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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**35th General Assembly**

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**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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***Arise and Shine***

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of  
the LORD has risen upon you.”*

*(Isaiah 60:1, ESV)*

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 CHURCH REPORT:** 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*

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*Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

*35th General Assembly*



*TE Mike Moses  
Moderator  
35th General Assembly*

## **Teaching Elder Mike Moses Elected Moderator**

Having served as Moderator-elect this past year, Reverend Dr. Mike Moses was elected as Moderator of the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Mike has served faithfully as a Teaching Elder in the EPC for over 15 years. Previously, he worked for Young Life and Hope EPC in Cordova, Tennessee.

Mike is the founding pastor of Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, North Carolina. LFC began on October 18, 1998 and “went public” in a now-defunct Skating Rink in Huntersville (now the Toyota dealership). A church of about 150 grew that year around the stated goal to create together ‘a real place for real people and a real God.’ Two years later, seeking better space, Lake Forest moved to the Lake Norman YMCA where they grew in service to the world and their community, becoming a church of approximately 500 members. In the four years since moving into their first permanent location LFC has grown to over 2,000 souls and is known for its mission activity, creativity and a singular focus on following Jesus.

Mike earned a BA from William & Mary and an M.Div. from Fuller Seminary, where he earned the Hebrew & Greek Exegetical Scholar award. He completed the Arrow Evangelistic Leadership Program and earned his D.Min. from Gordon-Conwell-Charlotte, where he now teaches church planting and serves on their board. His doctoral work is titled ‘The Transforming Missiological Leadership of St. Patrick.’ He also serves on the board of Children’s Impact Network, which is headquartered in Bolivia. Mike is a member of the EPC Church Multiplication Task Force.

Mike and his wife Angie have two sons. Angie is a novelist who writes the faith section for their local newspaper. Mike’s hobbies include tennis, surfing with his sons and cultural travel with Angie. Mike is passionate about U2, Tolkien and EDM music.

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*Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

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## **Moderator-Elect Nominee RE Scott Griffin**

Ruling Elder Scott Griffin was elected to be the Moderator-elect of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC).

Scott Griffin has served as a Ruling Elder in the EPC since 1987, when First EPC of Kent, Washington transferred into the EPC. He was a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Renton (PCUSA) for four years prior. Scott retired as a senior executive of the Boeing Company in 2007, and has been actively involved in providing *pro bono* consulting and coaching to non-profit and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) boards since then.

Scott has served in his local church, the Presbytery of the West, the Presbytery of the Pacific and several General Assembly committees. He has served on the EPC Committee on Administration (the “Session of the EPC”) for the past three years.

Within the Greater Seattle and Chicago metropolitan areas, Scott has served on numerous boards, including the greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Board and the Advisory Board for the Seattle Pacific University’s School of Business, Government and Economics. Scott currently serves on the Executive Advisory Board of the Center for Integrity in Business, is an alumni member of the CIO Research Board and serves as a mentor at Seattle Pacific University.

A native of Fresno, Scott and his wife Mary grew up at First Presbyterian Church of Fresno. Their mentors were Dr. Homer Goddard and Dr. Paul Pierson. Scott is a graduate of Fresno State University, holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound and a Masters in Non-Profit Leadership from Seattle University. He attended the executive programs at the University of Southern California, Carnegie Mellon University and the IESE Business School (Barcelona).

Scott has been married to Mary (Thorpe) Griffin since 1976. They have three children – Rebekah is married to Corey Petersen, Katie is married to Mike Pitts and Matt is engaged to Ashley Thordarson – and two grandchildren.



*RE Scott Griffin  
Moderator-Elect  
35th General Assembly*



### MODERATORS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>GA</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Location</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1981	TE Calvin Gray	Midwest	Livonia, MI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1982	RE Irvin Rinehart	West	Aurora, CO
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1983	TE James Van Dyke	Southeast	St. Louis, MO
4 <sup>th</sup>	1984	RE Donald Harms	Midwest	Jackson, MS
5 <sup>th</sup>	1985	TE James Morrison	East	Aurora, CO
6 <sup>th</sup>	1986	RE Roger Vonder Bruegge	Central South	Livonia, MI
7 <sup>th</sup>	1987	TE E. Perry Mobley	Southeast	Rome, GA
8 <sup>th</sup>	1988	RE Richard Heidtman	Midwest	Englewood, CO
9 <sup>th</sup>	1989	TE Andrew Jumper	Central South	St. Louis, MO
10 <sup>th</sup>	1990	RE James Rimmel	Allegheny	Bethesda, MD
11 <sup>th</sup>	1991	TE William Flannagan	Central South	Livonia, MI
12 <sup>th</sup>	1992	RE John Adamson	Central South	Memphis, TN
13 <sup>th</sup>	1993	TE W. Graham Smith	East	Aurora, CO
14 <sup>th</sup>	1994	RE William Johns	Southeast	Pompano Beach, FL
15 <sup>th</sup>	1995	TE Wayne Hoffman	Mid-America	Charlotte, NC
16 <sup>th</sup>	1996	RE Claude Russell	West	Englewood, CO
17 <sup>th</sup>	1997	TE Richard Little	Mid-Atlantic	St. Louis, MO
18 <sup>th</sup>	1998	RE Alan Smith	East	Highlands Ranch, CO
19 <sup>th</sup>	1999	TE James McGuire	Midwest	Rome, GA
20 <sup>th</sup>	2000	RE John M. Graham, III	Southeast	Northville, MI
21 <sup>st</sup>	2001	TE Darryl "Bud" Sparling	West	Greenwood Vill., CO
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2002	RE Knox Sherer	Mid-Atlantic	Memphis, TN
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2003	TE Ron DiNunzio	Florida	Brighton, MI
24 <sup>th</sup>	2004	TE Orin Littlejohn	Central South	Virginia Beach, VA
25 <sup>th</sup>	2005	TE William Meyer	Mid-Atlantic	Golden, CO
26 <sup>th</sup>	2006	TE Paul Heidebrecht	Mid-America	Rome, GA
27 <sup>th</sup>	2007	TE Bill Vogler	Mid-America	Highlands Ranch, CO
28 <sup>th</sup>	2008	RE Allen Roes	Mid-Atlantic	Bethesda, MD
29 <sup>th</sup>	2009	TE Nate Atwood	Mid-Atlantic	Brighton, MI
30 <sup>th</sup>	2010	RE Rob Liddon	Central South	Englewood, CO
31 <sup>st</sup>	2011	TE Doug Klein	West	Cordova, TN
32 <sup>nd</sup>	2012	RE Ken Roberts	West	Baton Rouge, LA
33 <sup>rd</sup>	2013	TE Bill Dudley	Central South	Highlands Ranch, CO
34 <sup>th</sup>	2014	RE Gordon Miller	Central South	Knoxville, TN
35 <sup>th</sup>	2015	TE Mike Moses	Mid-Atlantic	Orlando, FL

### MODERATOR-ELECT

36 <sup>th</sup>	2016	RE Scott Griffin	West	Northville, MI
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### STATED CLERKS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>Years</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Presbytery of Origin</b>
1981-2000	TE L. Edward Davis Stated Clerk Emeritus	Midwest
2001-2006	TE Michael Glodo	Florida
2006-present	TE Jeffrey Jeremiah	Pacific

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**MINUTES  
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35th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JOURNAL**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

**First Session  
June 24, 2015**

**35-1 OPENING WORSHIP**

Worship began at 1:45 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 24, 2015  
1:45 PM**

Welcome		Dr. David Swanson
Call to Worship		
Scripture	<i>Psalm 96:1-9</i>	Dr. Case Thorp
Hymn of Adoration	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	Hymnal #106
Unison Reading	<i>Psalm 150</i>	
Organ Praise		Josiah Armes
Song of Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Will Brown
Confession of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	4th Century
Hymn of Rejoicing	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	Hymnal #82
Message	<u><i>Advancing the Kingdom</i></u> <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>	Dr. David Swanson
Hymn of Response	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Hymnal #544
Benediction		

### 35-2 CONVENING OF THE 35th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 35th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Moderator, RE Gordon Miller. The constituting prayer was offered by Commissioned Pastor Luke Potter, New City Presbyterian, South Bend, IN. Dr. Potter shared an update of his work prior to his opening prayer.

**ON MOTION** To elect TE Bob Garment (Florida), TE Howard Shockley (Mid-Atlantic), and TE. Zac Hicks (Florida) to serve as Recording Clerks for the 35th General Assembly.

**ON MOTION** TE Steve Brown (Midwest), RE Caroline Tromble (Rivers & Lakes) and TE Kermit Opprieht (Great Plains) were elected to be readers of the daily minutes as provided for in *Rules for Assembly §9-13*.

### 35-3 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dr. Case Thorp, Executive Pastor, brought greetings and made opening announcements. The Stated Clerk announced that PastorServe is offering Pastoral Counseling to anyone in need of it. He also reminded the Assembly that former Moderator Bill Dudley is the official spokesman for the Assembly and all inquiries from the press should be directed to him.

### 35-4 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
Bergen, NY	First Presbyterian of Bergen	Andrew Black Helen Hill	Michael Merry
Austintown, OH	Tabernacle EPC	Michael Owen	Rick Stauffer
Highland Hts., OH	Amazing Grace EPC	Terry Scott	Roger Korsten
Homeworth, OH	Middle Sandy Presbyterian	Melissa Grubbs	Tracy Edwards
Pierpont, OH	Pierpont Presbyterian		Dustin Leimgruber
Aliquippa, PA	Mt. Carmel Presbyterian	Stephen Halavanja Ellen Heinlein Joseph Parker	Kevin Neal
Aliquippa, PA	Mt. Pleasant		Richard Herbster
Allison Park, PA	Memorial Park Presbyterian	Roger Rumer	Betsy Rumer Dean Weaver
Ardara, PA	Ardara United Presbyterian	Glenn Meyers	

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Bakerstown, PA	First Presbyterian of Bakerstown	Howard Utz	Daniel Muttart
Beaver Falls, PA	CUP EPC	Judson Herter Wade Rider	
Bentleyville, PA	First Presbyterian of Bentleyville	Anita Campbell Tammy Sullivan	Andy Scott
Butler, PA	Unionville Presbyterian		Matthew Kail
Clinton, PA	Hanover Presbyterian		Jefferson Ellis
Elizabeth, PA	Round Hill Presbyterian	Robert Leggett William Leggett	Matthew Stith
Enon Valley, PA	Bethel EPC	Murat Tanyel	
Grove City, PA	Center Presbyterian		Bill Woodman
Harrisville, PA	Harmony EPC		Jeffrey Jones
Indiana, PA	Graystone Presbyterian	Jake Weaver	Richard Hurley
Portersville, PA	Mountville Presbyterian		Don Hurray
	The Presbyterian Church of Portersville		Dana Opp
Prosperity, PA	Bethel Presbyterian		Lowell Meek
Pulaski, PA	New Bedford Presbyterian	Judith Riethmiller	Doug Runyan
Slippery Rock, PA	Gateway Community EPC		Christopher White
Somerset, PA	St. Paul's Presbyterian		Keith Fink
St. Marys, PA	Shiloh Presbyterian	Anita Belovesick Glen Challingsworth	Scott Wiest
West Mifflin, PA	Lebanon Presbyterian	Pattianne Williams	Robert Titus
Wexford, PA	North Park EPC	Bruce Allison Ben Burkholder	Dan Hendley
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Thom Burbridge Carolyn Poteet Thomas Sawyer Robert Stauffer

### Central South Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Huntsville, AL	Central Presbyterian	Carleton Smith	
Mobile, AL	Covenant Presbyterian	Rick True Harold White	
Montgomery, AL	Grace @ Bell Road	Ted Hailes Anthony Hatcher	
Opelika, AL	First Presbyterian	Steve Shiflett	
West Memphis, AR	First Presbyterian		David Dobbs

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Corinth, MS	First Presbyterian	Patrick Tucker	Donald Elliott
Atoka, TN	Atoka Presbyterian		Ken Van Kampen
Collierville, TN	St. Patrick Presbyterian		James Holland
Covington, TN	First Presbyterian	Anne Williams	Mark Gregory
Memphis, TN	All Saints Presbyterian		Waring Porter
	Downtown Church		Richard Rieves
	Second Presbyterian	John Adamson Donald Batchelor Richard Cowan John Dewald Ted Galyon Rob Liddon William Martin Olin Morris Robert Sayle	Dan Burns Michael Davis Todd Erickson Barton Kimbro Sandy Willson
Other members on the roll of Presbytery			Patrick Cobb (3) World Outreach Workers

#### Presbytery of the East

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Springfield, MA	Christ Presbyterian		Tracy Johnson
Westfield, MA	Christ the King EPC		Jason Steele
Bethesda, MD	Fourth Presbyterian	Douglas Nyhus Kent Talbert	Ron Meyer Scott Redd
Londonderry, NY	Orchard Christian Fellowship	John Grosser	Karyn Cartier Ken Glasier
Voorhees, NJ	Ashland EPC		Jamie Cupschalk
Argyle, NY	Argyle Presbyterian		Stephen McLean
Brooklyn, NY	Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian EPC		Matthew Brown Chris Hildebrand Brian Steadman
Circleville, NY	Circleville Presbyterian		Brian Hill
Duanesburg, NY	Princetown EPC		John Fisher
Montgomery, NY	Goodwill Church	Joe Slesinski	John Torres
Brackney, PA	Silver Lake Christian Community	Richard Rosenkrans	
Exton, PA	Grace Covenant	Lois Caldwell	Timothy Brown
Gap, PA	Bellevue Presbyterian	Mary Ann Berthoud Roland Berthoud Philip Castor	Jonathan Holderman
Glenmoore, PA	Fairview EPC		Mark Atkinson



City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Havertown, PA	Bethany Evangelical	Harry Rezer Michael Sywulak	Jerry Iamurri
	Manoa Community		Brown Caldwell
Kennett Square, PA	Presbyterian of Kennett Square	Jeremy Peterson	Andrew Smith
Oreland, PA	Oreland EPC	Larry Godley Alan Griffith	Jim Farrell
Parkesburg, PA	Upper Octorara Presbyterian	Jim Landis	William Kelly
Peach Bottom, PA	Little Britain Presbyterian	Robert Brown Steve Roten	Thomas Milligan
Alexandria, VA	Faith EPC	Bruce Alexander Zelda Artz	
Haymarket, VA	Living Hope EPC		Tim MacGowan
Kingstowne, VA	Faith EPC		David Fischler
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Timothy Mallard

### Presbytery of Florida

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Brooksville, FL	Faith EPC	Gwynn Blair Douglas Dempsey	Matthew Everhard David Franklin Greg Gunn
Clewiston, FL	Community Presbyterian	Victor Blandford Gail Williams	
DeFuniak Springs, FL	Glendale Presbyterian		Tom Sheppard
Ft. Meyers, FL	New Hope Presbyterian	Marilynn Cox Bill Enslin Deborah Fransway Warren Jalving Sharon Pierce	Stu Austin Eddie Spencer
Land O' Lakes, FL	Church of the Lakes	Scott Boggs	Woody Johnson
Leesburg, FL	Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship		John Lodge
Orlando, FL	First Presbyterian of Orlando	Norton Baker David Cowan Ann Ellis Murray Garbrick Freddie Langston Lu Langston Rich Magee Scarlett Stewart Leigh Swanson	Becky Davis Jack Peebles David Swanson Case Thorp Luder Whitlock

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Pembroke Pines, FL	Faith Presbyterian	Annette Adams Ward Casterton	Evelio Vilches
Plant City, FL	EPC of Plant City	James Jeffries Eric Johnson	Scott Lawry
Pompano Beach, FL	City Church Wilton Manors		Phil Letizia
Pompano Beach, FL	New Covenant EPC	Jose Rojas Ray Skinner	Jim Letizia
Seminole, FL	Faith Community	Patricia Lamb	David Miller
Tallahassee, FL	Covenant Presbyterian	Sharon Kepper William Kepper Jean McCarter Anne Stevenson	Robert Garment
Freeport, Grand Bahamas	Lucaya Presbyterian	Jennifer Alman	
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Michael Allen Michael Glodo Zac Hicks Jason Riggs Michel Yonts

### Great Plains Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Clay Center, KS	Idana Presbyterian		Scott Lingle
Newton, KS	St. Luke Evangelical		George Mitchell
Ottawa, KS	Grace Community Fellowship		Kent Mathews
Paola, KS	Lighthouse Presbyterian	E. Sweeney-Reeder	Brad Buescher
Wichita, KS	Eastminster Presbyterian	Joan Bender Dianne Crawford Bonnie Dakan Donald Lear Susan Lear Kedre Mellor	Paul Bammel Michael Goolsby Stan Van Den Berg
Kansas City, MO	Colonial Presbyterian	Randall Leonard Steve Timmons Suzanne Timmons Todd Weiland	Mary Brown Drew Henderson Robert Lehleitner
Cavalier, ND	Presbyterian of Bathgate		John Werth
Bennington, NE	Three Timbers		Jeff Ryan
Tulsa, OK	Kirk of the Hills	George Hertensteiner	Dan Bair Aaron Elmore Sean Farver Wayne Hardy

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Brandon, SD	Faith United Presbyterian		Anthony Toth
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Hank Lederle Kermit Oppriecht Sid Rice

### Gulf South Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Mobile, AL	Covenant Presbyterian		Alec Flynt
Junction City, AR	Scotland Presbyterian		Gary Miller
Alexandria, LA	Grace Presbyterian		Bryan Rhodes
Baton Rouge, LA	First Presbyterian	Will Adams Ross Henry Larry Simeral	Whitney Alexander Gerrit Dawson Richard Gates Joshua Maddin Derek McCollum
Covington, LA	Faith Presbyterian	Frank Fury Charles Macgowan	Jason Wood
Mandeville, LA	New Covenant Presbyterian	Beverly Rowalt	Hunter Gray
Monroe, LA	Covenant Presbyterian		John Mabray Jonathan Wagner
	Graceminster Presbyterian		Bruce Rux
New Orleans, LA	Woodland Presbyterian		John Uhl
Thibodaux, LA	First Presbyterian		William Crawford
Gulfport, MS	Westminster Presbyterian		William Shurley
Jackson, MS	Covenant Presbyterian		Andrew Mills
Laurel, MS	Westminster Presbyterian		Kory Duncan
Madison, MS	Grace Chapel EPC	James Herring	
Ocean Springs, MS	First Presbyterian	Bill Hennessey	Scott Castleman
Pascagoula, MS	First Presbyterian	Mark Edwards Melynda Ross	Matt Mitchell
Port Gibson, MS	First Presbyterian of Port Gibson	Kenny Strawn John Torrey	
Vicksburg, MS	Yokena Presbyterian		Michael Herrin
Houston, TX	Christ EPC	Dan Tidwell Ed Wedin	Richard Harris
Katy, TX	Cornerstone EPC		Carter Sanger Allen White
Lake Jackson, TX	First Presbyterian of Lake Jackson	George King Frances Tyler	Alan Trafford
Laredo, TX	First Presbyterian of Laredo	Diane Davis John Davis	

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Marshall, TX	EPC of Marshall	Donald Spencer Hillard Strong	Craig Vanbiber
Mercedes, TX	Genesis Presbyterian	Dahlia Fernandez Carmen Reynoso	Hector Reynoso
San Antonio, TX	Hope Church	Terry Thill	Tom Masterson
San Benito, TX	San Benito Presbyterian		Thomas Johnson
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Christian Cryder William Hyer Ronald Pierce Daniel Situka

### Mid-America Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Excelsior Springs, MO	Barbee Memorial Presbyterian	Cheryl Faulkner Bob Gerdes William Spencer	
Joplin, MO	New Creation Church		Cliff Mansley
Kansas City, MO	Gashland EPC		Ritchey Cable
Kirkwood, MO	Greentree Community	Jim Schmidt	Tom Ricks
St. Joseph, MO	Brookdale Presbyterian	Ron Bachman Ed Bartelt	Bryan Gregory
St. Louis, MO	Central Presbyterian	Rex Dunlap Dexter Kuhlman Robert Mannion Dale Schaefer	Robert Hopper Eric Stiller
St. Peters, MO	Mercy Road Fellowship		Darden Caylor
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			(1) World Outreach Worker

### Mid-Atlantic Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Cary, NC	Fellowship of Christ		David McLean
Charlotte, NC	Faith Liberation Christian Community	Betty Alexander	
	Garden Memorial Presbyterian		Robert Chambers
	St. Giles EPC	Tim Carey Jerry Dunning	Nate Atwood
	Warehouse 242		Wes Vander Lugt
Clemmons, NC	River Oaks Community	Frank Carter Gordon Miller	David Beaty
Goldsboro, NC	Cornerstone Church		Ryan Rasmussen

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Greensboro, NC	Buffalo Presbyterian	Bill Osborne Neil Thacker	Ronald Horgan
	Memorial Presbyterian	Vonda Derushia Claude Derushia	Benjamin Williams
Greenville, NC	Hollywood Presbyterian		Keith Cobb
Hampstead, NC	Grace EPC		Bryan Slater
Hazelwood, NC	Providence Church	James Spencer	
Huntersville, NC	Lake Forest Church	Darrell Lipe Allen Roes	Bud Brainerd Michael Flake Mike Moses Mitch White
Monroe, NC	Bethlehem Presbyterian	George Sloan Patricia Sloan	Ken Thomas
Montreat, NC	Christ Community- Montreat	Kevin Auman Lloyd Davis Bill Kraak	Dustin Jernigan Richard White
Mooresville, NC	Centre Presbyterian	Ted Mikels	Robert Howard
Mooresville, NC	Lighthouse EPC	Dave Byers James Clark	
Raleigh, NC	Hope Church	Ted Lithgow	Marty Duffell
Rocky Mount, NC	Englewood Presbyterian	Craig Burnett Rose Burnett	Robert Westlund
Southern Pines, NC	Christ Fellowship		James Thyne
Stanfield, NC	Indian Hill Presbyterian		Richard Brundin
Stanley, NC	Castanea Presbyterian		Eric Bartel
Wesley Chapel, NC	Siler Presbyterian	Linda Fritz Susan Osborne	Bruce Powell
Wilmington, NC	Myrtle Grove Presbyterian	Jimmy Richardson Al Smeilus Phillip Stump	James Glasgow Steven Mattis
Winston-Salem, NC	Reynolda Church, EPC		Christopher Lawson Alan Wright
Abbeville, SC	Warrenton Presbyterian		Hugh Dixon
Anderson, SC	Christ EPC		Robert Pitman
Bishopville, SC	Bishopville Presbyterian	Bobby Thomas	
Darlington, SC	Darlington Presbyterian	John Milling	Kevin Cauley
Gaffney, SC	Overbrook Presbyterian	Earl Diones	David Weber
Kershaw, SC	Kershaw First Presbyterian		Ken Hicks
Lancaster, SC	New Cut Presbyterian	Freida Clark Joseph Clark	
McBee, SC	McBee Presbyterian		Mark Dickinson
Sumter, SC	Concord Presbyterian	Clint Jackson Lee Warren	

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Callaway, VA	Piedmont Presbyterian	David Katt Katherine Katt	
Covington, VA	Greenwood EPC		William Catoe
Elkton, VA	EPC of Elkton		Rob Buchanan Adam Snow
Fredericksburg, VA	Christ Covenant Comm'ty		William Lindner
	Hope Presbyterian	Stan Huie Raymond Scott	Alan Hager
Greenwood, VA	Lebanon Presbyterian	John Stoke	
Hampton, VA	Northampton Presbyterian	David Taylor	
Lynchburg, VA	Rivermont EPC	Michael Hall Bert Murphy	Ronald Cox Clay Smith
Mechanicsville, VA	Restoration Church	Brigitt Walker George Walker Paul White	William Craig Jonathan Gibson Jeffrey Lee
Richmond, VA	Hope Church	Matthew Foote Matthew Markee	
Salem, VA	New Life Presbyterian	George Seib Sherry Seib	Cameron Smith
Stuart, VA	Stuart Presbyterian	John Johnson	Danny Redman
Virginia Beach, VA	Kempsville Presbyterian	Scott Walter	Neil Ellison Stephen Keller
Waynesboro, VA	Hope Community		Glen Holman
Bluefield, WV	Westminster Presbyterian		Jonathan Rockness
Cross Lanes, WV	Perrow Presbyterian		Josh Hanson
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Christopher Deneen William Enns S. Donald Fortson Don Hardman Richard Little George Schwab Howard Shockley David Snyder Steven Strickler (2) World Outreach Workers
Former Moderator (G.20-3B)		James Rimmel	

### Midwest Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Auburn, IN	St. Andrew EPC		Adam Reasner
Columbia City, IN	Trinity Presbyterian		Ross O'Dell
Evansville, IN	Olivet EPC		David Mills
Frankfort, IN	First EPC	Hans Vargas	Kelly Kurth
Indianapolis, IN	Southport Presbyterian	Katrina Hague Sue Huff Bonnie Kane Roy Kane David Mennel Keith Speer Susan Stafford	Joshua Cole Robert Hock
Kokomo, IN	First EPC	Patricia Bevington Frank Faulkner Margaret Faulkner Alan Kunkle Marie Kunkle	Joyce Harris Gerald Van Auken
Warsaw, IN	Warsaw EPC		Erik Ohman
West Lafayette, IN	Covenant Church		David Henderson Andrew Koesters
Ann Arbor, MI	Knox Presbyterian	Phil Wong	Michael Frison
Brighton, MI	Cornerstone EPC	Ken Mollenhour Andrew Warner Robert Wheelock	
Clarkston, MI	North Oaks Community		Stephen Brown
	Oakland EPC		Wayne Uppendahl
Farmington, MI	Grace Chapel	Roy Yanke	Doug Walker
Flint, MI	Calvary Presbyterian		Peter Scribner
	Peace Presbyterian		David Galbraith
Grand Rapids, MI	Oakhill Presbyterian	Tom Broughton Robert Gormley	Jeffrey Carlson
Grosse Pt., MI	Living Hope Evangelical	Betty Dornbrook	James Rizer
Mt. Clemens, MI	CrossWay		Jason Huff
Mt. Pleasant, MI	Mt. Pleasant Community		Wally Hostetter
Northville, MI	Ward EPC	Malcolm Bain Ken Casey Ron Cieslak Anne Milleville James Milleville Doug Moak	Tyler Groff Scott McKee Soon Pak Doug Thompson
Rochester, MI	Faith EPC	Thomas Henson	Steven Sage
South Lyon, MI	Fellowship EPC		David Brown

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Trenton, MI	First Presbyterian of Trenton	Ray Sawmiller Paul Silvers Fred Young	Aaron Carr Ian Leslie
Ada, OH	First Presbyterian of Ada	Karen Kier Thomas Kier	Patrick Allen
Beavercreek, OH	Kirkmont Presbyterian	Patricia Youther Pam Yri	Daniel Borgelt
Cincinnati, OH	Evangelical Community	Harvey Landholm	Isaac Gould Rich Lanning
Findlay, OH	Gateway Church	Thomas Snyder	Ben Borsay
Lebanon, OH	Lebanon Presbyterian	Rachael Earley Inga Kimple	Peter Larson Charles Testas
S. Charleston, OH	First Presbyterian	Thomas Staton Lois Staton	
Other members on the roll of Presbytery			Ed McCallum John Quigley William Rasch (3) World Outreach Workers

### Pacific Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Fairbanks, AK	First Presbyterian of Fairbanks	David Dreydoppel	
Bakersfield, CA	First Presbyterian of Bakersfield		Scott Dickson
Berkeley, CA	Christ Church		Bart Garrett Jason Yum
Clayton, CA	Clayton Community		Shawn Robinson
Danville, CA	Community Presbyterian	Bern Thompson Cheryl Thompson	Cathy Burkholder Tyler Scott
Fair Oaks, CA	Fair Oaks Presbyterian	Ronda Biondi Timothy Dakin Paulette Lambertson David Schottky	Kirk Bottomly
Fowler, CA	Fowler Presbyterian		Mark Almlie
Fremont, CA	Centerville Presbyterian	Janet Goodman Marilyn Khalaji Marger Segraves Cordelia Shieh	
Fresno, CA	First Presbyterian	Denise Fink Laura Magnee Scott Norvell	Lana Roberts
	Millbrook Presbyterian	Ingrid Voss	Jerry Voss



City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Nevada City, CA	Sierra Presbyterian	Michael Dyer Jeff Patton	Michael Griffin
Roseville, CA	Centerpoint Community	Jennifer Harrington David Tyra	Nancy Duff Heidi Johnson Anthony Stiff
Sacramento, CA	Fremont Presbyterian	Mark Eshoff Lynn Jordan Vicki Meyer	David Burke
San Francisco, CA	The Table		Troy Wilson
Sanger, CA	Sanger Community	Marty Carpenter	
Santa Maria, CA	Heritage EPC		David Brogren
Woodlake, CA	Woodlake Presbyterian	Suzi Bidwell Albert George	
Reno, NV	Covenant Presbyterian	Adam Hemsley	
Jacksonville, OR	First Presbyterian of Jacksonville	Judy Beecher	Richard Evans
Merrill, OR	Merrill Presbyterian		Elizabeth Arakelian
Oregon City, OR	First Presbyterian of Oregon City	Jack Seifert Brenda Wheeler	Bruce Marten
Parkdale, OR	Parkdale Community		Mark Willems
Portland, OR	Kenton Church		Alan Wilkerson
	Sunset Presbyterian		Jason Curtis
Shedd, OR	Oakville Presbyterian		John Carpenter
Ephrata, WA	Community Church of Ephrata	Charlotte Billingsley David Billingsley	David Abdo
Gig Harbor, WA	Chapel Hill Presbyterian	Rosemary Lukens	Lawrence Hackman Megan Hackman Mark Toone
	Grace EPC		Ed Longabaugh
Graham, WA	Evergreen Presbyterian	Larry Grout Jim Rubin	Lance Williamson
Kent, WA	First EPC	Ron Bengelink Scott Griffin	Tommy Allen
Omak, WA	Community Presbyterian of Omak	David Bishop	
Sequim, WA	Sequim Community		Rick Dietzman Scott Koenigsaecker
Wenatchee, WA	Saddlerock EPC	Lynda Huson Robert Welsh	
Yakima, WA	Terrace Heights EPC	Maggie Morelan	Edward Cummings
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Jeffrey Jeremiah Melaku Mekuria (1) World Outreach Worker

### Rivers & Lakes Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Montezuma, IA	First Presbyterian Evangelical	David Miller	George Salnave
Aurora, IL	First Presbyterian of Aurora	Kelli Marks	Jeffrey Moore
Buffalo Prairie, IL	Buffalo Prairie	Terri Kiddoo	Marc Shefelton
Hillsboro, IL	First Presbyterian		Matt Ferguson
Taylor Ridge, IL	Edgington Presbyterian		Zachary Hopkins
Warrenville, IL	Immanuel Presbyterian	Carolyn Nystrom	
Mora, MN	First Presbyterian of Mora		Richard Marcy
Sartell, MN	Riverside Evangelical	Tod Paulson	
Green Bay, WI	Christ Alone	Steven Tomcek Caroline Tromble	Ted Tromble

### Southeast Presbytery

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Cumming, GA	Parkway Presbyterian	Tom Harrell Michael Little	Michael Austin
Dalton, GA	ChristChurch Presbyterian	Ruth Lee Hair Mike O'Neill	
Decatur, GA	All Souls Fellowship		Mark Grapengater
Rome, GA	First Presbyterian of Rome	John Cowan Greg Davidson John Graham Tony Pemerton	Jeff Chadwick Ken Chivers William Pardue
Thomasville, GA	First Presbyterian of Thomasville	Tom Everett Paul Miller	Tim Filston
Franklin, NC	Cornerstone EPC		Edward Jordan
Hazelwood, NC	Providence Church	Patricia Inglis Phillip Inglis	
Murphy, NC	Murphy Presbyterian		Alan Wildsmith
Chattanooga, TN	Lookout Valley Presbyterian	Fred Anderson	Grady Davidson
Kingsport, TN	Bethany Presbyterian		Charles Echols
Knoxville, TN	Cedar Springs Presbyterian	Jerry Clothier Carroll Coakley Thomas Reesor	Scott Jackson
	Community Evangelistic	Thomas Goode	
Memphis, TN	Woodland Presbyterian	Robert Followell Robert Jones	Matthew Miller
Signal Mtn., TN	Signal Mtn. Presbyterian	Scott Ferguson Steven Frost Diane Mizell Donna Peterson	Scott Bowen Andrew Cornett Margaret Ferguson

Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery		Aparecido Araujo William Dudley Chris Robinson Walter Turner (1) World Outreach Worker
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**Presbytery of the West**

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Ajo, AZ	Good Shepherd Presbyterian	William Taube	Robert Johnston
Carefree, AZ	Desert Hills Presbyterian	Nanette Boyer-Searle Jacqy Kilgore Warren Schoonover Steve Searle	James Noble
Kingman, AZ	Kingman Presbyterian	Joan Johns Douglas Payne	
Surprise, AZ	Grace Community	Gordon Walls	Cooper McWhirter
Aurora, CO	Faith Presbyterian		Doug Klein
Denver, CO	Saint Patrick Presbyterian		Dudley Sunn
Englewood, CO	Cherry Creek Presbyterian	Janet Bole Carol Culbertson Alan Johnson Ken Roberts David Van Valkenburg Barron Weeks Diane Wonhof	Chris Piehl Bradley Strait David Strunk
Golden, CO	Lookout Mtn. Community		William Senyard
Greenwood, CO	Greenwood Community		William Brown
Highlands Ranch, CO	Cherry Hills Community	Gary Fields Sam Searcy	Shane Farmer Brett Garretson
Lakewood, CO	Bear Creek	Ted Brandsma	Quique Autrey
Littleton, CO	GracePoint Community		Fred Lian
	Neighborhood Church		Eugene Scott
Parker, CO	Parker EPC		Doug Resler
Leoti, KS	Christ Covenant		Stephen Morefield
Kansas City, MO	Colonial Presbyterian	Michael Wichman	
Artesia, NM	First EPC		Daniel Phelps
Cordova, TN	Advent Presbyterian		Cynthia Schwartz
	Hope Presbyterian	Jackie Jackson Kathy Flake Randy Flake Forestene London Johnny Long Michael Sadler	Freddie Albaugh Eli Morris Rufus Smith

City, State	Church	Ruling Elders	Teaching Elders
Longview, TX	EPC of Longview	Eric Skoog	Doug Ashley Shelley Kral
Lubbock, TX	Westminster Presbyterian	Greg Bulls Paul Landers	Tyson Taylor
Fruit Heights, UT	Mountain Road Church		Neal Humphrey
Other ministers on the roll of Presbytery			Susan Bailey Sharon Beekmann Baron Eliason Nicholas Garner Mark Ingles Jason Kim Russ Ragon Donald Sweeting (2) World Outreach Workers

### **Final Enrollment**

Number of Churches represented: 282

361 Teaching Elders

327 Ruling Elders

688 Commissioners

### **Requests to be Excused**

TE Adam Barr (Peace Church, Middleville, MI), TE David Dwight (Hope Church, Richmond, VA), TE James Pitts (Sylvania Presbyterian, Ward, AR) and TE Jonathan Shirk (Out of Bounds, East)

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

- Peter Borgdorff – Christian Reformed Church of North America
- Solano Portela Neto and Juan Marcondes Filho - Presbyterian Church of Brazil
- Guille MacKenzie and Marcelo Robles – St. Andrews Presbytery-Arentina
- E. D. Clem (Mid-Atlantic Presbytery transitional member)

### **35-5 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

That **Recommendation #1**, “that the Assembly suspend *Rules for Assembly IX.9-9IH* so that all recommendations from permanent committees for amendments to *Rules for Assembly* may be referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions” be adopted.

     *Adopted*

## 35-6 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

**ON MOTION** The docket was adopted as follows:

- 1:45 Opening Worship – TE David Swanson, host church pastor, preaching
- 3:00 **35th General Assembly – Session 1**
- 1.1 Assembly Convenes (RE Gordon Miller, Moderator of the 34th General Assembly)
  - 1.2 Constituting Prayer (RE Luke Potter, Commissioned Pastor, New City, South Bend, Indiana)
  - 1.3 Election of Recording Clerks: TE Bob Garment (Florida), TE Zac Hicks (Florida) and TE Howard Shockley (Mid-Atlantic)
  - 1.4 Election of Minutes Committee: TE Steve Brown (Midwest), TE Kermit Opprieht (Great Plains) and RE Caroline Tromble (Rivers and Lakes)
  - 1.5 Local Arrangements/Announcements (TE Case Thorp, First Presbyterian Church of Orlando)
  - 1.6 Opening Items
    - a. Call for the quorum
    - b. Enroll corresponding members
    - c. Procedural Motion: **Recommendation #1**

That the Assembly suspend *Rules for Assembly* IX.9-91H so that all recommendations from permanent committees for amendments to *Rules for Assembly* may be referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions.
    - d. Adoption of docket
  - 1.7 Outgoing Moderator’s Remarks (RE Gordon Miller)
  - 1.8 Presentation to Outgoing Moderator (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
  - 1.9 Nominating Committee – partial report (RE Bruce Alexander)
    - a. Introduction of Moderator-Elect Nominee of the 36th General Assembly: RE Scott Griffin
    - b. Nomination of Moderator of the 35th General Assembly: TE Mike Moses
    - c. Seconding speech: TE Mitch White
    - d. Election of Moderator
    - e. Remarks by Incoming Moderator
    - f. Investiture of Moderator TE Mike Moses
    - g. Prayer for the Moderator (RE Allen Roes, Moderator of the 28th General Assembly)
  - 1.10 Presentation by the Permanent Committee on Administration (TE Bill Dudley)
- 4:30 **ORDER OF THE DAY**  
Face-to-Face (TE Fred Lian)
- 1.11 Closing Prayer (TE Rob Westlund, Englewood EPC, Rocky Mount, North Carolina)

### **35-7 REMARKS OF RETIRING MODERATOR**

Retiring Moderator Gordon Miller shared an overview of his year as Moderator. Well known for his sense of humor, Mr. Miller stated if God has used him to show our presbyteries we can and should laugh, then he's been blessed. He praised the leadership at all levels of the EPC for their excellent handling of the considerable growth we've experienced in recent years. He thanked the Assembly for the privilege of serving with the God-honoring men and women on the Committee on Administration noting that the EPC is in good hands.

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

### **35-8 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Partial)**

Moderator Gordon Miller introduced RE Bruce Alexander to report in the absence of the Nominating Committee chairman RE Roby Wallin.

RE Alexander opened the report with prayer and introduced TE Scott Griffin, nominee for Moderator-elect. Election of the Moderator-elect will take place on Saturday morning.

The Moderator introduced the current Moderator-elect and nominee for Moderator of the 35th General Assembly, TE Mike Moses, and his wife Angie. TE Mitch White offered a seconding speech for Rev. Moses.

There being no further nominations for Moderator, the nominations were closed.

**ON MOTION** Teaching Elder Mike Moses was elected as Moderator of the 35th General Assembly by acclamation.

The newly elected Moderator thanked Jeff Jeremiah and the Committee on Administration for the invitation to serve as Moderator. He stated that he is honored and humbled and accepted the Office because he loves the EPC. He hopes to honor all by serving as the role requires. The four identifying words in the EPC's mission statement - Reformed, Evangelical, Presbyterian and Missional – are his, too. Our vision words – multiplication, transformation and biblical leadership - define where we're headed. He is excited about the future of the EPC and sees the denomination gaining greater shared gospel vision.

The retiring Moderator asked the constitutional questions of Reverend Moses after which former Moderator, RE Allen Roes, led the Assembly in prayer.

### **35-9 PRESENTATION FROM THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION**

The Moderator invited former Moderator TE Bill Dudley, Chairman of the permanent Committee on Administration to make a special report to the Assembly. Reverend Dudley opened his presentation with prayer and introduced the members of the

permanent Committee on Administration: TE Sharon Beekmann (West), TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), RE Gary Fields (West), RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), RE Gordon Miller, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), TE Erik Ohman (Midwest), RE Dale Schaefer (Mid-America), RE Leigh Swanson (Florida), TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies) and RE Ed Wedin (Central South) noting they are servants of the Assembly. TE Dudley read the EPC Mission Statement (We exist to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus as Presbyterian, Reformed, evangelical and missional congregations) and Vision (To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to be a global movement of congregations engaged together in God’s mission through transformation, multiplication and effective biblical leadership, embodying Jesus’ love to our neighbors near and far). He spoke of the four initiatives:

- Transformation Initiative: Church Revitalization (the Go Center)
- Multiplication Initiative: Church Planting (12 new church plants)
- Global Initiative: a global movement of churches (receiving churches from Puerto Rico; the Lord is breaking down geographical walls)
- Leadership Initiative: Leadership Development (launch of the first Leadership Institute at this Assembly)

The recommendation to approve relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016 will be referred to the standing Committee on Administration in the Second Session. Members of the Relocation Committee are TE Enns, RE Griffin, RE Wedin, COA Chairman RE Miller and Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah and Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg. TE Enns provided a brief history and the following rationale for the move:

- In the next 2-6 year there will be a major turnover in senior management positions in the General Assembly Office necessitating the need to attract new staff. Orlando was selected for its ease of recruiting given all that Orlando provides.
- Given the growth of our denomination in the last 7 years, the ease of travel to the Office of the General Assembly is important. There are non-stop flights from every major region in the US and world; ease and cost of travel is dramatically different to Orlando than from any other city in America.

### **35-10 ORDER OF THE DAY – FACE-TO-FACE**

Former Ministerial Vocation Committee Chairman TE Fred Lian opened his report with prayer and explained the Face-to-Face process. Representatives from the churches listed below presented their openings for ordained positions to the Assembly.

Church	City, State	Position
Argyle Presbyterian	Argyle, NY	Associate Pastor
Bethel Presbyterian	Enon Valley, PA	Pastor
Christ Church Presbyterian	Dalton, GA	Pastor

Church	City, State	Position
Community Church of Ephrata	Ephrata, WA	Pastor
Concord Presbyterian	Sumter, SC	Pastor
Fair Oaks Presbyterian	Fair Oaks, CA	Assistant Pastor
Faith United Church	Brandon, SD	Pastor
First Presbyterian Church	DeBary, FL	Pastor
Good Shepherd Presbyterian	Ajo, AZ	Pastor
Great Valley Presbyterian	Malvern, PA	Pastor
Hope Church	Raleigh, NC	Associate/Assistant Pastor
Kingman Presbyterian	Kingman, AZ	Pastor
Knox Presbyterian	Ann Arbor, MI	Pastor
Lebanon EPC	Greenwood, VA	Pastor
Lucaya Presbyterian Church	Freeport, Bahamas	Pastor
New Covenant Presbyterian	Leicester, SC	Pastor
Riverside Evangelical	Sartell, MN	Pastor
The Neighborhood Church	Littleton, CO	Pastor
Woodlake Presbyterian	Woodlake, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim Pastor</li> <li>• Pastor</li> <li>• Worship Leader</li> </ul>

### 35-11 ADJOURNMENT FOR DINNER

TE Rob Westlund, a church planter engaged in a revitalization process at Englewood EPC in Rocky Mount, NC, offered a brief report on his work and closed the session with prayer.

### 35-12 EVENING WORSHIP

Worship began at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 2015**  
**7:30 PM**

Prelude		Josiah Armes
Call to Worship	<i>Alleluia, Sing to the Father</i>	Daniel Sharp
Opening Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	
Ascription	<i>TeDeum</i>	Mr. Bret Allen



Organ Praise		Josiah Armes
Scripture	<i>Psalm 90:1-6</i>	Rev. Becky Davis
Anthem	<i>Festival Piece on St. Anne</i> Chancel Choir, Congregation, Brass, Organ, & Timpani	Eugene Butler
Song of Devotion	<i>The Wonderful Cross</i>	Wil Brown
Passing of the Peace		
	<i>Psalm 117</i>	Wil Brown
Confessional Prayer	Ten Commandments Confession	
Call to Prayer	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Daniel Iverson
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. David Swanson
Lord's Prayer (sung)		Congregation
Anthem of Faith	<i>"Credo" from the Gospel Mass</i> Chancel Choir, Stephanie Gurley, solo	Robert Ray
Nicene Creed		
Message	<i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i>	Bishop Claude Alexander
Hymn of Response	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Hymnal #501
Anthem	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> Chancel Choir, Meredith Hollowell, Solo	Arr. Moses Hogan
Benediction		
Choral Response	<i>Lantz Amen</i>	Daniel Sharp

### MINUTES - THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**Second Session  
June 25, 2015**

#### 35-13 CONVENING OF THE SECOND SESSION

Moderator Mike Moses called the Assembly to order at 1:45 p.m.

Dr. David Swanson introduced a special guest, Buddy Dyer, Honorable Mayor of Orlando, who brought greetings to the Assembly.

TE Bill Kelly, Pastor of Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, PA shared his experience in the process of revitalization for their congregation and led the Assembly in an opening prayer.

### 35-14 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was adopted as follows:

#### 1:45 35th General Assembly – Session 2

- 2.1 Introduction of Special Guest (TE David Swanson)
- 2.2 Greetings from the Honorable Mayor of Orlando – Buddy Dyer
- 2.3 Opening Prayer (TE Bill Kelly, Upper Octorara, Parkesburg, Pennsylvania)
- 2.4 Adoption of docket
- 2.5 2015 Bartlett Hess Award (TE Scott McKee, Ward EPC, Northville, Michigan)
  - Winner: Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, California; accepted by TE Bart Garrett
- 2.6 Introduction of Chaplains (TE Mark Ingles)
- 2.7 Presentation by the Interim Committee on Sacraments on the Mission Field (TE Michael Flake)
- 2.8 Presentation by the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education (TE Fred Lian)
- 2.9 Nominating Committee – partial report (RE Bruce Alexander)
  - a. First reading of the Permanent Committee nominees
  - b. Standing Committee Assignments
  - c. Standing Committee Chairmen and Clerks
- 2.8 Matters Received and Referred (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
  - removal of **Recommendation #18**
  - additional **Communication 15-04**
- 2.9 Instructions to Standing Committees (Jeff Jeremiah)
- 2.10 Face-to-Face (time permitting [TE Fred Lian])
- 2.11 Closing Prayer (Candidate Under Care James Daniels, St. Ambrose, Chelsea, Alabama)

- 3:00 - 5:00 Standing Committee Meetings
- Administration ..... FUMCO (Corner Room 6-7)
  - Women in Ministry ..... EMC 340 (Sterchi ConfRm)
  - Church Planting & Revitalization ..... EMC 310
  - Fraternal Relations ..... EMC 320B
  - Memorials & Appreciation ..... EMC 300
  - Ministerial Vocation ..... EMC 330A

- Nominating (*if necessary*) .....AYH 219
  - Overtures & Resolutions ..... EMC 330B
  - Permanent Judicial Commission (*if necessary*).....AYH 324
  - Student & College Ministries .....EMC 320A
  - Theology.....AYH 332 (Warehouse Theatre)
  - Christian Education & Communications...FUMCO (Contemporary Space)
  - World Outreach ..... LFH
- 5:00 – 7:00 Dinner (*on your own*)
- 7:30 – 9:00 Worship – TE Phil Linton preaching ..... Sanctuary  
 World Outreach Missionary Commissioning  
 Offering: Pakistani Hospitality House (England)
- 9:00 – 10:00 Refreshments..... Great Lawn

**35-15 BART HESS AWARD**

The Moderator invited Scott McKee, Pastor of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, Michigan, to come and make the presentation of the Bart Hess award. The award was presented to Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA. Bart Garrett and Jason Yum responded on behalf of Christ Church East Bay.

**35-16 INTRODUCTION OF CHAPLAINS**

EPC Chaplain Endorser TE Mark Ingles introduced various EPC Chaplains in attendance.

Nicholas Garner	San Jacinto Christian Academy
Brian Hill	Naval Reserve - Circleville EPC
Jason Kim	US Air Force
Ronald Pierce	Law Enforcement Chaplain
Russ Reagan	Air Force
Daniel Situka	Hospice - Houston
John Torres	Air National Guard - Goodwill Church
Ted Tromble	Aurora Baycare Medical Center

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

**35-17 PRESENTATION FROM THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SACRAMENTS ON THE MISSION FIELD**

TE Michael Flake opened his presentation with prayer and shared with the Assembly the work of the interim committee (see report on pp. 353-358).

**35-18 PRESENTATION FROM THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION**

TE Fred Lian offered prayer and presented an overview of the Interim Committee’s work (see report on pp. 261-271).

### 35-19 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (partial)

RE Bruce Alexander opened his report with prayer and presented the slate of nominees for Permanent Committees for first reading as follows:

#### **Committee on Administration**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Fanara	East
	RE Michael Gibson	Great Plains
	RE Rob Liddon	Central South

#### **Board of Benefits**

Class of 2018	TE Ron Cox	Mid-Atlantic
	RE Kent Talbert	East

#### **Committee on Chaplains Work & Care**

Class of 2018	TE Timothy Mallard	East
	RE George Masters	West

#### **Committee on Christian Education & Communications**

Class of 2018	RE Carolyn Hiller	Pacific
Class of 2017	NO Tyson Sturgeon	Mid-America
Class of 2016	RE Dave Bishop	Pacific
	NO Carolyn Miller	Southeast

#### **Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

Class of 2018	RE Rush Sherrill	Mid-Atlantic
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#### **EPC Foundation**

Class of 2018	RE Greg Baggenstos	Pacific
Class of 2016	RE Ted Hailes	Central South

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

Class of 2018	TE Gerrit Dawson	Gulf South
	TE Gary McGhee	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2017	RE Gwynn Blair	Florida

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

Class of 2018	RE Caroline Tromble	Rivers and Lakes
	RE Jeffrey Guilford	Southeast
Class of 2017	TE Brad Strait	West

#### **Permanent Judicial Commission**

Class of 2018	RE Donald Flater	Rivers and Lakes
	RE John Graham	Southeast
	TE Dana Opp	Alleghenies

**Presbytery Review**

Class of 2018	RE Cecil Matthews	West
Class of 2017	RE Diane Manon	Midwest

**Committee on Student and College Ministries**

Class of 2018	RE David DeBruler	Gulf South
	NO David House	Southeast
	TE Dustin Jernigan	Mid-Atlantic
	NO Ivan Moore	Alleghenies

**Committee on Theology**

Class of 2018	RE Bill DuBose	Mid-Atlantic
	TE Adel Thalos	Southeast

**World Outreach**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Castor	East
	TE Betsy Rumer	Alleghenies
	RE Patrick Tucker	Central South

Due to the significant changes taking place in Women In Ministry (see the Women In Ministry and Committee on Administration reports in the Appendices section) and the emergence of a new leadership structure for that ministry, the Committee on Administration asked that the Nominating Committee not bring any new nominees for the Women In Ministry Committee to the General Assembly. At this stage of the “Women’s Initiative” it was premature to propose structural changes regarding the Committee. However, it is anticipated that those will come to the 2016 General Assembly.

RE Alexander advised the Assembly there is an opening in the Christian Education and Communications Committee.

The Chairman then directed the Assembly’s attention to the listing of Standing Committees and introduced the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

**Administration**

Chairman – TE Doug Klein (West)  
Recording Clerk – TE Kermit Opprieht (Great Plains)

**Christian Education and Communications**

Chairman – TE Joyce Harris (Midwest)  
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RE Marilyn Cox  
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## 35-20 MATTERS RECEIVED AND REFERRED

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Communication 15-01** from the Moderator 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.

*Referred to the Floor*

**Communication 15-02** dated 24 February 2015 from Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA inviting the court to hold the 2017 General Assembly at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church.

*Referred to Administration*

**Communication 15-03** dated July 2014 from the Christian Reformed Church outlining the work of that denomination.

*Referred to Fraternal Relations*

**Communication 15-04** dated 22 June 2015 from the Presbyterian Church of America concerning the formal corresponding relationship between the PCA and EPC.

*Referred to Fraternal Relations as information*

### OVERTURES

**Overture 15-A** from the Presbytery of Florida requesting that its boundaries be adjusted to include Puerto Rico.

*Referred to National Outreach*

**Overture 15-B** from the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery requesting the formation of a committee to study the meaning and exercise of the regulative principle of worship.

*Referred to Theology*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Procedural Recommendations

#### Recommendation #1<sup>1</sup>

That the Assembly suspend *Rules for Assembly* IX.9-91H so that all recommendations from permanent committees for amendments to *Rules for Assembly* may be referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions.

Rationale: The definition of the Overtures and Resolutions Committee (*Rules for Assembly* IX.9-91H), does not allow referral of matters other than communications and overtures. Because 1) there are no overtures or resolutions to refer to this

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<sup>1</sup> **Recommendation #1** was approved by the Assembly in its First Session

committee, 2) there are numerous changes to *Rules for Assembly* being proposed by permanent committees, and 3) it would be beneficial for one standing committee to be dealing with all the changes to the *Rules for Assembly* together, the Assembly is being asked to suspend the *Rules for Assembly* to allow for such referrals.

*Referred to the Floor*

<b>From the Committee on Administration</b>
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**Recommendation #2**

That the Assembly approve relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016.

Rationale: The question of office location was considered in 2009. The decision at that time was to remain in Livonia, MI with the question to be reconsidered at the next lease renewal. An evaluation team of five was appointed to review seven cities (Livonia, MI, Denver, CO, Kansas City, MO, St. Louis, MO, Memphis, TN, Sacramento, CA and Orlando, FL) using metrics used that included desirability for nationwide executive recruiting, cost & accessibility for committee/staff travel, cost of relocation and office space, ease of recruiting local staff and volunteers (including proximity to a seminary) and location in the US. This evaluation led to the unanimous recommendation to relocate the GA Office to Orlando, FL.

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #3**

That, in accord with the provision in *Book of Government* 20-3A.2, the Assembly set aside the limit of three terms in order that Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah may stand for election to a fourth term as Stated Clerk.

*Referred to the Floor*

**Recommendation #4**

That the Assembly re-elect Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah to a fourth term as Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

*Referred to the Floor*

**Recommendation #5**

That the 2015 General Assembly authorize the COA to oversee creation of separate legal entities for the World Outreach Ministry and the Benefits Department, to take effect on January 1, 2016 if possible and in accord with the proposal from Warner-Norcross. Further, that the COA in collaboration with the Office of the General Assembly, World Outreach Committee, and the Board of Benefits be authorized to establish on a provisional basis the required corporate formalities including bylaws, operating agreements, management and financial structure, and governing bodies that

maintain optimal unity and alignment within the EPC, and that such corporate formalities be reported to and adopted as needed by the 2016 General Assembly.

These new corporate entities would be formed to legally separate World Outreach and Benefits from the EPC. Although they would be wholly owned by the EPC, separate structures and finances would be established to minimize organizational risk.

Rationale: In the present corporate structure, a civil suit filed against one part of the national level of the EPC (for example, the EPC Medical Plan) potentially affects the whole organization. By approving this recommendation, the Assembly will affirm the need to separate EPC World Outreach and EPC Benefits into two distinct legal entities for appropriate risk protection, while maintaining their connection with the General Assembly through Assembly oversight of the related legal entities.

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #6**

That the Assembly approve Project Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$848,500 be approved for 2016 (see p.142).

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #7**

That the Assembly approve an administrative budget of \$2,517,300 for 2016 (see p. 143).

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #8**

That the General Assembly approve “Bahamas Presbytery Development” as the 2015 Thanksgiving Offering.

*Referred to World Outreach*

**Recommendation #9**

That the Assembly approve a fiscal year of July to June, effective July 1, 2017, superseding Act of Assembly 82-08.

Rationale: The current January-December fiscal year means there is little data available to the COA regarding the current budget in March/April when it projects a new budget to be effective 8 months later. A July to June fiscal year better reflects the annual cycle of operations and gives the COA much more data for a reasonable budget proposal. If approved, budgeting for the transition would begin in 2016 with a 6 month fiscal year from Jan-June 2017, followed by the first full year of the amended fiscal year July 2017-June 2018.

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #10**

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, California to host the 2017 General Assembly (**Communication 15-02**).

*Referred to Administration*

**Recommendation #11**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* V.5-1 to give the Moderator discretion in determining when the election of the Stated Clerk shall take place on the agenda.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
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)	<b><i>The date and time of the election of the Stated Clerk at the Assembly shall be determined by the Moderator.</i></b> 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)

*Referred to Overtures and Resolutions*

**Recommendation #12**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* X.10-1A.3.a.1, updating the names of the committees for which the Committee on Administration has oversight and coordination.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
a. Administrative Oversight  1) Oversight and coordination of Administrative Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education, Ministerial Vocation, National Outreach, Women’s Ministries, Student Ministries and College Ministries Committees.	a. Administrative Oversight  1) Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education <b><i>and Communications</i></b> , Ministerial Vocation, <b><i>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</i></b> , Women’s Ministries, and <b><i>Student &amp; College Ministries</i></b> Committees.

*Referred to Overtures and Resolutions*

**Recommendation #13**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* X.10-1B.1 to remove the Assistant Stated Clerk as ex-officio member of the World Outreach Committee.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>
<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>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...</p>	<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator <i>and</i> Stated Clerk, <del>and Assistant Stated Clerk</del> serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...</p>

*Referred to Overtures and Resolutions*

**From the Board of Benefits**

**Recommendation #14**

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 #15**

That the Assembly authorize the Christian Education & Communication requests to work jointly with the Theology Committee of the General Assembly for the purpose of reformatting, enhancing and updating the EPC Leadership Training Guide.

Rational: The Leadership Training Guide (LTG), outside of our **Book of Order**, is one of our most popular and widely used EPC produced materials. The CE&C, over the last few years, has fielded requests from various churches to update and revise the LTG. For the record, this revision is not prompted by anything erroneous contained



in the content of the LTG. The CE&C Committee would like to work with the Theology Committee to revise the document in a way that would further benefit the Sessions and churches that use this guide. Some of the recommendations are for updated formatting, better illustrations, more robust Church History section (this item has already been addressed and 2 chapters have been drafted by TE Don Fortson), producing an Answer Key, possibly distributing the LTG in other formats (i.e. digital formats for Kindle, or maybe an app). We would like to set a date that this joint effort be completed by the 2017 General Assembly.

*Referred to CE and Communications*

**From the Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

None

**From the *Ad Interim* Committee on Constitution Revision**

All recommendations from *ad interim* committees go directly to the floor  
(*Rules for Assembly IX.9-1*)

**Recommendation #16**

That the Assembly authorize editorial correction of typographical errors in *Book of Government* 24-3 which mistakenly refer to non-existent subsections of **G.24-2**, and that these corrections will appear in the 2015-16 Edition of the **Book of Order**.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 Typographical errors highlighted</b>	<b><i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 for 2015-16 Edition - Typographical errors corrected</b>
<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections 24-2.D</p>	<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections <b>24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections <b>24-3.D</b> and</p>

<p><b>Current <i>Book of Government 24-3</i></b>  <b>Typographical errors highlighted</b></p>	<p><i>Book of Government 24-3 for 2015-16</i>  <b>Edition - Typographical errors corrected</b></p>
<p>and 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V</p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-2.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section 24-2.V.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section 24-2.S.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections 24-2.B, 24-2.C, and 24-2.D.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section 24-2.L. The new corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of</p>	<p><b>24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V</b></p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-3.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section <b>24-3.V</b>.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section <b>24-3.S</b>.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections <b>24-3.B, 24-3.C, and 24-3.D</b>.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section <b>24-3.L</b>. The new corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of</p>

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<p>the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in Section 24-2.D, as interpreted by Section 24-2.V.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in Section 24-2.Q), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>	<p>the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in Section <b>24-3.D</b>, as interpreted by Section <b>24-3.V</b>.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in Section <b>24-3.Q</b>), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>

Rationale: The revised *Book of Government*, ratified in 2014, included a re-organized chapter 24, which rendered internal cross references to section 24-2 obsolete. References should have been changed to 24-3 in the revision process, but were inadvertently left uncorrected as the revision was ratified and published. This recommendation gives the Office of the Stated Clerk the necessary authorization to change specific typographical errors in the text of the *Book of Government* as part of the editorial process, rather than utilizing the slower constitutional amendment process for this kind of inadvertent clerical error.

**Recommendation #17**

That having fulfilled the tasks assigned to it by the 29th General Assembly, the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Revision be dissolved.

**From the Foundation Board**

None

**From the Committee on Fraternal Relations**

**Recommendation #18**

*Withdrawn*

**Recommendation #19**

The Fraternal Relations Committee recommends to the 35th General Assembly that it approve the new five year fraternal agreement with St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina.

*Referred to Fraternal Relations*

**From the *Ad Interim* Committee on Ministerial Education**

Recommendations from *ad interim* committees go directly to the floor  
(*Rules for Assembly IX.9-1*)

**Recommendation #20**

That *Book of Government* 11-2G be amended to clarify educational requirements for Candidates Under Care, be amended as follows:

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a degree from a four-year college and a degree from a seminary approved by the Presbytery, requiring at least three years of study including courses in biblical Hebrew and Greek. <sup>2</sup>	A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a <del>degree from a four-year college and a</del> <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> degree from <b><i>an accredited</i></b> seminary approved by the Presbytery, <del>requiring at least three years of study including</del> <b><i>and such other standards as may be determined by Acts of the General Assembly. Academic work that is equivalent to a Masters of Divinity degree may be completed by those means designed for Candidates under extraordinary status (G.11-2I).</i></b>

<sup>2</sup> G.12.2; *Acts of Assembly* 82-07

**Recommendation #21**

That section 1 of the Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07) be amended, interpreting *Book of Government* G.11-2.G as amended, to be effective upon its ratification.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b> <i>Additions in bold italics</i></p>
<p>1. Requirements for ordination shall be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Seminary degree – M.Div. or equivalent including Koine Greek and Hebrew;</p>	<p>1. Requirements for ordination shall <i>ordinarily</i> be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <del>Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</del></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Seminary degree – <del>M.Div.</del> <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> or equivalent <b><i>that shall include</i></b> including Koine Greek and Hebrew <b><i>Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>In addition:</i></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1) <b><i>Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester- hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2) <b><i>Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the</i></b></p>

<p align="center"><b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1) Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b></p>
<p>c. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F (new <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2);</p> <p>d. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>e. Valid call;</p> <p>f. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed.</p>	<p><i>Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open-book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></p> <p><b>3) “EPC specific” courses:</b></p> <p><b>a. EPC Polity</b></p> <p>b. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F.</p> <p>c. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>d. Valid call;</p> <p>e. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed.</p>

**Recommendation #22**

That, upon ratification of amended G.11-2G, appropriate footnotes be added to the text of the *Book of Government* referring to the “Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination” (Act of Assembly 82-07) and the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (Act of Assembly 83-07).

**Recommendation #23**

That the Assembly adopt specific requirements for the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program,” supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 and giving specification to G.11-2I: “A Presbytery, for reasons it judges adequate, may receive a Candidate under extraordinary circumstances for whom it may waive part or all of the

total educational requirements for ordination. This action requires a two thirds vote by the Presbytery. When such a Candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person.”

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current Act of Assembly 83-07</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 (changes in <i>bold italics</i>)</b></p>
<p>The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.</p>	<p>The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.</p> <p><i><b>This program shall include: Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>In addition:</b></i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i><b>1) Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester-hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</b></i></li> <li><i><b>2) Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open- book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a</b></i></li> </ol>

<p align="center"><b>Current Act of Assembly 83-07</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 (changes in <i>bold italics</i>)</b></p>
<p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>	<p><i>sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></p> <p>3) <i>“EPC specific” courses:</i></p> <p>    a. <i>EPC Polity</i></p> <p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>

**Recommendation #24**

That the Assembly adopt “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders” for use with Candidates under Care, and strongly encourage its use in EPC presbyteries and churches (see pp. 268-271).

**From the Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

None

**From the Nominating Committee**

See Nominating Committee report

**From the Permanent Judicial Commission**

All recommendations from the Permanent Judicial Commission are  
*Referred to the Floor*

**Recommendation #25**

That the Assembly sustain the decision of the PJC dismissing TE Lamont’s Complaint against the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (see pp. 294-295).

**Recommendation #26**

That the Assembly sustain the decisions of the PJC dismissing both the Cooke and Belzer complaints against the Presbytery of the East relative to the Presbytery’s April 26, 2014 action concerning the call of a pastor by a local church (Fourth Presbyterian), said complaints respectively dated April 30, 2014 and May 9, 2014 (see p. 295).



**Recommendation #27**

That the Assembly receive the Proposed *Book of Discipline* as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived; and the *Rules for Assembly*, 14-2, be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report (see pp. 301-332).

**Recommendation #28**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed *Book of Discipline* that is presently before it (see pp. 301-332).

**Recommendation #29**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed change to **G.22-4**.

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C
	<b><i>C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, no higher Court that accepts a reference from a lower Court may render a decision that conflicts with any other provision of the Constitution of the EPC.</i></b>

**Recommendation #30**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed change in **G.21-3.D.1** in establishing a Chief Constitutional Officer.

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b> Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee, shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons, and the Assembly shall act as it deems wise.	1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b> Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. <b><i>The Stated Clerk, with the concurrence of the Permanent Judicial Commission, may assign these duties to a Chief Constitutional Officer.</i></b>  The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee:

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
	<p><b><i>a. Shall review all referrals and shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons. The Assembly shall act as it deems wise.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>b. Shall review all provisional opinions and shall recommend to the Assembly that they be sustained, not sustained, or amended, along with reasons.</i></b></p>

**Recommendation #31**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed new provision in G.21-3D.5 allowing the use of appeal/complaint Hearing Officers/Committees by the PJC.

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5
	<p>The Commission may appoint a Hearing Officer or Committee from its members to hear appeals under Chapter 12 or complaints under Chapter 13 of the <i>Book of Discipline</i>. The General Assembly Stated Clerk or his designee may serve as a resource person in any such proceeding. After any such hearing, the Hearing Officer / Committee will report his/its findings, with recommendations, if any, to the Commission, which will take whatever action it deems appropriate in accord with the provisions of Chapter 12, Chapter 13 of the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and/or Chapter 21-3 of the <i>Book of Government</i>.</p>

**Recommendation #32**

That the Assembly approve the January 29, 2015 provisional opinion issued by the Stated Clerk to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery concerning former Teaching Elder Wayne Bogue (see pp. 296-297 and 300).

**From the Presbytery Review Committee**

**Recommendations #33 through #47** 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 #33**

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries (Attachments PRC-A through PRC-G) to exceptions issued by the 34th General Assembly as adequate, with the following exceptions:

1. Alleghenies: Attachment A, #3 – A committee cannot appoint commissions. The Presbytery should review its policies and practices to bring them into alignment with legislative acts of the Assembly  
Act of Assembly 91-05: “A commission can be created only by an appointing court to serve as a commission for a limited time as specified by presbytery. No committee of presbytery shall have continuing authority to serve as a commission except as specifically authorized by G.21-2D.2(e), (f); G.21-3). No committee has the authority to create commissions. The rationale is that a committee is not a court of the church. (Minutes, 11-35)”
2. Responses from the Presbyteries of the Central South, East, and Rivers and Lakes were not received in time for Committee review May 19-20, 2015.

**Recommendation #34**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 279 (13-17B, C, D) – No ordination/installation commission established for Mike Vondreau (see #1 under **Recommendation #33** above)
2. P. 298 (14-16B) – The Council is authorized to establish commissions, contrary to Act of Assembly 91-05 (see #1 under **Recommendation #33** above)

That the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be commended for its work to promote connections among its churches.

**Recommendation #35**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 563 – A Teaching Elder was to be named to the installation commission for Bill Thompson, but there is no record that the Presbytery did so;
2. P. 600 – TE Jerry Brundle’s invitation to serve as interim does not meet the definition of interim supply (G.10-7C.2). He should have been invited and approved as Stated Supply (G.10-7C.1);

That the Assembly send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The motion of the Pastoral and Congregational Care Committee (P. 604 - 90.26) changed an action adopted previously in the meeting. The correct procedure (*Roberts Rules of Order*) would be a motion to reconsider, and, if approved, then offer a substitute motion for consideration.

**Recommendation #36**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East.

**Recommendation #37**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Florida.

**Recommendation #38**

That the Assembly conditionally approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Great Plains and, that to remove the condition, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery should meet with the Assistant Clerk of the General Assembly to find ways to reduce the volume of the Minutes while confirming with guidelines for Presbytery Minutes.

**Recommendation #39**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Gulf South.

**Recommendation #40**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America.

**Recommendation #41**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic with the following exception:\*

P. 394 (78.23B) – Dr. Childs was received improperly, being without a call. Pastors are “invited,” not called to serve in temporary pastoral relationships. This is an intentional distinction within the *Book of Government*. There is no need for Presbytery to approve terms of call, as it is not a call. It is a contractual arrangement between pastor and Session;

That the Assembly send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic should re-examine its policy on voting on female candidates by secret ballot. In one situation the policy was suspended. It seemed to the Committee to be needlessly discriminatory to single out a particular category of people for a different voting method. A consistent application one way or the other should be considered.

**Recommendation #42**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest.

**Recommendation #43**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific.\*

**Recommendation #44**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Rivers and Lakes with the following exception:\*

P. 257 (Item C) – The Ministerial Committee was improperly authorized to appoint an Administrative Commission (Act of Assembly 91-05).

**Recommendation #45**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast.\*

**Recommendation #46**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 11-360 (Examination of Commissioned Pastors) – RE Bogle and RE Coots were improperly placed as Commissioned Pastors. Commissioned Pastors serve in places where there is no pastor, not as staff members in a multiple staff situation (G.9-11).
2. P. 11-381, 82 – Rev. Humphrey was received without a call, contrary to G.10-8C.1. Temporary pastoral positions are invitations to serve, not calls. The distinction in terminology is intentional. Further, “Pulpit Supply” is not a constitutional term. If “Stated Supply” is meant, there must be a length of service specified. Contracts between a person in a temporary pastoral position are not properly “terms of call.”
3. P. 384 (103.18) – The commission to ordain and install Stephen Morefield was improperly formed with only one church represented by the Ruling Elders (G. 21-1C.2(b)).

**Recommendation #47**

That *Rules for Assembly* IX.9-12G be amended so that Presbytery Minutes will be reviewed on a calendar year basis, superseding Act of Assembly 98-05.

Current <i>Rules for Assembly</i> IX.9-12G	Proposed <i>Rules for Assembly</i> IX.9-12G
<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b>  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. <b>Minutes</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b>  Date, time, place of meeting. Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. (G.19-5A). Presbytery review year <del>shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year</del> <b>shall be the calendar year. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for the completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year.</b> 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.</p>

Rationale: With some Presbyteries now meeting in mid-May, the review cycle established by *Rules for Assembly* and the annual submission of all approved minutes from winter meetings 5 weeks before the Assembly meets as required by Act of Assembly 98-05 and are no longer practical.

*Referred to Overtures and Resolutions*

<b>From the Sacraments on the Mission Field Ad Interim Committee</b>
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All recommendations from *ad interim* committees go directly to **the Floor**  
(*Rules for Assembly* IX.9-1)

**Recommendation #48**

That the Assembly approve the following policy for EPC World Outreach, pending approval of enabling amendments (recommendations below) to the *Book of Worship*, *Book of Government*, and *Rules for Assembly*:

- 1) Whenever possible, church planting teams in fields where there is no church will have a Teaching or Ruling Elder member.
- 2) If there is no Ruling or Teaching Elder on such a team, World Outreach may recommend that a non-ordained team member be commissioned by the General Assembly with authority to administer sacraments.
- 3) Prior to commissioning with sacramental authority, those global workers shall take a course on the theology and administration of sacraments developed by the Ministerial Vocation and World Outreach Committees, sustain a written examination developed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, and sustain an oral examination by the Standing Committee on World Outreach at a meeting of the General Assembly.

**Recommendation #49**

That the Assembly amend *Book of Worship* 3-1 to include certain non-ordained global workers among those who may be authorized to administer sacraments when a Teaching Elder is not reasonably available.

<b>Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised</p>	<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised</p>

<b>Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p>by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session or by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <b>G.10-6E</b>).<sup>3</sup> This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>	<p>by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session, <del>or</del> by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <del>G.9-11</del>), <b><i>or by a non-ordained global worker of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church examined and commissioned by the General Assembly (G.20-4A.5)</i></b>. This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>

**Recommendation #50**

Amend *Book of Government* 20-4A by adding a new section 5 and renumbering the current section 5 as section 6, giving the General Assembly authority to commission certain non-ordained global workers with sacramental authority.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p><b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b></p> <p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p> <p>5. To correspond and cooperate with other denominations,</p>	<p><b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b></p> <p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p> <p><b><i>5. To examine and commission non-ordained global workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the authority to administer sacraments in places where no Teaching or Ruling Elders are reasonably available (W.3-1).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>6.</i></b> To correspond and cooperate with other denominations,</p>

<sup>3</sup> The reference in the new *Book of Government* (adopted June 2014) is G.9-11.

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**Recommendation #51**

Amend *Rules for Assembly* 9-1B and 10-1B to be effective upon approval and ratification of amendments to **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A**, giving authority to the Permanent Committees on Ministerial Vocation and World Outreach to develop a course of instruction and written examinations on the theology and administration of sacraments, and to the Standing Committee on World Outreach to examine and approve non-ordained global workers with sacramental authority.

<b><i>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1B</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1B</i></b>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b><i>2. The Committee on World Outreach, in consultation with the Ministerial Vocation Committee, shall be responsible for providing a course of instruction for those global workers to be commissioned by the General Assembly with authority to administer sacraments on the mission field (W.3-2). All such workers shall sustain a written examination developed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, be recommended to the General Assembly by the World Outreach Committee and sustain an oral examination by the Standing Committee on</i></b></p>

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	<i>World Outreach (Rules for Assembly 9-1B)</i>

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That, following ratification of amendments to **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A.5**, footnotes be added to the published **Book of Order** referring readers to relevant portions of the *Rules for Assembly* and/or *Acts of Assembly* explaining the process of examining/commissioning global workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

**Recommendation #54**

That the Study Committee be dissolved upon ratification of the amendments to the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Government* related to its task

**From the Committee on Student & College Ministries**

None

**From the Committee on Theology**

**Recommendation #55**

The Permanent Committee on Theology recommends that the 35th General Assembly (2015) direct the General Assembly Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to:

1. Review and update the Position Paper on Homosexuality,
2. Review and update the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage,
3. Consider an expansion of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include as applications the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and
4. Report back to the 36th General Assembly (2016).

*Referred to Theology*

**Recommendation #56**

That the Assembly adopt the finding of the Permanent Theology Committee regarding statements on the Sabbath in the **Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms** and the EPC *Book of Worship* (see pp. 370-373 for the constitutional texts):

When a Presbytery grants an exception to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-8, it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC *Book of Worship* 2-2. Such an exception is consistent with our *Book of Worship* and does not make it difficult for Teaching Elders to take a vow to submit to the government and discipline of the EPC with integrity. Therefore, the Committee sees no need to amend the documents as

suggested by the reference of the Theology standing committee of the 34th General Assembly (2014).

**Rationale:** The *Book of Worship 2-2* reflects the heart of the **Westminster Confession of Faith 21-7**, focusing on the Christian Sabbath being a remembrance and celebration of Christ’s bodily resurrection as a “continuing witness to God’s power over sin and death.” The *Book of Worship 2-2* focusing on the necessity of gathering for worship on the Lord’s Day... calling on believers to arrange their day in such a way as to facilitate such worship. What the *Book of Worship 2-2* does not do is further embrace nor deny the **Westminster Confession 21-8**, which further regulates actions, “rest the whole day from their own works and words, and from thoughts about their worldly activities and recreations; and take up the whole time in public and private worship and in the duties of necessity and mercy.” The *Book of Worship 2-2*, in effect, creates allowances for exceptions of the **Westminster Confession 21-8**.

*Referred to Theology*

**From the Committee on Women in Ministry**

None

**From the Committee on World Outreach**

None

The Stated Clerk provided instructions regarding the Standing Committee meetings.

**35-21 ADJOURNMENT FOR DINNER**

Candidate James Daniels came forward and shared briefly about his church planting work at St. Ambrose in Chelsea, AL. Mr. Daniels then closed the session with prayer.

**35-22 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Worship began at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 2015  
7:30 PM**

Prelude		Josiah Armes
Call to Worship	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	arr. Ralph Johnson Chancel Choir
Hymn of Adoration	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Hymnal #317

Organ Praise		
Ascription of Praise	<i>Colossians 1:15-20; Philippians 2:9-11</i>	Dr. Case Thorp
Anthem of Praise	<i>Salmo 150</i>	Ernani Aguiar Chancel Choir
Call to Prayer	<i>Gbemi Yesu "Lift Me Jesus" (Beh-mee Yeh-soo)</i>	Yoruban Prayer Song Congregation
Prayer for the Nations		Rev. Mike Moses Response: <i>"Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."</i>
The Lord's Prayer		West Indies Spiritual Soloist Mike Fitzgerald, Chancel Choir and Congregation
Commissioning of Global Workers		Rev. Mike Moses, Moderator Rev. Phil Linton, World Outreach Director
Message	<i>What Shall We Do With Light?</i> Isaiah 60:1-3	Rev. Phil Linton World Outreach Director
Offering		Pakistani Hospitality House Church
Offertory Ivory	<i>Children, Go Where I Send Thee</i>	Paul Caldwell/Sean Chancel Choir
Hymn of Courage	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Hymnal #569
Benediction		
Choral Response	<i>Alleluia, Amen</i>	Eugene Butler
Postlude		

## MINUTES – FRIDAY MORNING

**Third Session  
June 26, 2015**

### 35-23 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer began at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Prelude		Josiah Armes
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 113</i>	Dr. David Swanson
Hymn of Praise	<i>O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	
Confession	<i>Psalm 51</i>	
Assurance of Pardon		
Offering		Moderator's Scholarship Fund
Offertory	<i>Here Is Love</i>	Wil Brown
Message	<u><i>I'm King of the World</i></u>	RE Gordon Miller
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		TE Mike Moses
Extended Time of Prayer		
Song of Prayer	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Wil Brown
Benediction		

**35-24 CONVENING OF THE THIRD SESSION**

Moderator Mike Moses called the Assembly to order at 10:20 a.m. with prayer offered by TE Bill Dudley who prayed specifically for the nation following the decision of the Supreme Court mandating gay marriage across the nation.

**35-25 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The docket for Friday, June 26th was adopted as follows:

- 8:30 Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer (RE Gordon Miller preaching)
- 10:30 **35th General Assembly – Session 3**
  - 3.1 Opening Prayer (TE David Strunk, Aspen Grove Church Planting Network)
  - 3.2 Approval of Docket (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
  - 3.3 Face-to-Face Conclusion (TE Fred Lian)
  - 3.4 Nominating Committee - partial report (RE Bruce Alexander)
    - a. Introduction of Permanent Nominating Committee Members
    - b. Work of the Permanent Committees

- c. Nominations for Permanent Committees
- 3.5 Instructions for Participating from the Floor (RE Mike Moses)
- a. Commissioners must sit on the main floor in order to participate
  - b. If you plan to speak, please prepare by reading all the information related to the motion
  - c. Move to one of the 2 microphones on the floor in the center aisle as the chairman is coming forward to make his/her report and wait to be recognized
  - d. Identify yourself and your presbytery before you speak
  - e. According to *Rules for Assembly* 14-4 you have 3 minutes to speak; you may not speak a second time unless all others have had a chance to speak
  - f. 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)
  - g. 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
  - h. Debate on a motion will not exceed 15 minutes; by majority vote, debate may be extended for 5 minutes
  - i. The chair of the committee making the report may make the final statement as the debate ends.
- 3.6 Report of the Interim Committee on Sacraments on the Mission Field (TE Michael Flake)
- a. **Recommendations #48-#54**
- 3.7 Introduction of New Churches (TE Mike Moses)
- a. Prayer for Our New Churches (TE Bill Meyer, Moderator of the 25th General Assembly–2005)
- 3.8 Interim Committee on Ministerial Education (TE Fred Lian)
- a. **Recommendations #20-#24 and Recommendation #62**
- 3.9 Report of the Board of Benefits (RE David Van Valkenburg)
- a. **Recommendation #14**
- 3.10 Report of the Benefits Manager (Mr. Don Voyles)
- 3.11 Report of the Interim Committee on Constitutional Review (TE Howard Shockley)
- a. **Recommendations #16-#17**
- 3.12 Introduction of Fraternal Guests (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
- a. Greetings from Fraternal Guests – Rev. Juan Marcondes Filho, Stated Clerk, and Dr. Solano Portela, Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB)
  - b. Prayer for Fraternal Guests (TE Gerrit Dawson, Chairman, Permanent Fraternal Relations Committee)
- 3.13 Church Planting Team Report (TE Tom Ricks)
- 3.14 Instructions for Lunch (TE Case Thorp)
- 3.15 Closing Prayer (TE Eric Stiller, Plant CWE, St. Louis, MO)

Noon – 1:30

Lunch and Networking Groups

- Church Vitality: Health, Growth, & Getting Your Acts Together (Ken Priddy and the GO Center Team)..... AYH 332 (Warehouse Theatre)
- Clerks of Session: Best Practices ..... AYH 326 (Howard Shockley/Rob Buchanan)
- College Ministries (Permanent Committee Members)..... AYH 325
- EPC Benefits Q&A: Medical and Other Insurance Plans ..... EMC 320A (Don Voyles)
- Fraternal Guests and Permanent Fraternal Relations ..... EMC 300 Committee
- International Theological Education Network ..... EMC 310A (ITEN; Bruce Anderson)
- Ministering to Those with Same-Sex Attraction..... Lee Fellowship Hall (Bill Campbell)
- Reformed and Missional? The Reformed Faith for ..... EMC 330 Mission (Don Sweeting and RTS Faculty)
- World Outreach Short-Term Mission Network ..... EMC 310B (Shawn Stewart)
- Young Ministers (Under 40): Making the Most ..... EMC 320B of Early Ministry Years (Michael Flake)

1:45

**35th General Assembly – Session 4**

- 4.1 Opening Prayer (TE Troy Wilson, The Table, San Francisco, CA)
- 4.2 Report of the Administration Committee (TE Doug Klein)
  - a. **Recommendation #2**
  - b. **Recommendations #5, #6, #7**
- 4.3 Report of the Foundation Board (RE Ted Hailes)
- 4.4 Report of the Church Planting and Revitalization Committee (RE Will Adams)
  - a. **Overture 15-A**
- 4.5 Introduction of Newest Church: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bayamon, Puerto Rico (TE Don Mason)
  - a. Prayer for Newest Church (TE Evelio Vilches, Faith Church, Pembroke Pines, FL)
- 4.6 Report of the Overtures and Resolutions Committee (RE Kent Talbert)
  - a. **Recommendations #11 - #13**
  - b. **Recommendation #47**
  - c. **Recommendations #57-#61**
- 4.7 Introduction of Fraternal Guest (TE Jeff Jeremiah)
  - a. Greetings from Fraternal Guest – Rev. Peter Borgdorff, Christian Reformed Church of North America)
  - b. Prayer for Fraternal Guest (TE Gerrit Dawson, Chairman, Permanent Fraternal Relations Committee)
- 4.8 Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee (TE Mike Glodo)
  - a. **Additional Recommendation Communication 15-04**
  - b. **Recommendation #19**
- 4.9 Introduction of Fraternal Guest (TE Mike Moses)

- a. Greetings from Fraternal Guest (Rev. Guille Mac Kenzie, St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina)
- b. Prayer for Fraternal Guest (TE Mike Glodo)
- 4.10 Report of the Church Revitalization Team/GO Center (TE Ken Priddy)
- 4.11 Report of the Theology Committee (TE Tony Stiff)
  - a. **Amended Recommendation #55**
  - b. **Overture 15-B**
- 4.12 Director of Communications Report (Rev. Brian Smith)
- 4.13 Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission (RE Jim Rimmel)
  - a. **Recommendations #25-#32**
- 4:50 ORDER OF THE DAY  
2016 General Assembly Invitation (RE Doug Moak, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, MI)
- 4.14 Closing Prayer (TE Bill Lindner, Christ Covenant, Fredericksburg, VA)
- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner (*on your own*)
- 7:30 - 9:00 Worship (Mrs. Carmen Fowler-LaBerge preaching).....Sanctuary

**35-26 FACE-TO-FACE**

Additional Face-to-Face opportunities were announced. For convenience, the listings were added to the table in the minutes of the First Session.

**35-27 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

RE Bruce Alexander opened his report with prayer and introduced the members of the Nominating Committee:

Class of 2015: TE Scott Jackson (Southeast), TE Jerry Voss (Pacific), RE Roby Wallin (Mid-Atlantic) and RE Tom Werner (Mid-America)

Class of 2016: RE Bruce Alexander (East), RE Rick Corliss (Alleghenies), RE Cecil Matthews (West) and RE Dan Sharp (Central South)

Class of 2017: TE Laurie Johnston (Great Plains), RE Kelli Marks (Rivers & Lakes), TE Don Mason (Florida) and TE Pete Scribner (Midwest)

RE Alexander called attention to work of all the Permanent Committees described in the *Rules for Assembly*. He then presented the slate of nominees for Permanent Committees for the second reading as follows:

**Committee on Administration**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Fanara	East
	RE Michael Gibson	Great Plains
	RE Rob Liddon	Central South



**Board of Benefits**

Class of 2018	TE Ron Cox	Mid-Atlantic
	RE Kent Talbert	East

**Committee on Chaplains Work & Care**

Class of 2018	TE Timothy Mallard	East
	RE George Masters	West

**Committee on Christian Education & Communications**

Class of 2018	RE Carolyn Hiller	Pacific
	TE Mark Hughes	Mid-America
Class of 2017	NO Tyson Sturgeon	Mid-America
Class of 2016	RE Dave Bishop	Pacific
	NO Carolyn Miller	Southeast

**Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

Class of 2018	RE Rush Sherrill	Mid-Atlantic
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**EPC Foundation**

Class of 2018	RE Greg Baggenstos	Pacific
Class of 2016	RE Ted Hailes	Central South

**Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Class of 2018	TE Gerrit Dawson	Gulf South
	TE Gary McGhee	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2017	RE Gwynn Blair	Florida

**Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

Class of 2018	RE Caroline Tromble	Rivers and Lakes
	RE Jeffrey Guilford	Southeast
Class of 2017	TE Brad Strait	West

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

Class of 2018	RE Donald Flater	Rivers and Lakes
	RE John Graham	Southeast
	TE Dana Opp	Alleghenies

**Presbytery Review**

Class of 2018	RE Cecil Matthews	West
Class of 2017	RE Diane Manon	Midwest

**Committee on Student and College Ministries**

Class of 2018	RE David DeBruler	Gulf South
	NO David House	Southeast
	TE Dustin Jernigan	Mid-Atlantic
	NO Ivan Moore	Alleghenies

**Committee on Theology**

Class of 2018	RE Bill DuBose	Mid-Atlantic
	TE Adel Thalos	Southeast

**World Outreach**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Castor	East
	TE Betsy Rumer	Alleghenies
	RE Patrick Tucker	Central South

The Moderator then provided instructions to the Assembly for those participating from the floor.

**35-28 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SACRAMENTS ON THE MISSION FIELD**

TE Michael Flake opened his report with prayer. Noting the previous day’s presentation, he moved the following recommendations from the Interim Committee:

That **Recommendation #48** be adopted as amended, “that the Assembly approve the following policy for EPC World Outreach, pending approval of enabling amendments (recommendations below) to the *Book of Worship*, *Book of Government* and *Rules for Assembly*:

- 1) Whenever possible, church planting teams in fields where there is no church will have a Teaching or Ruling Elder member.
- 2) If there is no Ruling or Teaching Elder on such a team, World Outreach may recommend that a non-ordained team member be commissioned by the General Assembly with authority to administer sacraments.
- 3) Prior to commissioning with sacramental authority, those global workers shall take a course on the theology and administration of sacraments developed by the Ministerial Vocation and World Outreach Committees, sustain a written examination developed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, and sustain an oral examination by the Permanent Committee on World Outreach.

