presbyterian Church of Portersville | Portersville | PA | \$88,792.00 | \$199,105.00 | \$13,347.00 | \$192.00 | \$215,044.00 | \$152,251.00 | \$21,980.00 | \$4,446.00 | \$4,140.00 | \$4,640.00 | \$40,884.00 | \$224,201.00 | \$79,635.00 |
| 34 | Westminster Community Church | Canton | OH | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 35 | Zion Presbyterian Church | Niagara Falls | NY | | | | | | | | | \$567.32 | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$4,768,490.00 | \$15,502,445.00 | \$3,524,580.00 | \$2,296,080.00 | \$21,334,451.00 | \$14,810,525.00 | \$2,327,092.00 | \$102,216.00 | \$96,138.07 | \$163,003.00 | \$2,183,211.00 | \$19,588,232.00 | \$6,514,709.00 |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown | Bakerstown | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 2 | Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church | Pittsburgh | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 3 | Round Hill Presbyterian Church | Elizabeth | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|--|---------------|-------|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 Bay Presbyterian Church | Bay Village | OH | 1888 | 1691 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 10 | 18 | 202 | 8 | 1385 | 1549 | 539 | 438 | 774 | 28 | 0 | |
| 2 Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church^ | Enon Valley | PA | | 255 | | | | | | | | | | 118 | | 118 | 37 | | | |
| 3 Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Pittsburgh | PA | 361 | 267 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 117 | 252 | 258 | 182 | 188 | 0 | 5 | 1 | |
| 4 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Ligonier | PA | 449 | 452 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 200 | 94 | 95 | 62 | 4 | 2 | |
| 5 Covenant Presbyterian Church^ | Sharon | PA | | 311 | | | | | | | | | | 207 | | 22 | 0 | | | |
| 6 CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church** | Beaver Falls | PA | 159 | 147 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 104 | 103 | 30 | 34 | 21 | 3 | 0 | |
| 7 Faith Fellowship | Johnstown | OH | 127 | 127 | | | | | | | | | | 200 | 200 | 82 | 82 | | | |
| 8 First Presbyterian Church** | Beaver | PA | 745 | 788 | 18 | 0 | 24 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 800 | 800 | 397 | 400 | 0 | 17 | 6 | |
| 9 Fort Palmer Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Bolivar | PA | 121 | 131 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 90 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 10 Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh ^NWEPC | Pittsburgh | PA | 41 | 41 | | | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | | | | | | |
| 11 Gateway Community EPC^ | Slippery Rock | PA | | 48 | | | | | | | | | | 185 | | 70 | 0 | | | |
| 12 Hickory United Presbyterian Church^ | Hickory | PA | | 385 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | | 250 | | 136 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| 13 Hudson Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Hudson | OH | 210 | 232 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 170 | 60 | 70 | 17 | 2 | 0 | |
| 14 Knox Presbyterian Church^ | Kenmore | NY | | 231 | | | | | | | | | | 160 | | 45 | 12 | | | |
| 15 Lancaster Presbyterian Church** | Lancaster | NY | 504 | 504 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 245 | 68 | 94 | 87 | 5 | 0 | |
| 16 Lighthouse Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Richmond | OH | 33 | 44 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 55 | 18 | 18 | 13 | 7 | 6 | |
| 17 Mansfield First Presbyterian Church^ | Mansfield | OH | | 325 | | | | | | | | | | 120 | | 42 | 90 | | | |
| 18 Memorial Park Presbyterian Church | Allison Park | PA | 1555 | 1554 | 3 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 26 | 14 | 914 | 895 | 257 | 275 | 288 | 17 | 1 | |
| 19 Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Homeworth | OH | 141 | 137 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 82 | 81 | 83 | 67 | 11 | 0 | 0 | |
| 20 Mount Perry Presbyterian Church^ | Mount Perry | OH | | 96 | | | | | | | | | | 68 | | 26 | 0 | | | |
| 21 Mountville Presbyterian Church^ | Portersville | PA | | 113 | | | | | | | | | | 68 | | | | | | |
| 22 Mt. Pleasant Church^ | Aliquippa | PA | | 208 | | | | | | | | | | 238 | | 82 | 35 | | | |
| 23 New Bedford Presbyterian Church^ | Pulaski | PA | | 237 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | | 180 | | 52 | 24 | 3 | 1 | |
| 24 New City Church (mission church)^ | Pittsburgh | PA | | 50 | | | | | | | | | | 50 | | | | | | |
| 25 New Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church** | New Castle | PA | 211 | 193 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 174 | 167 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 26 New Hope Church | Pittsburgh | PA | 96 | 96 | | | | | | | | | 120 | 120 | 46 | 46 | | | | |
| 27 North Park EPC** | Wexford | PA | 398 | 373 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 384 | 391 | 196 | 190 | 51 | 13 | 2 | |
| 28 Peters Creek Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Venetia | PA | 448 | 307 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 150 | 0 | 164 | 149 | 55 | 41 | 59 | 2 | 0 | |
| 29 Shiloh Presbyterian Church | St. Marys | PA | | 181 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 95 | 87 | 27 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 30 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church | Somerset | PA | 387 | 413 | 21 | 11 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 364 | 385 | 208 | 233 | 82 | 2 | 1 | |
| 31 Starkdale Presbyterian Church^ | Wintersville | OH | | 232 | | | | | | | | | | 172 | | 63 | 36 | | | |
| 32 Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Youngstown | OH | 389 | 389 | | | | | | | | | 332 | 332 | 104 | 104 | | | | |
| 33 The Presbyterian Church of Portersville | Portersville | PA | 179 | 172 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 129 | 123 | 105 | 110 | 33 | 1 | 2 | |
| 34 Westminster Community Church^ | Canton | OH | | 116 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | | | | | |
| 35 Zion Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Niagara Falls | NY | 74 | 74 | | | | | | | | | 70 | 74 | 12 | 12 | | | | |
| TOTALS* | | | 7,261 | 10,920 | 105 | 81 | 115 | 75 | 90 | 99 | 434 | 154 | 5,293 | 8,400 | 2,345 | 3,282 | 1,817 | 113 | 23 | |
| CHURCHES OF RECORD DEC. 31 | | | 15 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Shiloh Presbyterian Church**</i> | St. Marys | PA | 189 | | | | | | | | | | 95 | | 38 | | | | | |
| 1 First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown^ | Bakerstown | PA | | 794 | | | | | | | | | | 348 | | | | | | |
| 2 Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church^ | Pittsburgh | PA | | 596 | | | | | | | | | | 345 | | | | | | |
| 3 Round Hill Presbyterian Church^ | Elizabeth | PA | | 148 | | | | | | | | | | 82 | | 40 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | 189 | 1,538 | | | | | | | | | 95 | 775 | 38 | 40 | | | | |
| CHURCHES OF RECORD DEC. 31 | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Italicized church name</i> = received from transitional membership in 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|---|----------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 All Saints Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | | | | | | | | | \$747.74 | | | | |
| 2 Atoka Presbyterian Church | Atoka | TN | \$33,000.00 | \$114,293.00 | \$1,925.00 | \$0.00 | \$116,218.00 | \$89,267.00 | \$11,642.00 | \$1,136.00 | \$1,633.00 | \$9,983.00 | \$5,400.00 | \$117,428.00 | \$31,790.00 |
| 3 Central Presbyterian Church | Huntsville | AL | \$533,821.00 | \$649,921.00 | \$263,794.00 | \$437,165.00 | \$1,350,880.00 | \$799,461.00 | \$179,719.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,800.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$151,629.00 | \$1,142,809.00 | \$741,892.00 |
| 4 Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Houston | TX | \$769,816.00 | \$2,338,866.00 | \$409,276.00 | \$427,841.00 | \$3,175,983.00 | \$2,047,231.00 | \$195,986.00 | \$10,464.00 | \$15,042.00 | \$29,469.00 | \$608,377.00 | \$2,891,527.00 | \$1,054,272.00 |
| 5 City of Refuge (EPC) | Houston | TX | \$80,704.00 | \$563,548.00 | \$3,143.00 | \$119,411.00 | \$686,102.00 | \$693,677.00 | \$11,176.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$70.00 | \$705,223.00 | \$61,583.00 |
| 6 Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Katy | TX | \$140,070.00 | \$442,536.00 | \$1,439.00 | \$6,849.00 | \$450,824.00 | \$392,017.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,648.00 | \$2,369.00 | \$5,069.00 | \$45,536.00 | \$444,270.00 | \$146,624.00 |
| 7 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Columbus | MS | \$23,605.00 | \$88,716.00 | \$5,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$94,316.00 | \$75,990.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,176.00 | \$2,321.00 | \$5,825.00 | \$102,136.00 | \$15,785.00 |
| 8 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Jackson | MS | \$443,844.00 | \$1,491,058.00 | \$6,350.00 | \$49,736.00 | \$1,547,144.00 | \$871,537.00 | \$67,211.00 | \$7,700.00 | \$12,395.00 | \$29,260.00 | \$595,353.00 | \$1,571,061.00 | \$419,927.00 |
| 9 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Mobile | AL | \$11,050.00 | \$282,503.00 | \$0.00 | \$40.00 | \$282,543.00 | \$108,456.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$108,456.00 | \$185,137.00 |
| 10 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Monroe | LA | \$75,733.00 | \$473,580.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$473,580.00 | \$369,103.00 | \$8,325.00 | \$2,560.00 | \$3,841.00 | \$39,374.00 | \$0.00 | \$419,362.00 | \$129,951.00 |
| 11 Crosspointe Church | Carrollton | TX | \$24,012.00 | \$219,784.00 | \$127,450.00 | \$0.00 | \$360,909.00 | \$271,753.00 | \$103,412.00 | \$750.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$377,415.00 | \$7,506.00 |
| 12 Downtown Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | \$108,657.00 | \$267,608.00 | \$0.00 | \$235,487.00 | \$503,095.00 | \$481,885.00 | \$16,881.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,300.00 | \$12,242.00 | \$514,308.00 | \$97,444.00 |
| 13 Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Marshall | Marshall | TX | \$253,141.00 | \$298,034.00 | \$325.00 | \$438.00 | \$298,797.00 | \$247,317.00 | \$21,000.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$34,203.00 | \$12,301.00 | \$316,621.00 | \$235,317.00 |
| 14 Faith Church Brownsville | Brownsville | TX | \$1,504.00 | 49710 | \$0.00 | \$12,345.00 | \$62,055.00 | \$57,247.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$480.00 | \$480.00 | \$0.00 | \$57,727.00 | \$5,832.00 |
| 15 Faith Presbyterian Church | Covington | LA | \$62,200.00 | \$217,864.00 | \$26,642.00 | \$916.00 | \$257,422.00 | \$191,776.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,630.00 | \$26,551.00 | \$223,457.00 | \$96,165.00 |
| 16 Faith Presbyterian Church | Germantown | TN | \$72,333.00 | \$465,769.00 | \$119,257.00 | \$0.00 | \$585,026.00 | \$430,759.00 | \$119,257.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$12,500.00 | \$574,016.00 | \$83,343.00 |
| 17 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Anna | IL | \$104,327.00 | \$337,021.00 | \$73,372.00 | \$77,982.00 | \$488,375.00 | \$328,474.00 | \$131,915.00 | \$3,368.00 | \$4,882.00 | \$16,027.00 | \$12.00 | \$479,796.00 | \$112,906.00 |
| 18 First Presbyterian Church | Adamsville | TN | | | | | | | | | | | | \$552.00 | |
| 19 First Presbyterian Church | Baton Rouge | LA | \$1,132,252.00 | \$2,736,618.00 | \$1,111,619.00 | \$269,214.00 | \$4,117,451.00 | \$2,934,726.00 | \$692,003.00 | \$33,473.00 | \$35,720.00 | \$35,720.00 | \$231,265.00 | \$3,927,187.00 | \$1,322,516.00 |
| 20 First Presbyterian Church | Corinth | MS | \$3,040.00 | \$953,397.00 | \$26,416.00 | \$0.00 | \$979,813.00 | \$854,852.00 | \$7,375.00 | \$7,815.00 | \$7,485.00 | \$24,965.00 | \$65,766.00 | \$960,773.00 | \$22,080.00 |
| 21 First Presbyterian Church | Covington | TN | (\$17,963.00) | \$279,114.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$906.00 | \$281,620.00 | \$315,549.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,622.00 | \$5,290.00 | \$324,461.00 | (\$60,804.00) |
| 22 First Presbyterian Church | Greenfield | TN | \$36,965.00 | \$136,382.00 | \$0.00 | \$42.00 | \$136,424.00 | \$139,093.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$139,093.00 | \$34,296.00 |
| 23 First Presbyterian Church | Houma | LA | \$4,325.00 | \$86,061.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,909.00 | \$126,970.00 | \$94,327.00 | \$10,404.00 | \$800.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$3,675.00 | \$6,319.00 | \$115,525.00 | \$15,770.00 |
| 24 First Presbyterian Church | Meridian | MS | \$621,088.00 | \$888,488.00 | \$206,989.00 | \$5,571.00 | \$1,101,048.00 | \$781,140.00 | \$18,885.00 | \$6,880.00 | \$9,890.00 | \$27,640.00 | \$69,871.00 | \$904,416.00 | \$817,720.00 |
| 25 First Presbyterian Church | New Madrid | MO | \$32,000.00 | \$24,537.00 | \$870.00 | \$88.00 | \$25,495.00 | \$24,769.00 | \$0.00 | \$422.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,191.00 | \$32,304.00 |
| 26 First Presbyterian Church | Ocean Springs | MS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 First Presbyterian Church | Opelika | AL | \$49,154.00 | \$395,566.00 | \$495,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$890,566.00 | \$308,587.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$5,462.00 | \$12,315.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$362,702.00 | \$577,018.00 |
| 28 First Presbyterian Church | Pascagoula | MS | \$257,940.00 | \$552,600.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$9,288.00 | \$581,888.00 | \$540,831.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,755.00 | \$5,778.00 | \$41,200.00 | \$787,809.00 | \$52,019.00 |
| 29 First Presbyterian Church | Ripley | TN | | | | | | | | | | | | \$483.00 | |
| 30 First Presbyterian Church | Tallassee | AL | \$23,483.00 | \$68,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,625.00 | \$75,625.00 | \$64,597.00 | \$6,800.00 | \$1,292.00 | \$1,292.00 | \$1,742.00 | \$650.00 | \$75,081.00 | \$24,027.00 |
| 31 First Presbyterian Church | Thibodaux | LA | \$0.00 | \$97,507.00 | \$0.00 | \$14,546.00 | \$112,053.00 | \$148,962.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,036.00 | \$1,792.00 | \$1,919.00 | \$1,168.00 | \$153,085.00 | (\$41,032.00) |
| 32 First Presbyterian Church | Trenton | TN | \$89,274.00 | \$261,362.00 | \$397,087.00 | \$33,506.00 | \$691,955.00 | \$429,013.00 | \$373,087.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,853.00 | \$13,351.00 | \$0.00 | \$815,451.00 | (\$34,222.00) |
| 33 First Presbyterian Church | Vicksburg | MS | \$96,512.00 | \$587,494.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$587,494.00 | \$629,474.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,535.00 | \$0.00 | \$634,009.00 | \$49,997.00 |
| 34 First Presbyterian Church | West Memphis | AR | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 First Presbyterian Church | West Point | MS | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$3,933.00 |
| 36 First Presbyterian Church - Lake Jackson | Lake Jackson | TX | \$837,741.00 | \$537,102.00 | \$398,634.00 | \$68,213.00 | \$1,003,949.00 | \$603,105.00 | \$701,234.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$610.00 | \$71,427.00 | \$1,376,376.00 | \$465,314.00 |
| 37 First Presbyterian Church of Laredo | Laredo | TX | \$79,979.00 | \$31,836.00 | \$3,250.00 | \$10,999.00 | \$46,085.00 | \$39,011.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,852.00 | \$0.00 | \$49,363.00 | \$76,701.00 |
| 38 First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson | Port Gibson | MS | | | | | | | | | | | | \$593.00 | |
| 39 First Presbyterian Church of Waskom | Waskom | TX | \$7,365.00 | \$95,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$95,900.00 | \$96,070.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$96,070.00 | \$7,195.00 |
| 40 Fruitland Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Jackson | TN | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 Genesis Presbyterian Church | Mercedes | TX | \$5,554.00 | \$47,647.00 | \$5,884.00 | \$8,805.00 | \$74,240.00 | \$57,952.00 | \$0.00 | \$784.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$1,198.00 | \$447.00 | \$60,381.00 | \$19,413.00 |
| 42 Golden Rule Presbyterian Church | Elysian Fields | TX | \$46,276.00 | \$92,483.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$3,553.00 | \$106,036.00 | \$93,475.00 | \$1,232.00 | \$720.00 | \$1,012.00 | \$1,012.00 | \$3,346.00 | \$99,785.00 | \$52,527.00 |
| 43 Grace @ Bell Road | Montgomery | AL | \$27,058.00 | \$340,780.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,600.00 | \$350,380.00 | \$225,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,978.00 | \$9,886.00 | \$8,200.00 | \$243,086.00 | \$134,352.00 |
| 44 Grace Chapel EPC | Madison | MS | \$251,546.00 | \$497,389.00 | \$326,155.00 | \$22,770.00 | \$846,314.00 | \$415,168.00 | \$228,789.00 | \$3,728.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$7,539.00 | \$26,221.00 | \$681,445.00 | \$416,415.00 |
| 45 Grace Presbyterian Church | Alexandria | LA | \$110,835.00 | \$459,499.00 | \$150,370.00 | \$3,954.00 | \$613,823.00 | \$444,352.00 | \$35,350.00 | \$4,050.00 | \$5,865.00 | \$7,265.00 | \$19,934.00 | \$510,951.00 | \$213,707.00 |
| 46 Graceminster Presbyterian Church | Monroe | LA | \$106,276.00 | \$100,608.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,230.00 | \$103,838.00 | \$93,251.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,664.00 | \$95,915.00 | \$114,199.00 |
| 47 Highland Heights Presbyterian Church | Cordova | TN | \$94,855.00 | \$426,855.00 | \$68,295.00 | \$197,539.00 | \$692,689.00 | \$600,983.00 | \$62,406.00 | \$6,410.00 | \$5,405.00 | \$9,190.00 | \$6,794.00 | \$685,783.00 | \$101,761.00 |
| 48 Hope Church | San Antonio | TX | \$446,621.00 | \$176,489.00 | \$548,826.00 | \$2,150.00 | \$727,465.00 | \$209,736.00 | \$764,783.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$983,419.00 | \$190,667.00 |
| 49 Hope Church Carbondale | Carbondale | IL | \$116,160.00 | \$225,333.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$225,333.00 | \$175,015.00 | \$13,788.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,426.00 | \$1,426.00 | \$4,869.00 | \$195,098.00 | \$146,395.00 |
| 50 Jesus Reigns Presbyterian Church | Brownsville | TX | \$0.00 | \$11,273.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,648.00 | \$19,921.00 | \$7,132.00 | \$0.00 | \$390.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$7,722.00 | \$12,199.00 |
| 51 Lakeside Presbyterian Church | Brandon | MS | \$90,777.00 | \$1,079,411.00 | \$685.00 | \$19,178.00 | \$1,099,274.00 | \$1,032,071.00 | \$4,278.00 | \$8,700.00 | \$11,088.00 | \$40,938.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,086,007.00 | \$104,044.00 |
| 52 Mason Presbyterian Church | Mason | TN | | | | | | | | | | | | \$276.00 | |
| 53 Memorial Presbyterian Church | San Augustine | TX | \$46,866.00 | \$72,585.00 | \$0.00 | \$65,778.00 | \$138,363.00 | \$139,363.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$139,863.00 | \$45,366.00 |

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| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism |
|----|--|----------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | All Saints Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | 56 | 56 | | | | | | | | | 95 | 95 | 18 | 18 | | | |
| 2 | Atoka Presbyterian Church | Atoka | TN | 72 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 75 | 40 | 40 | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | Central Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Huntsville | AL | 292 | 312 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 189 | 191 | 85 | 90 | 41 | 6 | 0 |
| 4 | Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Houston | TX | 652 | 693 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 401 | 406 | 337 | 336 | 175 | 13 | 1 |
| 5 | City of Refuge (EPC) | Houston | TX | 259 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 110 | 0 | 209 | 237 | 144 | 91 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 6 | Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Katy | TX | 101 | 97 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 106 | 105 | 0 | 70 | 54 | 3 | 0 |
| 7 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Columbus | MS | 49 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 33 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Jackson | MS | 385 | 382 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 197 | 104 | 109 | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Covenant Presbyterian Church^ | Mobile | AL | | 128 | | | | | | | | | | 100 | | 75 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Covenant Presbyterian Church** | Monroe | LA | 157 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 125 | 150 | 60 | 70 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | Crosspointe Church | Carrollton | TX | 81 | 69 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 77 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 |
| 12 | Downtown Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | 52 | 97 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| 13 | Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Marshall | Marshall | TX | 107 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 87 | 78 | 53 | 44 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Faith Church Brownsville ^NWEPC | Brownsville | TX | 23 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Faith Presbyterian Church | Covington | LA | 68 | 73 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 63 | 67 | 45 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 0 |