     *Adopted as Amended*

That **Recommendation #49**, “that the Assembly amend *Book of Worship* 3-1 to include certain non-ordained global workers among those who may be authorized to administer sacraments when a Teaching Elder is not reasonably available” be adopted.

<b>Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session or by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <b>G.10-6E</b>). This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>	<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session, <del>or</del> by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <del>G.9-11</del>), <b>or by a non-ordained global worker of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church examined and commissioned by the General Assembly (G.20-4A.5)</b>. This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #50**, “that *Book of Government* 20-4A be amended by adding a new Section 5 and renumbering the current Section 5 as Section 6, giving the General Assembly authority to commission certain non-ordained global workers with sacramental authority” be adopted.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p><b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b></p> <p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p>	<p><b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b></p> <p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p>

<b>Current Book of Government 20-4A.5</b>	<b>Proposed Book of Government 20-4A.5 Additions in bold italics</b>
<p>5. To correspond and cooperate with other denominations, national and international groups.</p>	<p>5. <i>To examine and commission non-ordained global workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the authority to administer sacraments in places where no Teaching or Ruling Elders are reasonably available (W.3-1).</i></p> <p>6. To correspond and cooperate with other denominations, national and international groups.</p>

     *Adopted*

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<b>Current Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>
	<i>oral examination by the Standing Committee on World Outreach (Rules for Assembly 9-1B)</i>

\_\_\_ *Adopted as Amended*

That **Recommendation #52**, “that the Assembly direct the World Outreach Committee to update the *World Outreach Manual* as needed upon approval and ratification of amendments to the **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A.5** and related amendments to the *Rules for Assembly*” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

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\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #54**, “that the Study Committee be dissolved upon ratification of the amendments to the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Government* related to its task” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

### 35-29 INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHURCHES

The Chairman introduced new churches added to the EPC during the previous year:

#### **Presbytery of the Alleghenies**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Berlin Presbyterian	Lewis Center	OH	6/30/2014	PCUSA
Fairview United Presbyterian	Petrolia	PA	7/24/2014	PCUSA
Harmony United Presbyterian	Harrisville	PA	7/30/2014	PCUSA
First Presbyterian of Barton	Barton	MD	12/12/2014	PCUSA
First Presbyterian of Lonaconing	Lonaconing	MD	12/12/2014	PCUSA
Colonial Village Presbyterian	Niagara Falls	NY	1/15/2015	PCUSA
Connellsville Presbyterian	Pittsburgh	PA	5/19/2015	PCUSA
Slickville Presbyterian	Slickville	PA	5/19/2015	PCUSA
Amazing Grace EPC	Highland Hts.	OH	5/28/14	PCUSA

#### **Presbytery of the Central South**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Heartsong Church	Ripley	MS	10/25/2014	n/a
First Presbyterian	Blytheville	AR	2/14/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the East**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Christ Presbyterian	Springfield	MA	9/26/2014	PCUSA
Little Britain Presbyterian	Peach Bottom	PA	9/27/2014	PCUSA

**Presbytery of Florida**

Church	City	State	Received	From
First Presbyterian in Bayamon	Bayamon, Puerto Rico		2/13/15	PCUSA
First Presbyterian of DeBary	DeBary	FL	5/9/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Great Plains**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Freeman Presbyterian	Freeman	MO	1/31/2015	PCUSA
Three Timbers (mission church)	Bennington	NE	1/31/2015	n/a

**Presbytery of the Gulf South**

Church	City	State	Received	From
First Presbyterian	Mexia	TX	11/21/2014	PCUSA
Liberty Presbyterian	Liberty	MS	2/21/2015	PCUSA
Unity Memorial Presbyterian	Liberty	MS	2/21/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of Mid-America**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Trinity EPC	Chillicothe	MO	6/25/2014	n/a
Big Creek Presbyterian	Hannibal	MO	1/24/2015	PCUSA
Providence Presbyterian	Bowling Green	MO	4/21/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Hope Presbyterian	Fredericksburg	VA	6/8/2014	PCUSA
New Life Presbyterian	Salem	VA	7/20/2014	PCUSA
Galatia Presbyterian	Eagle Rock	VA	8/15/2014	PCUSA
Buffalo Presbyterian	Greensboro	NC	2/10/2015	PCUSA
Memorial Presbyterian	Greensboro	NC	2/10/2015	PCUSA
Hollywood Presbyterian	Greenville	NC	3/29/2015	PCUSA
New Cut Presbyterian	Lancaster	SC	5/3/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Midwest**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Cross Way EPC (mission church)	Macomb	MI	9/13/2014	n/a
Peace Church	Middleville	MI	11/14/2014	RCA
Mt. Olivet Presbyterian	Trenton	OH	2/20/2015	PCUSA
New City Presbyterian (mission church)	South Bend	IN	5/16/2015	n/a
First Presbyterian	Ossian	IN	5/16/2-15	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Pacific**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Evangelical Valley Presbyterian	Hazelton	ID	6/22/2014	PCUSA
Christ Presbyterian	Boise	ID	10/10/2014	n/a
The Table (mission church)	San Francisco	CA	10/11/2014	n/a
Merrill Presbyterian	Merrill	OR	12/1/2014	PCUSA
Orondo Community	Orondo	WA	12/1/2014	PCUSA
Peace Memorial Presbyterian	Klamath Falls	OR	3/7/2015	PCUSA

**Rivers and Lakes Presbytery**

Church	City	State	Received	From
First Presbyterian	Herrin	IL	9/26/2014	PCUSA
Trinity Presbyterian	Sparta	IL	2/6/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Southeast**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Bethany Presbyterian	Kingsport	TN	9/27/2014	PCUSA
Wilson Station Presbyterian	Englewood	TN	9/27/2014	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the West**

Church	City	State	Received	From
Saint Patrick Presbyterian	Denver	CO	2/6/2015	PCA

The Stated Clerk introduced TE Bill Meyer, Moderator of the 25th General Assembly and noted his involvement in establishing the Transitional Presbyteries. TE Meyer offered prayer for the new churches.

**35-30 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION**

TE Fred Lian opened the report with prayer and presented the report.

That **Recommendation #20** be adopted, “that *Book of Government* 11-2G be amended to clarify educational requirements for Candidates Under Care, be amended as follows:

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G Additions in bold italics</b>
A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a degree from a four-year college and a degree from a seminary approved by the Presbytery, requiring at least three years of study including courses in biblical Hebrew and Greek.	A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a <del>degree from a four-year college and a</del> <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> degree from <b><i>an accredited</i></b> seminary approved by the Presbytery, <del>requiring at least three years of study including</del> <b><i>and such other standards as may be determined by Acts of the General</i></b>



	<i>Assembly. Academic work that is equivalent to a Masters of Divinity degree may be completed by those means designed for Candidates under extraordinary status (G.11-2I).</i>
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\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #21**, “that section 1 of the Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07) be amended, interpreting *Book of Government* G.11-2.G as amended, to be effective upon its ratification” be adopted.

<b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1) Additions in bold italics</b>
<p>2. Requirements for ordination shall be:</p> <p>a. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</p> <p>b. Seminary degree – M.Div. or equivalent including Koine Greek and Hebrew;</p>	<p>2. Requirements for ordination shall <i>ordinarily</i> be:</p> <p>a. <del>Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</del></p> <p>a. Seminary degree – M.Div. <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> or equivalent <b><i>that shall include including Koine Greek and Hebrew Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>In addition:</i></b></p> <p>4) <b><i>Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester- hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of</i></b></p>

<p align="center"><b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b>  <b>Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b></p>
<p>c. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F (new <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2);</p> <p>d. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>e. Valid call;</p> <p>f. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective</p>	<p align="center"><i>Faith and Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>5) <i>Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open-book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></b></p> <p align="center"><b>6) “EPC specific” courses:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>a. <i>EPC Polity</i></b></p> <p>b. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F.</p> <p>c. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>d. Valid call;</p> <p>e. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for</p>

<b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (Act of Assembly 82-07.1)</b> <b>Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
ministry are present and being developed.	effective ministry are present and being developed.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #22**, “that, upon ratification of amended G.11-2G, appropriate footnotes be added to the text of the *Book of Government* referring to the “Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination” (Act of Assembly 82-07) and the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (Act of Assembly 83-07)” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #23**, “that the Assembly adopt specific requirements for the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program,” supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 and giving specification to G.11-2I: “A Presbytery, for reasons it judges adequate, may receive a Candidate under extraordinary circumstances for whom it may waive part or all of the total educational requirements for ordination. This action requires a two thirds vote by the Presbytery. When such a Candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person” be adopted.

<b>Current Act of Assembly 83-07</b>	<b>Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07</b> <b>(changes in <i>bold italics</i>)</b>
The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.	The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.  <b><i>This program shall include: Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</i></b>

Current Act of Assembly 83-07	Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 (changes in <i>bold italics</i> )
<p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>	<p><i>In addition:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester-hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></li> <li>2) <i>Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open- book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></li> <li>3) <i>“EPC specific” courses:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>EPC Polity</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #24**, “that the Assembly adopt the “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders” for use with Candidates Under Care, and strongly encourage its use in EPC presbyteries and churches” be adopted (see pp. 268-271).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #62**, “that the Assembly extend the *Ad Interim* Committee on Ministerial Education for three years (to June 2018) in order to complete its assigned work” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

### **35-31 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH**

Dr. Case Thorp called many of the GA volunteers from FPCO to the platform so the Assembly could offer its appreciation for their work. Following various announcements, the Assembly adjourned for lunch. Prayer was offered by TE Eric Stiller, Church Planter at Plant CWE, St. Louis, MO.

## **MINUTES - FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**Fourth Session  
June 26, 2015**

### **35-32 CONVENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION**

The Moderator reconvened the Assembly at 1:45. TE Troy Wilson, The Table, San Francisco, CA, updated the Assembly on his church planting efforts and opened the Session with prayer.

### **35-33 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEFITS**

RE David VanValkenburg, Chairman, opened his report with prayer and reviewed the overall work of the Board.

That **Recommendation #14**, “ 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.

\_\_\_ *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.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Don Voyles, EPC Benefits Manager, who presented his report noting that the full open enrollment at the end of last year offered new benefits and updated the data on file for the participants in each program. The Benefits Department’s next project is to streamline the retirement process. Online enrollment and beneficiary designation is coming and Mr. Voyles urged all participants to check their beneficiary information to ensure it’s up to date. A 22 minute training video for church administrators has been added to the Benefits page on the EPC website. In closing Mr. Voyles spoke of the wellness plan in the EPC medical policy and the \$50 gift card that can be obtained by completing the profile on the Highmark website.

**35-34 REPORT OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW**

TE Howard Shockley, Chairman, opened his report with prayer and reviewed the work of the committee.

That **Recommendation #16**, “that the Assembly authorize editorial correction of typographical errors in *Book of Government* 24-3 which mistakenly refer to non-existent subsections of **G.24-2**, and that these corrections will appear in the 2015-16 Edition of the **Book of Order**” be adopted.

<p><b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 Typographical errors highlighted</b></p>	<p><b><i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 for 2015-16 Edition - Typographical errors corrected</b></p>
<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p>D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V.</p> <p>H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections 24-2.D and 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V</p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-2.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section 24-2.V.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each</p>	<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p>D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections 24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V.</p> <p>H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections 24-3.D and 24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V</p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-3.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section 24-3.V.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each</p>

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<p>judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section 24-2.S.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections 24-2.B, 24-2.C, and 24-2.D.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section 24-2.L. The new corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in Section 24-2.D, as interpreted by Section 24-2.V.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one</p>	<p>judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section 24-3.S.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections 24-3.B, 24-3.C, and 24-3.D.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section 24-3.L. The new corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in Section 24-3.D, as interpreted by Section 24-3.V.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one</p>

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<p>shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in <b>Section 24-2.Q</b>), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>	<p>shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in <b>Section 24-3.Q</b>), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #17**, “that having fulfilled the tasks assigned to it by the 29th General Assembly, the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Revision be dissolved” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

### **35-35 REPORT OF THE CHURCH PLANTING TEAM**

TE Tom Ricks began his report noting the Church Planting Team began as an assignment from Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah 6 years ago to spearhead its development. They have spent the last 5 years taking stock of where we are as a denomination, defining our message, vision casting and laying out next steps. Today this vision is being embraced by many in the EPC with 27 active church plants this year. God is moving in these churches. He showed a video of the Sheepshead Bay plant in Brooklyn, NY which began as a relief effort after Hurricane Sandy. The Team’s goal for the next 12 months is to be of service to all EPC churches, creating a platform so every church can be a parent, partner or patron of a church plant. He presented slides of the work in progress Church Planting website. The Team will also resource, strengthen and encourage current church planting pastors. We’re off to a great start but have a long way to go with less than 50% of our churches involved in church planting at some level. At the conclusion of the report, Shawn Robinson led the Assembly in prayer for all EPC Church Planters.

### **35-36 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

TE Doug Klein opened his report with prayer. He affirmed the work of the Standing Committee yesterday and the work of the Permanent Committee on Administration noting the many, many hours of work behind the following recommendations.



That **Recommendation #2**, “that the Assembly approve relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted.*

That **Recommendation #5** be adopted, “that the 2015 General Assembly authorize the COA to oversee creation of separate legal entities for the World Outreach Ministry and the Benefits Department, to take effect on January 1, 2016 if possible and in accord with the proposal from Warner-Norcross. Further, that the COA in collaboration with the Office of the General Assembly, World Outreach Committee and the Board of Benefits be authorized to establish on a provisional basis the required corporate formalities including bylaws, operating agreements, management and financial structure, and governing bodies that maintain optimal unity and alignment within the EPC, and that such corporate formalities be reported to and adopted as needed by the 2016 General Assembly.

These new corporate entities would be formed to legally separate World Outreach and Benefits from the EPC. Although they would be wholly owned by the EPC, separate structures and finances would be established to minimize organizational risk.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #6**, “that the Assembly approve Project Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$848,500 for 2016” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #7**, “that the Assembly approve an administrative budget of \$2,517,300 for 2016” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

### **35-37 REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD**

RE Ted Hailes opened his report with prayer and asked the Assembly if they’d like to have more money for their ministries. Tithes and offerings often relate to just the checkbook as cash and some stocks are easy to accept, but other assets can’t be absorbed by churches as gifts. The EPC Foundation has partnered with the National Christian Foundation who will do the work of moving money from personal property, homes or businesses into the church. He encouraged the Assembly to think about using this capability of working through foundation to release all the wealth that’s available to further their ministries, not just the checkbook dollars. Information is available on the EPC website as well as through presentations at presbytery meetings.

### **35-38 REPORT OF THE CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

RE Will Adams opened his report with prayer.

That **Overture 15-A** from the Presbytery of Florida, “that the boundaries of the Presbytery of Florida be extended to include Puerto Rico” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

The Chairman invited TE Don Mason to introduce representatives from our newest Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bayamon, Puerto Rico. TE Evelio Vilches, Faith Church, Pembroke Pines, FL offered prayer for the congregation in Bayamon and for the work of the EPC in Puerto Rico.

**35-39 REPORT OF THE OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Stated Clerk asked the Assembly to suspend *Rules for Assembly* 14-3 to allow a single vote for the nine recommendations referred to the Overtures and Resolutions Committee. All the recommendations are revisions to *Rules for Assembly* and are not controversial in nature.

**ON MOTION** The Assembly approved suspending *Rules for Assembly* 14-3 to allow the passage of the nine recommendations from the Overtures and Resolutions Committee as a single motion.

RE Kent Talbert, Chairman, opened his report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #11, Recommendation #12, Recommendation #13, Recommendation #47, Recommendation #57, Recommendation #58, Recommendation #59, Recommendation #60 and Recommendation #61** be adopted as a whole.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

**Recommendation #11**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* V.5-1 to give the Moderator discretion in determining when the election of the Stated Clerk shall take place on the agenda.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
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)	<b><i>The date and time of the election of the Stated Clerk at the Assembly shall be determined by the Moderator.</i></b> 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)

**Recommendation #12**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* X.10-1A.3.a.1, updating the names of the committees for which the Committee on Administration has oversight and coordination.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly</b> <b>X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly</b> <b>X.10-1A.3.a.1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
a. Administrative Oversight	a. Administrative Oversight

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b> Changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b>
1) Oversight and coordination of Administrative Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education, Ministerial Vocation, National Outreach, Women’s Ministries, Student Ministries and College Ministries Committees.	1) Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education <b><i>and Communications</i></b> , Ministerial Vocation, <b><i>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</i></b> , Women’s Ministries and <b><i>Student &amp; College Ministries</i></b> Committees.

**Recommendation #13**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>
<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>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...</p>	<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator <b><i>and</i></b> Stated Clerk, <del>and Assistant Stated Clerk</del> serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...</p>

**Recommendation #47**

That *Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G* be amended so that Presbytery Minutes will be reviewed on a calendar year basis, superseding Act of Assembly 98-05.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>
<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.16-17)</b>. Presbytery review year shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year. <b>Minutes</b> should reflect the names of Ruling and Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and</p>	<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting. Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.19-5A)</b>. Presbytery review year <del>shall include those minutes approved by</del> Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year <b><i>shall be the calendar year. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for the</i></b></p>

unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.	<i>completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year.</i> 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.
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**Recommendation #57**

That *Rules for Assembly* V.5-6 be amended to allow the Stated Clerk discretion to appoint a parliamentarian for the Assembly.

<b><i>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-6</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-6</i></b>
5-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.	5-6 The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

**Recommendation #58**

That *Rules for Assembly* VI.6-1 be amended to give the Stated Clerk discretion to delegate responsibility for planning the worship services of the General Assembly.

<b><i>Current Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</i></b>
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.	6-1 <del>The Moderator of the last General Assembly and</del> The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , 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.

**Recommendation #59**

That *Rules for Assembly* VII.7-4 be amended so that the filing deadline in the Constitution for proposals to amend the **Book of Order** also appears in *Rules for Assembly*.

<b><i>Current Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</i></b>
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	7-4 All overtures <i>proposing amendments to the Book of Order shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior</i>

<b>Current Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>
<p>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.</p>	<p><b><i>to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21.3D.2(a)). All other overtures</i></b> 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 No overtures received after those filling dates shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly <b><i>prior to the deadline for new business</i></b> shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled Commissioners.</p>

**Recommendation #60**

That *Rules for Assembly IX.9-1* be amended so that the definition of Overtures and Resolutions Committee is expanded and so that Standing Committee names and descriptions are consistent with other sections of the document.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>
<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. National Outreach - concerning home missions and evangelism</li> </ul>	<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>9-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Standing Committees, except reports of <i>ad interim</i> committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. <b><i>Church Planting and Revitalization - concerning</i></b></li> </ul>

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>
<p>D. Christian Education and Communications- concerning Christian education and publications</p> <p>E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers</p> <p>F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies</p> <p>G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation</p> <p>H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications</p> <p>I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study</p> <p>J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church</p> <p>K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries for the youth of the church</p>	<p><b><i>evangelism, church planting, and church revitalization</i></b></p> <p>D. Christian Education and Communications- concerning Christian education, <b><i>publications, and communications</i></b></p> <p>E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers</p> <p>F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies</p> <p>G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation</p> <p>H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications <b><i>and matters that do not fall within the purview of other Standing Committees.</i></b></p> <p>I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study</p> <p>J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church</p> <p>K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries <del>for the youth of the church</del></p>

**Recommendation #61**

That *Rules for Assembly* XIV.14.3 be amended to allow the chair of a Standing Committee to recommend that recommendations of that Committee be acted upon together rather than separately.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b>
14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately.	14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately, <b><i>unless otherwise recommended by the chair and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly.</i></b>

**35-40 INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL GUEST**

The Stated Clerk introduced Reverend Peter Borgdorff, Christian Reformed Church of North America, who brought fraternal greetings of affirmation. He noted their Assembly was last week - their 33rd consecutive Synod – and in all that time the EPC has been part of his awareness. We live today as members of the Reformed family in a very complex inter-related, inter-connected environment as followers of Jesus Christ. We bear testimony of the message of the living Christ and the EPC is very similar to the CRC in terms of emphasis on what we believe to be important. Our path is not easy but together it is better because if both represent the Christ who loved us then we will bless and God will be pleased. Reverend Borgdorff offered prayer for the EPC. The Assembly paused to offer prayer for Reverend. Borgdorff and the CRC led by TE Gerrit Dawson.

**35-41 REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Chairman, TE Mike Glodo, opened the report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #19**, “that the 35th General Assembly approve the new five year fraternal agreement with St. Andrews Presbytery, Argentina” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Communication 15-04** from the Presbyterian Church in America “be received with gratitude and instruct the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee to respond and consider any appropriate recommendations to the 36th General Assembly” be adopted.

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

**35-42 INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL GUEST**

Fraternal Guest, Rev. Guille Mac Kenzie, St. Andrews Presbytery, Argentina, brought greetings to the Assembly from the churches of Argentina. Rev. Mac Kenzie was joined by Rev. Marcelo Robles who shared memories of the long and rich relationship between the EPC and St. Andrews Presbytery. Chairman Mike Glodo led the Assembly in prayer for Rev, Mac Kenzie, Rev. Robles and St. Andrews Presbytery.

### 35-43 INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL GUEST

Dr. Solano Portela, Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) brought greetings from the IPB and Stated Clerk Rev. Juan Marcondes Filho who was called away from the Assembly. He expressed gratitude for the investment made by the EPC and the resulting progress made by their denomination in Brazil and around the world - 8 synods and 130 missionary families in 30 countries. Seven Godly men came to the US to study and thanks to valuable cooperation dozens more were selected. Every teacher in their 9 seminaries holds a masters or doctorate degree. TE Gerrit Dawson, Chairman, Permanent Fraternal Relations Committee, led the Assembly in prayer for Dr. Portela and the IPB.

### 35-44 REPORT OF THE CHURCH REVITALIZATION TEAM/GO CENTER

Executive Director Ken Priddy opened his report with prayer. The Go Center was established in the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery in 2014, the result of a National Outreach revitalization task force to address this issue throughout the EPC. Team members TE Bob Stauffer (Alleghenies), TE Bill Rasch (Midwest), TE Jeff Moore (Rivers and Lakes) and TE Bill Senyard (West) were asked to stand. Over the past year they have engaged 8-9 presbyteries making presentations at stated meetings and working with different churches providing training, consulting and coaching. A number of resources continue to be developed. Their vision for the coming year is to have 1 person in each presbytery who is trained to be a trainer/consultant. He requested those with an interest in serving in this capacity contact one of the Team members. In closing he stated the purpose of church revitalization is more than keeping the doors open or increasing attendance and giving. The true purpose of church revitalization is making disciples and all were invited to contact the Go Center to help increase this in their church.

### 35-45 REPORT OF THE THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

TE Tony Stiff, Chairman, opened the report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #55** be adopted as amended, “that the 35th General Assembly direct the General Assembly Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to:

1. Review the Position Paper on Homosexuality,
2. Review the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage,
3. Draft an expansion of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include revisions of the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and
4. Report back to the 36th General Assembly (2016).”

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Overture 15-B** from the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery, “that the 35th General Assembly convene a study committee to examine the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s understanding of the Regulative Principle of Worship in our Reformed and Confessional heritage, and its application thereunto” **NOT** be adopted.”

\_\_\_ *Approved*



**35-46 REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

Chairman Jim Rimmel opened his report with prayer.

That **Recommendation #27**, “that the Assembly receive the Proposed *Book of Discipline* as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived; and the *Rules for Assembly*, 14-2 be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report” be adopted (see pp. 301-332).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #28**, “that the Assembly adopt the proposed *Book of Discipline* that is presently before it” be adopted (see pp. 301-332).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #25**, “that the Assembly sustain the decision of the PJC dismissing TE Lamont’s Complaint against the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery” be adopted (see pp. 294-295).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #26**, “that the Assembly sustain the decisions of the PJC dismissing both the Cooke and Belzer complaints against the Presbytery of the East relative to the Presbytery’s April 26, 2014 action concerning the call of a pastor by a local church (Fourth Presbyterian), said complaints respectively dated April 30, 2014 and May 9, 2014” be adopted (see p. 295).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #29**, “that the Assembly adopt the proposed change to G.22-4” be adopted.

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C
	<b><i>C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, no higher Court that accepts a reference from a lower Court may render a decision that conflicts with any other provision of the Constitution of the EPC.</i></b>

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #30**, “that the Assembly adopt the proposed change in G.21-3.D.1 in establishing a Chief Constitutional Officer” be adopted.

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b>	1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b>

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
<p>Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee, shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons, and the Assembly shall act as it deems wise.</p>	<p>Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. <b><i>The Stated Clerk, with the concurrence of the Permanent Judicial Commission, may assign these duties to a Chief Constitutional Officer.</i></b></p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>a. Shall review all referrals and shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons. The Assembly shall act as it deems wise.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>b. Shall review all provisional opinions and shall recommend to the Assembly that they be sustained, not sustained, or amended, along with reasons.</i></b></li> </ul>

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #31**, “that the Assembly adopt the proposed new provision in G.21-3D.5 allowing the use of appeal/complaint Hearing Officers/Committees by the PJC” be adopted.

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5
	<p>The Commission may appoint a Hearing Officer or Committee from its members to hear appeals under Chapter 12 or complaints under Chapter 13 of the <i>Book of Discipline</i>. The General Assembly Stated Clerk or his designee may serve as a resource person in any such proceeding. After any such hearing, the Hearing Officer / Committee will report his/its findings,</p>

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5
	with recommendations, if any, to the Commission, which will take whatever action it deems appropriate in accord with the provisions of Chapter 12, Chapter 13 of the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and/or Chapter 21-3 of the <i>Book of Government</i> .

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #32**, “that the Assembly approve the January 29, 2015 provisional opinion issued by the Stated Clerk to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery concerning former Teaching Elder Wayne Bogue” be adopted (see pp. 296-297 and 300).

\_\_\_ *Adopted*

**35-47 ORDER OF THE DAY - 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITATION**

RE Doug Moak, presented a video and then made a formal invitation to the Assembly to hold the 36th General Assembly at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, Michigan June 21-26, 2016.

**35-48 ADJOURNMENT FOR DINNER**

TE Bill Lindner, Christ Covenant, Fredericksburg, VA, closed the session with prayer.

**35-49 EVENING WORSHIP**

Worship began at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 2015  
7:30 PM**

Song	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	
Call to Worship	<i>Isaiah 45:5-8</i>	Rev. Jack Peebles
Song	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	
Hymn	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	
Ascription of Praise		
Song	<i>Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?</i>	
Prayer		

Hymn	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
Message LeBerge	<i>Do You See What I See?</i>	Rev. Carmen Fowler
	<i>Principles of Spiritual Leadership</i> Numbers 13:1-14:12	
Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	
Song	<i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>	
Benediction		

**35-50 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Worship began at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The Assembly continued in worship as noted below:

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 2015  
8:30 AM**

Prelude		Josiah Armes
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 24:1-6</i>	Rev. Becky Davis
Hymn of Adoration	<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymnal #320
Confession	<i>Psalm 130</i>	
Assurance of Pardon		
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Jack Peebles
Confession of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	
Hymn of Triumph	<i>Thine Is the Glory</i>	Hymnal #310
Message	<u><i>That's What Makes You Beautiful</i></u> <i>Isaiah 60:4-9</i>	Dr. Case Thorp
Hymn of Response	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Hymnal #40
Benediction		
Postlude		

## MINUTES – SATURDAY MORNING

**Fifth Session  
June 27, 2015**

### **35-51 CONVENING OF THE FIFTH SESSION**

Moderator Mike Moses called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and shared the EPC response to the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage:

*The Evangelical Presbyterian Church grieves today's ruling of the Supreme Court, which illustrates the continued disregard for the biblical, traditional, Judeo-Christian values upon which the foundation of our nation was established. As a church, we continue to rest our faith in the sovereign God and the authority of His Holy Word. We pray faithfully for our nation and our leaders as so commanded by Scripture.*

*We bear no malice toward those with a same-sex attraction; in fact, we love them with the love of Christ. However, as a church we must adhere to the biblical definition of marriage, rather than a cultural one.*

*We recognize that civil governments adopt policies that do not align with biblical values. However, those policies must never require that people of faith abandon the clear teaching of Scripture, forfeit the right to proclaim those truths, or change their beliefs or practices.*

Prayer was offered by TE David Strunk, Aspen Grove Church Planting Network.

### **35-52 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The docket for Saturday, June 27th was adopted as follows:

- 8:30 Opening Worship (TE Case Thorp preaching)
- 9:30 **35th General Assembly – Session 5**
  - 5.1 Opening Prayer (TE David Strunk, Aspen Grove Church Planting Network)
  - 5.2 Approval of Docket
  - 5.3 Report of the Director of Communications (Rev. Brian Smith)
  - 5.4 Report of the Director of World Outreach (TE Phil Linton)
  - 5.5 Omnibus Consent Motion
  - 5.6 Report of the Student & College Ministries Committee (RE Lloyd Davis)
    - a. **Additional Recommendation from Standing Committee**
  - 5.7 Report of the Student & College Ministries Coordinator (TE Drew Henderson on behalf of Ms. Susan Holland)
  - 5.8 Nominating Committee – Final Report (RE Bruce Alexander)
    - a. Nomination of Moderator-elect: RE Scott Griffin
    - b. Nominating Second (TE Bill Enns)

- c. Election of Moderator-elect
  - d. Remarks by Moderator-elect
  - e. Prayer for Moderator-elect (TE Mike Moses)
  - f. Election of Permanent Committee Members
  - g. Election of 2015-2016 Nominating Committee Members and 2015-2016 Board of Benefits Chairman
- 5.9 Election of the Stated Clerk (TE Bill Dudley)
- a. **Recommendation #3**
  - b. **Recommendation #4**
  - c. Remarks by Stated Clerk
- 5.10 Report of the Presbytery Review Committee (TE Ed McCallum)
- a. **Recommendations #33-#47**
- 5.11 Ratification of 34th General Assembly Descending Overtures
- 5.12 Reception of the Minutes of the 34th General Assembly
- 5.13 Memorials and Appreciation Committee Report (TE Tommy Jordan)
- 5.14 Closing Prayer (TE Dave Brogren, Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA)

Adjournment of the Assembly  
 Benediction (TE Mike Moses, Moderator)

### **35-53 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Reverend Brian Smith began his report by referencing the Christian Education and Communication Committee’s full report (see pp. 222-225). The new-this-year General Assembly app had over 600 downloads. Noting that the General Assembly Office staff exists to serve the members and churches of the EPC, he expressed his hope that this tool proved helpful as well as the new EPC website launched last spring which has a new look and streamlined navigation in addition to EPNews’ robust social media integration it didn’t have before. Reverend Smith unveiled the EPC’s new logo and revised seal which was a team effort of the Committee on Administration, the Committee’s steering team, sounding board, focus group and personal interviews. He thanked all for the participation in this project.



### **35-54 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WORLD OUTREACH**

TE Phil Linton opened his report with prayer and called attention to the details in his report (see pp. 376-378). He announced the winner of the prize from the World Outreach drawing - Steve Clark from Lighthouse Church - and thanked all who visited their exhibit. He then highlighted the following personnel updates:

- RE Dan Tidwell (Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Katy, TX) is serving as WO's Communication Coordinator
- TE Mark Vanderput (Midwest) is serving as coordinator of Muslim Diaspora Ministries – a great resource for EPC churches who want to reach out to Muslim neighbors
- TE Stephen Kelly is the coordinator of the Engage 2025 partnership between World Outreach and the Presbyteries
- Dr. Pat Tucker and Dr. Stan Toppel with Assistance of Medical Benevolence foundation have spearheaded a new initiative to connect medical people in EPC churches with strategic opportunities to serve; medical professionals were encouraged to fill out the profile (the link is available on the EPC website)
- Dr. David Wood has joined the WO staff as the Assistant Director
- Jim and Barbie Murphy who cheerfully, enthusiastically and lovingly trained churches on how to care for the missionaries they send to the field have stepped down after serving for 4 years; Chris and Debbie Gibson will be serving as the new Member Care Coordinators

### 35-55 OMNIBUS CONSENT MOTION

The Stated Clerk explained the purpose and procedure for processing the Omnibus motion for routine matters.

**ON MOTION** The Omnibus Consent Motion was placed before the Assembly according to *Rules for Assembly IX.9-6*, and adopted as presented:

<b>FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION</b>
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#### **Recommendation #9**

That the Assembly approve a fiscal year of July to June, effective July 1, 2017, superseding Act of Assembly 82-08.

Rationale: The current January-December fiscal year means there is little data available to the COA regarding the current budget in March/April when it projects a new budget to be effective 8 months later. A July to June fiscal year better reflects the annual cycle of operations and gives the COA much more data for a reasonable budget proposal. If approved, budgeting for the transition would begin in 2016 with a 6 month fiscal year from Jan-June 2017, followed by the first full year of the amended fiscal year July 2017-June 2018.

#### **Recommendation #10**

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, California to host the 2017 General Assembly (**Communication 15-02**).

**FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION**

**Recommendation #15**

That the Assembly authorize the Christian Education & Communication Committee's request to work jointly with the Theology Committee of the General Assembly for the purpose of reformatting, enhancing and updating the EPC Leadership Training Guide.

Rational: The Leadership Training Guide (LTG), outside of our **Book of Order**, is one of our most popular and widely used EPC produced materials. The CE&C, over the last few years, has fielded requests from various churches to update and revise the LTG. For the record, this revision is not prompted by anything erroneous contained in the content of the LTG. The CE&C Committee would like to work with the Theology Committee to revise the document in a way that would further benefit the Sessions and churches that use this guide. Some of the recommendations are for updated formatting, better illustrations, more robust Church History section (this item has already been addressed and 2 chapters have been drafted by TE Don Fortson), producing an Answer Key, possibly distributing the LTG in other formats (i.e. digital formats for Kindle, or maybe an app). We would like to set a date that this joint effort be completed by the 2017 General Assembly.

**FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY**

**Recommendation #56**

That the Assembly adopt the finding of the Permanent Theology Committee regarding statements on the Sabbath in the **Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms** and the EPC *Book of Worship* (see pp. 370-373 for the constitutional texts):

When a Presbytery grants an exception to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-8, it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC *Book of Worship* 2-2. Such an exception is consistent with our *Book of Worship* and does not make it difficult for Teaching Elders to take a vow to submit to the government and discipline of the EPC with integrity. Therefore, the Committee sees no need to amend the documents as suggested by the reference of the Theology standing committee of the 34th General Assembly (2014).

Rationale: The *Book of Worship* 2-2 reflects the heart of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-7, focusing on the Christian Sabbath being a remembrance and celebration of Christ's bodily resurrection as a "continuing witness to God's power over sin and death." The *Book of Worship* 2-2 focusing on the necessity of gathering for worship on the Lord's Day... calling on believers to arrange their day in such a way as to facilitate such worship. What the *Book of Worship* 2-2 does not do is further embrace nor deny the **Westminster Confession** 21-8, which further regulates actions, "rest the whole day from their own works and words, and from thoughts about their worldly activities and recreations; and take up the whole time in public and private worship and in the duties of necessity and mercy." The *Book of*



*Worship 2-2*, in effect, creates allowances for exceptions of the **Westminster Confession 21-8**.

**FROM THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD OUTREACH**

**Recommendation #8**

That the General Assembly approve “Bahamas Presbytery Development” as the 2015 Thanksgiving Offering.

**ADDITIONAL MOTION**

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
  - Ministerial Vocation
  - Women In Ministry
  - World Outreach

     *Adopted*

**35-56 REPORT OF THE STUDENT & COLLEGE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

RE Lloyd Davis opened the report with prayer.

That the **Additional Recommendation from the Standing Committee**, “that the theme and primary focus of the next available General Assembly (1-3 years) would be on Next Generation Ministry where there will be teaching and training on reaching the next generation” be adopted.

     *Adopted*

**35-57 REPORT OF THE STUDENT & COLLEGE MINISTRIES COORDINATOR**

TE Drew Henderson reported in the absence of Susan Holland and opened his report with prayer. He spoke of the following work of the Committee:

1. Intervarsity’s Urbana conference has been around for decades and continues to provide leading and sending opportunities. The EPC offers scholarships for college students and young adults to attend Urbana.
2. Coalition of Christian Outreach (CCO) will be hosting a high school conference in the summer of 2016. Their annual Jubilee conference is a goldmine for lay teachers especially for those with a college focus. View their website ([www.cco.org](http://www.cco.org)) for more details.
3. The Committee is working to develop a connection with Reformed Youth Ministry (RYM).

### 35-58 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – FINAL REPORT

RE Bruce Alexander opened the report with prayer.

The Chairman presented the nomination of RE Scott Griffin as Moderator-elect. TE Bill Enns made the seconding speech. There were no further nominations from the floor.

**ON MOTION** RE Scott Griffin was elected as Moderator-elect.

Mr. Griffin shared his thoughts with the Assembly and the Moderator led prayer for RE Griffin.

The Chairman presented the slate of nominees for Permanent Committees and received additional nominations for vacancies from the floor. With no further nominations, the slate was presented in its final form.

**ON MOTION** The slate of nominations was elected as follows:

#### **Committee on Administration**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Fanara	East
	RE Michael Gibson	Great Plains
	RE Rob Liddon	Central South

#### **Board of Benefits**

Class of 2018	TE Ron Cox	Mid-Atlantic
	RE Kent Talbert	East

#### **Committee on Chaplains Work & Care**

Class of 2018	TE Timothy Mallard	East
	RE George Masters	West

#### **Committee on Christian Education & Communications**

Class of 2018	RE Carolyn Hiller	Pacific
	TE Mark Hughes	Mid-America
Class of 2017	NO Tyson Sturgeon	Mid-America
Class of 2016	RE Dave Bishop	Pacific
	NO Carolyn Miller	Southeast

#### **Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

Class of 2018	RE Rush Sherrill	Mid-Atlantic
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#### **EPC Foundation**

Class of 2018	RE Greg Baggenstos	Pacific
Class of 2016	RE Ted Hailes	Central South

**Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Class of 2018	TE Gerrit Dawson	Gulf South
	TE Gary McGhee	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2017	RE Gwynn Blair	Florida

**Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

Class of 2018	RE Caroline Tromble	Rivers and Lakes
	RE Jeffrey Guilford	Southeast
Class of 2017	TE Brad Strait	West

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

Class of 2018	RE Donald Flater	Rivers and Lakes
	RE John Graham	Southeast
	TE Dana Opp	Alleghenies

**Presbytery Review**

Class of 2018	RE Cecil Matthews	West
Class of 2017	RE Diane Manon	Midwest

**Committee on Student and College Ministries**

Class of 2018	RE David DeBruler	Gulf South
	NO David House	Southeast
	TE Dustin Jernigan	Mid-Atlantic
	NO Ivan Moore	Alleghenies

**Committee on Theology**

Class of 2018	RE Bill DuBose	Mid-Atlantic
	TE Adel Thalos	Southeast

**World Outreach**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Castor	East
	TE Betsy Rumer	Alleghenies
	RE Patrick Tucker	Central South

The Chairman presented the names of those presented by the Moderator for various positions.

**ON MOTION** The following members were elected to the Nominating Committee:

Class of 1016	RE Ken Roberts	Presbytery of the West
Class of 2018	TE Cathy Burkholder	Presbytery of the Pacific
Class of 2018	RE Jimmy Carr	Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic

Class of 2018	RE Clay Johnson	Presbytery of Mid-America
Class of 2018	RE Tom Reesor	Presbytery of the Southeast
<b>ON MOTION</b>	RE Bruce Alexander (East) was appointed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee 2015-16	
<b>ON MOTION</b>	RE David VanValkenburg (West) was appointed as Board of Benefits Chairman.	

**35-59 ELECTION OF THE STATED CLERK**

Former Moderator and COA Chairman Bill Dudley opened his report with prayer. In recommending Jeffrey Jeremiah for an additional term he presented two recommendations.

That **Recommendation #3**, “that, in accord with the provision in *Book of Government* 20-3A.2, the Assembly set aside the limit of three terms in order that Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah may stand for election to a fourth term as Stated Clerk” be adopted. \_\_\_ *Adopted*

That **Recommendation #4**, “that the Assembly re-elect Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah to a fourth term as Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church” be adopted. \_\_\_ *Adopted*

TE Bill Dudley reported that the Committee on Administration’s Personnel Committee unanimously approved a sabbatical for Dr. Jeremiah from July 1 through September 30, 2015.

**35-60 REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The newly re-elected Stated Clerk began his report thanking our Lord Jesus Christ for His incredible and unlimited patience, the Committee on Administration - the Session of the EPC - and the genius of Presbyterianism found in the word “with” – pastor leads with Session; Session leads with pastor, the General Assembly staff and the 375 volunteers from First Presbyterian Church of Orlando and his wife for her love of Christ, him and the Assembly bearing the cost of his absence from their home to serve as Stated Clerk.

While in Brazil Dr. Jeremiah was challenged by the global Church: “What will happen to Christianity in the United States when Christendom has been destroyed? When it is no longer safe and comfortable to be a Christian? When governmental benefits such as charitable tax deductions and clergy housing allowance because you’re a religious group are gone?” They are concerned that we will lose heart and give up Christ and the gospel for the day of decision is coming. Dr. Jeremiah believes the global church is telling us that we need to be willing to suffer for our faith but to be sure the suffering comes because of Jesus and who He is and what He’s done, not because of us or anything we’ve done. Second is our need to rely, as the global church does, on the Holy Spirit. American Christianity has its benefits but its negative is our unthinking tendency to rely on wealth and affluence, education and

degrees and facilities and programs. But without the Holy Spirit whatever we attempt will ultimately come to nothing – even church planting or church revitalization. Four words are repeated in the Book of Acts: filled with the Spirit. In Acts filled with the Spirit sometimes results in the miraculous but always results in a bold courageous witness to Jesus Christ, conversions and God’s glory. Dr. Jeremiah’s daily prayer for the leaders of the EPC is to seek the Spirit, rely on the Spirit, and be filled with the Spirit of God every day. God in His power will bring His plan for human history to completion and it includes a great plan and a great future for the EPC - Christendom or no Christendom.

Dr. Jeremiah closed his report thanking the Assembly for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the EPC as Stated Clerk.

### **35-61 REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

TE Ed McCallum opened his report with prayer. At the recommendation of TE McCallum (*Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3*), **Recommendations #33-#46** were considered and adopted as a whole.

#### **Recommendation #33**

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries (see pp. 337-352) to exceptions issued by the 34th General Assembly as adequate, with the following exceptions:

1. Alleghenies: Attachment A, #3 – A committee cannot appoint commissions. The Presbytery should review its policies and practices to bring them into alignment with legislative acts of the Assembly.

Act of Assembly 91-05: “A commission can be created only by an appointing court to serve as a commission for a limited time as specified by presbytery. No committee of presbytery shall have continuing authority to serve as a commission except as specifically authorized by G.21-2D.2(e), (f); G.21-3). No committee has the authority to create commissions. The rationale is that a committee is not a court of the church. (Minutes, 11-35).”

2. Responses from the Presbyteries of the East and Rivers and Lakes were not received in time for Committee review May 19-20, 2015.

#### **Recommendation #34**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 279 (13-17B, C, D) – No ordination/installation commission established for Mike Vondreau (see #1 under **Recommendation #33** above).
2. P. 298 (14-16B) – The Council is authorized to establish commissions, contrary to Act of Assembly 91-05 (see #1 under **Recommendation #33** above) and commend the Presbytery of the Alleghenies for its work to promote connections among its churches.

**Recommendation #35**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South with the following exceptions:\*

- a. P. 563 – A Teaching Elder was to be named to the installation commission for Bill Thompson, but there is no record that the Presbytery did so;
- b. P. 600 – TE Jerry Brundle’s invitation to serve as interim does not meet the definition of interim supply (G.10-7C.2). He should have been invited and approved as Stated Supply (G.10-7C.1);

and send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The motion of the Pastoral and Congregational Care Committee (P. 604 - 90.26) changed an action adopted previously in the meeting. The correct procedure (*Roberts Rules of Order*) would be a motion to reconsider, and, if approved, then offer a substitute motion for consideration.

**Recommendation #36**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East.

**Recommendation #37**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Florida.

**Recommendation #38**

That the Assembly conditionally approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Great Plains and, that to remove the condition, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery should meet with the Assistant Clerk of the General Assembly to find ways to reduce the volume of the Minutes while confirming with guidelines for Presbytery Minutes.

**Recommendation #39**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Gulf South.

**Recommendation #40**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America.

**Recommendation #41**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic with the following exception:\*

- P. 394 (78.23B) – Dr. Childs was received improperly, being without a call. Pastors are “invited,” not called to serve in temporary pastoral relationships. This is an intentional distinction within the *Book of Government*. There is no need for Presbytery to approve terms of call, as it is not a call. It is a contractual arrangement between pastor and Session;

and send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic should re-examine its policy on voting on female candidates by secret ballot. In one situation the policy was suspended. It seemed to the Committee to be needlessly discriminatory to single out a particular category of people for a different voting method. A consistent application one way or the other should be considered.

**Recommendation #42**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest.

**Recommendation #43**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

**Recommendation #44**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Rivers and Lakes with the following exception:

- P. 257 (Item C) – The Ministerial Committee was improperly authorized to appoint an Administrative Commission (Act of Assembly 91-05).

**Recommendation #45**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

**Recommendation #46**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 11-360 (Examination of Commissioned Pastors) – RE Bogle and RE Coots were improperly placed as Commissioned Pastors. Commissioned Pastors serve in places where there is no pastor, not as staff members in a multiple staff situation (G.9-11).
2. P. 11-381, 82 – Rev. Humphrey was received without a call, contrary to G.10-8C.1. Temporary pastoral positions are invitations to serve, not calls. The distinction in terminology is intentional. Further, “Pulpit Supply” is not a constitutional term. If “Stated Supply” is meant, there must be a length of service specified. Contracts between a person in a temporary pastoral position are not properly “terms of call.”
3. P. 384 (103.18) – The commission to ordain and install Stephen Morefield was improperly formed with only one church represented by the Ruling Elders (G. 21-1C.2(b)).

**35-62 RATIFICATION OF 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESCENDING OVERTURES**

The Stated Clerk reviewed the procedures of ratifying the descending overtures.

**OVERTURE 14-A**

NOTE: Due to size limitations copies of the *Revised Book of Worship* are not included in these minutes. This document was available in hard copy or electronically for Commissioners to review prior to the 35th General Assembly

**OVERTURE 14-B**

That the *Book of Government* 12-3B.1 pertaining to the examination of ministers transferring from another Reformed denomination be amended as follows to give Presbyteries the discretion to examine on knowledge as well as views.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 12-3B.1</b>	<b>Amended <i>Book of Government</i> 12-3B.1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p>B. Examination of non-EPC ordained Ministers</p> <p>1. Examination of an ordained Minister from another Reformed denomination: A Minister seeking to become a Teaching Elder in a Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination in the EPC. The Minister shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.</p> <p>2. Examination of Ministers from non-Reformed Traditions: A minister presenting current and valid ordination credentials from any other ecclesiastical tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination.</p>	<p>B. Examination of non-EPC ordained Ministers</p> <p>1. Examination of an ordained Minister from another Reformed denomination: A Minister seeking to become a Teaching Elder in a Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination in the EPC. The Minister shall be examined on views and beliefs <del>in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church</del> <b>and may be examined on knowledge.</b></p> <p>2. Examination of Ministers from non-Reformed Traditions: A minister presenting current and valid ordination credentials from any other ecclesiastical tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination.</p>

Grounds: The proposed amendment, originating from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, gives an additional measure of discretion to presbyteries in examining ministers transferring from other denominations within the Reformed family in order to satisfy themselves that a potential transferee’s views and knowledge are commensurate with those held by the EPC. This amendment allows a presbytery and its representatives to go beyond examination on a person's views when deemed necessary and prudent by the examining body.

**OVERTURE 14-C**

*Note: Amendments to G.25-2 and G.5-9 are being presented as a unit and must be voted up or down as a whole. A motion to vote ad seriatim on Descending Overture 14-C is out of order.*

That the *Book of Government* be amended by adding a new section 25-2C to rights held in perpetuity by the local church (renumbering current G.25-2C as G.25-2D) and



amending G.5-9 by the addition of a sentence in order to be explicit that the *Book of Government* does not establish an implied or expressed trust on property owned by a local church.

<p><b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (entire chapter)</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (new section C in bold italics)</b></p>
<p>25-1 Limitations in perpetuity Certain rights are held in perpetuity by Christians, both individually and gathered in congregations. These rights must always be guaranteed by the Church.</p> <p>25-2 These rights include, but not by way of exclusion, the following:</p> <p>A. 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 <b>Book of Order</b> of the EPC.</p> <p>B. The Church may make no laws that infringe on the rights of the local church to elect its own officers, to own and control its own property under</p>	<p>25-1 Limitations in perpetuity Certain rights are held in perpetuity by Christians, both individually and gathered in congregations. These rights must always be guaranteed by the Church.</p> <p>25-2 These rights include, but not by way of exclusion, the following:</p> <p>A. 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 <b>Book of Order</b> of the EPC.</p> <p>B. The Church may make no laws that infringe on the rights of the local church to elect its own officers, to own and control its own property under</p>

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (entire chapter)</b>	<b>Proposed amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (new section C in bold italics)</b>
<p>the laws of the state in which it is located, to determine its own benevolence and other budgetary objectives, and to determine its own internal life so long as it does not violate the Constitution of the Church.</p> <p>C. This section (i.e., chapter) may be added to by the procedures set forth for amending the <b>Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms</b>, but no deletions may be made.</p>	<p>the laws of the state in which it is located, to determine its own benevolence and other budgetary objectives, and to determine its own internal life so long as it does not violate the Constitution of the Church.</p> <p><b><i>C. The Denomination may make no provision in the Book of Government to establish any trust, implied or expressed, on property, both real or personal, held by or for a local church in favor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The voluntary establishment of a trust is not prohibited, but any trust, to be enforceable, must be the clear intent of the owner and follow the legal requirements for trusts in the state in which the property is located.</i></b></p> <p>D. This section (i.e., chapter) may be added to by the procedures set forth for amending the <b>Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms</b>, but no deletions may be made.</p>

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9 (additional sentence in bold italics)</b>
<p>5-9 The dissolution of a local church or mission church</p> <p>When a congregation ceases to exist or is dissolved by Presbytery, the property, both real and personal, that may remain shall be delivered, transferred, and conveyed to the</p>	<p>5-9 The dissolution of a local church or mission church</p> <p>When a congregation ceases to exist or is dissolved by Presbytery, the property, both real and personal, that may remain shall be delivered, transferred, and conveyed to the</p>

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9 (additional sentence in bold italics)</b>
<p>Presbytery by those holding title. The disposition of the remaining property shall be at the discretion of the Presbytery. However, in no case shall Presbytery dissolve a local church which can be reasonably deemed viable. 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.</p>	<p>Presbytery by those holding title. The disposition of the remaining property shall be at the discretion of the Presbytery. However, in no case shall Presbytery dissolve a local church which can be reasonably deemed viable. <b><i>This paragraph shall not be construed to constitute a trust or implied trust of any church property enforceable by the Presbytery (see also G.25-2C).</i></b> 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.</p>

Grounds: The amendments, originating from the Presbytery of the Central South, affirm the stated position of the EPC is that it makes no claim to property held by local churches (G.6-5: “The local church has ownership of its property”) and makes explicit the absence of an express trust clause in the EPC constitution. However, a trust is a type of property right that is separate from normal ownership, and trusts can be of two types, implied or expressed. The amendments would close a constitutional gap by making it clear that no property trust, whether express or implied, exists over local church property in favor of the EPC, except those trusts that reflect the clear intent of the owner and which comply with the ordinary legal requirements for the creation of trusts in the state where the property is located. These amendments are consistent with existing provisions elsewhere in the *Book of Government* that acknowledge appropriate respect for the rule of civil law and which declare that the authority of the Church is moral and spiritual only and is distinct from civil government. For those exceptional circumstances where a local church has properly been dissolved, the dissolution of its civil corporation and the disbursement of its assets are governed by existing state nonprofit corporation laws available for use by presbyteries.

#### **OVERTURE 14-D**

That *Book of Government* 21.3C be amended to enable the Permanent Judicial Commission to appoint a clerk instead of electing one from its membership.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government 21-3C</i></b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to <i>Book of Government 21-3C</i> (changes in <del>strike through</del> and bold italics)</b>
<p>C. Officers</p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission shall elect its own Moderator and a Clerk from among its members, and a careful and accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these minutes filed with the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>C. Officers</p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission shall elect <del>its own Moderator and a Clerk from among its members, and</del> <b><i>a moderator from its own body and appoint a clerk.</i></b> A careful and accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these minutes filed with the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.</p>

Grounds: When a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) serves as the clerk, it has the effect of taking that member out of the deliberations. The proposed amendment, originating as a recommendation from the Permanent Judicial Commission, gives the PJC flexibility in appointing a clerk either from within its membership or from outside, most likely a member of the Office of the Stated Clerk. Moreover, this amendment makes it possible for the PJC to have consistency from year to year in its record-keeping.

**PRESBYTERY VOTES ON DESCENDING OVERTURES**  
**OVERTURE 14-A**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	76	0
Florida	22	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	45	0
Mid-America	38	0
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	67	0
Pacific	91	0
Rivers and Lakes	35	6
Southeast	63	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**OVERTURE 14-B**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	84	0
Florida	19	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	45	0
Mid-America	31	4
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	73	1
Pacific	95	0
Rivers and Lakes	40	0
Southeast	69	1
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**OVERTURE 14-C**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	84	0
Florida	21	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	43	0
Mid-America	38	0
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	75	0
Pacific	98	2
Rivers and Lakes	43	0
Southeast	70	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**OVERTURE 14-D**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	81	0
Florida	22	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	43	0
Mid-America	38	1

Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	75	0
Pacific	98	0
Rivers and Lakes	44	0
Southeast	70	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**ON MOTION** Descending Overtures 14-A, B, C and D from the 34th General Assembly were ratified.

**35-63 RECEPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 34th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**ON MOTION** The Minutes of the 34th General Assembly were received.

Corrections should be submitted to the Committee on Administration by September 30, 2015, after which the COA will act to adopt the Minutes.

**35-64 MEMORIALS AND APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

TE Tommy Jordan opened the report with prayer and offered the following report:

The Assembly expressed its heartfelt appreciation to First Presbyterian Church Orlando, its senior pastor, TE David Swanson, the staff and the many volunteers who had a part in welcoming this Assembly. Assembly speakers who challenged, exhorted and edified the Assembly while proclaiming the Word of God and His Son, Jesus Christ were thanked. Outgoing moderator RE Gordon Miller was thanked for his service this last year and prayer for incoming moderator TE Mike Moses for his ministry to the EPC this coming year. Gratitude was expressed to the Stated Clerk, Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, on his continuing service, Dr. Ed McCallum and Carol Templin for their work on behalf of the committee and the rest of the GA staff. May our Lord richly bless them for all they do, both seen and unseen, for His Church.

The 35th General Assembly remembered with gratitude those Ministers and Ruling Elders who died during the Assembly year.

Name	Church	Month and Year of Death	Years of Service
RE Lois Andrews	Wabash Presbyterian Allendale, IL	February 2015	3
RE William Attaway	Cedar Springs Presbyterian Knoxville, TN	September 2014	6
RE Charles Ball	Christ Church Presbyterian Dalton, GA	May 2015	
RE Robert Blane	Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA	September 2014	28
RE Clinton Bolton	First EPC Battle Creek, MI	June 2014	8

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Month and Year of Death</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
RE Bill Bumford	Grace Chapel Farmington Hills, MI	May 2014	24
RE Betty Campbell	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	March 2014	9
RE A. Lois Castigliola	First Presbyterian Pascagoula, MS	September 2014	4
RE E. Glen Chapman	First Presbyterian Orlando, FL	June 2013	23
RE Ruth Cheney	Murphy Presbyterian Murphy, NC	September 2014	3
RE Evelyn Cisney	Heritage EPC Santa Maria, CA	February 2015	40+
RE Lloyd Claiborne	Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA	September 2014	29
RE Jim Cochran	Lebanon Presbyterian Lebanon, OH	November 2014	3
RE Orrin Cook	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	January 2014	6
RE Roy Copeland	Minden Presbyterian Minden, LA	January 2015	20
RE Jack Couch	First Presbyterian Orlando, FL	June 2014	32
RE Emmett Curts	First EPC Frankfort, IN	January 2015	3
RE Ernie Davis	Lebanon Presbyterian Lebanon, OH	May 2014	3
RE Donald Dorsey	First EPC Frankfort, IN	June 2014	3
RE Dan Fairly	Lakeside Presbyterian Brandon, MS	April 2015	16
RE Darrell Ferguson	Community Presbyterian Omak, WA	April 2014	19
RE Shirley Folsom	GracePoint Community Littleton, CO	August 2014	3
RE Elizabeth Frantz	First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK	December 2014	3.5
RE Thomas Galbreath	Little Britain Presbyterian Peach Bottom, PA	February 2015	41
RE Frank Grow	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	May 2014	3
TE Henry Grubbs	Cornerstone EPC Katy, Texas	August 2014	69
RE Carl Holmberg	Memorial Park Presbyterian Allison Park, PA	August 2014	
RE Mable Hopson	First Presbyterian Fairbanks, AK	October 2014	15
RE Frances Hubbard	Leicester EPC Leicester, NY	August 2014	5

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Month and Year of Death</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
RE Dorothy Huff	Southport Presbyterian Indianapolis, IN	December 2014	32
RE Merna Hunter	GracePoint Community Littleton, CO	March 2013	3
RE Howard Hux	Chapel Hill Presbyterian Gig Harbor, WA	December 2014	
RE John Irving	Minden Presbyterian Minden, LA	August 2014	37
RE Al Killip	First EPC Kent, WA	February 2015	3
RE Calvin Konnegieter	Aplington EPC Aplington, IA	January 2015	3
RE Richard Kutan	Tabernacle EPC Youngstown, OH	December 2014	35
RE Donald Lambert	Indian Hill Presbyterian Stanfield, NC	January 2015	25
RE Jack Latesky	Peace Presbyterian Flint, MI	September 2014	30
RE David Luther, Sr.	Woodland Presbyterian Memphis, TN	April 2015	12
RE Otilie Magnotti	Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA	December 2014	29
RE Bruce McCormick	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Fair Oaks, CA	November 2014	7
RE Robert McRacken	Northampton Presbyterian Hampton, VA	July 2014	6
RE Carolyn Meagher	Community Presbyterian Omak, WA	October 2014	4
RE William Mod	First Presbyterian Lake Jackson, TX	December 2014	37
TE Mark Moore	retired-Faith Presbyterian Aurora, CO	October 2014	
RE Ruby Mullis	Indian Hill Presbyterian Stanfield, NC	June 2014	15
RE Bruce Murdock	Chapel Hill Presbyterian Gig Harbor, WA	August 2014	
RE Charles Newness	Pierpont Presbyterian Pierpont, OH	December 2014	9
RE Roy O'Neal	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	January 2014	9
RE Allen Patterson, Sr.	Rocky River Presbyterian Abbeville, SC	March 2015	35
RE Steven Philhower	Southport Presbyterian Indianapolis, IN	June 2014	4.5
TE Rupert Pickett, Jr.	retired	February 2015	
RE Richard Powell	Grace Covenant Exton, PA	December 2014	51




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RE Warren Prentice	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	January 2014	
RE William Primm	First Presbyterian Rome, GA	March 2015	57
RE Bill Pritchard	ChristChurch Presbyterian Dalton, GA	April 2015	
RE Melinda Lou Rast	Princeton Presbyterian Princeton, WV	February 2014	15
RE John Ray	Minden Presbyterian Minden, LA	May 2014	31
RE Charles Richardson, Jr.	First Presbyterian Bentleyville, PA	November 2014	9
RE Kenneth Roesler	Cornerstone EPC Brighton, MI	March 2015	6
RE Jeff Rogers	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	January 2014	3
RE John Sarver	Memorial Park Presbyterian Allison Park, PA	November 2014	
RE Harvey Schmidt	Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA	February 2015	29
TE Richard Schussler	Brainerd Presbyterian Chattanooga, TN	January 2015	8
TE Mickey Shealy	Christ Church Presbyterian Dalton, GA	October 2014	7
TE Douglas Sherman	retired	June 2014	20
RE Patricia Shortz	Fremont Presbyterian Sacramento, CA	February 2014	6
RE Bill Simonton	First Presbyterian Covington, TN	August 2014	
RE Robert Simpson	Fairview EPC Glenmoore, PA	July 2014	3
RE Tom Spicknall	Christ Church Presbyterian Dalton, GA	July 2014	2
RE Max Spurgin	Southport Presbyterian Indianapolis, IN	March 2014	19
RE Robert St. John	First Presbyterian Port Gibson, MS	December 2014	42
TE David Sturkey	Community of Ephrata Ephrata, WA	April 2015	20
RE Royce Stutts	Rourk Presbyterian Ellerbe, NC	February 2015	30
RE Jerilyn Summers	Bellevue Presbyterian Gap, PA	November 2014	26
RE Mary Terrell	First Presbyterian Bakerstown, PA	January 2015	2
RE Roberta Vanderlin	Saddlerock EPC Wenatchee, WA	August 2014	7

Name	Church	Month and Year of Death	Years of Service
RE Frank Venturini	Lakeside Presbyterian Brandon, MS	February 2015	40
RE Charles Walker	Atoka Presbyterian Atoka, TN	October 2014	44
TE Chuck Wickman	retired	April 2015	
RE Jim Willoughby	Centerpoint Community Roseville, CA	June 2014	10
RE Robert Wooten	Atoka Presbyterian Atoka, TN	February 2015	4
RE Joe Wright	Westminster Presbyterian Laurel, MS	August 2014	12
RE Jeff Young	First Presbyterian Levelland, TX	November 2014	10

### 35-65 ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

The work of the Assembly being completed, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 11:50 a.m. led by TE Dave Brogren, Heritage EPC, Santa Maria, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Jeffrey Jeremiah  
 Stated Clerk

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## Committee on Administration

### Standing Committee Report 35th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Administration convened at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman TE Doug Klein opened the meeting with prayer.

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

1. **Recommendation #2**
2. **Recommendation #5**
3. **Recommendation #6**
4. **Recommendation #7**
5. **Recommendation #9**
6. **Recommendation #10 (Communication 15-02)**
7. **Minutes of the Permanent Committee**

#### **B. Recommendations:**

1. That **Recommendation #2 [ADM-1]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016” **be adopted.**

In recommending approval it was the mind of the committee that if **Recommendation #2** is approved, that the cost of relocation should not exceed \$900,000 with those resources to come from presently designated funds.

2. That **Recommendation #5 [ADM-4]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the 2015 General Assembly authorize the COA to oversee creation of separate legal entities for the World Outreach Ministry and the Benefits Department, to take effect on January 1, 2016 if possible and in accord with the proposal from Warner-Norcross. Further, that the COA in collaboration with the Office of the General Assembly, World Outreach Committee, and the Board of Benefits be authorized to establish on a provisional basis the required corporate formalities including bylaws, operating agreements, management and financial structure, and governing bodies that maintain optimal unity and alignment within the EPC, and that such corporate formalities be reported to and adopted as needed by the 2016 General Assembly. These new corporate entities would be formed to legally separate World Outreach and Benefits from the EPC. Although they would be wholly owned by the EPC, separate structures and finances would be established to minimize organizational risk” **be adopted.**
3. That **Recommendation #6 [ADM-5]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve Project Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$848,500 for 2016 (see p. 142)” **be adopted.**

4. That **Recommendation #7 [ADM-6]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve an administrative budget of \$2,517,300 for 2016 (see p. 143)” **be adopted.**
5. That **Recommendation #9 [ADM-8]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly approve a fiscal year of July to June, effective July 1, 2017, superseding Act of Assembly 82-08” **be adopted.**
6. That **Recommendation #10 [ADM-9]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly accept the invitation of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, California to host the 2017 General Assembly (**Communication 15-02**; see p. 230)” **be adopted.**
7. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated June 18, 2014, August 11, 2014, August 18, 2014, August 18-19, 2014, October 13-14, 2014, November 18, 2014, December 30, 2014, January 19-20, 2015, March 20, 2015, March 30, 2015, April 12-14, 2015 and May 5, 2015 be approved with minor notations.

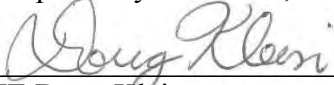
**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

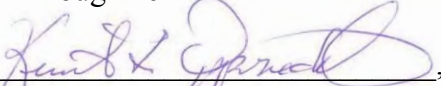
1. Per *Rules for Assembly 9-6*, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:
  - **Recommendation #9 [ADM-8]**
  - **Recommendation #10 [ADM-9]**
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Administration for their good work during the past year.

TE Bill Kelly closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
 TE Doug Klein

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
 TE Kermit Oppriecht

## Committee on Christian Education and Communications

### Standing Committee Report 35th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Christian Education and Communications convened at 3:21 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman TE Joyce Harris opened the meeting with prayer.

Volunteers to read minutes: TE Chris Deneen, RE Deborah Fransway and RE Annette Adams.

#### A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation #15**
2. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

#### B. Recommendations:

1. That **Recommendation #15 [CEC-1]** from the Committee on Christian Education and Communications, “that the Assembly authorize the Christian Education & Communication request to work jointly with the Theology Committee of the General Assembly for the purpose of reformatting, enhancing and updating the EPC Leadership Training Guide” **be adopted**.
2. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 24-25, 2014, March 9, 2015 and April 10, 2015 **be approved with minor notations**.  
Seconded by TE Kevin Neal  
Motion passed by voice vote unanimously

#### 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 consent motion:
  - **Recommendation #15**
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

Brian Smith, Director of Communications spoke to the work on the new logo and identity. He also spoke to the development of ministry apps for the denomination. Questions were taken. TE Jason Steele prayed for the work of the committee.

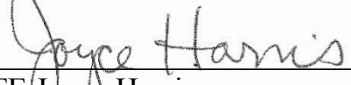
TE Eric Bartel also spoke to the continuing work of the CE and the need for good people to serve on the Committee. RE Ann Milleville offered prayer for the continuing work.


Dan Boulton of Great Commission Publications spoke to the work of their ministry.

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Communications for their good work during the past year.

RE Frank Faulkner closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
TE Joyce Harris

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
TE Cameron Smith



**Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Will Adams opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Overture 15-A**
2. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

**B. Recommendations:**

1. The committee unanimously recommends that **Overture 15-A** from the Presbytery of Florida (see p. 234), that “the boundaries of the Presbytery of Florida be extended to include Puerto Rico” **be adopted**.
2. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 8, 2014, November 25, 2014, February 5, 2015, March 19, 2015, April 30, 2015 and May 11, 2015 **be approved with minor notations**.


**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

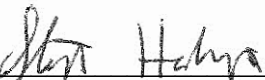
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization for their good work during the past year, as well as our two component teams: the GO Center team for their work in supporting and training many Presbyteries and Churches in revitalization; and, the Church Planting team for their work in preparing and birthing new churches.

RE Will Adams closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
RE Will Adams

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
RE Stephen Halavanja

**Committee on Fraternal Relations**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman TE Mike Glodo opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Communication 15-03 (as information)**
2. **Communication 15-04 (as information)**
3. **Recommendation #19**
4. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That **Recommendation #19 [FRC-2]** from the Committee on Fraternal Relations, “that the Assembly approve the new five year fraternal agreement with St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina (see pp. 256-260)” **be adopted**.
2. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated August 13, 2014, March 10, 2015 and May 6, 2015 **be approved with minor notations**.

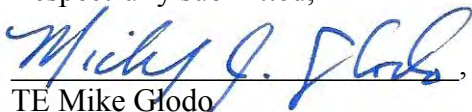
**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

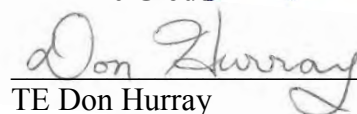
1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee
2. Motion approved that **Communication 15-04** from the Presbyterian Church in America be received with gratitude and instruct the permanent Fraternal Relations Committee to respond and consider any appropriate recommendations to the 36th General Assembly.

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Fraternal Relations for their good work during the past year.

The Committee adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

 , Chairman  
TE Mike Glodo

 , Clerk  
TE Don Hurray

**Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Roy Yanke opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Ministerial Vocation and Chaplains Work and Care Committees

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That the **minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated September 8-10, 2014 and March 9-10, 2015 and the **minutes** of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee for correction dated October 29, 2014 and May 29, 2015 **be approved with minor notations**.

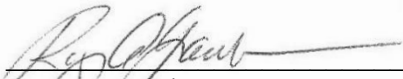
**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus motion:
  - The **Minutes** of the Permanent Committees on Ministerial Vocation and Chaplains Work and Care.

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation for their good work during the past year.

TE Dr. Wally Hostetter closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
RE Roy Yanke

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
TE Neil Ellison

**Committee on Overtures and Resolutions**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Kent Talbert opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Recommendation #11**
2. **Recommendation #12**
3. **Recommendation #13**
4. **Recommendation #47**
5. **Recommendation #57**
6. **Recommendation #58**
7. **Recommendation #59**
8. **Recommendation #60**
9. **Recommendation #61**

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That **Recommendation #11 [ADM-10]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly V.5-1* to give the Moderator discretion in determining when the election of the Stated Clerk shall take place on the agenda” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-1 Changes in <i>bold italics</i></b>
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)	<i>The date and time of the election of the Stated Clerk at the Assembly shall be determined by the Moderator.</i> 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)

2. That **Recommendation #12 [ADM-11]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1*, updating the names of the committees for which the Committee on Administration has oversight and coordination” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1 Changes in <i>bold italics</i></b>
a. Administrative Oversight  1) Oversight and coordination of Administrative Committee with	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.	World Outreach, Christian Education <i>and Communications</i> , Ministerial Vocation, <i>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</i> , Women’s Ministries, and <i>Student &amp; College Ministries</i> Committees.
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3. That **Recommendation #13 [ADM-12]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* X.10-1B.1 to remove the Assistant Stated Clerk as ex-officio member of the World Outreach Committee” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>
<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>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...</p>	<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator <i>and</i> Stated Clerk, <del>and Assistant Stated Clerk</del> serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...</p>

4. That **Recommendation #47** from the Presbytery Review Committee, “that *Rules for Assembly* IX.9-12G be amended so that Presbytery Minutes will be reviewed on a calendar year basis, superseding Act of Assembly 98-05” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>
<p>G. <b>Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.16-17)</b>. Presbytery review year shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year. <b>Minutes</b> 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.</p>	<p>G. <b>Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.16-17)</b>. Presbytery review year <del>shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year.</del> <i>shall be the calendar year. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for the completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year.</i> Minutes should reflect the names of</p>

	Ruling and Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should reflect the number of the stated meeting.
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5. That **Recommendation #57** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly V.5-6* be amended to allow the Stated Clerk discretion to appoint a parliamentarian for the Assembly” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-6</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-6</b>
5-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.	5-6 The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

6. That **Recommendation #58** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly VI.6-1* be amended to give the Stated Clerk discretion to delegate responsibility for planning the worship services of the General Assembly” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</b>
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.	6-1 <del>The Moderator of the last General Assembly and</del> The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , 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.

7. That **Recommendation #59** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly VII.7-4* be amended so that the filing deadline in the Constitution for proposals to amend the **Book of Order** also appears in *Rules for Assembly*” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>
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	7-4 All overtures <i>proposing amendments to the Book of Order shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior</i>

<p>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.</p>	<p><i>to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21.3D.2(a)). All other overtures</i> shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures received <del>by the Stated Clerk less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Assembly</del> <del>No overtures received</del> after those filing dates shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly <i>prior to the deadline for new business</i> shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled Commissioners.</p>
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8. That **Recommendation #60** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly IX.9-1* be amended so that the definition of Overtures and Resolutions Committee is expanded and so that Standing Committee names and descriptions are consistent with other sections of the document” **be adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>
<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. National Outreach - concerning home missions and evangelism</li> <li>D. Christian Education and</li> </ul>	<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>9-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Standing Committees, except reports of <i>ad interim</i> committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. <b><i>Church Planting and Revitalization - concerning evangelism, church planting, and church revitalization</i></b></li> </ul>

<p>Communications- concerning Christian education and publications</p> <p>E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers</p> <p>F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies</p> <p>G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation</p> <p>H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications</p> <p>I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study</p> <p>J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church</p> <p>K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries for the youth of the church</p>	<p>D. Christian Education and Communications- concerning Christian education, <b>publications, and communications</b></p> <p>E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers</p> <p>F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies</p> <p>G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation</p> <p>H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications <b>and matters that do not fall within the purview of other Standing Committees.</b></p> <p>I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study</p> <p>J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church</p> <p>K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries <del>for the youth of the church</del></p>
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9. **Recommendation #61** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly XIV.14.3* be amended to allow the chair of a Standing Committee to recommend that recommendations of that Committee be acted upon together rather than separately” **be adopted.**

<p><b>Current Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b></p>
<p>14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately.</p>	<p>14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately, <b><i>unless otherwise recommended by the chair and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly.</i></b></p>



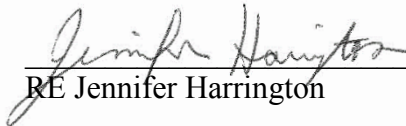
**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

1. No recommendations referred to the Standing Committee are eligible to be placed on an omnibus consent motion.

RE Kent Talbert closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
RE Kent Talbert

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
RE Jennifer Harrington

**Committee on Student and College Ministries**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Student and College Ministries convened at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Lloyd Davis opened the meeting with prayer. RE Scarlett Stewart also added specific prayer for Susan Holland, EPC Student and College Ministries Coordinator.

The Permanent Committee on Student and College Ministries was invited to come and share a report. TE Drew Henderson led the report.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 3-4, 2014 and March 12, 2015 **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 consent motion:
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee
2. That the theme and primary focus of the next available General Assembly (1-3 years) would be on Next Generation Ministry where there will be teaching and training on reaching the next generation.

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Student and College Ministries for their good work during the past year.

TE Kevin Auman closed the meeting with prayer, praying specifically for churches and individuals within our denomination desiring extra encouragement at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

 \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

RE Lloyd Davis

 \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

TE Paul Bammel

## Committee on Theology

### Standing Committee Report 35th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Theology convened at 3:18 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman TE Tony Stiff opened the meeting with prayer. RE Carleton Smith served as Clerk for the committee.

The Chair granted privilege of the floor to several visiting commissioners and recognized the presence of four: Moderator TE Mike Moses, TE Matt Brown, TE Zachery Hopkins and Mid-Atlantic Stated Clerk Howard Shockley.

The Committee assigned review of Permanent Committee Minutes to TE Karyn Cartier, TE Kirk Bottomly and RE Ray Sawmiller.

#### A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation #55**
2. **Recommendation #56**
3. **Overture 15-B**
4. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

#### B. Recommendations:

1. That **Recommendation #55 [THEO-1]** from the Committee on Theology **be adopted as amended**, “that the 35th General Assembly (2015) direct the General Assembly Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to:
  - a. Review ~~and update~~ the Position Paper on Homosexuality,
  - b. Review ~~and update~~ the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage,
  - c. **Draft an expansion** of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include **revisions** of the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and
  - d. Report back to the 36th General Assembly (2016)

Committee Comments and Rationale: overall the Committee considered that the current position papers on homosexuality and sanctity of marriage need revisions. Discussions of sexuality properly begin with the Biblical definition of marriage, and should be addressed in that context. As a result, the committee recommends that the position paper on homosexuality be revised and placed within a revised sanctity of marriage position paper addressing other like items like singleness. The special committee will report back to the 36th General Assembly (2016).

2. That **Recommendation #56** from the Committee on Theology, “that the finding of the Permanent Theology Committee regarding statements on the Sabbath in the **Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms** and the EPC *Book of Worship*” **be adopted:**

“When a Presbytery grants an exception to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-8, it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC *Book of Worship* 2-2. Such an exception is consistent with our *Book of Worship* and does not make it difficult for Teaching Elders to take a vow to submit to the government and discipline of the EPC with integrity. Therefore, the Committee sees no need to amend the documents as suggested by the reference of the Theology standing committee of the 34th General Assembly (2014)” (see pp. 370-373 for the constitutional texts).

Committee Comments: Standing Theology Committee concurred with the Permanent Theology Committee that when a Presbytery grants an exception to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-8, it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC *Book of Worship* 2-2 and approved their recommendation with unanimous consent.

3. That **Overture 15-B** from the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery (see pp. 235-237), “that the Assembly create a study committee to examine and report on the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s understanding of the Regulative Principle of Worship in our Reformed and Confessional heritage, and its application thereunto . . .” **not be adopted.**

Committee Comments and Rationale: The Standing Theology Committee had TE Zachery Hopkins and Mid-Atlantic Stated Clerk Howard Shockley present to speak to this Ascending Overture. The majority had concerns that the Ascending Overture did not reflect the culture or approach of the EPC toward the Regulative Principle of Worship. Because of these concerns, the Standing Theology Committee does not recommend adoption of the Ascending Overture by the General Assembly.

4. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated January 29, 2015 and February 5, 2015 **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 consent motion:
  - **Recommendation #56 [THEO-2]**
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

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

The Committee moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. and RE Carleton Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tony Stiff*

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

TE Tony Stiff

*Carleton Smith*

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

RE Carleton Smith

**Committee on Women In Ministry**

**Standing Committee Report  
35th General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Women In Ministry convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman TE Betsy Rumer opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated October 27-28, 2014 and March 16-17, 2015 **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 on an omnibus consent motion:


**Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Women In Ministry for their good work during the past year.

TE Liz Arakelian closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
TE Betsy Rumer

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
TE Liz Arakelian

## Committee on World Outreach

### Standing Committee Report 35th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on World Outreach convened at 3:25 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Susan Lear opened the meeting with readings from I Peter 3:15 and Matthew 24:14 and prayer. Commissioners indicated their attendance. World Outreach Director Phil Linton was introduced. Members of the World Outreach Permanent Committee were introduced. Presbyteries reported on their involvement in the Engage 2025 project. Volunteers were asked to examine the minutes of the Permanent Committee. Phil Linton addressed some of the current World Outreach efforts and entertained questions from committee members.

#### A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation #8**
2. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

#### B. Recommendations:

1. That **Recommendation #8 [ADM-7]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the General Assembly approve “Bahamas Presbytery Development” as the 2015 Thanksgiving Offering” **be adopted**.

Grounds: The congregations in the Bahamas are doing good work in their communities, but have a difficult time attending presbytery meetings in Florida. The development of a new presbytery in the Bahamas will be a great benefit to them.

2. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated June 18, 2014, September 4-6, 2014, January 8-10, 2015, March 12-13, 2015, April 14, 2015 and April 22, 2015 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 consent motion:
  - **Recommendation #8 [ADM-7]**
  - **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on World Outreach for their good work during the past year.

RE Susan Lear, RE Lois Caldwell and TE Jason Huff closed the meeting with prayer at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Lear, Chairman  
RE Susan Lear

Michael Herrin, Clerk  
TE Michael Herrin



**PART II**  
**APPENDICES**

## NOTES

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

The final year of a three-year role for the Moderator of the General Assembly is to serve as the chairman of the Committee on Administration (COA), the “Session” of the EPC. Other members of the COA include the Moderator, RE Gordon Miller, Moderator-Elect TE Mike Moses, RE Leigh Swanson, TE Bill Enns, RE Dale Schaefer, TE Dean Weaver, RE Ed Wedin, TE Erik Ohman, RE Scott Griffin, RE Gary Fields, TE Sharon Beekmann and Stated Clerk TE Jeff Jeremiah. Also attending the meetings are Assistant Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum and Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg. Director of Communications Brian Smith joined us as he was needed.



*Bill Dudley  
Chairman*

The COA held face-to-face meetings on June 18, August 18-19, and October 13-14, 2014, January 19-20, and April 12-14, 2015. The Committee did business via conference call on August 18, 2014, December 30, 2014, March 20, 2015, March 30, 2015, May 5, 2015 and via e-meeting August 11, 2014 and November 18, 2014. The COA chair is in constant contact with Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah throughout the year.

### **Work of the Committee**

#### **Mission and Vision Statements and Strategic Initiatives**

At the 2014 General Assembly the following mission and vision statements were presented:

**Mission:** We exist to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus as Presbyterian, Reformed, evangelical and missional congregations.

**Vision:** To the glory of God, the EPC aspires to be a global movement of congregations engaged together in God’s mission through transformation, multiplication and effective biblical leadership, embodying Jesus’ love to our neighbors near and far.

Based on feedback we received from leaders across the EPC, the COA made the following changes to the vision statement:

“To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus’ love as a global movement of congregations engaged together in God’s mission through transformation, multiplication and effective biblical leadership.”

There are four strategic initiatives in the vision statement:

- 1) Global movement of churches
- 2) Transformation (church revitalization)
- 3) Multiplication (church planting) and
- 4) Effective biblical leadership

At its August 18-19, 2014 meeting members of the COA were assigned to each initiative with the “team leader” for each being: 1) Global movement-Dean Weaver, 2) Transformation-Scott Griffin, 3) Multiplication-Mike Moses and 4) Leadership-Bill Enns. The COA’s purpose in forming these teams is to resource and encourage those staff and committees responsible for implementing these initiatives.

As we reported at the 2014 Assembly, the COA funded these four strategic initiatives using existing resources and funding. In 2014-2015:

- 1) Global movement is receiving \$10,000 as we explore the possibility of partnerships with churches and organizations in the global church who hold values and commitments similar to ours. EPC participation at the Fourth General Assembly of the World Reformed Fellowship March 23-27, 2015 in Sao Paulo, Brazil was an expense covered by this funding.
- 2) Transformation (church revitalization) is receiving \$100,000. Go Team members Ken Priddy, Bob Stauffer and Bill Rasch are receiving \$25,000 each to supplement their ministries beyond their presbyteries. To cover their travel costs to other presbyteries and churches an additional \$25,000 is allocated.
- 3) Multiplication (church planting) is receiving \$250,000. Costs covered include: Seminary recruitment of church planters (\$20,000), Church Planter Residency Program at Resurrection-Brooklyn, NY, Christ Church-East Bay, CA and Lake Forest-Huntersville, NC (\$180,000) and Church Planting Team leader Tom Ricks’ stipend and the cost of Church Planting Team meetings (\$50,000).
- 4) Effective biblical leadership is receiving \$10,000 to cover additional costs incurred by the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education.

#### General Assembly Office Re-organization

In addition to a commitment to move from transfer to transformation, we are aware of the dramatic changes taking place in our culture that have an impact on our ministry. We are constantly evaluating each department of the GA Office to ensure we’re being effective and bringing value to our churches and presbyteries. For example, we’ve increased the staffing in our Finance department to meet the increasing amount of record-keeping the government requires of us. An evaluation of the Women in Ministries department has continued in the aftermath of the departure of the Interim Director in January 2015. Sharon Beekmann and I hosted a meeting of thirteen women leaders from nine presbyteries on March 16-17, 2015 to develop the organization, discipleship and leadership programs for Women In Ministry. A council of 13 will oversee three committees: 1) Communications, 2) Discipleship and 3) Leadership. The goal of this re-organization will move the focus of the department from the national level to the presbytery and local church level. A follow-up meeting is scheduled in August 2015 to further this work. The EPC budget will fund the expenses the Council incurs as it pursues this new approach.

#### Legal protection / Amicus Filings

Legal protection in the form of reducing the liability of the EPC as an organization is another matter the COA addressed in the last year. In our present structure, a civil suit filed against one part of the national level of the EPC (for example, the EPC Medical Plan) potentially affects the whole organization. In 2014 a corporate risk assessment was conducted in an

effort to better understand issues inherent in our current organizational structure, governance and administration. Upon receipt and review of this assessment, the COA authorized the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd to produce a possible re-structuring that would provide legal insulation by separating EPC World Outreach and EPC Benefits into two distinct entities, while maintaining their connection with the General Assembly through Assembly oversight of the interconnected legal entities (see **Recommendation ADM-4**).

In response to threats to First Amendment rights it has been necessary to help strengthen the legal protection of churches. In November 2014 a second “Protecting the Church – A Matter of Biblical Stewardship” webinar was presented by Forrest Norman. Church Sessions should be aware of the threats to its Gospel ministry and take appropriate actions to ensure they have the strongest possible legal protection in place.

The EPC joined a third amicus curiae brief on March 30, 2015. We accepted the invitation to join the National Association of Evangelicals amicus in cases that were tried before the Supreme Court of the United States this spring. This amicus strongly supports biblical marriage and refutes the argument that those who object to homosexual marriage on religious grounds are motivated by animus (hatred). The Supreme Court held its hearing on this matter on Tuesday, April 28. In announcing this action, we asked EPC churches to make this an item for prayer on Sunday, April 26.

Before November 2012 the EPC had not joined an amicus curiae in its 32 year history. Since that date we have joined three. The process by which we consider joining an amicus is:

- 1) The Committee on Administration receives and acts to consider an invitation to join an amicus. If the COA approves consideration, it notifies the Amicus Review Team.
- 2) The Amicus Review Team (Jim Rimmel, John Graham and Kent Talbert-all lawyers) conducts:
  - a. A review of the case in preparation for receiving the amicus curiae.
  - b. An evaluation of the amicus curiae and makes a recommendation to the COA.
- 3) The COA receives and acts on the recommendation of the Amicus Review Team.

It should be noted that the Amicus Review Team receives the amicus within a day or two of the filing deadline. The Team “drops everything” to do their evaluation and recommendation work for the EPC.

### Communications Strategy

More effective communications has become a major COA priority as the EPC has more than tripled its number of churches since 2007. In 2014 a number of key events to move on this priority took place. Brian Smith was hired as the full-time Director of Communications. The COA retained Rick Stolling of StratCom International to help us assess, develop and implement an effective communications strategy that accelerates the desired vision, mission and goals of the EPC. Working with Rick Stolling was the Communications Team of Scott Griffin, Bill Enns, Brian Smith, COO Phil VanValkenburg and Jeff Jeremiah. Thanks to Rick each step in the development of this strategy has featured the opportunity for input from leaders across the EPC.

A communications audit report, which included results of survey work done online and at the 2014 General Assembly, was presented to the COA in August 2014. Based on areas of substantial weakness, a thorough strategic plan was authorized. This included identifying core audiences of the EPC and describing value proposition, message, benefits and desired response by each audience. Given the need for updating the EPC logo and seal as well as a more cohesive use of these symbols, an EPC brand identity study was also undertaken. In the meantime, a new EPC website was developed and launched in early 2015.

Work on the updated EPC identity in the form of logo, tagline and seal has continued, with the new identity being launched at the 2015 General Assembly.

#### General Assembly Office Relocation

The last review of the GA Office location took place in 2009. At that time it was decided to keep the office in Livonia, MI. A short term lease at our current location at 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive was signed with the intention of re-evaluating the GA Office location when that lease expired. The current lease expires December 31, 2016.

In August 2014 the COA appointed an evaluation team of COA members Bill Enns, Ed Wedin, Scott Griffin, Bill Dudley as well as Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg to evaluate and make a recommendation to the January 19-20, 2015 meeting of the COA. Unlike the open 2009 evaluation of the GA Office, the COA decided that this evaluation would be a closed one. Seven cities were selected for consideration: Livonia, MI, Denver, CO, Kansas City, MO, St. Louis, MO, Memphis, TN, Sacramento, CA and Orlando, FL. Metrics used to evaluate each city included desirability for nationwide executive recruiting, cost & accessibility for committee/staff travel, cost of relocation and office space, ease of recruiting local staff and volunteers (including proximity to a seminary) and location in the US. This evaluation led to the unanimous recommendation of the evaluation team and the Committee on Administration to relocate the GA Office to Orlando, FL when the current lease expires in December 2016 (**Recommendation ADM-1**).

#### Position Paper on Homosexuality

In late 2014 the COA took the Homosexuality Position Paper off the EPC website because there was evidence that those who mean harm to the EPC were using statements from the Position Paper to paint the EPC as homophobic. The Theology Committee is recommending that the Assembly approve a special committee to review and update the Position Papers on Homosexuality with a view to making them one paper. (**see Recommendation THEO-1 in the Theology Committee Report**).

#### Stated Clerk

In accordance with *Rules for Assembly* 90-07, an evaluation of the Stated Clerk took place in 2014. With the concurrence of the Committee on Administration, it is the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee that the Stated Clerk serve another three year term.

As he has served three terms totaling nine years, in order for Dr. Jeremiah to serve a fourth term the General Assembly must approve two motions:

- 1) By a 2/3 majority or greater, the Assembly sets aside *Book of Government* 20-3A.2, which limits the Stated Clerk to serving three terms. *Book of Government* 20-3A.2 states:  
“The General Assembly shall elect a Stated Clerk who shall serve for a period of three years, with eligibility for reelection for two additional terms. The Stated Clerk may be elected for additional terms if the General Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, sets aside this limitation for each additional term. The Stated Clerk must be eligible for membership in the court.” (**Recommendation ADM-2**).
- 2) Re-elect the Stated Clerk to a new three year term (**Recommendation ADM-3**).

### **Recommendations to General Assembly:**

#### **Recommendation ADM-1**

That the Assembly approve relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016.

Rationale: The question of office location was considered in 2009. The decision at that time was to remain in Livonia, MI with the question to be reconsidered at the next lease renewal. An evaluation team of five was appointed to review seven cities (Livonia, MI, Denver, CO, Kansas City, MO, St. Louis, MO, Memphis, TN, Sacramento, CA and Orlando, FL) using metrics used that included desirability for nationwide executive recruiting, cost & accessibility for committee/staff travel, cost of relocation and office space, ease of recruiting local staff and volunteers (including proximity to a seminary) and location in the US. This evaluation led to the unanimous recommendation to relocate the GA Office to Orlando, FL.

#### **Recommendation ADM-2**

That, in accord with the provision in *Book of Government* 20-3A.2, the Assembly set aside the limit of three terms in order that Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah may stand for election to a fourth term as Stated Clerk.

#### **Recommendation ADM-3**

That the Assembly re-elect Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah to a fourth term as Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

#### **Recommendation ADM-4**

That the 2015 General Assembly authorize the COA to oversee creation of separate legal entities for the World Outreach Ministry and the Benefits Department, to take effect on January 1, 2016 if possible and in accord with the proposal from Warner-Norcross. Further, that the COA in collaboration with the Office of the General Assembly, World Outreach Committee, and the Board of Benefits be authorized to establish on a provisional basis the required corporate formalities including bylaws, operating agreements, management and financial structure, and governing bodies that maintain optimal unity and alignment within the EPC, and that such corporate formalities be reported to and adopted as needed by the 2016 General Assembly.

These new corporate entities would be formed to legally separate World Outreach and Benefits from the EPC. Although they would be wholly owned by the EPC, separate structures and finances would be established to minimize organizational risk.

Rationale: In the present corporate structure, a civil suit filed against one part of the national level of the EPC (for example, the EPC Medical Plan) potentially affects the whole organization. By approving this recommendation, the Assembly will affirm the need to separate EPC World Outreach and EPC Benefits into two distinct legal entities for appropriate risk protection, while maintaining their connection with the General Assembly through Assembly oversight of the related legal entities.

**Recommendation ADM-5**

That the Assembly approve Project Opportunities (Benevolence Askings) of \$848,500 be approved for 2016 (Attachment ADM-A).

**Recommendation ADM-6**

That the Assembly approve an administrative budget of \$2,517,300 for 2016 (Attachment ADM-B).

**Recommendation ADM-7**

That the General Assembly approve “Bahamas Presbytery Development” as the 2015 Thanksgiving Offering.

**Recommendation ADM-8**

That the Assembly approve a fiscal year of July to June, effective July 1, 2017, superseding Act of Assembly 82-08.

Rationale: The current January-December fiscal year means there is little data available to the COA regarding the current budget in March/April when it projects a new budget to be effective 8 months later. A July to June fiscal year better reflects the annual cycle of operations and gives the COA much more data for a reasonable budget proposal. If approved, budgeting for the transition would begin in 2016 with a 6 month fiscal year from Jan-June 2017, followed by the first full year of the amended fiscal year July 2017-June 2018.

**Recommendation ADM-9**

That the Assembly accept the invitation of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, California to host the 2017 General Assembly (Communication 15-02).

**Recommendation ADM-10**

That the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* V.5-1 to give the Moderator discretion in determining when the election of the Stated Clerk shall take place on the agenda.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
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	<b><i>The date and time of the election of the Stated Clerk at the Assembly shall be determined by the Moderator.</i></b> A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end



designated by the General Assembly (Cf. Acts 82-09)	of the Assembly, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly (Cf. Acts 82-09)
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**Recommendation ADM-11**

That the Assembly amend Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1, updating the names of the committees for which the Committee on Administration has oversight and coordination.


<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b> Changes in <i>bold italics</i>
a. Administrative Oversight 1) Oversight and coordination of Administrative Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education, Ministerial Vocation, National Outreach, Women’s Ministries, Student Ministries and College Ministries Committees.	a. Administrative Oversight 1) Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with World Outreach, Christian Education <b>and Communications</b> , Ministerial Vocation, <b>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</b> , Women’s Ministries, and <b>Student &amp; College Ministries</b> Committees.

**Recommendation ADM-12**

That the Assembly amend Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1 to remove the Assistant Stated Clerk as ex-officio member of the World Outreach Committee.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>
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...	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 <b>and</b> Stated Clerk, <del>and Assistant Stated Clerk</del> serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...


Respectfully submitted,

  
Bill Dudley  
Chairman

June 2015


<b>2016 PROPOSED PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES</b>		
	<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>GOAL</u></b>
CPR008	Church Planting Initiatives	\$ 250,000
SCM022	Student/College Ministries Leadership Development	\$ 10,000
SCM028	College Conference Scholarships	\$ 2,500
WIM031	Womens' Ministries Leadership Development (PWA)	\$ 20,000
FR453	Kazakhstan ERCK Presbytery Development	\$ 11,000
FR426	Arg. Partnerships Church Planting & Revitaliz	\$ 10,000
WO434	Engage 2025 Muslim World Church Planting Teams	\$ 35,000
WO483	Missionary Member Care	\$ 40,000
WO450	Muslim Diaspora Ministries in US	\$ 15,000
WO458	Philemon Preschool Project	\$ 75,000
COMB	Sierra Leone Schools and Presbytery	\$ 5,000
NEW	Ethiopia Youth Center Project	\$ 60,000
NEW	Project Mercy - Humanitarian Ministry in Ethiopia	\$ 30,000
WO484	World Outreach Missionary Recruitment	\$ 30,000
WO462	Presbytery of Bahamas Development	\$ 50,000
WO459	International Business as Mission	\$ 25,000
COMB	ITEN Strategic Partnerships	\$ 10,000
WO461	SE Asia Community Development Church Plant	\$ 100,000
MV475	Care of Pastors & Spouses	\$ 5,000
MV477	Chaplains Work and Care	\$ 10,000
MV479	Small Church Network	\$ 5,000
FND	EPCF Multiplier Fund	\$ 50,000
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 848,500</b>

<b>Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b>					
<b>Proposed 2016 Budget</b>					
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>2016</b>
					<b>Budget</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
<b>Personnel Disbursements</b>					
Stated Clerk Salary	143,257	152,320	155,228	161,200	165,900
Program Staff Salaries	439,657	552,018	675,714	690,700	726,500
Support Staff Salaries	191,478	208,538	217,705	281,800	343,100
Staff Insurance/Pension	175,212	207,999	233,973	270,300	355,600
Executive Expense Allowance	3,825	3,393	4,478	4,300	4,300
Staff Travel/Expenses	49,063	44,170	37,134	55,000	55,000
Executive Travel	46,814	47,861	44,861	48,000	48,000
Taxes/Worker Comp	60,151	74,227	79,707	89,300	98,000
Officer/Director Liability	11,110	12,634	13,646	13,000	14,500
	1,120,567	1,303,159	1,462,446	1,613,600	1,810,900
<b>Administration Disbursements</b>					
Contingencies	2,088	5,937	1,195	2,500	2,000
Telephone/Internet Access	12,340	13,120	18,310	20,500	23,700
Office Supplies and Expense	15,542	15,800	19,485	19,000	22,600
Printing & Promotion	26,232	22,189	23,506	29,000	49,000
Postage	18,066	19,640	25,745	25,000	27,000
Technology Support	64,769	68,803	105,015	105,000	107,500
Financial Audit	8,500	8,500	8,900	9,000	16,500
Professional Fees	-	-	10,827	20,000	20,000
Miscellaneous	1,425	1,218	1,348	1,500	1,500
Office Development	750	739	846	2,500	2,500
Committee Travel/Expense	59,969	78,140	95,043	101,000	115,000
GA Administration	31,798	35,802	35,314	40,000	40,000
Staff Technical Training	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Pension Fund Administration	9,397	6,068	2,600	4,000	-
Fraternal Relations	18,229	13,936	16,124	23,000	28,000
Chaplain Endorser Resources	266	2,320	2,381	3,000	12,000
Presbytery Devel/Support	15,961	7,353	8,730	7,500	7,500
Leadership Development	-	248	844	5,000	5,000
Christian Ed/Resource	220	-	217	1,000	500
Office Rent and Utilities	138,692	142,599	150,100	154,000	158,400
Other Maintenance/Insurance	5,629	8,842	6,739	9,000	9,000
Van Expense	2,309	2,750	2,179	5,000	5,000
Capital Purchases	-	-	-	8,000	51,700
Board Designated Expenses	16,437	139,350	174,141	-	-
	448,619	593,352	709,591	596,500	706,400
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>1,569,185</b>	<b>1,896,511</b>	<b>2,172,037</b>	<b>2,210,100</b>	<b>2,517,300</b>



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Livonia, Michigan

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
December 31, 2014 and 2013



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

General Assembly  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Livonia, Michigan

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year 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.

### ***Auditors' 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the 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 also 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.



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***Basis for Qualified Opinion***

EPC's financial statements do not present information regarding the employee benefit plan's post retirement benefit obligations and the changes in post retirement benefit obligations. In our opinion, presentation of that information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management has not quantified the amount of, or change in, the employee benefit plan's post retirement benefit obligations and, in the absence of an actuarial determination, these amounts and their effect on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

***Qualified Opinion***

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of EPC as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Adjustments to the Prior Period Financial Statements***

The 2013 financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose report dated April 10, 2014, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements. As discussed in Note 13, EPC has restated its 2013 financial statements during the current year to appropriately account for restricted net assets, claims payable and claims incurred but not reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The other auditors reported on the 2013 financial statements before the restatement. As part of our audit of the 2014 financial statements, we also audited the adjustments described in Note 13 that were applied to restate the 2013 financial statements. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2013 financial statements of EPC other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2013 financial statements as a whole.

***Report on Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the 2014 financial statements as a whole. The 2014 combining statement of financial position, combining statement of activities, schedule of expenses - administration fund is presented for 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 as a whole. The 2013 supplementary information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the 2013 audit of the basic financial statements by other auditors, whose report on such information stated that it was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2013 financial statements as a whole.

General Assembly  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

As discussed in Note 13, the 2013 financial statements have been restated to appropriately account for restricted net assets. This restatement is also reflected in the 2013 supplementary information. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2013 supplementary information of EPC other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2013 supplementary information.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Toledo, Ohio  
May 26, 2015



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>(As Restated)</u> <u>2013</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,554,352	\$ 1,262,735
Restricted	2,705,412	4,501,115
Investments - restricted	9,407,263	8,924,868
Accounts receivable	2,133	48,863
Accrued interest	11,434	-
Inventories	29,000	22,161
Prepaid expenses	61,057	-
Furniture and equipment, net	48,294	73,274
Notes receivable	703,271	648,309
Deposits	130,709	136,899
Copyrights, net	<u>40,000</u>	<u>41,500</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 14,692,925</u>	<u>\$ 15,659,724</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 137,280	\$ 5,954
Claims payable	1,039,626	310,811
Deferred revenue	<u>39,820</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,216,726</u>	<u>316,765</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	1,777,672	1,459,036
Designated	<u>8,334,419</u>	<u>10,936,464</u>
Total unrestricted	10,112,091	12,395,500
Temporarily restricted	3,314,108	2,897,459
Permanently restricted	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total net assets	<u>13,476,199</u>	<u>15,342,959</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 14,692,925</u>	<u>\$ 15,659,724</u>

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Program income	\$ 11,705,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,705,701
Contributions	2,145,408	4,573,724	-	6,719,132
Interest and dividends	83,481	23,252	-	106,733
Net realized, unrealized gains on investments	103,046	89,176	-	192,222
Other	19,984	-	-	19,984
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>4,269,503</u>	<u>(4,269,503)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, grants, and other support	<u>18,327,123</u>	<u>416,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,743,772</u>
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>				
Program expenses	18,412,018	-	-	18,412,018
General and administrative	<u>2,198,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,198,514</u>
Total expenses and losses	<u>20,610,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,610,532</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(2,283,409)	416,649	-	(1,866,760)
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>12,395,500</u>	<u>2,897,459</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>15,342,959</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 10,112,091</u>	<u>\$ 3,314,108</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,476,199</u>

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS  
Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE**

Balance, beginning of year, as restated	\$ 310,811
Claims and premiums incurred	13,140,095
Claims and insurance premiums paid	<u>(12,313,272)</u>

**TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS, END OF YEAR** **\$ 1,137,634**

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

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>(As Restated)</u> <u>2013</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,866,760)	\$ 3,317,269
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation of furniture and equipment	28,776	38,021
Amortization of copyrights	1,500	1,500
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(192,222)	(312,848)
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	46,730	(36,667)
Accrued interest	(11,434)	-
Prepaid expenses	(61,057)	-
Inventories	(6,839)	(5,634)
Deposits	6,190	17,100
Accounts payable	131,326	31,644
Claims payable	728,815	-
Deferred revenue	39,820	-
	<u>(1,155,155)</u>	<u>3,050,385</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
	<u>(1,155,155)</u>	<u>3,050,385</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net purchases of investment securities	(290,173)	(2,279,650)
Advance under notes receivable	(125,000)	-
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(3,796)	(44,967)
Principal payments received from notes receivable	70,038	62,105
	<u>(348,931)</u>	<u>(2,262,512)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		
	<u>(348,931)</u>	<u>(2,262,512)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(1,504,086)</b>	<b>787,873</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>5,763,850</u></b>	<b><u>4,975,977</u></b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,259,764</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,763,850</u></b>

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) began in 1981 and exists to carry out the great Commission of Jesus as a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical, and Mission congregations. EPC consists of more than 550 churches with nearly 150,000 members and EPC has a world missions program with a priority in sending missionaries to unreached people groups. As part of its support of the member churches, EPC administers designated funds, provides a medical insurance program that is available to employees of member churches and their families, and provides a retirement plan that is available to any employees of member churches. The ongoing work of the EPC is carried out by the Office of General Assembly and staff of each ministry. The financial statements include only the accounts of EPC and do not include the accounts of affiliated local Presbyteries or member churches.

Significant accounting policies followed by EPC are presented below.

**Use of Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during each reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Fund Accounting and Net Asset Classifications**

To ensure compliance with restrictions placed on the resources available to EPC, the accounting records are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources are classified into funds established according to their nature and purposes. These funds include the church administration, designated, medical benefits, church loan and church development funds.

For financial reporting purposes, these funds have been combined into the net asset categories of permanently restricted, temporarily restricted and unrestricted, as follows:

- Permanently restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate the resources be maintained permanently, but permit EPC to use or expend part or all of the income derived from the donated assets for either specified or unspecified purposes.
- Temporarily restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit EPC to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by actions of EPC.
- Unrestricted net assets are not restricted by donors, or the donor-imposed restrictions have expired. As reflected in the accompanying statements of financial position, the Board of Directors has designated a portion of the unrestricted net assets for particular purposes.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Promises to Give**

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to EPC 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. EPC does not record pledges received for the individual missionaries in the World Outreach fund. EPC only tracks the pledges to the point the missionary has sufficient received or pledged resources to ensure the missionary is in compliance with their terms of call. The missionaries are responsible for obtaining and maintaining their donor relationships and EPC provides the missionaries tools and resources to assist with this task.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

EPC 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.

EPC maintains all of its checking and savings accounts in one commercial regional bank. Balances on deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to specified limits; however, balances in excess of FDIC limits are uninsured. In the opinion of EPC management, it is believed that deposits in excess of insured amounts are not at risk.

**Investments**

Investment securities consist of mutual funds, fixed income securities, corporate stocks, and money market funds and are recorded at fair value. The selected investment managers have been given full authority by the Board of Directors to manage the portfolio, in accordance with the EPC investment policy, for the benefit of EPC. Fair value is determined based upon quoted market values of the funds and securities. Investment securities acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at fair value on the date of gift and such amount is considered the cost of the security. Any realized gain or loss on sale of a security is determined using the cost basis of the security sold. Income from investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, is allocated among unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets based on donor restrictions or the absence thereof.

In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of financial position.



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are primarily from the medical benefits program which generally requires payment on a monthly basis. Management reviews individual receivable balances that are past due and based on assessment of current credit worthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. All accounts or portions thereof deemed to be uncollectible are written off to the allowance for losses. Management has reviewed the accounts and believes they are all collectible and no provision for uncollectible accounts has been provided at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

**Inventory**

Inventory consists primarily of books and other publications and is stated at the lower of cost or market.

**Furniture and Equipment**

Furniture and equipment are stated at cost or, for assets received as gifts or bequests, at the fair market value assigned on the date of the gift or bequest. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets ranging from three to seven years.

Depreciation expense for 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$28,776 and \$38,021, respectively. Accumulated depreciation amounted to \$146,700 and \$117,924 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

EPC reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell.

**Contributed Services**

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the value of contributed services meeting the requirements of recognition in the financial statements was not material and has not been recorded.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Revenue Recognition**

Contributions are recognized as revenue when the donor makes a promise to give to EPC 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.

EPC records a receivable for medical premiums billed in advance of the coming month and premium revenues are deferred until the month commences and are shown as deferred revenue on the accompanying statements of financial position.

**Functional Allocation of Expenses**

EPC allocates salaries and related payroll expenses to specific programs and supporting services on the basis of either actual or estimated time devoted to these activities. Other expenses have been allocated on the basis of either actual costs or other reasonable methods of allocation as determined by management. Fundraising expenses are not material and allocated separately.

**Income Taxes**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that EPC is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Subsequent Events**

Management evaluated subsequent events through May 26, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after December 31, 2014, but prior to May 26, 2015, that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at December 31, 2014, have been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at December 31, 2014 but arose before the financial statements were available to be issued, have not been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2013 amounts to conform to the 2014 presentation.



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS**

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Administration:		
Wells Fargo	\$ 4,369,168	\$ 3,924,955
Medical Insurance Fund:		
Merrill Lynch	3,306,586	3,305,131
Exeter Trust Company	<u>1,731,509</u>	<u>1,694,782</u>
	<u>5,038,095</u>	<u>4,999,913</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 9,407,263</u>	<u>\$ 8,924,868</u>

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

The investments were as follows:

<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Fixed Income</u>	<u>Stocks</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wells Fargo	\$ 251,330	\$ 1,329,353	\$ 2,447,462	\$ 341,023	\$ 4,369,168
Merrill Lynch	3,306,586	-	-	-	3,306,586
Exeter Trust Company	<u>51,016</u>	<u>1,267,709</u>	<u>412,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,731,509</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 3,608,932</u>	<u>\$ 2,597,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,860,246</u>	<u>\$ 341,023</u>	<u>\$ 9,407,263</u>
 <u>December 31, 2013</u>					
Wells Fargo	\$ 1,352,367	\$ 424,151	\$ 1,844,158	\$ 304,279	\$ 3,924,955
Merrill Lynch	1,590,794	1,714,337	-	-	3,305,131
Exeter Trust Company	<u>61,984</u>	<u>1,168,426</u>	<u>464,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,694,782</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 3,005,145</u>	<u>\$ 3,306,914</u>	<u>\$ 2,308,530</u>	<u>\$ 304,279</u>	<u>\$ 8,924,868</u>

Investment returns, net of investment fees, consist of the following for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Net unrealized and realized gains	\$ 192,222	\$ 312,848
Interest and dividends	<u>106,733</u>	<u>177,371</u>
<b>Total investment return</b>	<u>\$ 298,955</u>	<u>\$ 490,219</u>

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**NOTE 3 - NOTES RECEIVABLE**

Notes receivable consist of loan agreements made to member churches at interest rate at 1.00% per annum or the Wells Fargo money market rate, whichever is greater and a term from 10 to 15 years. The churches make principal and interest payments on a monthly basis. All notes are guaranteed by the relevant Presbytery and are included in the Church Loan Fund. There are no delinquent notes receivables, and management has reviewed the notes receivable and believes all are collectible. No provision for uncollectible notes receivable has been provided at December 31, 2014 and 2013. Notes receivable consist of the following at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Faith EPC	\$ 101,667	\$ 111,666
City Church	122,222	-
Grace Community	104,245	114,175
North Oaks Community	42,157	50,464
Christ Church	89,158	99,158
Peace Durham	84,495	100,513
New Creation	99,327	107,333
Munford	<u>60,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 703,271</u>	<u>\$ 648,309</u>

Future maturities of notes receivable at December 31, 2014 are as follows: 2015, \$69,633; 2016, \$69,633; 2017, \$86,890; 2018, \$61,333; 2019, \$61,333 and thereafter \$354,449.

**NOTE 4 - 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 at a total cost of \$28,750. In December of 2009, another copyright for the Westminster Confession of Faith was donated to the Church and it has been valued at the same value as the other copyright (\$28,750). Accumulated amortization amounts to \$17,500 and \$16,000 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and amortization expense amounts to \$1,500 for 2014 and 2013. Future amortization at December 31, 2014 is \$1,500 annually through 2019 and \$32,500 thereafter.

Total copyrights	\$ 57,500
Less accumulated amortization	<u>17,500</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**NOTE 5 - DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013 consist of \$50,000 for the Ministerial Endowment Fund whose earnings can be utilized by ministers who have extraordinary financial needs.

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of World Outreach and benevolence asking accounts. Individual missionary accounts are utilized to record funds raised for their terms of service. Temporarily restricted net assets amounted to \$3,314,108 and \$2,897,459 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Temporarily restricted net assets released from the World Outreach and benevolence restrictions amounted to \$4,269,503 and \$3,517,232 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Unrestricted designated net assets as of the following at December 31, 2014 and 2013 have been designated for the following purposes by the Board of Directors:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Medical Insurance Fund	\$ 6,647,106	\$ 9,234,162
Future Administrative Office Knox Fund	816,713	730,615
Church Loan Fund	792,854	785,969
General Assembly registrations	50,206	40,908
Capital Replacement	24,431	24,431
Church Development	100	8,536
Administrative	<u>3,009</u>	<u>111,843</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 8,334,419</u>	<u>\$ 10,936,464</u>

**NOTE 6 - SELF INSURANCE**

EPC provides a self-funded medical program (the Plan) which covers employees of member churches and their families, and clergy and their families, as adopted by member churches. The Plan loss exposure is limited through the use of stop loss insurance.

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**NOTE 6 - SELF INSURANCE (CONTINUED)**

Following is a summary of transactions for the self-insurance program for 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Premiums billed	\$ 11,582,659	\$ 11,587,701
Claims expense	(12,130,582)	(7,719,913)
Premiums expense	(1,095,389)	(952,190)
Administrative expense	(982,620)	(717,923)
Other including re-insurance proceeds	-	170,033
Interest and dividend income	23,107	41,434
Gain in market value	<u>15,769</u>	<u>63,454</u>
<b>Excess of revenue over (under) expenses</b>	<u>\$ (2,587,056)</u>	<u>\$ 2,472,596</u>

The Plan uses a third party service organization to process and pay medical claims. The service organization requires a deposit based on the amount of average claims payable. A deposit of \$124,518 was required at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Management records a liability for claims relating to a year that are not paid until the following year. Total claims payable at December 31, 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$1,039,626 and \$310,811, 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 7 - RETIREMENT 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 and contributions by the General Assembly Office to the plan for participants were \$93,346 and \$86,701 for 2014 and 2013, 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.

**NOTE 8 - LEASES**

In December 2012, EPC entered into an amended lease agreement for office space which expires on December 31, 2016 and the base monthly rent is \$12,380. EPC also entered into an agreement for office equipment on March 1, 2012 which requires quarterly payment of \$825 and expires in May, 2017.

Future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2014 are as follows: 2015, \$151,870; 2016, \$151,870; and 2017, \$1,100.

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**NOTE 9 - PROGRAM EXPENSES**

Total expenses by program, including EPC Administration, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 consist of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Church Administration	\$ 2,198,514	\$ 1,891,065
Designated	4,174,107	3,385,072
Medical Benefits Fund	14,208,591	9,390,026
Church Development	<u>29,320</u>	<u>67,631</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 20,610,532</u>	<u>\$ 14,733,794</u>

**NOTE 10 - DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

EPC's financial instruments consist primarily of cash, investments, receivables, accounts payable, and accrued expenses. There are no significant differences between the carrying value and fair value of any of these financial instruments.

**NOTE 11 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

EPC uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value. The term "fair value hierarchy" refers to the relative reliability of inputs to a fair value measurement. Generally, the lower the level of input for a fair value measurement, the more extensive the disclosure requirement.

The three-level fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation technique used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that EPC has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or identical assets or liabilities in active markets or markets that are not active, such as dealer or broker markets.
- Level 3 - Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable, such as pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques not based on market, exchange, dealer or broker-traded transactions.

There were no financial instruments measured at fair value that moved to a lower level in the fair value hierarchy due to the lack of observable quotes in inactive markets for those instruments at December 31, 2014 or 2013.



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**NOTE 11 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Certain financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis while others are measured on a nonrecurring basis. EPC had no assets or liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2014 or 2013.

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. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for significant instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

**Investment Securities**

Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities would typically include government bonds and exchange traded equities. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. Examples of such instruments, which would generally be classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy, include corporate and municipal bonds, mortgage-backed securities, and asset-backed securities. In certain cases where there is limited activity or less transparency around inputs to the valuation, securities are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. EPC did not have any securities classified as Level 2 or Level 3 at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table summarizes financial assets (liabilities) measured at fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value:

<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Level 1 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 2 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 3 Inputs</u>	<u>Total Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 341,023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 341,023
Fixed income	1,329,353	1,267,709	-	2,597,062
Stocks	2,860,246	-	-	2,860,246
<b>Total investments at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 4,530,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,267,709</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,798,331</b>
<u>December 31, 2013</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ 304,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304,279
Fixed income	2,138,488	1,168,426	-	3,306,914
Stocks	2,308,530	-	-	2,308,530
<b>Total investments at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 4,751,297</b>	<b>\$ 1,168,426</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,919,723</b>

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**NOTE 12 - FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

Since EPC is an exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, no provision for federal income tax is required except for federal income taxes arising from unrelated business income. No provision for federal income tax was required for unrelated business income in 2014 and 2013. EPC determined that it is not required to record a liability related to uncertain tax positions.

**NOTE 13 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

Through December 31, 2013, certain exchange transactions, such as premiums billed under the medical benefit fund as further described in Note 6, were accounted for as temporarily restricted contributions. In addition, a permanently restricted contribution and several other board designated funds were not properly recognized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The effect on the net assets as presented on the Statement of Financial Position is summarized as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Undesignated</u>	<u>Unrestricted Designated</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets as of December 31, 2012, as previously reported	\$ 1,098,904	\$ 111,843	\$ 10,729,067	\$ -	\$ 11,939,814
Properly reflect accounts payable and administrative expenses	-	85,876	-	-	85,876
Properly reflect donor and board designations	-	8,164,631	(8,214,631)	50,000	-
<b>Net assets as of December 31, 2012, as restated</b>	<u>\$ 1,098,904</u>	<u>\$ 8,362,350</u>	<u>\$ 2,514,436</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,025,690</u>
Net assets as December 31, 2013, as previously reported	\$ 1,459,036	\$ 111,843	\$ 13,686,204	\$ -	\$ 15,257,083
Properly reflect accounts payable and administrative expenses	-	85,876	-	-	85,876
Properly reflect donor and board designations	-	10,738,745	(10,788,745)	50,000	-
<b>Net assets as of December 31, 2013, as restated</b>	<u>\$ 1,459,036</u>	<u>\$ 10,936,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,897,459</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,342,959</u>

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**NOTE 13 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (CONTINUED)**

The correction resulted of a restatement in the changes in net assets as presented on the Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2013 as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Change in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2013, as previously reported	\$ 360,132	\$ 2,957,137	\$ -	\$ 3,317,269
Properly reflect donor and board designations	<u>2,574,114</u>	<u>(2,574,114)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2013, as restated</b>	<u>\$ 2,934,246</u>	<u>\$ 383,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,317,269</u>

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.



**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
 December 31, 2014

	Church Administration	Designated	Medical Benefits Fund	Church Loan	Church Development	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents:						
Unrestricted	\$ 1,554,352	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,554,352
Restricted	-	-	2,639,870	65,442	100	2,705,412
Investments - restricted	89,569	4,255,458	5,038,095	24,141	-	9,407,263
Accounts receivable	2,133	-	-	-	-	2,133
Accrued interest	11,434	-	-	-	-	11,434
Inventories	29,000	-	-	-	-	29,000
Prepaid expenses	-	-	61,057	-	-	61,057
Furniture and equipment, net	48,294	-	-	-	-	48,294
Notes receivable	-	-	-	703,271	-	703,271
Deposits	6,191	-	124,518	-	-	130,709
Copyrights, net	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,780,973</b>	<b>\$ 4,255,458</b>	<b>\$ 7,863,540</b>	<b>\$ 792,854</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 14,692,925</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>						
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	292	-	136,988	-	-	\$ 137,280
Claims payable	-	-	1,039,626	-	-	1,039,626
Deferred revenue	-	-	39,820	-	-	39,820
Total liabilities	292	-	1,216,434	-	-	1,216,726
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Unrestricted:						
Undesignated	1,777,672	-	-	-	-	1,777,672
Designated	3,009	891,350	6,647,106	792,854	100	8,334,419
Total unrestricted	1,780,681	891,350	6,647,106	792,854	100	10,112,091
Temporarily restricted	-	3,314,108	-	-	-	3,314,108
Permanently restricted	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Total net assets	1,780,681	4,255,458	6,647,106	792,854	100	13,476,199
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,780,973</b>	<b>\$ 4,255,458</b>	<b>\$ 7,863,540</b>	<b>\$ 792,854</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 14,692,925</b>

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
December 31, 2013  
(As Restated)

	<u>Church Administration</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Medical Benefits Fund</u>	<u>Church Loan</u>	<u>Church Development</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents:						
Unrestricted	\$ 1,262,735	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ 1,262,735
Restricted	-	-	4,379,057	113,522	8,536	4,501,115
Investments - restricted	157,404	3,743,413	4,999,913	24,138	-	8,924,868
Accounts receivable	1,907	-	46,956	-	-	48,863
Inventories	22,161	-	-	-	-	22,161
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment, net	73,274	-	-	-	-	73,274
Notes receivable	-	-	-	648,309	-	648,309
Deposits	12,381	-	124,518	-	-	136,899
Copyrights, net	41,500	-	-	-	-	41,500
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,362</b>	<b>\$ 3,743,413</b>	<b>\$ 9,550,444</b>	<b>\$ 785,969</b>	<b>\$ 8,536</b>	<b>\$ 15,659,724</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>						
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	483	-	5,471	-	-	5,954
Claims payable	-	-	310,811	-	-	310,811
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	483	-	316,282	-	-	316,765
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Unrestricted:						
Undesignated	1,459,036	-	-	-	-	1,459,036
Designated	111,843	795,954	9,234,162	785,969	8,536	10,936,464
Total unrestricted	1,570,879	795,954	9,234,162	785,969	8,536	12,395,500
Temporarily restricted	-	2,897,459	-	-	-	2,897,459
Permanently restricted	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Total net assets	1,570,879	3,743,413	9,234,162	785,969	8,536	15,342,959
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,362</b>	<b>\$ 3,743,413</b>	<b>\$ 9,550,444</b>	<b>\$ 785,969</b>	<b>\$ 8,536</b>	<b>\$ 15,659,724</b>

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Church Administration	Designated	Medical Benefits Fund	Church Loan	Church Development	Total
<b>REVENUES, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>						
Program income	\$ 102,158	-	\$ 11,582,659	-	\$ 20,884	\$ 11,705,701
Contributions	2,145,408	4,573,724	-	-	-	6,719,132
Interest and dividends	53,492	23,252	23,107	6,882	-	106,733
Net realized, unrealized gains on investments	87,274	89,176	15,769	3	-	192,222
Other	19,984	-	-	-	-	19,984
	2,408,316	4,686,152	11,621,535	6,885	20,884	18,743,772
Total revenues, grants, and other support						
	2,198,514	4,174,107	14,208,591	-	29,320	20,610,532
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>						
	209,802	512,045	(2,587,056)	6,885	(8,436)	(1,866,760)
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>						
	1,570,879	3,743,413	9,234,162	785,969	8,536	15,342,959
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>						
	\$ 1,780,681	\$ 4,255,458	\$ 6,647,106	\$ 792,854	\$ 100	\$ 13,476,199
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>						

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>Church Administration</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Medical Benefits Fund</u>	<u>Church Loan</u>	<u>Church Development</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>						
Program income	\$ 85,490	\$ -	\$ 11,587,701	\$ -	\$ 29,854	\$ 11,703,045
Contributions	1,963,223	3,711,986	-	-	-	5,675,209
Interest and dividends	109,726	19,018	41,434	7,193	-	177,371
Net realized, unrealized gains on investments	80,201	169,251	63,454	(58)	-	312,848
Other	<u>12,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,590</u>
Total revenues, grants, and other support	2,251,197	3,900,255	11,862,622	7,135	29,854	18,051,063
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>	<u>1,891,065</u>	<u>3,385,072</u>	<u>9,390,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,631</u>	<u>14,733,794</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	360,132	515,183	2,472,596	7,135	(37,777)	3,317,269
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,210,747</u>	<u>3,228,230</u>	<u>6,761,566</u>	<u>778,834</u>	<u>46,313</u>	<u>12,025,690</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 1,570,879</u>	<u>\$ 3,743,413</u>	<u>\$ 9,234,162</u>	<u>\$ 785,969</u>	<u>\$ 8,536</u>	<u>\$ 15,342,959</u>

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATION FUND  
SCHEDULES OF EXPENSES  
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

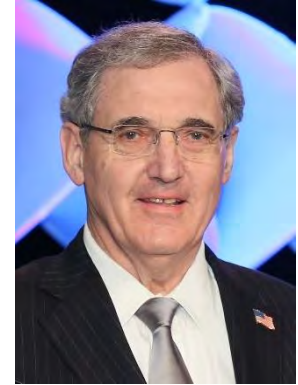
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel:		
Program staff salaries	\$ 675,714	\$ 552,018
Support staff salaries	217,705	208,538
Stated clerk salary	155,228	152,320
Staff insurance and pension	233,973	207,999
Payroll taxes and worker's compensation	79,707	74,227
Staff travel and expenses	37,134	44,169
Executive travel	44,861	47,861
Officers' and directors' liability insurance	13,646	12,634
Professional expense allowance	<u>4,478</u>	<u>3,392</u>
Total personnel	<u>1,462,446</u>	<u>1,303,158</u>
Administration:		
Board designated expenses	174,141	139,350
Technology support	105,015	68,803
Office rent and taxes	150,100	142,599
Telephone	18,310	13,120
Office supplies	19,485	15,800
Printing and promotion	23,506	22,189
Postage	25,745	19,640
Office maintenance and insurance	6,739	8,842
Depreciation and amortization	28,776	39,521
Committee travel	95,043	78,140
General Assembly administration	35,314	35,802
Pension fund administration	2,600	6,068
Chaplain endorser resources	2,381	2,320
Fraternal relations	16,124	13,935
Presbytery development	8,730	7,353
Leadership development	844	248
Financial audit	8,900	8,500
Vehicle expense	2,179	2,750
Office development	846	739
Contingencies	1,195	5,937
Christian education resources	217	-
Reclassification of fixed assets	(3,796)	(44,967)
Miscellaneous	<u>13,674</u>	<u>1,218</u>
Total administration	<u>736,068</u>	<u>587,907</u>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	 <u>\$ 2,198,514</u>	 <u>\$ 1,891,065</u>

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**Board of Benefits Report**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

The six members of the Board of Benefits of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) are TE Ron Cox (2015), Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery, RE William Barnes (2016), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrentville, IL, Rivers and Lakes Presbytery, RE John Dewald (2016), Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, Central South Presbytery, RE Kent Talbert (2015), Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD, East Presbytery, RE Andy Warner (2017), Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brighton, MI, Midwest Presbytery and RE David VanValkenburg (Chairman) (2017), Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO, Presbytery of the West.



*David Van Valkenburg*  
*Chairman*

In March 2015, the Board agreed to ask Ms. Kim Ray to become a non-voting advisor. Ms. Ray, an EPC Ruling Elder, is Director of Ministry Support at the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, CA (Presbytery of the Pacific). Ms. Ray's over 30 years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant auditing many different non-profit entities uniquely complement that of current Board members.

These individuals 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 upon the various benefits plans for their and their families' peace of mind.

The Board met nine (9) times during the last year: in-person at the Office of the General Assembly (GA) in Livonia, MI, on August 8, 2014 and March 19, 2015, and by conference calls in 2014-15 on July 21, September 5, November 21, December 16, April 16, May 11 and May 22. In addition, in order to discuss various issues in much greater detail, the Medical and Insurance Benefits Committee and the Investment Committee met by telephone and internet several times during the year.

The members of EPC'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 Office of the General Assembly of the EPC. The Board of Benefits takes very seriously its fiduciary responsibility to exercise appropriate oversight of the 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan and Medical Benefits Plan and provide Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Long Term Disability Insurance, Vision, Dental and other voluntary Insurance Policies. We maintain our commitment to provide optimal and competitive medical and prescription benefits plans and the various insurance policies for all EPC ordained and non-ordained staff, and global workers, 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. In our deliberations and decisions, we seek discernment and the Lord's guidance and wisdom in all we do as God gave Solomon wisdom, very great insight and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. (I Kings 4:29)

The Board gratefully thanks EPC Benefits Manager, Mr. Donald Voyles, for his diligent efforts and dedicated service this past year. Don's education and corporate Human Resources experience have brought professional benefits expertise to the EPC Benefits staff. Mrs. Diane Pray provides daily service to all participants, in particular the new churches joining the EPC, in the Medical Benefits Plan and the 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan. Please extend your thanks to Don (a member of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, MI) and Diane (a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, MI) for their outstanding service to the EPC.

## **The Work of the Board**

### **Summary**

1. Retained new service providers: (a) as auditors, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to replace Cole, Newton & Duran; (b) as actuarial consultant, Milliman Inc. to replace Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.; (c) as medical claims reinsurance firm, American International Group to replace Highmark Insurance Group; (d) and as life, accidental death and dismemberment and long-term disability insurance company, Hartford Insurance to replace Standard Insurance.
2. Introduced dental and vision insurance plans from Ameritas Mutual Holding Company.
3. Provided a resource for additional voluntary benefits through Colonial Life.
4. The EPC 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan grew from \$72 million with 1442 participants at the end of 2013 to \$81.6 million with 1663 participants at the end of 2014; the median participant's portfolio investment return in 2014 was 5.8%.
5. The Medical Reserve Fund during 2014 declined by \$1.7 million to \$7.7 million. This was the product of the introduction of three (3) premium age brackets resulting in a 23.2% decline in premiums per participant, while claims per participant increased 20.3%.

### **Administrative**

Enrollment, billing, accounting, financial reports and general administration of the EPC Benefits Plans are outsourced to Central Data Service, Inc. (CDS Administrators) in Pittsburgh, PA. Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Pittsburgh, PA provides medical and pharmacy claims administration through a consortium of several denominations which are members of the Church Benefits Alliance. Fidelity Investment Advisors in Philadelphia, PA administers the Retirement Plan and invests the funds as directed by each participant. In 2014 CDS assumed the full financial reporting for the medical plans. They also took over the depositing of the funds from churches and participants into Fidelity. The Board enlisted the services of Merrill Lynch to become the investment advisors of our Medical Reserve Fund. In addition, Mesirow Financial provided insurance brokerage services for the insured products. Gallagher Benefit Services provided actuarial services for the medical plan.

Under the leadership of the Finance Committee of the EPC Committee on Administration, the Board of Benefits and the Finance Committee issued a Request for Information and then a Request for Proposals from several major accounting firms to become the independent Auditor for each function of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA). After reviewing the Proposals, checking references, conducting telephone interviews and finally in-person interviews, it was agreed to retain a new Auditor to replace a local firm, Cole, Newton & Duran, which the OGA and Board of Benefits had utilized for several years. Together it was



decided to retain CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA). CLA, among the ten (10) largest accounting firms in the USA, brings the expertise from auditing many public and private corporations and over 6000 non-profit entities. Among its religious denominational clients are the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Evangelical Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod), the United Pentecostal Church International, Catholic Charities, USA, many individual churches and other religious entities.

The Board of Benefits also solicited proposals from several firms to provide actuarial service in support of determining the annual premiums for the Medical Benefit Plan. An actuary from the large employee benefits consulting firm, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., has provided excellent service for many years. However, after reviewing the proposals from several consultants, checking references from current clients and interviewing each finalist, the Board determined to retain Milliman, Inc. Milliman, as the world's largest independent actuarial consulting firm, serves other religious denominational clients.

Finally, the Board of Benefits solicited competitive proposals from insurance companies that provide medical and pharmacy claims Reinsurance, generally known as Stop Loss Insurance. After review of the proposals, the Board decided to change Reinsurance carriers: from Highmark Insurance Group to American International Group. The result of this solicitation will be a reduction of over \$275,000 in 2015 Reinsurance premiums, which would have been paid by the Medical Reserve Fund.

#### **Benefit Survey/Vision-Dental Insurance Plans**

In early 2014 in order to determine the EPC churches' satisfaction with the Benefits products currently offered, satisfaction with the quality of service being provided by the OGA, cds, Highmark, and Fidelity and whether there was potential demand for additional products, the Board conducted a survey of all EPC churches. Based upon this input, Dental and Vision Insurance plans were offered to all EPC employees through Ameritas Mutual Holding Company during the Open Enrollment in the autumn 2014. As of April 2015, there were 439 participants in the Dental plan and 381 participants in the Vision plan. Additional voluntary insurance benefits through Colonial Life were also offered to all EPC pastors and local/OGA staff.

#### **Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Long-Term Disability Insurance**

In accordance with best management practices, in the summer 2014 the Board sought competitive proposals for Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Long-Term Disability Insurance policies from several reputable insurance companies. After review of the proposed Terms, Conditions and Annual Premiums, it was decided to move from Standard Insurance to Hartford Insurance. These changes resulted in savings of \$1.50 per month, or 16% per participant, in the \$50,000 Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy and \$14.93, or 56%, per month, per participant in the Long-Term Disability Insurance Policy, assuming a \$4,666 per month compensation benefit. As of April 2015 there were 877 participants in the Life Insurance plan and 827 participants in the Long-Term Disability plan.

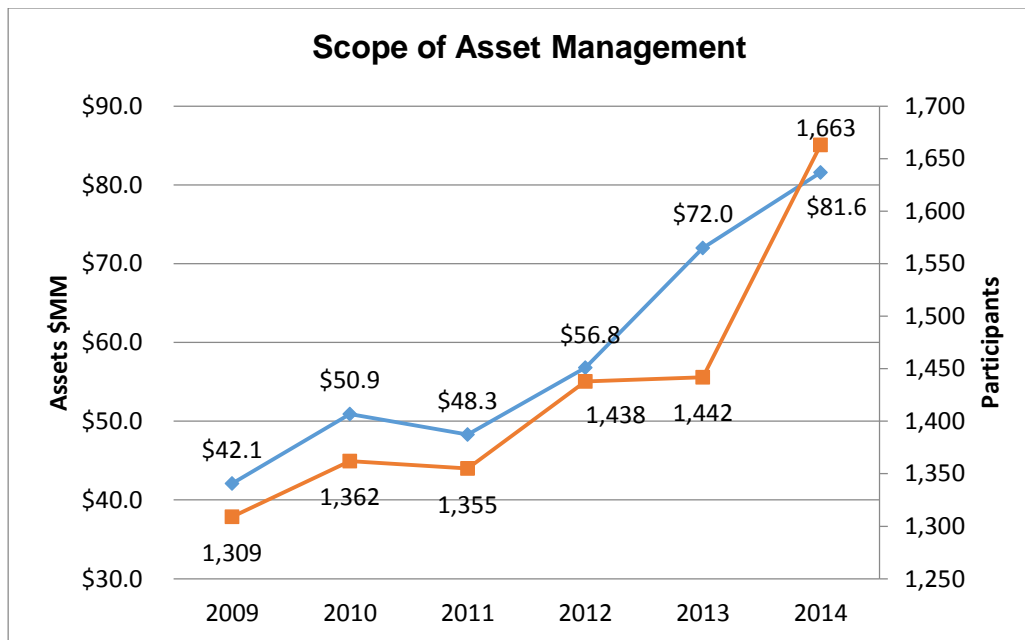
### **Full Open Enrollment**

For the 2015 plan year a full open enrollment and application process was conducted for the medical plans and all the other insurance benefits. A video presentation on the EPC website and a booklet summarizing the benefit plans were made available. As a result we were able to correct many details for Plan participants, such as addresses, social security numbers, birthdates and coverages.

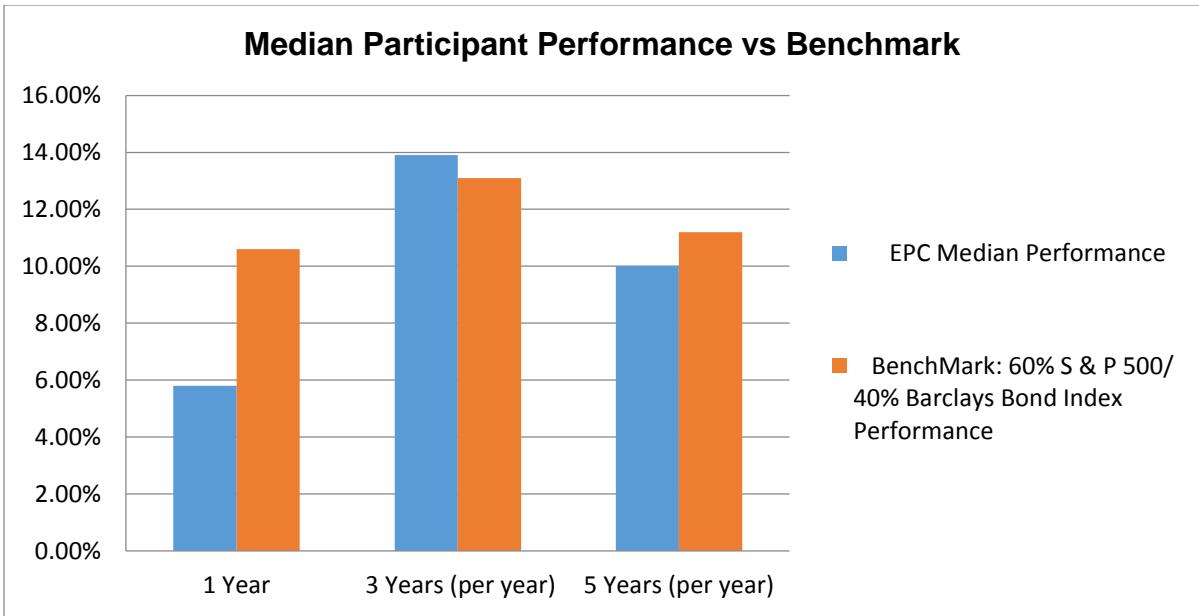
### **403(b)(9) Retirement Plan**

The total assets invested by EPC pastors and lay staff in the EPC 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2014 were \$81.6 million. The growth from \$72.0 million at the end of December 2013 came from net gain of \$4.9 million in the investment market and net gain of \$4.7 million between contributions and withdrawals.

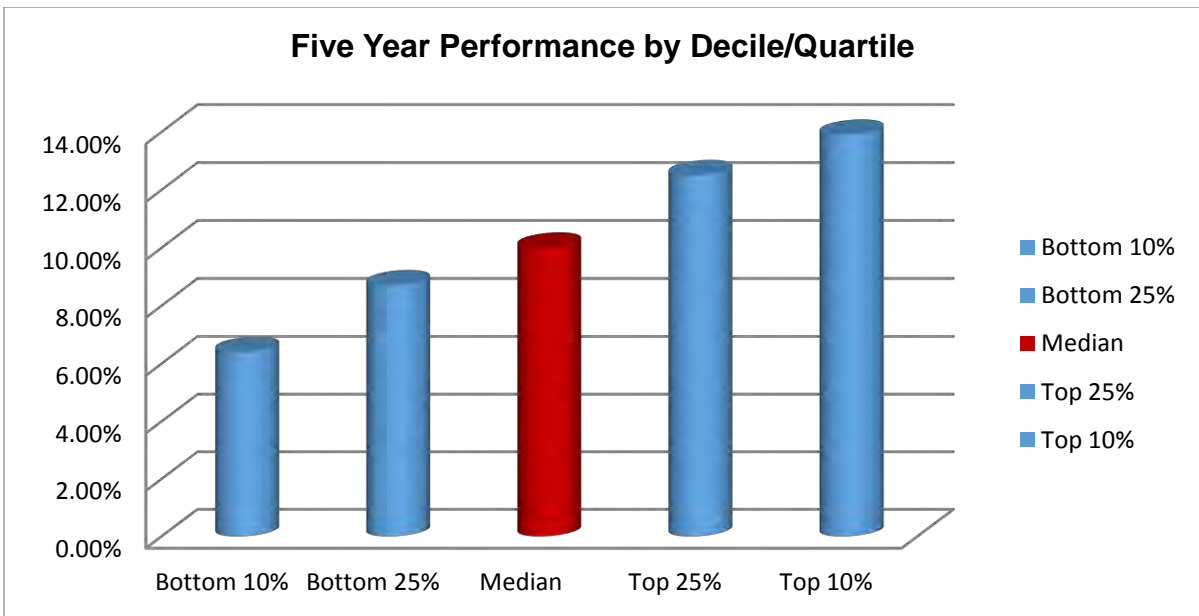
During 2014 we made a concerted effort to make sure all “Adoption Agreements” for our Retirement Plan are on file. This is a very important document as it determines each church’s participation into our retirement plan. Despite our efforts we still have over 100 churches who have not responded to the requests from the Benefit Department. As we move to assure compliance in all areas, it is very important that we have the documentation from the churches as to their desire how to best, or whether to, utilize the plan.



Because individual participants make their own investment decisions, the resultant annual gains and losses will vary significantly. The median performance of the personal portfolios in this Retirement Plan relative to a Benchmark composed of 60% of the S & P 500 Index and 40% of the Barclays Bond Index is shown in the table on the next page.

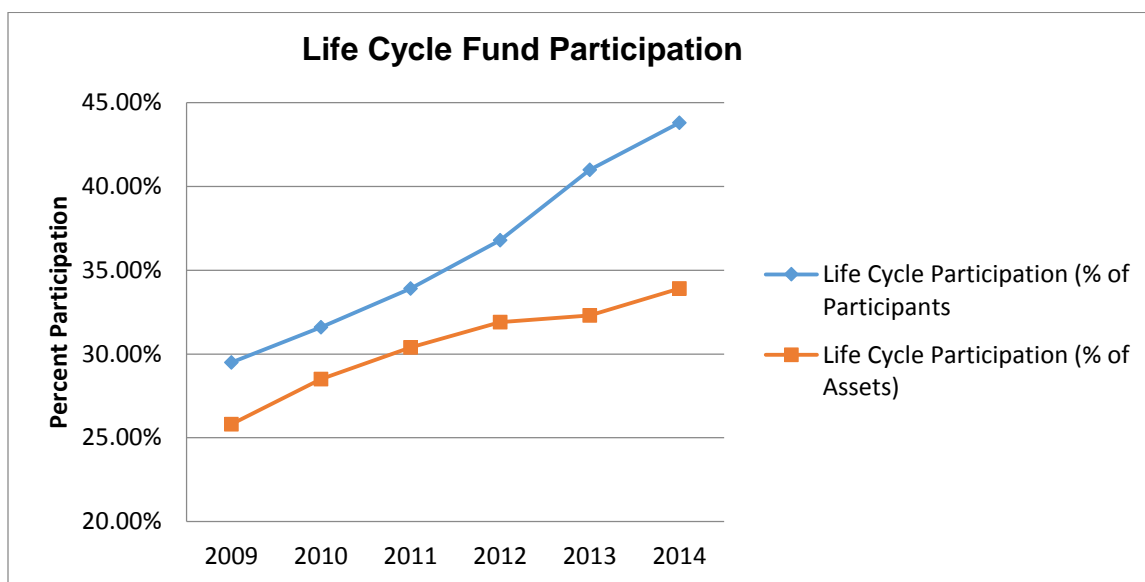


Some participants have successfully outperformed the Equity/Bond benchmark over the last five (5) years. As shown below, over 25% of the participants have had portfolio gains in excess of the Benchmark Index.



The annual performance of the Benchmark of the S&P 500 Composite and Barclays Bond Indexes is not directly comparable to individual portfolios because participants have different investment strategies and may have assets invested in money market funds with very low interest rates, government and corporate bonds and very different domestic and international mutual funds. In the current monetary environment, interest rates are barely above zero and the rates for corporate and government bonds have been quite low.

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 greater risk and invest in more volatile securities. As individuals approach retirement age, most investment advisors suggest that older employees invest more conservatively with preservation of capital becoming the common investment philosophy. In order to assist in this reallocation process as the participant ages, Fidelity has created several “Life Cycle Funds.” These utilize professional investment managers to gradually move a participant’s personal portfolio from primarily equity investments to primarily fixed income investments. As shown below, in 2009 29.5% of participants had all their assets invested in a single Life Cycle option; in 2014 43.8% of participants were so invested. The share of the total assets under management that are in a single Life Cycle fund increased from 25.8% in 2009 to 33.9% in 2014.



Regardless of age, we would suggest that all participants, at least annually, contact an investment advisor at Fidelity (call 1-800-642-7131 to make an appointment with an advisor) for a **free** review of 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 33 different mutual funds that have a wide variety of investment assets and strategies. For those more savvy investors, the plan offers a “brokerage window” that opens to many other funds available in the market. We continue to work with Fidelity to look for new ways to increase the awareness and active participation in the Retirement Plan.

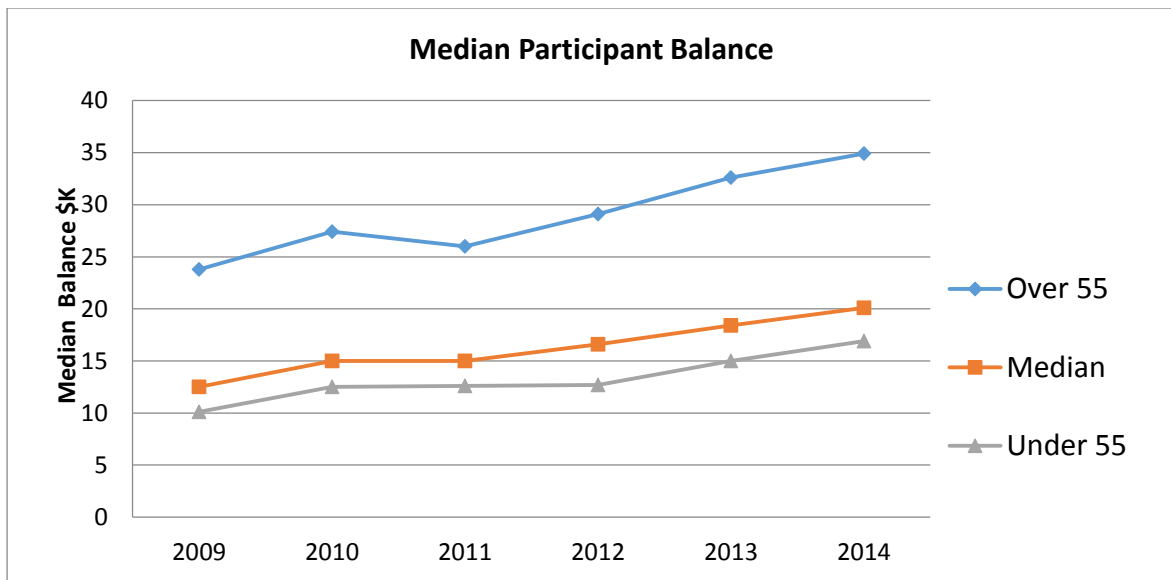
We encourage all of our participants to maintain their contributions into the Social Security system. The benefits that are offered go beyond retirement income and medical benefits through Medicare. There are survivor benefits for spouses and children as well as disability benefits.

The Investment Committee of the Board met quarterly and reviewed the performance of all the funds recommended for investing by the participants. This review was conducted with

representatives from Fidelity’s Investment Group. Based upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee, as of July 31, 2014 two funds, which had previously been placed upon the Watch List and have consistently underperformed their Benchmarks and Peer funds, were removed from the list of recommended funds. During this year it was determined that two other funds that have been on the Watch List remain on the List. Two additional funds have been added to the Watch List due to the below-benchmark performance of the funds.

In order to reduce annual Management Fees by \$60,000 among all 1663 participants in the Fidelity Freedom Funds and seven (7) other Fidelity mutual funds, the classification of these funds was changed from Retail to Institutional accounts. This change had no impact upon the funds themselves. In order to obtain additional service features for all participants, the Recordkeeping Agreement with Fidelity was changed from Individual Custodial Accounts to a Group Custodial Account. This change did not affect the expense of the recordkeeping.

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, which should be no less than the required minimum (10%) of gross effective salary (Acts of Assembly 87-12). In addition, it is wise for each employee (pastors and lay staff) to monthly set aside additional amounts as much as possible for their retirement.



Although it is now becoming late to significantly increase the value of the portfolio of a person over 55 years old, it is worrisome that the median portfolio of participants in this age group is only \$34,900, as shown in the graph above. Further, the median portfolio of participants under 55 years old is \$16,900. We recognize that many 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.

### **EPC Medical Benefits Plan**

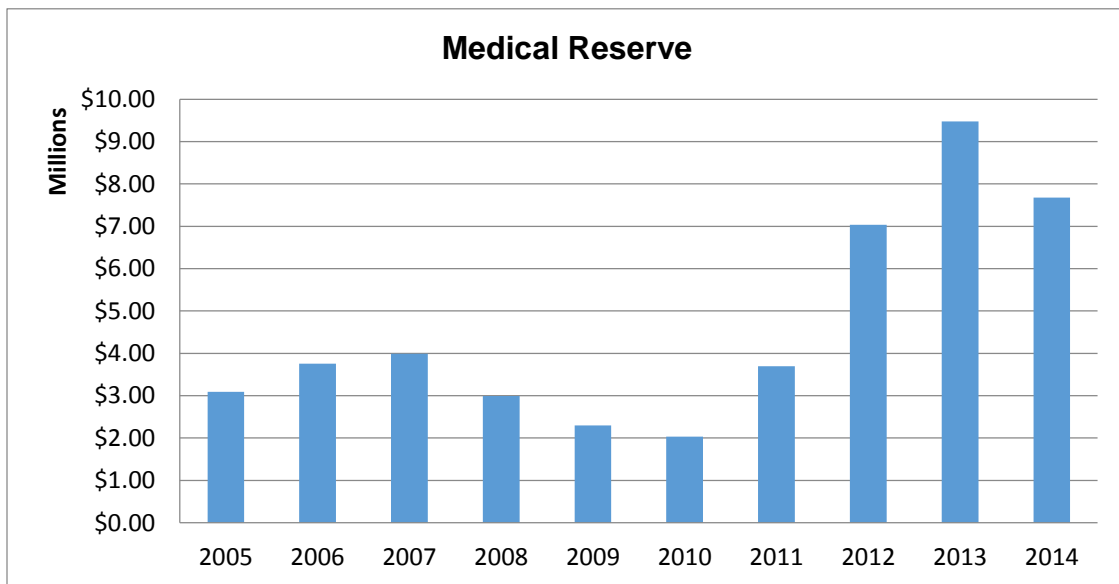
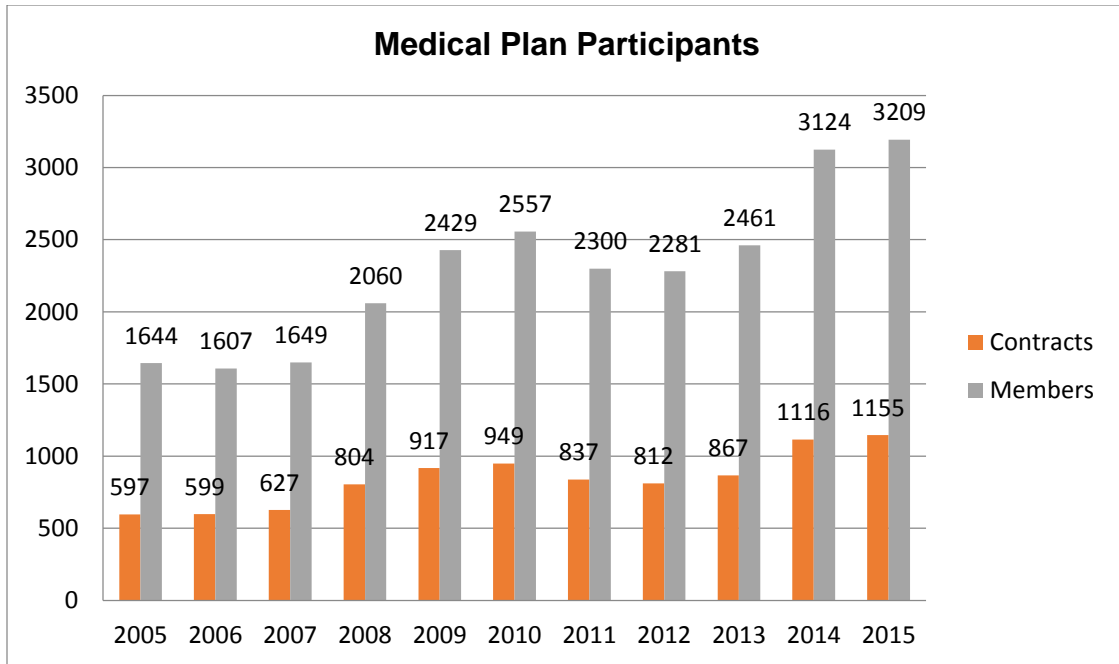
Since the launch of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) on October 1, 2013 through State and Federal Exchanges, many provisions have been delayed, many legal challenges to several provisions in the ACA have been filed and the issuance of the new rules and regulations governing the implementation and support of the ACA have been irregular and frequently altered. The premiums available on the State and Federal exchanges have been and will continue to be volatile for a few more years. Carriers are still unsure of their net cost of care, complicated by uncertainty around the risk adjustments and reinsurance programs. That is further complicated by carriers underpricing to build scale on the exchanges and in 2015 making large premium increases and/or withdrawing from competing on the Exchanges. These factors, plus the very limited network of local providers and large increases in deductibles in order to offer attractive monthly premiums will determine the premium structure the insurance companies will propose for 2016.

The Board of Benefits has determined that the EPC Medical Benefits Plan must closely reflect the benefits that would be available on the Exchanges and in the private medical insurance market. To this end the medical benefits have been reviewed, revised and assured to be compliant with the ACA requirements. The only exception is the offering of free “emergency contraceptives,” including abortifacients (morning after pill and week after pill). As a church plan the EPC is exempted so these abortifacients are not included. Other “contraceptives” are included among the medical benefits (see the EPC Position Paper on Abortion, adopted at the 6<sup>th</sup> GA in 1986, amended at the 32<sup>nd</sup> GA in 2012 and amended at the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA in 2013).

The major legal challenge that could impact the financial viability of the ACA is the permissibility of Federal Premium Subsidies on those exchanges which are not “State Exchanges.” The US Supreme Court is expected to render its decision on this issue about the time of the 35<sup>th</sup> EPC General Assembly.

However, it should be noted that all plans offered through Federal and State Exchanges and in the private marketplace MUST include the provision of all contraceptives (including abortifacients such as the “morning after pill” and the “week after pill”) free of any charge. The EPC has previously stated its objection to abortion, including the use of such for contraceptive purposes.

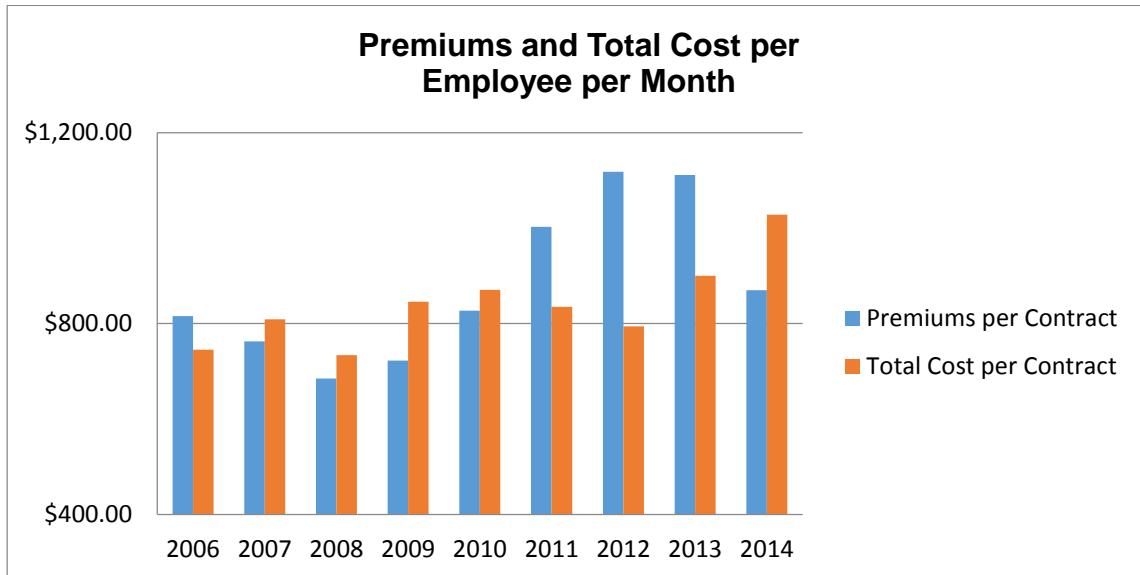
By September 2013, the Medical Reserve Fund had grown to a peak of \$9.7 million. This is the equivalent of almost one (1) year of normal claims. Given a large increase in claims in the fourth quarter 2013, the Medical Reserve Fund ended 2013 with \$9.4 million.



The EPC Medical Plan experienced a 19.7% increase in claims paid per member (participating employee and all dependents) in 2013 and 20.3% in 2014. These increases were much greater than the growth in healthcare costs in the USA. As a result of these increases in claims and the reduction in the average premiums, the Medical Reserve Fund declined to \$7.7 million by the end of 2014. This is about \$100,000 less than was forecast in last year's report.

The chart on the next page shows the comparison of the monthly premium revenue received from each participating employee (or church) and the monthly total cost per employee. All costs include medical and pharmacy claims paid, all support expenses, required expenses

under the ACA and premiums paid for reinsurance protection. The difference results in the gain or loss in the Medical Reserve Fund.



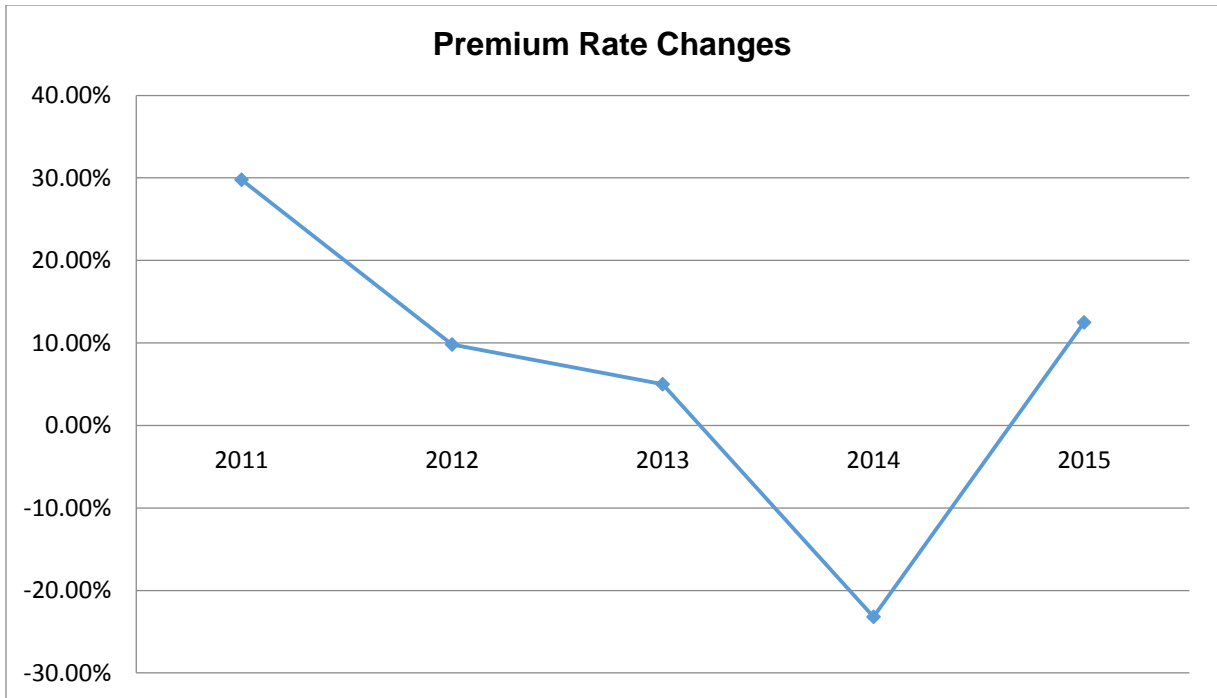
Historically, the participating employees and their dependents generally have healthy lifestyles. For many years the EPC medical and pharmacy claims experience has been significantly below the USA experience of Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) clients. Even with 2013’s large increase in claims per member (employee plus all covered dependents), this was still about 18% below BCBS’s 2013 database. However, during 2014 the EPC’s experience exceeded the BCBS 2014 database of claims per member by almost 9%. The largest contributors to the major increase in claims were: (1) Annual High Cost Claims (in excess of \$25,000) increasing from 38 to 81 members and totaled \$5.83 million, (2) pharmacy claims, especially for specialty drugs, increasing almost \$1.00 million, a 52% increase in 2014 over 2013 and (3) three (3) claims that exceeded the amount for which EPC maintains Stop Loss Insurance (annual claims above \$230,000).

The Board also approved the implementation of a telemedicine benefit: “Teladoc”. It has been proven in other plans to reduce the need for urgent care and emergency room visits. During 2014 we had 378 visits to the Emergency room with only 33 of those resulting in an admission to the hospital.

Three Age-Rated Premium brackets were introduced during the autumn 2013 Open Enrollment period. The age brackets of the primary employee in the Plan are (1) those under 40 years old, (2) 40 to 54 years old and (3) over 55 years old. It was decided to maintain these premium rate brackets for 2015.

Given the dramatic rise in claims during 2013 and 2014, but with an adequate sum in the Medical Reserve Fund, the Board of Benefits determined that the optimum increase in premiums in 2015 was 12.5%. This increase followed an overall reduction in premiums in 2014 coincident with implementation of an age banding premium rate structure. The historical, weighted average changes in Premium Rates have been:





Assuming claims increase 9% during 2015, slightly above the projected national rate of 8%, and the mix of age groups and dependents covered by this Plan remains constant, the Medical Reserve Fund will decline during 2015 about \$1.3 million. The resultant, projected Fund of \$6.4 million at the end of 2015 is judged to be a reasonably adequate sum. However, in order to maintain an economically viable Medical and Pharmacy Benefits Plan, average premium rate increases in 2016 and 2017 should not be projected to result in a third consecutive year of reduction of the Medical Reserve Fund and must reflect the claims experience during 2015 – 2016. As in past years, the 2016 premiums and rate structure will be announced early October 2015.

During this past year the Investment Committee with the assistance of Merrill Lynch Investment Advisors developed an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) that will guide investment managers who will be retained to manage the assets in this Medical Reserve Fund. The summary investment objective is for the Fund to grow in excess of the sum of investment management fees and consumer inflation while assuring preservation of invested assets. After a thorough review by the external auditors, the final draft of this IPS was approved by the Board of Benefits in March 2015.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the federally and state operated health insurance exchanges continue to shape the health insurance markets. It is imperative that the EPC health benefit plan offers benefits that are comparable to and consistent with those offered on the health insurance exchanges. Otherwise, the Plan faces a fundamental risk of offering more generous benefits and being more expensive than other health insurance plans in the market place. The EPC Plan has historically offered very generous (or “rich”) benefits, which has made it more expensive than other health insurance plans in some areas. In an effort to maintain a competitive Premium Rate structure for 2016, the Board of Benefits is

reviewing the appropriate ratio of the highest premium in each Plan relative to the lowest premium, the updated ratios among the Regions, the reasonable number of Regions, the appropriate number of age bands and the comparability of benefits offered in the EPC Plan relative to the health care exchanges. The results of these studies and the actual claims experience through mid-2015 will directly impact the 2016 proposed premiums, premium rate structure and benefit plan offerings for each individual participant within this EPC Medical Benefits Plan.

### **EPC Wellness Program**

The EPC Wellness Program is a systematic approach to healthcare that encourages every member to endeavor to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Studies show that members who participate in such a program are: (i) absent from work less often; (ii) more engaged in managing their health; (iii) more productive; and (iv) 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 receive a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at over 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. Our medical plans provide for a number of preventive procedures and testing at no cost to the participant. This includes an annual physical that is more comprehensive than a biometric screening which most wellness plans offer. We strongly encourage EPC Pastors and participating staff to take advantage of this benefit.

### **EPC Employee Benefits Plan and Retirement Plan Audits**

The audited financial statements, footnotes and the auditor’s opinions of the EPC Employee Benefits Plan and the 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan are attached. As indicated above, the Finance Committee of the COA and the Board of Benefits agreed to replace our previous auditor with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA), a major firm with superior non-profit and benefit plan expertise. When such a transition occurs there frequently are differences of opinion pertaining to the disclosure of certain information and the treatment of some accounting entries. CLA indicated to the Board that based on Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Codification 965-30-35 (which became effective over a decade ago), the Employee Benefits Plan must calculate the amount of the Plan’s postretirement medical benefit obligations. Without this benefit obligation being actuarially determined and included (if Material) in the 2014 Employee Benefits Plan Financial Statements, CLA will not provide an Unqualified Opinion. The Board of Benefits retained our actuary, Milliman, to determine the amount of the medical benefit obligation to retirees. However, Milliman was unable to assure the Board of Benefits or CLA that the analysis could be completed in time for CLA to review and render its Unqualified Opinion prior to timely submission of the Financial Statements to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. CLA assured the Board of Benefits that had the Milliman analysis been completed prior to the finalization of this audit and agreed

upon its Materiality, CLA would have rendered an Unqualified Opinion. Please see footnote 10 to the financial statements for the Employee Benefits Plan.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Resolution**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly approved the following Resolution:

*That the 33rd General Assembly appoint the COA 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.*

Please note that the above Resolution will expire when this 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly convenes, though the COA will continue to approve more routine annual changes in the Medical Plan.

### **Conclusion**

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 benefits such as dental, vision and other voluntary insurance and retirement plans for all current and retired ordained pastors, lay staff, missionaries and GA staff in 2015 and the years beyond.

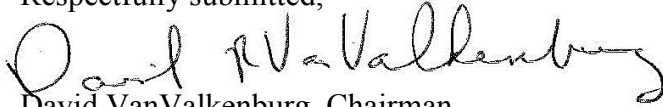
### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

#### **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 VanValkenburg, Chairman

June 2015

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
Livonia, Michigan**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

General Assembly and Board of Benefits  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan  
Livonia, Michigan

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Evangelical Presbyterian Church 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2014, 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 the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the 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 also 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.



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403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis of the Plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

***Basis of Accounting***

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

*CliftonLarsonAllen LLP*

**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Toledo, Ohio  
May 27, 2015

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CASH</b>	\$ 128,690	\$ 12,305
<b>INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE</b>		
Mutual funds	77,020,579	67,379,916
Money market funds	<u>4,556,521</u>	<u>4,649,719</u>
Total investments	<u>81,577,100</u>	<u>72,029,635</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 81,705,790</u>	<u>\$ 72,041,940</u>

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



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
Year Ended December 31, 2014**

<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>	
Investment income:	
Dividends and interest	\$ 5,011,616
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	<u>(93,637)</u>
Total investment income	<u>4,917,979</u>
Contributions:	
Church employer contributions	5,906,367
Participant contributions	1,467,509
Rollover contributions	<u>911,774</u>
Total contributions	<u>8,285,650</u>
Total additions	<u>13,203,629</u>
 <b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>	
Benefits paid directly to participants	3,491,627
Administrative expenses	<u>48,152</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,539,779</u>
 <b>NET INCREASE</b>	 9,663,850
 <b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	 <u>72,041,940</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR</b>	 <u>\$ 81,705,790</u>

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

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

The following description of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church 403(b) 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 Plan is a defined contribution 403(b) plan pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 403(b)(9) and was amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 and amended most recently effective December 1, 2011. The Plan is also intended to be a "church plan" within the meaning of Section 414(e) of the IRC and Section 3(33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and is therefore exempt from ERISA. The Board of Benefits of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the "Church") shall act as the Plan Administrator and Trustees and shall be responsible for the administration of the Plan. Member churches and organizations that employ ministers credentialed by the Church, as defined, (individually and collectively "Employer") may adopt the Plan.

**Eligibility**

The Plan is available to any employees of the Employer. Any employee will be eligible to become a participant in the Plan on the date the participant meets the particular member church's eligibility conditions to become a participant. The Employer's eligibility conditions shall be set forth in its individual adoption agreement or in such other written document as may be permitted by the Plan administrator.

**Contributions**

The Plan is fully funded from contributions received from participants in salary reduction agreements or Employers on behalf of their employees. The Employer's contribution conditions shall be set forth in its individual adoption agreement or in such other written document as may be permitted by the Plan administrator. The Employer is required to make a contribution of not less than 10% of base salary plus housing allowance for ordained pastors of the Church. The Plan allows participants to contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers).

Neither the Plan Trustees nor the Church shall be required to determine if the Employer has made a contribution or if the amount contributed is in accordance with the resolution or other Employer action adopting this Plan or the IRC. The Employer shall have sole responsibility in this regard.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)**

**Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and Employer's contributions, if any, and allocations of: (a) Plan earnings and (b) administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant compensation, participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

**Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in all contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

**Payment of Benefits**

On termination of service due to death, retirement or other reasons, a participant whom has reached the normal retirement age of 59½, with a vested balance of less than \$5,000 will receive a lump sum distribution. Participants or their beneficiaries who have a balance greater than \$5,000 will receive the total vested balance in a joint and survivor annuity, unless the participant elects, with consent of their spouse, to receive the benefit in a lump sum, installment distribution, eligible direct rollover to an eligible retirement plan or to leave the balance in the Plan until minimum distribution is required. Participants may withdraw voluntary contributions from their accounts by reason of financial hardship under specific guidelines set forth in the Plan. Distributions for housing allowance are also allowed for participants who are a minister of the gospel as defined in IRC Section 107.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accounting records of the Plan are maintained 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.

**Use of Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
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December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are stated 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. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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 (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Employer or Church and are excluded from these financial statements. Transaction charges for benefit payment transactions are paid by the Plan by reducing the balances of participants initiating the transactions. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

**NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS**

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits at December 31:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Fidelity Contrafund	\$ 10,101,369	\$ 8,670,798
Fidelity Freedom 2020	-	5,484,813
Fidelity Freedom K 2020	6,284,202	-
Fidelity Freedom 2025	-	3,735,375
Fidelity Freedom K 2025	4,713,973	-
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth	4,970,478	4,405,085
Neuberger Berman Guardian Trust	4,300,169	4,058,730

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Plan's investments in mutual funds (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value by \$93,637.

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
403(B) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN  
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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liabilities.
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Money market funds:* Valued at a stable \$1.00 NAV, which is the value at which the fund is traded and approximates fair value of the underlying investments.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Money market funds</b>	\$ 4,400,259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400,259
<b>Mutual funds:</b>				
Foreign	3,072,145	-	-	3,072,145
Bond	5,293,845	-	-	5,293,845
Large cap	24,509,694	-	-	24,509,694
Mid cap	7,007,656	-	-	7,007,656
Moderate allocation	4,050,016	-	-	4,050,016
Retirement income	518,592	-	-	518,592
Small cap	1,559,399	-	-	1,559,399
World stock	774,683	-	-	774,683
Real estate	1,269,214	-	-	1,269,214
Target date	27,174,670	-	-	27,174,670
<b>Self-directed brokerage funds:</b>				
<b>Mutual funds:</b>				
Foreign	64,983	-	-	64,983
Bond	151,880	-	-	151,880
Large cap	566,682	-	-	566,682
Mid cap	211,519	-	-	211,519
Trading-leveraged equity	5,851	-	-	5,851
Aggressive allocation	35,599	-	-	35,599
Moderate allocation	136,390	-	-	136,390
Tactical allocation	52,964	-	-	52,964
World allocation	9,003	-	-	9,003
Multi sector bond	32,214	-	-	32,214
Small cap	59,014	-	-	59,014
Utilities	30,253	-	-	30,253
World stock	82,405	-	-	82,405
Diversified emerging markets	3,235	-	-	3,235
Miscellaneous region	11,236	-	-	11,236
China region	2,829	-	-	2,829
Real estate	31,189	-	-	31,189
Commodities broad basket	234	-	-	234
Equity precious metals	90,850	-	-	90,850
Equity energy	20,765	-	-	20,765
Health	45,026	-	-	45,026
Technology	48,550	-	-	48,550
Consumer cyclical	22,357	-	-	22,357
Consumer defensive	27,519	-	-	27,519
Industrials	8,980	-	-	8,980
Natural resources	32,622	-	-	32,622
Target date	6,516	-	-	6,516
Money market funds	156,262	-	-	156,262
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 81,577,100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 81,577,100</b>



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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

<u>December 31, 2013</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Money market funds</b>	\$ 4,504,898	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,504,898
<b>Mutual funds:</b>				
Foreign	3,182,800	-	-	3,182,800
Bond	4,849,001	-	-	4,849,001
Large cap	21,125,523	-	-	21,125,523
Mid cap	6,476,417	-	-	6,476,417
Moderate allocation	3,319,401	-	-	3,319,401
Retirement income	269,207	-	-	269,207
Small cap	2,325,559	-	-	2,325,559
World stock	653,208	-	-	653,208
Real estate	891,062	-	-	891,062
Target date	22,897,872	-	-	22,897,872
<b>Self-directed brokerage funds:</b>				
Mutual funds:				
Foreign	109,513	-	-	109,513
Bond	49,503	-	-	49,503
Large cap	456,472	-	-	456,472
Mid cap	204,061	-	-	204,061
Aggressive allocation	28,233	-	-	28,233
Moderate allocation	43,172	-	-	43,172
Tactical allocation	11,337	-	-	11,337
World allocation	7,707	-	-	7,707
Multi sector bond	29,828	-	-	29,828
Small cap	77,888	-	-	77,888
Utilities	26,101	-	-	26,101
World stock	35,029	-	-	35,029
Diversified emerging markets	16,640	-	-	16,640
Miscellaneous region	7,206	-	-	7,206
China region	2,708	-	-	2,708
Real estate	19,023	-	-	19,023
Commodities broad basket	287	-	-	287
Equity precious metals	88,075	-	-	88,075
Equity energy	32,224	-	-	32,224
Health	31,525	-	-	31,525
Technology	39,803	-	-	39,803
Consumer cyclical	26,700	-	-	26,700
Consumer defensive	11,219	-	-	11,219
Industrials	5,365	-	-	5,365
Natural resources	30,247	-	-	30,247
Money market funds	144,821	-	-	144,821
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<u>\$ 72,029,635</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,029,635</u>

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**NOTE 5 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed intent to do so, the Plan Trustees may, subject to the prior approval of the General Assembly of the 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 defined by the Plan.

**NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds and money market funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity). Fidelity is also the custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Investment related fees incurred by the Plan are included in net depreciation in fair value of the investment. Fees paid by the Plan to Fidelity for administrative costs amounted to \$877 for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Plan also reimbursed the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Medical Benefit Plan, a separate Plan sponsored by the Church, for administrative costs of participant recordkeeping in the amount of \$47,275 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS**

The Plan is intended to be a church plan, as defined in Section 414(e) of the IRC, and is exempt from taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to tax examinations for years prior to 2011.

**NOTE 8 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.



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**NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluated subsequent events through May 27, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after December 31, 2014, but prior to May 27, 2015 that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at December 31, 2014, have been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at December 31, 2014 but arose before the financial statements were available to be issued have not been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN  
Livonia, Michigan**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

General Assembly  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Employee Benefits Plan  
Livonia, Michigan

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Evangelical Presbyterian Church Employee Benefits Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in benefit obligations for the year 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.

### ***Auditors' 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the 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 also 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.

General Assembly  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Employee Benefits Plan

***Basis for Qualified Opinion***

The Plan's financial statements do not present information regarding the Plan's postretirement benefit obligations and the changes in postretirement benefit obligations. In our opinion, presentation of that information is required to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Plan management has not quantified the amount of, or change in, the Plan's postretirement benefit obligations and, in the absence of an actuarial determination, these amounts and their effect on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable.

***Qualified Opinion***

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the Plan as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in financial status for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Adjustments to Prior Period Financial Statements***

The 2013 financial statements of the Plan were audited by other auditors, whose report dated April 10, 2014, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. As discussed in Note 9, the Plan has restated its 2013 financial statements to appropriately account for claims payable and claims incurred but not reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The other auditors reported on the 2013 financial statements before the restatement.