| 16 | Faith Presbyterian Church | Germantown | TN | 294 | 317 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 142 | 148 | 110 | 110 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 17 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Anna | IL | 201 | 205 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 159 | 150 | 134 | 103 | 35 | 2 | 2 |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Adamsville | TN | 24 | 24 | | | | | | | | | 18 | 18 | | | | | |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church | Baton Rouge | LA | 1517 | 1589 | 2 | 20 | 31 | 68 | 6 | 18 | 7 | 20 | 764 | 756 | 439 | 466 | 265 | 19 | 3 |
| 20 | First Presbyterian Church | Corinth | MS | 483 | 485 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 9 | 28 | 1 | 209 | 220 | 124 | 129 | 57 | 8 | 5 |
| 21 | First Presbyterian Church | Covington | TN | 339 | 321 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 119 | 124 | 86 | 71 | 42 | 6 | 0 |
| 22 | First Presbyterian Church | Greenfield | TN | 103 | 107 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 76 | 41 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | First Presbyterian Church | Houma | LA | 54 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 39 | 40 | 23 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 24 | First Presbyterian Church | Meridian | MS | 440 | 349 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 114 | 0 | 244 | 245 | 135 | 186 | 24 | 7 | 1 |
| 25 | First Presbyterian Church^ | New Madrid | MO | | 23 | | | | | | | | | | 16 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Ocean Springs | MS | | 491 | | | | | | | | | | 311 | | 150 | 95 | 13 | 2 |
| 27 | First Presbyterian Church | Opelika | AL | 236 | 304 | 6 | 3 | 58 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 355 | 80 | 95 | 48 | 8 | 5 |
| 28 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Pascagoula | MS | | 355 | | | | | | | | | | 187 | | 130 | 70 | 3 | 0 |
| 29 | First Presbyterian Church** | Ripley | TN | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | First Presbyterian Church** | Tallassee | AL | 33 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 21 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | First Presbyterian Church | Thibodaux | LA | 91 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 62 | 59 | 44 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | First Presbyterian Church | Trenton | TN | 211 | 219 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 165 | 101 | 113 | 23 | 5 | 2 |
| 33 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Vicksburg | MS | | 357 | | | | | | | | | | 240 | | 225 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 34 | First Presbyterian Church^ | West Memphis | AR | | 208 | | | | | | | | | | 95 | | | | | |
| 35 | First Presbyterian Church | West Point | MS | 171 | 171 | | | | | | | | | 102 | 102 | 83 | 83 | | | |
| 36 | First Presbyterian Church - Lake Jackson^ | Lake Jackson | TX | | 490 | | | | | | | | | | 291 | | 145 | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| 37 | First Presbyterian Church of Laredo | Laredo | TX | 14 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson^ | Port Gibson | MS | | 102 | | | | | | | | | | 120 | | | | | |
| 39 | First Presbyterian Church of Waskom | Waskom | TX | 68 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 35 | 25 | 25 | 23 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Fruitland Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Jackson | TN | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | | | |
| 41 | Genesis Presbyterian Church^ | Mercedes | TX | | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 42 | Golden Rule Presbyterian Church | Elysian Fields | TX | 44 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | Grace @ Bell Road** | Montgomery | AL | 81 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 79 | 51 | 56 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 44 | Grace Chapel EPC** | Madison | MS | 232 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 170 | 0 | 144 | 83 | 2 | 0 |
| 45 | Grace Presbyterian Church | Alexandria | LA | 256 | 266 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 225 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 5 | 0 |
| | Grace Reformed Church~ | Prattville | AS | 13 | | | | | | | | | | 15 | | | | | | |
| 46 | Graceminster Presbyterian Church^ | Monroe | LA | | 60 | | | | | | | | | | 45 | | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 47 | Highland Heights Presbyterian Church | Cordova | TN | 235 | 239 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 151 | 149 | 0 | 63 | 35 | 1 | 0 |
| 48 | Hope Church | San Antonio | TX | 130 | 78 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 82 | 97 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 2 | 1 |
| 49 | Hope Church Carbondale | Carbondale | IL | 62 | 67 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 85 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| | Hope Presbyterian Church^ | Cordova | TN | 6857 | | | | | | | | | | 8133 | | | 4084 | | | |
| 50 | Jesus Reigns Presbyterian Church^ | Brownsville | TX | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 51 | Lakeside Presbyterian Church | Brandon | MS | 484 | 490 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 296 | 274 | | 195 | 102 | 1 | 0 |
| 52 | Mason Presbyterian Church ^National | Mason | TN | 12 | 12 | | | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | | | | | |
| 53 | Memorial Presbyterian Church^ | San Augustine | TX | | 52 | | | | | | | | | | 33 | | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|----|----------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 54 | Mt. Sharon Presbyterian Church | Adamsville | TN | \$6,900.00 | \$33,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,023.00 | \$40,323.00 | \$26,500.00 | \$3,507.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$0.00 | \$31,134.00 | \$16,089.00 |
| 55 | New Covenant Presbyterian Church | Mandeville | LA | \$110,350.00 | \$439,381.00 | \$121,322.00 | \$26,175.00 | \$586,878.00 | \$363,412.00 | \$115,000.00 | \$2,657.00 | \$2,897.00 | \$2,897.00 | \$51,900.00 | \$535,866.00 | \$161,362.00 |
| 56 | New Covenant Presbyterian Church | Natchez | MS | \$86,015.00 | \$93,739.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,003.00 | \$94,742.00 | \$89,529.00 | \$0.00 | \$480.00 | \$690.00 | \$3,585.00 | \$4,792.00 | \$98,386.00 | \$82,371.00 |
| 57 | One Hope Presbyterian | Longview | TX | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 58 | Pineywoods Presbyterian Church | Nacogdoches | TX | \$34,020.00 | \$80,010.00 | \$616.00 | \$0.00 | \$80,626.00 | \$39,047.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,047.00 | \$74,599.00 |
| 59 | Restoration Church | Munford | TN | \$106,000.00 | \$243,159.00 | \$44,374.00 | \$54,345.00 | \$341,878.00 | \$262,337.00 | \$97,297.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,599.00 | \$2,599.00 | \$5,400.00 | \$367,633.00 | \$80,245.00 |
| 60 | River Church South | Gonzales | LA | \$14,143.00 | \$129,048.00 | \$0.00 | \$80.00 | \$146,628.00 | \$158,753.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$158,853.00 | \$1,918.00 |
| 61 | River Community Church | Prairieville | LA | | | | | | | | | \$2,507.00 | | | | |
| 62 | San Benito Presbyterian Church | San Benito | TX | \$0.00 | \$73,172.00 | \$11,515.00 | \$0.00 | \$101,461.00 | \$56,589.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,794.00 | \$2,044.00 | \$0.00 | \$58,633.00 | \$42,828.00 |
| 63 | Scotland Presbyterian Church | Junction City | AR | \$104,137.00 | \$73,316.00 | | \$28,890.00 | \$102,206.00 | \$35,886.00 | \$13,479.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$672.00 | \$1,072.00 | \$11,450.00 | \$64,887.00 | \$141,456.00 |
| 64 | Second Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | \$0.00 | \$13,664,190.00 | \$472,984.00 | \$2,336,318.00 | \$16,473,492.00 | \$9,520,141.00 | \$97,280.00 | \$60,355.00 | \$80,730.00 | \$210,258.00 | \$6,319,659.00 | \$16,207,693.00 | \$265,799.00 |
| 65 | St. Patrick Presbyterian Church | Collierville | TN | \$262,416.00 | \$603,264.00 | \$13,105.00 | \$49,469.00 | \$665,838.00 | \$597,888.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$4,875.00 | \$4,875.00 | \$49,725.00 | \$654,288.00 | \$273,966.00 |
| 66 | Sylvania Presbyterian Church | Ward | AR | \$187,709.00 | \$46,694.00 | \$11,183.00 | \$956.00 | \$58,833.00 | \$30,647.00 | \$36,886.00 | \$840.00 | \$1,357.00 | \$1,357.00 | \$0.00 | \$69,730.00 | \$176,812.00 |
| 67 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Texarkana | TX | \$73,277.00 | \$146,939.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,755.00 | \$182,694.00 | \$166,915.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,424.00 | \$2,047.00 | \$2,397.00 | \$9,309.00 | \$180,045.00 | \$75,926.00 |
| 68 | Tunica Presbyterian Church | Tunica | MS | \$183,445.00 | \$292,603.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$292,603.00 | \$146,917.00 | \$38,432.00 | \$2,032.00 | \$3,175.00 | \$10,806.00 | \$60,678.00 | \$258,865.00 | \$217,183.00 |
| 69 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Gulfport | MS | \$0.00 | \$324,210.00 | \$4,170.00 | \$17,281.00 | \$345,661.00 | \$293,820.00 | \$1,692.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,261.00 | \$335,773.00 | \$9,888.00 |
| 70 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Laurel | MS | \$675,278.00 | \$835,504.00 | \$0.00 | (\$1,681.00) | \$833,823.00 | \$685,581.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,400.00 | \$29,280.00 | \$0.00 | \$714,861.00 | \$794,240.00 |
| 71 | Wiggins Presbyterian Church | Wiggins | MS | | | | | | | | | \$874.00 | | | | |
| 72 | Woodland Presbyterian Church | New Orleans | LA | \$274,411.00 | \$494,187.00 | \$10,857.00 | \$50,007.00 | \$555,051.00 | \$471,633.00 | \$67,143.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,554.00 | \$7,654.00 | \$66,474.00 | \$612,904.00 | \$216,558.00 |
| 73 | Yokena Presbyterian Church | Vicksburg | MS | \$22,023.00 | \$39,031.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,209.00 | \$41,240.00 | \$42,648.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$345.00 | \$345.00 | \$4,250.00 | \$47,243.00 | \$16,020.00 |
| | TOTALS | | | \$9,473,920.00 | \$37,174,874.00 | \$5,500,379.00 | \$4,775,152.00 | \$47,529,258.00 | \$31,941,797.00 | \$4,480,154.00 | \$191,814.00 | \$276,845.74 | \$699,390.00 | \$8,705,325.00 | \$46,018,500.00 | \$10,984,678.00 |

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|---|--|---------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 54 | Mt. Sharon Presbyterian Church** ^National | Adamsville | TN | 41 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 50 | 20 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 55 | New Covenant Presbyterian Church** | Mandeville | LA | 226 | 212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 200 | 180 | 93 | 112 | 64 | 4 | 0 |
| 56 | New Covenant Presbyterian Church | Natchez | MS | 29 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 25 | 16 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 57 | One Hope Presbyterian^ | Longview | TX | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | | |
| 58 | Pineywoods Presbyterian Church^ | Nacogdoches | TX | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | 15 | | | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 59 | Restoration Church | Munford | TN | 113 | 107 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 184 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 12 | 2 |
| 60 | River Church South | Gonzales | LA | 64 | 79 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 55 | 50 | 31 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 12 |
| 61 | River Community Church** | Prairieville | LA | 111 | 99 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 160 | 160 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 62 | San Benito Presbyterian Church^ | San Benito | TX | | 86 | | | | | | | | | | 65 | | 50 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 63 | Scotland Presbyterian Church | Junction City | AR | 40 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 | | 14 | | 0 | 0 |
| 64 | Second Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | 3294 | 3287 | 13 | 47 | 44 | 42 | 50 | 47 | 70 | 0 | 1714 | 1940 | 1226 | 1468 | 894 | 53 | 3 |
| 65 | St. Patrick Presbyterian Church | Collierville | TN | 305 | 297 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 222 | 192 | 158 | 160 | 94 | 3 | 0 |
| 66 | Sylvania Presbyterian Church** | Ward | AR | 60 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 31 | 12 | 8 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| 67 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Texarkana | TX | 85 | 85 | | | | | | | | | 45 | 45 | 17 | 17 | | | |
| 68 | Tunica Presbyterian Church | Tunica | MS | 127 | 119 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 75 | 77 | 84 | 82 | 31 | 4 | 0 |
| 69 | Westminster Presbyterian Church^ | Gulfport | MS | | 197 | | | | | | | | | | 117 | | 35 | 47 | 7 | 0 |
| 70 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Laurel | MS | 269 | 269 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 186 | 0 | 164 | 38 | 1 | 0 |
| 71 | Wiggins Presbyterian Church^ | Wiggins | MS | | 38 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | | | | |
| 72 | Woodland Presbyterian Church | New Orleans | LA | 198 | 179 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 154 | 131 | 72 | 70 | 20 | 4 | 0 |
| 73 | Yokena Presbyterian Church^ | Vicksburg | MS | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | 18 | | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS* | | | 19,705 | 15,790 | 78 | 180 | 372 | 347 | 169 | 160 | 533 | 141 | 16,409 | 10,617 | 4,131 | 10,087 | 2,716 | 223 | 43 |
| | CHURCHES OF RECORD DEC. 31 | | | 53 | 73 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~Dissolved during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery ^Dismissed to Presbytery of the West (G.5-5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|----|---|------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Argyle Presbyterian Church | Argyle | NY | \$24,744.00 | \$283,993.00 | \$66,170.00 | \$18,839.00 | \$369,002.00 | \$220,028.00 | \$42,301.00 | \$2,250.00 | \$5,175.00 | \$6,925.00 | \$30,444.00 | \$301,948.00 | \$91,798.00 |
| 2 | Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Voorhees | NJ | \$76,988.00 | \$356,288.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$13,842.00 | \$385,130.00 | \$322,684.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,864.00 | \$10,464.00 | \$35,190.00 | \$383,338.00 | \$78,780.00 |
| 3 | Bellevue Presbyterian Church | Gap | PA | \$28,932.00 | \$465,884.00 | \$21,653.00 | \$70,672.00 | \$558,209.00 | \$430,437.00 | \$13,632.00 | \$4,485.00 | \$10,419.00 | \$16,519.00 | \$73,316.00 | \$538,389.00 | \$48,752.00 |
| 4 | Bethany Evangelical Church | Havertown | PA | \$0.00 | \$475,111.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,161.00 | \$508,032.00 | \$440,140.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,739.00 | \$3,739.00 | \$92,000.00 | \$535,879.00 | (\$27,847.00) |
| 5 | Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church | Glen Rock | PA | | | | | | | | | \$1,466.25 | | | | |
| 6 | Christ Community Church, EPC | Highland Lakes | NJ | \$24,042.00 | \$53,750.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$6,010.00 | \$62,160.00 | \$31,350.00 | \$20,100.00 | \$510.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$2,300.00 | \$56,360.00 | \$29,842.00 |
| 7 | Christ the King EPC | Westfield | MA | \$34,410.00 | \$104,508.00 | \$3,050.00 | \$1,511.00 | \$109,069.00 | \$101,601.00 | \$3,690.00 | \$630.00 | \$1,449.00 | \$2,449.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$111,170.00 | \$32,309.00 |
| 8 | Church of Occoquan Valley (mission church) | Kingstowne | VA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 9 | Circleville Presbyterian Church | Circleville | NY | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 10 | Closer to God Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Newark | NJ | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Covenant Presbyterian Church (The Barn) | Simsbury | CT | \$59,622.00 | \$405,844.00 | \$0.00 | \$48,172.00 | \$454,016.00 | \$404,762.00 | \$0.00 | \$511.00 | \$1,966.00 | \$3,166.00 | \$49,232.00 | \$457,671.00 | \$55,967.00 |
| 12 | Dundalk Presbyterian Church | Dundalk | MD | \$31,803.00 | \$196,842.00 | \$0.00 | \$65,309.00 | \$262,151.00 | \$254,411.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$915.00 | \$915.00 | \$1,350.00 | \$256,676.00 | \$37,278.00 |
| 13 | Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kingstowne | VA | \$375,590.00 | \$1,188,225.00 | \$6,325.00 | \$1,641.00 | \$1,196,191.00 | \$757,034.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,393.00 | \$7,642.00 | \$58,699.00 | \$63,549.00 | \$882,675.00 | \$689,106.00 |
| 14 | First Presbyterian Church | Westtown | NY | \$37,228.00 | \$52,932.00 | \$12,014.00 | \$5,862.00 | \$70,808.00 | \$54,348.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$54,348.00 | \$53,688.00 |
| 15 | First Presbyterian Church of Milford | Milford | PA | \$0.00 | \$290,926.00 | \$0.00 | \$79,638.00 | \$370,564.00 | \$314,778.00 | \$27,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,425.00 | \$362,703.00 | \$7,861.00 |
| 16 | Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church | Glenmoore | PA | | | | | | | | | \$4,658.00 | | | | |
| 17 | Fourth Presbyterian Church | Bethesda | MD | \$1,539,330.00 | \$4,738,526.00 | \$1,753,392.00 | \$462,799.00 | \$6,954,717.00 | \$5,439,991.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$63,700.00 | \$802,384.00 | \$6,318,075.00 | \$2,175,972.00 |
| 18 | Goodwill Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Montgomery | NY | \$471,997.00 | \$1,344,982.00 | \$83,823.00 | \$47,088.00 | \$1,475,893.00 | \$1,304,143.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,594.00 | \$26,894.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,331,037.00 | \$616,853.00 |
| 19 | Grace Covenant | Malvern | PA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 20 | Grace Presbyterian Church | Pennington | NJ | \$7,211.00 | \$55,124.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$78,839.00 | \$58,126.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$58,126.00 | \$27,924.00 |
| 21 | Great Valley Presbyterian Church | Malvern | PA | \$319,190.00 | \$614,506.00 | \$16,821.00 | \$37,491.00 | \$695,427.00 | \$478,765.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,290.00 | \$7,567.00 | \$9,787.00 | \$175,353.00 | \$667,195.00 | \$347,422.00 |
| 22 | Living Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Haymarket | VA | \$68,298.00 | \$246,637.00 | \$25,990.00 | \$33,079.00 | \$305,706.00 | \$216,290.00 | \$0.00 | \$560.00 | \$1,357.00 | \$8,357.00 | \$29,176.00 | \$254,383.00 | \$119,621.00 |
| 23 | Manoa Community Church | Havertown | PA | | | | | | | | | \$3,639.36 | | | | |
| 24 | Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church | East Stroudsburg | PA | \$169,527.00 | \$202,736.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,586.00 | \$225,322.00 | \$254,799.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$21,102.00 | \$275,901.00 | \$118,948.00 |
| 25 | North Point EPC (mission church) | Danvers | MA | \$4,661.00 | \$41,067.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,439.00 | \$55,506.00 | \$34,142.00 | \$18,102.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$54,644.00 | \$5,523.00 |
| 26 | Orchard Christian Fellowship | Londonderry | NH | \$284,573.00 | \$520,526.00 | \$449,660.00 | \$0.00 | \$970,186.00 | \$591,674.00 | \$421,825.00 | \$680.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$7,250.00 | \$41,225.00 | \$1,062,654.00 | \$192,105.00 |
| 27 | Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Oreland | PA | \$114,610.00 | \$815,552.00 | \$0.00 | \$83,969.00 | \$899,521.00 | \$539,563.00 | \$17,967.00 | \$3,860.00 | \$8,878.00 | \$35,501.00 | \$263,163.00 | \$860,054.00 | \$154,077.00 |
| 28 | Park Avenue Community Church | Somerdale | NJ | \$202.00 | \$83,612.00 | \$9,416.00 | \$27,950.00 | \$142,378.00 | \$75,122.00 | \$37,473.00 | \$430.00 | \$0.00 | \$270.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$116,095.00 | \$26,485.00 |
| 29 | Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square | Kennett Square | PA | \$347,700.00 | \$215,462.00 | \$6,505.00 | \$58,909.00 | \$280,876.00 | \$256,478.00 | \$4,905.00 | \$1,130.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | \$49,093.00 | \$311,856.00 | \$316,720.00 |
| 30 | Princetown Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Duanesburg | NY | \$92,867.00 | \$485,990.00 | \$32,116.00 | \$0.00 | \$518,106.00 | \$375,824.00 | \$50,853.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$6,302.00 | \$7,447.00 | \$43,550.00 | \$480,474.00 | \$130,499.00 |
| 31 | Reston Presbyterian Church | Reston | VA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 32 | The Church at Ridgebury | Slate Hill | NY | \$46,887.00 | \$44,342.00 | \$0.00 | \$14,843.00 | \$59,185.00 | \$73,383.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$552.00 | \$1,552.00 | \$5,168.00 | \$80,103.00 | \$25,969.00 |
| 33 | Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church | Parkesburg | PA | \$140,642.00 | \$400,968.00 | \$2,263.00 | \$34,937.00 | \$438,168.00 | \$291,986.00 | \$35,894.00 | \$2,356.00 | \$5,421.00 | \$7,309.00 | \$125,341.00 | \$462,886.00 | \$115,924.00 |