As part of our audit of the 2014 financial statements, we also audited the adjustments described in Note 9 that were applied to restate the 2013 financial statements. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the Plan's 2013 financial statements other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2013 financial statements as a whole.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Toledo, Ohio  
May 22, 2015

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
December 31, 2014**

**ASSETS**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** \$ 2,639,870

**INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE**

Money market funds	3,357,602
Fixed income	1,267,709
Mutual funds	86,172
Common stock	<u>326,612</u>

Total investments 5,038,095

**OTHER ASSETS**

Deposits	124,518
Prepaid expenses	<u>61,057</u>

Total other assets 185,575

Total assets 7,863,540

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable for administrative expenses	38,980
Excess contributions received from participating churches	<u>39,820</u>

Total liabilities 78,800

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS** \$ 7,784,740

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

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:**

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 15,769
Dividends and interest	<u>39,062</u>
	54,831
Less investment expenses	<u>15,955</u>
Net investment income	38,876
Contributions:	
Premiums from participating churches	<u>11,582,659</u>
Total additions	<u>11,621,535</u>

**DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:**

Claims	11,217,883
Premiums	1,095,389
Administrative expenses	<u>982,620</u>
Total deductions	<u>13,295,892</u>

**NET DECREASE** (1,674,357)

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,  
BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED** 9,459,097

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS,  
END OF YEAR** \$ 7,784,740

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

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN  
STATEMENT OF BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS  
December 31, 2014**

**AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE**

Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	\$ 1,039,626
Premiums due to insurers	<u>98,008</u>
Total amounts currently payable	<u>1,137,634</u>

**TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

\$ 1,137,634

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



**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS  
Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**AMOUNTS CURRENTLY PAYABLE**

Balance, beginning of year, as restated	\$ 310,811
Claims and premiums incurred	13,140,095
Claims and insurance premiums paid	<u>(12,313,272)</u>

**TOTAL BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS, END OF YEAR** **\$ 1,137,634**

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

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN  
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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The following description of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Employee Benefits Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**General**

The Plan is a document describing benefits of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the "Church"). The Plan's benefits are available to any full-time employees of member churches and their families, certain missionaries and their families, as defined, under the oversight of the Committee on World Outreach or Committee on National Outreach, and clergy and their families of the Church. Retired employees are entitled to medical benefits under the Plan if they have attained at least age 59 ½, have served at least five years in a Church presbytery approved ministry, and make the required monthly premium contributions.

**Benefits**

The Plan consists principally of a self-insured group medical plan providing health and prescription drug benefits. Retired employees are entitled to similar benefits (in excess of Medicare coverage).

In addition to the health and prescription drug benefits, the Plan also references in Appendix 6 of the Plan agreement the following other kinds of insurance made available to eligible employees: term life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and long-term disability insurance. The Plan fully insures the life insurance benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, and long-term disability benefits. The Church purchases insurance contracts for these insured benefits. Premiums for insured benefits are collected by the Plan from member churches and participants and paid from the assets of the Plan.

Health, prescription, disability, and death claims are processed by the administrators of the Plan, but the responsibility for payments to participants and providers is retained by the Plan.

The claims for self-insured health benefits are processed by the Plan's third party claims processor under an administrative services only (ASO) arrangement. The claims processor pays claims directly to or on behalf of participants and is then reimbursed by the Plan. Despite the Plan's utilization of a third party claims processor, ultimate responsibility for payments to providers and participants is retained by the Plan. Effective January 2014, the claims processor also acts as the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM). Prior to January 2014, the Plan utilized a separate PBM. The PBM periodically makes refunds to the Plan based on the Plan's actual utilization pattern of specific drugs.

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**NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION** (continued)

**Benefits** (continued)

The Plan has a health savings account arrangement (HSA) that is funded solely through participant and member church contributions. The HSA allows eligible participants to be reimbursed tax free for qualified medical expenses subject to a specified ceiling. Amounts remaining at the end of the year can generally be carried over to the next year. The account may be used for non-qualified expenses, but such withdrawals are generally subject to income tax and a 10% penalty; and remaining amounts are portable upon termination once the employee leaves the Church.

**Stop Loss Coverage**

The Plan has entered into a stop-loss insurance arrangement in an effort to limit its exposure for self-insured benefits (individual participant claims over a specific dollar amount, as well as its aggregate exposure for all claims).

**Premium Revenue**

The Plan is fully funded from premiums charged to the participants at rates determined by the Board of Benefits of the Church with the advice of an actuary. The costs of the postretirement benefit plan are shared by retirees. Retiree contribution rates are determined by the Board of Benefits of the Church with the advice of an actuary. The Board of Benefits, which consists of a group of appointed individuals who have oversight responsibility of the Plan, may divide participants into different classes and may require different contribution amounts for each class.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

**Use of Estimates in Preparing Financial Statements**

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, benefit obligations and changes therein, claims incurred but not reported, claims payable, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

**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.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures deposits in any one financial institution up to \$250,000. The Plan invested in an ICS account, which places the funds in various certificates of deposit issued by other banks in the same network in increments of less than the standard FDIC insurance maximum. 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.

**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. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

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.

**Deposits**

The Plan's third party claims processor requires a deposit based on the amount of average claims payable. Total deposits at December 31, 2014 were \$124,518.

**Payment of Benefits**

Premium payments for the insured benefits, paid by either the Church or the Plan, are recorded as premium payments in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Claim payments are recorded when submitted to the Plan by the third party claims processor for reimbursement. Amounts due to claims processors that have yet to be reimbursed by the Plan are included in "Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported" in the accompanying Statement of Benefit Obligations.

**Stop Loss**

Premiums for stop loss insurance are included in premium payments in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. Stop loss refunds totaling \$450,493 have been netted with claims in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Refunds**

Refunds due from the Plan's PBM are recorded when earned. Refunds due as of the financial statement date have been reported as a receivable, if any, with the offset being netted against claims paid. Pharmacy rebates totaling \$168,906 have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2014, there were no refunds due.

**Claims Incurred but not Reported**

Plan obligations at December 31 for health claims incurred by participants but not reported at that date are estimated by Plan management based on actual claims paid after year-end and past claims experience.

**NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS**

Investment accounts are stated at fair value and maintained with Exeter Trust Company and Merrill Lynch. These accounts are managed by fund administrators from each company. The following table presents the Plan's investments at December 31, 2014 that represent 5% or more of net assets, based on fair value.

Fixed income:

Fannie Mae, .50%, due March 30, 2016	<u>\$ 601,534</u>
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The Plan's investments appreciated (depreciated) in value (including realized gains and losses) during the year ended December 31, 2014 as follows:

Mutual funds	\$ 1,446
Fixed income	(14,654)
Common stock	<u>28,977</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 15,769</u></u>

**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:



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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (continued)

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liabilities.
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2014.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Fixed income:* Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

*Common stock:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Money market funds:* Valued and transacted at a stable \$1.00 NAV, which approximates fair value of the underlying assets within the fund.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2014:

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market fund	\$ 3,357,602	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,357,602
Mutual funds:				
Emerging markets	6,912	-	-	6,912
Mid cap growth	7,755	-	-	7,755
Foreign large blend	37,163	-	-	37,163
Real estate	34,342	-	-	34,342
Fixed income:				
U.S. Government	-	118,746	-	118,746
Mutual funds - fixed	-	195,682	-	195,682
Federal agency	-	838,232	-	838,232
Agency discount notes	-	65,707	-	65,707
Geographical focus	-	49,342	-	49,342
Common stock:				
Real estate	6,161	-	-	6,161
Oil and gas producers	16,933	-	-	16,933
Oil equipment, services, and distribution	21,843	-	-	21,843
Chemicals	20,727	-	-	20,727
Industrial metals and mining	11,740	-	-	11,740
Construction and materials	5,384	-	-	5,384
Industrial engineering	5,582	-	-	5,582
Food producers	11,259	-	-	11,259
Household goods and home construction	7,527	-	-	7,527
Leisure goods	8,933	-	-	8,933
Health care equipment and services	7,620	-	-	7,620
Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology	4,183	-	-	4,183
General retailers	24,632	-	-	24,632
Media	52,890	-	-	52,890
Travel and leisure	8,869	-	-	8,869
Mid cap	45,832	-	-	45,832
Banks and financial services	21,112	-	-	21,112
Technology	45,385	-	-	45,385
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 3,770,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,267,709</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,038,095</b>

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**NOTE 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Included in administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2014 is \$230,257 of amounts the Plan reimbursed to the Church for Plan administrative and other expenses which were paid for by the Church or for services performed by Church employees on behalf of the Plan.

**NOTE 6 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Church has the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided to, and contributions required of, participants to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of the Plan agreement. In the event of termination of the Plan, remaining assets will be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner toward the provision of benefits for or on account of the participants.

**NOTE 7 - INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan is a "Church Plan", as defined in Section 414(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is exempt from taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is not subject to income tax examinations due to the tax-exempt status.

**NOTE 8 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Plan investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the level of uncertainty related to the changes in the values of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Benefit Obligations and Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Benefit Obligations and Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The estimate for claims incurred but not reported is based on certain assumptions pertaining to health care trend rates, claims lag, and historical claims data. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimate and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the estimate and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.



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**NOTE 9 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

As of December 31, 2013, claims payable and claims incurred but not reported were accounted for as accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and as amounts currently payable in the Statement of Benefit Obligations. In accordance with Plan accounting policies and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, claims payable and claims incurred but not reported should only be reported as amounts currently payable in the Statement of Benefit Obligations. The effects on net assets and benefit obligations as presented on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and Statement of Benefit Obligations are summarized below:

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year, as previously reported	\$ 9,148,286
Correction of an error to properly reflect claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	<u>310,811</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year, as restated</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,459,097</u></b>
Total benefit obligations, beginning of year, as previously reported	\$ 396,688
Correction of an error to properly reflect accounts payable for administrative expenses	<u>(85,877)</u>
<b>Total benefit obligations, beginning of year, as restated</b>	<b><u>\$ 310,811</u></b>

**NOTE 10 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification 965-30-35 (ASC 965-30-35), originally issued as Statement of Position 92-6 in August 1992 and superseded by FASB Codification, benefit obligations shall include the actuarial present value of postretirement benefits for the following groups of participants: retired plan participants, including their beneficiaries and covered dependents, net of amounts currently payable and claims incurred but not reported; other plan participants fully eligible for benefits; and plan participants not yet fully eligible for benefits. Such amounts are required to be reported as of the end of the plan year. As of December 31, 2014, Plan management has not quantified the amount of, or change in, the Plan's postretirement benefit obligations and, in the absence of an actuarial determination, these amounts and their effect on the financial statements are not reasonably determinable. The Board of Benefits has engaged an independent actuary and intends to obtain an actuarial valuation for the postretirement benefit obligation as of January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, and the postretirement benefit obligation is expected to be reported in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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**NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluated subsequent events through May 22, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after December 31, 2014, but prior to May 22, 2015 that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at December 31, 2014, have been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at December 31, 2014 but arose before the financial statements were available to be issued have not been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan was amended to add additional benefits. Eligible employees were provided with the option to add dental, vision, voluntary employee and dependent life, short-term disability, and accident insurance coverage. The Plan fully insures these benefits and the Church purchased insurance contracts for these insured benefits. Premiums for these additional benefits are collected by the Plan from member churches and participants and paid from the assets of the Plan. In addition, the Plan changed insurance carriers for the long-term disability, life insurance, and stop loss coverage, effective January 1, 2015.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.



*Milt Hines  
Chairman*

**CHAPLAINS WORK & CARE COMMITTEE (CWCC)  
AND CHAPLAIN ENDORSER REPORT  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

Members of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee (CWCC) and Chaplain Endorser:

- ◆ TE Samuel Adamson (Pacific)
- ◆ TE Milt Hines (**Chairman**, Mid-Atlantic)
- ◆ RE John Holmes (Central South)
- ◆ TE Doug McCready (East)
- ◆ TE Ted Tromble (Rivers & Lakes)
- ◆ RE Rich Whipple (Midwest)
- ◆ TE Mark Ingles (**Endorser**, West)



*Mark Ingles  
Endorser*

The CWCC met in Livonia, Michigan on October 28-29, 2014, and through tele-meeting March 15, 2015.

**The Work of the Committee**

1. The military and some other institutions require that chaplains be endorsed by their denominations. EPC-ordained ministers and candidates under care may receive denominational endorsement through the General Assembly's Chaplains Work and Care Committee (CWCC) and Chaplain Endorser. The CWCC handles the application, interview, and endorsement process. If approved, the EPC Chaplain Endorser forwards the EPC endorsement to the Chief of Chaplains Office of the appropriate military branch.
2. Since the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the CWCC approved the following chaplaincy endorsements, actions, and related changes:
  - a. Mr. James Harris - Approved Mr. James Harris III for the chaplain candidate program of the United States Air Force.
  - b. TE Jacqueline DeBerry - Approved endorsement for Veterans Administration chaplaincy for TE Jacqueline DeBerry. The committee also approved endorsement as a board certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains.
  - c. TE Portmann J. Werner - Approved a change of endorsement for TE Portmann J. Werner from Air Force Reserve to Active Duty. Currently awaiting Active Duty assignment.
  - d. TE Ryan Kraus - Approved endorsement for TE Ryan Kraus for chaplaincy in the Army National Guard.
  - e. TE David Horton - Approved endorsement for David Horton for active duty chaplaincy in the United States Air Force.
  - f. TE David Snyder - Approved endorsement for David Snyder for active duty chaplaincy in the United States Army.
3. Approved revising the CWCC Procedure Manual to note that the Endorser may approve up to two annual renewals for Veterans Administration (VA) Chaplaincy endorsements, provided the prospective VA chaplain evidences a continuing sense of call and has

actively made applications for positions. If the Endorser has reservations about approving a renewal, the Endorser will refer the matter to the Chaplains Work and Care Committee. If a third annual renewal is requested, it shall be considered by the Chaplains Work and Care Committee in conjunction with a recommendation from the Endorser and an interview with the prospective Chaplain.

The current count of EPC Chaplains is 26 military, 8 institutional (endorsed), 16 institutional (non-endorsed) and 4 chaplain candidates (see Attachment CWCC-A).

4. The Chaplains Workshop, led by the EPC Endorser, was held prior to the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The first part of the Workshop focused on *Dealing with Compassion Fatigue*, presented by Rev. Wade Brown, Regional Director of PastorServe. Following Rev. Brown's presentation, the EPC Web Community was reviewed, and participants had the opportunity to view the film, "High Ground". The film is about eleven veterans who set off to climb one of the tallest peaks in the Himalaya to heal the physical and emotional wounds of war. The expedition is led by blind adventurer Erik Weihenmayer, the first blind man to summit Mount Everest, and a team of experienced Everest summiteers who guide this team of wounded veterans on an astounding journey of body, mind, and soul. After the film, workshop attendees engaged in discussion about the film and its impact. The workshop concluded with Mark Ingles, EPC Chaplain Endorser, doing a presentation on 12 Self-Care Tips for Chaplains.

The Workshop is particularly designed for encouragement and training. EPC chaplains are expected to annually attend both the Chaplain's Workshop and General Assembly when mission requirements, schedule, and finances allow. The Workshop prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held on 23 June 2015 at First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, FL.

5. The Committee's primary function is to be an encourager to all chaplains endorsed by the EPC and to maintain regular contact with them. 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 as opportunities allow.

### **The Work of the Endorser**

The work of the Endorser includes/included 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. The Endorser ensures making himself as available as possible through various contact means including phone, internet, or in person.
2. The Endorser 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. The Endorser visits EPC chaplains in the field to provide care and connection, as well as visiting churches and presbyteries to promote support of the CWCC and our EPC

chaplains. The Endorser will visit institutional chaplains every 2-3 years, and at least once an assignment for military chaplains (assignments typically range 2-4 years), whenever possible. The Endorser also plans to visit with chaplain candidates and non-endorsed chaplains when travel plans allow. Between June 2014 and June 2015, the Endorser accomplished 14 visits to our chaplains and their families.

4. The Endorser represents the EPC, CWCC, and EPC chaplains, for associations which the denomination has affiliation. The Endorser also represents the EPC 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)
5. Along with the actions taken by the CWCC, the Endorser initiated the following additional administrative actions since the last Committee Report:
  - a. Pulled the Endorsement for CH (CPT) Robert "Bobby" N. Brown. CH Brown. The rescinding of Bobby's endorsement was promulgated by his actions that have caused him to fall out of bounds of EPC expectations. Bobby's endorsement was pulled effective 13 February 2015
  - b. Updated VA endorsement for Chaplain Jason Riggs.
  - c. Transferred Endorsement of CH (LTC) Lane Creamer from the EPC to the PRCC per his request, due to changes in personal doctrinal views.
  - d. Per his request, initiated release from military service CH (Capt) Brian Martin so that he might pursue a civilian focus.

### **Future Plans and Goals:**

1. The funding of the Chaplain Endorser position will move from a benevolent basis to being added to the umbrella of EPC Administration. This will provide a much smoother and less uncertain funding for all Endorser activities and support.
2. Chaplain Visits
  - a. To widen my visitation schedule to better encompass visits to our serving chaplains and their families at their homes and worksites. The plan is to visit multiple chaplains throughout the United States and overseas in the next 12 months, including attendance at chaplain school graduations when possible.
  - b. To schedule visits and solicit opportunities to briefly speak at various Presbytery meetings and churches to enlighten constituents on the chaplaincy, what support they can provide, and to promulgate a better understanding of the workings of the CWCC and our EPC chaplains.
3. To clearly articulate that EPC chaplains are expected to attend the Annual Chaplain's Workshop prior to General Assembly (and also the General Assembly itself) if mission requirements, finances, and personal situations allow.
4. To direct chaplains to be involved in their Presbytery as regularly as possible. If chaplains are geographically separated from their home Presbytery (such is the case with military chaplains), chaplains will be encouraged to attend the Presbytery in their

geographic locale. It is expected that chaplains attend at least one Presbytery meeting annually (unless located overseas).

5. To foster a bond between our chaplains, churches, and Presbyteries. Enhance lines of communication for all chaplaincy matters as well as for those that may be interested in the chaplaincy.
6. To encourage the use of lines of communication between chaplains, and ensure those lines of communication are open and flowing.
7. To publish at least one general newsletter to chaplains annually. In addition, the Endorser is considering publishing a Memorial Day Flyer to be sent out church wide for reproduction and distribution.
8. Beginning this year (2015), all chaplains must submit an annual Report of their ministry to be submitted by 31 December 2015, and the last day of each year thereafter. A template for the report will be sent to all chaplains sometime this fall.
9. Represent and support our chaplains in various professional situations.
10. Solicit prayers and support from all EPC members.

#### **From Endorser Mark Ingles**

Challenges for our Evangelical chaplains in the areas of religious expression and serving in an ever-convoluted, pluralistic setting, is proving to be more and more frustrating. As mentioned last year, attacks against religious leaders and religious organizations continue to occur with more frequency and breadth, particularly towards Evangelical Christians. Our close relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals Chaplain's Commission as well as the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty has been both rewarding and supportive as our chaplains and chaplains of other affiliated denominations face these challenges. The NAE Chaplain's Commission champions the free exercise and expression of faith in our nation's military institutions which is vital to the effectiveness of our military chaplains.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, you are welcome to contact me at any time. Without a doubt, please pray diligently for our chaplains to stand firm in their faith and ministry and to not be discouraged by all that which makes their efforts so burdensome at times.

#### **Farewell from outgoing CWCC Chairman, Rev. Milt Hines**

As I finish my term as member and Chairman of the committee, I say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Chaplains of the EPC specifically and ultimately the General Assembly.

A lot has happened as our role expanded, first as sub-committee of the Ministerial Vocation Committee and then as a permanent Committee of the General Assembly. We had seen an increase in the distress our Chaplains were experiencing and wrote the CWCC manual to assist them with guidelines as denominational standard. We had also expanded our role at General Assembly to offer personal and professional times getting together for encouragement and education.

For those who have not had the opportunity to serve at National level as I had not before, I can't say enough about the staff at the General Assembly Office and specifically Ed McCallum and Carol Templin. The quality of the work that has been produced by our committee is a direct result of their support.

I am proud to have been a part of Chaplains Work and Care Committee and GA staff. CWCC members, God bless as you continue to serve our EPC Chaplains through this very important committee.


**Final Thoughts**

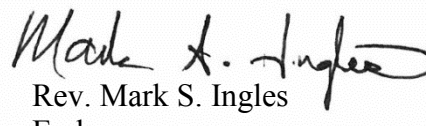
We want to thank you so very much for supporting the work of the CWCC and your Chaplain Endorser. Without you the CWCC and the Office of the Endorser couldn't exist, and without these two entities our denomination would not be properly represented by chaplains. We pray that God will continue to bless you and bless all you do across our great nation and numerous places around the world.

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rev. Milton A. Hines, Jr.  
Chairman

  
Rev. Mark S. Ingles  
Endorser

June 2015

<b>Military Chaplains</b>
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**Air Force Active Duty**

Chaplain (Capt) Graham Baily  
 Chaplain (Capt) David Horton  
 Chaplain (Capt) Jason Kim  
 Chaplain (Maj) Ronald "Russ" Ragon

**Air Force Reserve**

Chaplain (1Lt) Portman (PJ) Werner

**Air National Guard**

Chaplain (Maj) John Torres

**Army Active Duty**

Chaplain (CPT) Patrick Cobb  
 Chaplain (MAJ) Scott Kennaugh  
 Chaplain (COL) Timothy Mallard  
 Chaplain (MAJ) Jeff McKinney  
 Chaplain (LTC) David Snyder

**Army Reserve**

Chaplain (CPT) Aaron Laenger  
 Chaplain (CPT) John Richards

**Army National Guard**

Chaplain (1LT) Jared Dilley  
 Chaplain (MAJ) Thomas Holmes  
 Chaplain (MAJ) Judson Jordan  
 Chaplain (MAJ) Ryan Kraus

**Navy Active Duty**

Chaplain (LT) Robert Price

**Navy Reserve**

Chaplain (LCDR) Timothy Foster  
 Chaplain (LT) Brian Hill

**Veterans Administration**

Chaplain Samuel Adamson  
 Chaplain Jason Riggs

Endorsed Without a Call:  
 Martha Jacqueline "Missy" DeBerry  
 Daniel White

**Civil Air Patrol**

Chaplain (Maj) William Pawson  
 Chaplain (Lt Col) John Rhodes

<b>Institutional Chaplains Endorsed</b>
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Reverend Karen Bolte  
 Interim Healthcare Hospice  
 Reverend Helen Franssell  
 Capital Caring  
 Reverend Michael Guthrie  
 Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital  
 Reverend Milton Hines, Jr.  
 Sentara Williamsburg Regional  
 Medical Center  
 Reverend Douglas McCready  
 Hamburg Center  
 Reverend Ron Pierce  
 Mobile County Sheriff Office-FBI  
 Reverend Scott Rash  
 Liberty Hospital  
 Reverend Ted Tromble  
 Aurora BayCare Medical Center

<b>Institutional Chaplains (Non-Endorsed)</b>
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Reverend Robert Barrett  
 Hospice of the Valley  
 Reverend David Chambers  
 Crossroads Hospice  
 Reverend Bruce Clydesdale  
 Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission  
 Reverend Scott Eding  
 Hope Hospice  
 Reverend Jack Foley  
 Floyd Medical Center  
 Reverend Nicholas Garner  
 San Jacinto Christian Academy  
 Reverend Bruce Gimbel  
 Jericho Road Ministries, Inc.  
 Reverend Aram Haroutunian  
 Vitas Hospice Care  
 Reverend David Noble  
 Marketplace Chaplains



**Institutional Chaplains (cont.)  
(Non-Endorsed)**

Reverend Doug Overall  
Hospice Compassus  
Reverend Jim Robinson  
Crossroads Hospice of Kansas City  
Reverend Daniel Situka  
Vitas Health Care Corporation  
Reverend Dan Stewart  
Ware Presbyterian Village  
Presbyterian Senior Living, Inc.  
Reverend Matthew Sullivan  
Covenant School  
Reverend David Taylor  
Montreat College  
Reverend Dan Weidman  
Hospice of St. John

**Chaplain Candidates**

Donovan Campbell  
James Harris III  
Bryan Knedgen<sup>1</sup>  
Matt Smith

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of printing, Bryan Knedgen was on the Chaplain Candidate roll. He has been approved for ordination by the Midwest Presbytery pending endorsement by the CWCC. Endorsement may take place before the meeting of the General Assembly.



*Brian Smith  
Staff Liaison*

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly



*Eric Bartel  
Chairman*

Members of the Christian Education and Communications Committee are TE Eric Bartel (Chairman, Mid-Atlantic), RE Fred Teagle (Mid-Atlantic), Bonny Linder (Midwest), TE James Wilhoit (Midwest), RE Jose Rojas (Florida) and RE Christopher Gilbert (East). The Committee met in person on October 24 & 25, 2015 and by “GoToMeeting” on March 9, 2015 and April 10, 2015.

**Work of the Committee**

Introduction: The Committee has been tasked by the General Assembly to serve as a resource to EPC congregations by reviewing and recommending selected educational material, reviewing denominational publications and networking EPC leaders in educational and discipleship ministries. 2014-2015 was an up and down year for our committee in regards to our committee membership. The year began with an exciting addition to our committee in the person of Dr. James Wilhoit, Scripture Press Chair of Christian Formation and Ministry at Wheaton College. He has been a wonderful addition to our committee bringing his expertise, wisdom and heart for the Lord. In October, prior to our first meeting, two of our members resigned. RE Jose Rojas, who has been battling health issues which limit his travel, and RE Chris Gilbert, who relocated back to Australia to care for his ailing parents. Then in late March we accepted our 3<sup>rd</sup> resignation, RE Fred Teagle. We wish Jose, Chris and Fred all the best and we accepted their resignations with prayers of supplication. In spite of our rough start in regards to our membership, we had a productive year fulfilling our tasks assigned by the General Assembly. Below is the relevant work undertaken by the CE&C during 2014-2015.

❖ ***Review and Recommending Educational Materials***

The committee spent considerable time discussing the role of the CE&C in this area. Two facts hit us right in the face. One, the amount of materials, from Birth to Older Adult, which are available are too great for us to review them all. In addition to the sheer amount of available curriculum, the task of weeding through all the materials for the purpose of vetting whether they are Reformed is itself a full time job. Secondly, Christian Education has changed over the years. CE has changed in various ways, one of which is in how CE is organized and delivered. We discussed at length as to how can we as a committee can best address these facts and fulfill our purpose and charter. We discussed the following:

- ❖ Many churches are transitioning from a traditional “Sunday School” model to a Small Group discipleship models. This transition has exponentially increased the number of possible materials for review, as well as what is being used by our churches.
- ❖ With the ever changing technology landscape, the delivery methods of curriculum have greatly expanded. Printed materials are becoming the “old school” mechanism. More and more people are beginning to use online curriculum, or ‘apps’ platform delivery. Even DVD’s are making their way into this “old school” category.
- ❖ Many of our churches have created home grown curriculum. The committee bounced around ideas of providing a forum for churches to share their curriculum with other churches.
- ❖ Many EPC members have written books on all kinds of topics. The committee discussed the ways we can promote our EPC authors and the books they have written.

We came up with several ideas that may provide a better platform for this task to be accomplished. One of these ideas is to create a Christian Education Crowdsourcing page on our EPC CE&C website. This would be a repository where EPC congregations can post what materials they are using. The churches can then use this site to share thoughts, ideas and various other suggestions for fellow EPC congregations. In addition to outside materials, this Crowdsourcing page could be a repository for our EPC authors to promote their book and materials. The committee will continue to ‘brain storm’ in this area to provide the best possible platform for the reviewing and recommending of CE materials.

#### ❖ *Review Denominational Publications*

- ❖ Leadership Training Guide – The LTG, besides the **Book of Order**, is the bestselling EPC publication we provide. It is a wonderful work of the joint effort put forth by the GA Theology and CE&C Committees. The LTG has been used by many of our EPC churches as well as by many church sessions who are seeking to transfer into the EPC. The LTG is in need of some updating. The content of the LTG is not in question, but it could use a fresh pair of “Reformed Eyes” to review. The primary updates necessary are in the areas of: formatting, illustrations, the need of an answer key, additional modes of delivery (ex. online version, or a mobile ‘app’). The CE&C Committee is asking the GA Standing Committee to approve **Recommendation CEC-1** so that the work of updating the LTG can officially begin.
- ❖ EPC Handbook of Services - Working with the GA office, the Constitutional Revision Committee and the GA Ministerial Vocation Committee, we are in the process of reviewing the latest GA publication, a revised and expanded “Handbook of Services.” The CE&C Committee has been asked to review the draft providing editing and content feedback of the Handbook of Services, along with the other various stakeholders. The Handbook of Services is scheduled to be published in an online downloadable format this summer with a hard copy version available for purchase later in the year.

### ❖ *Networking EPC Leaders in Educational and Discipleship Ministries*

The committee feels that this particular aspect of our task will be the most fruitful to explore. This task helps answer the question, “How can CE&C Committee connect churches of like size, like ministry, or like interests together?” Some of the topics we have discussed and that we have already started working on are:

- ❖ Church Schools - In April the committee sent out a survey to all of our EPC churches for the purpose of gathering information about church schools within our denomination. The committee hopes to have the results sometime in May. At that time the committee will review the results and process the best way to network these EPC congregations
- ❖ Church Safety and Security – in light of our litigious culture, churches must do everything they can to remain safe havens for the children and families they serve. The committee is committed to providing resources for congregations in the area of church safety and security. We will work with our Communications Director to find the best possible venue for these resources.
- ❖ GA Networking Lunches – at the 2014 GA in Knoxville, the CE&C Committee hosted a networking lunch which was attended by over 100 people. It was a valuable time for many of our CE leaders to gather together and discuss ideas, best practices, curriculum, etc. We intend on hosting another lunching at the 2015 GA to further the promotion of our resources and continue the conversation in the area of CE.

### ❖ *Resource for EPC Congregations*

The CE&C Committee has been and will continue to provide resources on our CE&C webpage on the EPC website. The committee, with our staff liaison Brian Smith, will continue to update the current lists and search for the best vehicles for promoting these resources. We currently have the following categories of resources available:

- ❖ Leadership Training Resources – resources published and/or provided through the EPC.
- ❖ Family Ministry Resources – list of recommended and commended resources in the areas of Family Ministries, Children’s Ministries and Parenting. Here you will also find a list of CE conferences.
- ❖ Worship Ministry Resources – a list of resources without recommendation or endorsement, but that we are aware of and feel would be beneficial to our churches.
- ❖ Church Communication Resources – resources for those who publish church newsletters, Sunday bulletins, administer church websites or manage church social media accounts.
- ❖ Church School Resources – list of resources without recommendation or endorsement, but that we are aware of and feel would be beneficial for our churches operating schools.

We continually update our website as new information comes available.

As Bonny Linder rolls off the committee after six years of service, we thank her for her commitment to the work of this committee. Her passion for Christian Education, her years of experience in church ministry and her generous, kind spirit will be missed.

We also would like to thank two of our GA staff liaisons: Brian Smith for the way he has jumped right in and walked along side our committee and for his tireless service of our denomination; and Ed McCullum for his insight, wisdom and godly heart.

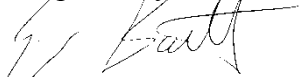
**Recommendations to General Assembly:**

**Recommendation CEC-1**

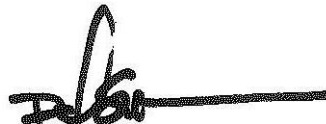
That the Assembly authorize the Christian Education & Communication requests to work jointly with the Theology Committee of the General Assembly for the purpose of reformatting, enhancing and updating the EPC Leadership Training Guide.

Rational: The Leadership Training Guide (LTG), outside of our **Book of Order**, is one of our most popular and widely used EPC produced materials. The CE&C, over the last few years, has fielded requests from various churches to update and revise the LTG. For the record, this revision is not prompted by anything erroneous contained in the content of the LTG. The CE&C Committee would like to work with the Theology Committee to revise the document in a way that would further benefit the Sessions and churches that use this guide. Some of the recommendations are for updated formatting, better illustrations, more robust Church History section (this item has already been addressed and 2 chapters have been drafted by TE Don Fortson), producing an Answer Key, possibly distributing the LTG in other formats (i.e. digital formats for Kindle, or maybe an app). We would like to set a date that this joint effort be completed by the 2017 General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Bartel  
Chairman



Brian Smith  
Staff Liaison

June 2015

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**CHURCH PLANTING AND REVITALIZATION  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

Members of the Committee are RE Ken Mollenhour, TE Jeff Moore and RE Rush Sherrill (chair). The Committee met in Denver, CO on April 30, 2015, via telephone conference call October 8 and November 25, 2014 and February 5, 2015. It conducted business via email on March 19 and May 11, 2015.



*Rush Sherrill  
Chairman*

**The Work of the Committee**

The EPC has given to the Church Planting and Revitalization Committee (CPR) two responsibilities:

- 1) To coordinate, encourage and provide resources for church planting and church development efforts of presbyteries and churches.
- 2) To coordinate, encourage and provide resources for church revitalization efforts of presbyteries and churches.

**Supporting Our Presbyteries**

The CPR is very appreciative of the EPC's commitment to the Multiplication (Church Planting) and Transformation (Church Revitalization) strategic initiatives. That commitment includes the disbursement of \$250,000 in support of church planting and \$100,000 in support of church revitalization in 2014-2015. The Committee hosted presbytery Church Development Chairs (CDC) and Regional Church Development Coordinators (RCDC) in Memphis in November 2014. At that gathering we shared our successes, failures, best practices and prayer. We believe these meetings help facilitate and accelerate the work of church planting and revitalization across the landscape of the EPC. In the future we want to be available as a "sounding board" for church planting and revitalization in our presbyteries.

**Church Planting**

Tom Ricks (Greentree-Kirkwood, MO) leads the Church Planting Team (CPT) that includes Jack Cathey (Lake Forest-Huntersville, NC), Jim Holland (St. Patrick-Collierville, TN), Mike Moses (Lake Forest-Huntersville, NC), Tom Melton (retired-Greenwood-Englewood, CO) and Shawn Robinson (Clayton Community-Clayton, CA). Joining the CPT this year was Matt Brown (Resurrection-Brooklyn, NY) and Bart Garrett (Christ Church-East Bay, CA). Chris Hildebrand (Resurrection-Brooklyn, NY) and David George (Christ Church-East Bay, CA) have served the CPT as leaders of the Church Planters Resident Internship program begun in 2015. A distinctive of the CPT is that all members have led and are leading church planting efforts in their community or presbytery.

The CPR hosted the inaugural Church Planters Network meeting in Denver, CO April 28-May 1. Eighteen church planters, the Church Planting Team and Presbytery church development committee chairs participated in this event. We hope to make this an annual gathering for mutual encouragement and equipping.

The following is an update on church plants and mission groups (works begun since the 2014 General Assembly are underscored):

- Alleghenies – New City-Pittsburgh, PA (Rodger Woodworth), Soma-Beaver Falls, PA (Marc DeJeu), Name TBD-Youngstown, OH (Gary Koerth) Redeemer-Erie, PA, Next Steps-Albion, NY.
- Central South – Fruitland-Jackson, TN (Roy Whaley), Advent-Arlington, TN (Don Kerns).
- East - Twin Tiers-Elmira, NY (Paul Irwin), Resurrection Brooklyn Heights-Brooklyn, NY (Michael Subrako), Sheepshead Bay-Brooklyn, NY (Brian Steadman), Name TBD-York, PA.
- Florida – City Church-Wilton Manors, FL (Phil Letizia), Kirk of the Pines-Marsh Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas (Gabe Swing), Providence-Spring Hill, FL (Greg Gunn).
- Great Plains - Three Timbers-Omaha, NE (Jeff Ryan).
- Gulf South – Quest-San Antonio, TX (Brett Becker), St. Patrick's-Austin, TX (Brian Henson).
- Mid-America – West County Fellowship-St. Louis, MO, Central West End-St. Louis, MO (Eric Stiller).
- Mid-Atlantic - Christ Covenant - Fredericksburg, VA (Bill Lindner), Lake Forest-Davidson-Davidson, NC (Michael Flake), Lake Forest-Westlake-Charlotte, NC (Aaron Gibson) Victoria-Victoria, VA (Terry Pasco), Trinity-Hilton Head Island, SC (Tom Clymer), Grace Haven-Columbia, SC (Jaye Morgan), Rock-Greenwood, SC (Jay Hering), Cornerstone Church (mission)-Greensboro, NC (Ryan Rasmussen) and Hope-Hanahan, SC (E. D. Clem). Church in Restoration-Mechanicsville, VA (Jeff Lee) and Hope Community-Waynesboro, VA (Glen Holman) achieved particular church status in October 2014. New Horizon EPC-Asheville, NC and Crozet Village-Crozet, VA were closed in October 2014.
- Midwest – The Antioch Movement-Ypsilanti, MI (Dan Rose), Crossway-Macomb County, MI (Jason Huff), New City-South Bend, IN (Luke Potter) and Parkside Christian Fellowship-Deshler, OH.
- Pacific – The Table-San Francisco, CA (Troy Wilson), Christ Church - Oakland, CA (Patrick Vaughn), Christ Church-Lafayette (David George), Christ Church-Oakland Startup (Kyle Brooks) and SE Reno, NV (Kevin Nolen).
- West – St. Patrick's-Denver, CO (Shane Sunn), E-470 Corridor-Denver, CO (Doug Klein), and Clear Creek Neighborhood-Idaho Springs, CO (Bill Robertson).

Summary. Since the 2014 General Assembly, twelve new works were begun and two were closed. Two church plants achieved particular church status. Twenty-seven works continue from before the 2014 General Assembly.

Church planting networks are being formed in the EPC! Gerrit Dawson (First-Baton Rouge, LA) and a group of pastors in the Gulf South Presbytery have formed a network and hope to plant their first church in New Orleans in 2016. Scott McKee (Ward-Northville, MI) has formed a similar group of EPC pastors to plant in Detroit. Leaders in the Kansas City area have also begun to talk about a church planting network.

### Church Revitalization

The “Go Team” is led by Ken Priddy (Mid-Atlantic) and includes Bob Stauffer (Alleghenies) and Bill Rasch (Midwest). Ken, Bob and Bill are Regional Church Development Coordinators for their presbyteries. The Team is joined this year by Bill Senyard (Lookout Mountain-Golden, CO).

Go Team members made revitalization presentations / training events at Midwest, East, Southeast, Rivers & Lakes, Pacific, Mid-Atlantic, Alleghenies and Mid-America presbyteries in the last year. Approximately 40 churches outside of the 200+ churches of Mid-Atlantic, Alleghenies and Midwest presbyteries directly benefited from revitalization seminars/training events. Those churches range from Omak, WA to Peabody, MA and from Sacramento, CA to Green Bay, WI.

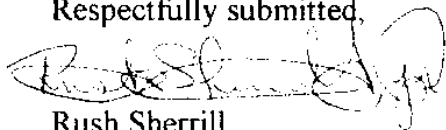
### **Bart Hess Award**

The National Outreach Committee enthusiastically selected Christ Church-East Bay, CA to receive the 2015 Bart Hess Award for innovative and reproducible work in church planting. The Christ Church congregation, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Bart Garrett, began in 2006. To accommodate and spark further growth, in 2011 it went to parish model of ministry; five parishes were begun. In 2014 it launched The Table-San Francisco, CA and Christ Church-Oakland. In 2015, having grown to 15 parishes, it launched Christ Church-Lafayette and Christ Church-Oakland Startup. In addition, Christ Church-East Bay hosts one of the EPC’s three Church Planters Resident Internship programs, and is especially targeting the recruitment of multi-ethnic church planters.

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Rush Sherrill  
Chairman

June 2015



## COMMUNICATION 15-01



June 2015

Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, Stated Clerk  
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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. The Moderator also nominates a Chaplain Endorser. Mark Ingles is serving well in that capacity and continues in the final year of a three-year term.

I am pleased to offer the following names

1. Appointment: 2014-2015 Nominating Committee Chairman  
RE Bruce Alexander (East)
  
2. Nominations: Nominating Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Class</u>
RE Ken Roberts	West	2016
TE Cathy Burkholder	Pacific	2018
RE Jimmy Carr	Mid-Atlantic	2018
RE Clay Johnson	Mid-America	2018
RE Tom Reesor	Southeast	2018
  
3. Nomination: 2015-2016 Board of Benefits Chairman  
RE David Van Valkenburg (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,

Gordon Miller  
Moderator  
34th General Assembly

## COMMUNICATION 15-02



**FAIR OAKS  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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February 24, 2015

Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, Stated Clerk  
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Dear Jeff,

It's a pleasure and honor, on behalf of our Session, to extend this formal invitation to the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to be our guests at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in June 2017. As you know we have already been in communication with you and the GA event team, including a walk-around of our campus and a briefing of assembly facility and resource needs.

Our Session voted unanimously in February 2014 to extend this invitation. Our planning team will be attending this year's GA and next year's to study the logistics and demands of hosting.

We're excited to begin marshaling the volunteer staff and preparing our campus for the event. We look forward to re-purposing for that week our brand new 40,000-square-foot youth and children's wing, which is currently under construction and on schedule for a fall 2015 dedication. We trust EPC churches will be looking forward to a visit to California—with the nearby attractions of the San Francisco Bay Area, Gold Country, Lake Tahoe, and Yosemite.

This will also be perhaps the first time that several EPC churches in a region (Fair Oaks, Fremont, Centerpoint, Sierra, and Winters) can actively partner together to help resource and host a General Assembly.

In the meantime, be assured that we'll be in prayer for you and the Committee on Administration as you serve and lead our denomination through further revitalization, from a "growth by transfer" church to a "growth by transformation."

With great joy and expectations,

Kirk Bottomly  
Pastor

Dory Snider  
Clerk of Session

# COMMUNICATION 15-03



COMMUNICATION 15-03

## MEMORANDUM

July 2014

TO: Ecumenical Partners of the Christian Reformed Church  
FROM: Peter Borgdorff – Ecumenical Officer for the CRC  
RE: Summary of Actions by Synod 2014; Introduction of New Executive Director

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Dear Friends:

We are pleased to send you a summary of the meeting of the synod of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in North America that met in Pella, Iowa, June 12-18, 2014. But first, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ and we greet you in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I will summarize the actions of our synod in point form.

- The CRC met in simultaneous session (and at times in joint session) with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA). This was the first such joint-gathering since the CRC was formed in 1857. The synods celebrated our common heritage, confessions, cooperation, and joint-ventures. The synods also unanimously adopted a resolution committing both churches to a future of cooperation and instructing the governing bodies with both denominations to “act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately;” and further, we jointly instruct the Board of Trustees of the CRCNA and the General Synod Council of the RCA, in looking to the future relationship between our two denominations, to be guided by this (Lund) principle.
- The CRC and the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PCN) have adopted a “memorandum of understanding” that, while not different in principle from a relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship, is specific to the nature of the relationship between the CRC and the PCN.
- Synod approved an official relationship with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt (Synod of the Nile).
- Synod also approved an official relationship with the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), a denomination recently formed in the United States.
- Synod discussed two significant reports that are due for formal action at next year’s (2015) meeting. The first is about the delegation of deacons to the meetings of synod. The second report will deal with changes in the structure and culture of the CRC’s ministries at a denominational level.

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- Synod acknowledged the services of the Reverend Joel R. Boot who served the CRC as the executive director since June 2011. Rev. Boot served with honor and distinction during his tenure. Rev. Boot will stay on the CRC staff as the Director of Ministries and Administration until early 2015.
- Synod appointed Dr. Steven Timmermans to the position of executive director effective June 30, 2014. Dr. Timmermans is the immediate past president of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, where he served for ten years. Prior to that term of service, Dr. Timmermans was a member of the faculty and administration at Calvin College. Dr. Timmermans, contact information is [executive-director@crcna.org](mailto:executive-director@crcna.org).
- I will be functioning as the ecumenical officer for the CRC until further notice. You can contact me at [pborgdorff@crcna.org](mailto:pborgdorff@crcna.org)

The minutes of synod have in the past been sent hard copy to all of our ecumenical partners. Now that online access is more common, you can find a complete record of the *Acts of Synod 2014* at [www.crcna.org/SynodResources](http://www.crcna.org/SynodResources).

We wish for each one of you the Lord's blessing, grace and peace.

Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff  
Ecumenical Officer  
Christian Reformed Church in North America

cc. Rev. Joel R. Boot  
Dr. Steve Timmermans



## COMMUNICATION 15-04

# Presbyterian Church in America

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June 22, 2015

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly  
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Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, Stated Clerk  
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Dear Dr. Jeremiah:

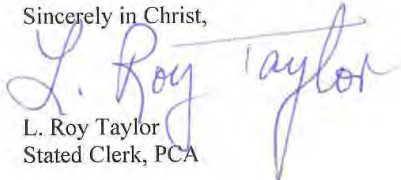
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you for sending to our recent General Assembly in Chattanooga Dr. William E. Dudley, Pastor Emeritus of Signal Mountain EPC. His greetings were well received. We appreciate your sending such a gracious ambassador of Christ into our midst.

In 1989 the Seventeenth General Assembly of the PCA directed the Interchurch Relations Committee to exchange ecumenical representatives with the EPC General Assembly. Over the years the PCA and EPC have exchanged members, ministers and churches, and the PCA and EPC successive Stated Clerks have enjoyed cordial relationships. It has been my privilege to represent the PCA at the EPC. We are fellow members of the National Association of Evangelicals and the World Reformed Fellowship. Together we have seen the recent emergence of the Common Ground Christian Network as other evangelicals who have had experiences similar to those the EPC and PCA have had in mainlines have formed new denominations as a "tragic necessity."

Each denomination has its unique regulations regarding ecumenical relations. The PCA's category for "fraternal relations" primarily covers some fellow member denominations with in the North America Presbyterian and Reformed Council with whom we have discussed organic union. We have "corresponding relations with other evangelical Churches in North America or in other continents for exchanging greetings and letters of encouragement. This may include the exchange of official observers at the broadest assemblies, and communications on issues of common concern." I am happy to report to you that our recent General Assembly approved the recommendation of our Interchurch Relations Committee that the Assembly formalize the PCA's corresponding relationship with the EPC that has been in effect *de facto* since 1989.

Together we face common opportunities of sharing the Gospel, making more and maturing disciples of Christ, planting churches, ministering to people from many cultures who are coming to America, advancing the Reformed Faith, and living out the relational and compassionate implications of the Gospel in our society. Together we face the same obstacles of increasing secularization, relativism, the decline of Christendom, and threats to our religious liberty. We all minister to broken people in a fallen world. It is our hope that as we ally ourselves with other evangelical Reformed denominations such as the EPC and with other branches of the Church that hold to the Nicene Faith of the ancient and undivided Church, that we may see the kingdom of Christ advance in our day while we all yearn for the Last Day of the New Heavens and New Earth. Maranatha!

Sincerely in Christ,



L. Roy Taylor  
Stated Clerk, PCA

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*Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission*

## OVERTURE 15-A



### Evangelical Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Florida

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Robert J. Garment, Stated Clerk

February 25, 2015

Rev. Jeffrey Jeremiah, Stated Clerk  
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In preparation for the receiving of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, the Presbytery of Florida at its 74<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting on February 14, 2015 voted to overture the General Assembly as follows:

That the boundaries of the Presbytery of Florida be extended to include Puerto Rico.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Garment  
Stated Clerk

## OVERTURE 15-B

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**RIVERS & LAKES PRESBYTERY**  
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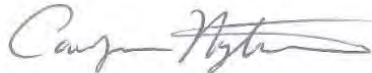
May 21, 2015

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Dear Jeff,

I'm copying below draft minutes regarding an overture created by Rivers and Lakes Presbytery at our 14<sup>th</sup> meeting on April 24, 2015. Please handle as you think appropriate.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Nystrom, Stated Clerk  
Rivers and Lakes Presbytery, EPC

**14.07 Ascending Overture.  
Regulative Principle of Worship**

The session of Edgington Presbyterian church along with her pastor Rev. Zach Hopkins submitted the overture below asking that Rivers and Lakes Presbytery overture the EPC General Assembly on the subject.

The Session of Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church hereby respectfully overtures Rivers & Lakes Presbytery with consideration to Descending Overture 14-A from the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and the historic and modern definition and application of the Regulative Principle of Worship, with a subsequent motion for an overture to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to create a study committee to examine and report on the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's understanding of the Regulative Principle of Worship in our Reformed and Confessional heritage, and its application thereunto.

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## OVERTURE 15-B

**Grounds:** The work of the Constitutional Revisions Committee (appointed by the 29<sup>th</sup> GA) is to review the *Book of Order* in all of its parts for the purposes of assuring clarity of intent and meaning of implementation. The revision to the *Book of Worship* was first received at the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (June 2013), and then adopted as a Descending Overture to be submitted to Presbyteries at the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (June 2014). Although identified as “not a substantive change,” the revision calls for the striking of the word “prescription” to be replaced with “foundation,” upon grounds that this more clearly communicates the EPC’s position on the Regulative Principle of Worship (RPW). The position however is not substantiated apart from the point that adherence to the RPW has “never been the case in the [EPC],” and that the word foundation “better describes the EPC’s longstanding view and practice.” This overture calls for a full study of the EPC’s understanding of the RPW by a committee erected by the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly with respect to our rich confessional heritage in the tradition of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* as a Presbyterian and Reformed denomination.

**Whereas** the *Book of Government* grants the authority and responsibility of particular Church Sessions “to overture Presbytery on matters it believes vital or helpful to the whole Church,” (BOG 18-3.N); and

**Whereas** the *Westminster Confession of Faith* represents the avowed system of doctrine and interpretation of Scripture for all EPC Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, (BOG 13-2.A.3); and

**Whereas** the *Westminster Confession of Faith* affirms that all things pertaining to God’s own glory and to man’s salvation, faith and life is either explicitly stated in the Bible or may be deduced from good and necessary consequence (WCF 1.6), and that this principle is applied to the public worship of the Church stating positively, “The acceptable way of worshipping the true God is established by God Himself,” and negatively, “God is not to be worshiped... in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture,” (WCF 21.1); and

**Whereas** the *Westminster Larger Catechism* asks: “What does the second commandment require?” and answers: “The second commandment requires us to receive, respectfully perform, and preserve completely and purely all the regulations for religion and worship that God has established in His Word,” and also asks: “What particular sins does the second commandment forbid?” and answers: “The second commandment forbids... approving any religious worship not established by God Himself,” (WLC 108-109; cf. WSC 50-51); and

**Whereas** the *Book of Government* disallows changes made to the *Book of Order*, in any of its parts, that would be contrary to the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms* (BOG 23-1.B), and in recognition that all EPC Officers “voluntarily limit their free exercise of conscience to the lawful bounds” of our constitutional documents (BOG 25-2);

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church Session overtures the Rivers & Lakes Presbytery and requests a subsequent overture to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the EPC to erect a study committee to examine and report on the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s understanding of the Regulative Principle of Worship in our Reformed and Confessional heritage, and its application thereunto.

Adopted by the Session of Edgington EPC at its stated meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Attested by /s/ RE Steven Morrison, Stated Clerk; TE Zachary Hopkins



## OVERTURE 15-B

The presbytery considered this matter. We heard support from Rev. Zach Hopkins with Edgington ruling elder Mic Penry and others. We heard rebuttal from Rev. Dr. James Wilhoit and others.

Arguments included:

### Support

--On the first page EPC's revised *Book of Worship* we find "proper worship therefore finds its ~~prescription~~ foundation in Holy Scripture." This change in wording from "prescription" to "foundation" violates Westminster Confession 1:6 which says positively, "The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is established by God Himself and negatively, "God is not to be worshiped . . . in any other way than that prescribed in Holy Scripture." WCF 21.1

--Westminster Larger Catechism speaks similarly in 108—109 and in Westminster Smaller Catechism, WSC 50-51.

--Pastor and elder vow 3 commands us to "receive and adopt" these documents. (BOG 13-2-3)

--I'm in a service business and customers "prescribe" to us what they want. We could do what we think best, but that would make unhappy customers. God is specific on his worship commands—something like a doctor writing a prescription. He tells us in Isaiah 55:89, "My thoughts are not your thoughts . . . my thoughts are higher than your thoughts."

### Rebuttal

Prescription is not the longstanding view of EPC. We do not sing only psalms or cover our heads during worship. We do not prohibit pipe organs and drama as part of our worship. The EPC has allowed freedom in worship that is consistent with Scripture and does not conflict with the teachings of Scripture. In EPC we worship in much the same way we make decisions in the rest of life. We determine this through prayer, Scripture, Westminster, and cultural context.

The proposed substitution of the word "foundation" for "prescription" is intended to make it clear that we are to worship God as he wants to be worshipped and we determine this as we would anything in life—through the study of his Word, prayer, consulting the saints of old, looking at the Westminster standards and seeking counsel of others. Our heritage is one of worship freedom, grounded in the Scripture, the Westminster standards and theological reflection.

It was moved seconded and carried to send the overture to EPC's General Assembly. The standing counted vote was:

27 in support of the motion

14 against the motion

Motion carried.

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**AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON  
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly approved this committee composed of Teaching Elders Dr. Howard Shockley, Chairman (Mid-Atlantic), Dr. James Quillen (Central South) and Ruling Elder Ted Brandsma (West). GA Assistant Stated Clerk Dr. Ed McCallum serves the Committee as a resource and advisor. The Committee met once a month on average via web meeting to complete its work.



*Howard Shockley  
Chairman*

**The Work of the Committee**

**Revised Book of Government**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2012) received the first draft of a *Revised Book of Government* and forwarded it to Sessions and presbyteries for study and comment. The 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2013) reviewed and approved a final draft revision and commended it to presbyteries for their consent. With all the presbyteries approving Descending Overture 13-A, the *Revised Book of Government* was ratified by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and became effective July 1, 2014.

**Revised Book of Worship**

The final draft of a *Revised Book of Worship* was reviewed and approved by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2014) and sent to the Presbyteries as a descending overture. All the presbyteries approved, and the *Revised Book of Worship* will come to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for ratification.

**For Information**

Additionally, the Committee has developed a *Handbook of Services* that contains a listing of all constitutional proceedings to be followed for reception of new members; for observing the Sacraments (baptism, the Lord's Supper); for the ordination and/or installation of Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Deacons; for wedding ceremonies, for funeral/memorial/graveside services. Since there are no amendments or changes to the *Book of Order*, this resource will be reviewed by the GA Christian Education and Communications Committee for its advice and consent prior to publication and distribution. When finalized, *The Handbook of Services* will be available online, replacing the current "Service Forms," with a print version to follow.

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

**Recommendation CR-1**

That the Assembly authorize editorial correction of typographical errors in *Book of Government* 24-3 which mistakenly refer to non-existent subsections of G.24-2, and that these corrections will appear in the 2015-16 Edition of the Book of Order.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 Typographical errors highlighted</b>	<b><i>Book of Government</i> 24-3 for 2015-16 Edition - Typographical errors corrected</b>
<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p>D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V.</p> <p>H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections 24-2.D and 24-2.R, 24-2.S, 24-2.U, and 24-2.V</p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-2.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section 24-2.V.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section 24-2.S.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections 24-2.B, 24-2.C, and 24-2.D.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section 24-2.L. The new</p>	<p>24-3 The following Plan of Union shall be adopted by the union church so formed:</p> <p>D. The united church shall be subject to the Constitution of each Church involved as set forth in Sections 24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V.</p> <p>H. Initially the officers of the united church, Elders and Deacons, shall be those officers in active service of the uniting churches, who will undertake to perform their ordination responsibilities under the Constitution of each Church, as indicated in Sections 24-3.D and 24-3.R, 24-3.S, 24-3.U, and 24-3.V</p> <p>I. At the first annual meeting subsequent to the effective date of the union, new classes of officers, to replace the officers noted in Section 24-3.H, shall be elected by the united congregation according to the constitutional procedure in force as a consequence of Section 24-3.V.</p> <p>K. The Minister or Ministers of the united church shall be full and responsible members of each judicatory of immediate jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline as provided in Section 24-3.S.</p> <p>L. The united church shall cause a corporation to be formed under the appropriate laws of the state, where permissible. That corporation shall include in its articles or charter the substance of Sections 24-3.B, 24-3.C, and 24-3.D.</p> <p>M. All property of the uniting churches, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in Section 24-3.L. The new</p>

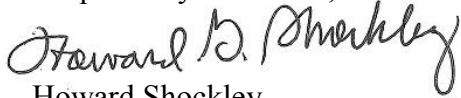
<p>corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in <b>Section 24-2.D</b>, as interpreted by <b>Section 24-2.V</b>.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in <b>Section 24-2.Q</b>), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>	<p>corporation shall be the legal successor of the corporations, if any, of the uniting churches, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the uniting churches shall be liabilities of the united church. In any state where a church corporation is forbidden, the purposes of this paragraph shall be achieved in harmony with the law of that state.</p> <p>N. Trustees of the corporation (or the unincorporated body) shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in <b>Section 24-3.D</b>, as interpreted by <b>Section 24-3.V</b>.</p> <p>V. Wherever the Constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions (except as provided in <b>Section 24-3.Q</b>), the Session (Consistory) of the united church shall petition the judicatories of immediate jurisdiction to overture their respective highest courts to resolve the conflict either by authoritative interpretation or by constitutional amendment.</p>
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Rationale: The revised *Book of Government*, ratified in 2014, included a re-organized chapter 24, which rendered internal cross references to section 24-2 obsolete. References should have been changed to 24-3 in the revision process, but were inadvertently left uncorrected as the revision was ratified and published. This recommendation gives the Office of the Stated Clerk the necessary authorization to change specific typographical errors in the text of the *Book of Government* as part of the editorial process, rather than utilizing the slower constitutional amendment process for this kind of inadvertent clerical error.

**Recommendation CR-2**

That having fulfilled the tasks assigned to it by the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the Ad Interim Committee on Constitutional Revision be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard Shockley  
Chairman

June 2015

**DESCENDING OVERTURES**  
**FROM THE 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Descending Overture 14-A**

A hard copy of the *Revised Book of Worship* with revision notes had been provided to all Teaching Elders in the EPC and was also available on the EPC website at the time of the Assembly.

**Descending Overture 14-B**

That the *Book of Government* 12-3B.1 pertaining to the examination of ministers transferring from another Reformed denomination be amended as follows to give Presbyteries the discretion to examine on knowledge as well as views.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 12-3B.1</b>	<b>Amended <i>Book of Government</i> 12-3B.1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
<p>B. Examination of non-EPC ordained Ministers</p> <p>1. Examination of an ordained Minister from another Reformed denomination: A Minister seeking to become a Teaching Elder in a Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination in the EPC. The Minister shall be examined on views and beliefs in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.</p> <p>2. Examination of Ministers from non-Reformed Traditions: A minister presenting current and valid ordination credentials from any other ecclesiastical tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination.</p>	<p>B. Examination of non-EPC ordained Ministers</p> <p>1. Examination of an ordained Minister from another Reformed denomination: A Minister seeking to become a Teaching Elder in a Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from another denomination from within the Reformed family shall present credentials of education required by those seeking ordination in the EPC. The Minister shall be examined on views and beliefs <del>in the same fashion as one transferring from one Presbytery to another within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church</del> <b>and may be examined on knowledge.</b></p> <p>2. Examination of Ministers from non-Reformed Traditions: A minister presenting current and valid ordination credentials from any other ecclesiastical tradition shall be examined in the same manner as a candidate for ordination.</p>

Grounds: The proposed amendment, originating from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, gives an additional measure of discretion to presbyteries in examining ministers transferring from other denominations within the Reformed family in order to satisfy themselves that a potential transferee's views and knowledge are commensurate with those held by the EPC. This amendment allows a presbytery and its representatives to go beyond examination on a person's views when deemed necessary and prudent by the examining body.

**Descending Overture 14-C**

*Note: Amendments to G.25-2 and G.5-9 were presented as a unit and voted up or down as a whole. A motion to vote ad seriatim on Descending Overture 14-C is out of order.*

That the *Book of Government* be amended by adding a new section 25-2C to rights held in perpetuity by the local church (renumbering current G.25-2C as G.25-2D) and amending G.5-9 by the addition of a sentence in order to be explicit that the *Book of Government* does not establish an implied or expressed trust on property owned by a local church.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (entire chapter)</b>	<b>Proposed amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> chapter 25 (new section C in bold italics)</b>
<p><b>25-1 Limitations in perpetuity</b> Certain rights are held in perpetuity by Christians, both individually and gathered in congregations. These rights must always be guaranteed by the Church.</p>	<p><b>25-1 Limitations in perpetuity</b> Certain rights are held in perpetuity by Christians, both individually and gathered in congregations. These rights must always be guaranteed by the Church.</p>
<p><b>25-2 These rights include, but not by way of exclusion, the following:</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> 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</p>	<p><b>25-2 These rights include, but not by way of exclusion, the following:</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> 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</p>

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<p>lawful bounds of the Essentials of Our Faith, the Westminster Standards, and the <b>Book of Order</b> of the EPC.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The Church may make no laws that infringe on the rights of the local church to elect its own officers, to own and control its own property under the laws of the state in which it is located, to determine its own benevolence and other budgetary objectives, and to determine its own internal life so long as it does not violate the Constitution of the Church.</p> <p><b>C.</b> This section (i.e., chapter) may be added to by the procedures set forth for amending the <b>Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms</b>, but no deletions may be made.</p>	<p>lawful bounds of the Essentials of Our Faith, the Westminster Standards, and the <b>Book of Order</b> of the EPC.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The Church may make no laws that infringe on the rights of the local church to elect its own officers, to own and control its own property under the laws of the state in which it is located, to determine its own benevolence and other budgetary objectives, and to determine its own internal life so long as it does not violate the Constitution of the Church.</p> <p><b>C.</b> <i>The Denomination may make no provision in the Book of Government to establish any trust, implied or expressed, on property, both real or personal, held by or for a local church in favor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The voluntary establishment of a trust is not prohibited, but any trust, to be enforceable, must be the clear intent of the owner and follow the legal requirements for trusts in the state in which the property is located.</i></p> <p><b>D.</b> This section (i.e., chapter) may be added to by the procedures set forth for amending the <b>Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms</b>, but no deletions may be made.</p>



<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> 5-9 (additional sentence in <i>bold italics</i>)</b>
<p><b>5-9 The dissolution of a local church or mission church</b></p> <p>When a congregation ceases to exist or is dissolved by Presbytery, the property, both real and personal, that may remain shall be delivered, transferred, and conveyed to the Presbytery by those holding title. The disposition of the remaining property shall be at the discretion of the Presbytery. However, in no case shall Presbytery dissolve a local church which can be reasonably deemed viable. 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.</p>	<p><b>5-9 The dissolution of a local church or mission church</b></p> <p>When a congregation ceases to exist or is dissolved by Presbytery, the property, both real and personal, that may remain shall be delivered, transferred, and conveyed to the Presbytery by those holding title. The disposition of the remaining property shall be at the discretion of the Presbytery. However, in no case shall Presbytery dissolve a local church which can be reasonably deemed viable. <b><i>This paragraph shall not be construed to constitute a trust or implied trust of any church property enforceable by the Presbytery (see also G.25-2C).</i></b> 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.</p>

Grounds: The amendments, originating from the Presbytery of the Central South, affirm the stated position of the EPC is that it makes no claim to property held by local churches (G.6-5: “The local church has ownership of its property”) and makes explicit the absence of an express trust clause in the EPC constitution. However, a trust is a type of property right that is separate from normal ownership, and trusts can be of two types, implied or expressed. The amendments would close a constitutional gap by making it clear that no property trust, whether express or implied, exists over local church property in favor of the EPC, except those trusts that reflect the clear intent of the owner and which comply with the ordinary legal requirements for the creation of trusts in the state where the property is located. These amendments are consistent with existing provisions elsewhere in the *Book of Government* that acknowledge appropriate respect for the rule of civil law and which declare that the authority of the Church is moral and spiritual only and is distinct from civil government. For those exceptional circumstances where a local church has properly been dissolved, the dissolution of its civil corporation and the disbursement of its assets are governed by existing state nonprofit corporation laws available for use by presbyteries.

**Descending Overture 14-D**

That *Book of Government* 21.3C be amended to enable the Permanent Judicial Commission to appoint a clerk instead of electing one from its membership.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3C</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3C (changes in <del>strike through</del> and bold italics)</b>
<p>C. Officers</p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission shall elect its own Moderator and a Clerk from among its members, and a careful and accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these minutes filed with the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>C. Officers</p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission shall elect <del>its own Moderator and a Clerk from among its members,</del> and <b><i>a moderator from its own body and appoint a clerk.</i></b> A careful and accurate record shall be kept of its deliberations and actions, with a permanent record of these minutes filed with the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.</p>

Grounds: When a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) serves as the clerk, it has the effect of taking that member out of the deliberations. The proposed amendment, originating as a recommendation from the Permanent Judicial Commission, gives the PJC flexibility in appointing a clerk either from within its membership or from outside, most likely a member of the Office of the Stated Clerk. Moreover, this amendment makes it possible for the PJC to have consistency from year to year in its record-keeping.

**VOTE OF THE PRESBYTERIES**

All Descending Overtures from the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly were approved by the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Presbyteries and are now before the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for ratification (G.17-2).

Per Act of Assembly 11-01, “New presbyteries established in the year following the General Assembly meeting at which a descending overture is approved have the right to vote on that descending overture. However, the total/aggregate number of Presbytery votes may not exceed the number of Presbyteries in existence at the time the General Assembly approved the descending overture.” (Minutes, 31-9).

Applying that policy to the formation of the Gulf South Presbytery from the Central South Presbytery in October 2014, those two presbyteries are counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  vote each, yielding an aggregate vote of 12, which is the number of Presbyteries in existence when Descending Overtures 14-A – 14-D were approved in June 2014.

**Overture 14-A**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	76	0
Florida	22	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	45	0
Mid-America	38	0
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	67	0
Pacific	91	0
Rivers and Lakes	35	6
Southeast	63	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**Overture 14-B**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	84	0
Florida	19	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	45	0
Mid-America	31	4
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	73	1
Pacific	95	0
Rivers and Lakes	40	0
Southeast	69	1
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**Overture 14-C**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	84	0
Florida	21	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	43	0
Mid-America	38	0

Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	75	0
Pacific	98	2
Rivers and Lakes	43	0
Southeast	70	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

**Overture 14-D**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Alleghenies	57	0
Central South (1/2 vote)	54	0
East	81	0
Florida	22	0
Great Plains	60	0
Gulf South (1/2 vote)	43	0
Mid-America	38	1
Mid-Atlantic	170	0
Midwest	75	0
Pacific	98	0
Rivers and Lakes	44	0
Southeast	70	0
West	44	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Presbyteries</b>	<b>0 Presbyteries</b>

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**EPC FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the EPC Foundation Board are John Looloian, Mike Harris, Ted Hailes and Jeff Jeremiah. Since the last General Assembly the Board met on August 12 and December 1 of 2014, and on February 12 and April 27 of 2015.



*John Looloian*  
*President*

**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 church's Presbytery that will guarantee the Loan. Having added one new loan during 2014, as of April 30, 2015, the assets of the Fund total \$795,206 of which \$680,479 has been lent to eight churches.

2. During 2012, the Board embarked on a strategic review of how the Foundation might increase its positive impacts for the Kingdom beyond the Church Loan Fund. In 2013 that review led us to determine that the Foundation might be able to facilitate 'transformational giving' for the ministries of the member churches, the congregants of those churches and their own ministry interests as well as those of the denomination, itself. In mid-2014, Board members met with the HQ staff of the National Christian Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia to discuss the possibilities of enabling our vision. This resulted in a working agreement that enables the EPC Foundation to provide significant help and support to all of the above stakeholders.

Subsequently, the balance of 2014 was spent developing a strategic plan including an initial rollout and communications plan and data for the EPC website presence. We also began discussing the idea of (a small) Field Representative team which would travel to Presbytery meetings and EPC churches that are interested in letting the Foundation assist them in their development efforts. We began a dialogue with Ruling Elder Bob Welsh in November with thought to having him operating as and developing the prototype for this function. Bob assembled a business plan and proposed budget for the prototype trial which the Board approved.

3. In early 2015, the Board petitioned and received grant funds from the Committee on Administration to implement the prototype trial. The intent is to put tools and aid in the very hands of the local church leaders, their congregants and others who might appreciate help with stewardship. We have this prototype trial underway at the present time which Ruling Elder Bob Welsh is leading for the Foundation. To date and among other things, Bob has met with several Presbyteries, a number of individual churches and leaders, several Christian ministry organization leaders and a number of (potential) donors. Bob will be continuing his development activities during the remainder of 2015 as the Board learns how best to have the EPC Foundation serve the churches and members of the EPC.

To view the Foundation's new web presence, go to [www.epc.org/foundation](http://www.epc.org/foundation).

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Looloian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Looloian  
President

June 2015

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**FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Fraternal Relations Committee (FRC) are RE John Graham, RE Peter Pugliese, TE Gary McGhee, RE Sam Searcy, RE Tod Paulson and TE Gerrit Dawson (chair). The FRC met via telephone conference call on August 13, 2014, and March 10 and May 6, 2015. Throughout the year Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah was in regular contact with FRC chair Gerrit Dawson about fraternal relations issues.



*Gerrit Dawson  
Chairman*

**The Work of the Committee**

The Committee appreciates the EPC’s commitment to becoming a “Global movement of congregations.” The Committee’s contribution to this effort is to explore and evaluate opportunities to relate with global churches and organizations with values and commitments to Christ and the Gospel that are similar to our own. We are aware that global groups are increasingly interested in a potential relationship with the EPC.

**World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)**

The EPC has been a member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) and its antecedent organization, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) since the 1980’s. Because the EPC and the PC(USA) are members of the WCRC, churches and ministers may be dismissed between us. After the PC(USA) approved a redefinition of marriage at its 2014 General Assembly, the EPC sent a letter dated August 20, 2014 to leadership of WCRC calling attention to this action of one of its members, and requested a response (Attachment FR-A). In a letter dated December 19, 2014 the WCRC responded (Attachment FR-B). It is the position of the Committee that the response of the WCRC is “no response,” given that there is no evidence of any action having taken place within the WCRC since this action of the PC(USA). The Committee has concluded that the values and commitments of the WCRC are not the same as the values and commitments of the EPC. For this reason, and for the fact that there are other global organizations with which it can more closely align, the Committee recommends to the 2015 General Assembly that the EPC exit the WCRC effective December 31, 2015 (Recommendation FRC-1).

**World Reformed Fellowship (WRF)**

The EPC has been a member of the World Reformed Fellowship since its inception in 2000. It holds a General Assembly every four years; the fourth Assembly took place March 23-27, 2015 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah and COA member Dean Weaver represented the EPC at this meeting. Also scheduled to attend was Committee chair Gerrit Dawson. Due to an insurmountable flight itinerary problem he was not able to go to Brazil. Other participants from the EPC included WRF founder Luder Whitlock (First-Orlando, FL) WRF Board member Rob Norris (Fourth-Bethesda, MD) and Corey Gray, also from Fourth-Bethesda, MD.

A minimal amount of time was needed for the “business” of the General Assembly. The sermon for daily worship was delivered by Christopher Wright. Chris was our 2012 General

Assembly Workshop speaker. Extensive time was spent addressing three challenges the global church confronts: 1) Homosexuality, 2) Islam, and 3) Human trafficking. Church leaders from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas brought the perspective of their regional context to these topics.

A first-ever gathering of WRF denominational leaders took place during the Assembly on March 25. Jeff Jeremiah consented to serve on a group that would explore how our denominations could support and encourage one another and further the work of God's kingdom. The Committee is very excited about the door of opportunity given to the EPC to participate in and have an impact on this growing organization of global churches, schools and groups. For more information about the World Reformed Fellowship, please go to [www.wrfnet.org](http://www.wrfnet.org).

#### St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina

The EPC has enjoyed a relationship with the St. Andrews Presbytery of Argentina since 1987. It was a presbytery of the EPC from that year until 2004. During this time, EPC World Outreach regularly sent missionaries to help with church planting and leadership development. Eleven years ago, St. Andrews became an independent national church. In order to formalize a continuing relationship, a five year fraternal agreement that could be renewed was approved by both bodies. The third five year agreement has been reviewed by the Committee and is recommended to the General Assembly for approval (see Recommendation FRC-2).

Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB). The General Assembly of the IPB convenes every four years. Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah represented us at the July 2014 GA held in Natal, Brazil. A measure of respect and appreciation for the EPC on the part of the IPB is illustrated by the invitation extended to Dr. Jeremiah to preach at one of the plenary sessions of the Assembly.

The close relationship of the IPB and EPC goes back to the 1980's. Andrew Jumper (GA Moderator and Pastor of Central-St. Louis, MO) led a US effort to fund a graduate school for the IPB. In appreciation for his tireless efforts that school is named the Andrew Jumper Center of Graduate Studies. Note as well that the library of the Jumper Center is named after L. Edward Davis, first Stated Clerk of the EPC. In the early 2000's, a liberal faction of the IPB seized control of the Jumper Center. Stated Clerk Mike Glodo played a significant role in reversing this takeover and restoring the faculty and orthodoxy of the school.

Fraternal Guest - Former Moderator Bill Dudley will attend the 2015 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) as a fraternal guest in June in Chattanooga, TN.

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

#### **Recommendation FRC-1**


That the Evangelical Presbyterian Church exit the World Communion of Reformed Churches on December 31, 2015.



**Recommendation FRC-2**

The Fraternal Relations Committee recommends to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that it approve the new five year fraternal agreement with St. Andrews Presbytery-Argentina.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gerrit Dawson  
Chairman

June 2015



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Brothers in Christ,

We greet you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of His Church!

While our General Assembly met in June, we received the disturbing news of the actions taken by the commissioners of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. Although our prayers had been with our related reformed brothers and sisters as they met in Detroit, we were not fully prepared to hear the actions their Assembly commissioners had taken.

Their actions appear to set the PCUSA at a greater distance from our reformed family which reverences the Scriptures with a high regard and which has acknowledged for centuries the sacredness of Christian marriage, which is a covenant between one man and one woman. The impact of their decisions will be felt among believers throughout the world.

What consideration will we of the World Communion of Reformed Churches give to these matters? Will you as leaders call us to ponder what effect these decisions will have on the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world? Will we speak with corrective clarity to these Scriptural violations and contradictions to our reformed theological heritage?

Your attentiveness to our inquiry and concern is most appreciated.

In the bond of Christ, and Christ alone,

Rev. Dr. Gerrit A. Dawson  
Chairman, Fraternal Relations Committee

Rev. Dr. William Dudley  
Chairman, Committee on Administration

Mr. Gordon Miller  
Moderator, 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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Dear brothers in Christ,

First of all please accept our deep apologies for this late response to your letter dated August 20, 2014. Your letter was sent to our former address in Geneva, Switzerland. Our offices have been located in Hannover, Germany since January 2014.


Please note as well that Setri Nyomi is no longer the WCRC General Secretary. Rev. Chris Ferguson was elected the new General Secretary in May 2014.

As a communion we are not fully acquainted with the details of the decisions taken by the PC (USA) and we should say by others in our communion, with regard to Christian marriage "as a covenant between one man and one woman" and the full implications.

This is a very important issue for the whole communion and we will need to be in conversation with the PC USA and others and outline a process within the WCRC family for consideration and response.

Thank you for concern to contribute to the up-building of the Reformed Communion.

Peace and grace as we have called to communion and committed to justice.

  
Jerry Pillay  
President

  
Chris Ferguson (Rev.)  
General Secretary

**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT / ARTÍCULOS DE ACUERDO**

Draft approved at St. Andrews Presbytery meeting 122, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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.

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.

<b>ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT</b> <b>Evangelical Presbyterian Church and St. Andrews Presbytery (Argentina)</b>	<b>ARTÍCULOS DE ACUERDO</b> <b>Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y Presbiterio San Andrés (Argentina)</b>
<b>Preamble</b>	<b>Preámbulo</b>
<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 improving our partnership in ministry for Jesus Christ by 2014.</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 cooperación en el ministerio de Jesucristo para el 2014.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE ONE</u></b> <b>Effective Dates</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTÍCULO UNO</u></b> <b>Fecha de Inicio</b></p>
<p>1.1 The effective date of this action will be upon the adjournment of the 35th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and the June 13, 2015 meeting of the St. Andrews Presbytery.</p>	<p>1.1 La fecha de inicio de esta acción será luego del cierre de la 35° Asamblea General de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y la reunión del 13 de junio de 2015 del Presbiterio San Andrés.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE TWO</u></b> <b>Relationship</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICULO DOS</u></b> <b>Relación</b></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE THREE</u></b> <b>Terms of Agreement</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTÍCULO TRES</u></b> <b>Términos de Acuerdo</b></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3.2 Governance:</p>	<p>3.2 <u>Gobierno:</u></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Hasta el tiempo en que el trabajo del Comité de Revisión Constitucional sea concluido (ver 3.4), la Constitución 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.</p>
<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, adding the amendments proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee, approved by the Sessions and ratified by the presbytery.</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, incorporando las modificaciones propuestas por el Comité de Revisión Constitucional del Presbiterio San Andrés que hubieran sido aprobadas por los consistorios y ratificadas por el prebiterio.</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</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</p>

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.	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.
3.3 <u>Ecclesiastical Structure</u> : When a second presbytery is formed, the provisions of the Book of Order regarding the General Assembly will become applicable.	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.
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.	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.
3.5 <u>Court of Appeal</u> :	3.5 <u>Corte de Apelación</u> :
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 familiar with St. Andrews Presbytery. This commission may include, but is not limited to, PJC members.	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 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.
<b>ARTICLE FOUR</b> <b>Operational Agreements</b>	<b>ARTÍCULO CUATRO</b> <b>Acuerdos de Operación</b>
4.1 <u>Fraternal Relationship</u> – the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews Presbytery shall exchange fraternal delegates biannually. 4.1.1 In keeping with St. Andrews Presbytery’s desire to bless and encourage the efforts of the EPC leaders and congregation in their ministry to the Hispanic community in the US, St. Andrews Presbytery will stand ready to help the EPC identify and develop opportunities and strategies of outreach into this community.	4.1 <u>Relaciones Fraternal</u> es – la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana y el Presbiterio San Andrés intercambiarán delegados fraternales bianualmente. 4.1.2 De acuerdo al deseo del Presbiterio San Andrés de bendecir y alentar los esfuerzos de líderes y congregaciones de la EPC que ministran a la comunidad hispana en EEUU, el Presbiterio San Andrés estará dispuesto a ayudar a la EPC a identificar y desarrollar oportunidades y estrategias de evangelización a esta comunidad.
4.2 <u>Reception of Missionaries</u> : When members of the churches of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church receive a call from God to serve in Argentina, they will be able to request permission	4.2 <u>Recepción de Misioneros</u> : Cuando miembros de las iglesias de la Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana reciban un llamado de Dios para servir en Argentina podrán solicitar permiso para ministrar a través de

to accomplish their ministry through a missionary agency. This includes other missionary agencies in addition to EPC World Outreach.	una agencia misionera. Esto incluye otras agencias misioneras además de Alcance Mundial de la EPC.
4.2.1 These missionaries will have voice but not vote in church courts of St. Andrews Presbytery. They may be full members of committees but are not eligible to serve as chairman.	4.2.1 Dichos misioneros serán recibidos con voz pero sin voto en las cortes eclesiásticas del Presbiterio San Andrés. Podrán ser miembros plenos en comités pero no podrán presidirlos.
4.2.2 Missionaries from the EPC will be subject to the EPC presbytery in which they hold membership in matters of church discipline. In matters of employment, they are accountable to their respective missionary agency. In day-to-day ministry activities they are accountable to St. Andrews Presbytery.	4.2.2 Los Misioneros de la IEP estarán sujetos al presbiterio de la IEP donde mantienen membresía en materia de disciplina eclesiástica. En materia de empleo, rendirán cuentas a la agencia misionera correspondiente. En cuanto a las actividades del ministerio cotidiano rendirán cuentas al Presbiterio San Andrés
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 seek support from EPC churches for their own support accounts.	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 buscar apoyo de las iglesias de IEP para su sostén.
4.4 St. Andrews Presbytery will be able to present to the Committee on Administration of the EPC mission projects that need financial support. When the EPC Committee of Administration has approved those projects, members of the St. Andrews Presbytery will be able to promote those projects and encourage cooperation among the churches of the EPC. Regular evaluations of these projects will be conducted by the Missions committee of the St. Andrews Presbytery.	4.4 El Presbiterio San Andrés podrá presentar al Comité en Administración de la IEP proyectos de misión que necesiten apoyo económico. Cuando el Comité en Administración de la IEP haya aprobado dichos proyectos, miembros del Presbiterio San Andrés podrán promover dichos proyectos y animar la cooperación entre las iglesias de la IEP. Evaluaciones regulares de los proyectos serán conducidas por el Comité de Misiones del Presbiterio San Andrés.
4.5 <u>Theological Education:</u>	4.5 <u>Educación Teológica:</u>
4.5.1 <u>Written Examinations:</u> The Evangelical Presbyterian Church will offer updated 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.	4.5.1 <u>Exámenes escritos:</u> La Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana ofrecerá exámenes actualizados 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.

<p>4.5.2 <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.</p> <p>This help can be channeled through the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The identification and offering of resources for biblical, theological, pastoral and missionary formation that are consistent with a reformed understanding of the <i>Missio Dei</i> and the Presbyterian ecclesiology.</li> <li>• The invitation of EPC leaders with teaching expertise who can visit the St. Andrews Presbytery and hold teaching workshops.</li> <li>• The invitation of leaders of St. Andrews Presbytery to participate in conferences and seminaries of ongoing training held in the United States of America.</li> </ul>	<p>4.5.2 <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.</p> <p>Esta ayuda podrá canalizarse a través de las siguientes iniciativas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La identificación y ofrecimiento de recursos de educación bíblica, teológica, pastoral y misionera que son consecuentes con una comprensión reformada de la <i>Missio Dei</i> y eclesiología presbiteriana.</li> <li>• La invitación a líderes de la IEP con trayectoria educativa que puedan visitar al Presbiterio San Andrés y compartir talleres de enseñanza.</li> <li>• La invitación de líderes del Presbiterio San Andrés a participar de conferencias y seminarios de capacitación continua desarrollados en los Estados Unidos.</li> </ul>
<p>4.6 <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 that will call for a significant commitment of personnel and financial resources for mission and ministry for Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>4.6 <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.</p>
<p>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 _____, 2015.</p> <p>BY/POR</p> <p>-----  Moderator, St. Andrews Presbytery  Moderador, Presbiterio San Andrés</p> <p>ATTEST/ CERTIFICACIÓN</p> <p>-----  Stated Clerk, St. Andrews Presbytery  Secretario, Presbiterio San Andrés</p>	<p>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 2015</p> <p>BY/POR</p> <p>-----  Moderator, 35th General Assembly  Moderador, 35 Asamblea General</p> <p>ATTEST/ CERTIFICACIÓN</p> <p>-----  Stated Clerk, General Assembly  Secretario, Asamblea General</p>



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**AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Ad Interim Committee on Ministerial Education are RE Bob Howard (Great Plains), TE Fred Lian (Chairman, West), TE Rob Norris (East), TE Mark Toone (Pacific), RE Ed Wedin (Central South) and TE Luder Whitlock (Southeast). Ex Officio members are Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific) and GA Moderator Bill Dudley (Southeast). The committee met September 8-10, 2014 in Livonia, MI with the Ministerial Vocation Committee, the Ministerial Committee and Care of Candidates Chairs, December 16 at GracePoint Community Church in Littleton, CO with the ICME sub-committee chaired by TE Mark Toone, and March 9-10 in Denver, CO with the entire ICME.



*Fred Lian*  
*Chairman*

**A Reminder of Our Charge**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, held at Cherry Hills Community Church, adopted Recommendation #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, *Acts 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.”

**The Work of the Committee**



Bob Howard

Our meetings centered on refining the parameters of the task to which we were assigned. This included evaluating the results of the October 2014 Survey Monkey which was sent to all Teaching Elders, with responses from Ruling Elders, also. The total number of respondents was 298 (276 TEs and 21 REs, with one non-ordained respondent). For your information, two surveys have been completed by EPC leaders for a combined total number of respondents of 529.



Mark Toone



Ed Wedin

At our September 2014 meeting, we dialogued with and listened to, the insights and comments of the Ministerial Vocation Committee (MVC), and the Ministerial Committee (MC) and Care of Candidate (CofC) Committee Chairs, regarding the potential recommendations and changes that are being considered. The MVC gave the ICME its unanimous approval of the path we are forging, and the MC and CofC Chairs were equal in their support of the direction of the ICME’s preliminary work – for which we are grateful.



Luder Whitlock



Bill Dudley

At our December 2014 meeting, the attendees were members of the ICME sub-committee. This included: TE Nate Atwood (Mid-Atlantic), TE Jim Barstow (Pacific), TE Fred Lian (West), RE Rosemary Lukens (Pacific), TE Kent Matthews (Mid-America), TE Doug Resler (West), TE Mark Toone (Chairman, Pacific), Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific) and guest RE Randy MacFarland ([West] Provost, Denver Seminary).



Jeff Jeremiah

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the scope of preparation for our ordinands. The specific charge of the sub-committee includes Character Formation and Practical Experience. The sub-committee is moving towards fulfilling this End Goal:

**Definition of End Goal**

We envision a greatly improved training process for our future pastors. Our goal is to combine:

1. *Partnering with seminaries to provide the academic core requirements that the EPC requires of a student who is pursuing EPC ordination.*
2. *Provide real life pastoral training through a one year program of designed and mentored ministry in a local church.*
3. *Augment both academic and pastoral preparation through developing a catalog of online training and teaching resources, utilizing existing EPC leaders in their areas of expertise.*

We call this approach “EPC Menternship.” Despite the very real challenges posed by the escalating cost of traditional seminary education and the need for many seminarians to both work and raise a family, we believe by combining elements 1-3 above we can ensure sound academic preparation and integrate much needed practical ministry experience. In light of the changing environment in which we are both ministering and training future ministers, we are excited about this new approach to pastoral preparation.

Our March 2015 meeting was for the purpose of narrowing our focus on the critical elements of our task, which we recognize is a work in progress and process. We have articulated

recommendations that we believe will clarify the academic standards for ordination in the EPC, correct the ambiguities that exist in the *Book of Government* 12-2 G and the *Act of Assembly* 82-07, and provide greater definition of the ordination process for the individual who is going through the Candidates Educational equivalency Program (CEEP). We appreciate the review of our proposed amendment by the Permanent Judicial Commission. It recommended and we unanimously approved a revision that better met the standards of clarity, consistency and compatibility with the Constitution. We also renamed and revised the “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders.” This document was originally intended to communicate expected ethical standards to candidates for ordination, as it was assumed they would not be familiar with our Books of Government and Discipline. However, when we proposed this in the fall, 2014 survey, we received an overwhelmingly positive response to proposing this document for use by all EPC leaders. If approved for use with Candidates under Care at this Assembly, “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders” will be sent to our presbytery Ministerial Committees for feedback as to whether it should be proposed for all EPC leaders at the 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2016. (See Recommendation ICME-5; Attachment ICME-A).

It is our desire to use the next year to Beta test the ideas we believe will be critical and valuable for the future success of our pastors and the churches they lead. Out of this meeting we agreed that we need to affirm and promote our unique ethos as the EPC, while ensuring we are consistent with our Reformed heritage. And we also established that we do not want to present any recommendation that dilutes our academic standards, while at the same time recognizing that the skill set for pastors in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is changing. Another prompt in our consideration is the rising cost of a seminary education and the debt-load individuals are carrying after graduation (the average debt is approximately \$40,000).

Through this entire process, we have also either met with, or spoken to, representatives from seminaries that teach and equip our future ordinands. The purpose of those meetings was to listen to any expressed concerns, and to communicate clearly that our task was to build upon, and alongside, the foundation of the seminary experience, all for the sake of the Church.

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

**Recommendation ICME-1**

That *Book of Government* 11-2G be amended to clarify educational requirements for Candidates Under Care, be amended as follows:

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2G Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b>
A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a degree from a four-year college and a degree from a seminary approved by the Presbytery, requiring at	A Candidate shall pursue a course of study that leads to a <del>degree from a four-year college and a</del> <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> degree from a <b><i>an accredited</i></b> seminary approved by the Presbytery, <del>requiring at least three years of study including courses in biblical Hebrew and Greek</del> <b><i>and such other</i></b>

<p>least three years of study including courses in biblical Hebrew and Greek.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p><i>standards as may be determined by Acts of the General Assembly. Academic work that is equivalent to a Masters of Divinity degree may be completed by those means designed for Candidates under extraordinary status (G.11-2I).</i></p>
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**Recommendation ICME-2**

That section 1 of the Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (*Act of Assembly 82-07*) be amended, interpreting *Book of Government G.11-2.G* as amended, to be effective upon its ratification.

<p><b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (<i>Act of Assembly 82-07.1</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (<i>Act of Assembly 82-07.1</i>)</b> <b>Additions in bold italics</b></p>
<p>1. Requirements for ordination shall be:</p> <p>a. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</p> <p>b. Seminary degree – M.Div. or equivalent including Koine Greek and Hebrew;</p>	<p>1. Requirements for ordination shall <i>ordinarily</i> be:</p> <p>a. <del>Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university;</del></p> <p>a. Seminary degree – M.Div. <b><i>Masters of Divinity</i></b> or equivalent <b><i>that shall include</i></b> including Koine Greek and Hebrew <b><i>Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>In addition:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1) Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester- hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and</i></b></p>

<sup>2</sup> G.12.2; Acts of Assembly 82-07

<p align="center"><b>Current Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (<i>Act of Assembly 82-07.1</i>)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Proposed Amendment to Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination (<i>Act of Assembly 82-07.1</i>)</b> <b>Additions in <i>bold italics</i></b></p>
<p>c. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F (new <i>Book of Government</i> 11-2);</p> <p>d. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>e. Valid call;</p> <p>f. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed.</p>	<p><i>Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></p> <p><b>2) <i>Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open-book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></b></p> <p><b>3) <i>“EPC specific” courses:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>a. EPC Polity</i></b></p> <p>b. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.12.2F.</p> <p>c. Examinations – four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</p> <p>d. Valid call;</p> <p>e. Other evidence – Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed.</p>

**Recommendation ICME-3**

That, upon ratification of amended G.11-2G, appropriate footnotes be added to the text of the *Book of Government* referring to the “Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination” (*Act of Assembly 82-07*) and the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (*Act of Assembly 83-07*).

**Recommendation ICME-4**

That the Assembly adopt specific requirements for the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program,” supplementing *Act of Assembly 83-07* and giving specification to G.11-2I: “A Presbytery, for reasons it judges adequate, may receive a Candidate under extraordinary circumstances for whom it may waive part or all of the total educational requirements for ordination. This action requires a two thirds vote by the Presbytery. When such a Candidate is received, it is appropriate to assign courses of independent study or study under some appropriate person.”

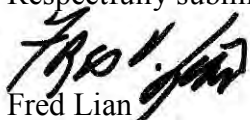
<b>Current <i>Act of Assembly 83-07</i></b>	<b>Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing <i>Act of Assembly 83-07</i>. (changes in <i>bold italics</i>)</b>
The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.	The denomination shall provide an approved “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program” (CEEP) for presbyteries preparing candidates for the ministry who have extraordinary circumstances.  <b><i>This program shall include: Old and New Testament Survey, Old Testament Exegesis, New Testament Exegesis, Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), Apologetics, Leadership, Preaching, Evangelism, Missiology, Discipleship/Disciple-making, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Ethics.</i></b>  <b><i>In addition:</i></b>  <b><i>1) Three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester-hours). Competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms shall be demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></b>

<p><b>Current Act of Assembly 83-07</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Requirements for Candidates Educational Equivalency Program, supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07. (changes in bold italics)</b></p>
<p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>	<p>2) <b><i>Original languages. The standard for ordination in the EPC is the ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages. This competency shall be demonstrated by a standardized open- book exegesis exam in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period. This exam shall be governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee.</i></b></p> <p>3) <b><i>“EPC specific” courses:</i></b>  <b><i>a. EPC Polity</i></b></p> <p>Program shall be under general oversight of Ministerial Vocation Committee. (Minutes, 3-50)</p>

**Recommendation ICME-5**

That the Assembly adopt “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders” for use with Candidates under Care, and strongly encourage its use in EPC presbyteries and churches.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Fred Lian  
 Chairman

June 2015

### Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.*

Colossians 3:1-5

As EPC leaders called by God to the gospel ministry, we must recognize the eternal significance and responsibility of that call and understand that we are being watched, our actions are being evaluated, our words are being critiqued, and our attitudes are being assessed by others in the church and in the world.

Because our highest call is to *do all for the glory of God* we must hold ourselves to a high standard of behavior. Therefore, we should:

- Exalt God as Sovereign Lord of the universe.

We should always endeavor to honor, glorify, and worship God, representing Him well in every relationship and in every endeavor.

*Psalm 29:1-2 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

- Emphasize integrity.

We are called to walk in humility, but with confidence because God is with us. There is no justification for selfishness, self-centeredness, or ego-driven goals.

We will hold ourselves to the same level of accountability that we ask of those whom we are leading.

We desire to be wise stewards of money whether personal funds or ministry funds. Theft, fraud, or the misappropriations of ministry funds or property are inexcusable. We should give an honest accounting of ministry expenses. Gifts of money or other gifts of value should not influence our decisions.

We should not speak critically of other churches, nor should we purposefully recruit believers from other churches to join our fellowship.

*1 Timothy 4:12 Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.*

- Expect excellence.

We are called to be faithful to the Bible, applying it to our own lives first as we seek God's guidance. We should share the truth of the Scriptures with wisdom, grace, and conviction, speaking the truth in love.

We should model integrity when preaching and teaching, acknowledging outside sources when their words or ideas are used.



We should study diligently to understand and promote doctrinal and theological orthodoxy.

We should lead with holiness, humility, and boldness, *looking to the interests of others* (Philippians 2:4).

We should strive to be trustworthy, to work well with others, and to work wisely. We should strive to be promise-keepers, not compromising spiritual or personal values.

We should welcome opportunities (workshops, seminars, classes) that will challenge our hearts and minds, stimulating spiritual growth.

We should lead with the authority that Jesus gives, coupled with the sacrificial life and attitude that He lived.

We should read the Scriptures regularly, meditate upon them, listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit, and pray for a moldable heart and a spiritually receptive mind.

We should strive to conform to God's will rather than surrender to human desires and agendas.

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

*Romans 12:1-3 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*

- Embrace compassion.

We are called to care for those in our charge with love, grace, and forgiveness. We should listen to understand, speak to heal, lovingly confront, and make decisions that promote reconciliation, peace and unity.

We should remember that those we are speaking with are created in the image of God. We should be kind and accepting towards all, although not accepting of unbiblical behavior or values.

We should ensure confidence in private conversations, acknowledging that it may occasionally be necessary to disclose confidential information, e.g. if that information concerns the immediate danger of bodily harm/loss of life, or when applicable laws mandate reporting.

We should always speak truth in love, recognizing that uncontrolled anger is unacceptable, and that neither gossip nor slander will be tolerated. We should avoid establishing unrealistic expectations for others or ourselves.

*Ephesians 4:29-32 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may*

*benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassion-ate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

We should care for ourselves, as well as others: spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and relationally.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

- Excel in holy behavior.  
1 Peter 1:15 *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.*  
1 Peter 2:11 *Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*  
1 John 2:15 *Do not love the world or anything in the world.*

We are called to holy living so we should not place ourselves in compromising situations, either personally or professionally. We should resist the devil and flee from temptation. We should try to identify our vulnerabilities and make specific provisions to safeguard our hearts and minds from these temptations.

We affirm sexuality as a gift from God and seek to honor this gift by conforming to biblical standards.

We should be intentional about regular self-examination.

We should strive towards a life of surrender and a repentant spirit.

- Engage Heart-to-heart.  
Proverbs 27:17 *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*

It is vital to deliberately place ourselves in relationships where mutual accountability occurs, constructive criticism can be shared without being concerned about responding defensively, where encouragement is the heart beat of these gatherings, and where focus and direction can be shaped in the presence of people who share a similar journey of personal and spiritual growth.

We should welcome accountability from spiritual partners and peers in ministry. We should willingly submit to spiritual discipline should we violate our ordination vows as leaders in the Church.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 *And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three {strands} is not quickly torn apart.*

- Empower God's people.  
We should motivate, prepare, and mobilize the people of God to impact the world for Christ. This includes inspiring co-workers and other believers to be missional and to intimately connect with the passions of God's heart.

We should esteem our co-workers as fellow laborers in the gospel ministry. We should not consider our co-workers as better than other believers, nor should we take for granted our co-worker’s gifts and abilities, time and treasure.

*Ephesians 4:12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

As a leader in Christ’s Church, and as one who represents the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, I commit to these Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the ministerial Vocation Committee are TE Michael Flake (Mid-Atlantic), TE Jerry Iamurri (Chairman, East), RE Olin Morris (Central South) and RE Phil Stump (Mid-Atlantic). There are two vacancies on the committee due to resignations during the Assembly year.



*Jerry Iamurri*  
*Chairman*

The Committee met September 8, 2014 at General Assembly headquarters in Livonia, Michigan and September 9, 2014 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the Presbytery Ministerial and Candidate Care Committee Chairmen and the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education (ICME). The Committee also met on September 10, 2014 and March 9-10, 2015 at General Assembly Headquarters in Livonia, Michigan.

On behalf of the MVC, the Chairman extends his gratitude for the time, energy and insights of Assistant Stated Clerk Ed McCallum and Administrative Assistant Carol Templin. Their participation is a gift to the committee.

**The Work of the Committee**

The meetings of the Ministerial Vocation Committee (MVC) prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly were focused on four specific areas:

**1. The Candidates Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP)**

The Committee considered educational recommendations for CEEP candidates for ordination. At the September 2014 meeting, the Committee approved recommended courses of study for Matt Lesniak and Brian Rhodes. At the March 2015 meeting, the Committee approved recommended courses of study for David Roth, Bill Doherty, James Daniels and Mark Draper. In video conferences in May 2015, the Committee approved recommended courses of study for Eric Parker and Jennifer Prechter. There are several more CEEP candidates currently under review and the Committee will continue to hold interviews during its normal course of business.

**2. Ordination Requirements**

The Ministerial Vocation Committee has conferred regularly with the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education (ICME) as have the Presbytery Ministerial and Candidate Care Committee chairmen. Together, we affirm and support the direction that ICME is proposing regarding educational requirements in preparation for pastoral ministry. We appreciate their thorough and thoughtful deliberations regarding the changing academic landscape in American theological studies.

The Committee also considered the content of the ordination examinations and the methods which are employed to administer the tests. The Committee functions to support the ordination standards set forth by the General Assembly. The Committee also reviewed recommendations regarding the Denomination's current Personal Information

Form (PIF) and Church Information Form (CIF) used to match candidates with prospective churches.

### **3. Feedback from 2014 General Assembly**

The MVC hosted the Healthy Habits Conference and participation exceeded expectations. The presenters received uniformly high marks from participant evaluations. The panel members/speakers were:

- TE Zack Eswine, “The Pastor’s Abbey,” Riverside Church (EPC), St. Louis, MO
- Dwayne and Rita Hanon, Broom Tree Ministries
- Scott Thompson, Quiet Waters Ministries
- Roy Yanke, PIR Ministries

The MVC also led the “Face-to-Face” docket item and noted the following suggestions for future Assemblies:

1. Have presenters face the audience, and
2. Place microphones as close to the front as possible, and
3. Place speaker’s contact information on the screen during their presentation.

TE Fred Lian will lead the “Face-to-Face” time at the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

The MVC hosted a newly ordained ministers’ lunch and a young ministers networking lunch. The Committee discussed combining these two events and inviting Past Moderator Bill Dudley to speak to the group.

TE Michael Flake is representing the MVC on the GA Study Committee on Sacraments on the Mission Field. They will be discussing whether certain non-ordained global workers should be given a special allowance to administer the sacraments and, if so, under what circumstances would that be permissible and what training should be required.

### **4. Recommended Resources for the EPC**

Each year the MVC reviews and commends organizations and resources that might be helpful to the professional and emotional development of pastors.

On September 8, 2014 the MVC approved adding PastorServe as a committee commended resource. PastorServe president, Jimmy Dodd, will lead one of the Leadership Institute Tracks at the 2015 General Assembly, and staff members will be available for appointments with pastors for counseling and prayer.

The MVC received word that the Barb and Jim Dixon Ministry Endowed Scholarship at Denver Seminary is accepting both contributions from donors and applications from seminarians.

The MVC has created a Facebook page that is frequently updated to include encouraging articles as well as news and announcements from the EPC. This page is administered in conjunction with the Stated Clerk’s Office and the Office of Communications.

The MVC joined in Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah's call for all pastors to use their full amount of study leave and vacation each year and for churches to ensure that both pastors and professional non-ordained staff take full advantage of this time for spiritual refreshment and professional development.

**5. Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees**

Committee member Phil Stump is working with two former MVC Chairmen (TE Walter Turner and RE Bill Meeks) and Assistant Stated Clerk Ed McCallum to update the Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committee, which is a significant resource for Presbytery committees.

**6. Using Search firms in the Pastor Search Process**

An increasing number of Search Committees using professional search firms as they seek candidates for open positions. The Committee is in active conversation with two major search firms, exploring how their services might be applicable to EPC churches.

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None this year.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Iamurri  
Chairman

June 2015

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**MODERATOR'S REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

First, welcome to Orlando for the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Those of you who were present at the earliest meetings of our denomination have been able to experience the incredible blessings God has bestowed upon a small but faithful group of dedicated Presbyterians. The number of delegates alone is some evidence of the fruit of the labors of these “founding fathers.”

Second, to those of you who have joined us more recently, I'm glad to report there is no reason to believe God is not continuing to move through the lives of our members. God's many gifts to so many of you have allowed great and wonderful things to continue to be done in His name. Jump on in and be part of the adventure!

Third, to each of you a heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to in some small way contribute to this journey God has sent us on. While I did not get to visit with as many of you as I would have liked, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Jacksonville, Oregon, I was able to experience the best of Christian fellowship along with that special sense of fraternity we derive from our strong commitment to our Essentials and our Reformed traditions. Bound together in recognition of the King we serve, yet free to express how this service is to be practiced and experienced; I was continually amazed at how the paradox of our EPC structure and freedom within our special form of Presbyterianism is played out in different, yet God-honoring ways. This diversity, yet common bond, was a joy to experience. Toss in the friends made, and the incredible stories of how God is at work through our members that you get to hear, being your Moderator isn't such a bad job. (I do not believe I did anything during my time as Moderator that should interfere with or otherwise adversely impact my “first” or “second” points. ☺ )

Fourth, as an organization, I'm glad to report we appear to be in good shape. Our financial house is in order, leadership at all levels is committed to our EPC way of doing things and planning for the future, as with any well-run organization, is a priority. Your Committee on Administration spends significant amounts of time looking for ways to better serve our presbyteries and their members, while considering how to best prepare for a culture that is less and less understanding toward people of faith. Organizational issues, while at times challenging, are professionally handled so that we can have a high degree of confidence in a staff that looks after complex issues like health care, pensions, investment, etc. These difficult issues will not be going away anytime soon, but I'm impressed with the diligence and skill with which General Assembly staff deal with them. Having never been very good at number crunching, I'm relieved to report that staff and those whose services our denomination uses in these areas do a good job of paying attention to the “numbers.” Enough cannot be said about the job our Stated Clerk does in seeing how all these



*Gordon Miller, Moderator  
34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly*

“organizational issues” are handled while dealing with all those hundreds of additional issues that are specific to a faith-based institution.

Now, the not-so-good news. While we can be confident in the organizational skills of our leadership, in what and who we are as a denomination and in how far we have come as a denomination, the cultural storm that some of you may have foreseen is here sooner rather than later. The church in America is under attack from any number of directions and our place in the public square is in jeopardy. No amount of organizational skills will allow us to escape the impact from a culture that appears hell-bent on marginalizing people of faith. Sad to say, the “growing pains” we experienced as we grew from a small group of dissidents to a major voice in the Reformed Church may be soon referred to as the “good ol’ days” as we face challenges – legal and otherwise – to the practice of our faith. Little did I expect, even as a lawyer, that one of the things I would do as your Moderator would be to review briefs we would file with the Supreme Court of the United States (amicus briefs)! Teaching Elders need to put on the full armor of God. Your tax exempt status is under attack and your sermons may be found to constitute “hate speech!” Without revival, persecution may not just be something you read about in your church history class at seminary.

As we look to the future, I have no doubt the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will continue to be well served at all levels of leadership so that we will continue to be the well run organization you’ve come to expect. Will we be able to respond effectively to the cultural mega shift we appear to be in the midst of? A year as your moderator has given me the confidence to share with you my belief based on what I have seen, heard and experienced across our denomination: God has not abandoned us. He has and will continue to move powerfully through this denomination as long as we remember we worship the King of Kings. While our culture may continue to look inward in an effort to elevate self to the throne, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and its leadership will look to Him who sits on Heaven’s Mercy Seat.

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
Glory and power be to you the only Wise King”  
(Revelation Song)

Soli Deo Gloria

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon A. Miller

Moderator

34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

June 2015



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**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Nominating Committee are RE Bruce Alexander (*East*), RE Rick Corliss (*Alleghenies*), TE Scott Jackson (*Southeast*), TE Laurie Johnston (*Great Plains*), RE Kelli Marks (*Rivers & Lakes*), TE Don Mason (*Florida*), RE Cecil Matthews (*West*), TE Pete Scribner (*Midwest*), RE Dan Sharp (*Central South*), TE Jerry Voss (*Pacific*), RE Roby Wallin, Chairman (*Mid-Atlantic*) and RE Tom Werner (*Mid-America*).

The Committee met March 13, 2015.

**The Work of the Committee**

The majority of the slate to be presented before the Assembly was determined at the Committee's March 13 meeting. Following that meeting, the Committee continued to communicate via email to finalize the slate. We especially thank Kim Avis as the Office of the General Assembly who helped us keep track of all our communications. Throughout the process of our work we were blessed to see God answer our prayers for His leading, not only in the number of candidates presented, but also in their willingness to eagerly serve Him through the work of the Assembly.

As our rapid transfer growth over the past eight years winds down and as we learn more about what it means to move from "transfer to "transformation," we pray that the Lord will provide excellent leaders at all levels of the Church. Let this report be a reminder to each of us that our ordination is not only to the local church, but also the larger church in our connectional system; and of the importance of identifying and endorsing for nomination those who are gifted and passionate about serving and leading in our Presbyteries and General Assembly – especially from the ranks of our Ruling Elders.

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

See Moderator and Moderator-Elect nominations on the following pages..

Respectfully submitted,  
Roby Wallin  
Chairman

June 2015

## Moderator Nominee – TE Mike Moses



*TE Mike Moses  
Nominee for Moderator  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly*

The Nominating Committee is pleased to place into nomination as Moderator of the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Reverend Dr. Mike Moses.

Mike has served faithfully as a Teaching Elder in the EPC for over 16 years. Previously, he worked for Young Life and Hope EPC in Cordova, Tennessee.

Mike is the founding pastor of Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, North Carolina. LFC began on October 18, 1998 and “went public” in a now-defunct Skating Rink in Huntersville (now the Toyota dealership). A church of about 150 grew that year around the stated goal to create together ‘a real place for real people and a real God.’ Two years later, seeking better space, Lake Forest moved to the Lake Norman YMCA where they grew in service to the world and their community, becoming a church of approximately 500 members. In the four years since moving into their first permanent location LFC has grown to over 2,000 souls and is known for its mission activity, creativity and a singular focus on following Jesus.

Mike earned a BA from William & Mary and an M.Div. from Fuller Seminary, where he earned the Hebrew & Greek Exegetical Scholar award. He completed the Arrow Evangelistic Leadership Program and earned his D.Min. from Gordon-Conwell-Charlotte, where he now teaches church planting and serves on their board. His doctoral work is titled ‘The Transforming Missiological Leadership of St. Patrick.’ He also serves on the board of Children’s Impact Network, which is headquartered in Bolivia. Mike is a member of the EPC Church Multiplication Task Force.

Mike and his wife Angie have two sons. Angie is a novelist who writes the faith section for their local newspaper. Mike’s hobbies include tennis, surfing with his sons and cultural travel with Angie. Mike is passionate about U2, Tolkien and EDM music.

**Moderator-Elect Nominee  
RE Scott Griffin**

Scott Griffin has served as a Ruling Elder in the EPC since 1987, when First EPC of Kent, Washington transferred into the EPC. He was a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Renton (PCUSA) for four years prior. Scott retired as a senior executive of the Boeing Company in 2007, and has been actively involved in providing *pro bono* consulting and coaching to non-profit and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) boards since then.



*RE Scott Griffin  
Nominee for Moderator-Elect  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly*

Scott has served in his local church, the Presbytery of the West, the Presbytery of the Pacific and several General Assembly committees. He has served on the EPC Committee on Administration (the “Session of the EPC”) for the past three years.

Within the Greater Seattle and Chicago metropolitan areas, Scott has served on numerous boards, including the greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Board and the Advisory Board for the Seattle Pacific University’s School of Business, Government and Economics. Scott currently serves on the Executive Advisory Board of the Center for Integrity in Business, is an alumni member of the CIO Research Board and serves as a mentor at Seattle Pacific University.

A native of Fresno, Scott and his wife Mary grew up at First Presbyterian Church of Fresno. Their mentors were Dr. Homer Goddard and Dr. Paul Pierson. Scott is a graduate of Fresno State University, holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound and a Masters in Non-Profit Leadership from Seattle University. He attended the executive programs at the University of Southern California, Carnegie Mellon University and the IESE Business School (Barcelona).

Scott has been married to Mary (Thorpe) Griffin since 1976. They have three children – Rebekah is married to Corey Petersen, Katie is married to Mike Pitts and Matt is engaged to Ashley Thordarson – and two grandchildren.

**SLATE OF NOMINATIONS – PERMANENT COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

*(Some names were not available at the time of printing and will be announced at the General Assembly meeting.)*

*(Note: ^means second term; \*means pending Session or Presbytery endorsement)*

**Committee on Administration**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Fanara	East
	RE Michael Gibson	Great Plains
	RE Rob Liddon	Central South

**Board of Benefits**

Class of 2018	TE Ron Cox ^	Mid-Atlantic
	RE Kent Talbert ^	East

**Committee on Chaplains Work & Care**

Class of 2018	TE Timothy Mallard	East
	RE George Masters	West

**Committee on Christian Education & Communications**

Class of 2018	RE Carolyn Hiller	Pacific
Class of 2017	NO Tyson Sturgeon*	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2016	NO Carolyn Miller	Southeast

**Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization**

Class of 2018	RE Rush Sherrill^	Mid-Atlantic
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**EPC Foundation**

Class of 2018	RE Greg Baggenstos*	Pacific
Class of 2016	RE Ted Hailes	Central South

**Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Class of 2018	TE Gerrit Dawson^	Gulf South
	TE Gary McGhee^	Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2017	RE Gwynn Blair	Florida

**Committee on Ministerial Vocation**

Class of 2018	RE Caroline Tromble	Rivers and Lakes
Class of 2017	TE Brad Strait	West

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

Class of 2018	RE Donald Flater	Rivers and Lakes
	RE John Graham	Southeast
	TE Dana Opp	Alleghenies

**Presbytery Review**

Class of 2018	RE Cecil Matthews	West
Class of 2017	_____	

**Committee on Student and College Ministries**

Class of 2018	RE David DeBruler^	Gulf South
	NO David T. House^	Southeast
	NO Ivan Moore	Alleghenies

**Committee on Theology**

Class of 2018	RE Bill DuBose^	Mid-Atlantic
	TE Adel Thalos^	Southeast

**World Outreach**

Class of 2018	RE Phil Castor^	East
	TE Betsy Rumer^	Alleghenies
	RE Patrick Tucker	Central South

Due to the significant changes taking place in Women In Ministry (see the Women In Ministry and Committee on Administration reports in this Handbook) and the emergence of a new leadership structure for that ministry, the Committee on Administration asked that the Nominating Committee not bring any new nominees for the Women In Ministry Committee to the General Assembly. At this stage of the “Women’s Initiative” it was premature to propose structural changes regarding the Committee. However, it is anticipated that those will come to the 2016 General Assembly.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

*ADM: Administration CEC: Christian Education & Communications CPR: Church Planting & Revitalization FRC: Fraternal Relations  
MEM: Memorials & Appreciation MVC: Ministerial Vocation O&R: Overtures & Resolutions SCM: Student & College Ministries  
THEO: Theology WIM: Women In Ministry WO: World Outreach*

TE	David Abdo	Pacific	MVC
RE	Annette Adams	Florida	CEC
RE	Will Adams	Gulf South	CPR Chair
RE	John Adamson	Central South	ADM
TE	Freddie Albaugh	West	O&R
RE	Betty Alexander	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
TE	Whitney Alexander	Gulf South	WO Resource
TE	Mike Allen	Florida	THEO
TE	Patrick Allen	Midwest	ADM
TE	Tommy Allen	Pacific	ADM
RE	Bruce Allison	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	Rev. Mark Almlie	Pacific	WO
TE	Bruce Anderson	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
RE	Fred Anderson	Southeast	FRC
TE	Liz Arakelian	Pacific	WIM Chair
TE	Cido Araujo	Southeast	O&R
RE	Zelda Artz	East	ADM
TE	Doug Ashley	West	CPR
TE	Mark Atkinson	East	FRC
TE	Nate Atwood	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
TE	Kevin Auman	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
TE	Mike Austin	Southeast	O&R
TE	Stu Austin	Florida	MVC
TE	Quique Autrey	West	CPR

RE	Ron Bachman	Mid-America	S&C
TE	Sue Bailey	West	WIM
RE	Malcolm Bain	Midwest	ADM
TE	Dan Bair	Great Plains	MVC
RE	Norton Baker	Florida	CEC
TE	Paul Bammel	Great Plains	S&C, Clerk
TE	Eric Bartel	Mid-Atlantic	CEC Resource
RE	Ed Bartelt	Mid-America	MVC
RE	Don Batchelor	Central South	CPR
TE	David Beaty	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Judy Beecher	Pacific	CEC
TE	Sharon Beekmann	West	WIM Resource
TE	Larry Bein	Central South	ADM
RE	Amy Belovesick	Alleghenies	CEC
RE	Joan Bender	Great Plains	WO
RE	Ron Bengelink	Pacific	O&R
RE	Mary Ann Berthoud	East	WO
RE	Roland Berthoud	East	O&R
RE	Milt Bevington	Midwest	M&A
RE	Pat Bevington	Midwest	CEC
RE	Suzi Bidwell	Pacific	WIM
RE	Charlotte Billingsley	Pacific	O&R
RE	Dave Billingsley	Pacific	WIM
RE	Ronda Biondi	Pacific	S&C

RE	Dave Bishop	Pacific	ADM
RE	Andy Black	Alleghenies	THEO
RE	Victor Blandford	Florida	MVC
RE	Scott Boggs	Florida	CEC
RE	Jan Bole	West	MVC
TE	Dan Borgelt	Rivers & Lakes	MVC
TE	Ben Borsay	Midwest	FRC
TE	Kirk Bottomly	Pacific	THEO
TE	Scott Bowen	Southeast	CEC
TE	Chris Bower	Central South	CEC
RE	Nan Boyer-Searle	West	THEO
RE	Ted Brandsma	West	CPR
TE	Dave Brogren	Pacific	WIM
RE	Tom Broughton	Midwest	THEO
RE	Bob Brown	East	CEC
TE	David Brown	Midwest	ADM
TE	Doug Brown	West	THEO
TE	Mary Brown	Great Plains	WIM
TE	Steve Brown	Midwest	CPR
TE	Tim Brown	East	ADM
TE	Rick Brundin	Mid-Atlantic	WO
TE	Rob Buchanan	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Brad Buescher	Great Plains	O&R
RE	Greg Bulls	West	THEO
TE	Thomas Burbridge	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	David Burke	Pacific	WIM
RE	Ben Burkholder	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Cathy Burkholder	Pacific	ADM
RE	Craig Burnett	Mid-Atlantic	MVC

RE	Rose Burnett	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Dan Burns	Central South	M&A
RE	Dave Byers	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
TE	Brown Caldwell	East	WO
RE	Lois Caldwell	East	WO
RE	Anita Campbell	Alleghenies	S&C
RE	John Campbell	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Tim Carey	Mid-Atlantic	MVC
TE	Jeff Carlson	Midwest	THEO
TE	John Carpenter	Pacific	CPR
RE	Marty Carpenter	Pacific	WIM
TE	Aaron Carr	Midwest	CPR
RE	Frank Carter	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
TE	Karyn Cartier	East	THEO
RE	Tom Carver	Southeast	CEC
RE	Ken Casey	Midwest	MVC
RE	Ward Casterton	Florida	WIM
TE	Scott Castleman	Gulf South	WO
RE	Phil Castor	East	FRC
TE	Kevin Cauley	Mid-Atlantic	WO Resource
TE	Darden Caylor	Mid-America	CEC
TE	Jeff Chadwick	Southeast	WO
RE	Glen Challingsworth	Alleghenies	CEC
TE	Rob Chambers	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
TE	Ken Chivers	Southeast	ADM
RE	Ron Cieslak	Midwest	FRC
RE	Jim Clark	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Jerry Clothier	Southeast	CPR
RE	Carroll Coakley	Southeast	FRC

TE	Josh Cole	Southeast	MVC
TE	Andy Cornette	Southeast	O&R
RE	Dave Cowan	Florida	THEO
RE	Dick Cowan	Central South	S&C
RE	John Cowan	Southeast	WO
RE	Marilynn Cox	Florida	WIM
TE	Ron Cox	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Billy Craig	Mid-Atlantic	MVC
TE	Bill Crawford	Central South	CEC
RE	Dianne Crawford	Great Plains	WIM
RE	Carol Culbertson	West	WIM
TE	Edward Cummings	Pacific	CPR
TE	Jamie Cupschalk	East	S&C
TE	Jason Curtis	Pacific	THEO
RE	Bonnie Dakan	Great Plains	WIM
RE	Tim Dakin	Pacific	ADM
TE	Grady Davidson	Southeast	THEO
RE	Greg Davidson	Southeast	CPR
TE	Becky Davis	Florida	WIM
RE	Diane Davis	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
RE	John Davis	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Lloyd Davis	Mid-Atlantic	S&C Chair
TE	Mike Davis	Central South	O&R
RE	Wilbur Davis	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
TE	Gerrit Dawson	Gulf South	FRC Resource
TE	Chris Deneen	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Vonda Derushia	Mid-Atlantic	MVC
RE	Claude Derushia, Jr.	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
RE	John Dewald	Central South	CEC

TE	Mark Dickinson	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Scott Dickson	Pacific	CEC
TE	Rick Dietzman	Pacific	WO
RE	Earl Diones	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Greg Dixon	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	David Dobbs	Central South	ADM
RE	Betty Dornbrook	Midwest	MVC
RE	Dave Dreydoppel	Pacific	FRC
TE	Nancy Duff	Pacific	THEO
TE	Marty Duffell	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Kory Duncan	Central South	S&C
RE	Rex Dunlap	Mid-America	CPR
RE	Jerry Dunning	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Mike Dyer	Pacific	CPR
RE	Rachael Earley	Midwest	S&C
TE	Chuck Echols	Southeast	THEO
RE	Mark Edwards	Gulf South	THEO
TE	Tracy Edwards	Alleghenies	FRC
TE	Baron Eliason	West	CEC
TE	Don Elliott	Central South	THEO
RE	Ann Ellis	Florida	THEO
TE	Jefferson Ellis	Alleghenies	S&C
TE	Neil Ellison	Mid-Atlantic	MVC, Clerk
TE	Aaron Elmore	Great Plains	MVC
RE	Bill Enslin	Florida	O&R
TE	Todd Erickson	Central South	O&R
RE	Mark Eshoff	Pacific	CPR
TE	Richard Evans	Pacific	CPR
TE	Matthew Everhard	Florida	THEO



TE	Shane Farmer	West	THEO
TE	Jim Farrell	East	CPR
TE	Sean Farver	Great Plains	MVC
RE	Cheryl Faulkner	Mid-America	THEO
RE	Frank Faulkner	Midwest	CEC
RE	Peggy Faulkner	Midwest	M&A
TE	Dave Fenska	Pacific	CPR
TE	Margaret Ferguson	Southeast	M&A
RE	Scott Ferguson	Southeast	FRC
RE	Dahlia Fernandez	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Denise Fink	Pacific	ADM
TE	Keith Fink	Alleghenies	WO
TE	David Fischler	East	O&R
RE	Kathy Flake	West	ADM
TE	Michael Flake	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Randy Flake	West	S&C
TE	Alec Flynt	Central South	THEO
RE	Robert Followell	Southeast	S&C
RE	Matt Foote	Mid-Atlantic	WO
TE	Don Fortson	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Dave Franklin	Florida	FRC
RE	Deborah Fransway	Florida	CEC
TE	Mike Frison	Midwest	CPR
RE	Linda Fritz	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Steve Frost	Southeast	ADM
RE	Frank Fury	Gulf South	O&R
TE	David Galbraith	Midwest	ADM
RE	Ted Galyon	Central South	WIM
RE	Murray Garbrick	Florida	CEC

TE	Nick Garner	West	S&C
TE	Brett Garretson	West	CPR
TE	Bart Garrett	Pacific	ADM
TE	Dick Gates	Gulf South	WO
RE	Al George	Pacific	CEC
TE	David George	Pacific	CEC
RE	Bob Gerdes	Mid-America	THEO
TE	Chris Gibson	Midwest	ADM
TE	Jon Gibson	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Jim Glasgow	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
TE	Ken Glasier	East	CEC
TE	Mike Glodo	Florida	FRC Chair
RE	Larry Godley	East	FRC
RE	John Good	Central South	ADM
RE	Thomas Goode	Southeast	ADM
RE	Janet Goodman	Pacific	O&R
TE	Mike Goolsby	Great Plains	WO
RE	Bob Gormley	Midwest	THEO
TE	Isaac Gould	Midwest	FRC
RE	John Graham	Southeast	THEO
TE	Hunter Gray	Central South	O&R
TE	Bryan Gregory	Mid-America	THEO
RE	Doug Gregory	Southeast	THEO
TE	Mark Gregory	Central South	CPR
TE	Mike Griffin	Pacific	O&R
RE	Alan Griffith	East	ADM
TE	Tyler Groff	Midwest	CPR
RE	John Grosser	East	S&C
RE	Larry Grout	Pacific	S&C

RE	Melissa Grubbs	Alleghenies	O&R
TE	Greg Gunn	Florida	WO
TE	Larry Hackman	Pacific	WIM
TE	Megan Hackman	Pacific	S&C
TE	Alan Hager	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
RE	Katrina Hague	Midwest	CPR
RE	Ted Hailes	Central South	CPR
RE	Ruth Lee	Southeast	FRC
RE	Steve Halavanja	Alleghenies	CPR, Clerk
RE	Michael Hall	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Josh Hanson	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Don Hardman	Mid-Atlantic	WO
TE	Wayne Hardy	Great Plains	MVC
RE	Tom Harrell	Southeast	WIM
RE	Jennifer Harrington	Pacific	O&R, Clerk
RE	Carl Harris	Great Plains	CEC
TE	Joyce Harris	Midwest	CEC Chair
TE	Richard Harris	Gulf South	S&C
RE	Tony Hatcher	Central South	WIM
RE	Ellen Heinlein	Alleghenies	THEO
RE	Adam Hemsley	Pacific	WO
TE	Drew Henderson	Great Plains	S&C Resource
TE	Dan Hendley	Alleghenies	O&R
RE	Bill Hennessey	Gulf South	MVC
RE	Ross Henry	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Tom Henson	Midwest	MVC
TE	Rich Herbster	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Mike Herrin	Gulf South	WO, Clerk
RE	George Hertensteiner	Great Plains	WO

RE	Jud Herter	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	Ken Hicks	Mid-Atlantic	MVC
TE	Brian Hill	East	FRC
RE	Helen Hill	Alleghenies	WIM
TE	Rob Hock	Midwest	ADM
TE	JT Holderman	East	MVC
TE	Jim Holland	Central South	THEO
TE	Zach Hopkins	Rivers & Lakes	O&R
TE	Ron Horgan	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Wally Hostetter	Midwest	MVC
TE	Robert Howard	Mid-Atlantic	O&R
TE	Jason Huff	Midwest	WO
RE	Sue Huff	Midwest	THEO
RE	Stan Huie	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
TE	Neal Humphrey	West	ADM
TE	Bucky Hunsicker	Mid-Atlantic	O&R
TE	Rick Hurley	Alleghenies	WIM
TE	Don Hurray	Alleghenies	FRC, Clerk
RE	Lynda Huson	Pacific	S&C
TE	Bill Hyer	Gulf South	CPR
TE	Jerry Iamurri	East	MVC Resource
TE	Mark Ingles	West	MVC Resource
RE	Pat Inglis	Southeast	THEO
RE	Phil Inglis	Southeast	THEO
RE	Clint Jackson	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
RE	Jackie Jackson	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
RE	Warren Jalving	Florida	ADM
RE	Jim Jeffries	Florida	CPR
TE	Dustin Jernigan	Mid-Atlantic	WIM

RE	Joan Johns	West	O&R
RE	Alan Johnson	West	WO
RE	Eric Johnson	Florida	S&C
TE	Heidi Johnson	Pacific	CEC
RE	John Johnson	Mid-Atlantic	WO
TE	Tom Johnson	Gulf South	FRC
TE	Tracy Johnson	East	THEO
TE	Woody Johnson	Florida	S&C
TE	Robert Johnston	West	FRC
RE	Bob Jones	Southeast	FRC
TE	Jeff Jones	Alleghenies	THEO
RE	Lynn Jordan	Pacific	THEO
TE	Tommy Jordan	Southeast	M&A
TE	Matthew Kail	Alleghenies	WO
RE	Bonnie Kane	Midwest	WO
RE	Roy Kane	Midwest	WO
RE	David Katt	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Katherine (Kitty) Katt	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
TE	Steve Keller	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Stephen Kelley	Midwest	WO
TE	Bill Kelly	East	ADM
TE	Pat Kendall	Central South	WIM
RE	Bill Kepper	Florida	O&R
RE	Sharon Kepper	Florida	MVC
RE	Marilyn Khalaji	Pacific	O&R
RE	Terri Kiddoo	Rivers & Lakes	WO
RE	Karen Kier	Midwest	CEC
RE	Tom Kier	Midwest	CEC
RE	Jacqy Kilgore	West	WO

TE	Jason Kim	West	MVC
TE	Barton Kimbro	Central South	THEO
RE	Inga Kimple	Midwest	WO
RE	George King	Gulf South	ADM
TE	Doug Klein	West	ADM Chair
TE	Scott Koenigsaecker	Pacific	THEO
TE	Andy Koesters	Midwest	S&C
TE	Roger Korsten	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Shelley Kral	West	CEC
RE	Dexter Kuhlman	Mid-America	CPR
RE	Alan Kunkle	Midwest	ADM
RE	Marie Kunkle	Midwest	WIM
TE	Kelly Kurth	Midwest	CPR
RE	Paulette Lambertson	Pacific	WIM
RE	Paul Landers	West	THEO
RE	Harvey Landholm	Midwest	FRC
RE	Jim Landis	East	CPR
RE	Freddie Langston	Florida	CPR
RE	Lu Langston	Florida	THEO
TE	Peter Larson	Midwest	WO
TE	Scott Lawry	Florida	ADM
TE	Chris Lawson	Mid-Atlantic	O&R
RE	Don Lear	Great Plains	WO
RE	Susan Lear	Great Plains	WO Chair
TE	Henry Lederle	Great Plains	THEO
TE	Jeff Lee	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
RE	Bill Leggett	Alleghenies	MVC
RE	Bob Leggett	Alleghenies	CEC
TE	Bob Lehlitner	Great Plains	WO

RE	Randall Leonard	Great Plains	WO
TE	Ian Leslie	Midwest	O&R
TE	Jim Letizia	Florida	WO
TE	Phil Letizia	Florida	FRC
TE	Fred Lian	West	MVC Resource
RE	Rob Liddon	Central South	WO
TE	Bill Lindner	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Scott Lingle	Great Plains	THEO
TE	Phil Linton	Midwest	WO Resource
RE	Darrell Lipe	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
RE	Ted Lithgow	Mid-Atlantic	M&A Chair
TE	Dick Little	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
RE	Mike Little	Southeast	WIM
TE	Greg Livingstone	West	WO Resource
TE	John Lodge	Florida	ADM
RE	Forestene London	West	CPR
RE	Johnny Long	West	WO
RE	Rosemary Lukens	Pacific	S&C
TE	John Mabray	Gulf South	CEC
RE	Charles Macgowan	Gulf South	THEO
TE	Tim MacGowan	East	FRC
TE	Joshua Maddin	Central South	S&C
RE	Rich Magee	Florida	CPR
RE	Laura Magnee	Pacific	WIM
TE	Timothy Mallard	East	WIM
RE	Bob Mannion	Mid-America	CPR
TE	Cliff Mansley	Mid-America	CEC
TE	Rick Marcy	Rivers & Lakes	CPR
RE	Matthew Markee	Mid-Atlantic	CPR

TE	Bruce Marten	Pacific	CEC
RE	Bill Martin	Central South	MVC
TE	Glen Massey	Great Plains	CPR
TE	Tom Masterson	Gulf South	WO
TE	Kent Mathews	Great Plains	MVC
TE	Steve Mattis	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Jean McCarter	Florida	ADM
TE	Austin McCaskill	Mid-America	O&R
TE	Derek McCollum	Gulf South	MVC
TE	Scott McKee	Midwest	S&C
TE	Steve McLean	East	CPR
TE	Cooper McWhirter	West	THEO
TE	Lowell Meek	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Melaku Mekuria	Pacific	WO
RE	Kedre Mellor	Great Plains	S&C
RE	Dave Mennel	Midwest	FRC
TE	Michael Merry	Alleghenies	O&R
TE	Ron Meyer	East	M&A
RE	Vicki Meyer	Pacific	CEC
RE	Ted Mikels	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
TE	Dave Miller	Florida	WIM
RE	David Miller	Rivers & Lakes	WO
TE	Gary Miller	Gulf South	MVC
TE	Matt Miller	Southeast	CEC
RE	Anne Milleville	Midwest	CEC
RE	Jim Milleville	Midwest	CEC
TE	Tom Milligan	East	WO
RE	John Milling	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Andrew Mills	Gulf South	THEO

TE	George Mitchell	Great Plains	CEC
TE	Matt Mitchell	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Diane Mizell	Southeast	THEO
RE	Doug Moak	Midwest	WO
RE	Ken Mollenhour	Midwest	CPR Resource
TE	Jeff Moore	Rivers & Lakes	CPR Resource
TE	Stephen Morefield	Mid-America	THEO
TE	Eli Morris	West	ADM
RE	Olin Morris	Central South	MVC Resource
RE	Bert Murphy	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Jim Murphy	West	CPR
TE	Dan Muttart	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Kevin Neal	Alleghenies	CEC
TE	Jim Noble	West	S&C
RE	Scott Norvell	Pacific	O&R
RE	Doug Nyhus	East	THEO
RE	Carolyn Nystrom	Rivers & Lakes	WO
TE	Ross O'Dell	Midwest	S&C
TE	Erik Ohman	Midwest	ADM Resource
RE	Mike O'Neill	Southeast	O&R
TE	Dana Opp	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	Kermit Oppriecht	Great Plains	ADM, Clerk
RE	Bill Osborne	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Susan Osborne	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Michael Owen	Alleghenies	S&C
RE	Allen Owens	Southeast	CEC
TE	Soon Pak	Midwest	CPR
TE	Bill Pardue	Southeast	CEC
RE	Joe Parker	Alleghenies	THEO

RE	Jeff Patton	Pacific	ADM
RE	Tod Paulson	Rivers & Lakes	FRC
RE	Doug Payne	West	O&R
TE	Jack Peebles	Florida	CEC
RE	Tony Pemerton	Southeast	THEO
RE	Donna Peterson	Southeast	MVC
RE	Jeremy Peterson	East	CPR
TE	Dan Phelps	West	ADM
TE	Chris Piehl	West	S&C
TE	Ronald Pierce	Central South	S&C
RE	Sharon Pierce	Florida	O&R
TE	Tom Pitman	Mid-Atlantic	O&R
TE	Waring Porter	Central South	CPR
TE	Carolyn Potet	Alleghenies	WO
TE	Bruce Powell	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Ken Priddy	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	John Quigley	Midwest	CPR
TE	Bill Rasch	Midwest	ADM
TE	Ryan Rasmussen	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Danny Redman	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Tom Reesor	Southeast	ADM
TE	Doug Resler	West	ADM
RE	Carman Reynoso	Gulf South	WIM
TE	Hector Reynoso	Gulf South	CEC
RE	Harry Rezer	East	CEC
TE	Bryan Rhodes	Gulf South	S&C
TE	Sid Rice	Great Plains	O&R
RE	Jimmy Richardson	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
RE	Wade Rider	Alleghenies	S&C

RE	Judith Riethmiller	Alleghenies	ADM
TE	Jason Riggs	Florida	ADM
TE	Jim Rizer	Midwest	WO
RE	Ken Roberts	West	MVC
TE	Lana Roberts	Pacific	WIM Resource
TE	Shawn Robinson	Pacific	S&C
RE	Allen Roes	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Jose' Rojas	Florida	CPR
RE	Rick Rosenkrans	East	MVC
RE	Melynda Ross	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Steve Roten	East	CPR
RE	Beverly Rowalt	Gulf South	CPR
RE	Jim Rubin	Pacific	WO
TE	Rev. Betsy Rumer	Alleghenies	WIM Chair
RE	Roger Rumer	Alleghenies	O&R
TE	Doug Runyan	Alleghenies	ADM
TE	Bruce Rux	Central South	MVC
RE	Mike Sadler	West	CPR
TE	Steve Sage	Midwest	THEO
TE	George Salnave	Rivers & Lakes	CEC
TE	Carter Sanger	Central South	CPR
RE	Ray Sawmiller	Midwest	THEO
TE	Tom Sawyer	Alleghenies	MVC
RE	Robert Sayle	Central South	WO
RE	Bob Schielke	Florida	FRC
RE	Warren Schoonover	West	ADM
RE	David Schottky	Pacific	O&R
TE	George Schwab	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Cindy Schwartz	West	ADM

TE	Andy Scott	Alleghenies	WO
RE	Brian Scott	Great Plains	FRC
RE	Ray Scott	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
RE	Terry Scott	Alleghenies	MVC
TE	Tyler Scott	Pacific	WIM
RE	Sam Searcy	West	FRC
RE	Steve Searle	West	MVC
RE	marge segraves	Pacific	O&R
RE	George Seib	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Sherry Seib	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Jack Seifert	Pacific	CEC
TE	Bill Senyard	West	CEC
TE	Marc Shefelton	Alleghenies	O&R
TE	Tom Sheppard	Florida	FRC
RE	Rush Sherrill, Jr.	Mid-Atlantic	CPR Resource
RE	Cordelia Shieh	Pacific	CPR
RE	Steve Shiflett	Central South	FRC
TE	Will Shurley	Gulf South	FRC
RE	Paul Slvers	Midwest	ADM
RE	Larry Simeral	Gulf South	CEC
TE	Rev Daniel Situka	Gulf South	WO
RE	Ray Skinner	Florida	FRC
RE	Eric Skoog	West	WO
RE	George Sloan	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Pat Sloan	Mid Atlantic	CEC
RE	Alfred Smeilus	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
TE	Andrew Smith	East	CPR
TE	Cameron Smith	Mid-Atlantic	CEC, Clerk
RE	Carleton Smith	Central South	THEO, Clerk

TE	Clay Smith	Mid-Atlantic	FRC
TE	Rufus Smith	West	CEC
TE	Adam Snow	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	David Snyder	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Tom Snyder	Midwest	S&C
RE	Keith Speer	Midwest	CPR
RE	Bill Spencer	Mid-America	THEO
RE	Don Spencer	Gulf South	THEO
TE	Eddie Spencer	Florida	ADM
RE	Jim Spencer	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
RE	Susan Stafford	Midwest	WIM
TE	Bob Stauffer	Alleghenies	ADM
TE	Rick Stauffer	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	Jason Steele	East	CEC
RE	Anne Stevenson	Florida	WIM
RE	Scarlett Stewart	Florida	S&C Resource
TE	Tony Stiff	Pacific	THEO Chair
TE	Eric Stiller	Mid-America	THEO
TE	Matt Stith	Alleghenies	MVC
RE	John Stoke	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Brad Strait	West	MVC
RE	Kenny Strawn	Gulf South	M&A
TE	Steve Strickler	Mid-Atlantic	WIM
RE	Hillard Strong	Gulf South	FRC
TE	David Strunk	West	THEO
RE	Phil Stump	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Tammy Sullivan	Alleghenies	ADM
TE	Shane Sunn	West	CPR
TE	David Swanson	Florida	ADM

RE	Elizabeth Sweeney-	Great Plains	ADM
TE	Dr. Don Sweeting	West	WIM
RE	Michael Sywulak	East	WO
RE	Kent Talbert	East	O&R Chair
TE	Robert Tansill	Central South	THEO
RE	Murat Tanyel	Alleghenies	THEO
RE	Bill Taube	West	ADM
RE	David Taylor	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Tyson Taylor	West	CEC
TE	Chuck Testas	Midwest	THEO
RE	Neil Thacker	Mid-Atlantic	ADM
RE	Terry Thill	Gulf South	ADM
RE	Bobby Thomas	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Bern Thompson	Pacific	CPR
RE	Cheryl Thompson	Pacific	CPR
TE	Doug Thompson	Midwest	WO Resource
TE	Case Thorp	Florida	FRC
TE	Phil Thrash	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
TE	Jim Thyne	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
RE	Steve Timmons	Great Plains	THEO
RE	Suzie Timmons	Great Plains	WIM
TE	Bob Titus	Alleghenies	WIM
RE	Steven Tomcek	Rivers & Lakes	THEO
TE	Mark Toone	Pacific	MVC Resource
TE	Anthony Tori	East	ADM
TE	John Torres	East	O&R
RE	John Torrey	Gulf South	CEC
TE	Tony Toth	Pacific	S&C
TE	Alan Trafford	Gulf South	ADM

RE	Caroline Tromble	Rivers & Lakes	MVC
TE	Ted Tromble	Rivers & Lakes	WO
RE	Rick True	Central South	S&C
RE	Pat Tucker	Gulf South	THEO
RE	Frances Tyler	Gulf South	WO
TE	John Uhl	Gulf South	WIM
TE	Wayne Uppendahl	Midwest	CPR
RE	Howard Utz	Pacific	S&C
TE	Jerry Van Auken	Midwest	ADM
TE	Stan Van Den Berg	Pacific	FRC
TE	Ken Van Kampen	Central South	M&A, Clerk
RE	David VanValkenburg	West	ADM
RE	Phil VanValkenburg	Midwest	ADM Resource
TE	Craig Vanbiber	Gulf South	WIM
TE	Wes Vander Lugt	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
RE	Hans Vargas	Midwest	CPR
TE	Bill Vogler	Gulf South	THEO
RE	Ingrid Voss	Pacific	S&C
TE	Jonathan Wagner	Gulf South	S&C
RE	Brigitt Walker	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
TE	David Walker	Midwest	WIM
TE	Doug Walker	Midwest	FRC
RE	George Walker	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Gordon Walls	West	O&R
RE	Scott Walter	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
RE	Andy Warner	Midwest	CPR
RE	Lee Warren	Mid-Atlantic	S&C
TE	David Weber	Mid-Atlantic	CEC
RE	Ed Wedin	Gulf South	ADM Resource

RE	Barron Weeks	West	O&R
TE	Todd Weiland	Great Plains	M&A
TE	Brandon Wells	Central South	WIM
TE	John Werth	Great Plains	WO
TE	Rob Westlund	Mid-Atlantic	MVC
RE	Brenda Wheeler	Pacific	WO
RE	Bob Wheelock	Midwest	O&R
TE	Christopher White	Alleghenies	S&C
RE	Harold White	Central South	ADM
TE	Mitch White	Mid-Atlantic	CPR
TE	Richard White	Mid-Atlantic	WO
RE	Mike Wichman	Great Plains	CPR
TE	Scott Wiest	Alleghenies	CEC
TE	Alan Wildsmith	Southeast	THEO
TE	Alan Wilkerson	Pacific	MVC
TE	Mark Willems	Pacific	THEO
RE	Anne Williams	Central South	WIM
RE	Gail Williams	Florida	O&R
RE	Pattianne Williams	Alleghenies	THEO
TE	Lance Williamson	Pacific	FRC
TE	Sandy Willson	Central South	M&A
RE	Phil Wong	Midwest	WIM
RE	Diane Wonhof	West	THEO
TE	Jason D. Wood	Gulf South	CPR
TE	Bill Woodman	Alleghenies	CPR
TE	Steve Woodworth	Mid-Atlantic	THEO
TE	Alan Wright	Mid-Atlantic	O&R
RE	Roy Yanke	Midwest	MVC Chair
TE	Michel Yonts	Florida	WO



RE	Frederick Young	Midwest	THEO
RE	Pat Youther	Midwest	CEC
RE	Pam Yri	Midwest	M&A
TE	Jason Yum	Pacific	WIM

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**REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) are TE Bill Catoe, RE Jim Herring, RE David Leighton, RE Stephen Mahan, TE Paul Pankey, RE Jim Rimmel (Moderator), RE Ron Schwedland, RE Joe Slesinski and RE David Tyra. Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah and Assistant Stated Clerk Ed McCallum resource the Commission on a regular basis.



*Jim Rimmel*  
*Moderator*

The PJC met face to face on May 14-16, 2015 in the General Assembly Office. It met via telephone conference call on August 9, October 31 and December 19, 2014 and on March 14, 2015. A subgroup of the PJC met face-to-face December 19-20, 2014 to begin a revision of the *Book of Discipline*. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the Office of the Stated Clerk.

What is the authority of the PJC? Simply put, the Permanent Judicial Commission serves, along with the office of the Stated Clerk, as an arm/agent of the General Assembly between its annual meetings in June. The PJC reports its actions/decisions each year as recommendations to the General Assembly for its final decision. The scope of the Permanent Judicial Commission authority and responsibilities is succinctly set out in the *Book of Government* [hereafter **G.**] 21.3D.1(4). Close examination of these provisions declare that the Commission is required to present its decisions/recommendations to the General Assembly each year for approval or other action as the Assembly deems appropriate. And, while under some circumstances PJC decisions are to be considered binding, this is “until the General Assembly shall vote to sustain or not sustain the judgment of the Commission.” In other words, it is the General Assembly and not the PJC who has the final word concerning proposed amendments, member complaints, disciplinary appeals, etc. This is materially different than other church bodies that some have been previously associated.

**Matters Regarding Complaints**

At its October 31, 2014 meeting (conference call) the PJC considered the complaint of TE Ian Lamont against a September 27, 2014 action of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery dissolving his call as evangelist at Trinity Mission Church-Hilton Head Island, SC. At this session the PJC voted to continue the matter until the Record of the Case had been received and reviewed. On December 19, 2014 the PJC met once again via a conference call and, among other things, dismissed Dr. Lamont’s prayed for relief that Mid-Atlantic Presbytery “provide [him] a proper severance” determining that there is no stated constitutional right to severance. (The record does reflect that a severance/love offering was paid to Dr. Lamont by Trinity.) In addition, the PJC directed that TE Lamont be provided the Record of the Case as well as various questions related to his complaint and his remaining prayed for relief requests, namely “Require the PMA [Mid-Atlantic Presbytery] (with oversight from the GAEP[C] [General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church] to discharge its constitutional duties to fully and fairly investigate the actions of the CDC [Church Development Committee] and/or the MC [Ministerial Committee] in failing to deal fairly and openly in assisting Trinity Mission Church HHI to seek reconciliation between Evangelist,

Ian Lamont, and Trinity Mission Church” and “Require all necessary corrections and changes (to be recommended by the GAEPC) to bring the PMA’s policies and practices into compliance with the Scriptures (esp. Matt 18), the *Book of Government* and good practice.” The matter was once again held in abeyance pending receipt of TE Lamont’s responses, to be provided to the Stated Clerk’s Office no later than February 15, 2015. At its March 14, 2015 conference call meeting the PJC approved the scheduling of an oral hearing to address, among other things, the following: 1) Whether **G.14.1** (The dissolution of a pastoral relationship) is applicable in the instant case, 2) Whether **G.14.1** was adhered to in the instant case. The oral hearing, which lasted for approximately two (2) hours, was held on Friday, May 15, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing the parties were provided the opportunity to proffer oral argument in support of their positions in this matter with both availing themselves to this opportunity. Following oral arguments members of the Commission asked the parties’ designated spokespersons a number of questions on various issues raised by the record. The PJC ruled to dismiss the complaint of TE Lamont against Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (see Recommendation PJC-1).

At its meeting on August 9, 2014, the PJC considered the August 6, 2015 action of the Presbytery of the East rescinding its earlier April 26, 2014 action granting an exception to the *Book of Government’s* call procedures for a local church. The earlier April 26 action had resulted in complaints being filed by Alex and James Cooke as well as by Richard Belzer and William and Lucy Snyder seeking an order declaring Presbytery’s action unconstitutional. At its session, the PJC found that the Cooke complaint had been rendered moot by the August 6, 2014 action of the Presbytery of the East rescinding the contested action of April 26, 2014. The PJC also found that counts 1 and 3 of the Belzer, *et. al.* complaint had been rendered moot by the August 6, 2014 action of the Presbytery of the East. Further, the PJC found count 2 of the Belzer Complaint was not properly before it per *Book of Discipline* [hereafter **D.**] 13 (“Complaints”), as it failed to state a cause of action upon which relief could be properly granted under Chapter 13 of the *Book of Discipline*. Count 2 was thus dismissed without prejudice. The PJC noted that complainants could file disciplinary charges, if deemed appropriate, in accord with the requirements/limitations set out under **D.1 – D.6** (see Recommendation PJC-2).

### **Matters Regarding Amendment to the Book of Order**

On referral from the Stated Clerk, the PJC examines all proposed amendments to the Constitution for “clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.” (**G.21-3D.2a**) Pursuant to this provision, the PJC finds:

- 1) The amendments to **G.** as proposed by the Interim Committee on Sacraments on the Mission Field are clear, consistent and compatible with other provisions of the Constitution of the EPC, and should be considered by the Assembly.
- 2) After review and amendment by the PJC, the amendment to **G.** as proposed by the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education is considered clear, consistent and compatible with other provisions of the Constitution of the EPC, and should be considered by the Assembly.

### **Other Matters Regarding Amendments to the Book of Order**

The PJC may make recommendations of its own to the Assembly “concerning wording, changes, amendments, additions or other matters relating to the Constitution of the Church” (G.21-3.D4). Pursuant to this provision, the PJC recommends:

1) A revision to the *Book of Discipline*. With the recent revisions to the *Book of Government* and *Book of Worship*, the PJC concluded that a revision of **D.** was in order. Toward this end a PJC sub-group of Bill Catoe, Jim Herring, Jim Rimmel and David Tyra met December 19-20, 2015 at the GA Office to begin this work. In order to ensure these proposed changes are clear, consistent and compatible with the Constitution, the PJC subsequently completed a revision of the entire **D.** The PJC proposes recommendations that will enable the Assembly to consider this proposed revision to **D.** (see Recommendations PJC-3 and PJC-4 and Attachment PJC-B).

2) The following changes to the *Book of Government*:

**G.22-4C** which limits references made to a higher court. This proposal is intended to make clear that no action may be taken under the reference provisions that conflict with the EPC Constitution (see Recommendation PJC-5).

**G.21-3D.1**, which creates a “chief constitutional officer.” This proposal is rooted in a desire to provide a point person for local church and presbytery representatives to bring constitutional interpretation questions to and facilitate orderly/timely handling of disciplinary appeals and member complaints. This does not envision an increase in General Assembly staffing (see Recommendation PJC-6).

**G.21-3D.5**, to authorize the use of a Hearing Officer or Committee of PJC Commissioners to hear disciplinary appeals and complaints filed with the General Assembly so as to allow a more timely handling of these matters. All Hearing Officer/Committee recommendations under this process will be acted upon by the PJC as a whole before being taken to the General Assembly for final action (see Recommendation PJC-7).

### **Matters Regarding Interpretation of the Book of Order**

The PJC recommends to the Assembly its interpretation of provisional opinions issued by the Stated Clerk interpreting the **Book of Order** (G.21-3.D1). The PJC reviewed the January 29, 2015 provisional opinion of the Stated Clerk which reads:

1. The Presbytery of the Alleghenies does not have jurisdiction in the matter of former TE Wayne Bogue. He renounced jurisdiction of the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery. When the Transitional Presbytery was dissolved, Hudson Presbyterian Church and its pastor(s) were transferred to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. TE Wayne Bogue was not transferred as he was no longer a member of the Transitional Presbytery (see **G.14-4C** and **D.3-5**).
2. Having renounced membership, former TE Wayne Bogue removed himself from membership and ordained office in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (**G.14-4C**).

Should he seek re-ordination, he should go through the ordination process as stated in G.11 “Preparation for Office” (see Recommendation PJC-8 and Attachment PJC-A).

**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

**Recommendation PJC-1**

That the Assembly sustain the decision of the PJC dismissing TE Lamont’s Complaint against the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (see pp. PJC-1 – PJC-2).

**Recommendation PJC-2**

That the Assembly sustain the decisions of the PJC dismissing both the Cooke and Belzer complaints against the Presbytery of the East relative to the Presbytery’s April 26, 2014 action concerning the call of a pastor by a local church (Fourth Presbyterian), said complaints respectively dated April 30, 2014 and May 9, 2014 (see p. PJC-2).

**Recommendation PJC-3**

That the Assembly receive the Proposed *Book of Discipline* as an entire report without further amendment at this time; and that the requirement to read the report in its entirety be waived; and the *Rules for Assembly*, 14-2, be suspended in order that the report may be adopted as an entire report (see Attachment PJC-B).

**Recommendation PJC-4**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed *Book of Discipline* that is presently before it (see Attachment PJC-B).

**Recommendation PJC-5**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed change to G.22-4.

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 22-4C
	<b><i>C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, no higher Court that accepts a reference from a lower Court may render a decision that conflicts with any other provision of the Constitution of the EPC.</i></b>

**Recommendation PJC-6**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed change in G.21-3.D.1 in establishing a Chief Constitutional Officer.

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b>	1. Interpretations of the <b>Book of Order</b>

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.1 (changes in <b><i>bold italics</i></b> )
<p>Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee, shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons, and the Assembly shall act as it deems wise.</p>	<p>Questions concerning interpretation of the <b>Book of Order</b> coming to the General Assembly shall be referred by the Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk may issue a provisional opinion that is binding until acted upon by the next General Assembly. <b><i>The Stated Clerk, with the concurrence of the Permanent Judicial Commission, may assign these duties to a Chief Constitutional Officer.</i></b></p> <p>The Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as a committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>a. Shall review all referrals and</i></b> shall recommend to the Assembly its interpretation, along with reasons. The Assembly shall act as it deems wise.</li> <li><b><i>b. Shall review all provisional opinions and shall recommend to the Assembly that they be sustained, not sustained, or amended, along with reasons.</i></b></li> </ul>

**Recommendation PJC-7**

That the Assembly adopt the proposed new provision in G.21-3D.5 allowing the use of appeal/complaint Hearing Officers/Committees by the PJC.

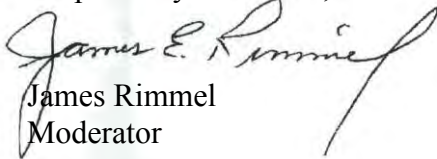
No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5
	<p>The Commission may appoint a Hearing Officer or Committee from its members to hear appeals under Chapter 12 or complaints under Chapter 13 of the <i>Book of Discipline</i>. The General Assembly Stated Clerk or his designee may serve as a resource person in any such proceeding. After any such hearing, the Hearing Officer / Committee will report his/its findings, with recommendations, if any, to the Commission, which will take whatever action it deems appropriate in accord with the provisions of Chapter 12, Chapter 13 of</p>

No Current <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-3D.5
	the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and/or Chapter 21-3 of the <i>Book of Government</i> .

**Recommendation PJC-8**

That the Assembly approve the January 29, 2015 provisional opinion issued by the Stated Clerk to the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery concerning former Teaching Elder Wayne Bogue (see p. PJC-3 and Attachment PJC-A).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Moderator

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Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (MAP)

**Subject: Provisional Opinion**

Request:

In accord with G.21-3D.1, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery (MAP) Stated Clerk Howard Shockley requested a provisional opinion in the matter of Wayne Bogue, formerly a Teaching Elder in the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery. The church at which TE Bogue had served was transferred into the Presbytery of the Alleghenies when the Transitional Presbytery was closed. TE Bogue has requested of Mid-Atlantic Presbytery that he be “re-instated” as a Teaching Elder. The MAP Stated Clerk asked whether Alleghenies or Mid-Atlantic had jurisdiction over TE Bogue. In addition, MAP seeks guidance as to how to respond to TE Bogue’s request for “re-instatement.”

Finding:

It was confirmed by TE Dean Weaver, former Moderator of the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery that TE Wayne Bogue renounced jurisdiction shortly after resigning from Hudson Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH.

Provisional Opinion:

1. The Presbytery of the Alleghenies does not have jurisdiction in the matter of former TE Wayne Bogue. He renounced jurisdiction of the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery. When the Transitional Presbytery was dissolved, Hudson Presbyterian Church and its pastor(s) were transferred to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. Former TE Wayne Bogue was not transferred as he was no longer a member of the Transitional Presbytery. (See G.14-4C and D.3-5 below)
2. Having renounced membership, former TE Wayne Bogue removed himself for ordained office in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Should he seek re-ordination, he should go through the ordination process as stated in G.11 “Preparation for Office.”

Constitutional Citations:

D.3-5: “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.”

G.14-4C: “By renouncing jurisdiction of the Church. Renunciation of jurisdiction shall have the effect of removing the officer from membership and ordained office in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and terminating that person’s exercise of office.”



**Proposed Revisions to the *Book of Discipline***

<p><b>Current <i>Book of Discipline</i></b>  <del>Strike through</del> indicates text dropped from proposed chapter 1  <b>Highlight</b> indicates section moved to a new location in proposed chapter 1</p>	<p><b>Proposed <i>Book of Discipline</i></b>                      Additions in <b><i>bold italics</i></b></p>
<p><b>CHAPTER 1: DISCIPLINE – ITS NATURE, SUBJECTS AND PURPOSE</b></p> <p><b>1-1 Definition of Church Discipline</b></p> <p><del>Discipline is the exercise of authority given the church by the Lord Jesus Christ to instruct and guide its members and their children and to promote its purity and welfare. The term has two senses: the one referring to the whole government, inspection, training, guardianship and control which the church maintains with respect to its members, its officers, and its courts; the other a restricted and technical sense, signifying ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</del></p> <p><del>The word “discipline,” when used in this <i>Book of Discipline</i>, shall be deemed to refer to ecclesiastical judicial procedures unless the context demands otherwise.</del></p> <p><b>1-2 Grounds for <del>Ecclesiastical Judicial Procedures</del></b></p> <p><del>Not everything displeasing to God is a ground for ecclesiastical judicial procedures. Offenses which require discipline are three kinds: Heresy, which consists of holding beliefs,</del></p>	<p><b>CHAPTER 1: DISCIPLINE – ITS NATURE, SUBJECTS AND PURPOSE</b></p> <p><b>1-1 Definition of Church Discipline</b></p> <p><i>There are two kinds of authority vested in the church; the responsibility of order and the authority of jurisdiction.<sup>3</sup> Both kinds of authority are given the church by the Lord Jesus Christ to instruct and guide her members and to promote her purity and welfare. Discipline is the exercise of the responsibility of order, particularly in regard to the reproving of the erring.<sup>4</sup> As the exercise of such authority may adversely affect the membership rights of an individual who has been accused of an offense, the authority requires the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</i></p> <p>The word “discipline,” when used in the <i>Book of Discipline</i>, <b><i>chapters 1-11, shall therefore refer to the use</i></b> of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p><b>1-2 Grounds for Discipline</b></p> <p>Not everything displeasing to God is a ground for <b><i>discipline</i></b>. <b><i>The</i></b> offenses <b><i>that</i></b> require discipline <b><i>and are subject to ecclesiastical judicial procedures are as follows:</i></b></p>

<sup>3</sup> *Book of Government* 3-2 and 3-3

<sup>4</sup> *Book of Government* 3-2

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<p>doctrines, or practices contrary to the Scriptures and condemned in the subordinate standards; Immorality; and Contempt for the established order of the church.</p> <p><del>In the case of misunderstandings and disputes which are not offenses requiring discipline, the church or its members or officers may attempt to assist in achieving reconciliation or other resolution, but shall have no obligation to do so.</del></p> <p>No Minister should be shielded from discipline or lightly sanctioned on account of his office. Neither should actions for serious charges be received against him on slight grounds.</p> <p><b>1-3 Church Members Who Are Also Employees</b></p> <p>The employer/employee relationship is not within the scope of <del>coverage of this <i>Book of Discipline</i></del>. Church members who are also employees of the church shall be subject to discipline as an employee under whatever procedures may be established by the church for employees. They <del>shall</del> also be subject to discipline as a member under the Book of Discipline.</p> <p><b>1-4 Persons Subject to Discipline</b></p> <p>All active and inactive members of the church, confirmed, baptized, and</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heresy</li> <li>2. Immorality, and</li> <li>3. Contempt</li> </ol> <p><b>1-3 Church Members, Who Are Also Employees</b></p> <p>The employer/employee relationship is not within the scope <b><i>of the Book of Discipline</i></b>. Church members who are also employees of the church shall be subject to discipline as an employee under whatever procedures may be established by the church for employees. They <b><i>may</i></b> also be subject to discipline as a member under the <b><i>Book of Discipline</i></b>.</p> <p><b>1-4 Persons Subject to Discipline</b></p> <p>All active and inactive members of the church,<sup>5</sup> confirmed, baptized, and</p>

<sup>5</sup> This includes Commissioned Pastors (G.9-11), who are under the original jurisdiction of the Session of the local church of which they are members.

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<p>affiliate, are entitled and subject to the benefits of discipline.</p> <p><b>1-5 Purpose of Discipline</b></p> <p><del>The exercise of discipline is highly important and necessary.</del> The purpose of discipline is to maintain the honor of God, to restore the sinner, and to remove offense from the church. Ministers must instruct the officers and congregation in discipline and jointly practice it in the context of the congregation and courts of the church.</p> <p><b>1-6 Basis of Discipline</b></p> <p>Scriptural law is the basis of all ecclesiastical discipline because it is the revelation of God's holy will. Proper disciplinary principles are set forth in the Scriptures and must be followed. <del>According to Matthew 18:15 and Galatians 6:1, these principles include instruction in the Word and the individuals' responsibility to admonish one another.</del></p>	<p>affiliate, are entitled and subject to the benefits of discipline.</p> <p><b><i>All Teaching Elders are subject to discipline. Accordingly, no Teaching Elder should be shielded from discipline or lightly sanctioned on account of his office. Neither should serious charges be received against him<sup>6</sup> on slight grounds.</i></b></p> <p><b>1-5 Purpose of Discipline</b></p> <p>The purpose of discipline is to maintain the honor of God, to restore the sinner, and to remove offense from the church. Teaching Elders must instruct the officers and congregation in the use of discipline and jointly practice it in the context of the congregation and courts of the church.</p> <p><b>1-6 Basis of Discipline</b></p> <p><b><i>As the revelation of God's holy will, Scriptural law is the basis of all discipline. Therefore, proper disciplinary principles, as set forth in the Scriptures, must be followed before any charge alleging a personal offense can be brought before a court of the church.</i></b></p>

<sup>6</sup> When used herein, the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular number shall include the plural unless the context demands otherwise.

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<p><del>If the initial admonition is rejected, then one or more witnesses must be called (Matthew 18:16).</del></p> <p><del>If rejection persists, then the church must act through her courts in proper order for the exercise of discipline.</del></p> <p><del>No charge involving a personal offense will be received unless the offended person alleges and proves to the court evidence demonstrating that he has followed the procedures required under Matthew 18:15-16 and Galatians 6:1.</del></p> <p><del>If anyone knows a Minister to be guilty of a private offense, he should warn him in private. But if the offense <del>be persisted in</del>, or become public, he should bring the case to the attention of some other Minister of the Presbytery.</del></p> <p><b>1-7 Definition of “Church”</b></p> <p>“Church” - As used in this <i>Book of Discipline</i>, the word “church” shall refer to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, including her General Assembly, Presbyteries (including mission churches), and particular churches.</p> <p><b>1-8 Definition of “Contempt”</b></p> <p>Contempt is willful conduct done in deliberate disrespect of a court of the church, the constitutional documents</p>	<p><b><i>When a charge of personal offense is brought before any court of the church, the party bringing the charge must include a certified statement detailing how the principles outlined in Matthew 18:15 and Galatians 6:1 have been met.</i></b><sup>7</sup></p> <p>If anyone <b><i>has evidence to suggest that a Teaching Elder</i></b> may be guilty of a private offense, he should warn him in private. But if the offense persists, or becomes public, he should bring the case to the attention of some other <b><i>Teaching Elder</i></b> of the Presbytery.</p> <p><b>1-7 Definition of “Church”</b></p> <p>“Church” - As used in this <i>Book of Discipline</i>, the word “church” shall refer to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, including her General Assembly, Presbyteries (including mission churches), and <b><i>local</i></b> churches.</p> <p><b>1-8 Definition of “Contempt”</b></p> <p>Contempt is willful conduct done in deliberate disrespect of a court of the church, the constitutional documents</p>

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	<p><b><i>with the authority of jurisdiction. The authority of jurisdiction is the power to rule and is a joint power to be exercised in church courts in regular gradation. The exercise of such power shall always reflect the essential unity of the church.<sup>9</sup> The exercise of the authority of jurisdiction provides the court with the authority to decide issues of government, administration, or law as it pertains to the rule of the church.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>In the case of actions by a church court raising issues, misunderstandings, and disputes, which are not personal offenses requiring discipline, but which raise issues that bear upon the authority of jurisdiction, one may seek review / file a complaint (petition, request for review by) in the court having original jurisdiction thereof. Such complaint, however, will not be subject to ecclesiastical judicial procedures unless the court determines that the conduct made the basis of the complaint is willful and done in deliberate disrespect of a court of the church, the constitutional documents of the church, or the officers of the church acting in their official capacities. If such determination is made, the court will then signify the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures in all further proceedings and, upon judgment, an automatic appeal will be taken to the next higher court.</i></b></p>

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<sup>9</sup> Book of Government 3-2B

<b>No changes recommended to CHAPTER 2: PASTORAL CARE</b>
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**New Chapter 3****Processes applicable to all Ecclesiastical Judicial Procedures****3-1 *Ex parte* Communications**

- A. Once any ecclesiastical judicial procedure under this *Book of Discipline* is commenced, *ex parte* communications are prohibited.
- B. An *ex parte* communication is any form of communication to the presiding court or commission (Session, Presbytery, Judicial Commission, or Permanent Judicial Commission, including the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly) by one party to a proceeding in the absence of the other parties to that proceeding that relates to the merits of the proceeding. It includes but is not limited to verbal, written, electronic, or any other form of communication.
- C. This prohibition against *ex parte* communication does not include questions on procedural matters that may be addressed to the Clerk of the court or commission. But otherwise the prohibition against *ex parte* communication on the merits of the proceeding applies to the Clerk of the court or commission.
- D. Therefore, the church courts, its officers, and judicial commissions shall act in accordance with the following:
  - 1. Any attempt at *ex parte* verbal communication shall be immediately interrupted by the member of the court to whom the communication is directed. The member of the court shall make a record of the attempted communication, place it in a separate file, and communicate to the other side the attempted *ex parte* communication. The record of the attempted communication shall include the name of the person(s) attempting to so communicate and the date of the attempted communication; under no circumstances shall the content of any *ex parte* communication be added to the case file of the subject ecclesiastical judicial proceeding;
  - 2. Any form of *ex parte* communication, including notes from a verbal communication, shall be placed in a separate file and communicated to the other parties and members of the presiding court or commission.
  - 3. If a party desires communication with a court or a judicial commission, that party shall request a conference call with the court or commission. The court or commission, or its designee, shall determine if the conference call is in order, and, if so, shall schedule the conference call. The party desiring communication shall be responsible for arranging the call, and will bear the cost thereof.

**3-2 Mediation**

- A. At the sole discretion of a court or commission (Session, Presbytery or General Assembly), an ecclesiastical judicial procedure brought under this *Book of*

*Discipline* may be assigned to a mediator(s). A matter so assigned for mediation may only proceed with the written consent of all necessary individuals as determined by the court or commission referring the matter to mediation.

- B. Upon the court’s assignment of a church member(s) to serve as a mediator, he will not be eligible to serve as a member of the court should it prove necessary for the matter to be brought before the court or judicial commission.
- C. Prior to the commencement of mediation, the mediator(s) shall obtain the written agreement of all participants in the mediation to be bound by the following:
  - 1. All discussions are to be considered confidential unless all parties and the mediator(s) agree otherwise.
  - 2. Any admissions made and settlement offers made will not be cited in any further proceeding concerning any other matter before the court should the matter not be resolved in mediation. No participant in the mediation will call a mediator(s) as a witness to the mediation in any subsequent hearing and/or in any other forum.

Any person who violates the terms of this agreement may be subject to sanction for rebellion under *Book of Discipline* 1-8.

- 3. A mediator(s) may only report to the court or commission whether the matter has been settled, or not settled, or partially settled. If settled, The terms of any settlement will be disclosed to the court or judicial commission. However, no settlement can be entered into which conflicts shall conflict with any provision of the Constitution of the EPC. Any such settlement will be considered null and void ab initio (from the beginning). Written settlements are to be sealed and kept by the Clerk of the court separate from the court’s or commission’s regular minutes.
- 4. No formal record of any settlement discussions will be made. This prohibition includes the use of any recording device or a stenographer.
- 5. If any party to mediation desires to have legal counsel, the other party shall be afforded the same opportunity. The provisions of **D.10-3** shall apply to all counsel.