| | TOTALS | | | \$4,301,054.00 | \$13,684,333.00 | \$2,506,598.00 | \$1,149,747.00 | \$17,445,162.00 | \$13,321,859.00 | \$709,242.00 | \$38,885.00 | \$96,203.61 | \$274,493.00 | \$1,930,161.00 | \$16,274,640.00 | \$5,471,576.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF THE EAST - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|--|--|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | Argyle Presbyterian Church | Argyle | NY | 227 | 223 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 235 | 224 | 160 | 160 | 85 | 4 | 0 | |
| 2 | Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Voorhees | NJ | 162 | 172 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 195 | 161 | 64 | 0 | 39 | 2 | 0 | |
| 3 | Bellevue Presbyterian Church | Gap | PA | 453 | 415 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 43 | 0 | 265 | 270 | 139 | 122 | 69 | 4 | 0 | |
| 4 | Bethany Evangelical Church^ | Havertown | PA | | 267 | | | | | | | | | | 236 | | 121 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 5 | Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church | Glen Rock | PA | 96 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 95 | 40 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | |
| 6 | Christ Community Church, EPC** | Highland Lakes | NJ | 58 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 41 | 38 | 24 | 18 | 9 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7 | Christ the King EPC | Westfield | MA | 63 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 60 | 62 | 26 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 8 | Church of Occoquan Valley (mission church) | Kingstowne | VA | 39 | 39 | | | | | | | | | 37 | 37 | 35 | 35 | | | | |
| 9 | Circleville Presbyterian Church | Circleville | NY | 60 | | | | | | | | | | 100 | 100 | 34 | 34 | | | | |
| 10 | Closer to God Evangelical Presbyterian Church^ | Newark | NJ | | 72 | | | | | | | | | | 110 | | | | | | |
| 11 | Covenant Presbyterian Church (The Barn) | Simsbury | CT | 171 | 153 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 0 | 171 | 147 | 85 | 95 | 21 | 3 | 1 | |
| 12 | Dundalk Presbyterian Church | Dundalk | MD | 185 | 85 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 103 | 0 | 97 | 100 | 81 | 49 | 23 | 0 | 5 | |
| 13 | Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kingstowne | VA | 369 | 365 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 245 | 255 | 93 | 100 | 35 | 3 | 2 | |
| 14 | First Presbyterian Church | Westtown | NY | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 34 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| 15 | First Presbyterian Church of Milford | Milford | PA | 197 | 167 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 19 | 137 | 120 | 67 | 84 | 25 | 3 | 3 | |
| 16 | Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church | Glenmoore | PA | 197 | 197 | | | | | | | | | 150 | 150 | 74 | 74 | | | | |
| 17 | Fourth Presbyterian Church | Bethesda | MD | 2813 | 2739 | 42 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 28 | 80 | 11 | 1450 | 1475 | 1305 | 1325 | 0 | 24 | 8 | |
| 18 | Goodwill Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Montgomery | NY | 724 | 713 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 828 | 713 | 0 | 0 | 248 | 11 | 6 | |
| 19 | Grace Covenant^ | Malvern | PA | | 211 | | | | | | | | | | 192 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 20 | Grace Presbyterian Church | Pennington | NJ | 30 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| 21 | Great Valley Presbyterian Church | Malvern | PA | 327 | 272 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 32 | 29 | 230 | 204 | 118 | 118 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 22 | Living Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Haymarket | VA | 59 | 57 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 80 | 84 | 42 | 61 | 27 | 7 | 0 | |
| 23 | Manoa Community Church^ | Havertown | PA | | 232 | | | | | | | | | | 160 | | | | | | |
| 24 | Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church^ | East Stroudsburg | PA | | 179 | | | | | | | | | | 197 | | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25 | North Point EPC (mission church)^ | Danvers | MA | 24 | 29 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 43 | | 19 | 6 | 3 | 0 | |
| 26 | Orchard Christian Fellowship ^NWEPC | Londonderry | NH | 275 | 203 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 65 | 6 | 225 | 208 | 75 | 85 | 114 | 4 | 0 | |
| 27 | Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Oreland | PA | 386 | 383 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 211 | 237 | 127 | 131 | 56 | 3 | 1 | |
| 28 | Park Avenue Community Church | Somerdale | NJ | 41 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 38 | 15 | 16 | -1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 29 | Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square^ | Kennett Square | PA | | 109 | | | | | | | | | | 86 | | | 21 | 1 | 0 | |
| 30 | Princetown Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Duanesburg | NY | 274 | 276 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 293 | 288 | 158 | 164 | 64 | 2 | 0 | |
| 31 | Reston Presbyterian Church | Reston | VA | 110 | 110 | | | | | | | | | 103 | 103 | 35 | 35 | | | | |
| 32 | The Church at Ridgebury | Slate Hill | NY | 24 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 28 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 33 | Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church | Parkesburg | PA | 233 | 219 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 136 | 136 | 90 | 65 | 49 | 1 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 7,373 | 8,291 | 97 | 59 | 43 | 70 | 60 | 91 | 427 | 91 | 5,349 | 6,366 | 2,814 | 2,997 | 913 | 83 | 28 | |
| | CHURCHES OF RECORD DEC. 31 | | | 25 | 33 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *2011 totals do not reflect churches from transitional presbyteries | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|--|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Church of the Lakes | Land O' Lakes | FL | \$12,385.00 | \$111,137.00 | \$14,444.00 | \$905.00 | \$126,486.00 | \$90,547.00 | \$13,889.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,288.00 | \$2,115.00 | \$6,040.00 | \$112,591.00 | \$26,280.00 |
| 2 | City Church of Homestead | Homestead | FL | \$1,775.00 | \$146,998.00 | \$0.00 | \$305,977.00 | \$452,975.00 | \$440,458.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,978.00 | \$1,978.00 | \$0.00 | \$442,436.00 | \$12,314.00 |
| 3 | Cornerstone Bible Church | St. Petersburg | FL | \$31,007.00 | \$330,903.00 | \$11,010.00 | \$100.00 | \$342,013.00 | \$322,520.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$43,458.00 | \$369,478.00 | \$3,542.00 |
| 4 | EPC of Plant City | Plant City | FL | \$279,972.00 | \$641,997.00 | \$8,432.00 | \$71,084.00 | \$721,513.00 | \$670,785.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$18,450.00 | \$42,869.00 | \$734,904.00 | \$266,581.00 |
| 5 | Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Brooksville | FL | \$15,877.00 | \$663,739.00 | \$83,851.00 | \$82,092.00 | \$829,682.00 | \$666,867.00 | \$56,989.00 | \$3,516.00 | \$8,092.00 | \$31,296.00 | \$32,376.00 | \$791,044.00 | \$54,515.00 |
| 6 | Faith Presbyterian Church | Pembroke Pines | FL | | | | | | | | | \$2,603.00 | | | | |
| 7 | First Presbyterian Church of Orlando | Orlando | FL | \$1,401,434.00 | \$6,484,172.00 | \$70,148.00 | \$5,598,371.00 | \$12,152,691.00 | \$10,573,750.00 | \$1,024,933.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$123,914.00 | \$11,723,097.00 | \$1,831,028.00 |
| 8 | Glendale Presbyterian Church | DeFuniak Springs | FL | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 9 | Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Tallahassee | FL | \$3,610.00 | \$65,610.00 | \$0.00 | \$48,192.00 | \$114,602.00 | \$115,763.00 | \$0.00 | \$115.00 | \$276.00 | \$537.00 | \$1,554.00 | \$117,969.00 | \$243.00 |
| 10 | Lucaya Presbyterian Church | Freeport, Grand Bahamas | | | | | | | | | | \$930.00 | | | | |
| 11 | New Covenant EPC | Pompano Beach | FL | \$126,766.00 | \$331,524.00 | \$183,790.00 | \$263,387.00 | \$778,701.00 | \$724,696.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,190.00 | \$751,386.00 | \$154,081.00 |
| 12 | New Hope Presbyterian Church | Ft. Myers | FL | \$574,492.00 | \$1,407,751.00 | \$310,196.00 | \$14,589.00 | \$1,732,536.00 | \$1,296,971.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,400.00 | \$110,769.00 | \$1,411,140.00 | \$895,888.00 |
| 13 | Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship (mission church) | Leesburg | FL | \$0.00 | \$54,141.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$54,141.00 | \$13,573.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,873.00 | \$35,268.00 |
| 14 | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk | Nassau, The Bahamas | | \$35,241.00 | \$276,768.00 | \$0.00 | \$28,828.00 | \$305,596.00 | \$280,939.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,250.00 | \$3,956.00 | \$3,956.00 | \$17,189.00 | \$307,334.00 | \$33,503.00 |
| 15 | Trinity EPC | Stuart | FL | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$2,482,559.00 | \$10,514,740.00 | \$681,871.00 | \$6,413,525.00 | \$17,610,936.00 | \$15,196,869.00 | \$1,095,811.00 | \$16,181.00 | \$26,123.00 | \$69,032.00 | \$402,359.00 | \$16,780,252.00 | \$3,313,243.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | Church of the Lakes | Land O' Lakes | FL | 56 | 60 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 51 | 32 | 35 | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | City Church of Homestead | Homestead | FL | 86 | 82 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 100 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | |
| 3 | Cornerstone Bible Church | St. Petersburg | FL | 102 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 110 | 115 | | 98 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 4 | EPC of Plant City** | Plant City | FL | 336 | 333 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 239 | 217 | 160 | 127 | 39 | 2 | 1 | |
| 5 | Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Brooksville | FL | 370 | 342 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 11 | 455 | 455 | 158 | 134 | 0 | 6 | 5 | |
| 6 | Faith Presbyterian Church^ | Pembroke Pines | FL | | 158 | | | | | | | | | | 120 | | | 65 | 41 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 | First Presbyterian Church of Orlando^ | Orlando | FL | | 3451 | | | | | | | | | | 1800 | | | 414 | 43 | 43 | 4 |
| 8 | Glendale Presbyterian Church | DeFuniak Springs | FL | 84 | 84 | | | | | | | | | 75 | 75 | 42 | 42 | | | | |
| 9 | Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Tallahassee | FL | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 34 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Lucaya Presbyterian Church | Freeport, Grand Bahamas | | 76 | 86 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | New Covenant EPC | Pompano Beach | FL | 409 | 412 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 350 | 50 | 60 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 12 | New Hope Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Ft. Myers | FL | 1064 | 1059 | 0 | 23 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 1 | 637 | 573 | 240 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship (mission church)^ | Leesburg | FL | | 64 | | | | | | | | | | 67 | | | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk | Nassau, The Bahamas | | 172 | 179 | 8 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 100 | 200 | 58 | 96 | 179 | 0 | 11 | |
| 15 | Trinity EPC | Stuart | FL | 13 | 13 | | | | | | | | | 19 | 19 | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 1,727 | 6,453 | 45 | 52 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 35 | 77 | 20 | 1,611 | 4,336 | 507 | 1,139 | 309 | 72 | 25 | |
| | CHURCHES OF RECORD DEC. 31 | | | 11 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *2011 totals do not reflect churches from transitional presbyteries | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF MID-AMERICA - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital- Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital- Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|--|---------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Central Presbyterian Church | St. Louis | MO | \$11,186,325.00 | \$4,429,866.00 | \$1,085,620.00 | \$631,538.00 | \$6,147,024.00 | \$4,297,115.00 | \$342,776.00 | \$26,025.00 | \$23,885.00 | \$41,585.00 | \$654,670.00 | \$5,362,171.00 | \$11,971,178.00 |
| 2 | Covenant Chapel | Leawood | KS | | | | | | | | | \$6,504.00 | | | | |
| 3 | Eastminster Presbyterian Church | Wichita | KS | \$141,440.00 | \$3,536,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$220,000.00 | \$3,756,000.00 | \$2,559,590.00 | \$48,000.00 | \$4,461.00 | \$6,839.00 | \$17,949.00 | \$988,000.00 | \$3,618,000.00 | \$279,440.00 |
| 4 | Faith Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Perryville | MO | \$198.00 | \$34,307.00 | \$49,645.00 | \$8,096.00 | \$92,048.00 | \$23,920.00 | \$44,412.00 | \$0.00 | \$690.00 | \$690.00 | \$0.00 | \$69,022.00 | \$23,224.00 |
| 5 | Gashland Presbyterian Church | Kansas City | MO | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 6 | Grace Community Fellowship | Ottawa | KS | | \$190,588.00 | \$62,717.00 | \$6,904.00 | \$260,209.00 | \$173,775.00 | \$57,012.00 | \$1,950.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$14,577.00 | \$248,614.00 | \$11,595.00 |
| 7 | Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Lawrence | KS | \$390,535.00 | \$1,300,500.00 | \$287,028.00 | \$7,019.00 | \$1,594,547.00 | \$1,271,795.00 | \$75,714.00 | \$6,345.00 | \$10,575.00 | \$10,575.00 | \$184,397.00 | \$1,548,826.00 | \$436,256.00 |
| 8 | Grace Hill Church (mission church) | Nixa | MO | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 9 | Greentree Community Church | Kirkwood | MO | \$657,773.00 | \$1,648,137.00 | \$1,715,614.00 | \$248,555.00 | \$3,612,306.00 | \$1,991,574.00 | \$1,500,903.00 | \$5,550.00 | \$9,246.00 | \$27,246.00 | \$145,803.00 | \$3,671,076.00 | \$599,003.00 |
| 10 | Kirk of the Hills | Tulsa | OK | (\$588,950.00) | \$4,013,236.00 | \$468,668.00 | \$46,551.00 | \$4,528,455.00 | \$3,107,737.00 | \$806,247.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$135,324.00 | \$4,079,308.00 | (\$139,803.00) |
| 11 | Mercy Road Fellowship | St. Peters | MO | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 12 | Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church | Rural Abilene | KS | \$52,779.00 | \$68,013.00 | \$0.00 | \$864.00 | \$68,877.00 | \$43,938.00 | \$5,982.00 | \$310.00 | \$1,242.00 | \$1,242.00 | \$23,686.00 | \$75,158.00 | \$46,498.00 |
| 13 | New Creation Church | Joplin | MO | | | | | | | | | \$1,035.00 | | | | |
| 14 | New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Blue Rapids | KS | \$128,698.00 | \$93,472.00 | \$14,339.00 | \$9,890.00 | \$117,701.00 | \$103,749.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,583.00 | \$2,583.00 | \$3,203.00 | \$620.00 | \$110,155.00 | \$136,244.00 |
| 15 | Riverside Church | St. Louis | MO | \$85,547.00 | \$323,228.00 | \$0.00 | \$35.00 | \$323,263.00 | \$312,088.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,500.00 | \$321,588.00 | \$87,222.00 |
| 16 | Sutter Presbyterian Church | Bridgeton | MO | | | | | | | | | \$2,100.00 | | | | |
| 17 | The Crossing Church | Columbia | MO | | | | | | | | | \$7,200.00 | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$12,054,345.00 | \$15,637,347.00 | \$3,683,631.00 | \$1,179,452.00 | \$20,500,430.00 | \$13,885,281.00 | \$2,881,046.00 | \$57,224.00 | \$93,199.00 | \$123,790.00 | \$2,156,577.00 | \$19,103,918.00 | \$13,450,857.00 |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Lighthouse Presbyterian Church | Paola | KS | \$500,314.00 | \$560,960.00 | \$235,038.00 | \$174.00 | \$796,172.00 | \$464,540.00 | \$151,663.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$6,600.00 | \$9,600.00 | \$10,408.00 | \$637,811.00 | \$658,675.00 |
| 2 | St. Luke Evangelical Church | Newton | KS | \$21,223.00 | \$151,693.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$151,693.00 | \$77,950.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$77,950.00 | \$94,966.00 |
| | TOTALS | | | \$521,537.00 | \$712,653.00 | \$235,038.00 | \$174.00 | \$947,865.00 | \$542,490.00 | \$151,663.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$6,600.00 | \$9,600.00 | \$10,408.00 | \$715,761.00 | \$753,641.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF MID-AMERICA - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism |
|---|---|---------------|-------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Central Presbyterian Church | St. Louis | MO | 1769 | 1808 | 9 | 1 | 40 | 44 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 1255 | 1230 | 515 | 386 | 324 | 39 | 0 |
| 2 | Covenant Chapel** | Leawood | KS | 266 | 233 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 264 | 240 | 201 | 104 | 0 | 10 | 2 |
| 3 | Eastminster Presbyterian Church^ | Wichita | KS | | 1586 | | | | | | | | | 264 | 859 | | 956 | 105 | 4 | 0 |
| | Emmanuel Presbyterian Church~ | Wildwood | MO | 16 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 21 | | | | |
| 4 | Faith Presbyterian Church (mission church)^ | Perryville | MO | | 31 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Gashland Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Kansas City | MO | 561 | 561 | | | | | | | | | 275 | 275 | | | | | |
| | Gateway to Grace~ | St. Louis | MO | 24 | | | | | | | | | | 60 | | | | | | |
| 6 | Grace Community Fellowship | Ottawa | KS | 136 | 142 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 189 | 85 | 86 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Lawrence | KS | 417 | 404 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 817 | 784 | 429 | 414 | 0 | 20 | 3 |
| 8 | Grace Hill Church (mission church) | Nixa | MO | 25 | 25 | | | | | | | | | 25 | 25 | | | | | |
| 9 | Greentree Community Church | Kirkwood | MO | 397 | 394 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 0 | 446 | 420 | 252 | 357 | 28 | 9 | 2 |
| 10 | Kirk of the Hills ^NWEPC | Tulsa | OK | 2182 | 2155 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 13 | 73 | 0 | 1200 | 1060 | 475 | 552 | 649 | 12 | 3 |
| 11 | Mercy Road Fellowship | St. Peters | MO | 35 | 35 | | | | | | | | | 55 | 55 | | | | | |
| 12 | Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church | Rural Abilene | KS | 54 | 60 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 57 | 36 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | New Creation Church | Joplin | MO | 49 | 49 | | | | | | | | | 80 | 80 | 32 | 32 | | | |
| 14 | New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church** | Blue Rapids | KS | 71 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 64 | 55 | 37 | 27 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 15 | Riverside Church | St. Louis | MO | 110 | 101 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 130 | 105 | 152 | 140 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | Sutter Presbyterian Church | Bridgeton | MO | 115 | 115 | | | | | | | | | 72 | 72 | 58 | 58 | | | |
| 17 | The Crossing Church | Columbia | MO | 1500 | 1500 | | | | | | | | | 2500 | 2500 | 1150 | 1150 | | | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 4,984 | 9,261 | 27 | 13 | 79 | 123 | 29 | 40 | 185 | 46 | 6,043 | 8,041 | 2,968 | 4,321 | 1,114 | 99 | 13 |
| | Churches of Record | | | 15 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Lighthouse Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC | Paola | KS | 382 | 407 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 239 | 257 | 122 | 129 | 20 | 3 | 5 |
| 2 | St. Luke Evangelical Church | Newton | KS | 84 | 89 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 70 | 45 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | TOTALS* | | | 84 | 496 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 327 | 45 | 181 | 20 | 3 | 11 |
| | Churches of Record | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries | | | | | | | National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | |

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|---|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Asbury Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Westfield | NC | \$259,000.00 | \$36,464.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$13,813.00 | \$51,377.00 | \$58,942.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$5,100.00 | \$66,742.00 | \$243,635.00 |
| 2 Benton Heights Presbyterian Church | Monroe | NC | \$37,293.00 | \$35,282.00 | \$9,902.00 | \$13,593.00 | \$378,777.00 | \$332,696.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$33,183.00 | \$365,879.00 | \$50,191.00 |
| 3 Bethlehem Presbyterian Church | Monroe | NC | \$113,000.00 | \$195,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$277,000.00 | \$235,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$22,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$257,000.00 | \$123,000.00 |
| 4 Castanea Presbyterian Church | Stanley | NC | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 5 Christ Church EPC | Anderson | SC | \$3,586.00 | \$341,278.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,245.00 | \$348,523.00 | \$305,256.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,116.00 | \$2,116.00 | \$2,116.00 | \$11,833.00 | \$321,321.00 | \$30,788.00 |
| 6 Christ Community Church - Montreat | Montreat | NC | \$202,682.00 | \$1,422,740.00 | \$0.00 | \$162,737.00 | \$1,600,177.00 | \$1,222,114.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,202.00 | \$13,202.00 | \$31,513.00 | \$167,896.00 | \$1,434,725.00 | \$368,134.00 |
| 7 Christ Covenant Community Church (mission church) | Fredericksburg | VA | \$139,748.00 | \$158,008.00 | \$5,803.00 | \$31,750.00 | \$195,561.00 | \$154,336.00 | \$5,488.00 | \$575.00 | \$625.00 | \$625.00 | \$21,400.00 | \$182,424.00 | \$152,885.00 |