<p><b>Current CHAPTER 3 JURISDICTION</b></p> <p><b>3-1 The Right of Private Judgment</b></p> <p>Since “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” we consider the right of private judgment in religious matters to be universal and unalienable. Therefore, the church in disciplinary cases has jurisdiction only over her members (<b>§1-4.</b>)</p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 4 JURISDICTION</b></p> <p><b>4-1 The Right of Private Judgment</b></p> <p>Since “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” we consider the right of private judgment in religious matters to be universal and unalienable. Therefore, the church in disciplinary cases has jurisdiction only over her members (<b>D.1-4.</b>)</p>
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<p><b>3-2 Original Jurisdiction</b></p> <p>In cases of original jurisdiction, the following rules apply:</p> <p><b>A.</b> The Session: The Session has original jurisdiction in every disciplinary case involving members of that <del>particular</del> church.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The Presbytery: The Presbytery has original jurisdiction in every disciplinary case involving <del>Ministers</del> of the Presbytery.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Dissolved Churches: If a <del>particular</del> church is dissolved, the Presbytery shall assume jurisdiction with regard to any case of discipline begun by the Session but not concluded.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Transfer of Membership: A member of a <del>particular</del> church or a Presbytery whose membership is being transferred shall remain under the jurisdiction of the first until received by the second.</p>	<p><b>4-2 Original Jurisdiction</b></p> <p>In cases of original jurisdiction, the following rules apply:</p> <p><b>A.</b> The Session: The Session has original jurisdiction in every disciplinary case involving members of that <i>local</i> church.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The Presbytery: The Presbytery has original jurisdiction in every disciplinary case involving Teaching Elders of the Presbytery <i>and jurisdiction over chapter 14 complaints regarding actions or decisions of sessions within its designated area (G.19-1)]</i></p> <p><b>C.</b> The General Assembly: The General Assembly has original jurisdiction over chapter 13 complaints regarding actions or decisions of Presbyteries and judicial cases referred to it by a lower court (G.22-3).</p> <p><b>D.</b> Dissolved Churches: If a <i>local</i> church is dissolved, the Presbytery shall assume jurisdiction with regard to any case of discipline begun by the Session but not concluded.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Transfer of Membership: A member of a <i>local</i> church or a Presbytery whose membership is being transferred shall remain under the jurisdiction of the first until received by the second.</p> <p><u>No changes recommended in the remaining sections of current Chapter 3 (new chapter 4)</u></p>
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**No changes recommended to current Chapter 4 (New Chapter 5): OFFENSES**

<b>Current CHAPTER 5 ACTIONS FOR DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>Proposed CHAPTER 6 COMMENCING AN ECCLESIASTICAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURE INVOLVING DISCIPLINE</b>
<p><b>5-3 Preliminary Investigation of a Charge by a Person or Persons</b></p> <p>After an action is commenced by a person:</p> <p><b>A.</b> The court shall commence a preliminary investigation in accordance with §6-1.</p> <p><b>B.</b> After the preliminary investigation is concluded, the court shall make a determination whether or not there is a strong presumption of the guilt of the accused.</p> <p><b>5-4 Proceedings upon a Determination of a Strong Presumption of Guilt</b></p> <p>In the event of a determination of a strong presumption of the guilt of the accused, the court shall appoint a prosecutor, who shall prepare an indictment and proceed to trial in accordance with Chapters 6 through 9.</p> <p><b>5-5 Trial</b></p> <p>The court shall conduct a trial in accordance with Chapters 8 and 9.</p> <p><b>5-6 Decision</b></p> <p>The court shall render its decision in accordance with Chapter 10.</p>	<p><u>No changes recommended in current D.5-1 and 5-2</u></p> <p><b>6-3 Preliminary Investigation of a Charge by a Person or Persons</b></p> <p>After an action is commenced by a person:</p> <p><b>A.</b> The court <i>or commission</i> shall commence a preliminary investigation in accordance with D.7-1.</p> <p><b>B.</b> After the preliminary investigation is concluded, the court <i>or commission</i> shall make a determination whether or not there is a strong presumption of the guilt of the accused.</p> <p><b>6-4 Proceedings upon a Determination of a Strong Presumption of Guilt</b></p> <p>In the event of a determination of a strong presumption of the guilt of the accused, the court <i>or commission</i> shall appoint a prosecutor, who shall prepare an indictment and proceed to trial in accordance with Chapters 7 through 10.</p> <p><b>6-5 Trial</b></p> <p>The court <i>or commission</i> shall conduct a trial in accordance with Chapters 9 and 10.</p> <p><b>6-6 Decision</b></p> <p>The court <i>or commission</i> shall render its decision in accordance with Chapter 12.</p>

<p><b>Current CHAPTER 6 PROCEDURES IN ACTIONS FOR DISCIPLINE</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 7 PRE-HEARING PROCESS IN ECCLESIASTICAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING DISCIPLINE</b></p>
<p><b>6-5 Private Reconciliation</b></p> <p>When the prosecution is instituted by the court-the steps required by §1-6 in the case of personal offenses are not necessary. There are many cases, however, in which it will be advisable to send a committee to converse in a private manner with the accused and endeavor to bring him to a sense of repentance, before instituting actual ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p>The committee may then make recommendations to the-court concerning further prosecution of the case.</p> <p><b>6-6 Biased Accusations and Testimony</b></p> <p>Great caution should be exercised by the-court in receiving accusations and testimony from any person:</p> <p>A. Who is known to hold a malignant spirit against the accused...</p> <p><b>6-7 Suspension of Official Functions</b></p> <p>When an action for discipline has been commenced against a member of a court, any or all of his official functions may be suspended at the court's discretion, but this shall never be done in the way of sanction.</p>	<p><u>No changes recommended in current D.6-1 through D. 6-4</u></p> <p><b>7-5 Private Reconciliation</b></p> <p>When the prosecution is instituted by the court <i>or commission</i> the steps required by D.1-6 in the case of personal offenses are not necessary. There are many cases, however, in which it will be advisable to send a committee to converse in a private manner with the accused and endeavor to bring him to a sense of repentance, before instituting actual ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p>The committee may then make recommendations to the court <i>or commission</i> concerning further prosecution of the case.</p> <p><b>7-6 Biased Accusations and Testimony</b></p> <p>Great caution should be exercised by the court <i>or commission</i> in receiving accusations and testimony from any person:</p> <p><u>No changes recommended in subsections A through E</u></p> <p><b>7-7 Suspension of Official Functions</b></p> <p>When an action for discipline has been commenced against a member of a court, any or all of his official functions may be suspended at the court's <i>or commission's</i> discretion, but this shall never be done in the way of sanction.</p>

<p><b>Current CHAPTER 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS <del>APPLICABLE TO ALL CASES OF ECCLESIASTICAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURE</del></b></p> <p><b>7-1 Warning to All</b></p> <p>Every member of a court engaged in an ecclesiastical judicial procedure shall bear in mind the command of Scripture: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 (NIV).</p> <p><b>7-2 Processing a Charge</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Commencement: When ecclesiastical judicial procedures are commenced in accordance with <b>§5-1</b>, nothing shall be done at the first meeting of the court thereafter, unless by consent of the parties, except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To appoint a prosecutor in accordance with §6-2 and §6-3.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 8 HEARINGS IN ECCLESIASTICAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p><b>8-1 Warning to All</b></p> <p>Every member of a court <i>or commission</i> engaged in an ecclesiastical judicial procedure shall bear in mind the command of Scripture: “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 (NIV).</p> <p><b>8-2 Processing a Charge</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Commencement: When ecclesiastical judicial procedures are commenced in accordance with <b>D.6-1</b>, nothing shall be done at the first meeting of the court thereafter, unless by consent of the parties, except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To appoint a prosecutor in accordance with <b>D.7-1</b> and <b>D.7-3</b></li> </ol> <p><u>In the remainder of proposed Chapter 8, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p>
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<p><b>Current CHAPTER 8 EVIDENCE</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 9 EVIDENCE</b></p> <p><u>Add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every reference to “the Moderator,” and update internal references to the <i>Book</i></u></p>
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	<u>of Discipline and to the Book of Government where necessary.</u>
<p><b>Current CHAPTER 9 THE TRIAL</b></p> <p><b>9-4 The Record</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> The Record: The Clerk or other person designated by the court shall, within thirty days after the trial, make and maintain as part of the permanent records of the court, a complete record of the proceedings, including the charges, the indictment, the answer (if any), all the testimony, and all such acts, orders, and decisions of the court relating to the case including the written ballots evidencing the decision and the determination of sanctions. These documents shall constitute the Record of the Case and should ordinarily be maintained separately from the Minutes of the court.</p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 10 THE TRIAL</b></p> <p><u>In proposed D.10-1 to D.10-4, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every reference to “the Moderator,” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p> <p><b>10-4 The Record</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> The Record: The Clerk or other person designated by the court <b><i>or commission</i></b> shall, within thirty days after the trial, make and maintain as part of the permanent records of the court <b><i>or commission</i></b>, a complete record of the proceedings, including the charges, the indictment, the answer (if any), all the testimony, <b><i>whether transcribed or prepared in summary form</i></b>, and all such acts, orders, and decisions of the court <b><i>or commission</i></b> relating to the case including the written ballots evidencing the decision and the determination of sanctions. These documents shall constitute the Record of the Case and should ordinarily be maintained separately from the Minutes of the court <b><i>or commission</i></b>.</p> <p><u>In the remainder of proposed D.10, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every occurrence of “the Moderator,” change every occurrence of “Minister” to “Teaching Elder” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p>

<p><b>Current CHAPTER 10 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 11 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS</b></p>
<p><b>10-9 Confession and Restoration</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Confession: When any person shall come forward and make his offense known to the court, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without judicial procedures.</p> <p>When an officer, before judgment is entered, shall make a confession of a matter that is marked by outrageous or scandalous crime or vice, such as substance abuse, marital infidelity, embezzlement or the like, however penitent he may appear to the satisfaction of all, the court shall without delay suspend or remove him from his office.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Restoration: An officer suspended or removed from office for scandalous conduct shall not be restored, even on the deepest sorrow for his sin, until he has demonstrated an exemplary, humble, and edifying lifestyle for a considerable amount of time, which, in the case of removal from office, shall be for not less than one year. Any officer must present evidence that it is virtually certain</p>	<p><u>In proposed D.11-1 to D.11-8, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every occurrence of “the Moderator,” change every occurrence of “Minister” to “Teaching Elder,” change “particular church” to “local church” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p> <p><b>11-9 Confession and Restoration</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Confession: When any person shall come forward and make his offense known to the court <i>or commission</i>, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without judicial procedures.</p> <p>When an officer, before judgment is entered, shall make a confession of a matter that is marked by outrageous or scandalous crime or vice, such as substance abuse, marital infidelity, embezzlement or the like, however penitent he may appear to the satisfaction of all, the court <i>or commission</i> shall without delay suspend or remove him from his office.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Restoration: An officer suspended or removed from office for scandalous conduct shall not be restored, even on the deepest sorrow for his sin, until he has demonstrated an exemplary, humble, and edifying lifestyle for a considerable amount of time, which, in the case of removal from office, shall be for not less than one year. Any officer must present evidence that it is virtually certain</p>

<p>that the conduct causing his suspension or removal from office will not occur again. A Minister removed from office shall not be restored until it appears that the general sentiment of the church is strongly in his favor and demands his restoration.</p> <p>In that event restoration may be pronounced only by the court inflicting the sanction or with its consent.</p>	<p>that the conduct causing his suspension or removal from office will not occur again.</p> <p><b>C. <i>Restoration of a Teaching Elder:</i></b>  A <b><i>Teaching Elder</i></b> removed from office shall not be restored until it appears that the general sentiment of the church is strongly in his favor and demands his restoration. In that event restoration shall be pronounced only by the court imposing the sanction or with its consent.</p> <p><b><i>When an application for restoration and a statement of support from the Session of the church to which the former Teaching Elder has been assigned is filed with the clerk of the presbytery, the application will be forwarded to the Ministerial Committee for its review and recommendation. Consideration of the application will proceed as follows:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>1. Should the Ministerial Committee choose to recommend restoration to the Presbytery, the Presbytery shall consider the recommendation for restoration in executive session.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>2. The Teaching Elder seeking restoration and the Ministerial Committee will be provided the opportunity to address the presbytery;</i></b></li> <li><b><i>3. Upon hearing from the Teaching Elder seeking restoration he shall be excused;</i></b></li> </ol>
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	<p>4. <i>A motion to restore or not restore may be brought before the presbytery only by its Ministerial Committee;</i></p> <p>5. <i>All votes concerning Teaching Elder restoration are to be by secret ballot; and,</i></p> <p>6. <i>A 4/5's affirmative vote shall be required for restoration to office.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Restoration may be pronounced only by the court imposing the sanction, or with its consent.</i></p> <p><u>In the remainder of proposed D.11, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every occurrence of “the Moderator,” change every occurrence of “Minister” to “Teaching Elder,” change “particular church” to “local church” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p>
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<p><b>Current CHAPTER 11 REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 12 REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS</b></p> <p><u>In proposed D.12, add “or commission” after every occurrence of “the court,” add “or Chair” after every occurrence of “the Moderator,” change every occurrence of “Minister” to “Teaching Elder,” change “particular church” to “local church” and update internal references to the <i>Book of Discipline</i> and to the <i>Book of Government</i> where necessary.</u></p> <p><u>Change the last sentence of current D.11-3 (proposed D.12-3) from, “The whole shall be concluded with prayer and <u>thanksgiving.</u>” to “After which there shall be prayer and <u>thanksgiving.</u>”</u></p>
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## Proposed D.12

<p><b>Current CHAPTER 12 APPEALS</b></p> <p><b>12-1 Definitions and Parties</b></p> <p>An appeal is <del>the transfer</del> to a higher court of a judicial case on which judgment has been rendered in a lower court. Only the party against whom the decision has been rendered can appeal. The parties shall be known as the appellant and the appellee. An appeal cannot be made to any court other than the next higher, <del>except with its consent.</del></p> <p><b>12-2 Newly Discovered Evidence</b></p> <p>If, in the prosecution of an appeal, new evidence is discovered <del>and offered,</del></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 13 APPEALS IN CASES OF HERESY, IMMORALITY, AND/OR CONTEMPT</b></p> <p><b>13-1 Definition</b></p> <p>An appeal is <i>a request made</i> to a higher court <i>to review a judgment made by a lower court by and through the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures (cases of heresy, immorality, and/or contempt)</i>. An appeal cannot be made to any court other than the next higher court, <i>unless the higher court directs and authorizes that the appeal be heard in another court or by a commission created for the express purpose of hearing the appeal and rendering a decision thereupon.</i></p> <p><b>13-2 Standing to Appeal; Parties to Appeal<sup>10</sup></b></p> <p>A. <i>Only an accused party, found guilty and sanctioned by a lower court, has standing to appeal the lower court's decision to a higher court.</i></p> <p>B. <i>The party bringing the appeal shall be known as "Appellant." The party against whom the appeal is taken shall be known as "Appellee."</i></p> <p><b>13-3 Newly Discovered Evidence</b></p> <p><i>Newly discovered evidence is evidence that a party did not know, nor should have known, existed during the lower court proceedings.</i></p> <p>If, in the prosecution of an appeal, <i>newly discovered</i> evidence is <i>sought</i></p>
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<sup>10</sup> See D.7-4

<p>and, in the judgment of the appellate court the evidence has an important bearing on the case, the appellate court may remand the case to the lower court for a new trial; or may receive the evidence and proceed with the case with the consent of the parties.</p> <p><b>12-3 Entitlement to Appeal</b></p> <p>Only those who have submitted to a trial are entitled to an appeal, except that in the case of a confession, the offender may appeal an alleged mistake or injustice of a particular sanction.</p> <p><b>12-4 Grounds of Appeal</b></p> <p>The grounds of appeal are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any irregularity in the proceedings of the lower court;</li> <li>2. Refusal of reasonable indulgence to a party on trial;</li> <li>3. Receiving improper or declining to receive proper evidence;</li> <li>4. Hurrying to a decision before all the testimony is taken;</li> <li>5. Manifestation of prejudice in the case; and</li> <li>6. Mistake or injustice in the judgment or sanction.</li> </ol> <p><b>12-5 Notice of Appeal</b></p> <p>Written notice of appeal with supporting grounds shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after the entry of judgment with the Moderator or the</p>	<p><i>to be introduced, a party seeking its introduction must file a motion with notice to all other parties demonstrating justification for its introduction. Upon approval of the motion, the appellate court may remand the case to the lower court for a new trial; or may receive the evidence and proceed with the case.</i></p> <p><b>13-4 Grounds for Appeal</b></p> <p><i>The grounds of appeal are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A. Any misapplication of the EPC Constitution;</i></li> <li><i>B. Any irregularity in the proceedings of the lower court;</i></li> <li><i>C. Receiving improper evidence or declining to receive proper evidence;</i></li> <li><i>D. Rendering a decision before all the testimony is reasonably heard;</i></li> <li><i>E. Manifestation of prejudice in the case; and</i></li> <li><i>F. Mistake or injustice in the judgment or sanction.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>13-5 Notice of Appeal.</b></p> <p>Written notice of appeal shall be filed <i>no later than thirty (30) days</i><sup>11</sup> after the entry of judgment of the lower</p>
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<sup>11</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<p>Clerk from which the appeal is being taken as well as the Moderator or the Clerk of the appellate court.</p> <p>Notice may be filed by personal delivery or by means requiring a written receipt.</p> <p>No attempt should be made to influence the court or discuss the matter with respect to the case to which appeal is being made by either party before the case is heard.</p> <p><b>12-6 Filing the Record</b></p> <p>Within thirty days after receipt of a notice of appeal, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the lower court to prepare and file with the Clerk of the higher court the Record of the Case as defined in §9-4.</p> <p><b>12-7 Stay Pending Appeal</b></p> <p>Notice of appeal shall have the effect of suspending the judgment of the lower court until the case has been finally decided in the higher court. If, however, the sanction is suspension, excommunication, or removal from office, the court may, for sufficient reasons duly recorded, put the sanction</p>	<p>court.<sup>12</sup> <i>The filing of the Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the appellate court places the appeal before that court. A copy of the Notice of Appeal also shall be filed with the lower court from which the appeal is taken.</i></p> <p>[Note: This section about influencing the court is included and amplified in proposed new chapter 3 (ex parte communications).]</p> <p><b>13-6 Statement of Grounds for Appeal</b></p> <p><i>Written statement of grounds for appeal shall be filed no later than fifteen (15) days<sup>13</sup> after the Notice of Appeal is filed. The statement must state the factual or constitutional bases forming the issues on appeal.<sup>14</sup></i></p> <p><b>13-7 Filing the Record</b></p> <p>Within thirty (30) days<sup>15</sup> after receipt of a Notice of Appeal, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the lower court to prepare and file with the Clerk of the higher court the Record of the Case as defined in <i>D.10-4</i>.</p> <p><b>13-8 Stay Pending Appeal</b></p> <p><i>The filing of a Notice of Appeal does not stay the judgment of the lower court. If however, the sanction is suspension, excommunication, or removal from office, the sanctioned party may, for sufficient reasons provided in writing, petition the higher court to stay the sanction until the case is finally decided. The higher court in its discretion may stay</i></p>
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<sup>12</sup> See Form 14.

<sup>13</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<sup>14</sup> See Form 15.

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<p>into effect until the case is finally decided.</p> <p><b>12-8 Procedures on Appeal</b></p> <p>After a higher court has decided that an appeal is in order and should be considered <del>by the court</del>, the following procedure shall be followed:</p> <p>A. The court shall give all parties reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing on appeal in person or by means requiring a written receipt.</p> <p>B. The court shall read the complete record of the case, <del>except any part of it that may be omitted with the consent of the parties and the court itself.</del></p>	<p><i>the sanction or later modify the stay. In the case that a stay is imposed or later modified, the higher court will notify the lower court. The lower court will confirm receipt of the stay and its compliance with it.</i></p> <p><b>13-9 Procedures on Appeal</b></p> <p>After a higher court has decided that an appeal is in order and should be considered, the following procedures shall be followed:</p> <p>A. The court shall read the complete Record of the Case <i>as submitted by the lower court. The higher court shall provide the Record to the Appellant. Before sending the Record to the Appellant, the higher court may, at its discretion, redact the Record in order to protect confidential or sensitive information that is not relevant to the appeal.</i></p> <p>B. <i>The Appellant shall file a written statement which sets forth the issues on appeal and the arguments in support thereof within thirty (30) days<sup>16</sup> of the receipt of the Record of the Case by the higher court. In addition, a copy of the written statement shall be delivered to the appellee. Appellant shall also provide to the higher court a certificate of delivery of its written statement to the appellee.</i></p> <p>C. <i>The Appellee may file a written response within fifteen (15) days<sup>17</sup> of the receipt by the higher court of the appellant's written</i></p>
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<sup>16</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

	<p><i>statement. In addition, a copy of the written response shall be delivered to the Appellant. Appellee shall also provide to the higher court a certificate of delivery of its written response to the appellant.</i></p> <p><b>D.</b> <i>The Appellant may file a written reply to the appellee’s written response within fifteen (15) days<sup>18</sup> of the receipt by the higher court of Appellee’s written response, if any. In addition, a copy of the written reply shall be delivered to the appellee. Appellant shall also provide to the higher court a certificate of delivery of its written reply to the appellee.</i></p> <p><b>E.</b> <i>The Appellant or appellee may file a written request for oral argument, explaining why it is necessary and should be permitted. In response to such a request, or at its own discretion, the higher court may allow oral argument. If oral argument is allowed, the court will advise all parties of the date, time and place of oral argument, and the time allotted to each party. In the alternative, the higher court may determine the issues on the appeal based solely on the Record of the Case, the written statements, responses, and replies.</i></p> <p><b>F.</b> <i>In every case in which oral argument is heard, a record of the oral argument shall be kept. The recording of the oral argument may be transcribed and the recording or copy of the</i></p>
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<p><del>C. The parties shall be heard, the appellant having the right of opening and closing the argument.</del></p> <p>D. The members of the appellate court shall be given an opportunity to express their opinions, deliberate upon, and decide the question.</p> <p>E. The vote shall be taken on each specification in this form: "Shall this specification of error be sustained?" If the court deems it wise, it may adopt minutes explaining its actions which shall become a part of the record of the case.</p> <p>F. All members of a lower court who participated in the judgment of the lower court lose the right to sit, deliberate upon, and vote in the higher court in all cases of appeal.</p> <p><b>12-9 Decision on Appeal</b></p> <p><del>The decision of the higher court may be to confirm or to reverse in whole or in part the judgment of the lower court; or to remit the case to the lower court for the purpose of amending the record, should it appear incorrect or defective; or to send the case back for a new trial. In every case a full record shall be made, and a copy of it shall be sent to both parties.</del></p>	<p><i>transcription maintained by the Stated Clerk of the higher court. In the case of an appeal to the next higher court, a party may request a copy of the transcript. The cost of transcription shall be borne by the requesting party.</i></p> <p>G. The members of the <i>higher</i> court, <i>in their deliberations, shall</i> express their opinions, deliberate upon and <i>vote on the issues raised.</i></p> <p>H. The vote shall be taken on each <i>ground for appeal set forth in the statement filed pursuant to D.13-6 above in this form:</i> "Shall this ground for appeal be sustained?"</p> <p><b>13-10 Decision on Appeal</b></p> <p>A. The higher court may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirm or reverse, in whole or in part, the judgment of the lower court; or</li> <li>2. Remand the case to the lower court for the purpose of amending the <i>Record of the Case</i>, should it appear incorrect or defective; or</li> <li>3. Remand the case to the lower court with instructions.</li> </ol> <p>B. If the higher court <i>or commission</i> deems it wise, it may also render a written opinion which shall become a part of the Record of the Case.</p>
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<p><b>12-10 Counsel</b></p> <p>An appellant shall have the right of counsel consistent with §9-3.</p> <p><b>12-11 Abandonment of Appeal</b></p> <p><del>An appellant shall be considered to have abandoned his appeal if he does not appear before the higher court in person or by counsel at the time set for the hearing. In such cases the judgment of the lower court will stand, unless he can give the court satisfactory explanation of his failure to appear and prosecute the appeal.</del></p> <p><b>12-12 Unchristian Attitude of Appellant</b></p> <p><del>If an appellant manifests a litigious or otherwise unchristian attitude in the prosecuting of his appeal, he shall receive a suitable rebuke by the appellate court.</del></p> <p><b>12-13 Failure to File the Record</b></p> <p>If a lower court shall neglect to file the Record of the Case or any part of it, to</p>	<p>C. Any and all persons, including members of the higher court who were involved with, have intimate knowledge of, or otherwise participated in the underlying judgment of the lower court, are precluded from involvement with the higher court in its determination of the issues on appeal.</p> <p><b>13-11 Counsel</b></p> <p>All parties shall have the right of counsel consistent with <i>D.10-3</i>.</p> <p><b>13-12 Abandonment of Appeal</b></p> <p><i>Absent extenuating circumstances made known to the higher court beforehand, the appellant shall be deemed to have abandoned his appeal if he does not comply with the procedures set forth above. In such cases, the judgment of the lower court will stand, unless the higher court determines that the subject matter of the appeal is so serious that the peace and purity of the church is at stake. In such a case, the higher court, in its discretion, may nonetheless decide the appeal.<sup>19</sup></i></p> <p><b>13-13 Conduct of the Parties</b></p> <p><i>If any party willfully fails to comply with these rules or demonstrates a litigious or otherwise unchristian attitude in the appeal process, he may be subject to appropriate discipline by the higher court.</i></p> <p><b>13-14 Failure to File the Record</b></p> <p>If the <i>Clerk</i> of a lower court neglects <i>or willfully fails</i> to file the Record of</p>
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<sup>19</sup> See *D.3-5* for stipulations regarding renunciation of jurisdiction.

<p>the harm of the appellant, it shall receive a proper rebuke from the higher court. Thereupon, the judgment from which the appeal has been taken shall be suspended until the record is produced upon which the issue can be fairly heard.</p> <p>If the lower court shall file a portion of the record by electronic means, the appellant shall have the right to prepare a written transcript of it at his own expense.</p>	<p>the Case, or any part of it, <i>the Clerk may be subject to appropriate discipline by</i> the higher court. Until the complete Record of the Case is filed with the higher court, the judgment of the lower court may be stayed at the discretion of the higher court.</p>
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<p><b>Current CHAPTER 13 COMPLAINTS</b></p> <p><b>13-1 Standing to File a Complaint</b></p> <p>A complaint is a written representation made to a higher court against some act or decision of a lower court. It is the right of any member of the church in good standing to make complaint against any action of a lower court to whose jurisdiction he is subject, <del>except that no complaint is allowable in a judicial case in which an appeal is taken.</del> A complaint shall not be made to any court other than the next higher court, except with the consent of the next higher court.</p> <p><i>[Note: Following D.13-1, Proposed D.13 has substantially reorganized and added to the current chapter. The order of sections in current D.13-2 has been changed for easier comparison between the current and proposed chapters]</i></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 14 COMPLAINTS</b></p> <p><b>14-1 <i>Complaint Defined</i></b></p> <p>A complaint is a written <i>contention</i> made to a higher court <i>challenging</i> some act or decision of a lower court <i>that seeks a remedy.</i></p> <p><b>14-2 Standing to File a Complaint</b></p> <p>A. It is the right of any member of the church in good standing to make complaint against any action of a lower court to whose jurisdiction he is subject. A complaint shall not be made to any court other than the next higher court, except with the consent of the next higher court.</p> <p><b>B. <i>Notwithstanding the above, a member of the church shall not have standing to file a complaint under this chapter in the following circumstances:</i></b></p> <p><b>1. <i>When an ecclesiastical judicial proceeding has been appealed pursuant to Chapter 13 of this Book of Discipline and the member is a party to that ecclesiastical judicial proceeding; or</i></b></p>
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<p><b>13-3 Designation of Parties</b></p> <p>The court against which complaint is made shall appoint one or more representatives to defend its action, and the parties in the case shall be known as complainant and respondent.</p> <p><i>[Note: basic content of current D.13-4 has been incorporated in proposed 13-6, 13-7, and 13.9C]</i></p>	<p>2. <i>When the member is a Teaching or Ruling Elder who was present at the meeting at which the challenged action was taken, unless a prompt written dissent or protest to the decision by the lower court or commission made the basis of the complaint has been submitted.</i><sup>20</sup></p> <p><b>14-3 Initiation of Chapter 14 Case</b></p> <p><i>A complaint initiates a case under this Chapter 14 against a court in the following manner:</i></p> <p>A. <i>A complaint shall only be made when the action or decision of the court is alleged to be procedurally irregular and/or in clear violation of the EPC Constitution.</i></p> <p>B. <i>A complaint shall set forth with particularity all of the facts and reasons why the action or decision of the court is being challenged. This includes reference to the specific provisions of the EPC Constitution or any applicable bylaws or rules alleged to have been violated.</i></p> <p><b>14-4 Designation of the Parties</b></p> <p>The party filing the complaint shall be designated as the “Complainant.”<sup>21</sup> The court shall be designated as the “Respondent,” <i>even if the action or decision being challenged is the action or decision of a commission appointed by the court.</i></p>
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<sup>20</sup> D.14

<sup>21</sup> If multiple parties join together to file a complaint, the plural form, “Complainants,” is allowed.

<p><b>13-4 Notice of Filing of the Complaint</b></p> <p>Written notice of the filing of the complaint with supporting grounds shall be filed no later than fifteen (15) days after the entry of judgment with the Moderator or the Clerk from which the appeal is being taken as well as the Moderator or the Clerk of the appellate court. Notice may be filed by personal delivery or by means requiring a written receipt. No attempt should be made to influence the court or discuss the matter with respect to the case to which appeal is being made by either party before the case is heard.</p>	<p><b>14-5 Filing a Complaint</b></p> <p><i>A. A complaint challenging an action or decision of a court or a commission appointed by the court shall be filed with the Clerk of the next higher court.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. A complaint challenging an action or decision taken by a Session or by its duly appointed commission shall be commenced by filing a complaint with the Presbytery in which the church is located or is otherwise aligned.</i></li> <li><i>2. A complaint challenging an action or decision of the Presbytery, or by its duly appointed commission, shall be commenced by filing a complaint with the General Assembly.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>B. A copy of the complaint shall be served upon the lower court by providing its Clerk with a copy thereof at the same time that the complaint is filed with the Clerk of the next higher court.<sup>22</sup></i></p> <p><b>14-6 Time Period for Filing a Complaint</b></p> <p><i>A complaint shall be filed with the next higher court no later than thirty (30) days<sup>23</sup> after the date of the lower court action or decision made the basis of the complaint. Exceptions to this time period may be allowed in cases when:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A. The Complainant legitimately had no knowledge of the lower court</i></li> </ol>
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<sup>22</sup> See Form 17 for Proof of Service.

<sup>23</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<p><b>13-6 Stay Pending Hearing on the Complaint</b></p> <p>Notice of filing of the complaint shall have the effect of suspending the judgment of the lower court until the case has been finally decided in the higher court. If, however, the matter concerns the purity or peace of the church, the court may, for sufficient reasons duly recorded, put the sanction into effect until the case is finally decided.</p> <p><b>13-2 Stay of Proceedings</b></p> <p>Filing of a complaint shall not have the effect of suspending the action against which the complaint is made, unless one third of the members of the lower court present when the action was taken shall vote for its suspension until the final decision in the higher court.</p>	<p><i>action or decision within the thirty (30) day period.<sup>24</sup></i></p> <p><b>B. The Complainant may otherwise petition the higher court to file an untimely complaint to avoid manifest injustice. The decision on such a petition is solely within the discretion of the higher court.</b></p> <p><b>14-7 Stay Pending Hearing on the Complaint</b></p> <p><b>A. When a complaint is properly filed regarding a judgment made in a disciplinary action, rather than an appeal under D.13, notice of filing of the complaint shall have the effect of suspending the judgment of the lower court until the case has been finally decided in the higher court. If, however, the matter concerns the purity or peace of the church, the court may, either on its own motion or in response to an application filed by a party to the action and for sufficient reasons duly recorded, stay the action of the lower court until the case is finally decided.</b></p> <p><b>B. When a complaint is properly filed challenging the action or decision of a lower court in a non-disciplinary proceeding, notice of filing the complaint shall not automatically stay the action or decision of the lower court. However, the higher court, in which the complaint is filed, may, either on its own motion or in response to an application filed by a party to the action and for sufficient reasons duly recorded,</b></p>
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<sup>24</sup> This scenario may be seen in actions or decisions of an administrative commission which does not routinely announce its actions to a congregation.

<p><b>13-7 Procedures on Filing of a Complaint</b></p> <p>After a higher court has decided that the complaint is in order and should be considered by the court, the following procedure shall be followed:</p> <p><b>A. Notice of Hearing:</b> The court shall give all parties reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing on appeal in person or by means requiring a written receipt.</p> <p><b>B. Reading of the Record:</b> The court shall read the complete record of the case, except any part of it that may be omitted with the consent of the parties and the court itself.</p> <p><b>C. Arguments:</b> The parties shall be heard, the complainant having the right of opening and closing the argument.</p> <p><b>D. Deliberations of the Court:</b> The members of the higher court shall be given an opportunity to express their opinions, deliberate upon, and decide the question.</p>	<p><i>stay the action of the lower court until the case is finally decided.</i></p> <p><b>14-8 Court Procedures upon the Filing of a Complaint</b></p> <p><b>A. When a complaint is filed with the higher court, the court shall determine whether the complaint states grounds on which relief may be granted. If the court determines the complaint does not state grounds on which relief may be granted, it may either:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Dismiss the complaint in its entirety;</b></li> <li><b>2. Strike portions thereof and proceed forward; or</b></li> <li><b>3. Order the Complainant to provide a more definite statement of the grounds on which relief may be granted.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>B. When a complaint is filed with the next higher court and it is determined by the court that the complaint states grounds on which relief may be granted, the higher court has the authority:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Where circumstances warrant, to void the whole or any part of the lower court action against which the complaint has been made, or send the matter back to the lower court with instructions for further consideration or action.</b></li> <li><b>2. To direct the lower court to appoint one or more representatives to defend the complaint against it, and further direct the appointed representative to file an answer to the complaint no</b></li> </ol>
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<p><b>13-5 Filing the Record</b></p> <p>Upon receipt of a notice of the filing of the complaint, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the lower court to prepare and file with the Clerk of the higher court the Record of the Case as defined in <del>D.9-4</del>.</p> <p><b>13-9 Remitting the Case for Amendment of the Record</b></p> <p>Should the Record of the Case appear incorrect or defective, the higher court may remit the case to the lower court for the purpose of amending the record or may send the case back for a new trial. In every case a full record shall be made, and a copy of it shall be sent to both parties.</p>	<p><i>later than thirty (30) days<sup>25</sup> from the order of the higher court. The lower court may request a one-time extension of fifteen (15) days to file its answer. The answer shall respond to each allegation of the complaint and shall set forth with specificity all defenses on which the lower court relies.</i></p> <p><b>C. The Record of the Case</b></p> <p><i>The lower court shall file the record of the case concurrently with its answer to the complaint pursuant to B.2 above. The Record of the Case shall consist of any and all documents in the lower court's possession relating to the complaint made against it. In every case a full record shall be made, and a copy of it shall be sent to the Complainant. If the Complainant, on motion duly filed, contends that the record is incomplete or incorrect, the Complainant may file a proposed supplement to the Record of the Case within fifteen (15) days of the filing of the Record of the Case.</i></p> <p><b>D. Reviewing the Record</b></p> <p><i>Upon receipt of the full and complete record of the case as determined by the higher court, the higher court shall then review the record in its entirety, except any part of it that may be omitted with the mutual consent of the parties and the higher court.</i></p>
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<sup>25</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<p><b>13-8 Voting upon a Complaint</b></p> <p>A. Specification of the Vote: In voting upon a complaint, the vote shall be either to sustain, to sustain in part, or not to sustain.</p> <p>B. Effect of a Vote to Sustain or Not to Sustain: <del>The effect of a vote to</del></p>	<p><i>E. The higher court may seek clarification of matters or direct questions to the Complainant and/or Respondent in writing.</i></p> <p><i>F. Oral Argument and Notice of Hearing</i></p> <p><i>The higher court may permit oral argument. If the higher court determines oral argument will be allowed, it shall provide all parties with reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing on the complaint. This notice may be provided in person or by other means establishing proof of service.</i></p> <p><i>G. If oral argument is allowed, either party may file a written summary of their argument with the higher court no later than fifteen (15) days<sup>26</sup> before the date of the hearing. The Complainant shall have the right of opening and closing the argument.</i></p> <p><i>H. Deliberations of the Court: Upon conclusion of the arguments, the members of the higher court shall convene in private and each member shall be given an opportunity to express his opinions, deliberate upon, and vote on the question.</i></p> <p><b>14-9 Voting upon a Complaint</b></p> <p>A. Specification of the vote</p> <p>In voting upon a complaint, the vote shall be either to sustain, to sustain in part, or not to sustain.</p>
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<sup>26</sup> If the end of the timeline falls on a weekend or holiday, the timeline shall be extended to midnight of the next business day following that weekend or holiday (see Act of Assembly 14-04).

<p>sustain shall be to sustain each and all of the items or counts of the complaint; that of a vote not to sustain shall be to annul each and all of the items or counts of the complaint; and that of a vote to sustain in part shall be to sustain one or more specific items or counts of the complaint.</p> <p><del>C. Vote To Sustain in Part: Those voting to sustain in part shall be required when voting to state what item or items, count or counts of the complaint they desire to sustain.</del></p> <p><b>D. Majority Vote Required:</b> <u>In making up the vote on the complaint, only those items or counts shall be declared to be sustained for the sustaining of which a majority of the votes cast has been given.</u></p> <p>E. <del>Minutes: If the court deems it wise, it may adopt minutes explaining its actions which shall become a part of the record of the ease.</del></p> <p>F. <del>Right to Vote: All members of a lower court who participated in the judgment of the lower court lose the right to sit, deliberate upon, and vote in the higher court in all cases of appeal.</del></p> <p><b>13-10 Counsel</b> An appellant shall have the right of counsel as described in §9-3.</p> <p><b>13-11 Abandonment of Complaint</b></p>	<p><b>B. Effect of a vote to sustain or not to sustain</b> A vote to sustain shall be to sustain each and all of the items or counts of the complaint. A vote not to sustain shall be to deny the relief sought by each count of the complaint. A vote to sustain in part shall be to sustain one or more specific items or counts of the complaint.</p> <p><b>C. <i>A majority vote of those members of the court present is required to sustain, not to sustain, or to sustain in part the counts of the complaint.</i></b></p> <p><b>D. <i>Written opinion.</i></b> <i>The court may issue a written opinion explaining its decision, which shall become part of the Record of the Case.</i></p> <p><b>E. <i>Right to Vote</i></b> <i>No member of the lower court who participated in the action or decision made the basis of the complaint shall hear, deliberate upon, or vote on the allegations of the complaint being heard by the next higher court.</i></p> <p><b>14-10 Counsel</b> <i>All parties</i> shall have the right of counsel as described in <b>D.9-3.</b></p> <p><b>14-11 Abandonment of Complaint</b></p>
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<p>A complainant shall be considered to have abandoned his complaint if he does not appear before the higher court in person or by counsel at the time set for the hearing. In such cases the act or decision of the lower court will stand, unless <del>he can give the court satisfactory explanation of his failure to appear and prosecute the complaint.</del></p> <p><b>13-12 Unchristian Attitude of Complainant</b></p> <p>If a complainant manifests a litigious or otherwise unchristian attitude in the prosecuting of his complaint, he shall receive a suitable rebuke by the court.</p> <p><b>13-13 Failure to File the Record</b></p> <p>If a lower court shall neglect to file the record of the case or any part of it, to the harm of the complainant, it shall receive a proper rebuke from the higher court. Thereupon, the act or decision upon which the complaint is based shall be suspended until the record is produced upon which the issue can be fairly heard.</p> <p>If the lower court shall file a portion of the record by electronic means, the complainant shall have the right to prepare a written transcript of it at his own expense.</p>	<p>A Complainant shall be considered to have abandoned his complaint if he does not appear before the higher court in person or by counsel at the time set for the hearing. In such cases the act or decision of the lower court will stand, unless <i>the complainant can provide the court with a satisfactory explanation for his failure to appear or the higher court, in its discretion, chooses to act upon the complaint in the interests of the Church.</i></p> <p><b>14-12 Unchristian Attitude</b></p> <p>If <i>any party willfully fails to comply with these rules or demonstrates</i> a litigious or otherwise unchristian attitude, he may be subject to appropriate discipline by the higher court.</p> <p><b>14-13 Failure to File the Record</b></p> <p>If a lower court shall neglect to file the record of the case or any part of it, to the harm of the complainant, it may receive a proper rebuke from the higher court. Thereupon, the act or decision upon which the complaint is based shall be suspended until the record is produced upon which the issue can be fairly heard.</p> <p>If the lower court shall file a portion of the record by electronic means, the complainant shall have the right to prepare a written transcript of it at his own expense.</p>
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<p><b>Current CHAPTER 14 DISSENT AND PROTEST</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed CHAPTER 15 DISSENT AND PROTEST</b></p> <p><u>Renumber sections accordingly (15-1, 15-2, etc.). No changes recommended.</u></p>
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## REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE

35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Presbytery Review Committee (PRC) are RE Al Bennett, TE Dennis Flach, TE Helen Franssell and RE Max Riddle. The PRC met May 19-20, 2015 to review the minutes of thirteen Presbyteries for the calendar year 2014.

It was the opinion of this Committee that all presbyteries were meeting their critical responsibilities and doing so with well-documented minutes. The Committee further noted that the rapid growth of new churches and newly formed presbyteries created even greater challenges to the otherwise significant events in the lives of presbyteries. The Committee is particularly pleased to observe broad implementation of church growth ventures, strengthening global mission support, as well as a general trajectory for embracing God's Mission — *Missio Dei*. These reviews support the position that EPC presbyteries are more than business entities for the minutes show pastoral care, educational efforts and discipling of lives in our connectional family of churches.



*Dennis Flach*  
Chairman

With rapid growth by incoming churches and newly created presbyteries, we see the challenges and opportunities for assimilation. Assimilation is forecasted to be a continuing process of creating “people and church spots” so that our incoming congregations can experience welcome and placement into the dynamics of EPC. We expect that the future collaborations and assimilation efforts will be fruitful and in keeping with God's Mission into this World. We will in time see testing and readjustments that become necessary for EPC to reform and continue reforming.

The minutes further serve notice that we continue to meet and love people where they are found. This is true with failure to thrive congregations of which EPC has a significant share. Revitalization efforts were both thoughtful and individualized. To be sure, revitalization is with us till He comes. TE Helen Franssell said “I count it a great privilege to witness the love and grace of our Lord through my brothers and sisters by reading the minutes. We ‘submit to one another, lovingly, in all things’ and I truly love my church family.”

Having served six years and chairing the last several, I thank the Presbytery Stated Clerks for their labors and take special opportunity to thank Dr. Ed McCallum for his guidance over these same years assisting our Committee. *Pax Vobiscum.*

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

Note: An asterisk (\*) indicates that the Committee will be forwarding notations requiring responses to the Presbyteries (*Rules for Assembly IX.9-2C.2*).

#### **Recommendation PRC-1**

That the Assembly receive the responses of the Presbyteries (Attachments PRC-A through PRC-H) to exceptions issued by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly as adequate, with the following exceptions:

1. Alleghenies: Attachment A, #3 – A committee cannot appoint commissions. The Presbytery should review its policies and practices to bring them into alignment with legislative *Acts of Assembly*  
 Act of Assembly 91-05: “A commission can be created only by an appointing court to serve as a commission for a limited time as specified by presbytery. No committee of presbytery shall have continuing authority to serve as a commission except as specifically authorized by G.21-2D.2(e), (f); G.21-3). No committee has the authority to create commissions. The rationale is that a committee is not a court of the church. (Minutes, 11-35)”
2. Responses from the Presbyteries of the Central South, East, and Rivers and Lakes were not received in time for Committee review May 19-20, 2015.

**Recommendation PRC-2**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 279 (13-17B, C, D) – No ordination/installation commission established for Mike Vondreau (see #1 under PRC-1 above)
2. P. 298 (14-16B) – The Council is authorized to establish commissions, contrary to Act of Assembly 91-05 (see #1 under PRC-1 above)

and commend the Presbytery of the Alleghenies for its work to promote connections among its churches.

**Recommendation PRC-3**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South with the following exceptions:\*

- a. P. 563 – A Teaching Elder was to be named to the installation commission for Bill Thompson, but there is no record that the Presbytery did so;
- b. P. 600 – TE Jerry Brundle’s invitation to serve as interim does not meet the definition of interim supply (G.10-7C.2). He should have been invited and approved as Stated Supply (G.10-7C.1);

and send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The motion of the Pastoral and Congregational Care Committee (P. 604 - 90.26) changed an action adopted previously in the meeting. The correct procedure (*Roberts Rules of Order*) would be a motion to reconsider, and, if approved, then offer a substitute motion for consideration.

**Recommendation PRC-4**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the East

**Recommendation PRC-5**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Florida

**Recommendation PRC-6**

That the Assembly conditionally approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Great Plains and, that to remove the condition, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery should meet with the

Assistant Clerk of the General Assembly to find ways to reduce the volume of the Minutes while confirming with guidelines for Presbytery Minutes.

**Recommendation PRC-7**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Gulf South.

**Recommendation PRC-8**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-America.

**Recommendation PRC-9**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic with the following exception:\*

P. 394 (78.23B) – Dr. Childs was received improperly, being without a call. Pastors are “invited,” not called to serve in temporary pastoral relationships. This is an intentional distinction within the *Book of Government*. There is no need for Presbytery to approve terms of call, as it is not a call. It is a contractual arrangement between pastor and Session;  
and send the following advice to the Presbytery:

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic should re-examine its policy on voting on female candidates by secret ballot. In one situation the policy was suspended. It seemed to the Committee to be needlessly discriminatory to single out a particular category of people for a different voting method. A consistent application one way or the other should be considered.

**Recommendation PRC-10**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest.

**Recommendation PRC-11**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific.\*

**Recommendation PRC-12**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of Rivers and Lakes with the following exception:\*

P. 257 (Item C) – The Ministerial Committee was improperly authorized to appoint an Administrative Commission (Act of Assembly 91-05).

**Recommendation PRC-13**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast.\*

**Recommendation PRC-14**

That the Assembly approve the Minutes of the Presbytery of the West with the following exceptions:\*

1. P. 11-360 (Examination of Commissioned Pastors) – RE Bogle and RE Coots were improperly placed as Commissioned Pastors. Commissioned Pastors serve

in places where there is no pastor, not as staff members in a multiple staff situation (G.9-11).

2. P. 11-381, 82 – Rev. Humphrey was received without a call, contrary to G.10-8C.1. Temporary pastoral positions are invitations to serve, not calls. The distinction in terminology is intentional. Further, “Pulpit Supply” is not a constitutional term. If “Stated Supply” is meant, there must be a length of service specified. Contracts between a person in a temporary pastoral position are not properly “terms of call.”
3. P. 384 (103.18) – The commission to ordain and install Stephen Morefield was improperly formed with only one church represented by the Ruling Elders (G. 21-1C.2(b)).

**Recommendation PRC-15**

That *Rules for Assembly* IX.9-12G be amended so that Presbytery Minutes will be reviewed on a calendar year basis, superseding Act of Assembly 98-05.

Current <i>Rules for Assembly</i> IX.9-12G	Proposed <i>Rules for Assembly</i> IX.9-12G
<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b>            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. <b>Minutes</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b>            Date, time, place of meeting. Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. (G.19-5A). Presbytery review year <del>shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year</del> <b>shall be the calendar year. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for the completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year.</b> 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.</p>

Rationale: With some Presbyteries now meeting in mid-May, the review cycle established by *Rules for Assembly* and the annual submission of all approved minutes from winter meetings 5 weeks before the Assembly meets as required by Act of Assembly 98-05 and are no longer practical.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Flach  
 Chairman

June 2015

## Presbytery of the Alleghenies

Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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March 5, 2015

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RE: 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – POA Minutes Review

Dear Jeff:

Below is my response to exceptions/notations to the minutes of the POA, taken by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and conveyed in your letter dated November 7, 2014. The below response was approved by the presbytery at our 15<sup>th</sup> stated meeting held on February 27 and 28, 2015.

**Response to exceptions and notations to minutes:**

– listed in November 7, 2014 letter from Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah (attached)

**Exceptions**

1. Omission: There is no evidence in the Minutes under review of advisors being assigned to Candidates by the Presbytery – *please refer to pages 194, 196, and 231 (09-13I, 09-20I, and 10-19F)*
2. P.176 (08-14B): The Commission appointed has no end date and does not have sufficient number of Ruling Elders (G.16-27B)

*A correction will be made in the 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (February 2015) to limit the commission period to two years (August 2015) and replace one of the Teaching Elders (TE Bob Stauffer) with a Ruling Elder (RE Jason Dunn – Center Church). See page 298, 14-16B*

3. P. 192 (09-12E) – Presbytery appointed a committee to appoint commissions. Only the Presbytery itself has the authority to appoint a commission (G.16-27B, and Acts of Assembly 91-05)

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*The minutes will be corrected to reflect what was actually done – the Presbytery appointed the members of the Executive Council as an Administrative Commission to appoint other Administrative Commissions to ordain and install ministers. This was done to expedite the ordination and installation process.*

**Notations Requiring Response**

1. P. 174 (08-13D, 08-18A, and throughout) – Omission: Minutes do not record what action the Presbytery took regarding allowing or disallowing the exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms as required.

*This was addressed in the response to a similar notation from the review of the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA. The response was "It seems logical that by sustaining the examination and receiving the minister that any exceptions to the Westminster Confession are also accepted, but will incorporate in the template as requested, beginning with the minutes for the 10<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting."*

*The minutes reviewed had already been approved and submitted prior to receiving the notations.*

2. P. 225 (10-10B(c) – Insufficient information to know if Rev. Peterson was removed from the roll according to constitutional requirements. If Rev. Peterson was not on the inactive roll for 5 years, the Presbytery acted without authority to remove him from the rolls.

*Rev. Peterson had been on the inactive roll of the Midwest Presbytery for nearly 14 years due to not having an approved call. Rev. Peterson contacted the POA as a result of the geographic reconstruction of the presbyteries. He still did not have a valid call, and after several conversations with him, we removed him from the roles.*

3. Pp. 231-232 (10-19A, B, C; 10-20B) – Omission: Minutes do not indicate that the minister or church had been dismissed from the RCA/PCUSA

*We had not received official communication from the RCA or Genesee Valley. The Executive Council Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (page 244) indicates that we took a pro-active approach and simply communicated with the RCA and the Genesee Valley Presbytery that we received TE Merry and Bergen Presbyterian Church.*

4. There are statement in the Ministerial Committee reports that the Committee has found the terms of call in order, but there is no statement that they have approval authority or that they have made recommendations on terms of call to the Presbytery.

*This was addressed in the response to a similar notation from the review of the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA. The response was: "The review and approval of the terms of call is performed by the Ministerial Committee and is so noted in the report from the Ministerial Committee that is incorporated into the body of the minutes. To avoid any confusion or misunderstanding moving forward, at our 10<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting the presbytery appointed the Ministerial Committee as an Administrative Commission to approve terms of call for 2014". See page 230 (10-17c).*

**Other Notations – all noted**

1. P. 172 (08-11A) – When motions are made from the floor they must be seconded. Minutes do not indicate that there was a second.
2. P.174 (08-13B) – Utilize the constitutional term "dissolve" rather than "terminate" a call
3. P. 174 (08-13B) – Insufficient information. Using the template in the Procedure Manual is recommended.
4. P. 177 (08-17) – There should be a statement that the meeting recessed.
5. P.193 (09-13B) – Incorrect terminology. This is one omnibus consent motion, not several. It is one motion.

Please advise of any questions or comments.

Your brother in Christ,



Bruce D. Allison  
Stated Clerk





## Evangelical Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Florida

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34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
PRC Exceptions & Notations – Responses

October 11, 2014

Exceptions to minutes from 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

1. No certified, signed copies of Minutes were supplied to the Presbytery Review Committee for their meeting. Minutes should be sent as soon as possible.

Response: *Signatures were secured and certified copies sent following the Assembly.*

2. Page 5 (69.09, 70.09, 71.10) (Provisional Minutes) - Financial reporting meets the requirements for a statement of financial position but not for a statement of financial operations as required by Act of Assembly 06-09 (Minutes of the 26th General Assembly 26-40).

Response: *The Clerk has referred the information to the Treasurer. The Clerk also confesses that he doesn't understand what the requirement means.*

3. Page 8(71.11) (Provisional Minutes) - Changes in terms of call for TE Everhard and TE Franklin are not specified in the Minutes (Act of Assembly 12-11.2).

Response: *The Ministerial Committee has been reminded and instructed by the court to provide either actual changes or percentage changes in its reporting.*

The above responses were approved by Florida Presbytery at its 73<sup>rd</sup> Stated meeting and are spread upon the minutes under 73.08.

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Robert J Garment  
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Dear Dr. Jeremiah,

The following are the responses to the exceptions issued by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly as approved by the Presbytery at its 70<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting on October 21, 2014.

1. Pages 916-918 – Candidates and ministers declared their exceptions to the Confession, but there is not record of Presbytery action to allow or disallow them. These are examples from the 67<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, minutes consistently fail to record this required action of Presbytery (G.14-6).

Response

*Recommend to the Presbytery that the minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup>, and 68<sup>th</sup> that pages 899,914-917, 945 be corrected to read: "The candidates and ministers examined declared their exceptions to the confession. The Presbytery failed to record this that they were allowed. Exceptions were allowed by Presbytery on page 918."*

2. Page 900 – Terms of call for Rev. Tinnin does not include EPC medical insurance as required Act of Assembly 81-06, and the Minutes do not cite any of the allowed exceptions.

Response

*The Presbytery notes that Rev. Tinnin, is a Pastor of The Crossing Church. The church has not been enrolled in the EPC medical plan. They requested an exception in April 2009. Presbytery action in April 2009, page 645. Rev. Tinnin's exceptions to the Confession were declared and were recorded as allowed in the minutes, page 900.*

3. Pages 902, 931 – An Administrative Commission was improperly constituted with only three members (G.16.26)

Response

*It is noted that the Presbytery was in error and will constitute Commissions in the future conforming to the minimum requirements in the Book of Government.*

4. There are no summaries of financials in the body of the minutes (Acts of Assembly 06-09; Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 26-40).

Response

*Presbytery recognizes that it was in error and beginning with the April 2014 Minutes, the Financials will be as required by the General Assembly.*

Respectfully submitted,



Dexter Kuhlman, Stated Clerk



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April 29, 2015

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Dear Jeff,

Please find attached the required responses of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic to the review of PMA Minutes by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard".

The Rev. Howard G. Shockley, D.Min.  
Administrative Director & Stated Clerk

**RESPONSES**  
To  
**Exceptions & Notations to Presbytery Minutes**  
**As Reported by the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**  
Submitted by the  
**PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**April 24-25 2015**

**The 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, took the following actions related to the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic:**

Received responses to exceptions issued by the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly as adequate.

Commended the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery for:

1. The outstanding way it honors its retiring Teaching Elders (eg., Minutes, page 243).
2. Creatively rising to the challenge of moving beyond transfer to transformation by means of the "GO Center" (e.g., Minutes 75.11).

Approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic with the following exception:

1. P. 172 – Powers given to the Ministerial Committee as a Commission go beyond their constitutional bounds (specifically, items b and c, whereas item d is premature).

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notations requiring responses. *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). The response may need to include action of the presbytery to correct their minutes to show that constitutional requirements were followed.

1. P. 149 – The reason for the blanks in the list of names is unclear.
2. Pp. 166 - 167 – The paragraph regarding exceptions to the Confession and Catechisms is vague. The names of people that offered exceptions should be noted. Presbytery is required to vote to allow or disallow those specific exceptions, not "judge them acceptable" as a group.
3. P. 210 – Phil Thrash serves solely with World Outreach and therefore is misclassified as "out of bounds" (Act of Assembly 99-10).
4. P. 169 – Strickler should be listed as "active" without call. A person without call could be either active or inactive, and stating that a person is "active" is a positive statement about what should be a temporary situation. The term "active" adds dignity to the person temporarily without call and in the process of seeking a call (Act of Assembly 05-08.7).
5. P. 237 – What is the termination date of the regional commissions? (Act of Assembly 09-05.2).

**Presbytery Response to Exception re: Powers Granted to Ministerial Committee**

- 1) Response to exception re: P. 172 [PMA Minutes 74.28E]: The exception is so noted, and the Minutes are corrected to expunge from PMA Minutes recommendation 74.28E and reference to **G.21-1C, b, c, d** found in PMA Minutes 78.23E.

**[NOTE to the Review Committee:** It would be helpful to cite the numerical reference number wherein an exception or notation may appear, along with the Minutes book page number: e.g., 74.28E, p.172]

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**Presbytery Response to Notations cited above:**

1) P. 149 [PMA Minutes 74.04/Observers]: In spite of repeated instruction in written and oral form to those registering to PRINT their name, some persons prefer to sign in script. Sometimes these signatures are illegible. Rather than omit a person's name entirely, an illegible name is indicated by the spaces observed. FYI: Since these Minutes were submitted we have gone to electronic registration and have not encountered this problem as much as before. In the future, illegible names will be recorded as "Illegible".

2) Pp. 166-167 [PMA Minutes 74.22]: Error by omission. Both the Ministerial Committee and Presbytery hears and sometimes discusses an applicant's exception(s) before voting to allow exception(s) taken. Future minutes will show specific names and his/her exceptions. FYI: We typically allow exceptions to WCF, Chapter 21, section 8 regarding ". . . rest the whole day from their works and words, and from thoughts about their worldly activities and recreations; and take up the whole time in public and private worship and in the duties of necessity and mercy."

3) P. 210 re TE Phil Thrash's status [PMA Minutes 75.04]: A reading of the accompanying reference to *Acts of Assembly* 99-10 does not provide adequate clarity for this notation, viz. the statement "Ministers serving in such capacities [as WO missionaries or ministers serving in an administrative capacity in one of the courts of the church. . . .]" should be classified as ministers with calls, not as ministers serving out-of-bounds."

The foregoing sentence is problematic in that it implies that Teaching Elders serving in some capacity outside the boundaries of a church court do not have an approved call. **G.10-8A.3** (Calls approved by the Presbytery) defines an outside the bounds call as coming from a source "outside the *geographic* and/or *jurisdictional* bounds of the Presbytery"[Emphasis added]. Further, in that section, "A Teaching Elder called by a church or agency outside the bounds of the Presbytery remains under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery." It seems clear to us that TE Thrash's call is from an agency (i.e. World Outreach Office) outside the geographic and jurisdictional bounds of this Presbytery; that he labors on behalf of the World Outreach Office, in the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery but also in other presbyteries, under the authority and oversight of the WO Office.

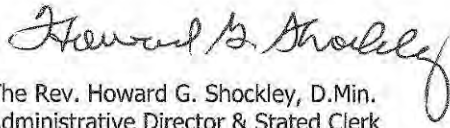
**G.9-6A** seems to further the distinction of "outside of presbytery bounds" to identify such Teaching Elders engaged in ministry beyond the context of a local church, in that in this case, TE Thrash is called as an Administrator for General Assembly's World Outreach Office and as one whose ministry context is defined as multi-jurisdictional and multi-geographical rather than one confined exclusively to the geographic and jurisdictional bounds of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Therefore to conform with the Book of Government's definition cited, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery has classified him as laboring outside the bounds of the Presbytery and understands he is under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery.

4) P. 169 [PMA Minutes 74.28A.3c] re listing TE Steve Strickler as "active without call": Presbytery requests the reviewer re-read the sentence contained in PMA Minutes 74.28A.3c and note TE Strickler's status as an Associate member when the recorded change was approved. The Presbytery recognizes an Active TE as a voting member in accord with **G.19-2A.1**, and an Associate member as a non-voting member (cf. **G.19-2B.1**). TE Strickler's status as an Associate member did not change.

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5) P. 237 [PMA Minutes 75.29; 75.30; 75.31 ff. re termination date of regional commissions: Please see PMA Minutes 71.26B and 77.25. Termination date of current regional commissions is recorded as April 30, 2016, subject to renewal by the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Jeff,

In response to the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Presbytery Review Committee's exception :

1. Page 200 (as one example) – Minutes consistently fail to include what body transferring ministers are being received from (Act of Assembly 09-05).

We have reviewed the minutes that were submitted for the Committee's review and found all ministers received during that period were from the PC(USA). With approval of this response, it will be inserted in the minutes and the appropriate corrections will be made. Since that period, we have received ministers from other bodies and it has been noted.

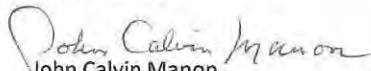
In response to the following notation requiring response:

1. Page 201 – Minutes do not record the basis for calling Timothy Anderson the title "Rev." which introduces confusion as to why he is being approved as a commissioned pastor.

The use of the term "Rev." was the Clerk's error and will be corrected to "Ruling Elder."

The notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters not requiring response have been noted.

In His Service,

  
John Calvin Manon  
Stated Clerk

cc: Presbytery Review Committee



EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OFFICE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC

Ron Bengelink, Stated Clerk

January 28, 2015

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**RE: Response to the Actions of the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Pacific.**

**Exception 1.** No signed, certified copies of approved minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting were supplied to the Committee for its meeting. Minutes should be forwarded as soon as possible.

*In fact, the Minutes were forwarded as soon as possible, but since our Spring meeting occurs three days before the date the PRC meets to review Minutes, it is unrealistic to expect the certified Minutes from our Winter meeting to ever be available for review. The Presbytery of the Pacific suggests that the PRC change their internal requirement and review Minutes for the previous calendar year only, thereby removing this difficult requirement and, in fact, then enabling the Committee to comply with the Rules for Assembly VIII 8-1 regarding the deadline for submission of their report to the Stated Clerk's office.*

**Exception 2.** The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Meetings were not opened in prayer (Rules for the Assembly IX 9-12G.2).

*The Clerk contends that the meetings cited, and all prior meetings of this Presbytery, were opened in prayer in compliance with the requirement since, before any business was conducted – and right after the opening devotional – an extensive time of prayer (typically 10 to 15 minutes) was led by the Moderator. That said, the Clerk will schedule an opening prayer right after the meeting is called to order from now on.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ron Bengelink'.

Ron Bengelink  
Stated Clerk, EPC Presbytery of the Pacific





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February 17, 2015

Hello Jeff,

I have made the necessary corrections and responses as per your letter of November 7, 2014 as issued by the 34th General Assembly. My answers pertain to exceptions and notations requiring responses and these answers are included with this letter.

I presented these corrections and responses as errata and notations that required a response to the 94<sup>th</sup> Presbytery and they approved them for presentation to the Presbytery Review Committee. They will be included in the minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. (Jerry) Clothier, Sr.  
Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of the Southeast

ERRATA  
Stated Clerk's Report  
Minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> Presbytery

Stated Clerk Clothier received a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev. Jeff Jeremiah identifying one exception, and three notations requiring responses and some typographical notations that do not require a response.

The Stated Clerk has recognized the exceptions and notations requiring responses and has prepared the required response. This response comes to the Presbytery for approval during this report.

The 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee took the following actions related to the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

The 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast with the following exception:

Page 12 (89-24) – No indication that Bush signed the required ministerial obligation.

Response: TE Bush did sign the required ministerial obligation; this action was not duly reported in the minutes; his signed Ministerial Obligation form is in his personal file.

Notations Requiring a Response:

The Presbytery Review Committee reported the following notations requiring responses.

1. P.1 (90-3) Possible misstatement: Candidates are to preach sermons for their examinations, not give devotionals.

Response: The Presbytery considers the sermon of a candidate as part of the Devotion that is typical of this time of our Presbytery opening, and this particular, due to several candidates being examined at this presbytery, the word devotional was used in error. This is noted and will be identified as a sermon in future minutes.

2. P. 15 (89-25) Why exceptions are not being handled at this meeting?

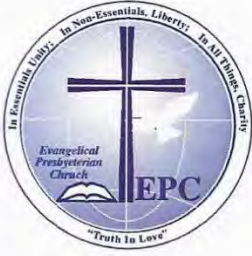
The Records Review Committee allowed these Clerks of Session to turn in their responses at the 90<sup>th</sup> Presbytery due to their admitted failure to turn them in at the meeting following the notice of exception. The Trion and Hope Fellowship exceptions were adequately resolved at the 90<sup>th</sup> Presbytery and the Buck Hill exception was adequately resolved at the 91<sup>st</sup> Presbytery.

3. What is being done regarding the large number of ministers not providing the required Annual Report?

The Ministerial Care Committee has appointed one of its members to specifically monitor this situation and the Stated Clerk works closely with that designee; also the form has been placed on the website so that pastors can make their reports electronically and the proper distribution takes place when the pastor sends that report.

Notations with regard to typographical and stylistic matters (Rules 9-11C.1)

These notations were taken under advice and will be carefully considered in the future.



# Presbytery Of The Central South

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April 27, 2015

Dr. Jeffrey Jeremiah, Stated Clerk  
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Dear Jeff:

In response to your letter dated November 7, 2014, on behalf of the Presbytery Review Committee and 34<sup>th</sup> 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 95<sup>th</sup> stated meeting held April 24-25, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, Covington, 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 7, 2014

Ken Van Kampen, Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of the Central South  
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Atoka TN 90168

Dear Ken,

The 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, took the following actions related to the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South:

Received responses to exceptions issued by the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly as adequate with the exception of response #3:

With G. 12-2A,<sup>1</sup> the candidate must be in the presbytery of which his church is a member. The candidate does not need to initiate the transfer, it happened *de facto* when the church moved to the Presbytery of the West. The matter is remanded to the Presbyteries so that Mr. Schuping is correctly enrolled as a Candidates in the Presbytery of the West.

**Response: In the process of carrying out the instructions of the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Central South Presbytery was notified by the Clerk of Session of Hope Presbyterian, Cordova, that Mr. Shuping is no longer a member at that church and is, therefore no longer a candidate under care of the Session. He has, therefore, been removed from the rolls of Presbytery.**

Approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Central South with the following exception:

1. Pp. 495-496, 527-528 (90.20; 91.21) – Main responsibilities for Associate and Assistant Pastors are not specified and the length of terms for Assistant Pastors are not specified.

**Response: TE Robert Tansill, Associate Pastor, First Opelika has primary responsibility in the area of discipleship and family ministry. TE Derek McCollum, Associate Pastor, First Baton Rouge (now in the Gulf South Presbytery) has primary responsibility in the area of discipleship and young adults. TE Gerry Peak, Assistant Pastor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian, Memphis was called for a term of 5 years as minister to Senior adults. TE Todd Erickson has been called and installed as Associate Pastor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian, Memphis as Executive Pastor. TE Kory Duncan, Assistant Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian, Laurel (now in the Gulf South Presbytery) was called for a term of 5 years in the area of youth and family ministry.**

The Presbytery Review Committee reported no notations requiring responses (*Rules for Assembly* 9-11C.2).

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<sup>1</sup>References are to the former *Book of Government*, which was in effect when Minutes were reviewed.

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**AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON SACRAMENTS  
ON THE MISSION FIELD  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**



*Ed McCallum  
Assistant Stated*

Members of the Ad Interim Committee on Sacraments on the Mission Field, appointed by the Moderator at the direction of the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly are TE Michael Allen (Florida; at large), TE Michael Flake (Mid-Atlantic; Ministerial Vocation Committee representative), TE Jeff Jeremiah (Stated Clerk, Advisor), TE Michael Kuhn (Southeast; World Outreach Global Worker), (TE Phil Linton (World Outreach Director, Advisor), RE Dugald McNab (Florida; Theology Committee Representative), TE Betsey Rumer (East; World Outreach Committee representative). The committee met by conference call on January 7, 2015 and by web meeting on March 31, 2015. TE Jeff Jeremiah convened the first meeting and TE Ed McCallum convened the second and coordinated document draft and approval.

### **The Work of the Committee**

Some global workers approved for service by the World Outreach Committee and commissioned by the General Assembly are not ordained as Teaching or Ruling Elders, and therefore have no sacramental authority from the EPC (*Book of Worship* 3.1). Some of these non-ordained workers are sent to do church planting in places where no church exists, and no Teaching or Ruling Elders are present to administer sacraments, which is one of the marks of the true church (“Essentials of our Faith”). The Study Committee’s charge from the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was to determine what, if anything needed to be changed in this situation and make recommendations to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that could include amendments to the **Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms** and the **Book of Order**. The Study Committee reached consensus that the current situation “set some workers up for failure,” by not giving them all the ecclesiastical authority necessary for planting churches.

The Committee saw no need for amendments to the **Westminster Confession and Catechisms**, but considered several polity solutions:

1. Amend the process of becoming an EPC global worker so that ordination is required. In order to serve as a global worker to plant churches in an unengaged people group (i.e. in an environment where a local church and/or minister is not reasonably available), the congregation in which the person holds membership would be required to affirm the prospective global worker’s call by electing, examining, and ordaining the person as a Ruling Elder. The Study Committee decided against this option as it would appear to violate the right of a particular church to elect its own elders (especially when the person is elected not to serve on the Session but would be serving as a global worker) and could be problematic for complementarian congregations when the prospective global worker is a single woman.
2. Amend *Book of Worship 3-1* so that Sessions have the right to confer sacramental authority to global workers serving as church planters in unengaged people groups. The Study

Committee decided against this option because it would be inappropriately extending the boundaries of a Session's authority within our connectional system.

3. Amend *Book of Worship 3-1* so that General Assembly has the right to commission some non-ordained global workers planting churches among unengaged people groups with authority to administer the sacraments when no Teaching or Ruling Elder is available. The Study Committee determined that this was the clearest route available to extend sacramental authority to a specific group of non-ordained individuals in a specific setting. At present, the **Book of Order** does not give the General Assembly authority to ordain or commission individuals. However, as a Court of the Church, it is appropriate for the General Assembly to be given that authority. It is not without precedent for the General Assembly of the EPC to have similar authority. During the first two years of the denomination, the General Assembly received candidates and approved ministers that transferred to the EPC. When presbyteries were formed and functioning and the **Book of Order** was approved, that authority went to the Presbyteries.

In its responsibility “to organize itself as it deems best for the propagation of the gospel, the advancement of the Kingdom, and the edification of the whole Church,” (G.20-4A.1) and “to equip and encourage EPC leaders, churches and Presbyteries to pursue God’s mission in the world,” (G.20-4B.1) the General Assembly has established a World Outreach department. World Outreach provides support structures for global workers and has a goal to “go where the church isn’t,” among unengaged people groups, especially in its Engage 2025 initiative. Some people called by God for that task may not have been ordained as Teaching or Ruling Elders.

Based on its role as the highest church court in the EPC connectional system, its role in facilitating the world mission of the EPC, and historic precedence, it is appropriate for the General Assembly to have constitutional authority to commission global workers with the necessary authority able to fully accomplish the task to which they are called and sent.

The Committee is recommending that the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly approve a general policy statement and a series of amendments to the Constitution and *Rules for Assembly* to provide the authority and structure by which the policy may be implemented. The proposed amendments to the Constitution were reviewed by the Permanent Judicial Commission (see their report).

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

1. That the Assembly approve the following policy for EPC World Outreach, pending approval of enabling amendments (recommendations below) to the *Book of Worship*, *Book of Government*, and *Rules for Assembly*:
  - 1) Whenever possible, church planting teams in fields where there is no church will have a Teaching or Ruling Elder member.
  - 2) If there is no Ruling or Teaching Elder on such a team, World Outreach may recommend that a non-ordained team member be commissioned by the General Assembly with authority to administer sacraments.
  - 3) Prior to commissioning with sacramental authority, those global workers shall take a course on the theology and administration of sacraments developed by the Ministerial

Vocation and World Outreach Committees, sustain a written examination developed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, and sustain an oral examination by the Standing Committee on World Outreach at a meeting of the General Assembly.

2. That the Assembly amend *Book of Worship* 3-1 to include certain non-ordained global workers among those who may be authorized to administer sacraments when a Teaching Elder is not reasonably available.

<b>Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1 Additions in bold italics</b>
<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session or by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <b>G.10-6E</b>).<sup>27</sup> This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>	<p>3-1 In the Gospel only two sacraments are ordained by Christ. They are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister may administer the sacraments, but such do not act in their own right, rather on behalf of Christ and His Church. In the absence of a lawfully ordained Minister, authority to administer the sacraments may be exercised by Ruling Elders with consent of the Session, <del>or</del> by a Commissioned Pastor with consent of the Presbytery (see <b>G.9-11</b>), <b>or by a non-ordained global worker of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church examined and commissioned by the General Assembly (G.20-4A.5)</b>. This privilege should be exercised only in extraordinary circumstances in which a lawfully ordained Minister is not reasonably available.</p>

3. Amend *Book of Government* 20-4A by adding a new section 5 and renumbering the current section 5 as section 6, giving the General Assembly authority to commission certain non-ordained global workers with sacramental authority.

<b>Current <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5</b>	<b>Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 20-4A.5 Additions in bold italics</b>
<b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b>	<b>20-4 Authority and Responsibilities of the General Assembly</b>

<sup>27</sup> The reference in the new *Book of Government* (adopted June 2014) is G.9-11.

<b>Current Book of Government 20-4A.5</b>	<b>Proposed Book of Government 20-4A.5 Additions in bold italics</b>
<p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p> <p>5. To correspond and cooperate with other denominations, national and international groups.</p>	<p>A. In maintaining the spiritual supervision of the work of the total Church, the General Assembly has the necessary authority to fulfill its responsibilities:</p> <p>5. <i>To examine and commission non-ordained global workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the authority to administer sacraments in places where no Teaching or Ruling Elders are reasonably available (W.3-1).</i></p> <p>6. To correspond and cooperate with other denominations, national and international groups.</p>

4. Amend *Rules for Assembly* 9-1B and 10-1B to be effective upon approval and ratification of amendments to **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A**, giving authority to the Permanent Committees on Ministerial Vocation and World Outreach to develop a course of instruction and written examinations on the theology and administration of sacraments, and to the Standing Committee on World Outreach to examine and approve non-ordained global workers with sacramental authority.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1B</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1B</b>
<p>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:</p> <p>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions, <i>including oral examination of those global workers recommended by the permanent Committee on World Outreach to be commissioned with authority to administer Sacraments (Rules 10-1B.2).</i></p>




<b>Current Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>
<p><b>10-1</b> The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:</p> <p><b>B. Committee on World Outreach</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> 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.</li> </ol>	<p><b>10-1</b> The ministries of the Assembly shall be conducted primarily through permanent committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission, to wit:</p> <p><b>B. Committee on World Outreach</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> 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.</li> <li><b>2.</b> <i>The Committee on World Outreach, in consultation with the Ministerial Vocation Committee, shall be responsible for providing a course of instruction for those global workers to be commissioned by the General Assembly with authority to administer sacraments on the mission field (W.3-2). All such workers shall</i></li> </ol>

<b>Current Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly 10-1B</b>
	<p><i>sustain a written examination developed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, be recommended to the General Assembly by the World Outreach Committee and sustain an oral examination by the Standing Committee on World Outreach (Rules for Assembly 9-1B)</i></p>

5. That the Assembly direct the World Outreach Committee to update the *World Outreach Manual* as needed upon approval and ratification of amendments to the **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A.5** and related amendments to the *Rules for Assembly*.
6. That, following ratification of amendments to **W.3-1** and **G.20-4A.5**, footnotes be added to the published **Book of Order** referring readers to relevant portions of the *Rules for Assembly* and/or *Acts of Assembly* explaining the process of examining/commissioning global workers of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
7. That the Study Committee be dissolved upon ratification of the amendments to the *Book of Worship* and *Book of Government* related to its task.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed McCallum  
Assistant Stated Clerk

June 2015

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**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK  
35<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



*Jeff Jeremiah  
Stated Clerk*

As I complete my third three year term as Stated Clerk, I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve our Savior and Lord and you in this ministry in this exciting and challenging time in life of EPC. Philippians 1.4 regularly comes to mind as I think about you and us: “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Your personal concern and regular prayers for Cindy and me across these nine years, but especially the last three, has been life-giving. One response to your care for us: when I’m asked “What is your church home?” I reply, “The churches of the EPC are our church home.”

**A New Era**

At the 2013 General Assembly we acknowledged that having grown from 182 churches in 2007 to over 500 in 2013, the end of “transfer growth” was in sight. On December 31, 2014 the EPC numbered 551 churches. As of May 26, we have added fifteen churches, bringing our membership to 566.

Three developments in the aftermath of this explosive growth across seven years tell us we’re in a new and different era in the life and mission of the EPC. The first development has been our commitment to move from “Transfer to Transformation.” One result of this decision was to revise our Mission statement and confirm a statement of Vision we believe the Lord has for us. Our mission statement is “We exist to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus as Presbyterian, Reformed, evangelical and missional congregations.” This statement of who we believe our Lord Jesus has called us to be has guided us since 2009, when the General Assembly that year approved this statement. The vision statement reads, “To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus’ love as a global movement of congregations engaged together in God’s mission through transformation, multiplication and effective biblical leadership.” This statement includes four strategic initiatives: global movement, transformation (church revitalization) multiplication (church planting) and effective biblical leadership. Providentially, we’ve seen that the Lord has already focused our attention on each of these areas before we identified and confirmed them. EPC World Outreach has historically led the way in taking the Gospel globally to the ends of the earth. Our position in the global church has been enhanced by their efforts as well as churches and organizations “finding us” on the internet and reaching out to us. We want to think of and organize ourselves as a “movement,” as opposed to an institution. Do we need structure? Yes, absolutely. But we want just enough organization to ensure we are fluid and “on the move.” In transformation, Ken Priddy, Bob Stauffer and Bill Rasch of the “Go Team” are doing an outstanding job of promoting revitalization to our churches in need of this service. Tom Ricks heads up the Church Planting Team of Mike Moses, Jack Cathey, Jim Holland, Tom Melton, Shawn Robinson, Bart Garrett and Matt Brown. We’re seeing a true movement

emerging in multiplication. Formed in 2013, the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education has been working for two years on how to more effectively prepare the next generation of pastoral leaders in the EPC. The Interim Committee is led by Fred Lian and includes Luder Whitlock, Mark Toone, Bob Howard, Ed Wedin and Bill Dudley. Nate Atwood joined the group this spring. The year 2015 will see the rollout of the initial “Leadership Institute,” as we build on the enthusiastic response to our Workshop speakers the last few years. COA member Bill Enns has spearheaded this effort.

These initiatives can only be funded if strong support for Per Member Asking (PMA) continues. We believe the Lord has given us a great vision and opportunity for impact for Him. If all of our churches contribute generously to PMA the sky is the limit as to what we could see happen in the years ahead!

A second change we’ve addressed is the increasing antagonism from our culture and government. This is addressed more completely in “Legal Protection/ Amicus Filings” below.

A third dynamic in this new era in the life of the EPC is the reality of “growing pains.” As a result of adding over 380 churches, we’ve added five new presbyteries since 2010. Those new presbyteries were created out of the original eight. The gathering of long-time friends who looked forward to being together three or four times a year came to an end. New presbyteries produced the need for new leadership to step forward. “Old” presbyteries, having “given up” churches and leaders, have had to review their mission and re-organize to accommodate their new status. In the midst of these changes it is inevitable that problems will arise. I’m very grateful for the way TEs and REs have stepped into key positions and committees in all our presbyteries. We’re truly a “work in progress,” but we are progressing as we build strong presbyteries throughout the EPC!

The GA Office has also had to endure growing pains. Consistent with our commitment to not build a “bureaucracy” at the national level of the EPC, there’s been a minimal increase in the number of staff serving our churches and presbyteries. I greatly appreciate all the staff of the GA Office. They’ve accepted and embraced the change of increased workload, the change of new technologies and the change of re-organization that’s been required to keep the GA Office working to the highest level of service for all of us.

### **Legal protection / Amicus Filings**

In response to increasing threats to our First Amendment rights it has been necessary for the EPC to help our churches strengthen their corporate and legal protection. Following a May 2014 webinar, a second “Protecting the Church – A Matter of Biblical Stewardship” webinar was presented by Forrest Norman in November 2014. Church Sessions should be aware of the threats to its Gospel ministry and take appropriate actions to ensure they have the strongest possible legal protection in place.

Amicus filings - The EPC joined a third amicus curiae brief on March 30, 2015. We accepted the invitation to join the National Association of Evangelicals amicus in cases that were tried before the Supreme Court of the United States this spring. This amicus strongly

supports biblical marriage and refutes the argument that those who object to homosexual marriage on religious grounds are motivated by animus (hatred). The Supreme Court held its hearing on this matter on Tuesday, April 28. In announcing this action, we asked EPC churches to make this an item for prayer on Sunday, April 26.

Before November 2012 the EPC had not joined or filed an amicus curiae in its 32 year history. Since that date we have joined three. The process by which we consider joining an amicus is described in Bill Dudley's report to you.

I want to recognize and thank those lawyers who have provided invaluable and outstanding service to the EPC in these important matters. Forrest Norman has led the effort to help our churches with legal protection. Jim Rimmel, Kent Talbert and John Graham are the Amicus Review Team who resource the COA. Carl Esbeck led the team that oversaw the NAE amicus we joined in March. He is Professor of Law at the University of Missouri Law School and a member of The Crossing-Columbia, MO.

### **Changes in Role**

In light of the changes that have occurred in the EPC, the role of my office and the way this ministry is done has changed significantly. Two changes are reflected in the latest revision of the Stated Clerk's position description. My second key responsibility was to "Represent 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." In April, a new sentence was added to reflect the realities we face in 2015: "In addition, seek to protect the rights and privileges of the EPC as a church of Jesus Christ in the United States." A second change was that I relinquished responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the GA Office to Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg. Phil, Assistant Stated Clerk Ed McCallum and I are committed to working effectively as a team to bring the best possible leadership to the GA Office.

With a much larger denomination, I'm spending less time with EPC leaders on a one-on-one basis but much more time with leadership committees and groups. First is the Committee on Administration as well as its Personnel and Finance Committees and the four strategic initiative groups. Please know that on the COA you have leaders who are committed to Christ, to you and to stepping up to the opportunities and challenges we face as a church of Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. GA committees I devote considerable time to are Theology, Fraternal Relations, Church Planting & Revitalization (which includes the Go Team and Church Planting Team), as well as the Interim Committee on Ministerial Education and the Amicus Review Team. With the COA's encouragement, I've met with the under 40 year old Teaching Elders in 11 of our 13 presbyteries. We're very interested in their perspective on what they see as the future of the EPC. These leadership groups have been repeatedly energizing for me, because their enthusiasm for what the Lord is doing in and through the EPC is infectious!

### **National Association of Evangelicals – Lilly Endowment**

I'm very grateful for all the pastors who participated in the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) survey on church and personal finances. This survey is a key part of the

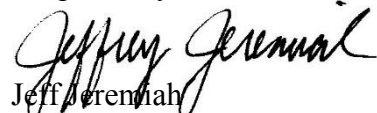
NAE research done in response to the Lilly Endowment's invitation to participate in its "National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders."

The input of EPC pastoral leaders is distinctive to this research, because we are one of a small number of evangelical denominations with mandatory benefits (vacation, study leave, medical and pension participation). We also have special funds - Medical Benevolence Fund for pastors in between calls and Gratitude Gift Fund for retired ministers and missionaries - that other denominations do not have. Lastly, it appears we do not have the financial "drop-out rate" of other NAE denominations. Our participation in the NAE project could open the door for us to partner directly with the Lilly Endowment in the future.

### **Special Offerings**

As emergency needs arise, the EPC is generous in special offerings for those who are suffering. In 2014 we received \$53,301 for the relief of brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering at the hands of ISIS in the Syria/Iraq region. These funds were sent to the Christian Aid Mission. Released to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies was \$7,695 for Sierra Leone relief during the Ebola epidemic.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey Jeremiah  
Stated Clerk

June 2013

**Churches Received, Dissolved, or Dismissed May 31, 2014 – May 28, 2015**  
**Churches Received:**

**Presbytery of the Alleghenies**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
1	Berlin Presbyterian Church	Lewis Center	OH	6/30/2014	PCUSA
2	Fairview United Presbyterian Church	Petrolia	PA	7/24/2014	PCUSA
3	Harmony United Presbyterian Church	Harrisville	PA	7/30/2014	PCUSA
4	First Presbyterian Church of Barton	Barton	MD	12/12/2014	PCUSA
5	First Presbyterian Church of Lonaconing	Lonaconing	MD	12/12/2014	PCUSA
6	Colonial Village Presbyterian Church	Niagara Falls	NY	1/15/2015	PCUSA
7	Connellsville Presbyterian Church	Pittsburgh	PA	5/19/2015	PCUSA
8	Slickville Presbyterian Church	Slickville	PA	5/19/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Central South**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
9	Heartsong Church	Ripley	MS	10/25/2014	n/a
10	First Presbyterian Church	Blytheville	AR	2/14/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the East**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
11	Christ Presbyterian Church	Springfield	MA	9/26/2014	PCUSA
12	Little Britain Presbyterian Church	Peach Bottom	PA	9/27/2014	PCUSA

**Presbytery of Florida**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
13	First Presbyterian Church in Bayamon	Bayamon, Puerto Rico		2/13/15*	PCUSA
14	First Presbyterian Church of DeBary	DeBary	FL	5/9/2015	PCUSA

\*\*Pending approval of Overture 15-A to change Presbytery boundaries

**Presbytery of the Great Plains**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
15	Freeman Presbyterian Church	Freeman	MO	1/31/2015	PCUSA
16	Three Timbers Church (mission church)	Bennington	NE	1/31/2015	n/a

**Presbytery of the Gulf South**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
17	First Presbyterian Church	Mexia	TX	11/21/2014	PCUSA
18	Liberty Presbyterian Church	Liberty	MS	2/21/2015	PCUSA
19	Unity Memorial Presbyterian Church	Liberty	MS	2/21/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of Mid-America**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
20	Trinity EPC	Chillicothe	MO	6/25/2014	n/a
21	Big Creek Presbyterian Church	Hannibal	MO	1/24/2015	PCUSA
22	Providence Presbyterian Church	Bowling Green	MO	4/21/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
23	Hope Presbyterian Church	Fredericksburg	VA	6/8/2014	PCUSA
24	New Life Presbyterian Church	Salem	VA	7/20/2014	PCUSA
25	Galatia Presbyterian Church	Eagle Rock	VA	8/15/2014	PCUSA
26	Buffalo Presbyterian Church	Greensboro	NC	2/10/2015	PCUSA
27	Memorial Presbyterian Church	Greensboro	NC	2/10/2015	PCUSA
28	Hollywood Presbyterian Church	Greenville	NC	3/29/2015	PCUSA
29	New Cut Presbyterian Church	Lancaster	SC	5/3/2015	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Midwest**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
30	Cross Way EPC (mission church)	Macomb	MI	9/13/2014	n/a
31	Peace Church	Middleville	MI	11/14/2014	RCA
30	Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church	Trenton	OH	2/20/2015	PCUSA
32	New City Presbyterian Church (mission church)	South Bend	IN	5/16/2015	n/a
33	First Presbyterian Church	Ossian	IN	5/16/2-15	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the Pacific**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
34	Evangelical Valley Presbyterian Church	Hazelton	ID	6/22/2014	PCUSA
35	Christ Presbyterian Church	Boise	ID	10/10/2014	n/a
36	The Table (mission church)	San Francisco	CA	10/11/2014	n/a
37	Merrill Presbyterian Church	Merrill	OR	12/1/2014	PCUSA
38	Orondo Community Church	Orondo	WA	12/1/2014	PCUSA
39	Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church	Klamath Falls	OR	3/7/2015	PCUSA

**Rivers and Lakes Presbytery**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
40	First Presbyterian Church	Herrin	IL	9/26/2014	PCUSA
41	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Sparta	IL	2/6/2015	PCUSA



**Presbytery of the Southeast**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
42	Bethany Presbyterian Church	Kingsport	TN	9/27/2014	PCUSA
43	Wilson Station Presbyterian Church	Englewood	TN	9/27/2014	PCUSA

**Presbytery of the West**

	Church	City	State	Received	From
44	Saint Patrick Presbyterian Church	Denver	CO	2/6/2015	PCA

**Churches Dissolved or Dismissed:****Presbytery of the Alleghenies**

	Church	City	State	Date	Dismissed/dissolved
1	Zion Presbyterian Church	Niagara Falls	NY	7/27/2014	Dissolved

**Presbytery of the Central South**

	Church	City	State	Date	Dismissed/dissolved
2	Round Pond Church	Franklin	NC	11/25/2-14	Dismissed to independence

**Presbytery of Florida**

	Church	City	State	Date	Dismissed/dissolved
3	Hope EPC	Tallahassee	FL	10/11/2014	Dissolved (merged with Covenant Presbyterian Tallahassee)
4	Trinity Presbyterian	Fort Pierce	FL	5/9/2015	Dissolved

**Mid-Atlantic Presbytery**

	Church	City	State	Date	Dismissed/dissolved
5	New Horizon EPC	Candler	NC	10/3/2014	Dissolved
6	Clover EPC	Clover	SC	11/14/2014	Dissolved

**Rivers and Lakes Presbytery**

	Church	City	State	Date	Dismissed/dissolved
7	Confluence Church	Champaign	IL	1/31/2015	Dissolved

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**STUDENT AND COLLEGE MINISTRIES REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Student and College Ministries Committee are TE Scott Bowen (2015; Central South/College), RE David DeBruler (2015; Central South/-Chairman), Elliot Simko (2015; East/CCO/College), David House (2017; Southeast/Student), TE David Burke (2016; Southeast/College), TE Mark Steimer (2016; Southeast) and RE Scarlett Stewart (2016; Florida), TE Drew Henderson (2017; Great Plains/College), Allyson Sveda (2017; Alleghenies/College), Luke Ahrens (2017; Rivers & Lakes/Student) TE Matt Knapp (2017; Pacific/Student).



*David DeBruler*  
*Chairman*

The Committee met October 3 & 4, 2014 in Livonia, Michigan; and March 12, 2015 via video conference call.

David DeBruler is the Chairman, serving his second year in this capacity.

**The Work of the Committee**

Student and College Ministries serves the EPC community by supporting ministry leadership in the local church, Presbyteries and campus mission field as they fulfill their individual calling to take the Gospel to the next generation. The following strategies are employed:

- Equip – Equipping and Mobilizing churches with Leadership Development
- Provide – Providing needed Ministry Resources and Opportunities
- Connect – Bringing our Community together to Connect and Collaborate

The desire of the Student and College Ministries Committee is to have an ongoing dialogue with those we serve, in order to effectively support and provide for actual needs. This desire is driven by two important realities we have discovered in our research of the current state of student and college ministries across the U.S.

Reality #1: Regarding Student Ministries, U.S. evangelical churches in general have been experiencing a disturbingly high failure rate of students leaving their faith after high school graduation. The percent of failure is higher than previous generations and the likelihood of them returning to the faith in their twenties is much lower. Instead of our students leaving high school as equipped laborers of the faith, many of them have to be re-evangelized in their post-high school years.

Reality #2: Regarding College Ministries, U.S. college campuses continue to be one of our most important mission fields, with U.S. students and with international students.

Highlights of the past year –

- **Presbytery/Regional Networking:** Committee members are connecting with leaders in their presbyteries to offer support to existing networks and identify areas where leaders would like to develop new networks. Fostering connections in new networks include:

identifying leaders with an interest in facilitating a network; provide facilitators with leader contact information; and maintain connections with new networks to provide support and SCM resources.

- **Online Book Studies:** SCM offered two online book studies in Spring 2015 using Facebook. Former SCMC member Dan Weidman facilitated the College Ministries study of the book, *College Ministry from Scratch: A Practical Guide to Start and Sustain a Successful College Ministry* for 14 participants. Current SCMC member Mark Steimer-Cedar Springs led the Student Ministries study of *Sustainable Youth Ministry* for 45 participants.
- **Urbana 2015:** SCM is working with Shawn Stewart and World Outreach to promote attendance and scholarships for Urbana 2015. High school seniors and college-aged students (age 17-29) are eligible. The EPC World Outreach team is hosting a free meal to answer questions about EPC missions opportunities and to connect with other EPC students. SCM will offer \$100 needs-based scholarships by application. Donations for scholarships are currently being accepted at [www.epc.org/donate](http://www.epc.org/donate), by selecting "Student and College Ministries," then "Urbana Scholarships."
- **General Assembly:** Last year we connected with and offered equipping opportunities to more leaders than ever before. We were able to offer opportunities at 2 Networking Lunches, 2 Dinners and 1 Breakfast. For Orlando, we are planning 3 Networking Lunches and will have a comprehensive resource at our display table entitled *EPC Generations Connect – Four Generations, One Body, Perfected in Unity (John 17:22-23)*, including practical steps for leading through generational differences, generational strengths and challenges in congregation life and how to get generations working together in the places they tend to come apart.
- **CCO Partnership:** We continue to promote CCO to our churches in their existing and expanding footprint. We want to expand our existing church partnerships by facilitating new connections and steps toward partnerships. We are working with CCO to set specific goals, including those in areas where CCO is considering expansion of their existing footprint.

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None.

Respectfully submitted,



David DeBruler

Chairman

June 2015

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**THEOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Theology Committee are TE Adel Thalos (chair), TE Chris Curtis, RE Bob Donan, RE Bill DuBose, RE Dugald McNab and TE Ramona Spilman. The Committee met January 29, 2015 and February 5, 2015 and confirmed their report with recommendations via email in May.



*Adel Thalos*  
*Chairman*

**The Work of the Committee**

1. Position Paper on Homosexuality

At its January 29 meeting the Committee discussed the status of The Position Paper on Homosexuality. The Position Paper had been taken off the EPC website at the request of the leaders of two churches. Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah had filed a report that included:

- A. The Homosexuality Position Paper was taken off the EPC website because there was evidence that those who mean harm to the EPC were using statements from the Position Paper to paint the EPC as homophobic. Since the Position Paper has been taken off the website questions from those outside the EPC continue to come to us about the Position Paper and how it would be applied in a local church setting.
- B. It has been acknowledged by many EPC leaders that the wording of the Position Paper, last revised substantially in 1994, needs to be updated. A group of EPC leaders that discussed this matter recently reported that there is “a need for the EPC to provide ‘cover’ for its churches in the form of a new statement, one which joyfully affirms (out of God’s design as Creator, He creates male and female – and from that union comes life!) all that we celebrate in regard to marriage and family with less emphasis on what we are ‘against.’ This culture war has been lost, but it matters how we speak into this.” In late 2014 a young TE asked, “Are we going to be the denomination that defines itself by what it is against, or by what we are for – Christ-honoring, missional living?”
- C. At a meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) in late 2014 it was declared, “Marriage is the biblical hermeneutic (that is, starting point) for any discussion on sexuality.” It is by addressing sexuality through the comprehensive “lens” of biblical marriage that we can be heard in our culture. (The culture’s current way of thinking: 1) sexuality and identity, then 2) marriage as an “afterthought” or “logical conclusion”).

The Committee considered and unanimously agreed to the recommendation found later in this report.

2. Sabbath Observance

The 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2014) referred the following matter to the Committee:

"That the Sabbath provisions of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** (21.7, 8), **Larger Catechism** (questions 117-121), **Shorter Catechism** (questions 58-60), and *Book of Worship* (2-2) be referred to the Permanent Theology Committee for study and, if

deemed necessary and appropriate, that the Committee bring recommendations to the 35th or 36th General Assembly including, but not limited to, amending some or all of those documents." The Committee's response is found in Recommendation THEO-2.

### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

#### **Recommendation THEO-1**

The Permanent Committee on Theology recommends that the 35th General Assembly (2015) direct the General Assembly Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to:

1. Review and update the Position Paper on Homosexuality,
2. Review and update the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage,
3. Consider an expansion of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include as applications the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and
4. Report back to the 36th General Assembly (2016).

#### **Recommendation THEO-2**

That the Assembly adopt the finding of the Permanent Theology Committee regarding statements on the Sabbath in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms and the EPC Book of Worship (see Attachment THEO-A for the constitutional texts):

When a Presbytery grants an exception to the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-8, it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC *Book of Worship* 2-2. Such an exception is consistent with our *Book of Worship* and does not make it difficult for Teaching Elders to take a vow to submit to the government and discipline of the EPC with integrity. Therefore, the Committee sees no need to amend the documents as suggested by the reference of the Theology standing committee of the 34th General Assembly (2014).

Rationale: The *Book of Worship* 2-2 reflects the heart of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** 21-7, focusing on the Christian Sabbath being a remembrance and celebration of Christ's bodily resurrection as a "continuing witness to God's power over sin and death." The *Book of Worship* 2-2 focusing on the necessity of gathering for worship on the Lord's Day... calling on believers to arrange their day in such a way as to facilitate such worship. What the *Book of Worship* 2-2 does not do is further embrace nor deny the **Westminster Confession** 21-8, which further regulates actions, "rest the whole day from their own works and words, and from thoughts about their worldly activities and recreations; and take up the whole time in public and private worship and in the duties of necessity and mercy." The *Book of Worship* 2-2, in effect, creates allowances for exceptions of the Westminster Confession 21-8.

Respectfully submitted,



Adel Thalos  
Chairman

June 2015

## Constitutional texts regarding Sabbath

### Westminster Confession of Faith 21.7,8

7. It is a law of our natural, earthly life that some appropriate amount of time be set aside for the worship of God. In his word God has similarly commanded all men in every age to keep one day in seven holy unto him as a Sabbath.<sup>34</sup> From the beginning of the world up to the resurrection of Christ, this Sabbath was the last day of the week. Since the resurrection of Christ it has been changed to the first day of the week, called the Lord's day in Scripture, and is to be continued until the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath.<sup>35</sup>

34. Ex 20.8-11, Is 56.2,4,6-7.

35. Gn 2.2-3, 1 Cor 16.1-2, Acts 20.7, Rv 1.10, Ex 20.8,10, Mt 5.17-18; these texts are cited in connection with the example of the apostles and the early church.

8. The Sabbath is kept holy unto the Lord when men prepare their hearts for it; arrange for their daily affairs to be taken care of beforehand; rest the whole day from their own works and words, and from thoughts about their worldly activities and recreations;<sup>36</sup> and take up the whole time in public and private worship and in the duties of necessity and mercy.<sup>37</sup>

36. Ex 20.8, 16.23, 25-26,29-30, 31.15-17, Is 58.13, Neh 13.15-22, Lk 23.56.

37. Is 58.13, Mt 12.1-13.

### Larger Catechism 115-121

#### Q. 115. What is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.<sup>1</sup>

1. Ex 20.8-11.

#### Q. 116. What does the fourth commandment require?

A. The fourth commandment requires all men to sanctify or set apart to God the times he has established in his word, and specifically one whole day out of every seven. This was the seventh day from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since. It will continue that way until the end of the world. This is the Christian Sabbath,<sup>1</sup> in the New Testament called the Lord's day.<sup>2</sup>

1. Dt 5.12-14, Gn 2.2-3, 1 Cor 16.1-2, Acts 20.7, Mt 5.17-18, Is 56.2, 4, 6-7, Lk 23.56, Jn 20.19-27.

2. Rv 1.10.

#### Q. 117. How do we keep the Sabbath or the Lord's day holy?

- A. We keep the Sabbath or the Lord's day holy by resting the whole day,<sup>1</sup> not just from doing things that are inherently sinful at any time, but even from worldly affairs and recreations that are lawful on other days.<sup>2</sup> Except for necessary works or acts of mercy,<sup>3</sup> we should joyfully spend all our time publicly and privately worshiping God.<sup>4</sup> To that end, we must prepare our hearts and carefully plan ahead so that our worldly business is taken care of beforehand in order that we may more readily spend the day the way God requires.<sup>5</sup>

1. Ex 20.8,10.
2. Ex 16.25-29, Neh 13.15-22, Jer 17.21-22.
3. Mt 11.1-13, 12.1-14.
4. Is 58.13,18, 66.23, Lk 4.16, Acts 20.7, 1 Cor 16.1-2, Ps 92 (title), Lv 23.3.
5. Ex 20.8,56, Lk 23.54,56, Ex 16.22, 25-26, 29, Neh 13.19.

**Q. 118. Why is the command to keep the Sabbath specifically directed to heads of families and others in authority?**

- A. The command to keep the Sabbath is specifically directed to heads of families and others in authority because the command not only obligates them individually and personally but also makes them responsible for everyone under them. The command also recognizes that those in authority may be inclined to work themselves on the Sabbath day and so hinder the observance of it by those under them.<sup>1</sup>

1. Ex 20.10, Jos 24.15, Neh 13.15,17, Jer 17.20-22, Ex 23.12. The Larger Catechism 88.

**Q. 119. What particular sins does the fourth commandment forbid?**

- A. The fourth commandment forbids failing to do anything required by the commandment,<sup>1</sup> or doing it carelessly, negligently, or in such a way as not to benefit from it, and being tired of keeping it;<sup>2</sup> also treating the day as unholy by loafing, by doing anything in itself sinful,<sup>3</sup> and by all useless works, words, and thoughts about our worldly affairs and recreations.<sup>4</sup>

1. Ez 22.26.
2. Acts 20.7,9, Ez 33.30-32, Am 8.5, Mal 1.13.
3. Ez 23.38.
4. Jer 17.24,27, Is 58.13-14.

**Q. 120. What reasons are added to the fourth commandment emphasizing the importance of obeying it?**

- A. The reasons added to the fourth commandment to emphasize its importance are first of all implied by its inherent fairness; God allows us six days out of every seven for our own affairs and reserves only one for himself, in these words: Six days shall you labor and do all your work.<sup>1</sup> God also insists that this day belongs to him, The seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.<sup>2</sup> And there is the example of God himself, who in six days made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested on the seventh day. Finally God put a blessing on that day, not just by making it a holy day for serving him but also by establishing that our keeping the Sabbath holy will be a blessing to us as well. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.<sup>3</sup>

1. Ex 20.9.

2. Ex 20.10.
3. Ex 20.11.

**Q. 121. Why does the word Remember begin the fourth commandment?**

A. The word Remember begins the fourth commandment<sup>1</sup> in one respect, because it is highly beneficial to remember it: the word helps us prepare ourselves to keep the commandment,<sup>2</sup> and when we do, it helps us to do a better job keeping all the other commandments;<sup>3</sup> and the word also reminds us to remain ever thankful for the two great benefits of creation and redemption, which contain the essence of true religion.<sup>4</sup> In another respect, the word “remember” reminds us how easy it is to forget to keep the Sabbath,<sup>5</sup> for several reasons. First, keeping the Sabbath is not obvious to our natural, human understanding,<sup>6</sup> while it additionally restricts our freedom from doing things that are lawful on other days.<sup>7</sup> And, coming only every seventh day leaves plenty of time for us to become so engrossed with our own worldly affairs that we forget to prepare for the Sabbath or keep it holy.<sup>8</sup> Finally, Satan himself with the tools at his disposal is hard at work to blot out the glory and even the memory of the Sabbath and so promote the neglect of religion and irreverence.<sup>9</sup>

1. Ex 20.8.
2. Ex 16.23, Lk 23.54,56, Mk 15.42, Neh 13.19.
3. Ps 92.13-14, Ez 20.12, 19-20.
4. Gn 2.2-3, Ps 118.22,24, Acts 4.10-11, Rv 1.10, Heb 4.9.
5. Ez 22.26, Nm 15.37-38,40.
6. Neh 9.14.
7. Ex 34.21.
8. Dt 5.14-15, Am 8.5, Nm 15.37-38,40.
9. Lam 1.7, Jer 17.21-23, Neh 13.15-23.

## Shorter Catechism 58-60

**WSC Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?**

A. The fourth commandment requires us to set apart to God the times he has established in his word—specifically one whole day out of every seven as a holy Sabbath to him.<sup>1</sup>

1. Lv 19.30, Dt 5.12-14, Is 56.2-7.

**Q. 59. Which day of the week has God designated as the Sabbath?**

A. From the beginning of the world until the resurrection of Christ, God established the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath.<sup>1</sup> From that time until the end of the world, the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath.<sup>2</sup>

1. Gn 2.2-3, Lk 23.56.
2. Acts 20.7, 1 Cor 16.1-2, Jn 20.19-26.

**Q. 60. How do we keep the Sabbath holy?**

A. We keep the Sabbath holy by resting the whole day from worldly affairs or recreations, even ones that are lawful on other days.<sup>1</sup> Except for necessary works or acts of mercy,<sup>2</sup> we should spend all our time publicly and privately worshipping God.<sup>3</sup>



1. Lv 23.3, Ex 16.25-29, 20.8,10, Neh 13.15-19, Jer 17.21-22.
2. Mt 12.11-12, and see context.
3. Ps 92.1-2 (a psalm or song for the Sabbath day), Is 66.23, Luke 4.16, Is 58.13, Acts 20.7

### *Book of Worship 2-2*

The Lord's Day: It is appropriate that **some amount** of time be set aside for the worship of God. God has commanded in His Word that all men in every age keep **one day in seven holy to Him as a Sabbath**. From the beginning of the world up to the resurrection of Jesus, this Sabbath was the last day of the week. Since the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, it has been changed to the first day of the week and is to be continued until the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath. As a day for remembering and celebrating the resurrection of Christ, it is a continuing witness to God's power over sin and death. A. While Christians may worship God at any time and in any place, they especially **worship God in places set aside for that purpose**. This does not mean other places are less sacred, but it is a witness to the world when Christians gather together in visible demonstration that God is the Lord of all. For that reason it is appropriate to gather for common worship in a place set aside for the special purpose of praising, glorifying and worshipping God. B. **It is incumbent upon all Christians to gather on the Lord's Day for worship that it might be kept holy unto the Lord. Affairs should be so arranged and influence so used that no one will be kept unnecessarily from worshiping God or observing the day in an appropriate manner.** (emphasis by Theology Committee).

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**WOMEN IN MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Members of the Women In Ministry Committee are Suzanne Stelling, Chairman (Southeast), Niecy LoCricchio (West) and Lana Roberts (Pacific). Jo Kadlecek and Stacy Laho tendered their resignations in January 2015; Susan Nash, Interim Director, finished her term of service December 31, 2014. Kim Avis is the denominational office assistant serving at this time.



*Suzanne Stelling  
Chairman*

**Meetings of the Committee**

- General Assembly Office: October 27-28, 2014 and March 16-17, 2015
- Conference Calls: Susan Nash, Suzanne Stelling, Lana Roberts, October 24, 2014; Ed McCallum, Suzanne Stelling and Kim Avis, February 19, 2015; Sharon Beekmann, Lana Roberts, Suzanne Stelling, January 29, 2015, February 9, 2015 and February 12, 2015
- Interim Director and Chairman: October 22, Knoxville; numerous calls through December 31, 2014
- Chairman and Sharon Beekmann: numerous communications December 11, 2014 - current
- Chairman and Jo Kadlecek: December 3, Knoxville; February 12, 2015, Knoxville.

**The Work of the Committee**

Women In Ministry (WIM) asked Chairman Suzanne Stelling to attend and analyze the thread on women in ministry at Catalyst 2014 in Atlanta on October 1-3. Suzanne taught at the Presbytery of Florida's meeting February 14, 2015.

During the fall of 2014, the WIM Committee prepared for staffing changes that occurred in January 2015, when Susan Nash's tenure as the Interim Director ended. The Committee on Administration (COA) charged Sharon Beekmann, a member of COA, with the task of leading the effort to redesign the ministry.

Sharon assembled a team for the Women's Initiative with the goal of having one representative from each presbytery plus members of the WIM committee. Most presbyteries were represented. The women met in March where they worked in small groups. The preliminary plan is to organize a Council consisting of one woman from each presbytery to serve for three years. The Council's Committees might be: Communications (digital, personal, print), Discipleship and Leadership Development. The purpose of the Council is to encourage and support grass-roots ministries in local churches and presbyteries through research and sharing of resources and expertise. The Women's Initiative team will meet again in August 2015 to continue its work. The goal is to have the ministry Council established by spring 2016. This new ministry will rely on Per Woman Asking funds.

The Women's Initiative team has voted to continue funding Faith Focus 2015 in the amount of \$20,000. These funds are allocated for Women of Hope International in Sierra Leone, West Africa. The Ebola crisis has critically affected their ministry to women with

disabilities, and they have expanded their ministry efforts to include feeding and caring for the orphaned, widowed and needy. Kelsey Martin, a member of Downtown Church in Memphis, Tennessee, is our contact. Additional Faith Focus initiatives are on hold until the Council is established and functional.

General Assembly 2015 reflects our priorities of training, equipping and encouraging women. We will use the format of TESS Talks (Training, Encouragement and Spiritual Sustenance) to address isolation/loneliness, forgiveness, the issue of homosexuality and friendship. Marla DeLong, a Knoxville therapist who won the hearts of many at General Assembly 2014, will speak about 15-20 minutes of concentrated time to help her audience explore and master these concepts, then give two-three questions to facilitate discussion at tables. *Catch and Release the Vision* is a dinner for the purpose of helping women to connect and receive information about Women's Initiative.

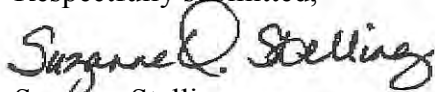
With Kim Avis' help, the website has been greatly improved and simplified.

The REAL 2.0 (Reaching, Equipping, Advancing and Leading) binder continues to be a helpful tool to EPC women, and is sent to incoming churches automatically.

#### **Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Stelling  
Chairman

June 2015



*Phil Linton  
Director*

**WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly



*Doug Thompson  
Chairman*

Members of the World Outreach Committee are TE Doug Thompson (Midwest), chairman; TE Brad Buescher (Great Plains), RE Phil Castor (East), TE Kevin Cauley (Mid-America), RE Carroll Coakley (Southeast), RE Al Johnson (West), TE Betsy Rumer (Alleghenies) and Sheryl Smith (West).

The Committee met June 18, 2014, September 4-6, 2014, January 8-10, 2015, March 12-13, 2015, April 14, 2015, and April 22, 2015.

Thirty years ago, EPC leaders decided to make the Muslim World our particular World Outreach mission emphasis. At the time, most EPC members had little exposure to Muslims, and little reason to focus attention on so remote a population. Some might have questioned the wisdom of that narrow focus. Today, the issues of the Muslim World are front and center on the world stage, and the EPC church leaders' early decision seems prescient. Their foresight set World Outreach on a path of thirty years' preparation for the great, global challenge and opportunity of our generation – the current spiritual crisis in the Muslim World.

The EPC has entrusted to World Outreach a principal calling of the work of full-cycle church planting among unengaged/unreached peoples with a particular emphasis on Muslims. Work among Muslims is not all WO does, but we continue to build our capacity for this particular emphasis, with 9 of the 11 new missionary units sent to the field last year taking up residence in the Muslim world.

World Outreach continues to build infrastructure to support our mission. In 2015 we created and filled the new staff positions of Assistant WO Director (Dave Wood) and Coordinator of Muslim Diaspora Ministries in the US (Mark V). We also welcomed a Communications Coordinator (Dan Tidwell), an Engage 2025 Coordinator (Stephen Kelley) and an International Theological Education Network Associate Coordinator (Stephen Woodworth). These men are now part of an outstanding WO Mobilization Team which has allowed WO to move from being primarily a pass-through entity which forwarded EPC members on to other agencies, to an agency which can recruit, train, send and oversee our own church-planters on the field. This new strength is reflected in the fact that the percentage of WO missionaries who do not serve through a cooperative agreement with a second agency has more than doubled in the past year (from 14% in 2014 to 30% in 2015).

WO exercised considerable latitude in recent years to accept the broadest possible spectrum of workers, which has given us extraordinary growth. Work this year to clarify our direction and improve our screening processes slowed recruitment of new missionary candidates, but our missionary family still grew at a healthy rate of 12%.

We continue to push into frontier areas that are difficult to enter. We suffered setbacks last year (in South Asia, Russia and East Asia) as well as successes (in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Middle East). America's foreign political tensions and Islamic State's influence present both daunting challenges and unprecedented opportunities to our missionaries. We hold tight to the promise that, if we don't give up, we will reap a harvest.

**Statistical Summary:**

- Personnel
  - WO missionaries on the field, March 2014                      51 units  
     Losses (*5 Units*)  
     Gains (*11 Units*)
  - WO missionaries on the field, March 2015                      57 units
- Finances  
 \$4.1 million was contributed to World Outreach last year. This was a 23% increase from the previous year.

<i><u>Presbytery</u></i>	<i><u>Total Giving</u></i>	<i><u>Giving Per Member</u></i>	<i><u>% Churches Participating</u></i>
Midwest	1	2	2
Mid Atlantic	2	3	5
Gulf South	3	1	3
Central South	4	7	8
East	5	4	6
West	6	8	10
Southeast	7	5	4
Pacific	8	9	12
Alleghenies	9	10	11
Rivers and Lakes	10	6	1
Great Plains	11	11	13
Florida	12	12	7
Mid America	13	13	9

- Pace-Setting Churches:

<p><i><b>Top in Total Financial Giving</b></i></p> <p>Second (Memphis, TN)            Ward (Northville, MI)            Cornerstone (Brighton, MI)            Westminster (Bluefield, WV)            Fourth (Bethesda, MD)</p>	<p><i><b>Top in Giving per Member</b></i></p> <p>New Covenant (Natchez, MS)            Evangelical Presbyterian (Marshall, TX)            Cornerstone Community (Denver, CO)            Fellowship (South Lyon, MI)            Westminster (Bluefield, MI)</p>
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**Recommendations to the General Assembly**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Doug Thompson  
Chairman

  
Phil Linton  
Director

June 2015

**PART III**  
**DOCUMENTS**

## NOTES



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## ACTS OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2015)

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- 15-01** The Assembly adopts requirements for the “Candidates Educational Equivalency Program,” supplementing Act of Assembly 83-07 and giving specification to G.11-2I (assigning courses of study to candidates with extraordinary circumstances), namely: 1) Old Testament Survey, 2) New Testament Survey, 3) Old Testament Exegesis, 4) New Testament Exegesis, 5) Church History (with an emphasis on the Reformation), 6) Apologetics, 7) Leadership, 8) Preaching, 9) Evangelism, 10) Missiology, 11) Discipleship/Disciple-making, 12) Pastoral Care and Counseling and 13) Ethics, 14) three courses in systematic theology (equivalent nine semester-hours), 15) competency in Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms demonstrated through a standardized ordination exam governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee, 16) ability to exegete competently the Scriptures in the original languages (demonstrated by a standardized open-book exam (governed by the Ministerial Vocation Committee) in either Greek or Hebrew, including a sermon manuscript based upon that exegesis, to be submitted within a one-week period), and 17) an EPC Polity course. (**Minutes, 35-30**)
- 15-02** The Assembly adopts “Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders” for use with Candidates Under Care, and strongly encourages its use in EPC presbyteries and churches. (**Minutes, 35-30**; See Documents section of the Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- 15-05** The Assembly authorizes the Committee on Administration to oversee creation of separate legal entities for the World Outreach Ministry and the Benefits Department, to take effect on January 1, 2016 if possible and to establish on a provisional basis the required corporate formalities including bylaws, operating agreements, management and financial structure, and governing bodies that maintain optimal unity and alignment within the EPC, and that such corporate formalities be reported to and adopted as needed by the 2016 General Assembly. Although they would be wholly owned by the EPC, separate structures and finances would be established to minimize organizational risk. (**Minutes 35-36**).
- 15-14** The Assembly ratifies a revised *Book of Worship*. (**Minutes 35-62**)
- 15-04** The Assembly approves relocating the General Assembly Office to Orlando, Florida on or before the conclusion of the current lease in Livonia, Michigan in December 2016. (**Minutes 35-36**)
- 15-03** The Assembly authorizes editorial correction of typographical errors in *Book of Government* 24-3 which mistakenly refer to non-existent subsections of G.24-2, and that these corrections should appear in the 2015-16 Edition of the **Book of Order**. (**Minutes 35-34**)
- 15-13** The Assembly adopts the finding of the Permanent Theology Committee: When a Presbytery grants an exception to the Westminster Confession of Faith 21-8 (Sabbath observance), it is acting well within the bounds of the EPC Book of Worship 2-2. Such an exception is consistent with our Book of Worship and does not make it difficult for Teaching Elders to take a vow to submit to the government and discipline of the EPC with integrity. (**Minutes 35-55**)
- 15-06** The Assembly extends the boundaries of the Presbytery of Florida to include Puerto Rico. (**Minutes 35-38**).

- 15-11** The Assembly approves a fiscal year of July to June, effective July 1, 2017, superseding the action of the 2nd General Assembly (Act 82-08). (**Minutes 35-55**)
- 15-07** The Assembly directs the Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to:
1. Review the Position Paper on Homosexuality,
  2. Review the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage,
  3. Draft an expansion of the Position Paper on the Sanctity of Marriage to include revisions of the Position Paper on Homosexuality, a section on biblical singleness and other appropriate topics, and
  4. Report back to the 2016 General Assembly.
- (**Minutes 35-45**)
- 15-12** The Assembly authorizes the Christian Education & Communication and Theology Committees to work jointly to reformat, enhance and update the EPC Leadership Training Guide. (**Minutes 35-55**)

The following documents are available in print or electronic format from the Stated Clerk's Office. Requests should include the following:

- Requestor's name
- EPC church affiliation
- Position at church (Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder, member)

Office of the Stated Clerk  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
17197 N. Laurel Park Dr., Suite 567  
Livonia, MI 48152-7912  
(734) 742-2020  
[epchurch@epc.org](mailto:epchurch@epc.org)  
[www.epc.org](http://www.epc.org)

- Articles of Agreement between the EPC and St. Andrews Presbytery
- Church Loan Fund Criteria
- Endorsement Policy
- Ethical Affirmations for EPC Leaders
- Fraternal Agreement between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and the Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan (ERCK)
- Geneva Statement (EPC/ARP)
- Medical Benevolence Fund
- Missional Church/Denomination Definition
- Position Statement on Presbytery Development
- Response of the Permanent Theology Committee to the 17<sup>th</sup> General
- Assembly Instructions Regarding "The Essentials" and the Westminster Confession
- Response of the Permanent Theology Committee to the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Instructions Regarding the Contradiction between Westminster Confession of Faith 29-3 and *Book of Worship* 3-3G
- Response of the Permanent Theology Committee to the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Instructions Regarding the New City Catechism
- *Rules for Assembly*
- What it Means to "Receive and Adopt" the Westminster Standards

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**PART IV**

**DIRECTORY OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## NOTES

## COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

- Class of 2016: TE Erik Ohman (Midwest), RE Dale Schaefer (Mid-America), TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies)
- Class of 2017: TE Sharon Beekmann (West), RE Leigh Swanson (Florida), RE Ed Wedin (Gulf South)
- Class of 2018: RE Phil Fanara (East), RE Michael Gibson (Great Plains), RE Rob Liddon (Central South)
- Ex Officio: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, RE Gordon Miller (Mid-Atlantic), **Chairman**, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator, RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), 36th General Assembly Moderator-Elect

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OF COA)

TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, RE Gordon Miller (Mid-Atlantic), **Chairman**, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator, RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), 36th General Assembly Moderator-Elect, TE Erik Ohman (Midwest), Personnel Sub-Committee Chairman, RE Ed Wedin (Gulf South), Finance Sub-Committee Chairman

## FINANCE COMMITTEE (OF COA)

RE Phil Fanara (East), RE Michael Gibson (Great Plains), TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, RE Rob Liddon (Central South), RE Ed Wedin (Gulf South), **Chairman**

Ex Officio: RE Gordon Miller (Mid-Atlantic), COA Chairman, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator, RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), 36th General Assembly Moderator-Elect

Staff Resource: Annette Minard, Director of Finance

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (OF COA)

TE Sharon Beekmann (West), TE Erik Ohman (Midwest), Chairman, RE Dale Schaefer (Mid-America), RE Leigh Swanson (Florida), TE Dean Weaver (Alleghenies)

Ex Officio: RE Gordon Miller (Mid-Atlantic), COA Chairman, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator, RE Scott Griffin (Pacific), 36th General Assembly Moderator-Elect

Staff Resource: Phil VanValkenburg, Chief Operating Officer

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, MINISTERIAL ENDOWMENT FUND, AND MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

RE Michael Gibson (Great Plains), RE Phil Fanara (East), RE Ed Wedin (Gulf South), TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk

## **BOARD OF BENEFITS**

Class of 2016: RE Will Barnes (Rivers & Lakes), RE John Dewald (Central South)  
Class of 2017: RE David Van Valkenburg (West), **Chairman**, RE Andy Warner (Midwest)  
Class of 2018: TE Ron Cox (Mid-Atlantic), RE Kent Talbert (East)  
Staff Resource: Mr. Don Voyles, Benefits Manager, Mrs. Diane Pray (Benefits Administrator)

## **CHAPLAINS WORK & CARE COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: TE Doug McCready (East), RE Rich Whipple (Midwest)  
Class of 2017: TE Karen Bolte (Pacific), TE Ted Tromble (Rivers and Lakes), **Chairman**  
Class of 2018: TE Timothy Mallard (East), RE George Masters (West)  
Ex Officio: TE Mark Ingles (West), Endorser  
Staff Resource: TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk, Ms. Carol Templin, Administrative Assistant

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

Class of 2016: Ms. Carolyn Miller (Southeast), RE Dave Bishop (Pacific)  
Class of 2017: Mr. Tyson Sturgeon (Mid-Atlantic), TE Jim Wilhoit (Rivers and Lakes)  
Class of 2018: RE Carolyn Hiller (Pacific), **Chairman**, TE Mark Hughes (Mid-America)  
Staff Resource: Reverend Brian Smith, Communications Director

## **CHURCH PLANTING & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: RE Frank Carter (Mid-Atlantic)  
Class of 2017: TE Jeff Moore (Rivers and Lakes), **Chairman**  
Class of 2018: RE Ken Mollenhour (Midwest)  
Staff Resource: TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive, Ms. Della Cullins, Executive Assistant

## **CHURCH PLANTING TEAM**

TE Matt Brown (East), TE Bart Garrett (Pacific), TE Jim Holland (Central South), TE Tom Melton (West), TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), TE Tom Ricks (Mid-America), **Chairman**, TE Shawn Robinson (Pacific),  
Staff Resource: TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive

## **CHURCH REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE (GO CENTER TEAM)**

TE Bill Rasch (Midwest), TE Jeff Moore (Rivers and Lakes), TE Ken Priddy (Mid-Atlantic), **Executive Director**, TE Bill Senyard (West), TE Bob Stauffer (Alleghenies)  
Staff Resource: TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive



## FOUNDATION BOARD

Class of 2016: RE Ted Hailes (Central South)  
Class of 2017: RE John Looloian (Mid-America), **President**  
Class of 2018: RE Greg Baggenstos (Pacific)  
Staff Resource: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, Mr. Phil VanValkenburg, Chief Operating Officer

## FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Class of 2016: RE Sam Searcy (West), RE Tod Paulson (Rivers and Lakes)  
Class of 2017: RE Gwynn Blair (Florida), RE Peter Pugliese (Alleghenies)  
Class of 2018: TE Gerrit Dawson (Central South), **Chairman**, TE Gary McGhee (Mid-Atlantic)  
Ex Officio: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator

## MINISTERIAL VOCATION COMMITTEE

Class of 2016: TE Michael Flake (Mid-Atlantic), TE Jerry Iamurri (East), **Chairman**  
Class of 2017: TE Brad Strait (West), RE Phil Stump (Mid-Atlantic)  
Class of 2018: RE Jeffrey Guilford (Southeast), RE Caroline Tromble (Rivers and Lakes)  
Staff Resource: TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk, Ms. Carol Templin, Administrative Assistant

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Class of 2016: RE Bruce Alexander (East), **Chairman**, RE Rick Corliss (Alleghenies), RE Ken Roberts (West), RE Dan Sharp (Gulf South)  
Class of 2017: TE Laurie Johnston (Great Plains), RE Kelli Marks (Rivers and Lakes), TE Don Mason (Florida), TE Pete Scribner (Midwest)  
Class of 2018: TE Cathy Burkholder (Pacific), TE Jimmy Carr (Mid-Atlantic), Mr. Clay Johnson (Mid-America), RE Tom Reesor (Southeast)  
Staff Resource: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk, Mrs. Kim Avis, Office Assistant

## PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 2016: RE Jim Herring (Gulf South), RE Dave Leighton (West), RE Stephen Mahan (Midwest)  
Class of 2017: TE William Catoe (Mid-Atlantic), RE Joseph Slesinski (East), RE David Tyra (Pacific)  
Class of 2018: RE Donald Flater (Rivers and Lakes), RE John Graham (Southeast), **Moderator**, TE Dana Opp (Alleghenies)  
Staff Resource: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk

## **PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: RE Max Riddle (Southeast)  
Class of 2017: RE Diane Manon (Midwest), TE Helen Franssell (East), **Chairman**  
Class of 2018: RE Cecil Matthews (West)  
Staff Resource: TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk, Mrs. Kim Avis, Office Assistant

## **STUDENT & COLLEGE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: TE Mark Steimer (Southeast), RE Scarlett Stewart (Florida), 2 vacancies  
Class of 2017: Mr. Luke Ahrens (Rivers and Lakes), TE Drew Henderson (Great Plains), RE Allyson Sveda (Alleghenies), 1 vacancy  
Class of 2018: RE David DeBruler (Gulf South), **Chairman**, Mr. D. T. House (Southeast), TE Dusin Jernigan (Mid-Atlantic), Mr. Ivan Moore (Alleghenies)  
Staff Resource: TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive, Ms. Susan Holland, Student and College Ministries Coordinator

## **THEOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: RE Bob Donan (Central South), TE Ramona Spilman (West)  
Class of 2017: TE Chris Curtis (Alleghenies), RE Dugald McNab (Florida)  
Class of 2018: RE Bill DuBose (Mid-Atlantic), TE Adel Thalos (Southeast), **Chairman**  
Staff Resource: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk

## **WOMEN'S INITIATIVE COMMITTEE**

*Note: Due to a reorganization process, there were no people nominated or elected to fill vacancies at the 2015 General Assembly.*

Class of 2016: 2 vacancies  
Class of 2017: TE Lana Roberts (Pacific)  
Class of 2018: 2 vacancies  
COA Resource: TE Sharon Beekmann (West)  
Staff Resource: TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive, Mrs. Kim Avis, Office Assistant

## **WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Class of 2016: RE Al Johnson (West), Mrs. Sheryl Smith (West), TE Doug Thompson (Midwest), **Chairman**  
Class of 2017: TE Brad Buescher (Great Plains), TE Kevin Cauley (Mid-Atlantic), RE Carroll Coakley (Southeast)  
Class of 2018: RE Phil Castor (East), TE Betsy Rumer (Alleghenies), RE Patrick Tucker (Central South)  
Ex Officio: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator

## **WORLD OUTREACH PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

TE Thom Burbridge (Alleghenies), RE Phil Castor (East), RE Phyllis Ellsworth (Midwest), TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive, Ms. Beth Gill (Midwest), TE Phil Linton (Midwest), World Outreach Director, RE Emily Reid (Midwest), Mrs. Sheryl Smith (West), TE Doug Thompson (Midwest), **Chairman**, Mr. Dave Wood, World Outreach Assistant Director

## **INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION**

*Appointed by the Moderator following the adjournment of the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly*

TE Nate Atwood (Mid-Atlantic), RE Bob Howard (Great Plains), TE Fred Lian (West), **Chairman**, TE Mark Toone (Pacific), RE Ed Wedin (Gulf South), TE Luder Whitlock (Southeast)

Staff Resource: TE Jeff Jeremiah (Pacific), Stated Clerk, TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk, TE Bill Enns (Mid-Atlantic), Associate Executive

## **INTERIM COMMITTEE ON POSITION PAPER REVISION**

*Appointed by the Moderator following the adjournment of the 35th General Assembly*

TE Sharon Beekmann (West), TE Bart Garrett (Pacific), TE Mike Glodo (Florida), RE Don Graham (Mid-Atlantic), TE Doug Resler (West), TE Case Thorp (Florida), TE Sandy Willson (Central South)

Ex Officio: TE Mike Moses (Mid-Atlantic), 35th General Assembly Moderator

Advisor: TE Ed McCallum (Midwest), Assistant Stated Clerk

## **PRESBYTERY STATED CLERKS**

### **ALLEGHENIES**

RE Bruce Allison

### **EAST (Stated Clerk)**

TE Ronald Meyer

### **FLORIDA**

TE Bob Garment

### **GULF SOUTH**

TE Mike Herrin

### **MID-ATLANTIC (Stated Clerk)**

TE Howard Shockley

### **MIDWEST**

RE John Calvin Manon

### **RIVERS & LAKES**

RE Carolyn Nystrom

### **WEST**

TE Marc Huebl

### **CENTRAL SOUTH**

TE Ken Van Kampen

### **EAST (Assistant. Stated Clerk)**

RE Lanah Hamrick

### **GREAT PLAINS**

TE Kermit Opprieht

### **MID-AMERICA**

RE Dexter Kuhlman

### **MID-ATLANTIC (Asst. Stated Clerk)**

TE Rob Buchanan

### **PACIFIC**

RE Ronald Bengelink

### **SOUTHEAST**

RE Walter "Jerry" Clothier

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**PART V**  
**ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS**

## 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

	Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Highland Heights, OH ^	0	421,905	20,460	149,610	591,975	307996	301,324	0.00	0	2,500	16,187	628,007	87,743
2	Ardara United Presbyterian Church, Ardara, PA	6,111	90,455	0	0	0	122170	10,000	300.00	0	0	0	0	300
3	Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village, OH	545,328	3,362,166	122,279	1,400	3,485,845	2939171	131,102	10,000.00	5,000	12,500	332,756	3,413,029	618,144
4	Berlin Presbyterian Church, Lewis Center, OH ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Mercer, PA ^	0	353,622	0	82,138	443,467	386538	0	13,527.00	6,114	8,114	42,955	443,020	194,726
6	Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Enon Valley, PA	72,877	298,332	37,106	29,023	364,461	200792	11,192	17,627.00	5,583	5,583	51,323	280,933	92,929
7	Bethel Presbyterian Church, Prosperity, PA ^	0	158,469	0	22,489	180,958	110049	29,746	0.00	0	0	10,013	140,818	86,179
8	Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA	284,517	878,096	76,217	69,687	1,024,000	702264	137,547	3,080.00	7,084	15,424	1,222,252	980,567	327,950
9	Center Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, PA	96,559	681,010	55,501	231,230	967,741	449994	133,846	6,040.00	9,900	24,400	83,774	703,554	360,746
11	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sharon, PA	321,943	376,485	0	63,673	440,158	390061	6,872	3,650.00	7,200	0	46,400	454,183	307,918
12	CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, PA	22,218	237,147	14,862	3,791	255,800	227856	41,830	1,500.00	0	10,000	14,000	295,186	(39,386)
13	Fairview United Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, PA ^	0	37,005	0	40,175	77,180	70571	0	204.00	0	0	1,184	71,959	39,543
14	Faith Fellowship, Johnstown, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
15	First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA	335,352	896,067	75,568	252,625	1,224,260	945412	37,527	7,857.00	18,101	18,101	174,447	1,183,344	376,268
17	First Presbyterian Church of Barton, Barton, MD ^	0	48,729	36,424	64,327	190,442	72135	22,600	0.00	0	0	3,867	98,602	91,840
18	First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville, Bentleyville, PA	85,172	155,773	0	32,960	188,733	127674	0	7,778.00	3,910	5,146	26,779	167,377	87,450
19	First Presbyterian Church of Bergen, Bergen, NY	0	199,562	28,133	42,529	270,224	156530	0	1,120.00	0	3,076	42,500	203,226	589,108
20	First Presbyterian Church of Lonaconing, Lonaconing, MD ^	0	77,572	0	68,397	145,969	153081	0	0.00	0	0	0	153,081	59,079
21	Fort Palmer EPC, Bolivar, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
22	Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
23	Gateway Community EPC, Slippery Rock, PA	262,824	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
24	Graystone Presbyterian Church, Indiana, PA ^	0	1,135,233	39,181	105,482	1,279,896	1037877	71,348	0.00	0	0	202,991	1,312,215	190,268
25	Hanover Presbyterian Church, Clinton, PA	69,547	127,528	0	29,483	161,237	150826	0	3,102.00	0	0	13,358	167,286	63,498
26	Harmony United Presbyterian Church, Harrisville, PA ^	0	159,137	0	9,012	168,149	191799	0	0.00	0	0	20,364	212,163	7,479
27	Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hickory, PA	666,387	521,910	137,938	76,702	736,550	507244	34,536	0.00	8,786	14,786	149,006	705,572	697,365
28	Hudson Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions		Total Disbursements
29	Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, NY	164,665	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
30	Lancaster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, NY	155,574	501,465	477,885	35,924	1,015,274	409923	471,000	6,000.00	1,000	9,000	43,791	939,714	231,134
31	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, West Mifflin, PA	0	325,468	0	25,145	350,613	334047	0	4,592.00	4,092	4,592	21,783	360,422	9,424
32	Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Leicester, NY	2,724	37,418	10,111	47,673	95,202	72447	5,050	570.00	851	1,346	5,255	84,668	27,887
33	Lighthouse Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Richmond, OH	0	82,719	0	23,087	105,806	119680	0	384.00	897	0	3,000	123,961	46,158
34	Mansfield First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, OH	(105,670)	210,067	830	257,361	468,258	358734	77,584	2,500.00	5,000	0	34,386	478,204	(115,616)
35	Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, Allison Park, PA	844,835	2,342,966	2,263,744	801,213	5,407,923	2489788	2,529,362	15,500.00	10,000	22,085	667,645	5,626,880	625,877
36	Middle Sandy Presbyterian Church, Homeworth, OH	155,847	140,891	10,443	0	151,334	99770	30,929	4,686.00	3,266	7,016	5,943	148,344	158,837
37	Mount Perry Presbyterian Church, Mount Perry, OH	407,609	56,132	0	5,612	61,744	53991	0	0.00	715	715	3,236	57,943	3,801
38	Mountville Presbyterian Church, Portersville, PA	126,081	118,737	7,182	61	125,980	97297	10,364	2,484.00	2,622	5,127	13,476	128,748	113,010
39	Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA ^	0	305,815	21,349	41,207	398,371	282194	7,785	625.00	0	0	47,427	338,031	101,945
40	Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA	518,129	954,886	60	605,479	1,560,425	1454878	25,383	5,940.00	13,708	13,708	259,289	1,759,200	319,356
41	Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA	99,118	189,623	19,733	11,798	221,154	138162	54,108	3,000.00	6,900	6,900	0	210,408	134,441
42	Mt. Pleasant Church, Aliquippa, PA	0	370,645	56,832	0	427,477	349315	21,350	0.00	4,784	4,784	36,360	351,967	135,286
43	Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA	0	69,796	0	11,241	81,037	86177	0	0.00	0	0	8,725	94,902	91,450
44	New Bedford Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, PA	189,739	270,191	0	0	270,191	210258	6,129	7,295.00	4,181	4,181	40,372	268,235	191,695
45	New City Church, Pittsburgh, PA ~	49,332	95,596	0	0	181,596	174764	0	0.00	0	0	6,500	181,264	49,664
46	New Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA	174,070	241,775	23,561	0	265,336	196770	10,088	2,500.00	3,664	10,884	31,942	252,184	188,623
47	New Hope Church, Pittsburgh, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
48	North Park EPC, Wexford, PA	175,758	1,093,507	0	12,430	1,114,687	912263	49,183	3,700.00	8,544	24,124	130,811	1,120,081	170,364
49	Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Venetia, PA	253,331	488,119	250	167,807	656,176	520029	0	7,491.00	5,221	0	27,242	561,766	347,742
50	Petrolia Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, PA	0	51,200	0	95,940	147,140	55345	0	0.00	0	0	7,600	62,945	207,805
51	Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, OH	80,096	99,877	5,391	0	105,268	95304	12,848	1,982.00	2,461	5,832	13,400	129,366	55,998
52	Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA ~	0	88,557	0	95	88,652	36930	0	2,285.00	460	460	3,407	43,082	108,202
53	Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, PA	91,606	156,699	989	18,157	175,845	124932	18,866	1,699.00	2,519	3,719	28,400	177,616	89,834
54	Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, PA	0	250,207	625	103,944	354,776	273432	4,550	0.00	4,163	10,163	26,350	314,495	67,624
55	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Somerset, PA	238,135	746,029	110,295	89,438	945,762	589052	16,619	16,290.00	9,876	16,867	178,000	816,828	367,069
56	Starkdale Presbyterian Church, Wintersville, OH	81,069	329,115	0	52,668	381,783	418851	0	2,330.00	5,336	7,736	35,329	461,916	1,618

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	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes- Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
57 Summit Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA	0	229,102	54,135	24,165	321,379	240266	54,135	98.00	0	0	24,167	318,666	2,713
58 Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, OH	0	731,865	0	864	732,729	673130	0	3,881.00	9,062	14,469	62,263	753,743	108,243
59 The Presbyterian Church of Portersville, Portersville, PA	0	220,905	0	174	221,079	156775	0	3,609.00	3,584	4,184	36,176	200,714	97,763
60 The SOMA Gathering, Beaver, PA ~	0	0	0	0	72,000	48000	0	0.00	0	0	0	48,000	0
61 Unionville Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA	0	82,200	150	6,051	88,401	56165	16,655	4,235.00	0	750	5,469	83,274	191,233
62 Venice Presbyterian Church, McDonald, PA ^	0	0	0	0	305,393	268469	0	0.00	0	4,376	28,618	0	110,984
63 Westminster Community Church, Canton, OH	0	155,675	3,500	0	159,175	133999	3,500	450.00	0	0	7,534	151,641	0
64 Windy Gap Presbyterian Church, West Finley, PA	51,239	83,672	0	31,829	115,501	101838	6,827	730.00	1,679	0	40,575	151,649	15,155
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,522,122</b>	<b>21,337,122</b>	<b>3,710,734</b>	<b>3,844,096</b>	<b>29,370,512</b>	<b>20,883,015</b>	<b>4,401,785</b>	<b>180,641</b>	<b>186,263</b>	<b>302,648</b>	<b>4,338,627</b>	<b>28,414,979</b>	<b>8,494,466</b>

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1	Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Highland Heights, OH ^		158	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		94		30	11	0	0
2	Ardara United Presbyterian Church, Ardara, PA	137	151	0	8	0	5	1	6	0	0	59	54	18	0		1	0
3	Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village, OH	1,725	1,764	15	0	2	35	3	12	0	0	1,575	1650	452	500	27	27	2
4	Berlin Presbyterian Church, Lewis Center, OH ^		85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		80		0	0	0	0
5	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Mercer, PA ^		304	2	13	6	0	4	5	31	2		186		87		1	1
6	Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Enon Valley, PA	243	247	0	8	1	0	2	3	0	0	188	164	132	102	50	6	0
7	Bethel Presbyterian Church, Prosperity, PA ^		192	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		95		25	0	0	0
8	Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA	308	297	0	8	11	8	0	3	3	32	275	294	217	203	0	11	4
9	Center Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA*	152	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90			0	0	0
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, PA	444	461	0	0	9	13	0	6	0	0	200	200	86	87	59	6	0
11	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sharon, PA	305	356	7	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	202	193	82	82	0	3	0
12	CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, PA	147	155	0	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	101	96	35	38	28	2	0
13	Fairview United Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, PA ^		27	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0		22		13	5	0	0
14	Faith Fellowship, Johnstown, OH*	127	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	82	82	0	0	0
15	First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA*	788	788	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	800	400	400	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA	788	740	5	12	8	3	6	13	52	8	344	337	132	149		7	2
17	First Presbyterian Church of Barton, Barton, MD ^		49	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		44		19	33	0	0
18	First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville, Bentleyville, PA	170	165	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	87	78	62	53	33	1	0
19	First Presbyterian Church of Bergen, Bergen, NY	110	112	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	100	95		40	0	1	0
20	First Presbyterian Church of Lonaconing, Lonaconing, MD ^		85	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		54		9	57	0	0
21	Fort Palmer EPC, Bolivar, PA*	131	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	17	17	0	0	0
22	Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*	41	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35			0	0	0
23	Gateway Community EPC, Slippery Rock, PA*	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	215	70	70	0	0	0
24	Graystone Presbyterian Church, Indiana, PA ^		744	0	0	14	10	93	16	49	0		327		157	107	0	1
25	Hanover Presbyterian Church, Clinton, PA	94	93	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	65	65	55	55	0	0	0
26	Harmony United Presbyterian Church, Harrisville, PA ^		100	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		60		25	13	0	0
27	Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hickory, PA	382	340	14	9	6	0	1	5	0	65	250	191	91	83	12	5	2
28	Hudson Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH*	232	232	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	170	70	70	0	0	0
29	Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, NY*	237	237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	130	35	35	0	0	0

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30	Lancaster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, NY	517	526	2	12	2	3	1	9	0	0	123	147	78	128	74	1	0
31	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, West Mifflin, PA	274	273	9	4	0	0	0	9	2	1	150	118		54	37	3	1
32	Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Leicester, NY	39	38	1	0	3	2	3	1	2	1	35	24	9	11	0	0	0
33	Lighthouse Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Richmond, OH	44	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	55	40	18	27	0	0	0
34	Mansfield First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, OH	257	271	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	14	95	85	29	37	0	0	0
35	Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, Allison Park, PA	1,592	1,629	3	17	20	22	6	18	2	4	887	825	367	352	344	22	3
36	Middle Sandy Presbyterian Church, Homeworth, OH	142	142	1	4	0	0	0	2	17	0	78	80	61	71	17	3	0
37	Mount Perry Presbyterian Church, Mount Perry, OH	100	79	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	70	60	30	25	0	0	0
38	Mountville Presbyterian Church, Portersville, PA	111	105	1	4	0	0	0	0	11	0	68	67	44	37	36	4	0
39	Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA ^		283	16	0	0	0	1	7	0	1		160		80	49	0	0
40	Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA	507	517	2	10	0	28	14	12	0	6	308	227	98	145	6	4	1
41	Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA	303	295	3	0	0	4	3	1	11	0	190	195	57	68	78	6	1
42	Mt. Pleasant Church, Aliquippa, PA	208	250	24	22	21	0	4	1	27	0	238	249	82	82	54	3	1
43	Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA	109	107	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	70	60		24		3	0
44	New Bedford Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, PA	241	244	0	6	0	6	0	3	6	0	180	184	56	61	27	5	1
45	New City Church, Pittsburgh, PA ~ *	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	70		0	0	0	0
46	New Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA	173	168	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	1	167	154	73	72	21	2	0
47	New Hope Church, Pittsburgh, PA*	96	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	120	46	46	0	0	0
48	North Park EPC, Wexford, PA	379	382	2	5	6	9	8	1	0	10	391	369	190	222	106	8	2
49	Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Venetia, PA	307	306	0	0	5	0	1	5	0	0	138	127	43	51	64	2	0
50	Petrolia Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, PA	46	57	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	40	40		13	57	0	0
51	Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, OH	107	106	1	1	0	3	3	3	0	0	90	78	53	51	11	1	2
52	Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA ~	27	31	0	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	45	37		19	0	0	0
53	Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, PA	146	139	0	0	3	0	4	1	3	2	68	71	52	36	19	2	0
54	Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, PA	181	209	7	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	87	105		51	5	4	1
55	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Somerset, PA	429	462	0	10	19	16	7	4	1	0	388	397	243	211	2	2	2
56	Starkdale Presbyterian Church, Wintersville, OH	232	229	0	3	1	1	4	4	0	0	187	190	77	66	43	4	0
57	Summit Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA*	194	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	140	140		50	0	0	0
58	Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, OH	389	357	2	0	0	12	0	6	4	3	382	258	104	92	0	5	0

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59	The Presbyterian Church of Portersville, Portersville, PA	172	174	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	123	105	110	70	32	0	0
60	The SOMA Gathering, Beaver, PA - *	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	90			0	0	0
61	Unionville Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA	117	123	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	83	64		12	0	3	0
62	Venice Presbyterian Church, McDonald, PA ^		175	4	3	0	0	5	2	0	0		121		58	0	1	0
63	Westminster Community Church, Canton, OH	116	99	1	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	70	48		10	5	0	0
64	Windy Gap Presbyterian Church, West Finley, PA	73	76	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	43	49	13	4	0
	Zion Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, NY (dissolved 2014)	74										74		7				
	Churches of Record	54	64															
	Total	14,375	16,625	135	174	144	197	188	205	230	176	10,511	11,274	3,999	4,812	1,535	163	27

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions		Total Disbursements
1	All Saints Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
2	Atoka Presbyterian Church, Atoka, TN	0	119,202	0	482	119,824	92109	9,924	1,136.00	1,633	11,188	5,000	119,357	35,428
3	Central Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL	672,587	764,226	145,085	499,039	1,408,350	918088	181,486	2,400.00	4,800	13,600	160,867	1,276,441	804,496
4	Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Selma, AL ^	0	402,001	2,076	52,208	457,365	294961	0	6,048.00	0	0	20,214	321,223	965,155
5	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, MS	23,307	90,217	1,200	5,085	96,502	91988	0	720.00	1,176	5,235	3,109	101,052	18,757
6	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL	308,637	366,213	261,404	0	627,617	292959	439,719	2,537.00	2,691	0	0	737,906	198,348
7	Downtown Church, Memphis, TN ~	0	539,939	0	0	539,939	513245	0	0.00	2,418	7,768	40,762	561,775	187,960
8	Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN	191,388	509,127	90,355	110,540	710,022	522951	135,000	4,000.00	5,000	9,800	20,233	691,984	59,638
9	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Anna, IL	119,196	306,525	101,936	0	408,461	263766	127,983	3,300.00	4,800	16,800	22,579	0	434,428
10	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Humboldt, TN	125,568	181,554		29,424	210,978	191481			1,472	3,958	5,280	204,979	131,567
11	First Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
12	First Presbyterian Church, Corinth, MS	13,391	990,951	31,500	149	1,022,600	871975	25,173	7,760.00	11,155	63,116	48,249	1,016,273	19,718
13	First Presbyterian Church, Covington, TN	14,463	418,292	40,529	2,708	461,529	415980	89,003	0.00	1,617	7,409	2,600	514,992	(39,000)
14	First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, TN	0	129,180	0	0	129,180	118475	0	0.00	0	0	0	118,475	38,543
15	First Presbyterian Church, New Madrid, MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church, Opelika, AL	751,102	573,000	45,000	0	618,000	500000	50,000	14,552.00	8,052	14,552	0	14,552	603,448
17	First Presbyterian Church, Ripley, TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
18	First Presbyterian Church, Tallassee, AL	24,068	64,815	0	600	65,415	64777	5,000	0.00	1,292	3,312	0	73,089	15,204
19	First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, TN	137,563	280,607	159,693	110,865	440,411	500537	0	3,472.00	4,991	5,475	0	517,965	60,008
20	First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis, AR	114,812	207,788	0	2,820	211	223157	16,000	4,301.00	4,301	4,301	7,495	250,953	174,467
21	First Presbyterian Church, West Point, MS	368,807	264,473	0	52,517	316,990	185294	29,384	1,760.00	2,530	3,180	70,823	290,441	395,356
22	Fruitland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
23	Grace @ Bell Road, Montgomery, AL	54,073	206,467	10,900	82,318	299,685	310242	10,023	976.00	702	6,066	21,514	348,821	4,937
24	Heartsong Church, Ripley, MS ^	0	84,703	0	0	89,703	41411	67,085	0.00	0	0	0	108,496	18,793
25	Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	93,834	413,103	40,975	260,982	715,060	528721	148,499	4,048.00	5,820	12,035	7,195	700,498	108,395
26	Hope Church Carbondale, Carbondale, IL	0	190,927	0	0	190,927	178408	43,778	0.00	1,541	1,541	6,954	230,681	104,130
27	Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
28	Mt. Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0

29	Restoration Church, Munford, TN	68,144	261,183	1,255	17,743	280,181	263466	7,300	0.00	2,668	0	12,715	286,149	62,176
30	Round Pond Church, Franklin, KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
31	Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN	0	13,028,320	187,949	2,816,581	16,032,850	9550790	100,003	56,400.00	75,762	272,577	6,297,076	16,276,846	3,511,600
32	St. Patrick Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN	217,279	592,748	942,109	31,277	1,566,134	747032	270,906	1,800.00	4,875	0	50,405	1,075,018	708,395
33	Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton, AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
34	Sylvania Presbyterian Church, Ward, AR	169,511	69,105	0	275	69,380	64910	0	375.00	550	1,700	595	67,580	171,311
35	Tunica Presbyterian Church, Tunica, MS	269,982	492,549	0	0	492,549	156822	26,954	1,856.00	2,668	192,177	0	377,809	384,722
	Total	3,737,712	21,547,215	2,061,966	4,075,613	27,369,863	17,903,545	1,783,220	117,441	152,514	655,790	6,803,665	26,283,355	9,177,980

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1	All Saints Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN*	56	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95	18	18	0	0	0
2	Atoka Presbyterian Church, Atoka, TN	70	52	1	3	1	0	17	2	0	3	75	65	0	30	15	3	1
3	Central Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL	309	329	9	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	189	192	85	89	46	2	0
4	Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Selma, AL ^		327	3	0	0	0	16	7	7	21		125	0	0	37	4	0
5	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, MS	50	52	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	32	33	19	17	0	0	0
6	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL	117	122	0	7	5	1	0	0	6	2	101	109	75	80	140	0	0
7	Downtown Church, Memphis, TN ~	97	166	0	2	45	0	0	0	0	0	190	223	0	85	26	7	2
8	Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN	322	324	0	0	2	10	5	6	0	0	125	132	100	71	36	4	0
9	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Anna, IL	183	173	0	0	0	5	0	2	5	9	149	138	108	101	38	3	0
10	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Humboldt, TN	81	64	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	0	56	54	32	25	0	0	0
11	First Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN*	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0
12	First Presbyterian Church, Corinth, MS	506	488	0	9	12	8	6	3	33	5	220	215	142	142	56	5	3
13	First Presbyterian Church, Covington, TN	324	280	4	0	3	13	5	4	55	0	128	151	79	82	55	6	0
14	First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, TN	107	108	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	76	74	0	59	15	0	0
15	First Presbyterian Church, New Madrid, MO*	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	6	6	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church, Opelika, AL	362	385	0	0	18	7	1	1	0	0	353	300	100	110	72	11	0
17	First Presbyterian Church, Ripley, TN*	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0
18	First Presbyterian Church, Tallassee, AL	33	28	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	28	26	7	7	1	0	1
19	First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, TN	217	208	2	5	1	7	3	1	21	0	154	143	129	98	24	4	2
20	First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis, AR	187	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	70	30	0	0	0	0
21	First Presbyterian Church, West Point, MS	110	120	0	0	4	7	1	2	0	0	80	86	56	55	8	0	0
22	Fruitland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN ~	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
23	Grace @ Bell Road, Montgomery, AL	65	62	0	0	10	0	7	0	6	0	74	74	68	67	15	0	0
24	Heartsong Church, Ripley, MS ^		55	10	0	0	0	0	0	9	0		74	0	24	4	4	0
25	Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	239	270	1	10	3	16	2	8	4	0	164	170	82	84	35	6	1
26	Hope Church Carbondale, Carbondale, IL	67	90	0	1	15	7	0	0	0	0		92	0	40	91	2	0
27	Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN*	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	15	15	0	0	0
28	Mt. Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN*	41	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	18	18	0	0	0

29	Restoration Church, Munford, TN	116	114	0	0	6	4	0	3	16	0	173	180	0	0	33	2	1
30	<i>Round Pond Church, Franklin, KY*</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>48</i>	<i>48</i>	0	0	0	0	0
31	Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN	<i>3287</i>	2,988	7	40	52	33	52	40	210	152	<i>1940</i>	1806	<i>1468</i>	1257	<i>894</i>	49	3
32	St. Patrick Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN	304	339	2	25	10	0	5	1	0	0	179	186	160	123	99	5	0
33	Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton, AL	<i>75</i>	<i>75</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	0	0	0	0	0
34	Sylvania Presbyterian Church, Ward, AR	44	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	31	25	10	10	17	0	0
35	Tunica Presbyterian Church, Tunica, MS	116	117	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	80	80	82	80	38	2	0
	Churches of Record ( <i>Presbtery divided to form continuing Central South and new Gulf South in 2014</i> )	77	35															
	Total	15,314	7,749	40	121	189	122	125	89	387	193	4,946	5,097	2,889	2,793	1,795	119	14

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	Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Argyle Presbyterian Church, Argyle, NY	145,852	352,060	131,353	2,914	486,327	303666	164,577	2,120.00	4,876	6,680	45,299	522,342	109,837
2	Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Voorhees, NJ	50,925	336,400	0	11,367	347,766	294253	10,000	1,000.00	3,956	13,346	14,000	345,945	57,062
3	Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Gap, PA	47,779	498,099	26,178	40,570	564,847	424221	34,298	4,230.00	9,729	23,834	51,635	55,865	26,629
4	Bethany Evangelical Church, Havertown, PA	304,363	519,278	0	27,798	547,076	489589	9,500	0.00	11,983	18,983	88,000	606,072	183,258
5	Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church, Glen Rock, PA	(6,799)	146,292	42,668	24,887	213,847	178878	5,238	638.00	1,466	0	2,719	188,939	18,109
6	Central Presbyterian Church, New York, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
7	Christ Community Church, EPC, Highland Lakes, NJ	14,954	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
8	Christ Presbyterian Church, Springfield, MA ^	0	132,175	303	14,179	146,657	132334	0	0.00	0	0	14,188	14,541	29,717
9	Christ the King EPC, Westfield, MA	29,230	107,942	0	2,354	110,296	103583	0	658.00	1,196	1,196	4,883	110,319	29,207
10	Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, NY	0	123,692	14,331	21,974	159,997	141586	0	627.00	0	1,015	5,385	148,613	33,461
11	Closer to God Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ	94,079	137,000	43,800	9,000	198,860	148	37,000	1,450.00	510	0	4,800	154,500	109,000
12	Covenant Presbyterian Church (The Barn), Simsbury, CT	0	432,503	43,000	35,000	511,398	424312	24,910	1,700.00	2,500	3,700	45,506	500,128	133,764
13	Dundalk Presbyterian Church, Dundalk, MD	0	203,491	0	32,000	235,491	212033	5,963	0.00	0	0	9,508	227,504	38,423
14	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Westtown, Westtown, NY	42,599	53,030	14,498	36,128	103,656	72340	17,235	500.00	0	0	5,021	95,387	50,868
15	Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore, PA	84,992	276,865	19,794	33,339	333,880	287729	56,853	1,820.00	4,186	0	35,000	385,779	100,380
16	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kingstowne, VA	736,959	912,420	8,660	1,752	922,832	931139	0	3,369.00	6,763	57,611	57,861	950,232	693,674
17	First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Milford, PA	321,699	231,104	0	64,736	295,840	206559	56,081	0.00	656	656	38,626	301,892	74,559
18	Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
19	Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD	2,692,950	4,549,097	1,520,434	690,476	6,760,007	5080631	11,790	12,000.00	10,000	73,700	739,670	5,917,791	3,535,166
20	Goodwill Church, Montgomery, NY	458,730	1,424,617	104,209	58,954	1,587,780	1511458	0	17,200.00	11,696	19,796	93,232	1,641,686	(53,906)
21	Grace Covenant, Exton, PA	49,972	565,063	199,409	51,505	815,977	489257	197,096	2,190.00	5,037	14,520	56,506	759,569	106,380
22	Grace Presbyterian Church, Pennington, NJ	0	54,878	0	0	76,958	74497	0	0.00	0	0	1,350	75,847	33,264
23	Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Malvern, PA	315,409	560,213	10,880	77,584	648,677	455491	0	2,720.00	6,256	9,256	145,687	613,154	350,932
24	Guinston Presbyterian Church, Airville, PA	0	249,786	229,085	16,116	494,987	136298	462,688	1,600.00	3,841	5,001	62,746	668,333	688,418
25	Little Britain Presbyterian Church, Peach Bottom, PA ^	0	162,148	5,620	59,122	226,890	121609	42,506	393.00	0	1,234	19,086	184,828	176,413
26	Living Hope EPC, Haymarket, VA	158,580	355,133	0	7,420	399,066	275299	9,696	6,951.00	1,311	6,951	33,663	325,608	232,039
27	Manoa Community Church, Havertown, PA	245,916	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
28	Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg, PA	102,362	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0



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	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
29 North Point EPC, Danvers, MA	0	58,408	0	0	64,908	59104	0	0.00	0	1,200	2,000	62,304	2,604
30 Orchard Christian Fellowship, Londonderry, NH	189,450	481,219	415,166	76,681	973,066	560533	302,662	1,360.00	0	3,160	52,000	863,195	109,871
31 Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Oreland, PA	0	817,256	0	362,956	1,180,212	730863	9,770	3,830.00	8,809	29,924	256,287	1,030,674	801,784
32 Park Avenue Community Church, Somerdale, NJ	0	64,113	0	16,600	83,713	83136	0	400.00	0	0	940	84,476	9,547
33 Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square, Kennett Square, PA	291,008	261,371	60,346	104,560	426,326	275537	4,646	1,358.00	1,250	1,250	33,376	316,167	374,447
34 Princetown Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Duanesburg, NY	138,613	518,310	25,508	0	543,818	448072	12,636	2,800.00	6,716	8,366	51,284	523,158	159,274
35 Reston Presbyterian Church, Reston, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
36 Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian Church EPC, Brooklyn, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
37 Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Felton, PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
38 Silver Lake Christian Community Church, Brackney, PA ^	0	58,354	2,869	4,473	65,696	57228	0	470.00	1,081	1,181	5,061	63,940	108,005
39 The Church at Ridgebury, Slate Hill, NY	6,659	74,239	0	22,181	96,420	90384	0	0.00	0	0	2,190	92,574	10,505
40 Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, PA	163,428	440,375	28,307	29,102	497,784	266080	45,244	2,520.00	4,646	10,266	131,626	455,736	205,476
Total	6,679,709	15,156,931	2,946,418	1,935,728	20,121,055	14,917,847	1,520,389	73,904	108,464	312,826	2,109,135	18,287,098	8,538,167

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	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Pro-fession	Youth Pro-fession	Transfer Gain	Reaffir-mation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Bap-tized Roll	Infant Bap-tism	Adult Baptism
1	Argyle Presbyterian Church, Argyle, NY	212	213	5	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	235	237	140	125	90	1	0
2	Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Voorhees, NJ	175	182	4	5	2	0	0	0	4	0	175	170	50	70	45	3	2
3	Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Gap, PA	422	439	0	10	6	11	2	6	0	3	257	238	119	105	66	2	0
4	Bethany Evangelical Church, Havertown, PA	259	262	2	0	4	8	3	5	0	6	226	220	108	106	11	5	2
5	Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church, Glen Rock, PA	102	103	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	95	95	52	54	12	1	0
6	Central Presbyterian Church, New York, NY	150	138	1	3	0	36	0	0	5	0	150	215	0	58	0	5	1
7	Christ Community Church, EPC, Highland Lakes, NJ*	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	39	20	20	7	0	0
8	Christ Presbyterian Church, Springfield, MA ^		72	1	0	0	4	3	2	0	0		65	0	14	0	0	0
9	Christ the King EPC, Westfield, MA	52	54	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	55	53	14	15	0	0	2
10	Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, NY	60	56	0	0	1	7	0	1	4	0	100	77	34	34	18	2	1
11	Closer to God Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ	89	94	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	120	120	30	25	0	0	0
12	Covenant Presbyterian Church (The Barn), Simsbury, CT	153	162	0	0	15	0	4	0	4	0	147	165	95	85	26	4	1
13	Dundalk Presbyterian Church, Dundalk, MD	85	87	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	0	100	92	49	43	21	1	1
14	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Westtown, Westtown, NY	52	41	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	30	32	15	2	2	0	0
15	Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore, PA	182	174	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	115	100	60	55	36	0	0
16	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kingstowne, VA	293	260	4	0	4	1	1	4	15	24	255	209	88	82	4	4	1
17	First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Milford, PA	171	154	0	5	0	0	11	3	0	10	119	99	88	28	19	2	1
18	Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church, Glenmoore, PA *	197	197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	150	74	74	0	0	0
19	Fourth Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, MD	1579	1664	40	11	0	0	0	20	0	35	1,053	1055	1325	863	0	20	3
20	Goodwill Church, Montgomery, NY	776	829	0	0	8	47	2	0	0	0	925	1227	164	193	276	17	11
21	Grace Covenant, Exton, PA	219	222	2	0	15	2	0	3	13	0	202	220	88	104	2	2	2
22	Grace Presbyterian Church, Pennington, NJ	25	32	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	35	40	7	13	5	1	0
23	Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Malvern, PA	271	277	1	9	3	7	10	4	0	0	184	163	133	133	28	1	1
24	Guinston Presbyterian Church, Airville, PA	167	162	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	150	165	0	67	39	6	1
25	Little Britain Presbyterian Church, Peach Bottom, PA ^		157	1	0	0	0	0	5	42	1		81	0	38	0	0	1
26	Living Hope EPC, Haymarket, VA	56	57	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	8	130	130	76	30	27	1	0
27	Manoa Community Church, Havertown, PA*	181	181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	159	83	83	4	0	0

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	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Pro- fession	Youth Pro- fession	Transfer Gain	Reaffir- mation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Bap- tized Roll	Infant Bap-tism	Adult Baptism
28	<i>Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg, PA*</i>	152	<i>152</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	<i>145</i>	42	<i>42</i>	0	0	0
29	North Point EPC, Danvers, MA	<i>29</i>	38	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	<i>43</i>	51	<i>19</i>	15	6	1	0
30	Orchard Christian Fellowship, Londonderry, NH	211	208	0	0	9	7	2	0	8	9	305	305	87	83	104	1	3
31	Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Oreland, PA	<i>383</i>	355	0	0	7	0	4	5	16	7	<i>237</i>	220	<i>131</i>	112	61	2	0
32	Park Avenue Community Church, Somerdale, NJ	<i>41</i>	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	<i>38</i>	29	<i>16</i>	9	<i>1</i>	0	0
33	Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square, Kennett Square, PA	129	133	0	0	0	9	0	3	2	0	76	87	27	27	23	1	0
34	Princetown Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Duanesburg, NY	292	289	2	0	0	0	1	5	4	0	288	269	139	135	60	1	0
35	<i>Reston Presbyterian Church, Reston, VA*</i>	110	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>103</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>35</i>	0	0	0
36	<i>Resurrection Brooklyn Presbyterian Church EPC, Brooklyn, NY*</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>270</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>500</i>	<i>500</i>	0	0	0	0	0
37	<i>Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Felton, PA*</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>90</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>90</i>	<i>90</i>	0	0	0	0	0
38	Silver Lake Christian Community Church, Brackney, PA ^		47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		47	0	3	0	0	0
39	The Church at Ridgebury, Slate Hill, NY	25	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	9	9	0	0	0
40	Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, PA	202	205	1	0	6	2	0	2	4	0	135	133	52	62	39	1	0
	Churches of Record	37	40															
	Total	7,907	8,273	84	48	90	159	56	83	144	105	7,196	7,625	3,469	3,051	1,032	85	34

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## 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA

Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1 Church of the Lakes, Land O' Lakes, FL	38,093	114,505	17,940	254	132,699	96128	4,880	1,679.00	1,426	0	2,991	107,004	63,738
2 City Church of Homestead, Homestead, FL	4,259	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
3 City Church Wilton Manors, Pompano Beach, FL ~	78,096	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
4 Community Presbyterian Church, Clewiston, FL	0	76,647	0	40,000	174,645	121130	0	0.00	1,058	1,358	100	122,588	52,057
5 Cornerstone Bible Church, St. Petersburg, FL	12,167	301,152	0	0	301,152	219409	0	0.00	0	0	53,564	274,173	26,979
6 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
7 EPC of Plant City, Plant City, FL	228,340	554,855	8,857	79,306	643,018	644857	0	2,800.00	6,000	14,300	33,887	695,844	175,514
8 Faith Community Church, Seminole, FL ^	0	610,544	81,280	52,413	744,237	675070	95,302	0.00	0	0	24,203	794,576	283,007
9 Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brooksville, FL	189,667	735,787	24,876	44,965	805,627	704760	25,975	1,630.00	8,000	34,000	27,000	793,365	201,929
10 Faith Presbyterian Church, Pembroke Pines, FL	27,295	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
11 First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, FL	0	6,329,284	2,053,390	3,019,727	11,402,401	9524319	123,908	0.00	0	4,250	149,847	9,802,324	3,674,028
12 Glendale Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs, FL <i>Hope EPC, Tallahassee, FL (dissolved and merged with</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
13 <i>Covenant Presbyterian, Tallahassee 2014)</i>													
14 Kirk of the Pines, Nassau, ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
15 Lucaya Presbyterian Church, Freeport, Grand Bahamas,	0	102,850	0	24,500	133,300	114250	3,100	2,000.00	2,000	2,830	830	120,180	13,120
16 New Covenant EPC, Pompano Beach, FL	1,289,296	370,328	2,150	245,119	617,597	776032	393,466	0.00	0	0	25,750	1,195,248	711,645
17 New Hope Presbyterian Church, Ft. Meyers, FL	1,123,981	1,558,380	618,577	0	2,176,957	1382994	145,655	3,000.00	10,000	12,500	77,048	1,144,791	2,156,147
18 Providence Church, Brooksville, FL ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
19 Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship, Leesburg, FL ~	0	140,085	22,444	23	188,073	116809	640	3,500.00	1,564	2,064	15,442	138,455	49,618
20 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk, Nassau, Bahamas,	0	333,983	124,475	25,905	484,363	306637	233,206	6,250.00	5,000	5,000	39,296	590,389	80,838
21 Trinity EPC, Stuart, FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,991,194</b>	<b>11,228,400</b>	<b>2,953,989</b>	<b>3,532,212</b>	<b>17,804,069</b>	<b>14,682,395</b>	<b>1,026,132</b>	<b>20,859</b>	<b>35,048</b>	<b>76,302</b>	<b>449,958</b>	<b>15,778,937</b>	<b>7,488,620</b>

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## 2014 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA

	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Profession	Youth Profession	Transfer Gain	Reaffirmation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Baptized Roll	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism
1	Church of the Lakes, Land O' Lakes, FL	62	68	0	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	50	55	34	34	0	0	0
2	<i>City Church of Homestead, Homestead, FL *</i>	81	<i>81</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	<i>150</i>	25	<i>25</i>	0	0	0
3	<i>City Church Wilton Manors, Pompano Beach, FL ~*</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0
4	Community Presbyterian Church, Clewiston, FL	43	42	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	47	35	27	25	42	0	0
5	Cornerstone Bible Church, St. Petersburg, FL	129	93	10	0	7	6	2	2	45	0	143	157	110	56	0	0	0
6	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL*	<i>72</i>	<i>72</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0
7	EPC of Plant City, Plant City, FL	349	254	4	1	4	4	0	4	104	0	201	205	123	122	44	3	3
8	Faith Community Church, Seminole, FL ^		687	4	8	7	6	2	12	0	7	0	395	0	469	94	8	0
9	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brooksville, FL	345	372	29	0	0	0	0	4	0	20	380	413	124	0	95	21	0
10	<i>Faith Presbyterian Church, Pembroke Pines, FL *</i>	143	<i>143</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	<i>110</i>	38	<i>38</i>	0	0	0
11	First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Orlando, FL	<i>3,451</i>	3,572	14	28	68	29	28	20	17	18	<i>1,800</i>	1259	<i>414</i>	984	109	47	8
12	<i>Glendale Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs, FL *</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>84</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>75</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>42</i>	0	0	0
13	<i>Hope EPC, Tallahassee, FL (dissolved and merged with Covenant Presbyterian, Tallahassee 2014)</i>	<i>16</i>										<i>30</i>		<i>7</i>				
14	Kirk of the Pines, Nassau, ~*	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>	0	0	0	0	0
15	Lucaya Presbyterian Church, Freeport, Grand Bahamas,	<i>86</i>	83	7	2	0	0	0	2	1	10	<i>120</i>	100	<i>24</i>	20	0	0	0
16	New Covenant EPC, Pompano Beach, FL	409	428	4	0	0	17	1	1	0	0	350	350	75	80	7	3	0
17	New Hope Presbyterian Church, Ft. Meyers, FL	1,014	1,050	4	9	13	44	11	21	0	2	557	557	205	217	3	3	1
18	<i>Providence Church, Brooksville, FL ~*</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	0	0	0	0	0
19	Solid Rock Evangelical Fellowship, Leesburg, FL ~	<i>64</i>	55	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	<i>67</i>	60	<i>37</i>	28	0	0	0
20	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk, Nassau, Bahamas,	<i>179</i>	188	17	0	4	0	0	3	11	0	<i>200</i>	200	<i>96</i>	95	22	0	0
21	<i>Trinity EPC, Stuart, FL *</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	0	0	0	0	0
	Churches of Record	20	20															
	Total	6,670	7,415	94	48	109	110	50	73	178	57	4,479	4,320	1,381	2,235	416	85	12

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Church	Receipts					Disbursements								Ending Balance 2014
	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements		
1 Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO	1,644,581	4,355,493	1,677,911	772,385	6,805,789	6234913	92,977	24,000.00	35,846	39,446	633,791	7,025,127	1,425,243	
2 Covenant Chapel, Leawood, KS	347,792	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	
3 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE	1,142,028	959,029	21,000	467,202	1,447,231	1050454	635,186	14,265.00	21,821	21,821	366,444	2,088,170	501,089	
4 Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS	673,679	3,519,397	0	195,281	3,714,678	2764735	0	24,570.00	35,310	61,960	978,995	3,830,260	558,097	
5 Faith United Presbyterian Church, Brandon, SD	0	220,248	100,995	47,780	369,023	281709	129,197	2,250.00	0	0	23,011	436,167	132,578	
6 First Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, KS	131,743	253,573	0	5,254	258,827	127969	55,186	3,575.00	5,482	5,888	14,319	258,831	150,146	
7 Grace Community Fellowship, Ottawa, KS	0	178,123	5,424	14	183,561	149845	10,265	2,000.00	0	1,500	13,100	176,710	82,599	
8 Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, KS	448,332	1,427,318	259,232	104,800	1,791,350	1401904	46,343	6,000.00	9,200	9,200	174,304	1,637,751	601,931	
9 Hillsdale Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale, KS	0	146,359	0	6,970	153,329	138363	0	2,985.00	3,174	3,174	2,796	147,318	6,011	
10 Idana Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, KS	4,972	75,000	1,450	850	77,300	37650	28,000	885.00	1,380	1,739	6,900	73,435	8,837	
11 Kirk of the Hills, Tulsa, OK	(1,179,623)	3,884,689	325,415	133,898	4,344,002	3905266	5,431,343	12,500.00	12,500	0	549,348	9,898,457	(6,734,078)	
12 Lighthouse Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS	611,355	549,093	210,753	33,761	793,607	71637	157,057	6,000.00	2,600	7,512	15,760	657,967	746,994	
13 Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Abilene, KS	55,369	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	
14 New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Blue Rapids, KS	93,477	79,994	9,167	9,777	98,938	90968	4,367	0.00	2,090	0	0	97,425	94,990	
15 Presbyterian Church of Bathgate, Cavalier, ND ^	0	54,083	0	81,827	135,910	91205	16,291	0.00	0	0	28,350	136,088	124,652	
16 St. Luke Evangelical Church, Newton, KS	0	120,000	0	0	120,000	90000	0	15.00	0	1,000	0	10,000	30,000	
17 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Enid, OK	0	422,559	13,050	17,241	452,850	211563	0	2,056.00	3,150	23,150	168,202	404,971	100,983	
Total	3,973,705	16,244,958	2,624,397	1,877,040	20,746,395	16,648,181	6,606,212	101,101	132,553	176,390	2,975,320	26,878,677	(2,169,928)	

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1	Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO	1,602	1,640	7	18	63	38	10	20	65	0	1,343	1384	505	552	0	11	14
2	Covenant Chapel, Leawood, KS	243	<i>243</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	<i>243</i>	0	0	0	0	0
3	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE	948	895	17	13	0	0	39	17	34	0	486	422	56	61	635	7	0
4	Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS	1,676	1,717	11	31	18	13	11	18	0	3	873	897	568	550	134	12	6
5	Faith United Presbyterian Church, Brandon, SD	<i>251</i>	269	12	8	0	0	0	1	10	0	<i>206</i>	143	0	113	0	6	0
6	First Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, KS	247	233	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	0	130	139	50	56	0	0	0
7	Grace Community Fellowship, Ottawa, KS	<i>142</i>	148	2	5	2	6	4	3	2	0	<i>189</i>	159	0	56	0	2	5
8	Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, KS	414	423	33	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	782	776	417	428	177	11	6
9	Hillsdale Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale, KS	<i>219</i>	201	7	4	0	0	4	1	0	4	<i>153</i>	132	0	50	5	5	2
10	Idana Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, KS	60	59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	61	76	32	33	6	1	0
11	Kirk of the Hills, Tulsa, OK	1,500	1,523	1	20	2	73	3	22	0	51	988	963	552	0	677	20	1
12	Lighthouse Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS	440	393	7	7	6	8	3	3	50	19	279	253	178	148	26	3	9
13	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Abilene, KS	65	<i>65</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	<i>57</i>	28	0	0	0	0
14	New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Blue Rapids, KS	55	52	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	<i>50</i>	50	30	31	0	0	0
15	Presbyterian Church of Bathgate, Cavalier, ND ^		75	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		35	0	22	0	2	0
16	St. Luke Evangelical Church, Newton, KS	90	65	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	59	55	43	45	65	0	0
17	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Enid, OK	<i>137</i>	135	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	<i>94</i>	85	0	30	4	4	0
	Churches of Record	16	17															
	Total	8,089	8,136	97	106	92	139	101	104	163	77	5,993	5,869	2,459	2,175	1,729	84	43

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	Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX	1,492,590	2,127,512	235,034	374,963	2,737,509	1958752	291,690	11,152.00	16,031	55,051	576,806	2,893,451	1,336,648
2	City of Refuge Church, Houston, TX	0	774,815	0	96,099	870,914	855125	0	1,200.00	2,400	2,400	8,213	866,938	229,263
3	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Katy, TX	154,886	479,478	24,445	2,068	507,288	289868	0	1,680.00	2,415	12,771	56,094	360,413	301,761
4	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS	309,165	1,385,480	33,762	2,884	1,422,127	827939	12,712	6,144.00	8,832	41,882	566,089	1,454,766	276,526
5	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL	308,637	366,213	261,404	0	627,617	292959	439,719	2,537.00	2,691	0	0	737,906	198,348
6	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Monroe, LA	104,027	596,521	0	0	596,521	456194	99,428	3,120.00	4,485	42,405	10,366	653,098	47,450
7	Crosspointe Church, Carrollton, TX	34,933	244,741	0	31,276	275,966	284552	0	1,500.00	1,375	1,375	6,339	293,766	17,133
8	Edna Presbyterian Church, Edna, TX ^	0	70,985	675	0	71,660	71760	84,694	0.00	0	0	5,613	162,067	489,586
9	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Marshall, Marshall, TX	248,295	253,674	5,225	94	258,993	206891	0	1,632.00	2,100	38,706	380	247,609	260,644
10	Faith Church Brownsville, Brownsville, TX	3,730	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
11	Faith Presbyterian Church, Covington, LA	153,753	128,695	0	101,562	303,257	342247	0	1,500.00	0	4,330	14,300	362,377	94,633
12	First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, LA	1,445,707	3,109,440	0	52,519	3,161,959	2819254	0	25,600.00	36,070	63,235	108,757	3,016,846	1,590,820
13	First Presbyterian Church, Houma, LA	12,076	82,035	0	35,068	117,103	95962	14,500	688.00	989	3,294	2,975	117,419	11,760
14	First Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS	1,052,511	953,293	142,301	3,084	1,098,678	910238	17,049	5,728.00	8,303	33,103	50,360	1,016,478	431,346
15	First Presbyterian Church, Mexia, TX ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church, Ocean Springs, MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
17	First Presbyterian Church, Pascagoula, MS	50,000	569,749	20,000	50,000	639,749	604358	125,000	0.00	8,040	11,040	45,000	649,483	40,266
18	First Presbyterian Church, Thibodaux, LA	0	97,623	0	32,012	129,635	142244	0	996.00	913	1,213	2,626	147,079	(17,445)
19	First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS	0	598,859	0	7,437	613,733	444454	172,514	0.00	8,211	0	0	0	59,964
20	First Presbyterian Church of Lake Jackson, Lake Jackson, TX	762,123	596,216	528,237	81,871	1,206,324	889587	167,860	7,887.00	10,410	20,212	61,364	1,146,910	821,537
21	First Presbyterian Church of Laredo, Laredo, TX	0	30,399	0	13,027	43,425	34203	3,600	0.00	0	0	5,852	43,655	42,970
22	First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson, Port Gibson, MS	80,003	105,360	34,186	209	139,755	102861	40,125	5,758.00	2,415	6,335	4,380	163,839	55,919
23	First Presbyterian Church of Waskom, Waskom, TX	0	93,766	2,000	221	95,987	102056	9,092	0.00	300	0	221	112,569	82,340
24	Genesis Presbyterian Church, Mercedes, TX	21,192	60,116	5,055	9,761	74,932	66950	0	340.00	467	467	0	67,757	28,367
25	Golden Rule Presbyterian Church, Elysian Fields, TX	0	88,571	0	5,263	93,934	97006	1,215	0.00	1,012	1,012	6,148	105,381	41,447
26	Grace Chapel EPC, Madison, MS	536,334	460,839	38,996	9,492	509,328	337012	0	4,608.00	5,000	6,671	23,339	367,022	678,640
27	Grace Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, LA	253,371	446,474	0	39,896	486,370	435943	0	4.00	5,288	7,288	32,655	479,936	259,805
28	Graceminster Presbyterian Church, Monroe, LA	124,550	94,199	0	6,145	100,344	85137	4,985	390.00	1,380	0	1,727	93,811	125,632
29	Hope Church, San Antonio, TX	158,772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
30	Jesus Reigns Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TX	13,754	12,646	0	7	16,826	13189	0	368.00	368	100	950	14,707	1,751
31	Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS	0	1,048,020	1,420	19,362	1,068,802	915252	0	4,350.00	6,472	32,510	90,788	1,042,900	(26,909)
32	Memorial Presbyterian Church, San Augustine, TX	447,859	68,797	0	145,582	214,379	111252	0	0.00	1,127	0	19,890	132,269	529,969
33	Minden Presbyterian Church, Minden, LA		185,380	16,340		239,724	184,611.0	1,902		2,532	3,718	8,907	199,138	92,848
34	New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mandeville, LA	231,673	474,087	14,675	55,238	544,000	463501	0	2,030.00	2,030	2,480	61,859	529,870	245,803
35	New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Natchez, MS	76,462	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
36	One Hope Presbyterian, Longview, TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
37	Pineywoods Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, TX	0	95,686	24,267	3,937	123,890	89833	22,794	160.00	230	1,573	6,470	8,043	249,307



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38	River Church South, Gonzales, LA	21,383	79,179	2,200	8,104	89,475	65623	0	0.00	0	0	0	65,623	174,015
39	River Community Church, Prairieville, LA	0	429,589	0	15,050	444,639	398564	0	1,584.00	1,754	3,754	12,119	416,021	28,618
40	San Benito Presbyterian Church, San Benito, TX	46,382	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
41	Scotland Presbyterian Church, Junction City, AR	215,332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
42	Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton, AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
43	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, TX	96,753	153,854	0	29,191	183,045	150548	0	1,424.00	2,047	2,847	20,827	175,599	104,199
44	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport, MS	(46,341)	275,496	0	12,577	288,073	249523	14,133	2,480.00	3,565	5,665	27,080	298,881	0
45	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Laurel, MS	908,944	923,496	0	954	924,450	115623	252,050	4,500.00	6,187	30,417	50,600	145,517	778,937
46	Wiggins Presbyterian Church, Wiggins, MS	90,106	94,203	0	0	94,203	73165	22,300	0.00	874	0	21,500	117,839	66,471
47	Woodland Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, LA	163,328	500,217	44,342	64,403	608,962	479143	38,476	2,448.00	3,519	8,519	63,600	592,186	180,104
48	Yokena Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS	26,843	42,479	0	17,614	86,936	36581	0	0.00	368	1,368	7,600	8,968	32,419
	<b>Total</b>	9,599,133	18,198,182	1,434,564	1,326,970	21,110,512	16,099,960	1,835,838	101,808	160,200	445,741	1,981,794	19,308,137	9,962,892

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1	Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX	718	730	10	1	0	10	7	2	0	0	402	375	290	279	200	15	2
2	City of Refuge Church, Houston, TX	181	203	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237	189	0	93	0	1	7
3	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Katy, TX	105	95	3	1	0	0	7	0	7	0	106	103	72	72	55	6	1
4	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS	385	295	0	5	9	0	33	7	37	27	191	186	98	73	36	3	0
5	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL	117	122	0	7	5	1	0	0	6	2	101	109	75	80	140	0	0
6	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Monroe, LA	191	199	0	0	20	0	0	2	11	0	150	165	80	80	19	1	0
7	Crosspointe Church, Carrollton, TX	51	47	0	0	2	2	4	0	4	0	69	61	0	0	8	2	0
8	Edna Presbyterian Church, Edna, TX ^		62	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0		36	0	13	0	0	0
9	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Marshall, Marshall, TX	94	78	0	0	0	3	5	3	5	7	67	61	43	33	7	0	0
10	Faith Church Brownsville, Brownsville, TX	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	23	0	0	0	0
11	Faith Presbyterian Church, Covington, LA	67	56	1	0	6	3	0	2	19	0	60	55	14	11	16	2	0
12	First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, LA	1,555	1,582	2	19	15	30	6	22	9	13	770	752	485	305	368	22	3
13	First Presbyterian Church, Houma, LA	43	43	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	40	37	22	15	5	0	0
14	First Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS	361	379	0	6	8	11	0	4	0	0	240	242	157	0	0	5	2
15	First Presbyterian Church, Mexia, TX ^		87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		50	0	0	0	0	0
16	First Presbyterian Church, Ocean Springs, MS	530	532	4	9	0	50	2	5	48	6	353	384	189	206	121	8	8
17	First Presbyterian Church, Pascagoula, MS	355	320	2	21	1	13	3	2	49	17	195	224	137	174	61	10	0
18	First Presbyterian Church, Thibodaux, LA	86	83	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	59	53	0	43	5	0	0
19	First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS	357	370	0	11	1	2	1	6	5	0	240	205	0	165	14	8	0
20	First Presbyterian Church of Lake Jackson, Lake Jackson, TX	473	467	0	5	14	6	1	12	19	0	283	275	145	160	24	5	0
21	First Presbyterian Church of Laredo, Laredo, TX	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	17	0	12	19	0	0
22	First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson, Port Gibson, MS	104	101	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	88	50	39	25	4	1	0
23	First Presbyterian Church of Waskom, Waskom, TX	39	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	25	27	0	6	0	0	0
24	Genesis Presbyterian Church, Mercedes, TX	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	40	31	6	5	0	0
25	Golden Rule Presbyterian Church, Elysian Fields, TX	44	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	20	22	0	14	8	0	0
26	Grace Chapel EPC, Madison, MS	288	285	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	4	172	120	146	110	91	1	0
27	Grace Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, LA	271	271	1	3	2	9	5	7	0	2	225	225	77	65	0	2	0
28	Graceminster Presbyterian Church, Monroe, LA	76	78	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	55	57	22	19	0	1	0
29	Hope Church, San Antonio, TX	78	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	97	18	0	0	0	0