| 8 Christ Fellowship Church | Southern Pines | NC | \$7,846.00 | \$118,054.00 | \$6,550.00 | \$15,342.00 | \$139,946.00 | \$117,320.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,935.00 | \$100.00 | \$127,555.00 | \$20,237.00 |
| 9 Church at Dutch Fork | Irmo | SC | \$26,340.00 | \$118,055.00 | \$1,570.00 | \$9,596.00 | \$129,221.00 | \$135,207.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$4,900.00 | \$140,407.00 | \$15,154.00 |
| 10 Cleveland Presbyterian Church | Abingdon | VA | \$55,240.00 | \$84,723.00 | \$12,826.00 | \$1,537.00 | \$99,086.00 | \$76,154.00 | \$15,667.00 | \$1,417.00 | \$1,702.00 | \$1,702.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$97,340.00 | \$56,986.00 |
| 11 Clover Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Clover | SC | \$4,214.00 | \$21,575.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$21,575.00 | \$21,605.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$641.00 | \$22,246.00 | \$3,543.00 |
| 12 Darlington Presbyterian Church | Darlington | SC | \$1,724.00 | \$481,077.00 | \$117,362.00 | \$62,744.00 | \$661,183.00 | \$594,246.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,187.00 | \$58,600.00 | \$654,033.00 | \$8,874.00 |
| 13 Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton | Elkton | VA | \$6,223.00 | \$336,451.00 | \$9,500.00 | \$202.00 | \$346,153.00 | \$275,634.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$11,000.00 | \$16,239.00 | \$308,873.00 | \$43,503.00 |
| 14 Faith Liberation Christian Community Church | Charlotte | NC | \$4,381.00 | \$50,130.00 | \$15,611.00 | \$6,279.00 | \$72,020.00 | \$49,834.00 | \$1,626.00 | \$522.00 | \$644.00 | \$644.00 | \$6,418.00 | \$59,074.00 | \$17,327.00 |
| 15 Fellowship of Christ | Cary | NC | \$107,851.00 | \$609,097.00 | \$27,561.00 | \$128,468.00 | \$765,126.00 | \$525,060.00 | \$27,561.00 | \$2,806.00 | \$3,050.00 | \$12,750.00 | \$126,050.00 | \$694,227.00 | \$178,750.00 |
| 16 Forest Hills Presbyterian Church | Wilson | NC | \$33,541.00 | \$105,909.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,560.00 | \$115,469.00 | \$109,772.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$750.00 | \$113,522.00 | \$35,488.00 |
| 17 Grace EPC (mission church) | Hampstead | NC | \$202,916.00 | \$218,700.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,103.00 | \$219,803.00 | \$189,147.00 | \$163,623.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$700.00 | \$353,620.00 | \$69,099.00 |
| 18 Greenwood Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Covington | VA | \$93,961.00 | \$56,723.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$56,723.00 | \$100,480.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,115.00 | \$805.00 | \$1,115.00 | \$0.00 | \$127,710.00 | \$47,974.00 |
| 19 Hope Church | Raleigh | NC | \$300,040.00 | \$150,304.00 | \$130,572.00 | \$153,661.00 | \$434,537.00 | \$293,912.00 | \$124,754.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$1,127.00 | \$2,570.00 | \$423,490.00 | \$311,087.00 |
| 20 Hope Church | Richmond | VA | (\$1,120,646.00) | \$2,331,471.00 | \$1,191,505.00 | \$508,578.00 | \$4,031,554.00 | \$2,128,833.00 | \$301,953.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$20,500.00 | \$151,749.00 | \$2,612,035.00 | \$298,873.00 |
| 21 iSight Church | Black Mountain | NC | | | | | | | | | \$1,035.00 | | | | |
| 22 Kempsville Presbyterian Church | Virginia Beach | VA | \$50,567.00 | \$2,186,589.00 | \$9,944.00 | \$538,998.00 | \$2,735,531.00 | \$2,525,323.00 | \$20,666.00 | \$7,468.00 | \$11,772.00 | \$64,275.00 | \$100,398.00 | \$2,718,130.00 | \$67,968.00 |
| 23 Lake Forest Church | Huntersville | NC | \$1,322,074.00 | \$2,029,152.00 | \$411,161.00 | \$1,744.00 | \$2,439,057.00 | \$1,748,786.00 | \$1,096,375.00 | \$17,250.00 | \$17,250.00 | \$199,115.00 | \$3,082,276.00 | \$678,855.00 | |
| 24 Lebanon Presbyterian Church | Greenwood | VA | \$333,777.00 | \$195,545.00 | \$39,525.00 | \$807.00 | \$235,877.00 | \$136,604.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$2,116.00 | \$6,601.00 | \$69,091.00 | \$214,396.00 | \$355,258.00 |
| 25 Linwood Presbyterian Church | Gastonia | NC | \$0.00 | \$47,171.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$47,171.00 | \$28,477.00 | \$13,216.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,136.00 | \$6,386.00 | \$400.00 | \$48,479.00 | (\$1,308.00) |
| 26 McBee Presbyterian Church | McBee | SC | \$30,725.00 | \$160,830.00 | \$29,858.00 | \$4,585.00 | \$195,273.00 | \$79,653.00 | \$30,140.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,403.00 | \$1,403.00 | \$33,109.00 | \$144,305.00 | \$81,693.00 |
| 27 McLean Presbyterian Church | Ellerbe | NC | \$46,096.00 | \$59,475.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$59,475.00 | \$38,331.00 | \$10,758.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$58,089.00 | \$47,482.00 |
| 28 Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church | Wilmington | NC | \$239,392.00 | \$1,156,036.00 | \$18,850.00 | \$84,367.00 | \$1,259,253.00 | \$916,343.00 | \$39,851.00 | \$9,240.00 | \$9,240.00 | \$13,310.00 | \$22,741.00 | \$1,206,493.00 | \$292,684.00 |
| 29 New Covenant Church | Burgaw | NC | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 30 Northampton Presbyterian Church | Hampton | VA | \$25,833.00 | \$155,027.00 | \$571.00 | \$2,996.00 | \$158,594.00 | \$153,759.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,426.00 | \$1,426.00 | \$8,236.00 | \$6,215.00 | \$169,636.00 | \$14,791.00 |
| 31 Overbrook Presbyterian Church | Gaffney | SC | \$144,450.00 | \$128,953.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,065.00 | \$131,018.00 | \$127,734.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,400.00 | \$4,202.00 | \$138,486.00 | \$136,982.00 |
| 32 Peace Church | Durham | NC | \$7,371.00 | \$115,595.00 | \$31,895.00 | \$2,136.00 | \$149,626.00 | \$95,703.00 | \$26,912.00 | \$0.00 | \$598.00 | \$1,716.00 | \$0.00 | \$124,331.00 | \$32,666.00 |
| 33 Perrow Presbyterian Church | Cross Lanes | WV | \$45,675.00 | \$451,755.00 | \$0.00 | \$713.00 | \$452,468.00 | \$357,930.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,928.00 | \$2,760.00 | \$5,860.00 | \$100,588.00 | \$467,306.00 | \$30,837.00 |
| 34 Princeton Presbyterian Church | Princeton | WV | \$42,386.00 | \$242,869.00 | \$8,259.00 | \$5,068.00 | \$256,196.00 | \$236,444.00 | \$11,648.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$440.00 | \$3,363.00 | \$251,895.00 | \$46,687.00 |
| 35 Reynolda Church, EPC | Winston-Salem | NC | \$381,371.00 | \$1,305,689.00 | \$63,716.00 | \$571,413.00 | \$1,940,818.00 | \$1,510,299.00 | \$15,222.00 | \$18,860.00 | \$18,860.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$243,726.00 | \$1,808,967.00 | \$513,222.00 |
| 36 River Oaks Community Church | Clemmons | NC | \$584,234.00 | \$2,106,306.00 | \$11,495.00 | \$1,620.00 | \$2,119,421.00 | \$1,607,132.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,792.00 | \$18,792.00 | \$57,892.00 | \$166,675.00 | \$1,850,491.00 | \$853,164.00 |
| 37 Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Lynchburg | VA | \$702,112.00 | \$1,653,970.00 | \$50,356.00 | \$21,810.00 | \$1,726,136.00 | \$1,171,012.00 | \$31,244.00 | | \$15,996.00 | \$29,223.00 | \$279,922.00 | \$1,511,401.00 | \$916,847.00 |
| 38 Rock Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Greenwood | SC | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 39 Rourk Presbyterian Church | Ellerbe | NC | \$15,929.00 | \$103,185.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$103,185.00 | \$64,062.00 | \$10,377.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$23,753.00 | \$0.00 | \$98,192.00 | \$20,922.00 |
| 40 Siler Presbyterian Church | Wesley Chapel | NC | \$644,477.00 | \$523,295.00 | \$100,458.00 | \$86,616.00 | \$710,369.00 | \$496,957.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,777.00 | \$118,694.00 | \$617,428.00 | \$737,418.00 |
| 41 St. Giles Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Charlotte | NC | \$373,210.00 | \$545,616.00 | \$101,861.00 | \$566.00 | \$648,043.00 | \$432,890.00 | \$5,972.00 | \$6,587.00 | \$6,587.00 | \$9,112.00 | \$89,562.00 | \$544,123.00 | \$477,130.00 |
| 42 Stuart Presbyterian Church | Stuart | VA | \$63,914.00 | \$194,928.00 | \$33,483.00 | \$8,366.00 | \$236,777.00 | \$150,645.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,760.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$8,050.00 | \$165,455.00 | \$135,236.00 |
| 43 Threshold Church | Matthews | NC | \$322,011.00 | \$471,000.00 | \$155,136.00 | \$4,037.00 | \$630,173.00 | \$434,767.00 | \$13,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$451,767.00 | \$500,417.00 |
| 44 Trinity Church (mission church) | Hilton Head Island | SC | \$243,277.00 | \$208,630.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$208,630.00 | \$250,548.00 | \$104,800.00 | \$828.00 | \$828.00 | \$2,928.00 | \$50,803.00 | \$409,907.00 | \$42,000.00 |
| 45 Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Florence | SC | \$185,416.00 | \$1,029,295.00 | \$373,548.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,402,843.00 | \$773,814.00 | \$573,612.00 | \$14,400.00 | \$8,855.00 | \$56,480.16 | \$144,494.00 | \$1,562,800.00 | \$25,459.00 |
| 46 Victoria Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Victoria | VA | \$23,746.00 | \$32,073.00 | \$0.00 | \$59.00 | \$32,132.00 | \$17,641.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,198.00 | \$3,898.00 | \$22,737.00 | \$33,141.00 |
| 47 Village Church | Matthews | NC | \$33,346.00 | \$127,466.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$129,966.00 | \$64,665.00 | \$41,611.00 | \$850.00 | \$850.00 | \$5,650.00 | \$5,768.00 | \$118,544.00 | \$44,768.00 |
| 48 Warehouse 242 | Charlotte | NC | (\$240,526.00) | \$754,454.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$754,554.00 | \$709,897.00 | \$10,773.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$32,505.00 | \$753,175.00 | (\$239,147.00) |
| 49 Warrenton Presbyterian Church | Abbeville | SC | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 50 Waterbrook Community Church | Longs | SC | \$0.00 | \$420,851.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$420,851.00 | \$397,561.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,700.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$16,040.00 | \$419,301.00 | \$1,550.00 |
| 51 Westminster Presbyterian Church | Bluefield | WV | \$85,424.00 | \$523,233.00 | \$13,792.00 | \$169,322.00 | \$706,347.00 | \$599,813.00 | \$26,131.00 | \$7,820.00 | \$7,820.00 | \$66,370.00 | \$42,450.00 | \$742,584.00 | \$49,187.00 |
| 52 Westminster Presbyterian Church | Florence | SC | \$2,862.00 | \$45,088.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,062.00 | \$50,150.00 | \$50,326.00 | \$0.00 | \$597.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$130.00 | \$51,053.00 | \$1,959.00 |
| 53 Woodside Presbyterian Church | Roanoke | VA | | | | | | | | | \$345.00 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | \$6,188,621.00 | \$24,162,117.00 | \$2,995,870.00 | \$2,701,058.00 | \$29,873,745.00 | \$22,102,664.00 | \$2,722,980.00 | \$162,536.00 | \$176,190.04 | \$519,432.16 | \$2,562,468.00 | \$28,088,970.00 | \$7,973,396.00 |

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| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism |
|----|---|--------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Asbury Evangelical Presbyterian Church^ | Westfield | NC | | 50 | | | | | | | | | | 28 | | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Benton Heights Presbyterian Church^ | Monroe | NC | | 384 | | | | | | | | | | 240 | | | 0 | | |
| 3 | Bethlehem Presbyterian Church^ | Monroe | NC | | 122 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | 104 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Castanea Presbyterian Church | Stanley | NC | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | | 65 | 65 | 50 | 50 | | | |
| 5 | Christ Church EPC | Anderson | SC | 118 | 134 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 150 | 95 | 96 | 47 | 4 | 1 |
| 6 | Christ Community Church - Montreat | Montreat | NC | 574 | 585 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 488 | 503 | 440 | 389 | 77 | 7 | 0 |
| 7 | Christ Covenant Community Church (mission church) | Fredericksburg | VA | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | | 87 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 | Christ Fellowship Church | Southern Pines | NC | 62 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Church at Dutch Fork | Irmo | SC | 72 | 65 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 77 | 40 | 42 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| 10 | Cleveland Presbyterian Church | Abingdon | VA | 74 | 75 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 63 | 35 | 32 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Clover Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Clover | SC | 51 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 | Darlington Presbyterian Church^ | Darlington | SC | | 391 | | | | | | | | | | 172 | | 105 | 56 | 5 | 0 |
| 13 | Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton | Elkton | VA | 196 | 206 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 142 | 105 | 105 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 | Faith Liberation Christian Community Church | Charlotte | NC | 27 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 15 | Fellowship of Christ | Cary | NC | 133 | 133 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 260 | 260 | 95 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Forest Hills Presbyterian Church | Wilson | NC | 87 | 85 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 70 | 73 | 30 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Grace EPC (mission church) | Hampstead | NC | 75 | 93 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 0 |
| 18 | Greenwood Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Covington | VA | 35 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 38 | 23 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | Hope Church** | Raleigh | NC | 47 | 53 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 49 | 45 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 | Hope Church | Richmond | VA | 521 | 640 | 5 | 0 | 76 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 1048 | 1439 | 286 | 421 | 0 | 17 | 22 |
| 21 | iSight Church | Black Mountain | NC | 45 | 45 | | | | | | | | | 135 | 135 | 34 | 34 | | | |
| 22 | Kempsville Presbyterian Church | Virginia Beach | VA | 1255 | 1243 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 837 | 682 | 411 | 258 | 65 | 12 | 3 |
| 23 | Lake Forest Church | Huntersville | NC | 1052 | 1152 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1655 | 1750 | 0 | 0 | 171 | 22 | 29 |
| 24 | Lebanon Presbyterian Church | Greenwood | VA | 92 | 86 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 120 | 120 | 80 | 80 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 25 | Linwood Presbyterian Church | Gastonia | NC | 53 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | McBee Presbyterian Church^ | McBee | SC | | 61 | | | | | | | | | | 41 | | 40 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 27 | McLean Presbyterian Church | Ellerbe | NC | 57 | 63 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 46 | 31 | 33 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| 28 | Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church | Wilmington | NC | 641 | 562 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 23 | 6 | 10 | 96 | 13 | 475 | 400 | 400 | 325 | 27 | 6 | 7 |
| 29 | New Covenant Church | Burgaw | NC | 58 | 58 | | | | | | | | | 75 | 75 | 43 | 43 | | | |
| 30 | Northampton Presbyterian Church | Hampton | VA | 53 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Overbrook Presbyterian Church | Gaffney | SC | 50 | 50 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 50 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| 32 | Peace Church | Durham | NC | 23 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 29 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | Perrow Presbyterian Church | Cross Lanes | WV | 136 | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 140 | 59 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | Princeton Presbyterian Church^ | Princeton | WV | | 158 | | | | | | | | | | 71 | | 56 | 18 | 3 | 0 |
| 35 | Reynolda Church, EPC | Winston-Salem | NC | 816 | 891 | 3 | 0 | 31 | 50 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 691 | 686 | 370 | 344 | 102 | 10 | 1 |
| 36 | River Oaks Community Church | Clemmons | NC | 968 | 993 | 6 | 4 | 43 | 47 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 57 | 1522 | 1295 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 39 |
| 37 | Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Lynchburg | VA | 787 | 845 | 3 | 15 | 36 | 26 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 601 | 644 | 371 | 465 | 381 | 7 | 2 |
| 38 | Rock Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Greenwood | SC | 49 | 49 | | | | | | | | | 36 | 36 | 11 | 11 | | | |
| 39 | Rourk Presbyterian Church | Ellerbe | NC | 80 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 66 | 63 | 45 | 40 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Siler Presbyterian Church^ | Wesley Chapel | NC | | 506 | | | | | | | | | | 325 | | 147 | 140 | 5 | 1 |
| 41 | St. Giles Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Charlotte | NC | 288 | 295 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 218 | 0 | 145 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 42 | Stuart Presbyterian Church | Stuart | VA | 130 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 110 | 22 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | Threshold Church | Matthews | NC | 147 | 161 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 272 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 44 | Trinity Church (mission church) | Hilton Head Island | SC | 36 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 40 | 45 | 15 | 24 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 45 | Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Florence | SC | 386 | 365 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 37 | 1 | 329 | 326 | 221 | 153 | 188 | 5 | 0 |
| 46 | Victoria Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Victoria | VA | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 47 | Village Church | Matthews | NC | 31 | 31 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 24 | 29 | 0 | 1 |
| 48 | Warehouse 242 | Charlotte | NC | 186 | 195 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 500 | 400 | 170 | 185 | 48 | 14 | 4 |
| 49 | Warrenton Presbyterian Church^ | Abbeville | SC | | 70 | | | | | | | | | | 40 | | | | | |
| 50 | Waterbrook Community Church | Longs | SC | 292 | 297 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 13 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 350 | 380 | 89 | 93 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| 51 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Bluefield | WV | 337 | 301 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 0 | 195 | 204 | 70 | 89 | 24 | 1 | 0 |
| 52 | Westminster Presbyterian Church^ | Florence | SC | | 32 | | | | | | | | | | 21 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 53 | Woodside Presbyterian Church | Roanoke | VA | 30 | 30 | | | | | | | | | 30 | 30 | 26 | 26 | | | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 10,269 | 12,362 | 72 | 43 | 266 | 407 | 81 | 57 | 255 | 102 | 11,256 | 12,369 | 3,822 | 4,237 | 1,516 | 147 | 126 |
| | Churches of Record | | | 44 | 53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|---|------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Centre Presbyterian Church | Mooreville | NC | \$79,203.00 | \$389,731.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$389,731.00 | \$221,219.00 | \$79,945.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$70,816.00 | \$371,980.00 | \$96,954.00 |
| 2 Hurley Presbyterian Church | Hurley | VA | \$0.00 | \$7,895.00 | \$0.00 | \$519.00 | \$8,414.00 | \$17,712.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,712.00 | (\$9,298.00) |
| 3 Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Norton | VA | \$0.00 | \$164,773.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$174,773.00 | \$74,392.00 | \$69,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,470.00 | \$144,912.00 | \$29,861.00 |
| 4 Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Hurley | VA | \$23,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$52,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$52,000.00 | \$31,000.00 |
| 5 Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church | Marion | VA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | \$102,203.00 | \$622,399.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,519.00 | \$632,918.00 | \$365,323.00 | \$148,995.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$72,286.00 | \$586,604.00 | \$148,517.00 |

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| Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|---|------------|-------|--------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|---|---------------|-------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Centre Presbyterian Church | Mooreville | NC | | 178 | | | | | | | | | | 140 | | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 Hurley Presbyterian Church | Hurley | VA | | 11 | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3 Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Norton | VA | | 27 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Hurley | VA | | 41 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 5 Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church | Marion | VA | | 17 | | | | | | | | | | 13 | | | | | | |
| TOTALS* | | | | 274 | | | | | | | | | | 231 | | 123 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Churches of Record | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries | | | | National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|---|---------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Attica-Williamsport Presbyterian Church | Attica | IN | \$32,506.00 | \$102,437.00 | \$0.00 | \$32,882.00 | \$135,319.00 | \$108,204.00 | \$11,327.00 | \$880.00 | \$2,200.00 | \$2,700.00 | \$16,926.00 | \$140,037.00 | \$27,788.00 |
| 2 | Calvary Presbyterian Church | Flint | MI | | | | | | | | | \$7,360.00 | | | | |
| 3 | Church by the Woods | Sharonville | OH | \$60,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$86,000.00 | \$126,000.00 | \$121,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$121,000.00 | \$65,000.00 |
| 4 | College Corner Presbyterian Church | College Corner | OH | \$167,756.00 | \$122,725.00 | \$0.00 | \$37,000.00 | \$159,725.00 | \$104,000.00 | \$46,400.00 | \$4,630.00 | \$3,105.00 | \$4,630.00 | \$12,175.00 | \$171,835.00 | \$155,646.00 |
| 5 | Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Owosso | MI | \$142,691.00 | \$336,598.00 | \$0.00 | \$26,216.00 | \$362,814.00 | \$203,141.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,143.00 | \$2,668.00 | \$5,668.00 | \$78,149.00 | \$288,101.00 | \$217,404.00 |
| 6 | Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Brighton | MI | \$5,283,498.00 | \$3,985,122.00 | \$0.00 | \$716,300.00 | \$4,701,422.00 | \$3,585,087.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,079.00 | \$54,000.00 | \$240,341.00 | \$892,620.00 | \$4,738,127.00 | \$5,246,793.00 |
| 7 | Covenant Church | West Lafayette | IN | \$219,921.00 | \$2,074,329.00 | \$14,195.00 | \$274,442.00 | \$2,362,966.00 | \$1,513,241.00 | \$16,254.00 | \$8,650.00 | \$20,191.00 | \$24,191.00 | \$579,300.00 | \$2,141,636.00 | \$441,251.00 |
| 8 | Covenant Community Church | Ann Arbor | MI | \$42,810.00 | \$204,916.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,305.00 | \$211,221.00 | \$137,426.00 | \$0.00 | \$302.00 | \$2,070.00 | \$3,095.00 | \$72,714.00 | \$213,537.00 | \$40,494.00 |
| 9 | Evangelical Community Church | Cincinnati | OH | \$343,368.00 | \$604,448.00 | \$21,129.00 | \$13,863.00 | \$639,440.00 | \$525,791.00 | \$104,897.00 | \$1,950.00 | \$4,485.00 | \$10,485.00 | \$59,000.00 | \$702,123.00 | \$280,685.00 |
| 10 | Faith Church EPC | Rochester | MI | | | | | | | | | \$5,000.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Faith Presbyterian Church | West Lafayette | IN | \$133,882.00 | \$178,293.00 | \$0.00 | \$64,273.00 | \$242,566.00 | \$153,187.00 | \$10,504.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$32,000.00 | \$195,691.00 | \$180,757.00 |
| 12 | Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church | South Lyon | MI | \$117,464.00 | \$422,859.00 | \$83,233.00 | \$91,955.00 | \$598,047.00 | \$435,266.00 | \$54,628.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$45,300.00 | \$29,975.00 | \$567,169.00 | \$148,342.00 |
| 13 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Battle Creek | MI | \$11,339.00 | \$18,499.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,499.00 | \$16,617.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$207.00 | \$207.00 | \$0.00 | \$16,824.00 | \$8,711.00 |
| 14 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Frankfort | IN | \$19,797.00 | \$504,575.00 | \$0.00 | \$26,537.00 | \$531,112.00 | \$335,339.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,025.00 | \$6,670.00 | \$6,755.00 | \$120,521.00 | \$465,640.00 | \$85,269.00 |
| 15 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kokomo | IN | \$79,237.00 | \$818,487.00 | \$0.00 | \$75,385.00 | \$893,872.00 | \$943,729.00 | \$22,927.00 | \$3,200.00 | \$10,028.00 | \$15,081.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$991,937.00 | (\$18,828.00) |
| 16 | First Presbyterian Church | Paulding | OH | \$46,125.00 | \$180,264.00 | \$0.00 | \$32,104.00 | \$212,368.00 | \$119,612.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,162.00 | \$7,048.00 | \$29,720.00 | \$156,380.00 | \$102,113.00 |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church | South Charleston | OH | \$69,722.00 | \$261,092.00 | \$46,692.00 | \$15,463.00 | \$323,247.00 | \$293,327.00 | \$68,953.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,200.00 | \$5,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$368,080.00 | \$24,889.00 |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Trenton | MI | \$691,242.00 | \$940,611.00 | \$32,749.00 | \$294,984.00 | \$1,268,344.00 | \$823,760.00 | \$12,335.00 | \$7,812.00 | \$13,000.00 | \$25,935.00 | \$253,540.00 | \$1,123,382.00 | \$836,204.00 |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Deshler | OH | | | | | | | | | \$350.00 | | | | |
| 20 | Gateway Church | Findlay | OH | \$590,748.00 | \$2,286,010.00 | \$408,770.00 | \$94,457.00 | \$2,789,237.00 | \$1,239,599.00 | \$650,319.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$15,065.00 | \$31,965.00 | \$200,184.00 | \$2,128,567.00 | \$1,251,418.00 |
| 21 | Grace Chapel | Farmington Hills | MI | \$89,564.00 | \$383,335.00 | \$0.00 | \$42,114.00 | \$425,449.00 | \$356,168.00 | \$6,668.00 | \$1,527.00 | \$3,565.00 | \$6,065.00 | \$63,879.00 | \$434,307.00 | \$80,706.00 |
| 22 | Grace Community EPC | Oscoda | MI | \$30,698.00 | \$130,143.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$130,143.00 | \$94,686.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$920.00 | \$5,603.00 | \$0.00 | \$100,289.00 | \$60,552.00 |
| 23 | Grace Point Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Nappanee | IN | \$5,206.00 | \$113,138.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,981.00 | \$124,837.00 | \$100,774.00 | \$7,226.00 | \$974.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$9,135.00 | \$118,109.00 | \$11,934.00 |
| 24 | Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian Church | Cincinnati | OH | \$9,228.00 | \$24,657.00 | \$608.00 | \$85.00 | \$25,350.00 | \$16,390.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,067.00 | \$19,457.00 | \$15,121.00 |
| 25 | Hopewell Presbyterian Church | Franklin | IN | \$133,400.00 | \$154,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$184,000.00 | \$154,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$9,450.00 | \$164,100.00 | \$153,300.00 |
| 26 | Knox Presbyterian Church | Ann Arbor | MI | \$1,947,856.00 | \$2,017,504.00 | \$0.00 | \$104,250.00 | \$2,121,754.00 | \$1,826,068.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,975.00 | \$13,547.00 | \$32,847.00 | \$237,816.00 | \$2,098,706.00 | \$1,970,904.00 |
| 27 | Lake City EPC | Lake City | MI | \$24,558.00 | \$78,941.00 | \$6,100.00 | \$32,286.00 | \$117,327.00 | \$89,902.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$561.00 | \$1,311.00 | \$1,411.00 | \$20,167.00 | \$113,341.00 | \$28,544.00 |
| 28 | Lebanon Presbyterian Church | Lebanon | OH | \$712,788.00 | \$1,028,917.00 | \$381,315.00 | \$38,552.00 | \$1,448,784.00 | \$723,925.00 | \$378,327.00 | \$8,786.00 | \$21,016.00 | \$24,867.00 | \$105,355.00 | \$1,241,260.00 | \$920,312.00 |
| 29 | Living Hope Evangelical Church (mission church) | Grosse Pointe Woods | MI | \$0.00 | \$71,048.00 | \$2,924.00 | \$658.00 | \$77,605.00 | \$32,245.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$32,245.00 | \$45,360.00 |
| 30 | Military Avenue EPC | Detroit | MI | \$86,405.00 | \$154,295.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$199,295.00 | \$165,360.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$3,700.00 | \$171,160.00 | \$114,540.00 |
| 31 | Mt. Pleasant Community Church | Mt. Pleasant | MI | \$1,130,833.00 | \$1,226,336.00 | \$33,384.00 | \$38,261.00 | \$1,297,981.00 | \$1,146,332.00 | (\$12,007.00) | \$6,400.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$70,300.00 | \$1,226,025.00 | \$1,202,789.00 |
| 32 | New Heart Community Church | Muskegon | MI | \$4,422.00 | \$89,004.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$89,004.00 | \$91,100.00 | \$0.00 | \$365.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$91,465.00 | \$1,961.00 |
| 33 | North Oaks Community Church | Clarkston | MI | \$184,341.00 | \$306,871.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,994.00 | \$317,865.00 | \$247,378.00 | \$11,933.00 | \$1,389.00 | \$3,242.00 | \$7,292.00 | \$24,013.00 | \$292,005.00 | \$210,201.00 |
| 34 | Oakhill Presbyterian Church | Grand Rapids | MI | \$45,000.00 | \$372,122.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$412,122.00 | \$388,440.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$28,100.00 | \$416,540.00 | \$40,582.00 |
| 35 | Oakland EPC | Clarkston | MI | \$120,429.00 | \$161,702.00 | \$709.00 | \$29,680.00 | \$192,091.00 | \$183,211.00 | \$0.00 | \$896.00 | \$2,093.00 | \$3,093.00 | \$17,077.00 | \$204,277.00 | \$108,243.00 |
| 36 | Olivet EPC | Evansville | IN | \$16,882.00 | \$345,866.00 | \$245.00 | \$12,064.00 | \$358,175.00 | \$314,869.00 | \$8,827.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,750.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$32,132.00 | \$359,428.00 | \$15,629.00 |
| 37 | Peace Presbyterian Church | Flint | MI | \$17,323.00 | \$117,734.00 | \$2,654.00 | \$265.00 | \$120,653.00 | \$107,383.00 | \$1,274.00 | \$827.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$3,408.00 | \$114,192.00 | \$23,784.00 |
| 38 | Russellville Presbyterian Church | Russellville | OH | \$21,420.00 | \$22,482.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,508.00 | \$34,990.00 | \$32,070.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$162.00 | \$3,786.00 | \$36,018.00 | \$20,392.00 |
| 39 | Southport Presbyterian Church | Indianapolis | IN | \$1,702,298.00 | \$2,156,722.00 | \$332,920.00 | \$1,477,804.00 | \$3,967,446.00 | \$3,536,873.00 | \$119,189.00 | \$4,001.00 | \$5,936.00 | \$13,536.00 | \$330,249.00 | \$4,003,848.00 | \$1,665,896.00 |
| 40 | St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Auburn | IN | \$99,210.00 | \$161,334.00 | \$16,922.00 | \$14,544.00 | \$192,800.00 | \$151,834.00 | \$19,484.00 | \$906.00 | \$2,116.00 | \$3,752.00 | \$7,610.00 | \$183,586.00 | \$108,424.00 |
| 41 | Stonebridge Church | Perrysburg | OH | \$106,775.00 | \$131,975.00 | \$450.00 | \$0.00 | \$132,425.00 | \$113,780.00 | \$0.00 | \$443.00 | \$1,035.00 | \$3,635.00 | \$6,347.00 | \$124,205.00 | \$114,995.00 |
| 42 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Columbia City | IN | \$20,158.00 | \$268,696.00 | \$4,098.00 | \$8,088.00 | \$280,882.00 | \$265,584.00 | \$1,570.00 | \$1,517.00 | \$3,542.00 | \$3,542.00 | \$11,953.00 | \$284,166.00 | \$16,874.00 |
| 43 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Plymouth | MI | \$651,469.00 | \$1,559,842.00 | \$20,475.00 | \$4,255.00 | \$1,584,572.00 | \$1,297,527.00 | \$71,650.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$13,939.00 | \$45,893.00 | \$169,913.00 | \$1,587,983.00 | \$648,058.00 |
| 44 | Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Northville | MI | \$3,029,089.00 | \$5,444,501.00 | \$112,510.00 | \$742,419.00 | \$6,299,430.00 | \$5,014,729.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,989.00 | \$59,498.00 | \$167,390.00 | \$470,318.00 | \$5,677,426.00 | \$3,651,093.00 |
| 45 | Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Warsaw | IN | \$268,469.00 | \$850,957.00 | \$19,440.00 | \$0.00 | \$870,397.00 | \$737,105.00 | \$29,345.00 | \$3,283.00 | \$7,820.00 | \$10,551.00 | \$110,000.00 | \$890,284.00 | \$248,582.00 |
| 46 | Westminster Church of Port Huron | Port Huron | MI | \$21,830.00 | \$83,205.00 | \$0.00 | \$21.00 | \$83,226.00 | \$74,663.00 | \$0.00 | \$361.00 | \$843.00 | \$1,219.00 | \$5,781.00 | \$82,024.00 | \$23,032.00 |
| 47 | Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church | West Union | OH | \$20,458.00 | \$25,870.00 | \$0.00 | \$69.00 | \$25,939.00 | \$18,531.00 | \$0.00 | \$148.00 | \$345.00 | \$1,345.00 | \$3,261.00 | \$23,285.00 | \$23,112.00 |
| | TOTALS | | | \$18,552,215.00 | \$30,562,462.00 | \$1,541,522.00 | \$4,535,064.00 | \$36,690,741.00 | \$27,939,753.00 | \$1,643,330.00 | \$124,019.00 | \$317,879.00 | \$783,554.00 | \$4,130,641.00 | \$34,619,797.00 | \$20,618,856.00 |

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| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Bap-tized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|----|--|---------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | Attica-Williamsport Presbyterian Church** | Attica | IN | 82 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 55 | 47 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| 2 | Calvary Presbyterian Church** | Flint | MI | 350 | 335 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 253 | 234 | 66 | 64 | 52 | 5 | 0 | |
| 3 | Church by the Woods^ | Sharonville | OH | | 57 | | | | | | | | | | 32 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | College Corner Presbyterian Church** | College Corner | OH | 138 | 144 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 90 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 5 | Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Owosso | MI | 116 | 128 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 69 | 86 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| 6 | Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Brighton | MI | 2160 | 2189 | 37 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 25 | 0 | 1550 | 1451 | 786 | 715 | 0 | 7 | 28 | |
| 7 | Covenant Church | West Lafayette | IN | 953 | 722 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 234 | 0 | 754 | 719 | 444 | 547 | 0 | 6 | 2 | |
| 8 | Covenant Community Church | Ann Arbor | MI | 90 | 92 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 86 | 24 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 9 | Evangelical Community Church | Cincinnati | OH | 195 | 194 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 238 | 240 | 161 | 150 | 81 | 3 | 0 | |
| 10 | Faith Church EPC | Rochester | MI | 216 | 249 | 26 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 202 | 195 | 165 | 131 | | 5 | 5 | |
| 11 | Faith Presbyterian Church^ | West Lafayette | IN | | 102 | | | | | | | | | | 107 | | 31 | 14 | 1 | 0 | |
| 12 | Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church | South Lyon | MI | 187 | 169 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 178 | 174 | 113 | 101 | 12 | 3 | 0 | |
| 13 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Battle Creek | MI | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 14 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Frankfort | IN | 306 | 295 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 2270 | 111 | 113 | 46 | 2 | 0 | |
| 15 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kokomo | IN | 436 | 433 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 255 | 259 | 140 | 167 | 100 | 2 | 0 | |
| 16 | First Presbyterian Church | Paulding | OH | 94 | 94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 55 | 55 | 37 | 13 | 0 | 0 | |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church | South Charleston | OH | | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 166 | | 85 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Trenton | MI | 599 | 609 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 410 | 390 | 170 | 155 | 183 | 8 | 4 | |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church (mission church) | Deshler | OH | 14 | 14 | | | | | | | | | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | | | | |
| 20 | Gateway Church | Findlay | OH | 655 | 700 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1286 | 1400 | 385 | 408 | 0 | 13 | 26 | |
| 21 | Grace Chapel | Farmington Hills | MI | 155 | 153 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 92 | 67 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 22 | Grace Community EPC | Oscoda | MI | 40 | 48 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 50 | 55 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| 23 | Grace Point Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Nappanee | IN | 90 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 26 | 0 | 60 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 24 | Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian Church | Cincinnati | OH | | 38 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | 36 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25 | Hopewell Presbyterian Church | Franklin | IN | 182 | 192 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 104 | 2012 | 48 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 26 | Knox Presbyterian Church | Ann Arbor | MI | 586 | 536 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 49 | 10 | 650 | 650 | 557 | 496 | 310 | 13 | 9 | |
| 27 | Lake City EPC | Lake City | MI | 57 | 56 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 64 | 54 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 28 | Lebanon Presbyterian Church | Lebanon | OH | | 729 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 186 | 0 | | 423 | | 151 | 0 | 3 | 1 | |
| 29 | Living Hope Evangelical Church (mission church)^ | Grosse Pointe Woods | MI | | 118 | | | | | | | | | | 109 | | 56 | 18 | 0 | 0 | |
| 30 | Military Avenue EPC | Detroit | MI | 95 | 106 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 100 | 48 | 57 | 7 | 2 | 2 | |
| 31 | Mt. Pleasant Community Church | Mt. Pleasant | MI | 733 | 794 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 45 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1046 | 1063 | 293 | 254 | 0 | 25 | 13 | |
| 32 | New Heart Community Church** | Muskegon | MI | 34 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 65 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 33 | North Oaks Community Church** | Clarkston | MI | 145 | 144 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 34 | Oakhill Presbyterian Church^ | Grand Rapids | MI | | 175 | | | | | | | | | | 190 | | 109 | 15 | 1 | 0 | |
| 35 | Oakland EPC | Clarkston | MI | 91 | 88 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 74 | 20 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 36 | Olivet EPC | Evansville | IN | 180 | 181 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 151 | 155 | 75 | 75 | 25 | 4 | 1 | |
| 37 | Peace Presbyterian Church | Flint | MI | 84 | 84 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 68 | 67 | 39 | 42 | 22 | 1 | 0 | |
| 38 | Russellville Presbyterian Church | Russellville | OH | | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 20 | | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 39 | Southport Presbyterian Church** | Indianapolis | IN | 1306 | 1320 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 25 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 780 | 744 | 297 | 290 | 258 | 5 | 7 | |
| 40 | St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Auburn | IN | 92 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 79 | 73 | 42 | 46 | 15 | 1 | 0 | |
| 41 | Stonebridge Church | Perrysburg | OH | 43 | 47 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 45 | 50 | 14 | 1 | 0 | |
| | The Well^ | Brighton | MI | 44 | | | | | | | | | | 177 | | 30 | | | | | |
| 42 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Columbia City | IN | 154 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 140 | 120 | 99 | 83 | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| 43 | Trinity Presbyterian Church | Plymouth | MI | 611 | 604 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 24 | 2 | 600 | 600 | 222 | 230 | 459 | 11 | 4 | |
| 44 | Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Northville | MI | 2417 | 2306 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 48 | 17 | 36 | 111 | 45 | 2015 | 1964 | 0 | 1134 | 0 | 17 | 13 | |
| 45 | Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Warsaw | IN | 340 | 352 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 311 | 300 | 155 | 155 | 26 | 2 | 12 | |
| 46 | Westminster Church of Port Huron^ | Port Huron | MI | | 55 | | | | | | | | | | 57 | | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| 47 | Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church | West Union | OH | | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 24 | | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 14,079 | 15,271 | 197 | 80 | 117 | 244 | 58 | 161 | 781 | 75 | 12,569 | 15,516 | 6,792 | 6,278 | 1,724 | 151 | 137 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | 38 | 47 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital- Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Church of the Good Shepherd | Winona Lake | IN | \$8,821.00 | \$174,225.00 | \$0.00 | \$100,150.00 | \$274,375.00 | \$184,996.00 | \$22,699.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$269.00 | \$0.00 | \$207,964.00 | \$75,232.00 | |
| 2 | First Presbyterian Church | Greenville | OH | \$20,673.00 | \$185,804.00 | \$0.00 | \$74,118.00 | \$259,922.00 | \$269,548.00 | | \$0.00 | \$2,353.00 | \$2,353.00 | \$8,053.00 | \$279,954.00 | \$641.00 | |
| 3 | First Presbyterian Church of Ada | Ada | OH | \$12,453.00 | \$109,859.00 | \$18,344.00 | \$9,879.00 | \$138,082.00 | \$119,552.00 | \$17,176.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$136,728.00 | \$13,807.00 | |
| 4 | First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus | Bucyrus | OH | \$50,901.00 | \$186,437.00 | \$14,550.00 | \$21,068.00 | \$222,055.00 | \$187,518.00 | \$15,064.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,816.00 | \$223,398.00 | \$49,558.00 | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$92,848.00 | \$656,325.00 | \$32,894.00 | \$205,215.00 | \$894,434.00 | \$761,614.00 | \$54,939.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,353.00 | \$2,622.00 | \$28,869.00 | \$848,044.00 | \$139,238.00 | |