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	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Pro- fession	Youth Pro- fession	Transfer Gain	Reaffir- mation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Bap- tized Roll	Infant Bap- tism	Adult Baptism
30	Jesus Reigns Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TX	8	10	10	0	0	10	0	0	1	2	11	11	11	8	0	0	0
31	Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS	497	505	0	7	6	7	5	3	0	4	274	256	0	160	100	4	0
32	Memorial Presbyterian Church, San Augustine, TX	49	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	33	30	11	14	0	0	0
33	Minden Presbyterian Church, Minden, LA	118	119	0	0	2	8	3	5	0	1	54	69	0	50	46	0	0
34	New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mandeville, LA	227	217	0	0	2	18	0	2	18	13	180	181	121	109	81	11	0
35	New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Natchez, MS	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	15	0	0	0	0
36	One Hope Presbyterian, Longview, TX	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
37	Pineywoods Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, TX	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12	0	8	0	0	0
38	River Church South, Gonzales, LA	57	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	38	8	15	61	0	0
39	River Community Church, Prairieville, LA	101	101	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	130	132	69	73	0	2	0
40	San Benito Presbyterian Church, San Benito, TX	84	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	63	39	0	0	0	0
41	Scotland Presbyterian Church, Junction City, AR	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	14	0	0	0	0
42	Stockton Presbyterian Church, Stockton, AL	75	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	44	0	0	0	0	0
43	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, TX	85	84	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	58	55	21	21	5	0	0
44	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport, MS	155	155	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	91	91	28	23	35	1	1
45	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Laurel, MS	267	269	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	177	158	171	156	322	3	0
46	Wiggins Presbyterian Church, Wiggins, MS	40	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	0	30	41	10	19	4	0	0
47	Woodland Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, LA	179	138	0	0	3	1	0	3	17	0	120	122	70	49	6	5	0
48	Yokena Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	20	10	16	0	0
	Churches of Record (Presbytery established in October 2014)		48															
	Total		8,689	56	95	109	200	88	110	304	100	5,735	5,626	2,771	2,774	1,882	119	24

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	Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO	25,136	166,078	0	26,612	192,690	184726	0	5,016.00	2,277	4,754	16,739	208,858	(8,968)
2	Brazeau Presbyterian Church, Brazeau, MO	10,365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
3	Brookdale Church, St. Joseph, MO	103,343	546,274	37,631	213,668	797,573	516056	39,700	4,815.00	7,383	10,418	212,403	793,392	117,524
4	Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO	11,307,042	3,839,925	276,989	657,817	4,774,731	4194970	4,244,249	26,025.00	22,417	0	707,611	9,218,397	6,863,376
5	City Church, St. Louis, MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
6	EPIC Evangelical Presbyterians in Christ Church, Troy, MO	0	52,551	0	0	52,551	31345	0	0.00	828	990	18,334	50,669	1,882
7	Faith Presbyterian Church, Perryville, MO	40,475	80,540	50,445	6,066	137,051	62941	39,497	600.00	920	2,371	4,918	110,327	67,199
8	Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO	339,700	714,553	0	4,019	718,572	514458	70,300	0.00	9,940	13,000	75,341	673,099	385,173
9	Greentree Community Church, Kirkwood, MO	1,366,718	2,038,206	1,947,078	210,595	4,195,879	1790918	2,442,315	5,760.00	0	0	165,391	4,423,091	1,139,506
10	Mercy Road Fellowship, St. Peters, MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
11	New Creation Church, Joplin, MO	52,676	93,802	0	35,580	110,492	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
12	Riverside Church, St. Louis, MO	0	282,917	135,383	0	418,300	205993	160,553	0.00	0	0	0	366,546	146,000
13	St. Luke Joy Church, Kansas City, MO ^	0	228,141	3,685	11,557	243,383	198169	19,590	1,980.00	2,772	0	31,887	254,398	175,286
14	Sutter Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, MO	0	135,036	20,793	13,982	169,811	139300	31,996	1,040.00	1,840	1,865	8,200	182,401	167,425
15	The Crossing Church, Colombia, MO	0	5,500,000	2,000,000	0	7,400,000	5100000	2,000,000	0.00	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
16	Trinity EPC, Chillicothe, MO ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	13,245,455	13,678,023	4,472,004	1,179,896	19,211,033	12,938,876	9,048,200	45,236	48,377	33,398	1,240,824	16,281,178	10,554,403

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1 Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO	132	129	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	104	100	54	48	0	0	0
2 Brazeau Presbyterian Church, Brazeau, MO	34	<i>34</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	<i>40</i>	0	0	0	0	0
3 Brookdale Church, St. Joseph, MO	321	332	0	7	12	7	6	9	0	0	0	216	92	92	45	2	0
4 Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO	1,809	1,742	1	12	19	19	22	17	80	0	0	982	0	0	348	22	1
5 City Church, St. Louis, MO	<i>51</i>	<i>51</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>80</i>	<i>80</i>	0	0	0	0	0
6 EPIC Evangelical Presbyterians in Christ Church, Troy, MO (formerly Troy Presbyterian Church)	<i>36</i>	53	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	<i>36</i>	40	0	19	44	0	2
7 Faith Presbyterian Church, Perryville, MO	40	41	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	50	26	29	4	1	0
8 Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO	347	369	0	8	12	12	5	5	0	0	292	302	191	210	5	3	0
9 Greentree Community Church, Kirkwood, MO	384	367	0	0	16	0	0	2	35	0	414	386	481	267	0	5	1
10 Mercy Road Fellowship, St. Peters, MO	<i>35</i>	<i>35</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>55</i>	<i>55</i>	0	0	0	0	0
11 New Creation Church, Joplin, MO	40	43	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	70	65	27	31	43	1	0
12 Riverside Church, St. Louis, MO	<i>101</i>	83	0	0	0	0	2	0	16	0	<i>105</i>	100	0	110	3	3	0
13 St. Luke Joy Church, Kansas City, MO ^		132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		115	0	49	12	3	0
14 Sutter Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, MO	<i>115</i>	108	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	<i>72</i>	71	0	60	110	0	1
15 The Crossing Church, Colombia, MO	<i>1,500</i>	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>2,500</i>	2760	0	0	0	0	0
16 Trinity EPC, Chillicothe, MO ^		<i>1</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		<i>1</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Churches of Record	14	16															
Total	4,945	5,520	17	37	61	38	38	41	131	1	3,808	5,363	871	915	614	40	5

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	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1 Altan Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	29,087	78,186	12,976	157	91,320	74731	29,420	1,575.00	1,449	0	2,030	109,205	11,201
2 Asbury Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NC	219,887	50,433	8,134	468	59,035	51000	15,000	1,200.00	1,200	1,200	11,000	78,200	200,722
3 Banks Presbyterian Church, Marvin, NC	88,953	131,950	0	11,508	143,458	76686	0	7,456.00	3,456	7,456	45,334	129,476	102,935
4 Benton Heights Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	29,874	410,375	74,150	6,559	491,084	324435	10,080	9,000.00	3,000	6,600	22,934	373,049	147,909
5 Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	98,843	261,942	45,055	12,217	319,216	241714	41,848	913.00	2,878	7,032	12,393	303,900	66,212
6 Bishopville Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, SC	85,533	161,280	3,890	28,196	193,366	131465	1,300	3,082.00	3,082	4,654	13,438	153,939	133,290
7 Castanea Presbyterian Church, Stanley, NC	0	95,000	6,000	0	101,000	88000	0	1,200.00	671	6,671	1,200	97,071	34,765
8 Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
9 Christ Church EPC, Anderson, SC	43,607	319,457	0	4,521	323,978	292808	0	2,967.00	2,967	10,067	20,731	326,573	41,012
10 Christ Community Church - Montreat, Montreat, NC	471,100	1,211,920	0	128,971	1,340,891	993886	0	13,524.00	13,524	42,394	191,366	1,241,270	570,721
11 Christ Covenant Community Church, Fredericksburg, VA ~	132,777	112,598	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	108,000
12 Christ Fellowship Church, Southern Pines, NC	0	110,859	6,935	24,608	142,402	111915	24,869	1,000.00	1,000	5,548	1,450	144,782	25,698
13 Cleveland Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA Clover Evangelical Church, Clover, SC (Dissolved November 14, 2014)	47,135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
15 Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC	87,161	121,847	8,660	3,088	133,595	133012	0	3,987.00	2,530	13,641	766	151,406	69,349
16 Cornerstone Church, Goldsboro, NC ~	0	122,885	141,012	0	263,897	131859	0	0.00	0	0	21,877	153,736	11,859
17 Darlington Presbyterian Church, Darlington, SC	27,236	580,013	125,630	13,723	719,366	470197	139,983	21,852.00	9,300	28,225	45,347	705,604	40,998
18 Englewood Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, NC	0	306,062	8,178	44,341	358,581	337923	18,787	4,100.00	3,772	4,840	21,770	387,420	64,003
19 Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton, Elkton, VA	0	337,352	964	235	338,551	317492	0	6,500.00	4,000	11,500	15,024	350,516	12,993
20 Faith Liberation Christian Community Church, Charlotte, NC	22,584	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
21 Fellowship of Christ, Cary, NC	252,454	631,523	57,407	131,290	1,072,674	582693	57,407	3,050.00	3,050	9,150	107,783	760,083	312,591
22 Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Wilson, NC	36,545	115,561	0	9,432	124,993	111094	14,770	2,100.00	2,100	4,500	3,182	135,646	25,893
23 Galatia Presbyterian Church, Eagle Rock, VA ^	0	79,948	936	4,313	85,197	73119	1,526	1,140.00	0	0	7,067	82,852	23,807
24 Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	49,738	89,769	0	41,871	131,640	130850	0	1,575.00	1,449	3,282	6,580	142,287	39,091
25 Grace EPC, Hampstead, NC	54,216	229,100	0	1,709	230,809	135134	74,966	1,900.00	0	3,200	14,500	223,000	56,816
26 Grace Haven Presbyterian Church, Irmo, SC	59,577	51,575	0	0	51,575	88468	0	0.00	0	1,600	100	90,168	20,984
27 Greenwood Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Covington, VA	37,577	65,216	0	1,914	67,130	66254	0	0.00	828	2,028	0	68,282	144,954
28 Hope Church, Hanahan, SC ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
29 Hope Church, Raleigh, NC	8,980	303,640	100	4,951	308,691	305885	1,490	1,113.00	1,357	2,012	0	310,500	7,181

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
30	Hope Church, Richmond, VA	711,182	2,992,860	1,627,134	268,700	4,888,694	3139209	697,190	16,500.00	16,500	35,800	236,985	0	4,125,685
31	Hope Community Church, Waynesboro, VA ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
32	Hope Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, VA ^	0	609,438	0	538	609,976	526341	0	0.00	0	0	58,319	584,660	224,448
33	Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley, VA	(15,875)	16,112	0	5,000	21,112	21114	1,076	0.00	0	0	0	0	1,669
34	Indian Hill Presbyterian Church, Stanfield, NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1,610	0	0	0	13,689
35	iSight Church, Black Mountain, NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
36	Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	113,334	2,020,514	30,162	1,339	2,052,015	1664024	166,023	10,920.00	17,080	66,715	115,191	2,022,873	142,476
37	Kershaw First Presbyterian Church, Kershaw, SC ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
38	Lake Forest Church, Huntersville, NC	733,888	2,486,545	145,759	67	2,632,371	2147404	140,552	17,250.00	17,250	0	217,155	2,571,111	795,148
39	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, VA	0	185,499	0	25,920	544,500	116107	14,224	1,950.00	1,725	4,680	85,566	222,527	321,973
40	Lighthouse Church, Mooresville, NC (Formerly Lake Norman Fellowship)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
41	Linwood Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
42	Mary's Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, VA	0	11,600	0	18,000	29,600	38000	13,000	759.00	759	759	2,300	53,000	18,376
43	McBee Presbyterian Church, McBee, SC	137,111	182,283	952	5,200	188,435	93291	34,749	1,058.00	1,541	6,166	12,867	148,131	177,415
44	McLean Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
45	Mebane Presbyterian Church, Mebane, NC	111,313	230,392	19,967	21,925	272,284	234830	65,345	389.00	389	389	6,074	307,027	76,570
46	Midway Presbyterian Church, New Zion, SC	184,042	109,224	13,456	10,176	132,856	89318	16,085	2,400.00	2,208	4,408	960	113,171	203,727
47	Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC	581,037	1,091,128	76,451	65,871	1,233,450	792284	7,159	9,425.00	8,671	10,837	222,592	1,042,297	0
48	Nell Townsend Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC	51,382	49,350	0	0	49,350	48937	9,280	8,684.00	400	0	2,667	69,968	30,764
49	New Covenant Church, Burgaw, NC ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
50	New Horizon EPC, Candler, NC	21,549	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
51	New Life Presbyterian Church, Salem, VA ^	0	130,458	47,730	0	229,749	142077	20,200	0.00	0	1,600	6,300	170,177	1,019
52	Northampton Presbyterian Church, Hampton, VA	(625)	149,255	1,830	17,034	168,119	152729	10,992	1,300.00	1,300	11,555	4,419	180,995	(12,251)
53	Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Norton, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
54	Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC	0	120,658	0	3,003	123,662	107996	0	1,200.00	1,200	6,550	4,912	120,658	109,518
55	Peace Church, Durham, NC	23,418	116,043	7,356	945	124,344	103069	3,376	800.00	801	1,736	890	109,871	37,891
56	Perrow Presbyterian Church, Cross Lanes, WV	70,038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
57	Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Callaway, VA	198,362	86,990	0	7,812	94,802	58577	27,280	0.00	0	0	2,965	88,822	75,390
58	Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton, WV	49,759	200,093	20,692	5,619	226,404	195020	15,892	3,542.00	3,542	4,807	1,500	220,761	55,402

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59	Restoration Church, Mechanicsville, VA ~	0	1,011,750	0	276	1,012,026	595576	1,500	0.00	6,226	6,226	114,804	718,106	574,035
60	Reynolda Church, EPC, Winston-Salem, NC	226,246	1,575,431	411,040	284,305	2,270,776	1750734	172,065	21,551.00	21,551	23,051	241,083	2,208,484	288,538
61	Riceville Valley Community Church, Asheville, NC	0	75,755	0	20,374	96,129	39667	0	0.00	943	943	11,433	52,043	119,499
62	Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, Locust, NC	11,574	33,395	365	127	33,884	31833	161	2,009.00	410	1,321	1,100	36,424	7,371
63	River Oaks Community Church, Clemmons, NC	805,756	2,366,764	5,935	815	2,373,514	1832537	59,779	20,580.00	18,924	68,474	212,014	2,193,384	985,886
64	Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA	1,588,974	1,585,038	1,072,225	475	2,657,738	1169847	448,481	18,400.00	18,400	36,650	350,134	2,259,850	2,223,200
65	Rock Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC ~	32,425	30,631	0	19,820	50,451	29044	0	0.00	0	0	1,255	34,056	48,820
66	Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island, SC	25,237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
67	Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Calhoun Falls, SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
68	Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hurley, VA	22,528	56,584	0	0	56,584	36880	23,750	0.00	943	1,536	5,261	67,427	45,546
69	Rourk Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, NC	27,073	92,524	0	0	92,524	64664	5,228	1,633.00	0	1,000	14,734	87,259	32,338
70	Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, NC	856,513	496,574	230,692	75,412	802,678	460560	4,791	0.00	12,500	15,600	139,385	620,336	1,038,855
71	St. Giles Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	357,966	661,423	81,814	71	743,309	645429	243,200	6,230.00	5,853	7,773	78,976	981,608	119,667
72	St. Matthews Presbyterian Church, St. Matthews, SC ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
73	Stuart Presbyterian Church, Stuart, VA	697,368	212,099	69,597	6,944	288,640	175124	275,475	3,375.00	3,000	4,750	15,727	474,453	222,915
74	Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, VA	2,661	27,157	229,997	13,787	270,941	21972	229,997	1,100.00	1,012	0	2,342	256,423	17,179
75	Threshold Church, Matthews, NC	0	447,766	200,000	90,000	737,766	449000	500,000	2,000.00	2,000	0	50,000	54,000	123,753
76	Trinity Church, Hilton Head Island, SC ~	13,834	268,022	0	0	268,022	229768	0	0.00	334	334	29,770	259,571	8,450
77	Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC	20,777	1,043,564	119,701	0	1,163,265	704651	103,499	9,250.00	8,510	68,960	134,816	1,021,176	162,865
78	Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy, NC	0	78,419	0	1,651	80,070	78549	11,360	900.00	900	3,916	1,814	96,539	198,314
79	Victoria Presbyterian Church, Victoria, VA ~	26,701	25,235	0	54	25,290	31172	0	0.00	400	0	3,631	35,687	16,304
80	Village Church, Matthews, NC	46,015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
81	Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church, Marion, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
82	Walker's Presbyterian Church, Pamplin, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
83	Warehouse 242, Charlotte, NC	(248,792)	903,732	0	21,018	924,750	765848	0	5,341.00	5,341	5,341	14,490	25,172	650,786
84	Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, SC	27,682	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
85	Waterbrook Community Church, Longs, SC	(2,021)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
86	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, WV	39,100	547,451	2,700	141,435	691,586	544608	25,601	6,600.00	6,600	62,003	33,700	672,512	58,174
87	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC	0	102,998	0	18,773	121,770	104249	0	0.00	1,748	2,208	4,705	111,161	25,482



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Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
	Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
88 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC	(1,985)	52,216	0	67	52,283	49655	0	667.00	0	200	0	50,522	(224)
89 Woodside Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA	0	26,473	0	0	26,473	25649	0	0.00	0	0	1,800	27,449	6,043
<b>Total</b>	9,428,411	28,487,934	4,915,585	1,626,625	35,554,641	24,777,963	3,778,756	265,047	252,184	641,888	3,010,508	26,888,656	15,645,689

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1	Altan Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	65	68	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	61	53	40	38	68	3	0
2	Asbury Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NC	52	59	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	28	37	18	16	59	1	7
3	Banks Presbyterian Church, Marvin, NC	72	67	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	60	60	11	12	67	1	0
4	Benton Heights Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	394	410	0	3	16	4	2	5	0	0	205	220	86	90	42	5	0
5	Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC	125	123	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	110	90	110	105	137	0	0
6	Bishopville Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, SC	134	133	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	130	70	38	35	15	0	0
7	Castanea Presbyterian Church, Stanley, NC	50	54	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	65	63	0	47	17	0	0
8	Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC	178	178	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	140	0	0	0	0	0
9	Christ Church EPC, Anderson, SC	151	133	1	0	2	11	0	2	6	24	145	131	88	54	50	0	1
10	Christ Community Church - Montreat, Montreat, NC	588	572	23	0	0	0	10	5	24	0	492	454	307	253	62	1	0
11	Christ Covenant Community Church, Fredericksburg, VA ~	50	30	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	77	54	0	13	0	0	0
12	Christ Fellowship Church, Southern Pines, NC	65	51	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	0	45	42	0	23	0	3	0
13	Cleveland Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA	79	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	63	27	0	0	0	0
14	Clover Evangelical Church, Clover, SC (Dissolved November 14, 2014)	51										25						
15	Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC	110	117	0	8	3	0	1	3	0	0	81	82	76	64	14	0	0
16	Cornerstone Church, Goldsboro, NC ~	48	74	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	40	85	0	42	26	2	0
17	Darlington Presbyterian Church, Darlington, SC	395	392	1	3	1	1	5	4	0	0	169	157	104	98	49	1	0
18	Englewood Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, NC	164	163	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	122	119	0	43	39	39	0
19	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton, Elkton, VA	206	125	0	0	0	3	1	7	76	0	142	156	0	110	4	0	0
20	Faith Liberation Christian Community Church, Charlotte, NC	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	19	0	0	0	0
21	Fellowship of Christ, Cary, NC	138	150	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	300	300	66	51	152	2	0
22	Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Wilson, NC	85	75	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	6	73	58	30	20	0	0	0
23	Galatia Presbyterian Church, Eagle Rock, VA ^		54	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0		55	0	30	61	1	0
24	Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	63	55	1	0	1	0	2	4	4	0	37	37	24	24	0	0	0
25	Grace EPC, Hampstead, NC	92	96	1	1	6	10	9	0	6	0	125	135	50	57	39	2	1
26	Grace Haven Presbyterian Church, Irmo, SC	65	65	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	35	9	0	8	0	0
27	Greenwood Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Covington, VA	36	52	11	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	38	50	15	15	0	4	3
28	Hope Church, Hanahan, SC ~	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	7	0	0	0	0

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29	Hope Church, Raleigh, NC	59	58	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	62	68	45	45	9	3	0
30	Hope Church, Richmond, VA	861	1,017	7	0	103	56	0	0	0	10	1,657	1779	363	475	24	24	56
31	Hope Community Church, Waynesboro, VA ~	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
32	Hope Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, VA ^		444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		334	0	145	597	0	0
33	Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley, VA	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	0	13	0	0
34	Indian Hill Presbyterian Church, Stanfield, NC	78	67	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	45	40	0	28	16	0	0
35	iSight Church, Black Mountain, NC	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	135	0	0	0	0	0
36	Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	1,247	976	0	0	1	18	8	11	275	0	682	551	215	201	87	6	12
37	Kershaw First Presbyterian Church, Kershaw, SC ^		50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		35	0	0	0	0	0
38	Lake Forest Church, Huntersville, NC	1,240	1,482	3	0	2	122	10	2	0	0	1,900	2000	0	0	0	29	20
39	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, VA	86	72	0	0	0	3	7	0	4	3	120	26	0	0	72	0	0
40	Lighthouse Church, Mooresville, NC (formerly Lake Norman Fellowship)	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0
41	Linwood Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0	0	0	0	0
42	Mary's Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, VA	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	8	0	0	0
43	McBee Presbyterian Church, McBee, SC	67	70	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	41	50	38	38	13	2	0
44	McLean Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, NC	63	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	0	0	0	0	0
45	Mebane Presbyterian Church, Mebane, NC	188	197	0	5	0	5	2	0	0	0	59	112	70	77	20	1	0
46	Midway Presbyterian Church, New Zion, SC	96	102	1	0	7	6	0	1	0	0	60	62	37	38	8	1	1
47	Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC	583	538	1	0	6	25	4	6	70	5	375	359	325	0	21	9	2
48	Neil Townsend Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC	34	31	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	35	32	21	20	0	0	0
49	New Covenant Church, Burgaw, NC ~	58	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	0	0	0	0	0
50	New Horizon EPC, Candler, NC	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	12	0	0	0	0
51	New Life Presbyterian Church, Salem, VA ^		83	0	0	4	0	1	3	0	0		78	0	27	10	2	0
52	Northampton Presbyterian Church, Hampton, VA	51	47	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	38	32	5	11	7	0	0
53	Norton Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Norton, VA	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	0	0	0	0
54	Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC	50	50	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	50	32	0	0	55	2	0
55	Peace Church, Durham, NC	32	35	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	34	35	21	21	6	0	0
56	Perrow Presbyterian Church, Cross Lanes, WV	122	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	140	0	0	0	0	0
57	Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Callaway, VA	40	103	1	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	38	45	0	14	103	0	1

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58	Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton, WV	149	135	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	0	56	47	18	7	18	0	0
59	Restoration Church, Mechanicsville, VA ~	409	409	2	0	18	30	0	2	0	0	412	412	0	0	0	6	2
60	Reynolda Church, EPC, Winston-Salem, NC	935	1,004	4	0	36	36	0	6	0	1	675	638	272	200	141	23	1
61	Riceville Valley Community Church, Asheville, NC	62	48	0	0	0	0	2	1	21	0	35	32	0	21	48	0	0
62	Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, Locust, NC	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	18	20	11	8	2	0	0
63	River Oaks Community Church, Clemmons, NC	989	1,000	4	26	29	42	17	0	73	0	1,286	1382	0	0	0	14	25
64	Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA	904	944	1	15	22	17	5	13	3	0	644	650	514	429	401	17	5
65	Rock Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC ~	25	18	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	18	18	0	0	0	0	0
66	Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island, SC	130	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	33	0	0	0	0
67	Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Calhoun Falls, SC	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
68	Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hurley, VA	41	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	18	18	36	0	1
69	Rourk Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, NC	71	70	0	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	65	61	40	41	14	1	0
70	Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, NC	514	498	0	7	13	14	9	3	38	0	330	297	195	195	160	11	0
71	St. Giles Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	251	272	2	13	5	30	0	0	17	13	250	273	126	132	18	15	0
72	St. Matthews Presbyterian Church, St. Matthews, SC ^		28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25	0	0	0	0	0
73	Stuart Presbyterian Church, Stuart, VA	135	141	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	90	90	46	55	11	1	0
74	Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, VA	44	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	14	14	61	0	1
75	Threshold Church, Matthews, NC	161	161	3	3	9	10	0	0	0	0	272	282	0	0	197	8	5
76	Trinity Church, Hilton Head Island, SC ~	29	31	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	45	40	24	24	0	2	0
77	Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC	368	363	0	0	8	11	17	1	8	0	309	315	88	100	203	5	0
78	Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy, NC	36	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	22	0	12	6	0	0
79	Victoria Presbyterian Church, Victoria, VA ~	20	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	12	8	6	0	0	0
80	Village Church, Matthews, NC	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	20	0	0	0	0
81	Walkers Creek Presbyterian Church, Marion, VA	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0
82	Walker's Presbyterian Church, Pamplin, VA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0
83	Warehouse 242, Charlotte, NC	206	224	0	1	7	10	5	0	0	0	400	420	186	193	61	9	6
84	Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, SC	56	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	19	0	0	0	0
85	Waterbrook Community Church, Longs, SC	322	322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	395	395	112	0	0	0	0
86	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, WV	285	288	6	0	8	7	2	4	13	0	193	198	95	87	25	4	6

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87 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC	<i>85</i>	76	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	<i>70</i>	55	0	28	9	0	0
88 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC	29	30	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	21	5	7	1	0	0
89 Woodside Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA	<i>30</i>	17	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	<i>30</i>	17	0	12	17	0	0
Churches of Record	84	88															
Total	15,081	15,807	98	97	319	526	151	120	697	87	14,599	15,049	4,121	3,977	3,399	260	156

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	Church	Receipts				Disbursements								Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Attica-Williamsport Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Attica, IN	64,695	96,946	0	92,000	188,946	56534	22,539	731.00	1,564	1,769	9,641	91,214	162,427
2	Calvary Presbyterian Church, Flint, MI	77,747	297,620	9,667	17,414	324,701	254779	10,364	1,856.00	3,795	3,795	22,250	293,044	109,404
3	Church by the Woods, Sharonville, OH	66,177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
4	Church of the Good Shepherd, Winona Lake, IN	(7,368)	102,903	0	146,441	249,344	244914	8,121	0.00	0	2,250	12,818	268,103	35,269
5	College Corner Presbyterian Church, College Corner, OH	162,759	119,602	0	21,064	140,666	122390	9,282	0.00	2,522	4,022	12,725	148,419	0
6	Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Owosso, MI	275,206	369,494	0	0	369,494	281120	21,380	1,451.00	3,089	5,489	62,511	371,951	272,749
7	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brighton, MI	5,337,644	3,773,807	0	786,114	5,029,116	3444576	673,863	21,438.00	43,769	235,450	569,155	4,944,482	5,422,276
8	Covenant Church, West Lafayette, IN	456,129	2,054,927	1,305	226,852	2,283,084	1791179	99,693	8,600.00	17,627	19,127	350,301	2,268,900	467,313
9	Covenant Community Church, Ann Arbor, MI	59,061	113,845	0	9,113	122,958	108943	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	73,076
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh, Tecumseh, MI	0	359,589	0	8,142	367,731	308276	20,804	771.00	5,290	12,179	28,399	370,429	168,710
11	CrossWay, Mt. Clemens, MI -^	0	33,502	300	0	33,802	28444	0	0.00	0	0	444	28,888	4,914
12	Evangelical Community Church, Cincinnati, OH	303,883	608,055	6,165	44,500	658,720	546556	3,574	2,174.00	4,400	18,400	73,500	644,204	318,399
13	Faith Church EPC, Rochester, MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
14	Faith Presbyterian Church, West Lafayette, IN	0	169,869	6,137	40,929	216,935	160070	11,149	0.00	2,737	11,137	22,613	204,969	95,432
15	Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, South Lyon, MI	73,779	453,415	4,482	62,985	520,882	390115	45,360	2,025.00	3,818	48,129	47,134	532,763	61,898
16	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, MI	8,651	19	0	0	18,776	17510	0	0.00	0	207	650	18,468	10,785
17	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN	137,419	447,065	0	42,894	493,979	292792	15,418	3,319.00	6,800	15,585	120,195	440,524	190,874
18	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kokomo, IN	0	683,601	48,043	66,548	1,028,816	745822	55,125	4,860.00	9,959	15,121	83,003	785,178	991,601
19	First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, OH	491	193,132	0	120,496	313,628	285868	0	0.00	2,321	2,321	16,430	304,619	9,009
20	First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, OH	0	188,453	0	9,445	197,898	174237	7,000	877.00	1,794	4,394	34,021	220,529	89,102
21	First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, OH	40,688	283,289	23,064	3,508	309,861	256010	40,708	1,200.00	4,300	11,300	3,700	312,918	37,631
22	First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Ada, OH	0	111,821	48,200	14,359	174,380	118427	48,200	1,798.00	909	909	4,200	172,625	10,666
23	First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus, Bucyrus, OH	79,013	200,114	4,473	8,180	212,767	189225	19,702	1,091.00	2,231	4,393	29,980	244,391	47,389
24	First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, Trenton, MI	314,799	903,095	27,027	299,194	1,229,316	774516	124,750	3,600.00	12,000	24,140	296,502	1,223,508	320,607
25	Gateway Church, Findlay, OH	2,824,220	2,528,446	906,835	162,405	3,597,686	1458404	3,011,798	8,865.00	18,124	34,124	235,411	4,748,602	1,673,304
26	Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, MI	104,930	414,719	26,680	24,547	465,946	350895	26,680	14,709.00	2,829	6,829	39,823	438,936	131,940
27	Grace Community EPC, Oscoda, MI	44,111	88,701	0	0	88,701	58404	19,476	4,765.00	1,288	6,063	1,860	6,625	88,701
28	Grace Point Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Nappanee, IN	7,684	96,625	1,077	5,604	103,306	101650	2,214	0.00	592	592	4,497	108,953	3,262
29	Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, OH	(2,498)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
30	Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Franklin, IN	163,488	154,758	33,245	27,477	215,480	177642	13,900	180.00	180	0	3,400	195,502	183,466
31	Kirkmont Presbyterian Church, Beavercreek, OH	270,180	671,668	0	5,949	677,617	707598	12,428	0.00	10,262	0	0	0	0
32	Knox Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI	1,856,523	2,024,118	788,085	39,412	4,708,138	1781663	793,825	2,760.00	13,224	27,724	244,473	2,056,620	1,863,433
33	Lake City EPC, Lake City, MI	41,683	109,950	8,330	332	118,612	86931	18,100	608.00	1,254	2,484	18,756	126,879	33,416
34	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, OH	934,287	1,058,395	0	47,312	1,105,707	912544	0	8,527.00	17,434	18,934	111,783	1,051,788	988,206

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
35	Living Hope Evangelical Church, Grosse Pointe, MI	111,437	287,786	225	48,081	336,092	259972	0	1,429.00	2,921	8,740	10,130	280,271	167,258
36	Military Avenue EPC, Detroit, MI	131,165	124,825	0	0	175,825	170880	0	800.00	1,300	2,300	4,600	178,580	128,410
37	Mt. Pleasant Community Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI	519,339	1,104,761	22,640	0	1,127,401	1063066	54,592	7,000.00	18,750	28,150	90,247	1,243,055	403,685
38	New Heart Community Church, Muskegon, MI	6,955	74,809	0	0	74,809	77832	0	0.00	0	0	0	77,832	3,932
39	North Oaks Community Church, Clarkston, MI	216,876	355,467	0	54,067	409,534	318346	15,148	1,924.00	3,933	8,583	42,722	386,723	239,687
40	Oakhill Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI	0	295,743	0	7,907	303,650	292865	0	28,307.00	4,309	0	8,762	301,627	22,351
41	Oakland EPC, Clarkston, MI	85,698	163,937	845	47,689	212,471	191541	27,337	990.00	1,955	3,935	15,589	239,392	58,777
42	Olivet EPC, Evansville, IN	27,065	342,166	240	18,240	360,464	310846	12,714	2,250.00	1,900	1,900	34,589	362,299	25,412
43	Parkside Christian Fellowship, Deshler, OH ~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
44	Peace Church, Middleville, MI ^	0	641,826	0	1,725	643,551	560251	0	0.00	0	0	18,473	578,724	64,827
45	Peace Presbyterian Church, Flint, MI	0	124,532	0	7,394	131,926	112748	7,195	0.00	0	0	46,706	168,249	28,836
46	Russellville Presbyterian Church, Russellville, OH	37,534	22,206	528	6,590	29,324	20300	20,799	428.00	874	1,370	0	42,897	23,981
47	Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN	1,424,206	2,028,519	51,129	1,133,932	4,637,786	2576720	563,273	3,807.00	7,729	25,479	314,331	3,483,610	1,154,176
48	St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Auburn, IN	126,223	207,867	730	23,132	231,729	162398	7,284	923.00	1,886	10,881	21,880	202,443	155,509
49	Stonebridge Church, Perrysburg, OH	123,353	103,630	1,675	608	106	85	26	551.00	1,127	4,727	7,950	124,093	106,123
50	The Antioch Movement, Ypsilanti, MI ~	0	40,743	0	0	90,626	79320	0	0.00	0	0	0	79,320	11,306
51	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia City, IN	13,850	231,828	0	5,905	251,583	234551	0	333.00	2,645	3,445	0	238,329	13,254
52	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, MI	663,300	1,651,685	49,711	5,950	1,707,346	1200599	44,975	4,875.00	13,610	40,960	174,625	1,466,034	904,612
53	Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, MI	3,445,316	5,868,362	73,666	692,549	6,634,578	4727631	0	17,406.00	58,821	215,145	372,698	5,332,880	4,747,015
54	Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Warsaw, IN	418,738	1,226,297	0	0	1,226,297	982471	75,000	4,508.00	8,096	17,994	89,100	1,169,073	475,962
55	Westminster Church of Port Huron, Port Huron, MI	15,636	103,790	0	162	103,952	87549	0	675.00	1,380	1,380	9,382	98,986	20,602
56	Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church, West Union, OH	27,383	30,434	0	328	58,145	26117	0	169.00	345	1,695	4,431	32,412	25,733
	Total	21,089,455	33,742,756	2,144,504	4,387,475	44,314,188	29,684,122	5,963,796	172,580	325,693	913,551	3,726,390	38,710,860	22,646,707

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	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Pro- fession	Youth Pro- fession	Transfer Gain	Reaffir- mation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Bap- tized Roll	Infant Bap- tism	Adult Baptism
1	Attica-Williamsport Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Attica, IN	68	62	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	51	48	19	15	2	0	0
2	Calvary Presbyterian Church, Flint, MI	165	160	0	2	2	3	0	3	7	2	157	144	42	37	54	1	0
3	Church by the Woods, Sharonville, OH	58	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	0	0	0	0
4	Church of the Good Shepherd, Winona Lake, IN	68	64	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	48	58	20	25	2	0	2
5	College Corner Presbyterian Church, College Corner, OH	145	151	5	10	0	5	2	0	4	0	105	102	41	44	2	2	0
6	Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Owosso, MI	129	133	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	160	165	87	94	1	2	3
7	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Brighton, MI	1,903	1,635	28	0	26	0	15	10	303	0	1,451	1306	667	712	0	5	7
8	Covenant Church, West Lafayette, IN	711	682	13	0	0	0	10	7	35	0	707	664	518	495	0	5	9
9	Covenant Community Church, Ann Arbor, MI	84	55	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	3	86	68	11	10	0	0	0
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh, Tecumseh, MI	214	211	0	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	230	173	0	0	0	1	2
11	CrossWay, Mt. Clemens, MI ~^		17	0	3	0	17	0	0	0	0		25	0	9	7	3	0
12	Evangelical Community Church, Cincinnati, OH	193	199	0	5	0	3	0	2	1	2	240	222	98	108	89	5	0
13	Faith Church EPC, Rochester, MI	233	193	2	0	2	3	19	1	0	2	189	200	93	100	243	4	0
14	Faith Presbyterian Church, West Lafayette, IN	119	107	0	0	2	0	2	0	8	0	104	103	0	51	107	0	0
15	Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, South Lyon, MI	166	166	1	0	4	4	0	1	8	0	176	171	107	105	22	1	3
16	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, MI	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	30	0	0	8	0	0
17	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN	289	248	0	4	0	0	0	8	27	10	200	167	110	80	43	2	0
18	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kokomo, IN	433	379	3	2	3	5	1	7	19	28	259	228	0	86	437	2	2
19	First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, OH	312	305	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	121	127	41	55	7	3	0
20	First Presbyterian Church, Paulding, OH	94	83	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	55	56	0	29	9	0	1
21	First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, OH	200	172	0	0	2	2	0	4	28	0	164	145	89	90	172	2	0
22	First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Ada, OH	79	82	5	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	70	62	0	36	25	1	0
23	First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus, Bucyrus, OH	97	100	5	0	6	0	0	2	9	0	94	81	43	38	29	0	0
24	First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, Trenton, MI	571	575	8	0	0	7	0	9	2	0	390	405	145	142	197	7	8
25	Gateway Church, Findlay, OH	788	873	7	0	22	56	0	0	0	0	1,514	1531	445	467	0	19	29
26	Grace Chapel, Farmington Hills, MI	122	123	4	0	6	2	2	1	8	0	100	87	32	41	0	2	0
27	Grace Community EPC, Oscoda, MI	54	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	45	24	15	0	0	0
28	Grace Point Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Nappanee, IN	63	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	60	26	20	7	1	0
29	Holtsinger Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, OH	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	7	0	0	0	0
30	Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Franklin, IN	193	188	1	0	3	0	0	8	0	0	92	88	27	0	11	2	0
31	Kirkmont Presbyterian Church, Beavercreek, OH	251	281	0	8	2	2	0	4	3	5	217	199	103	100	2	2	0
32	Knox Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI	585	553	1	0	15	20	3	2	57	6	626	621	338	522	327	16	2



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33	Lake City EPC, Lake City, MI	54	51	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	50	47	19	14	1	0	0
34	Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, OH	758	762	0	1	6	12	2	11	2	0	434	409	165	158	0	4	4
35	Living Hope Evangelical Church, Grosse Pointe, MI	127	122	0	4	0	2	3	3	0	5	101	98	38	40	15	2	0
36	Military Avenue EPC, Detroit, MI	100	98	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	100	100	63	46	0	0	0
37	Mt. Pleasant Community Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI	729	547	15	0	0	0	0	2	195	0	824	769	215	220	43	12	2
38	New Heart Community Church, Muskegon, MI	26	25	0	0	0	6	0	0	7	0	64	42	0	0	2	0	2
39	North Oaks Community Church, Clarkston, MI	170	186	2	2	0	14	0	2	2	0	167	178	0	0	0	0	0
40	Oakhill Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI	175	161	11	0	0	0	3	1	0	21	190	200	0	105	175	0	0
41	Oakland EPC, Clarkston, MI	85	75	0	0	0	2	1	4	6	1	69	64	19	19	0	0	0
42	Olivet EPC, Evansville, IN	170	169	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	151	144	65	55	26	0	0
43	Parkside Christian Fellowship, Deshler, OH ~ (formerly First Presbyterian Church)	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
44	Peace Church, Middleville, MI ^		383	5	0	12	13	0	2	17	12		424	0	178	168	6	3
45	Peace Presbyterian Church, Flint, MI	84	83	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	67	70	0	14	6	2	1
46	Russellville Presbyterian Church, Russellville, OH	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	21	7	0	16	0	0
47	Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN	1,320	1,238	7	9	6	39	8	11	127	14	720	690	290	303	277	12	5
48	St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Auburn, IN	82	78	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	73	68	45	42	10	1	0
49	Stonebridge Church, Perrysburg, OH	49	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	36	38	22	7	0	0
50	The Antioch Movement, Ypsilanti, MI ~	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	0	0	0	0	0
51	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia City, IN	115	114	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	110	100	73	68	23	0	0
52	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, MI	586	620	0	0	63	0	0	2	24	0	448	464	185	136	479	3	0
53	Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, MI	2,264	2,139	5	5	15	49	19	27	136	39	1,986	1827	1069	947	0	15	12
54	Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Warsaw, IN	368	349	0	0	4	3	0	3	21	3	297	300	75	97	0	3	2
55	Westminster Church of Port Huron, Port Huron, MI	60	57	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	57	53	6	7	11	0	0
56	Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church, West Union, OH	15	19	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	23	24	6	10	19	0	0
	Churches of Record	54	56															
	Total	15,819	15,389	134	66	204	282	131	171	1,068	154	13,851	13,607	5,511	6,007	3,081	148	99

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes- Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
1	Bickleton Evangelical Church, Bickleton, WA	47,768	119,103	1,200	1,212	121,515	45933	9,871	0.00	1,564	0	15,000	72,368	98,968
2	Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, OR	0	253,652	0	1,047	254,699	208997	14,325	1,665.00	2,553	2,553	30,400	257,910	156,013
3	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA	620,406	2,297,436	0	0	2,297,436	2014706	0	10,000.00	5,000	5,600	143,501	2,173,807	744,035
4	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA	930,972	1,321,831	169,804	305,426	1,797,061	1440017	0	125,281.00	0	14,625	125,281	1,579,923	1,148,110
5	Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, WA	1,469,111	3,600,931	142,060	964,006	4,706,997	4620846	212,691	32,250.00	6,000	6,000	167,426	5,039,213	1,191,209
6	Chinese Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR	0	53,238	1,177	0	54,415	64749	738	240.00	240	0	0	65,967	11,552
7	Christ Church, Berkeley, CA	670,712	904,753	133,324	876,004	1,914,081	1351205	26,430	0.00	0	0	421,065	1,798,700	837,312
8	Christ Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID ^	0	155,183	0	0	155,183	47151	11,590	0.00	0	0	0	0	96,442
9	Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA	350,516	949,015	20,000	425	969,500	890211	13,778	3,600.00	0	0	45,828	953,417	379,764
10	Community Church of Ephrata, Ephrata, WA	204,799	398,733	59,093	2,488	460,315	323940	87,769	1,125.00	1,500	9,930	33,052	455,816	209,298
11	Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA	1,718,569	4,877,565	0	556,537	5,434,102	5015514	594,613	27,312.00	41,880	56,880	757,827	6,452,146	700,525
12	Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, Omak, WA	15,345	214,609	69,041	19,243	306,284	217881	69,041	2,293.00	2,749	3,858	11,048	304,121	17,508
13	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA ^	0	803,997	0	46,208	850,205	755613	0	1,688.00	813	813	80,613	838,726	572,007
14	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV	263,730	356,517	23,649	77,945	458,111	418000	19,612	2,304.00	0	0	41,978	481,903	0
15	Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA	0	323,984	13,829	44,364	382,177	334084	40,874	245.00	580	1,855	43,678	420,491	1,897,031
16	CP Reformed Church, Caldwell, ID	0	259,163	0	12,550	384,663	247888	8,864	0.00	0	0	4,900	261,652	376,315
17	Davenport Presbyterian Church, Davenport, WA	0	88,264	0	35,000	123,264	99975	0	2,300.00	2,300	0	2,700	104,975	18,289
18	Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	0	313,541	2,040	90,469	406,050	334220	12,824	2,985.00	4,577	11,777	25,262	387,068	288,863
19	Evangelical Valley Presbyterian Church, Hazelton, ID ^	0	84,071	0	1,601	85,672	80985	0	0.00	851	1,111	4,336	0	13,957
20	Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Graham, WA	139,743	151,256	9,185	11,492	171,933	156480	65,327	1,170.00	2,470	2,470	7,238	232,685	78,991
21	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA	1,507,003	2,659,354	1,535,037	71,660	4,266,051	2247051	1,139,175	21,575.00	0	0	320,597	3,729,273	2,043,781
22	Faith Family Fellowship, Grandview, WA	4,470	19,171	0	230	19,401	18635	0	230.00	230	0	0	18,865	4,943
23	First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
24	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kent, WA	239,442	1,281,259	0	46,044	1,327,303	1250734	27,287	5,981.00	9,532	12,958	131,991	1,428,951	137,794
25	First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	179,592	1,236,492	500	3,465	1,240,457	967201	0	12,555.00	17,082	31,282	115,087	1,126,125	773,413
26	First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA	0	282,135	1,477	108,257	391,869	359225	16,099	2,235.00	3,427	9,775	25,350	412,684	474,139
27	First Presbyterian Church, Redding, CA	84,877	177,451	0	44,352	221,803	152389	54,412	0.00	720	0	4,802	213,875	92,805
28	First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA	49,137	1,524,429	0	420,266	1,944,695	1811271	0	13,250.00	17,250	18,688	146,659	1,988,430	5,402
29	First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK	490,431	647,982	245,071	14,051	907,104	581176	131,408	3,930.00	3,470	10,996	90,738	818,248	579,287

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes- Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
30	First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, OR	22,254	927,070	35,455	508	963,033	756611	33,077	4,500.00	6,500	15,143	97,092	906,423	56,423
31	First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City, Oregon City, OR	187,224	591,904	14,028	0	605,932	534988	28,048	2,460.00	3,772	3,772	45,806	615,074	197,061
32	Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA	0	409,388	0	36,816	446,204	312395	0	3,820.00	3,900	3,900	70,005	390,120	209,279
33	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA	0	2,310,155	797,206	1,144,016	4,251,377	2764211	31,105	5,000.00	2,000	18,151	346,173	3,164,640	8,504,391
34	Grace Community Church, Weed, CA	22,018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
35	Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, WA	12,814	96,240	0	902	97,142	90458	0	600.00	920	920	3,000	94,978	14,978
36	Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA	339,284	125,822	0	14,579	140,401	122625	0	750.00	1,265	6,625	2,400	130,665	378,830
37	Hope Presbyterian Church, Rogue River, OR	57,270	122,500	10,854	5,860	139,214	137043	31,036	0.00	0	0	3,950	172,029	0
38	Kenton Church, Portland, OR	0	100,873	0	6,045	106,918	94841	275,256	0.00	270	1,470	5,516	114,157	1,371
39	Living Waters Presbyterian Church, Wendell, ID	91,920	196,297	120,241	17,901	334,438	291903	18,216	0.00	2,226	0	15,920	328,265	98,093
40	McCloud Presbyterian Church, McCloud, CA	0	56,096	0	6,228	62,324	24439	12,947	0.00	0	200	3,950	45,686	16,404
41	Merrill Presbyterian Church, Merrill, OR ^	0	103,312	0	0	103,312	81993	12,027	0.00	0	0	7,752	101,772	74,272
42	Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	0	88,368	0	93,000	196,968	183417	2,000	0.00	0	0	7,000	192,417	14,314
43	New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA ^	0	48,000	0	570	48,750	19777	46,500	435.00	667	667	3,476	70,855	44,750
44	Oakville Presbyterian Church, Shedd, OR	0	167,993	2,700	27,667	198,360	187116	11,981	1,135.00	2,180	2,680	12,996	215,908	137,463
45	Okanogan Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Okanogan, WA	0	81,326	0	2,478	83,804	88315	379	725.00	1,403	1,703	2,640	93,762	19,704
46	Orondo Community Church, Orondo, WA ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
47	Parkdale Community Church, Parkdale, OR	72,094	84,075	0	8,787	92,862	81804	0	525.00	805	1,222	6,775	90,326	74,630
48	Parkway Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA	74,865	219,875	0	199	220,074	167598	2,738	0.00	0	0	27,519	197,855	97,084
49	Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Winters, CA	0	51,296	0	4,431	55,727	52187	0	0.00	0	0	0	52,187	31,237
50	Reflections Church, Meridian, ID	8,844	117,161	0	2	117,163	101162	0	864.00	1,544	1,544	1,600	105,170	20,837
51	Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Wenatchee, WA	0	1,057,859	34,765	150,208	1,242,834	1063091	116,616	6,955.00	10,603	10,707	182,322	1,379,692	194,917
52	San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA	151,145	773,520	0	82,199	855,719	780092	1,344	2,430.00	650	20,325	42,907	847,098	157,042
53	Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA	338,636	323,804	27,150	8,472	359,426	205804	16,294	1,500.00	1,500	4,550	29,010	257,158	439,404
54	Sequim Community Church, Sequim, WA	0	1,499,186	5,854	125,613	1,630,653	1230074	195,148	0.00	15,617	0	114,029	138,529	1,985,624
55	Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA	212,645	761,662	8	17,447	786,717	724946	0	8,395.00	8,395	8,395	74,259	815,995	183,367
56	St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock, CA ^	0	19,877	5,237	123,212	148,325	151853	6,042	0.00	0	0	23,874	23,874	(9,570)
57	Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Parma, ID	0	196,106	0	0	196,106	188420	0	2,415.00	3,703	3,703	6,600	198,723	53,992
58	Sunset Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR	0	2,572,140	165,819	584,233	3,322,192	2470184	905,296	0.00	0	0	253,245	3,628,126	967,433

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
59	Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Yakima, WA	0	80,930	1,550	6,400	90,926	97775	0	0.00	750	2,550	0	2,550	37,605
60	Thai EPC, Seal Beach, CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
61	The Table, San Francisco, CA ~^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
62	Trinity Community Church, Clovis, CA	0	2,044,552	192,127	289	2,236,968	1605876	57,166	8,010.00	12,282	37,332	152,500	1,860,884	1,019,255
63	Valley Community Church, San Jacinto, CA	(6,033)	137,671	6,143	7,803	151,617	115003	5,359	2,420.00	1,220	1,820	14,390	137,172	14,445
64	Wabash Church, Auburn, WA ^	0	639,964	71,916	103,643	815,523	419455	249,409	5,000.00	0	4,245	73,272	751,381	319,024
65	Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA	0	153,533	0	9,779	163,312	146666	1,934	0.00	0	0	20,614	169,214	39,883
	Total	10,571,603	41,513,670	3,917,540	6,343,629	51,916,667	41,348,199	4,616,646	332,153	206,960	352,795	4,446,949	48,910,024	28,341,295

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1	Bickleton Evangelical Church, Bickleton, WA	68	72	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	55	40	55	44	9	4	2
2	Calvin Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, OR	111	118	14	0	1	0	0	4	0	5	100	95	0	38	0	0	0
3	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA	1,198	1,218	9	7	13	25	0	18	5	11	1,021	986	314	252	67	14	8
4	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA	388	402	0	0	4	25	0	8	9	1	401	389	79	51	5	2	3
5	Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, WA	1,518	1,550	20	27	22	52	2	10	90	0	1,275	1199	339	428	200	49	16
6	Chinese Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR	43	37	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39	38	0	32	0	0	2
7	Christ Church, Berkeley, CA	172	164	5	0	11	12	0	0	25	0	228	340	55	70	199	9	5
8	Christ Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID ^		49	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	2		145	0	30	4	0	0
9	Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA	241	182	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	25	323	307	138	125	0	9	9
10	Community Church of Ephrata, Ephrata, WA	142	153	12	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	164	189	84	113	0	0	2
11	Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA	1,873	1,917	9	0	11	57	3	11	16	9	1,305	1307	353	580	43	5	35
12	Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, Omak, WA	117	108	4	0	1	0	2	5	7	0	157	140	58	58	10	2	1
13	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA ^		433	1	0	0	13	5	10	0	0		336	0	23	0	0	1
14	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV	186	197	1	0	0	19	2	5	2	0	175	170	110	80	29	3	1
15	Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA	176	154	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	158	100	0	18	0	0	0
16	CP Reformed Church, Caldwell, ID	213	154	23	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	190	121	0	50	8	6	1
17	Davenport Presbyterian Church, Davenport, WA	103	107	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	55	41	0	12	107	0	0
18	Easton Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	205	199	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	120	96	0	62	0	0	0
19	Evangelical Valley Presbyterian Church, Hazelton, ID ^		37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		35	0	23	37	0	0
20	Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Graham, WA	78	79	1	0	1	5	2	1	3	0	95	95	53	59	2	0	0
21	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA	1,378	1,267	7	0	4	22	4	23	29	88	1,500	882	461	365	25	3	1
22	Faith Family Fellowship, Grandview, WA	20	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	35	33	0	12	0	0	0
23	First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	182	182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	160	0	0	0	0	0
24	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kent, WA	550	500	2	0	4	5	0	7	16	39	492	379	167	121	0	4	1
25	First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	618	610	4	0	3	7	0	5	17	0	500	469	351	0	0	5	2
26	First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA	152	120	0	0	0	9	10	3	13	12	175	140	0	96	2	2	1
27	First Presbyterian Church, Redding, CA	130	131	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	93	28	29	0	0	0
28	First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA	768	769	0	0	0	27	0	18	8	4	481	442	0	0	0	8	3
29	First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK	277	262	4	0	3	10	5	6	21	1	218	250	240	241	96	5	4

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30	First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, OR	345	350	4	1	2	18	0	5	13	6	411	374	123	107	24	5	6
31	First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City, Oregon City, OR	359	181	4	3	4	8	0	2	0	0	180	186	37	25	15	1	3
32	Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA	165	153	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	150	140	0	0	0	0	0
33	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA	1,141	969	8	0	10	13	1	22	1	5	800	840	0	550	0	7	6
34	Grace Community Church, Weed, CA	22	17	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	21	25	15	0	0	0	0
35	Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, WA	40	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	36	32	4	0	40	0	0
36	Heritage Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Santa Maria, CA	55	52	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	40	36	6	6	8	2	0
37	Hope Presbyterian Church, Rogue River, OR	82	86	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	71	71	41	41	0	1	1
38	Kenton Church, Portland, OR	59	61	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	45	20	0	192	0	2
39	Living Waters Presbyterian Church, Wendell, ID	120	128	4	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	116	105	45	40	3	1	2
40	McCloud Presbyterian Church, McCloud, CA	45	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	28	0	0	43	0	0
41	Merrill Presbyterian Church, Merrill, OR ^		66	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0		50	0	23	0	0	0
42	Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA	81	51	12	8	50	15	0	1	0	3	81	140	0	51	0	0	0
43	New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA ^		28	0	0	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0
44	Oakville Presbyterian Church, Shedd, OR	105	110	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	108	104	0	0	0	0	0
45	Okanogan Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Okanogan, WA	61	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	48	31	34	0	1	0
46	Orondo Community Church, Orondo, WA ^		24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25	0	0	0	0	0
47	Parkdale Community Church, Parkdale, OR	35	38	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	23	25	8	9	0	0	0
48	Parkway Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA	115	116	0	3	0	3	0	3	2	0	87	88	35	44	1	0	1
49	Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Winters, CA	48	37	2	0	0	7	0	0	3	7	25	20	0	13	2	0	0
50	Reflections Church, Meridian, ID	79	27	3	0	3	2	2	0	58	0	60	60	30	23	0	1	0
51	Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Wenatchee, WA	508	457	2	0	8	4	3	13	2	0	525	310	0	20	3	3	6
52	San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA	162	172	1	8	2	0	0	0	1	0	169	173	78	71	14	0	5
53	Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA	126	127	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	89	86	0	0	0	0	0
54	Sequim Community Church, Sequim, WA	664	607	4	0	8	19	2	13	0	48	726	655	0	100	0	2	1
55	Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA	365	347	5	0	2	15	5	14	18	3	310	279	107	107	358	1	2
56	St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock, CA ^		249	0	0	20	0	2	5	0	0		110	0	14	234	2	0
57	Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Parma, ID	166	169	8	8	0	0	2	4	2	0	125	121	0	60	11	7	2
58	Sunset Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR	1,379	1,270	5	12	23	2	10	4	208	0	1,044	1060	0	238	0	0	0

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59 Terrace Heights Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Yakima, WA	44	44	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	51	40	0	12	2	0	0
60 Thai EPC, Seal Beach, CA	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28	0	0	0	0	0
61 The Table, San Francisco, CA ~^		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		30	0	0	0	0	0
62 Trinity Community Church, Clovis, CA	534	523	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	266	512	0	345	20	0	0
63 Valley Community Church, San Jacinto, CA	53	52	2	0	4	0	2	1	3	1	82	79	0	0	0	0	0
64 Wabash Church, Auburn, WA ^		301	4	0	8	9	0	3	0	5		268	0	188	55	18	2
65 Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, CA	63	68	1	0	0	11	0	1	6	0	109	102	0	71	7	0	3
Churches of Record	56	65															
Total	17,956	18,228	203	87	237	483	75	268	597	288	15,335	15,335	3,465	5,204	1,875	182	140

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes- Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
1	Alexis United Presbyterian Church (EPC), Alexis, IL	0	58,112	0	20,811	78,923	57763	0	0.00	1,785	0	0	58,848	54,408
2	Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Aplington, IA	39,486	164,343	0	5,567	169,910	121747	7,633	3,400.00	4,761	7,655	35,728	176,163	33,233
3	Baldwin Community Presbyterian Church, Baldwin, IL	2,592	8,853	96	2,037	10,986	10390	0	50.00	50	0	0	100	3,088
4	Bethel Presbyterian Church, Reading, MN	37,623	60,679	3,500	4,634	69,613	54738	14,472	1,751.00	2,369	5,223	4,155	80,338	26,898
5	Buffalo Prairie Church, Buffalo Prairie, IL	119,169	114,904	0	4,402	119,306	76550	0	2,771.00	3,749	4,949	13,946	98,216	140,259
6	Christ Alone Church, Green Bay, WI	168,098	196,559	30,728	11,022	238,309	152612	0	1,428.00	1,932	11,354	19,425	184,819	219,978
7	Confluence Church, Champaign, IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
8	Edginton Presbyterian Church, Taylor Ridge, IL	143,771	154,887	0	7,657	162,544	123432	0	2,925.00	3,795	11,661	24,244	162,262	90,997
9	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Crivitz, WI	30,661	110,731	3,620	2,123	116,474	107612	2,490	2,958.00	4,002	5,202	3,871	122,133	25,002
10	Faith Presbyterian Church of Quincy, Quincy, IL	1,820,668	331,978	225	148,834	481,037	228981	54,659	0.00	6,509	10,109	33,566	327,315	1,974,390
11	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Cedar Grove, WI	27,939	92,070	4,038	6,478	102,586	87850	0	901.00	1,219	1,364	6,064	96,179	34,346
12	First Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, IL	8,748	238,471	0	0	267,265	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	275,065	0
13	First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, IA	(781)	97,328	2,077	6,357	104,981	97281	873	0.00	2,576	4,076	2,528	104,758	223
14	First Presbyterian Church, Morrisonville, IL ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
15	First Presbyterian Church, Waukegan, IL	41,986	228,156	0	184	228,340	225243	0	5,120.00	2,990	38,067	31,166	264,596	5,730
16	First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Aurora, IL	0	801,633	9,392	4,549	815,574	686213	51,460	6,800.00	9,200	10,400	98,177	853,050	142,171
17	First Presbyterian Church of Mora, Mora, MN	16,762	100,809	5,530	4,297	110,636	90897	6,597	1,292.00	1,748	1,961	2,097	102,844	27,096
18	First Presbyterian Church of Pembine, Pembine, WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
19	First Presbyterian Evangelical Church, Montezuma, IA	12,290	192,710	24,083	31,683	248,477	211265	10,642	8,935.00	1,875	8,935	12,686	243,529	17,238
20	GracePoint Community Church, Dubuque, IA	106,584	265,587	0	0	265,587	277872	0	0.00	3,466	9,136	14,862	277,872	89,570
21	Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Dousman, WI	165,285	292,651	12,000	8,754	313,405	293535	4,784	2,976.00	4,020	12,820	37,575	351,690	127,000
22	Hogarty Community Church, Aniwa, WI	66,913	40,374	0	823	42,991	18791	0	850.00	1,150	3,050	6,781	29,472	79,432
23	Hope EPC, Grayslake, IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
24	Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL	158,882	618,612	69,844	30,569	719,026	519740	52,194	4,983.00	5,911	12,214	45,081	634,121	243,786
25	Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Stillman Valley, IL	0	331,722	23,365	8,951	364,038	335344	0	8,249.00	11,162	11,162	38,117	392,872	42
26	Princeville Presbyterian Church, Princeville, IL	106,528	95,509	0	62,581	158,090	108040	9,450	0.00	2,185	2,185	36,542	156,227	108,400
27	Riverside Evangelical Church, Sartell, MN	94,276	197,086	0	48,786	245,872	160918	15,517	2,497.00	3,036	0	39,146	226,629	113,519
28	United Presbyterian Church of Amberg, Amberg, WI	0	22,061	0	1,125	23,186	17862	2,648	374.00	506	1,706	2,400	24,990	23,186
29	Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio, Allendale, IL	72,394	153,080	11,479	14,582	179,141	130005	8,948	1,564.00	2,116	3,566	26,585	170,668	80,867



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30 Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg, Alton, IL	194,474	29,923	0	0	29,923	33082	0	0.00	759	1,759	9,519	44,360	180,037
Total	3,434,348	4,998,828	199,977	436,806	5,666,220	4,227,763	242,367	59,824	82,871	178,554	544,261	5,459,116	3,840,896

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	Church Name	2013 Members	2014 Members	Adult Pro- fession	Youth Pro- fession	Transfer Gain	Reaffir- mation	Transfer Loss	Death	Inactive	Other Losses	2013 Worship	2014 Worship	2013 Sunday School	2014 Sunday School	2014 Bap- tized Roll	Infant Bap- tism	Adult Baptism
1	Alexis United Presbyterian Church (EPC), Alexis, IL	105	100	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	53	40	0	14	100	0	0
2	Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Aplington, IA	207	200	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	4	200	92	49	33	0	0	0
3	Baldwin Community Presbyterian Church, Baldwin, IL	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bethel Presbyterian Church, Reading, MN	101	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	36	44	30	30	19	1	0
5	Buffalo Prairie Church, Buffalo Prairie, IL	152	161	7	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	64	70	41	34	13	3	4
6	Christ Alone Church, Green Bay, WI	84	90	3	0	0	7	0	2	0	4	110	100	57	29	34	5	0
7	Confluence Church, Champaign, IL	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
8	Edginton Presbyterian Church, Taylor Ridge, IL	167	168	2	0	5	0	1	5	0	0	150	103	55	60	21	5	0
9	Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Crivitz, WI	176	150	3	2	1	1	1	6	20	6	65	70	13	4	163	0	1
10	Faith Presbyterian Church of Quincy, Quincy, IL	283	251	0	0	0	3	8	4	22	2	162	148	84	71	32	2	2
11	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Cedar Grove, WI	53	51	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	45	45	40	36	19	4	0
12	First Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, IL	186	192	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	110	112	75	88	0	0	5
13	First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, IA	115	118	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	80	80	35	35	2	1	0
14	First Presbyterian Church, Morrisonville, IL ^		40	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0		43	0	23	6	3	0
15	First Presbyterian Church, Waukegan, IL	134	134	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	92	91	50	91	18	2	0
16	First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Aurora, IL	546	538	16	3	0	0	0	7	5	0	361	322	0	144	0	6	1
17	First Presbyterian Church of Mora, Mora, MN	76	74	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	57	66	26	46	2	0	0
18	First Presbyterian Church of Pembine, Pembine, WI	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
19	First Presbyterian Evangelical Church, Montezuma, IA	163	168	0	0	1	11	0	5	0	3	120	115	48	59	26	4	1
20	GracePoint Community Church, Dubuque, IA	144	139	0	0	1	7	1	4	9	1	150	97	60	0	5	2	3
21	Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Dousman, WI	175	180	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	200	200	86	77	65	6	0
22	Hogarty Community Church, Aniwa, WI	50	49	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	48	49	0	0	1	0	0
23	Hope EPC, Grayslake, IL	119	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95	0	0	0	0	0
24	Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL	257	248	0	2	0	7	2	1	15	0	248	237	110	110	30	3	0
25	Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Stillman Valley, IL	541	562	3	13	0	0	6	0	0	0	248	186	0	167	562	2	5
26	Princeville Presbyterian Church, Princeville, IL	95	91	2	2	0	0	4	2	3	0	60	61	35	37	14	2	0
27	Riverside Evangelical Church, Sartell, MN	132	136	0	0	2	10	2	1	5	1	112	124	103	48	44	4	2
28	United Presbyterian Church of Amberg, Amberg, WI	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	25	21	0	0	0	0	0
29	Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio, Allendale, IL	92	89	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	78	81	53	51	0	0	0

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30 Zion Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Fosterburg, Alton, IL	33	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	32	18	18	4	0	0
Churches of Record	29	30															
Total	4,254	4,243	56	25	23	51	34	67	90	22	3,040	2,759	1,068	1,305	1,180	55	24

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	Church	Receipts					Disbursements							Ending Balance 2014
		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN ^	0	123,058	1,158	0	124,216	140485	0	0.00	0	600	3,832	144,317	9,803
2	Brainerd Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN	102,050	457,186	164,129	285	621,600	407988	190,221	5,496.00	6,324	6,324	37,500	647,529	76,121
3	Buck Hill Presbyterian Church, Newland, NC	0	47,125	0	0	47,125	42405	8,700	720.00	0	1,200	2,400	55,465	3,189
4	Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN	0	9,930,341	449,817	2,307,968	12,788,062	8865597	0	0.00	60,000	106,661	2,603,160	11,675,354	2,626,416
5	Central Presbyterian Church, Hyden, KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
6	ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA	(61,322)	1,210,802	0	772,665	1,983,467	1716063	0	15,000.00	8,625	16,070	118,372	1,865,505	56,640
7	Community Evangelistic Church, Knoxville, TN	120,080	273,922	8,873	40,115	322,910	233517	71,882	1,500.00	1,500	1,500	2,284	310,683	132,307
8	Community United Wooton Evangelical Church, Wooton, KY	58,989	40,081	5,000	32	45,113	23012	13,596	0.00	1,403	1,403	2,853	40,864	61,835
9	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC	24,222	102,403	6,500	10,510	119,413	99352	1,650	840.00	966	8,629	0	110,471	33,164
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA	48,684	90,572	450	11,321	102,343	108021	0	1,400.00	1,472	1,707	0	111,128	39,899
11	CrossWalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN	34,194	181,083	0	0	181,083	173814	0	2,400.00	2,400	4,283	2,120	182,617	45,072
12	Faith Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA	177,593	313,058	33,915	0	346,973	192228	247,541	4,040.00	2,576	8,761	21,018	473,588	40,040
13	Farner Presbyterian Church, Farner, TN ^	0	57,230	0	2,700	59,930	49527	48,000	920.00	920	1,145	1,120	100,712	119,879
14	First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Rome, GA	1,007,261	2,543,244	382,078	21,337	2,946,659	2232248	514,147	19,320.00	22,218	78,181	392,176	3,236,072	717,848
15	First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Thomasville, GA	0	1,038,136	369,606	0	1,397,742	832214	312,299	0.00	10,649	11,649	282,212	1,438,374	553,785
16	Grace Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC	107,635	156,079	43,693	11,446	211,218	191266	1,100	500.00	100	925	10,507	204,298	114,285
17	Greenbriar Presbyterian Church, Manchester, KY	0	86,022	34,335	44,847	168,211	123971	21,483	2,415.00	0	0	3,795	152,864	22,872
18	Hope Fellowship EPC, Chickamauga, GA	(908)	60,363	4,360	860	65,583	9032	0	250.00	0	0	655	0	0
19	Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN	37,405	167,140	0	23,603	190,743	141542	8,525	2,100.00	1,100	14,567	12,284	179,018	49,130
20	Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Acworth, GA	261,102	543,502	42,793	329	586,624	468997	53,970	665.00	7,316	9,861	154,396	690,661	157,065
21	Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, NC	88,136	85,252	0	207	85,459	73888	0	0.00	2,000	1,400	2,900	6,300	80,188
22	New Beginning Church, Spring City, TN ^	0	52,945	9,264	0	63,509	30593	5,172	480.00	0	0	370	850	62,659
23	New Beginning EPC, Erlanger, KY	149,671	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
24	New Hope EPC, Kingsport, TN	3,095	81,174	4,111	55,814	141,099	121630	4,803	2,220.00	2,400	4,500	8,136	141,286	3,005
25	Parkway Presbyterian Church, Cumming, GA	53,794	757,688	0	33,693	791,381	766841	0	3,500.00	0	3,233	9,050	782,624	62,551
26	Plumtree Presbyterian Church, Plumtree, NC	3,873	176,612	0	0	176,612	147030	0	0.00	0	0	5,050	152,080	28,405
27	Providence Church, Hazelwood, NC	237,538	153,732	733	28,061	182,526	59355	22,715	1,820.00	1,450	8,871	39,971	132,733	287,562
28	Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN	223,691	3,493,294	0	27,201	3,520,495	2756549	0	43,360.00	45,501	96,581	698,779	838,720	0
29	Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Loganville, GA	33,181	99,578	0	0	99,578	114300	0	1,625.00	1,242	0	0	89,808	15,592

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes- Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
30	Trion Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Trion, GA	125,755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
31	Valleybrook Presbyterian Church, Hixon, TN	80,804	124,618	0	50	124,668	122144	0	1,500.00	1,380	3,900	5,740	133,284	72,188
32	Wilson Station Presbyterian Church, Englewood, TN ^	0	32,021	0	76,558	108,578	29471	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	79,107
33	Woodland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN	210,184	735,791	21,001	501,998	1,258,790	1100951	23,216	0.00	7,682	14,582	70,182	1,208,931	260,043
	Total	3,126,707	23,214,052	1,581,816	3,971,600	28,861,710	21,374,031	1,549,020	112,071	189,224	406,533	4,490,862	25,106,136	5,810,650

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1	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN ^		112	2	0	7	0	0	1	0	0		78	0	35	118	2	1
2	Brainerd Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN	271	279	4	1	6	5	1	5	2	0	175	155	108	105	37	2	4
3	Buck Hill Presbyterian Church, Newland, NC	35	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	34	0	34	3	0	0
4	Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN	3,487	3,412	61	23	56	16	29	16	0	5	2,215	2190	0	1485	1115	40	41
5	Central Presbyterian Church, Hyden, KY	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28	0	0	0	0	0
6	ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA	395	402	4	12	24	0	0	6	27	0	252	243	294	94	43	2	4
7	Community Evangelistic Church, Knoxville, TN	222	232	8	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	190	200	26	25	0	8	0
8	Community United Wooton Evangelical Church, Wooton, KY	61	61	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	7	10	61	0	0
9	Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC	46	44	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	40	40	18	16	3	0	0
10	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA	62	48	0	0	0	5	0	3	12	4	45	38	22	21	5	0	0
11	CrossWalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN	124	116	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	90	85	22	20	0	1	0
12	Faith Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA	114	117	0	1	2	2	0	4	2	0	90	90	36	36	16	0	0
13	Farmer Presbyterian Church, Farmer, TN ^		51	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0		45	0	24	2	0	0
14	First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Rome, GA	981	1,025	4	31	15	21	14	11	0	0	0	416	349	290	184	2	6
15	First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Thomasville, GA	485	485	1	16	9	11	6	6	0	4	300	178	0	106	0	1	2
16	Grace Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC	83	84	0	1	2	4	2	2	0	0	69	66	52	34	10	1	0
17	Greenbriar Presbyterian Church, Manchester, KY	99	93	0	8	4	0	0	0	3	0	75	60	0	50	0	0	8
18	Hope Fellowship EPC, Chickamauga, GA	30	21	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	0	51	55	23	23	15	2	1
19	Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN	84	85	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	63	55	29	30	12	1	0
20	Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Acworth, GA	342	349	0	6	4	4	2	5	0	0	0	201	0	0	21	0	0
21	Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, NC	70	67	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	50	50	27	27	1	0	0
22	New Beginning Church, Spring City, TN ^		23	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0		18	0	8	0	0	0
23	New Beginning EPC, Erlanger, KY	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	24	0	0	0	0
24	New Hope EPC, Kingsport, TN	79	72	2	0	0	0	0	4	5	9	75	70	50	50	13	0	2
25	Parkway Presbyterian Church, Cumming, GA	345	319	0	9	2	13	5	5	42	0	304	294	196	158	27	2	0
26	Plumtree Presbyterian Church, Plumtree, NC	38	44	0	0	0	11	0	0	5	0	40	45	25	25	4	0	0
27	Providence Church, Hazelwood, NC	63	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	55	57	36	33	7	0	0
28	Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN	2,159	2,187	5	40	54	3	34	16	17	17	0	858	415	427	59	31	2
29	Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Loganville, GA	54	45	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	38	49	35	45	1	0

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30	Trion Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Trion, GA	35	<i>35</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	<i>27</i>	20	0	0	0	0
31	Valleybrook Presbyterian Church, Hixon, TN	38	42	0	0	1	6	0	0	3	0	46	48	26	23	6	0	0
32	Wilson Station Presbyterian Church, Englewood, TN ^		26	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1		40	0	26	40	0	0
33	Woodland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN	358	349	0	1	7	6	12	7	0	0	202	139	58	65	8	2	0
	Churches of Record	29	33															
	Total	10,234	10,393	95	149	198	127	126	101	139	40	4,602	6,027	1,912	3,315	1,855	98	71

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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
1	Advent Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	0	2,003,799	12,496	180,306	2,196,602	2059801	68,007	5,568.00	5,568	26,568	47,719	2,187,065	1,600,579
2	Bear Creek Church, Lakewood, CO	83,751	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
3	Canyons Community Church, Castle Rock, CO	197,252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
4	Celebration Community Church, Denver, CO	40,430	440,698	0	22,000	503,128	451197	0	0.00	0	0	40,000	491,197	11,931
5	Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, CO	4,985,251	15,377,416	2,837,662	9,427,846	27,642,924	25122009	1,038,288	30,000.00	40,000	51,400	1,038,288	27,305,472	5,322,703
7	Christ Covenant Church, Leoti, KS	0	160,173	0	0	160,173	161140	0	0.00	1,560	1,560	20,840	150,806	85,857
8	Christ Fellowship Church, Ft. Collins, CO	171,371	188,169	0	812,600	1,000,769	1022327	0	1,800.00	1,886	2,036	18,050	1,044,213	127,927
9	Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lingle, WY ^	0	66,724	0	0	66,724	9479	0	920.00	920	1,420	2,000	13,819	77,701
10	Community Protestant Church, West Yellowstone, MT	0	109,809	0	0	109,809	101167	0	0.00	0	0	747	101,914	107,196
11	Cornerstone Church of Stapleton, Stapleton, NE	30,275	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
12	Cornerstone Community Church, Aurora, CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
13	Cornerstone Community Church of Greeley, Greeley, CO	0	1,180,016	2,820	10,080	1,192,916	1001034	15,666	11,706.00	9,021	20,200	281,965	1,310,571	18,396
14	Covenant Community Church, Aurora, CO	0	92,161	1,743	919	94,823	92548	19,529	900.00	300	0	1,000	114,277	588,525
15	Covenant Presbyterian of Vail Valley, Vail, CO	32,967	173,544	0	80	173,624	156351	0	0.00	0	0	0	156,351	50,160
16	Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, Carefree, AZ	640,403	976,917	135,198	40,927	1,153,042	906491	22,614	0.00	2,500	5,100	101,900	1,036,105	116,937
17	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview, Longview, TX	431,320	910,555	0	113,790	1,024,345	787457	39,910	6,900.00	8,372	20,872	106,691	961,830	493,835
18	Faith Evangelical Church, Loveland, CO	85,869	1,192,830	120,142	8,741	1,321,713	793895	9,846	2,200.00	13,076	47,826	219,693	1,073,460	334,122
19	Faith Presbyterian Church, Aurora, CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
20	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Artesia, NM ^	0	118,035	0	17,982	136,017	114698	0	0.00	0	0	3,214	117,912	114,741
21	First Presbyterian Church, Dexter, NM ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
22	First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, TX	128,459	156,241	0	929	157,170	151570	0	1,680.00	1,920	0	16,330	173,910	111,719
23	First Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Casper, Casper, WY	0	156,321	0	72,799	229,120	209850	0	2,400.00	2,400	0	19,287	233,937	(2,501)
24	First Presbyterian Church of Hagerman, Hagerman, NM ^	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
25	Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Ajo, AZ ^	0	42,071	0	0	56,648	44144	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
26	Grace Community Church, Falcon, CO	7,228	347,365	0	113	347,478	297174	0	15,103.00	2,286	2,286	11,946	359,947	(837)
27	Grace Community Church, Surprise, AZ	26,885	352,480	3,960	5,331	361,771	250667	7,414	4,000.00	7,578	35,388	26,715	324,184	126,111
28	Grace Community Fellowship, Helena, MT ^	0	157,192	0	6,438	163,630	113344	13,500	0.00	0	0	7,978	134,822	157,068
29	GracePoint Community Church, Littleton, CO	0	321,618	0	106,288	427,906	281856	13,668	1,580.00	1,850	12,830	97,188	407,122	243,104



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		Ending Balance 2013	Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital-Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disbursements	
30	Greenwood Community Church, Greenwood, CO	1,041,199	2,189,084	369,668	207,082	2,765,834	2852452	0	12,000.00	12,000	12,000	87,097	2,963,549	843,484
31	Highline Community Church, Littleton, CO	0	860,000	1,000,000	0	960,000	860000	100,000	0.00	0	600	15,000	15,600	0
32	Hope Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	1,042,568	15,273,137	0	25,559	15,298,696	13352937	443,915	30,000.00	0	0	392,386	14,234,234	2,107,030
33	Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ	0	186,606	0	576	297,517	169771	0	0.00	0	1,200	0	170,971	237,457
34	Littleton Christian Church, Littleton, CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lookout Mountain Community Church, Golden, CO	56,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
36	Morningside Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ	16,342	71,011	0	0	90,331	67079	0	0.00	0	0	7,779	74,858	31,815
37	Mountain Road Church, Fruit Heights, UT	0	205,755	91,351	6,980	304,086	193393	158,122	0.00	2,599	2,899	6,808	361,222	153,189
38	Neighborhood Church, Littleton, CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
39	Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Parker, CO	0	1,162,272	10,609	459,688	1,632,568	444339	28,615	19,038.00	0	9,880	96,000	597,872	1,034,696
40	Springhill Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, MT	911,337	1,059,178	481,927	0	1,541,105	1030950	222,566	0.00	0	0	28,800	1,282,317	1,170,125
41	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, TX	43,405	1,322,487	0	0	1,322,487	1229205	0	0.00	0	1,381	87,676	1,316,881	49,011
	Total	9,972,762	46,853,664	5,067,576	11,527,054	62,732,956	54,328,325	2,201,660	145,795	113,836	255,446	2,783,097	58,716,418	15,312,081

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1	Advent Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	952	1,013	1	11	30	4	7	5	57	0	659	619	0	220	112	6	0
2	Bear Creek Church, Lakewood, CO	187	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	201	36	0	0	0	0
3	Canyons Community Church, Castle Rock, CO	53	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	81	48	0	0	0	0
4	Celebration Community Church, Denver, CO	123	121	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	242	240	183	138	0	0	10
5	Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO	1,122	1,122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	902	902	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, CO	5,671	5,914	306	2	0	0	14	29	0	22	4,833	6006	1776	1614	0	62	564
7	Christ Covenant Church, Leoti, KS	91	77	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	85	71	0	46	5	5	0
8	Christ Fellowship Church, Ft. Collins, CO	70	94	29	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	85	103	43	25	0	1	0
9	Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lingle, WY ^		42	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		33	0	0	0	0	0
10	Community Protestant Church, West Yellowstone, MT	31	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	25	45	0	20	33	0	1
11	Cornerstone Church of Stapleton, Stapleton, NE	56	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	27	0	0	0	0
12	Cornerstone Community Church, Aurora, CO	66	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	65	0	0	0	0	0
13	Cornerstone Community Church of Greeley, Greeley, CO	426	422	0	0	0	10	0	7	3	4	479	482	0	208	0	14	6
14	Covenant Community Church, Aurora, CO	50	49	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	39	0	15	4	0	0
15	Covenant Presbyterian of Vail Valley, Vail, CO	32	34	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28	7	7	6	0	2
16	Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, Carefree, AZ	500	465	0	8	13	13	0	9	57	6	397	404	68	64	80	2	2
17	Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Longview, Longview, TX	364	389	0	1	26	13	5	2	0	8	210	230	174	168	0	3	0
18	Faith Evangelical Church, Loveland, CO	556	553	7	0	56	22	0	8	73	9	518	561	243	273	24	4	2
19	Faith Presbyterian Church, Aurora, CO	597	597	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	364	364	0	0	0	0	0
20	First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Artesia, NM ^		66	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	0		47	0	25	0	0	0
21	First Presbyterian Church, Dexter, NM ^		210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		165	0	0	0	0	0
22	First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, TX	121	117	1	0	0	2	0	3	2	2	59	53	70	40	5	0	1
23	First Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Casper, Casper, WY	3	86	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	25	57	0	14	6	1	0
24	First Presbyterian Church of Hagerman, Hagerman, NM ^		11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		22	0	0	0	0	0
25	Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Ajo, AZ ^		23	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3		31	0	6	0	0	0
26	Grace Community Church, Falcon, CO	141	152	7	0	3	4	0	2	0	1	165	165	42	31	6	2	1
27	Grace Community Church, Surprise, AZ	175	190	16	0	4	0	0	3	0	2	180	178	46	46	0	0	0
28	Grace Community Fellowship, Helena, MT ^		102	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		86	0	18	3	3	0
29	GracePoint Community Church, Littleton, CO	139	125	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	122	104	52	0	136	4	3

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30	Greenwood Community Church, Greenwood, CO	745	657	24	0	0	0	5	7	100	0	780	750	360	367	0	29	13
31	Highline Community Church, Littleton, CO	<i>351</i>	349	10	20	0	10	40	2	0	0	<i>380</i>	250	0	95	210	10	20
32	Hope Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN	7,413	7,696	16	34	86	234	26	15	70	0	7,579	7112	3243	3624	1825	99	59
33	Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ	98	119	4	0	0	20	0	3	0	0	96	104	9	5	0	0	4
34	Littleton Christian Church, Littleton, CO	<i>45</i>	<i>45</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lookout Mountain Community Church, Golden, CO	174	<i>174</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	<i>128</i>	54	0	0	0	0
36	Morningside Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ	66	65	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	26	10	10	0	0	0
37	Mountain Road Church, Fruit Heights, UT	<i>113</i>	95	3	0	2	13	0	0	4	32	<i>50</i>	86	0	30	19	0	3
38	Neighborhood Church, Littleton, CO	<i>56</i>	<i>56</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<i>90</i>	<i>90</i>	0	0	0	0	0
39	Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Parker, CO	<i>537</i>	523	0	0	14	9	0	0	37	0	<i>550</i>	596	0	137	0	16	30
40	Springhill Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, MT	409	467	0	1	2	70	4	1	8	4	652	495	195	152	17	2	1
41	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, TX	471	443	2	0	8	12	6	5	18	25	306	233	175	194	122	7	1
	Churches of Record	35	41															
	Total	22,004	23,060	434	87	244	441	116	113	439	120	20,550	21,398	6,861	7,592	2,613	270	723

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## 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

	Presbytery	Ending Balance 2013	Receipts					Disbursements						Ending Balance 2014
			Tithes-Offerings	Capital Building	Other	Total Receipts	Local Operating	Local Capital- Building	Presbytery Giving	GA Per Member	Total GA Causes	Other Missions	Total Disburse- ments	
1	Alleghenies	6,522,122	21,337,122	3,710,734	3,844,096	29,370,512	20,883,015	4,401,785	180,641	186,263	302,648	4,338,627	28,414,979	8,494,466
2	Central South	3,737,712	21,547,215	2,061,966	4,075,613	27,369,863	17,903,545	1,783,220	117,441	152,514	655,790	6,803,665	26,283,355	9,177,980
3	East	6,679,709	15,156,931	2,946,418	1,935,728	20,121,055	14,917,847	1,520,389	73,904	108,464	312,826	2,109,135	18,287,098	8,538,167
4	Florida	2,991,194	11,228,400	2,953,989	3,532,212	17,804,069	14,682,395	1,026,132	20,859	35,048	76,302	449,958	15,778,937	7,488,620
5	Great Plains	3,973,705	16,244,958	2,624,397	1,877,040	20,746,395	16,648,181	6,606,212	101,101	132,553	176,390	2,975,320	26,878,677	-2,169,928
6	Gulf South	9,599,133	18,198,182	1,434,564	1,326,970	21,110,512	16,099,960	1,835,838	101,808	160,200	445,741	1,981,794	19,308,137	9,962,892
7	Mid-America	13,245,455	13,678,023	4,472,004	1,179,896	19,211,033	12,938,876	9,048,200	45,236	48,377	33,398	1,240,824	16,281,178	10,554,403
8	Mid-Atlantic	9,428,411	28,487,934	4,915,585	1,626,625	35,554,641	24,777,963	3,778,756	265,047	252,184	641,888	3,010,508	26,888,656	15,645,689
9	Midwest	21,089,455	33,742,756	2,144,504	4,387,475	44,314,188	29,684,122	5,963,796	172,580	325,693	913,551	3,726,390	38,710,860	22,646,707
10	Pacific	10,571,603	41,513,670	3,917,540	6,343,629	51,916,667	41,348,199	4,616,646	332,153	206,960	352,795	4,446,949	48,910,024	28,341,295
11	Rivers & Lakes	3,434,348	4,998,828	199,977	436,806	5,666,220	4,227,763	242,367	59,824	82,871	178,554	544,261	5,459,116	3,840,896
12	Southeast	3,126,707	23,214,052	1,581,816	3,971,600	28,861,710	21,374,031	1,549,020	112,071	189,224	406,533	4,490,862	25,106,136	5,810,650
13	West	9,972,762	46,853,664	5,067,576	11,527,054	62,732,956	54,328,325	2,201,660	145,795	113,836	255,446	2,783,097	58,716,418	15,312,081
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104,372,316</b>	<b>296,201,735</b>	<b>38,031,070</b>	<b>46,064,744</b>	<b>384,779,821</b>	<b>289,814,222</b>	<b>44,574,021</b>	<b>1,728,460</b>	<b>1,994,187</b>	<b>4,751,862</b>	<b>38,901,390</b>	<b>355,023,571</b>	<b>143,643,918</b>

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1 Alleghenies	54	64	14,375	16,625	135	174	144	197	188	205	230	176	10,511	11,274	3,999	4,812	1,535	163	27
2 Central South	77	35	15,314	7,749	40	121	189	122	125	89	387	193	4,946	5,097	2,889	2,793	1,795	119	14
3 East	37	40	7,907	8,273	84	48	90	159	56	83	144	105	7,196	7,625	3,469	3,051	1,032	85	34
4 Florida	20	20	6,670	7,415	94	48	109	110	50	73	178	57	4,479	4,320	1,381	2,235	416	85	12
5 Great Plains	16	17	8,089	8,136	97	106	92	139	101	104	163	77	5,993	5,869	2,459	2,175	1,729	84	43
6 Gulf South	0	48	0	8,689	56	95	109	200	88	110	304	100	5,735	5,626	2,771	2,774	1,882	119	24
7 Mid-America	14	16	4,945	5,520	17	37	61	38	38	41	131	1	3,808	5,363	871	915	614	40	5
8 Mid-Atlantic	84	88	15,081	15,807	98	97	319	526	151	120	697	87	14,599	15,049	4,121	3,977	3,399	260	156
9 Midwest	54	56	15,819	15,389	134	66	204	282	131	171	1,068	154	13,851	13,607	5,511	6,007	3,081	148	99
10 Pacific	56	65	17,956	18,228	203	87	237	483	75	268	597	288	15,335	15,335	3,465	5,204	1,875	182	140
11 Rivers & Lakes	29	30	4,254	4,243	56	25	23	51	34	67	90	22	3,040	2,759	1,068	1,305	1,180	55	24
12 Southeast	29	33	10,234	10,393	95	149	198	127	126	101	139	40	4,602	6,027	1,912	3,315	1,855	98	71
13 West	35	41	22,004	23,060	434	87	244	441	116	113	439	120	20,550	21,398	6,861	7,592	2,613	270	723
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>142,648</b>	<b>149,527</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>114,645</b>	<b>119,349</b>	<b>40,777</b>	<b>46,155</b>	<b>23,006</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,372</b>

Ministers 1,051  
 Baptized Roll 23,006  
 Inclusive Membership 173,584

(Inclusive membership = Active members of local churches + Baptized Roll + Teaching Elders (members of presbyteries))