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| Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Church of the Good Shepherd | Winona Lake | IN | 66 | 68 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 55 | 52 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| First Presbyterian Church | Greenville | OH | 318 | 315 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 133 | 138 | 46 | 44 | 4 | 3 | 1 | |
| <i>First Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>South Charleston</i> | <i>OH</i> | 185 | | | | | | | | | | 160 | | 136 | | | | | |
| <i>Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>Cincinnati</i> | <i>OH</i> | 31 | | | | | | | | | | 36 | | 0 | | | | | |
| <i>Lebanon Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>Lebanon</i> | <i>OH</i> | 892 | | | | | | | | | | 441 | | 189 | | | | | |
| <i>Russellville Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>Russellville</i> | <i>OH</i> | 37 | | | | | | | | | | 16 | | 11 | | | | | |
| <i>Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church</i> | <i>West Union</i> | <i>OH</i> | 15 | | | | | | | | | | 23 | | 8 | | | | | |
| First Presbyterian Church of Ada | Ada | OH | | 79 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | 38 | 26 | 0 | 0 | |
| First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus | Bucyrus | OH | | 160 | | | | | | | | | | 94 | | 54 | 10 | 2 | 1 | |
| TOTALS* | | | 1,544 | 622 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 864 | 354 | 390 | 161 | 40 | 6 | 2 | |
| Churches of Record | | | 7 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~Dismissed during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Italicized church name</i> = received from transitional membership in 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|---|--------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Bickleton Evangelical Church | Bickleton | WA | \$83,588.00 | \$114,694.00 | \$25,043.00 | \$1,436.00 | \$141,173.00 | \$149,129.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,622.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,622.00 | \$0.00 | \$151,751.00 | \$73,010.00 |
| 2 | Centerpoint Community Church | Roseville | CA | \$206,379.00 | \$2,086,103.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,086,103.00 | \$1,996,377.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$84,869.00 | \$2,096,246.00 | \$196,236.00 |
| 3 | Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church | Gig Harbor | WA | \$1,014,180.00 | \$3,491,490.00 | \$1,090.00 | \$1,259,866.00 | \$4,752,446.00 | \$4,433,410.00 | \$77,949.00 | \$11,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$3,503.00 | \$455,850.00 | \$4,981,712.00 | \$784,914.00 |
| 4 | Christ Church (mission church) | Berkeley | CA | \$442,415.00 | \$680,445.00 | \$29,336.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$784,781.00 | | | \$3,887.00 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 5 | Clayton Community Church | Clayton | CA | \$289,832.00 | \$1,009,440.00 | \$83,861.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,093,301.00 | \$924,325.00 | \$86,993.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$46,572.00 | \$1,060,890.00 | \$322,243.00 |
| 6 | Community Church of Ephrata | Ephrata | WA | \$175,240.00 | \$310,482.00 | \$97,009.00 | \$2,345.00 | \$409,836.00 | \$303,207.00 | \$129,030.00 | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,929.00 | \$9,722.00 | \$445,388.00 | \$139,688.00 |
| 7 | Community Presbyterian Church | Danville | CA | \$806,897.00 | \$4,958,718.00 | \$306,706.00 | \$29,613.00 | \$5,295,037.00 | \$4,206,829.00 | \$0.00 | \$26,882.00 | \$24,430.00 | \$24,430.00 | \$385,239.00 | \$4,643,380.00 | \$1,458,554.00 |
| 8 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Reno | NV | \$134,333.00 | \$357,535.00 | \$4,940.00 | \$87,659.00 | \$450,134.00 | \$394,689.00 | \$21,012.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$37,382.00 | \$453,083.00 | \$131,384.00 |
| 9 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | San Diego | CA | \$0.00 | \$385,723.00 | \$16,025.00 | \$1,347.00 | \$403,095.00 | \$356,875.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,212.00 | \$49,980.00 | \$409,067.00 | (\$5,972.00) |
| 10 | Davenport Presbyterian Church | Davenport | WA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Easton Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | \$246,176.00 | \$285,078.00 | \$2,470.00 | \$89,756.00 | \$377,304.00 | \$345,894.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,924.00 | \$4,646.00 | \$8,497.00 | \$19,941.00 | \$377,256.00 | \$246,224.00 |
| 12 | Evergreen Presbyterian Church | Graham | WA | \$217,495.00 | \$135,526.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,248.00 | \$136,774.00 | \$132,780.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,237.00 | \$1,237.00 | \$5,603.00 | \$139,620.00 | \$214,649.00 |
| 13 | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church | Fair Oaks | CA | \$319,775.00 | \$2,798,344.00 | \$281,411.00 | \$44,054.00 | \$3,123,809.00 | \$2,450,202.00 | \$283,830.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,200.00 | \$412,627.00 | \$3,174,859.00 | \$268,725.00 |
| 14 | Faith Family Fellowship | Grandview | WA | \$0.00 | \$24,289.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$24,789.00 | \$20,054.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,054.00 | \$4,735.00 |
| 15 | First Armenian Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | | \$479,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$177,000.00 | \$656,000.00 | \$470,800.00 | \$45,000.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$8,600.00 | \$528,600.00 | \$127,400.00 |
| 16 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kent | WA | (\$15,759.00) | \$1,522,066.00 | \$191,525.00 | \$93,306.00 | \$1,806,897.00 | \$910,055.00 | \$473,298.00 | \$7,800.00 | \$11,100.00 | \$14,696.00 | \$160,705.00 | \$1,566,554.00 | \$224,584.00 |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | \$0.00 | \$1,256,257.00 | \$21,479.00 | \$1,981.00 | \$1,279,717.00 | \$838,626.00 | \$124,100.00 | \$18,175.00 | \$11,358.00 | \$12,504.00 | \$265,791.00 | \$1,259,196.00 | \$20,521.00 |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Hanford | CA | \$440,189.00 | \$450,848.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$450,848.00 | \$444,346.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$444,346.00 | \$446,691.00 |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church | Redding | CA | \$56,855.00 | \$47,162.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,461.00 | \$56,623.00 | \$29,574.00 | \$11,565.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,441.00 | \$42,580.00 | \$70,898.00 |
| 20 | First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield | Bakersfield | CA | \$0.00 | \$1,582,358.00 | \$0.00 | \$146,243.00 | \$1,728,601.00 | \$1,501,247.00 | \$58,493.00 | \$15,535.00 | \$11,472.00 | \$13,472.00 | \$127,878.00 | \$1,716,625.00 | \$11,976.00 |
| 21 | First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks | Fairbanks | AK | \$533,603.00 | \$631,681.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,877.00 | \$649,558.00 | \$550,443.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$134,391.00 | \$684,834.00 | \$498,327.00 |
| 22 | First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville | Jacksonville | OR | (\$40,528.00) | \$725,168.00 | \$240,595.00 | \$107,416.00 | \$1,073,179.00 | \$884,290.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,815.00 | \$7,383.00 | \$13,337.00 | \$135,236.00 | \$1,037,678.00 | (\$5,027.00) |
| 23 | First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City | Oregon City | OR | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 24 | Fowler Presbyterian Church | Fowler | CA | | | | | | | | | \$3,900.00 | | | | |
| 25 | Fremont Presbyterian Church | Sacramento | CA | \$7,269,532.00 | \$1,848,731.00 | \$392,264.00 | \$1,026,677.00 | \$3,267,672.00 | \$2,727,992.00 | \$366,392.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$346,566.00 | \$3,440,950.00 | \$7,096,254.00 |
| 26 | Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Gig Harbor | WA | (\$3,616.00) | \$75,677.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$75,677.00 | \$70,102.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$2,370.00 | \$72,872.00 | (\$811.00) |
| 27 | Grace Presbyterian Church | Weed | CA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 28 | Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Santa Maria | CA | \$446,680.00 | \$74,532.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,772.00 | \$88,304.00 | \$139,685.00 | \$0.00 | \$750.00 | \$1,265.00 | \$4,233.00 | \$4,205.00 | \$148,873.00 | \$386,111.00 |
| 29 | Hope Presbyterian Church | Rogue River | OR | \$53,685.00 | \$132,962.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,775.00 | \$157,737.00 | \$141,594.00 | \$1,529.00 | \$0.00 | \$417.00 | \$417.00 | \$13,354.00 | \$156,894.00 | \$54,528.00 |
| 30 | Living Waters Presbyterian Church | Wendell | ID | \$74,244.00 | \$253,780.00 | \$59,275.00 | \$1,779.00 | \$314,834.00 | \$139,865.00 | \$66,721.00 | \$21,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$54,027.00 | \$282,213.00 | \$106,865.00 |
| 31 | Millbrook Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | \$95,499.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$66,516.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$483.00 | \$483.00 | \$0.00 | \$66,999.00 | \$28,500.00 |
| 32 | Oakville Presbyterian Church | Shedd | OR | \$56,634.00 | \$144,960.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$35,657.00 | \$185,117.00 | \$155,680.00 | \$2,782.00 | \$1,620.00 | \$2,484.00 | \$2,484.00 | \$9,850.00 | \$172,416.00 | \$69,335.00 |
| 33 | Pioneer Presbyterian Church | Winters | CA | \$23,407.00 | \$63,537.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,097.00 | \$73,634.00 | \$71,791.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$72,291.00 | \$24,750.00 |
| 34 | Reflections Church | Meridian | ID | \$30,600.00 | \$189,243.00 | \$0.00 | \$107.00 | \$189,350.00 | \$206,162.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$206,162.00 | \$13,788.00 |
| 35 | Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Wenatchee | WA | \$429,012.00 | \$976,197.00 | \$76,413.00 | \$251,160.00 | \$1,303,770.00 | \$838,568.00 | \$182,629.00 | \$9,038.00 | \$11,086.00 | \$11,086.00 | \$362,582.00 | \$1,403,903.00 | \$328,879.00 |
| 36 | San Ramon Presbyterian Church | San Ramon | CA | \$218,476.00 | \$814,366.00 | \$0.00 | \$62,459.00 | \$876,825.00 | \$805,636.00 | \$1,700.00 | \$2,625.00 | \$650.00 | \$20,390.00 | \$75,818.00 | \$906,169.00 | \$189,132.00 |
| 37 | Sanger Community Church | Sanger | CA | \$171,000.00 | \$238,843.00 | \$34.00 | \$0.00 | \$238,877.00 | \$221,204.00 | \$7,030.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,121.00 | \$249,355.00 | \$160,522.00 | |
| 38 | Sequim Community Church | Sequim | WA | \$253,976.00 | \$1,468,820.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,757.00 | \$1,542,674.00 | \$1,511,145.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,433.00 | \$28,918.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,540,063.00 | \$256,587.00 |
| 39 | Sierra Presbyterian Church | Nevada City | CA | \$181,164.00 | \$817,821.00 | \$31,631.00 | \$336,496.00 | \$1,185,948.00 | \$975,659.00 | \$43,496.00 | \$10,051.00 | \$10,051.00 | \$14,568.00 | \$82,666.00 | \$1,126,440.00 | \$240,672.00 |
| 40 | Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church | Parma | ID | \$33,555.00 | \$198,041.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$198,041.00 | \$156,667.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,490.00 | \$2,227.00 | \$11,607.00 | \$0.00 | \$170,764.00 | \$60,832.00 |
| 41 | Sunset Presbyterian Church | Portland | OR | \$866,188.00 | \$4,283,470.00 | \$510,637.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,794,107.00 | \$3,946,908.00 | \$454,202.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$102,725.00 | \$4,503,835.00 | \$1,156,460.00 |
| 42 | Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Yakima | WA | \$0.00 | \$75,772.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$1,340.00 | \$82,112.00 | \$111,808.00 | \$3,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$690.00 | \$1,700.00 | \$117,798.00 | (\$35,686.00) |
| 43 | Thai EPC | Monrovia | CA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 44 | Trinity Community Church | Clovis | CA | \$416,216.00 | \$1,949,943.00 | \$0.00 | \$46,721.00 | \$1,996,664.00 | \$1,491,449.00 | \$53,260.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$11,178.00 | \$13,378.00 | \$185,195.00 | \$1,758,282.00 | \$654,598.00 |
| 45 | Valley Community Church | San Jacinto | CA | \$331,221.00 | \$148,728.00 | \$3,250.00 | \$6,785.00 | \$158,763.00 | \$115,481.00 | \$3,750.00 | \$1,376.00 | \$1,196.00 | \$1,196.00 | \$9,211.00 | \$131,014.00 | \$358,970.00 |
| | TOTALS | | | \$15,858,143.00 | \$37,087,830.00 | \$2,384,494.00 | \$3,972,690.00 | \$43,510,111.00 | \$35,237,064.00 | \$2,498,361.00 | \$199,690.00 | \$142,096.00 | \$220,189.00 | \$3,612,217.00 | \$41,761,012.00 | \$16,380,046.00 |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kenton Church (EPC) | Portland | OR | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|----|---|--------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | Bickleton Evangelical Church^ | Bickleton | WA | | 70 | | | | | | | | | | 65 | | 58 | 9 | 1 | 0 | |
| 2 | Centerpoint Community Church | Roseville | CA | 1202 | 1224 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 20 | 8 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 1003 | 1021 | 462 | 500 | 40 | 8 | 7 | |
| 3 | Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church^ | Gig Harbor | WA | | 1479 | | | | | | | | | | 1362 | | 287 | 8 | 5 | 6 | |
| 4 | Christ Church (mission church)^ | Berkeley | CA | | 169 | | | | | | | | | | 325 | | | | | 0 | |
| 5 | Clayton Community Church | Clayton | CA | 270 | 282 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 524 | 507 | 0 | 168 | 0 | 2 | 5 | |
| 6 | Community Church of Ephrata | Ephrata | WA | 150 | 139 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 153 | 164 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 4 | 0 | |
| 7 | Community Presbyterian Church^ | Danville | CA | | 1817 | | | | | | | | | | 1305 | | 336 | 25 | 14 | 27 | |
| 8 | Covenant Presbyterian Church^ | Reno | NV | | 192 | | | | | | | | | | 182 | | 102 | 25 | 0 | 3 | |
| 9 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | San Diego | CA | 178 | 176 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| 10 | Davenport Presbyterian Church^ | Davenport | WA | | 103 | | | | | | | | | | 55 | | | | | | |
| 11 | Easton Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | 207 | 205 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 84 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| 12 | Evergreen Presbyterian Church^ | Graham | WA | | 71 | | | | | | | | | | 90 | | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 13 | Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church | Fair Oaks | CA | 1569 | 1475 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 28 | 4 | 23 | 20 | 101 | 1000 | 1500 | 363 | 374 | 11 | 6 | 4 | |
| 14 | Faith Family Fellowship^ | Grandview | WA | | 21 | | | | | | | | | | 25 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 15 | First Armenian Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | 294 | 182 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 102 | 0 | 175 | 160 | 57 | 71 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 16 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Kent | WA | 591 | 547 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 41 | 16 | 582 | 550 | 182 | 159 | 0 | 9 | 1 | |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church** | Fresno | CA | 294 | 287 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 560 | 0 | 300 | 6 | 6 | 0 | |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Hanford | CA | | 152 | | | | | | | | | | 175 | | 68 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| 19 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Redding | CA | | 133 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | 30 | 0 | 8 | 0 | |
| 20 | First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield | Bakersfield | CA | 941 | 750 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 181 | 11 | 524 | 481 | 250 | 325 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| 21 | First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks^ | Fairbanks | AK | | 262 | | | | | | | | | | 235 | | 54 | 65 | 4 | 5 | |
| 22 | First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville | Jacksonville | OR | 338 | 359 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 399 | 411 | 163 | 113 | 22 | 8 | 2 | |
| 23 | First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City^ | Oregon City | OR | | 164 | | | | | | | | | | 180 | | | | | | |
| 24 | Fowler Presbyterian Church | Fowler | CA | 165 | 165 | | | | | | | | | 150 | 150 | | | | | | |
| 25 | Fremont Presbyterian Church^ | Sacramento | CA | | 1141 | | | | | | | | | | 800 | | 569 | 0 | 14 | 17 | |
| 26 | Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Gig Harbor | WA | 40 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 32 | 8 | 5 | 37 | 0 | 0 | |
| 27 | Grace Presbyterian Church^ | Weed | CA | | 31 | | | | | | | | | | 20 | | | | | | |
| 28 | Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Santa Maria | CA | 60 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 45 | 45 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| 29 | Hope Presbyterian Church | Rogue River | OR | 82 | 87 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 71 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 30 | Living Waters Presbyterian Church^ | Wendell | ID | | 119 | | | | | | | | | | 126 | | 35 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 31 | Millbrook Presbyterian Church | Fresno | CA | 98 | 81 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 74 | 81 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 8 | |
| 32 | Oakville Presbyterian Church^ | Shedd | OR | | 105 | | | | | | | | | | 108 | | 30 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| 33 | Pioneer Presbyterian Church | Winters | CA | 50 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 39 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 34 | Reflections Church^ | Meridian | ID | | 79 | | | | | | | | | | 150 | | 50 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| 35 | Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Wenatchee | WA | 482 | 508 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 500 | 525 | 449 | 425 | 102 | 3 | 12 | |
| 36 | San Ramon Presbyterian Church | San Ramon | CA | 172 | 176 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 187 | 86 | 79 | 29 | 4 | 1 | |
| 37 | Sanger Community Church** | Sanger | CA | 153 | 118 | | | | | | | | | 81 | 81 | | | | 4 | 0 | |
| 38 | Sequim Community Church | Sequim | WA | 679 | 664 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 25 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 41 | 662 | 726 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 5 | |
| 39 | Sierra Presbyterian Church | Nevada City | CA | 415 | 398 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 315 | 310 | 93 | 91 | 37 | 0 | 1 | |
| 40 | Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church^ | Parma | ID | | 166 | | | | | | | | | | 125 | | 40 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| 41 | Sunset Presbyterian Church | Portland | OR | 1443 | 1379 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 89 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 1300 | 1044 | 445 | 737 | 0 | 19 | 2 | |
| 42 | Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church^ | Yakima | WA | | 44 | | | | | | | | | | 51 | | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 43 | Thai EPC | Monrovia | CA | 28 | 28 | | | | | | | | | 28 | 28 | | | | | | |
| 44 | Trinity Community Church | Clovis | CA | 486 | 534 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 26 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 252 | 266 | 323 | 358 | 42 | 0 | 13 | |
| 45 | Valley Community Church | San Jacinto | CA | 52 | 47 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 80 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 10,439 | 16,267 | 69 | 30 | 102 | 179 | 110 | 139 | 418 | 215 | 8,477 | 14,728 | 2,926 | 5,656 | 489 | 156 | 135 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | 26 | 45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kenton Church (EPC) ^NWEPC | Portland | OR | 61 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 52 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 52 | | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ~Dissolved during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

RIVERS AND LAKES PRESBYTERY - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|---|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Alexis United Presbyterian Church (EPC) | Alexis | IL | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 2 Baldwin Community Presbyterian Church | Baldwin | IL | \$3,313.00 | \$10,183.00 | \$475.00 | \$3,045.00 | \$13,703.00 | \$10,175.00 | \$2,964.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,239.00 | \$3,777.00 |
| 3 Bethel Presbyterian Church | Reading | MN | \$42,758.00 | \$81,193.00 | \$18,016.00 | \$191.00 | \$100,200.00 | \$63,873.00 | \$31,852.00 | \$1,700.00 | \$2,185.00 | \$3,201.00 | \$4,721.00 | \$105,347.00 | \$37,611.00 |
| 4 Christ Alone Church | Green Bay | WI | \$173,466.00 | \$194,022.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$10,533.00 | \$224,555.00 | \$121,659.00 | \$92,077.00 | \$1,037.00 | \$1,403.00 | \$3,639.00 | \$22,377.00 | \$240,789.00 | \$157,232.00 |
| 5 Confluence Church (mission church) | Champaign | IL | \$16,000.00 | \$25,553.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$75,393.00 | \$57,317.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,368.00 | \$59,685.00 | \$31,708.00 |
| 6 Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Crivitz | WI | \$64,911.00 | \$111,632.00 | \$1,638.00 | \$3,452.00 | \$116,722.00 | \$100,081.00 | \$4,189.00 | \$20,875.00 | \$0.00 | \$52.00 | \$8,236.00 | \$133,433.00 | \$48,200.00 |
| 7 Faith Presbyterian Church of Quincy | Quincy | IL | \$392,988.00 | \$411,068.00 | \$50,340.00 | \$1,216,330.00 | \$1,677,738.00 | \$320,626.00 | \$63,822.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,360.00 | \$9,980.00 | \$31,414.00 | \$425,842.00 | \$1,644,884.00 |
| 8 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Cedar Grove | WI | \$28,884.00 | \$96,600.00 | \$3,885.00 | \$6,854.00 | \$107,339.00 | \$94,480.00 | \$13,930.00 | \$1,685.00 | \$1,265.00 | \$2,026.00 | \$6,048.00 | \$118,169.00 | \$18,054.00 |
| 9 First Presbyterian Church | Little Rock | IA | \$5,433.00 | \$79,970.00 | \$5,140.00 | \$13,321.00 | \$98,431.00 | \$88,745.00 | \$4,181.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,423.00 | \$97,349.00 | \$6,515.00 |
| 10 First Presbyterian Church of Aurora | Aurora | IL | \$207,458.00 | \$842,041.00 | \$0.00 | \$132,090.00 | \$974,131.00 | \$791,573.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,925.00 | \$12,075.00 | \$15,436.00 | \$131,692.00 | \$947,626.00 | \$233,963.00 |
| 11 First Presbyterian Church of Pembine | Pembine | WI | \$7,067.00 | \$8,883.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$9,383.00 | \$8,229.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,229.00 | \$8,221.00 |
| 12 First Presbyterian Evangelical Church | Montezuma | IA | \$24,016.00 | \$183,481.00 | \$0.00 | \$23,073.00 | \$206,554.00 | \$189,775.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,754.00 | \$3,726.00 | \$3,726.00 | \$14,915.00 | \$211,170.00 | \$19,400.00 |
| 13 GracePoint | Dubuque | IA | \$51,855.00 | \$264,725.00 | \$22,863.00 | \$154,678.00 | \$442,266.00 | \$282,407.00 | \$58,564.00 | \$1,029.00 | \$3,381.00 | \$9,378.50 | \$23,312.00 | \$374,690.50 | \$119,430.50 |
| 14 Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Dousman | WI | \$65,125.00 | \$280,186.00 | \$19,400.00 | \$60,647.00 | \$360,233.00 | \$277,080.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,475.00 | \$4,025.00 | \$7,610.00 | \$44,717.00 | \$332,882.00 | \$92,476.00 |
| 15 Hogarty Community Church | Aniwa | WI | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 16 Hope EPC | Grayslake | IL | \$0.00 | \$247,618.00 | \$136,216.00 | \$0.00 | \$383,834.00 | \$242,315.00 | \$129,500.00 | \$1,019.00 | \$1,271.00 | \$1,853.00 | \$1,415.00 | \$376,102.00 | \$7,732.00 |
| 17 Immanuel Presbyterian Church | Warrenville | IL | \$60,868.00 | \$643,702.00 | \$9,459.00 | \$25,168.00 | \$678,329.00 | \$465,380.00 | \$65,358.00 | \$3,719.00 | \$6,325.00 | \$12,445.00 | \$50,690.00 | \$597,592.00 | \$141,605.00 |
| 18 Kishwaukee Community Presbyterian Church | Stillman Valley | IL | \$152,317.00 | \$346,378.00 | \$0.00 | \$185,409.00 | \$531,787.00 | \$488,142.00 | \$67,172.00 | \$10,102.00 | \$11,638.00 | \$13,136.00 | \$58,463.00 | \$637,015.00 | \$47,089.00 |
| 19 Princeville Presbyterian Church | Princeville | IL | \$173,067.00 | \$93,471.00 | \$1,735.00 | \$102,090.00 | \$197,296.00 | \$118,066.00 | \$50,363.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,277.00 | \$2,277.00 | \$33,849.00 | \$206,555.00 | \$163,808.00 |
| 20 Riverside Evangelical Church | Sartell | MN | \$58,694.00 | \$211,868.00 | \$0.00 | \$301.00 | \$212,169.00 | \$164,121.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,159.00 | \$2,921.00 | \$6,171.00 | \$14,135.00 | \$186,586.00 | \$84,277.00 |
| 21 United Presbyterian Church of Amberg | Amberg | WI | \$17,562.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,562.00 |
| 22 Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg | Alton | IL | \$259,354.00 | \$29,369.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,390.00 | \$33,759.00 | \$44,591.00 | \$4,427.00 | \$629.00 | \$851.00 | \$851.00 | \$18,705.00 | \$69,203.00 | \$223,910.00 |
| TOTALS | | | \$1,805,136.00 | \$4,161,943.00 | \$289,167.00 | \$1,942,072.00 | \$6,443,822.00 | \$3,928,635.00 | \$588,399.00 | \$61,158.00 | \$60,753.00 | \$91,831.50 | \$471,480.00 | \$5,141,503.50 | \$3,107,454.50 |

Rivers and Lakes Presbytery - 2012 Annual Statistical Report

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|----|---|-----------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | Alexis United Presbyterian Church (EPC)^ | Alexis | IL | | 105 | | | | | | | | | | 53 | | | | | | |
| 2 | Baldwin Community Presbyterian Church | Baldwin | IL | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Bethel Presbyterian Church** | Reading | MN | 98 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 36 | 24 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | Christ Alone Church | Green Bay | WI | 61 | 71 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 100 | 0 | 56 | 16 | 0 | 1 | |
| 5 | Confluence Church (mission church) | Champaign | IL | 10 | 27 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Cornerstone Community Church~ | Bemidji | MN | 44 | | | | | | | | | | 36 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church^ | Crivitz | WI | | 191 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | 35 | 1 | 1 | 4 | |
| 7 | Faith Presbyterian Church of Quincy** | Quincy | IL | 325 | 314 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 179 | 177 | 98 | 98 | 0 | 5 | 1 | |
| 8 | First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Cedar Grove | WI | 55 | 56 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 42 | 23 | 1 | 0 | |
| 9 | First Presbyterian Church^ | Little Rock | IA | | 108 | | | | | | | | | | 80 | | 35 | 7 | 7 | 0 | |
| 10 | First Presbyterian Church of Aurora | Aurora | IL | 699 | 546 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 146 | 13 | 410 | 361 | 146 | 163 | 13 | 13 | 0 | |
| 11 | First Presbyterian Church of Pembine^ | Pembine | WI | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 12 | First Presbyterian Evangelical Church** | Montezuma | IA | 176 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 125 | 120 | 43 | 34 | 23 | 1 | 0 | |
| 13 | GracePoint | Dubuque | IA | 147 | 149 | 5 | 5 | 1 | | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 155 | 141 | 110 | 86 | 6 | 3 | 1 | |
| 14 | Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Dousman | WI | 175 | 179 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 210 | 200 | 94 | 88 | 62 | 3 | 1 | |
| 15 | Hogarty Community Church^ | Aniwa | WI | | 49 | | | | | | | | | | 46 | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16 | Hope EPC** | Grayslake | IL | 129 | 119 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 99 | 95 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 17 | Immanuel Presbyterian Church | Warrenville | IL | 268 | 264 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 255 | 255 | 120 | 110 | 35 | 6 | 0 | |
| 18 | Kishwaukee Community Presbyterian Church | Stillman Valley | IL | 506 | 541 | 8 | 21 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 253 | 248 | 234 | 199 | 1 | 5 | 8 | |
| 19 | Princeville Presbyterian Church^ | Princeville | IL | | 92 | | | | | | | | | | 70 | | 41 | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| 20 | Riverside Evangelical Church | Sartell | MN | 127 | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 110 | 28 | 74 | 37 | 4 | 0 | |
| 21 | United Presbyterian Church of Amberg^ | Amberg | WI | | 25 | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 22 | Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg^ | Alton | IL | | 36 | | | | | | | | | | 35 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 2,830 | 3,280 | 47 | 30 | 53 | 43 | 17 | 47 | 204 | 27 | 1,991 | 2,318 | 939 | 1,138 | 268 | 50 | 16 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | 15 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dismissed during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ~Dismissed during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|---|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Brainerd Presbyterian Church | Chattanooga | TN | \$112,947.00 | \$474,733.00 | \$7,991.00 | \$825.00 | \$483,549.00 | \$432,574.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,280.00 | \$7,560.00 | \$8,441.00 | \$31,600.00 | \$480,895.00 | \$115,601.00 |
| 2 Buck Hill Presbyterian Church | Newland | NC | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 3 Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church | Knoxville | TN | \$2,299,908.00 | \$9,480,698.00 | \$910,091.00 | \$1,983,399.00 | \$12,374,188.00 | \$8,171,812.00 | \$1,157,684.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$154,935.00 | \$3,074,127.00 | \$12,578,558.00 | \$2,095,538.00 |
| 4 ChristChurch Presbyterian | Dalton | GA | \$0.00 | \$423,884.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$423,884.00 | \$345,408.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,296.00 | \$38,636.00 | \$394,340.00 | \$29,544.00 |
| 5 Community Evangelistic Church | Knoxville | TN | \$64,279.00 | \$298,792.00 | \$22,354.00 | \$51,166.00 | \$372,312.00 | \$169,932.00 | \$93,973.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$265,905.00 | \$170,686.00 |
| 6 Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Franklin | NC | \$37,050.00 | \$82,508.00 | \$0.00 | \$180.00 | \$82,688.00 | \$93,448.00 | \$0.00 | \$780.00 | \$897.00 | \$8,391.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$104,419.00 | \$15,319.00 |
| 7 Covenant Presbyterian Church | Rome | GA | \$0.00 | \$64,789.00 | \$5,852.00 | \$4,237.00 | \$89,901.00 | \$57,838.00 | \$5,361.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,265.00 | \$2,243.00 | \$1,470.00 | \$66,912.00 | \$22,989.00 |
| 8 CrossWalk Community Church | Knoxville | TN | \$20,261.00 | \$188,211.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$188,211.00 | \$168,827.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,180.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,030.00 | \$3,754.00 | \$176,791.00 | \$31,681.00 |
| 9 Faith Presbyterian Church | McDonough | GA | \$0.00 | \$199,486.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,023.00 | \$206,509.00 | \$69,957.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,262.00 | \$0.00 | \$168,360.00 | \$38,149.00 |
| 10 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Humboldt | TN | \$147,500.00 | \$252,236.00 | \$14,650.00 | \$6,438.00 | \$273,324.00 | \$250,127.00 | \$70,768.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,218.00 | \$1,218.00 | \$2,665.00 | \$324,778.00 | \$96,046.00 |
| 11 First Presbyterian Church of Rome | Rome | GA | \$865,775.00 | \$2,324,520.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$26,766.00 | \$2,354,786.00 | \$1,798,498.00 | \$0.00 | \$26,400.00 | \$22,000.00 | \$68,169.00 | \$381,107.00 | \$2,274,174.00 | \$946,387.00 |
| 12 Grace Presbyterian Church | Franklin | NC | \$89,283.00 | \$125,884.00 | \$8,824.00 | \$234.00 | \$134,942.00 | \$84,162.00 | \$48,223.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$900.00 | \$8,273.00 | \$141,558.00 | \$82,667.00 |
| 13 Greenbriar Presbyterian Church | Manchester | KY | \$5,595.00 | \$101,550.00 | \$124,038.00 | \$0.00 | \$225,588.00 | \$67,907.00 | \$121,373.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$15,957.00 | \$206,437.00 | \$24,746.00 |
| 14 Hope Fellowship EPC | Chickamauga | GA | \$15,566.00 | \$63,630.00 | \$5,076.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$88,706.00 | \$70,104.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$333.00 | \$566.00 | \$566.00 | \$0.00 | \$74,503.00 | \$29,769.00 |
| 15 Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church | Chattanooga | TN | \$20,290.00 | \$134,521.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$18,277.00 | \$164,798.00 | \$126,511.00 | \$5,411.00 | \$2,857.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$8,856.00 | \$10,048.00 | \$153,683.00 | \$31,405.00 |
| 16 Mars Hill Presbyterian Church | Acworth | GA | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 17 Murphy Presbyterian Church | Murphy | NC | \$33,815.00 | \$176,496.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$181,496.00 | \$100,432.00 | \$19,650.00 | \$1,777.00 | \$2,900.00 | \$3,100.00 | \$0.00 | \$124,959.00 | \$90,352.00 |
| 18 New Beginning EPC | Erlanger | KY | \$191,913.00 | \$107,672.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$107,872.00 | \$104,853.00 | \$0.00 | \$893.00 | \$1,387.00 | \$1,387.00 | \$7,622.00 | \$114,755.00 | \$185,030.00 |
| 19 New Hope EPC | Kingsport | TN | \$8,341.00 | \$92,090.00 | \$3,858.00 | \$29,557.00 | \$125,505.00 | \$113,197.00 | \$5,193.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,320.00 | \$4,080.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$126,070.00 | \$7,776.00 |
| 20 Parkway Presbyterian Church | Cumming | GA | \$32,380.00 | \$807,638.00 | \$0.00 | \$19,028.00 | \$826,666.00 | \$769,606.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$52,202.00 | \$826,808.00 | \$32,238.00 |
| 21 Plumtree Presbyterian Church | Plumtree | NC | \$3,600.00 | \$109,732.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$109,732.00 | \$109,585.00 | \$0.00 | \$800.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$111,585.00 | \$1,747.00 |
| 22 Providence Church | Hazelwood | NC | \$184,000.00 | \$208,435.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$1,947.00 | \$220,382.00 | \$135,490.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,850.00 | \$5,475.00 | \$44,471.00 | \$187,436.00 | \$216,946.00 |
| 23 Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church | Signal Mountain | TN | \$0.00 | \$3,162,493.00 | \$0.00 | \$33,331.00 | \$3,195,824.00 | \$2,302,193.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,040.00 | \$48,485.00 | \$73,585.00 | \$583,979.00 | \$3,000,797.00 | \$195,027.00 |
| 24 Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Loganville | GA | \$43,827.00 | \$73,803.00 | \$17,828.00 | \$6,900.00 | \$98,531.00 | \$9,434.00 | \$61,690.00 | \$600.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$72,874.00 | \$69,484.00 |
| 25 Trion Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Trion | GA | \$115,716.00 | \$50,748.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,528.00 | \$63,276.00 | \$48,812.00 | \$1,456.00 | \$750.00 | \$750.00 | \$1,269.00 | \$5,215.00 | \$57,502.00 | \$121,490.00 |
| 26 Valleybrook Presbyterian Church | Hixson | TN | \$65,962.00 | \$129,545.00 | \$45,850.00 | \$322.00 | \$175,717.00 | \$111,346.00 | \$50,903.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$5,510.00 | \$0.00 | \$168,959.00 | \$72,720.00 |
| 27 Woodland Presbyterian Church | Memphis | TN | \$197,372.00 | \$645,446.00 | \$46,073.00 | \$206,960.00 | \$898,479.00 | \$807,112.00 | \$50,784.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,682.00 | \$9,949.00 | \$47,648.00 | \$915,493.00 | \$180,358.00 |
| TOTALS | | | \$4,555,380.00 | \$19,779,540.00 | \$1,237,985.00 | \$2,434,318.00 | \$23,466,866.00 | \$16,519,165.00 | \$1,695,969.00 | \$124,190.00 | \$170,130.00 | \$377,212.00 | \$4,312,374.00 | \$23,118,551.00 | \$4,903,695.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 Brainerd Presbyterian Church | Chattanooga | TN | 279 | 261 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 21 | 175 | 175 | 108 | 108 | 34 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 Buck Hill Presbyterian Church** | Newland | NC | 37 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church | Knoxville | TN | 3371 | 3487 | 55 | 31 | 72 | 20 | 32 | 11 | 0 | 21 | 2246 | 2215 | 2828 | 1163 | 1033 | 65 | 7 |
| 4 ChristChurch Presbyterian^ | Dalton | GA | | 371 | | | | | | | | | | 253 | | 229 | 47 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Community Evangelistic Church | Knoxville | TN | 209 | 223 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 225 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 6 Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Franklin | NC | 39 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 38 | 12 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 Covenant Presbyterian Church^ | Rome | GA | | 60 | | | | | | | | | | 49 | | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 CrossWalk Community Church | Knoxville | TN | 110 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 84 | 0 | 17 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| 9 Faith Presbyterian Church | McDonough | GA | 246 | 116 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 190 | 110 | 34 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Humboldt | TN | 100 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 57 | 50 | 24 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 First Presbyterian Church of Rome | Rome | GA | 962 | 966 | 1 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 444 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 3 | 4 |
| 12 Grace Presbyterian Church** | Franklin | NC | 88 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 61 | 45 | 43 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 Greenbriar Presbyterian Church** | Manchester | KY | 108 | 99 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 80 | 75 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 14 Hope Fellowship EPC** | Chickamauga | GA | 56 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 45 | 55 | 10 | 20 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church | Chattanooga | TN | 80 | 79 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 46 | 18 | 31 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| 16 Mars Hill Presbyterian Church^ | Acworth | GA | | 325 | | | | | | | | | | 220 | | | | | |
| 17 Murphy Presbyterian Church** | Murphy | NC | 74 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 65 | 65 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 New Beginning EPC** | Erlanger | KY | 38 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 30 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 New Hope EPC | Kingsport | TN | 73 | 78 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 80 | 46 | 50 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 Parkway Presbyterian Church | Cumming | GA | 420 | 396 | 4 | 6 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 375 | 330 | | 108 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 21 Plumtree Presbyterian Church | Plumtree | NC | 57 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 28 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 Providence Church | Hazelwood | NC | 77 | 79 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 68 | 62 | 40 | 42 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| 23 Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church | Signal Mountain | TN | 2108 | 2125 | 3 | 36 | 40 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 23 | 1037 | 911 | 407 | 386 | 29 | 29 | 0 |
| 24 Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Loganville | GA | 50 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 40 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 25 Trion Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Trion | GA | 30 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 Valleybrook Presbyterian Church | Hixson | TN | 41 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 52 | 29 | 31 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 Woodland Presbyterian Church ^National | Memphis | TN | 334 | 352 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 232 | 210 | 118 | 70 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTALS* | | | 8,653 | 9,687 | 204 | 107 | 174 | 64 | 107 | 56 | 96 | 71 | 5,583 | 5,980 | 3,923 | 2,556 | 1,459 | 124 | 17 |
| Churches of Record | | | 23 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWPEC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~Dismissed during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|----|---|-------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Advent Presbyterian Church | Cordova | TN | \$1,715,572.00 | \$1,850,753.00 | \$812,375.00 | \$715,609.00 | \$3,558,884.00 | \$1,361,118.00 | \$1,280,085.00 | \$108,251.00 | \$306.00 | \$1,912.00 | \$909,449.00 | \$3,660,815.00 | \$1,613,640.00 |
| 2 | Bear Creek Church | Lakewood | CO | \$48,811.00 | \$442,432.00 | \$60,698.00 | \$0.00 | \$503,130.00 | \$413,061.00 | \$54,159.00 | \$5,200.00 | \$2,383.00 | \$4,033.00 | \$37,127.00 | \$513,580.00 | \$38,361.00 |
| 3 | Canyons Community Church | Castle Rock | CO | \$215,979.00 | \$242,038.00 | \$28,067.00 | \$2,892.00 | \$272,997.00 | \$189,317.00 | \$8,414.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,299.00 | \$205,030.00 | \$283,946.00 |
| 4 | Celebration Community Church | Denver | CO | \$21,360.00 | \$460,740.00 | \$0.00 | \$21,920.00 | \$482,660.00 | \$387,666.00 | \$16,785.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$440,451.00 | \$63,569.00 |
| 5 | Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church | Englewood | CO | | | | | | | | | \$25,806.03 | | | | |
| 6 | Cherry Hills Community Church | Highlands Ranch | CO | \$5,924,387.00 | \$13,374,460.00 | \$502,736.00 | \$8,274,296.00 | \$22,151,492.00 | \$19,914,485.00 | \$2,084,609.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$60,900.00 | \$1,186,536.00 | \$23,276,530.00 | \$4,799,349.00 |
| 7 | Christ Covenant Church | Leoti | KS | | | | | | | | | \$1,560.00 | | | | |
| 8 | Christ Fellowship Church | Ft. Collins | CO | \$85,434.00 | \$143,317.00 | \$0.00 | \$847,170.00 | \$990,487.00 | \$918,796.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,364.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,717.00 | \$922,877.00 | \$153,044.00 |
| 9 | Colonial Presbyterian Church | Kansas City | MO | \$2,117,983.00 | \$3,916,752.00 | \$1,902,902.00 | \$73,923.00 | \$5,893,577.00 | \$6,551,171.00 | \$10,043.00 | \$0.00 | \$37,316.00 | \$42,094.00 | \$470,730.00 | \$7,074,038.00 | \$937,522.00 |
| 10 | Cornerstone Community Church | Aurora | CO | | | | | | | | | \$720.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Covenant Community Church | Aurora | CO | \$592,628.00 | \$87,146.00 | \$20,321.00 | \$2,863.00 | \$110,330.00 | \$91,183.00 | \$5,862.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$972.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$99,317.00 | \$603,641.00 |
| 12 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Omaha | NE | \$483,828.00 | \$1,270,548.00 | \$1,000,000.00 | \$68,321.00 | \$2,338,869.00 | \$1,103,921.00 | \$462,785.00 | \$13,415.00 | \$19,550.00 | \$19,550.00 | \$135,593.00 | \$1,735,264.00 | \$1,087,433.00 |
| 13 | Covenant Presbyterian of the Vail Valley | Vail | CO | \$0.00 | \$165,810.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,766.00 | \$168,576.00 | \$159,337.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$159,337.00 | \$9,239.00 |
| 14 | Desert Hills Presbyterian Church | Carefree | AZ | \$755,147.00 | \$963,732.00 | \$586,690.00 | \$93,307.00 | \$1,643,729.00 | \$965,522.00 | \$920,221.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,310.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$1,907,053.00 | \$491,823.00 |
| 15 | Faith Evangelical Church | Loveland | CO | \$47,450.00 | \$992,646.00 | \$88,542.00 | \$1,844.00 | \$1,083,032.00 | \$742,078.00 | \$39,479.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$11,980.00 | \$45,213.00 | \$238,993.00 | \$1,067,763.00 | \$62,719.00 |
| 16 | Faith Presbyterian Church | Aurora | CO | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church | Greeley | CO | \$391,685.00 | \$1,190,343.00 | \$40,012.00 | \$6.00 | \$1,230,361.00 | \$1,005,476.00 | \$63,275.00 | \$11,680.00 | \$9,913.00 | \$19,873.00 | \$234,304.00 | \$1,334,608.00 | \$287,438.00 |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Levelland | TX | \$115,686.00 | \$176,861.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,089.00 | \$177,950.00 | \$157,711.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,749.00 | \$4,279.00 | \$14,846.00 | \$178,336.00 | \$115,300.00 |
| 19 | Grace Community Church | Falcon | CO | \$5,939.00 | \$266,672.00 | \$60,615.00 | \$10,186.00 | \$343,077.00 | \$204,844.00 | \$66,614.00 | \$901.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,292.00 | \$277,651.00 | \$71,365.00 |
| 20 | Grace Community Church | Surprise | AZ | \$47,323.00 | \$357,325.00 | \$28,675.00 | \$9,838.00 | \$395,838.00 | \$283,704.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,856.00 | \$3,428.00 | \$38,566.00 | \$60,576.00 | \$389,702.00 | \$53,459.00 |
| 21 | GracePoint Community Church | Littleton | CO | \$162,545.00 | \$333,864.00 | \$3,731.00 | \$42,839.00 | \$380,434.00 | \$268,076.00 | \$54,492.00 | \$3,270.00 | \$4,810.00 | \$14,590.00 | \$70,350.00 | \$410,778.00 | \$132,201.00 |
| 22 | Greenwood Community Church | Greenwood Village | CO | \$606,885.00 | \$2,720,594.00 | \$857,247.00 | \$441,813.00 | \$4,019,654.00 | \$2,873,513.00 | \$66,258.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,060.00 | \$18,060.00 | \$136,488.00 | \$3,094,319.00 | \$1,532,220.00 |
| 23 | Highline Community Church | Centennial | CO | \$3,257,000.00 | \$823,189.00 | \$538,950.00 | \$158,656.00 | \$1,520,795.00 | \$730,000.00 | \$210,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$750.00 | \$3,750.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$963,750.00 | \$3,814,045.00 |
| 24 | Hope Presbyterian Church | Cordova | TN | \$1,000,365.00 | \$16,320,008.00 | \$52,831.00 | \$3,145.00 | \$16,375,984.00 | \$15,278,319.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,996.00 | \$9,996.00 | \$397,452.00 | \$15,685,767.00 | \$1,690,582.00 |
| 25 | Littleton Christian Church | Littleton | CO | | | | | | | | | \$1,200.00 | | | | |
| 26 | Lookout Mtn. Community Church | Golden | CO | \$106,759.00 | \$562,443.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$84,006.00 | \$647,949.00 | \$426,310.00 | \$140,354.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$47,993.00 | \$615,257.00 | \$139,451.00 |
| 27 | Morningside Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Phoenix | AZ | \$25,508.00 | \$59,167.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,395.00 | \$70,562.00 | \$57,277.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,882.00 | \$67,259.00 | \$28,811.00 |
| 28 | Neighborhood Church | Littleton | CO | \$0.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| 29 | Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Parker | CO | \$435,809.00 | \$855,604.00 | \$49,774.00 | \$535,119.00 | \$1,440,497.00 | \$1,279,925.00 | \$26,797.00 | \$9,030.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$28,720.00 | \$71,850.00 | \$1,416,322.00 | \$459,984.00 |
| 30 | Springhill Presbyterian Church | Bozeman | MT | \$321,934.00 | \$749,009.00 | \$1,581,776.00 | \$19,237.00 | \$2,350,022.00 | \$638,139.00 | \$237,581.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$26,850.00 | \$903,570.00 | \$1,768,386.00 |
| 31 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Enid | OK | \$0.00 | \$428,911.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$428,911.00 | \$99,664.00 | \$22,751.00 | \$144,004.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$48,500.00 | \$266,419.00 | \$581,338.00 | (\$152,427.00) |
| | TOTALS | | | \$18,486,017.00 | \$48,914,364.00 | \$8,217,442.00 | \$11,462,240.00 | \$68,779,797.00 | \$56,100,613.00 | \$5,770,564.00 | \$348,871.00 | \$204,127.03 | \$374,918.00 | \$4,395,746.00 | \$66,980,712.00 | \$20,285,101.00 |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview | Longview | TX | | \$529,715.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$23,425.00 | \$586,140.00 | \$282,451.00 | \$119,061.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$13,774.00 | \$415,285.00 | \$170,855.00 |
| 2 | Hillsdale Presbyterian | Hillsdale | KS | \$64,123.00 | \$147,322.00 | \$132,809.00 | \$14,314.00 | \$256,994.00 | \$151,892.00 | \$24,570.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$5,001.00 | \$8,175.00 | \$156,505.00 |
| 3 | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Lubbock | TX | \$0.00 | \$1,360,485.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,360,485.00 | \$1,186,356.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150,716.00 | \$1,363,072.00 | (\$2,587.00) |
| | TOTALS | | | \$64,123.00 | \$2,037,522.00 | \$165,809.00 | \$37,739.00 | \$2,203,619.00 | \$1,620,699.00 | \$169,631.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$169,491.00 | \$1,786,532.00 | \$324,773.00 |

PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Church | City | State | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffirmation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Baptized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism | |
|----|---|-------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | Advent Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC (by G.5-5) | Cordova | TN | 1308 | 952 | 10 | 18 | 34 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 122 | 0 | 659 | 659 | 316 | 166 | 327 | 12 | 2 | |
| 2 | Bear Creek Church | Lakewood | CO | 203 | 188 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 165 | 201 | 62 | 40 | 14 | 0 | 4 | |
| 3 | Canyons Community Church | Castle Rock | CO | 99 | 53 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 27 | 27 | 70 | 75 | 34 | 40 | 8 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | Celebration Community Church | Denver | CO | 109 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 244 | 229 | 165 | 212 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church | Englewood | CO | 1122 | 1122 | | | | | | | | | 902 | 902 | 540 | 540 | | | | |
| 6 | Cherry Hills Community Church | Highlands Ranch | CO | 5264 | 5484 | 48 | 19 | 26 | 239 | 8 | 35 | 78 | 11 | 6300 | 5870 | 2389 | 2239 | 0 | 122 | 78 | |
| 7 | Christ Covenant Church | Leoti | KS | 91 | 91 | | | | | | | | | 85 | 85 | | | | | | |
| 8 | Christ Fellowship Church | Ft. Collins | CO | 62 | 71 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 85 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 9 | Colonial Presbyterian Church ^NWEPC (by G.5-5) | Kansas City | MO | 1610 | 1589 | 23 | 9 | 24 | 23 | 8 | 21 | 80 | 0 | 1341 | 1372 | 579 | 645 | 0 | 17 | 13 | |
| 10 | Cornerstone Community Church | Aurora | CO | 66 | 66 | | | | | | | | | 65 | 65 | 17 | 17 | | | | |
| 11 | Covenant Community Church | Aurora | CO | 45 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 42 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 12 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Omaha | NE | 853 | 855 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 18 | 0 | 510 | 504 | 87 | 60 | 612 | 19 | 0 | |
| 13 | Covenant Presbyterian of the Vail Valley** | Vail | CO | 30 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | |
| 14 | Desert Hills Presbyterian Church^ | Carefree | AZ | | 489 | | | | | | | | | | 431 | | 70 | 77 | 3 | 0 | |
| 15 | Faith Evangelical Church** | Loveland | CO | 571 | 550 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 538 | 483 | 346 | 237 | 14 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16 | Faith Presbyterian Church | Aurora | CO | 597 | 597 | | | | | | | | | 364 | 364 | | | | | | |
| 17 | First Presbyterian Church | Greeley | CO | 402 | 426 | 12 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 490 | 479 | 239 | 201 | 0 | 4 | 0 | |
| 18 | First Presbyterian Church | Levelland | TX | 122 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 59 | 70 | 70 | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| 19 | Grace Community Church^ | Falcon | CO | | 138 | | | | | | | | | | 155 | | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | |
| 20 | Grace Community Church | Surprise | AZ | 179 | 181 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 170 | 175 | 41 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 21 | GracePoint Community Church | Littleton | CO | 222 | 222 | | | | | | | | | 122 | 122 | | | | | | |
| 22 | Greenwood Community Church | Greenwood Village | CO | 786 | 782 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 25 | 0 | 1700 | 1060 | 0 | 480 | 0 | 29 | 10 | |
| 23 | Highline Community Church** | Centennial | CO | 326 | 351 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 225 | 380 | 0 | 192 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 24 | Hope Presbyterian Church*** | Cordova | TN | | 7273 | 32 | 42 | 81 | 229 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | 8246 | 4084 | 4010 | 1637 | 117 | 48 | |
| 25 | Littleton Christian Church | Littleton | CO | 45 | 45 | | | | | | | | | 100 | 100 | 46 | 46 | | | | |
| 26 | Lookout Mtn. Community Church | Golden | CO | 504 | 240 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 232 | 161 | | 73 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| 27 | Morningside Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Phoenix | AZ | 64 | 66 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 26 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 28 | Neighborhood Church** | Littleton | CO | 50 | 56 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 90 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 29 | Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Parker | CO | 547 | 558 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 550 | 550 | | 158 | 0 | 13 | 4 | |
| 30 | Springhill Presbyterian Church | Bozeman | MT | 280 | 336 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 513 | 530 | 0 | 75 | 15 | 8 | 3 | |
| 31 | Westminster Presbyterian Church^ | Enid | OK | | 137 | | | | | | | | | | 94 | | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | 12,639 | 23,224 | 224 | 105 | 196 | 630 | 42 | 115 | 398 | 71 | 13,686 | 23,624 | 4,050 | 9,746 | 2,725 | 357 | 174 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | 25 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview | Longview | TX | | 294 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 289 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 250 | | 165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Hillsdale Presbyterian ^NWEPC (by G.5-5) | Hillsdale | KS | 138 | 219 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 153 | | 68 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| | Westminster Presbyterian Church | Lubbock | TX | | 524 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 19 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 37 | | 325 | | 229 | 106 | 7 | 1 | |
| | TOTALS* | | | | 1,037 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 310 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 37 | | 728 | | 462 | 106 | 9 | 1 | |
| | Churches of Record | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Notes: <i>Gray highlight</i> = Report not submitted **2011 totals corrected following 2012 General Assembly ^Received or constituted during 2012 NWEPC=received from New Wineskins/EPC Transitional Presbytery ~Dissolved during 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ~Dismissed during 2012 *2011 totals do not include churches from transitional presbyteries National=received from National Transitional Presbytery †Received from Central South (G.5-5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SUMMARY - 2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

| Presbytery | Ending Balance 2011 | Tithes-Offerings | Capital-Building | Other | Total Receipts | Local Operating | Local Capital-Building | Presbytery Giving | Per Member | Total GA Causes | Other Missions | Total Disbursements | Ending Balance 2012 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alleghenies | \$4,768,490.00 | \$15,502,445.00 | \$3,524,580.00 | \$2,296,080.00 | \$21,334,451.00 | \$14,810,525.00 | \$2,327,092.00 | \$102,216.00 | \$96,138.07 | \$163,003.00 | \$2,183,211.00 | \$19,588,232.00 | \$6,514,709.00 |
| Central South | \$9,473,920.00 | \$37,174,874.00 | \$5,500,379.00 | \$4,775,152.00 | \$47,529,258.00 | \$31,941,797.00 | \$4,480,154.00 | \$191,814.00 | \$276,845.74 | \$699,390.00 | \$8,705,325.00 | \$46,018,500.00 | \$10,984,678.00 |
| East | \$4,301,054.00 | \$13,684,333.00 | \$2,506,598.00 | \$1,149,747.00 | \$17,445,162.00 | \$13,321,859.00 | \$709,242.00 | \$38,885.00 | \$96,203.61 | \$274,493.00 | \$1,930,161.00 | \$16,274,640.00 | \$5,471,576.00 |
| Florida | \$2,482,559.00 | \$10,514,740.00 | \$681,871.00 | \$6,413,525.00 | \$17,610,936.00 | \$15,196,869.00 | \$1,095,811.00 | \$16,181.00 | \$26,123.00 | \$69,032.00 | \$402,359.00 | \$16,780,252.00 | \$3,313,243.00 |
| Mid-America | \$12,054,345.00 | \$15,637,347.00 | \$3,683,631.00 | \$1,179,452.00 | \$20,500,430.00 | \$13,885,281.00 | \$2,881,046.00 | \$57,224.00 | \$93,199.00 | \$123,790.00 | \$2,156,577.00 | \$19,103,918.00 | \$13,450,857.00 |
| Mid-Atlantic | \$6,188,621.00 | \$24,162,117.00 | \$2,995,870.00 | \$2,701,058.00 | \$29,873,745.00 | \$22,102,664.00 | \$2,722,980.00 | \$162,536.00 | \$176,190.04 | \$519,432.16 | \$2,562,468.00 | \$28,088,970.00 | \$7,973,396.00 |
| Midwest | \$18,552,215.00 | \$30,562,462.00 | \$1,541,522.00 | \$4,535,064.00 | \$36,690,741.00 | \$27,939,753.00 | \$1,643,330.00 | \$124,019.00 | \$317,879.00 | \$783,554.00 | \$4,130,641.00 | \$34,619,797.00 | \$20,618,856.00 |
| Pacific | \$15,858,143.00 | \$37,087,830.00 | \$2,384,494.00 | \$3,972,690.00 | \$43,510,111.00 | \$35,237,064.00 | \$2,498,361.00 | \$199,690.00 | \$142,096.00 | \$220,189.00 | \$3,612,217.00 | \$41,761,012.00 | \$16,380,046.00 |
| Rivers & Lakes | \$1,805,136.00 | \$4,161,943.00 | \$289,167.00 | \$1,942,072.00 | \$6,443,822.00 | \$3,928,635.00 | \$588,399.00 | \$61,158.00 | \$60,753.00 | \$91,831.50 | \$471,480.00 | \$5,141,503.50 | \$3,107,454.50 |
| Southeast | \$4,555,380.00 | \$19,779,540.00 | \$1,237,985.00 | \$2,434,318.00 | \$23,466,866.00 | \$16,519,165.00 | \$1,695,969.00 | \$124,190.00 | \$170,130.00 | \$377,212.00 | \$4,312,374.00 | \$23,118,551.00 | \$4,903,695.00 |
| West | \$18,486,017.00 | \$48,914,364.00 | \$8,217,442.00 | \$11,462,240.00 | \$68,779,797.00 | \$56,100,613.00 | \$5,770,564.00 | \$348,871.00 | \$204,127.03 | \$374,918.00 | \$4,395,746.00 | \$66,980,712.00 | \$20,285,101.00 |
| TOTALS | \$98,525,880.00 | \$257,181,995.00 | \$32,563,539.00 | \$42,861,398.00 | \$333,185,319.00 | \$250,984,225.00 | \$26,412,948.00 | \$1,426,784.00 | \$1,659,684.49 | \$3,696,844.66 | \$34,862,559.00 | \$317,476,087.50 | \$113,003,611.50 |
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alleghenies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Central South | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-America | \$521,537.00 | \$712,653.00 | \$235,038.00 | \$174.00 | \$947,865.00 | \$542,490.00 | \$151,663.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$6,600.00 | \$9,600.00 | \$10,408.00 | \$715,761.00 | \$753,641.00 |
| Mid-Atlantic | \$102,203.00 | \$622,399.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,519.00 | \$632,918.00 | \$365,323.00 | \$148,995.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$72,286.00 | \$586,604.00 | \$148,517.00 |
| Midwest | \$92,848.00 | \$656,325.00 | \$32,894.00 | \$205,215.00 | \$894,434.00 | \$761,614.00 | \$54,939.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,353.00 | \$2,622.00 | \$28,869.00 | \$848,044.00 | \$139,238.00 |
| Pacific | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Rivers & Lakes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West | \$64,123.00 | \$2,037,522.00 | \$165,809.00 | \$37,739.00 | \$2,203,619.00 | \$1,620,699.00 | \$169,631.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$3,174.00 | \$169,491.00 | \$1,786,532.00 | \$324,773.00 |
| TOTALS | \$780,711.00 | \$4,028,899.00 | \$433,741.00 | \$253,647.00 | \$4,678,836.00 | \$3,290,126.00 | \$525,228.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$12,127.00 | \$15,396.00 | \$281,054.00 | \$3,936,941.00 | \$1,366,169.00 |

SUMMARY - 2012 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

| Presbyteries | Churches 12/31/2011 | Churches 12/31/2012 | 2011 Members | 2012 Members | Adult Profession | Youth Profession | Transfer Gain | Reaffir- mation | Transfer Loss | Death | Inactive | Other Loss | 2011 Worship | 2012 Worship | 2011 Sunday School | 2012 Sunday School | 2012 Bap- tized Roll | Infant Baptism | Adult Baptism |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Alleghenies | 15 | 35 | 7,261 | 10,920 | 105 | 81 | 115 | 75 | 90 | 99 | 434 | 154 | 5,293 | 8,400 | 2,345 | 3,282 | 1,817 | 113 | 23 |
| Central South | 53 | 73 | 19,705 | 15,790 | 78 | 180 | 372 | 347 | 169 | 160 | 533 | 141 | 16,409 | 10,617 | 4,131 | 10,087 | 2,716 | 223 | 43 |
| East | 25 | 33 | 7,373 | 8,291 | 97 | 59 | 43 | 70 | 60 | 91 | 427 | 91 | 5,349 | 6,366 | 2,814 | 2,997 | 913 | 83 | 28 |
| Florida | 11 | 15 | 1,727 | 6,453 | 45 | 52 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 35 | 77 | 20 | 1,611 | 4,336 | 507 | 1,139 | 309 | 72 | 25 |
| Mid-America | 15 | 17 | 4,984 | 9,261 | 27 | 13 | 79 | 123 | 29 | 40 | 185 | 46 | 6,043 | 8,041 | 2,968 | 4,321 | 1,114 | 99 | 13 |
| Mid-Atlantic | 44 | 53 | 10,269 | 12,362 | 72 | 43 | 266 | 407 | 81 | 57 | 255 | 102 | 11,256 | 12,369 | 3,822 | 4,237 | 1,516 | 147 | 126 |
| Midwest | 38 | 47 | 14,079 | 15,271 | 197 | 80 | 117 | 244 | 58 | 161 | 781 | 75 | 12,569 | 15,516 | 6,792 | 6,278 | 1,724 | 151 | 137 |
| Pacific | 26 | 45 | 10,439 | 16,267 | 69 | 30 | 102 | 179 | 110 | 139 | 418 | 215 | 8,477 | 14,728 | 2,926 | 5,656 | 489 | 156 | 135 |
| Rivers and Lakes | 15 | 22 | 2,830 | 3,280 | 47 | 30 | 53 | 43 | 17 | 47 | 204 | 27 | 1,991 | 2,318 | 939 | 1,138 | 268 | 50 | 16 |
| Southeast | 23 | 27 | 8,653 | 9,687 | 204 | 107 | 174 | 64 | 107 | 56 | 96 | 71 | 5,583 | 5,980 | 3,923 | 2,556 | 1,459 | 124 | 17 |
| West | 25 | 31 | 12,639 | 23,224 | 224 | 105 | 196 | 630 | 42 | 115 | 398 | 71 | 13,686 | 23,624 | 4,050 | 9,746 | 2,725 | 357 | 174 |
| Subtotal | 290 | 398 | 99,959 | 130,806 | 1,165 | 780 | 1,529 | 2,197 | 775 | 1,000 | 3,808 | 1,013 | 88,267 | 112,295 | 35,217 | 51,437 | 15,050 | 1,575 | 737 |
| TRANSITIONAL MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alleghenies | 1 | 3 | 189 | 1,538 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 775 | 38 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Central South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-America | 1 | 2 | 84 | 496 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 327 | 45 | 181 | 20 | 3 | 11 |
| Mid-Atlantic | | 5 | | 274 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 231 | 0 | 123 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Midwest | 7 | 4 | 1,544 | 622 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 864 | 354 | 390 | 161 | 40 | 6 | 2 |
| Pacific | | 1 | | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rivers and Lakes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West | | 3 | | 1,037 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 310 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 37 | 0 | 728 | 0 | 462 | 106 | 9 | 1 |
| New Wineskins/EPC* | 22 | 0 | 10,218 | 0 | | | | | | | | | 6,492 | | 2,937 | | | | |
| National Transitional~ | 3 | 0 | 395 | 0 | | | | | | | | | 291 | | 118 | | | | |
| Subtotal | 34 | 18 | 12,430 | 4,027 | 20 | 18 | 31 | 326 | 19 | 35 | 26 | 38 | 7,822 | 2,467 | 3,528 | 985 | 166 | 19 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 324 | 416 | 112,389 | 134,833 | 1,185 | 798 | 1,560 | 2,523 | 794 | 1,035 | 3,834 | 1,051 | 96,089 | 114,762 | 38,745 | 52,422 | 15,216 | 1,594 | 751 |
| *NWEPC Transitional Presbytery dissolved June 19, 2012. 17 churches were received by EPC presbyteries in 2012, 5 churches were dismissed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ~National Transitional Presbytery dissolved June 19, 2012. All 3 churches were received by EPC presbyteries. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |