

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 3, 1988

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Fourteenth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, TE Jack Peterson at 1:35 p.m. on November 3, 1988, at the Fort Washington Ramada Coach Inn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Chairman opened the meeting with a Scripture reading from Isaiah 12. TE Tom Reid led in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINED

The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was declared present. The following delegates were present:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)

RE Charles Carlisle
TE John Carson
RE William F. Kuykendall

Christian Reformed Church (CRC)

TE Clarence Boomsma
TE Leonard Hofman
TE Dirk J. Hart

Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)

TE Myung Doh Kim
TE Hee Bong Lee

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)

TE John P. Galbraith
TE Jack J. Peterson
TE Robert B. Strimple
TE William Shishko

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

TE David C. Jones
TE Paul Gilchrist
TE K. Eric Perrin
TE Morton H. Smith

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)

TE Paul M. Martin
TE Bruce C. Stewart
TE John M. McMillan
TE Tom Reid

Alternate

TE Jerry F. O'Neill

The following observers were present:

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

TE Robert N. Norris
TE Bruce C. Brede
TE Harold G. Haddonr
TE Mark A. Brewer

Visitors:

TE Kevin M. Backus of the Bible Presbyterian Church

III. DOCKET ADOPTED

The Docket as proposed by the Interim Committee and reflected in these Minutes was adopted.

IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were nominated by the Interim Committee and elected by acclamation:

Chairman	TE Jack Peterson (OPC)
Vice chairman	TE Leonard Hofman (CRC)
Secretary	TE Morton H. Smith (PCA)
Treasurer	RE Charles Carlisle (ARP)

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Council as mailed out were approved .

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Charles Carlisle, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report (Appendix C). It was moved and seconded that the Report be approved.

Adopted

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the assessments for the next year be doubled, as follows:

CRC	\$800
PCA	800
ARP	100
KAPC	100
OPC	100
RPCNA	100

The honorarium to the secretary is to remain \$250 per year.

A service fee is to be paid to the office of the secretary shall be \$150 per year.

Adopted

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

The secretary presented one communication from TE Ed Kellog of the OPC. inviting NAPARC churches to cooperate in the development of a modern English language version of the Westminster Standards as an aid to study. (See Appendix D.) The Interim Committee recommended to the Council: that the OPC Committee be authorized to contact NAPARC member churches regarding the possibility of setting up a joint committee to prepare a modern English version of the Westminster Standards.

Adopted.

VIII. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Observer Invitations Authorized

The Interim Committee moved That the secretary be authorized to issue invitations to other Presbyterian or Reformed denominations to attend the Council meetings as observers, including the Reformed Church in the United States, the Protestant Reformed Church, and the Free Church of Scotland.

Adopted

B. Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The Interim Committee moved that the Council set the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday and Wednesday November 7-8, 1989, at Philadelphia, with the OPC serving as the host church, and that the host church be responsible for hosting each consultation, and also be responsible for a key-note speaker for the dinner. All attendees at the consultations are to be encouraged to stay for the dinner. The Consultations are to be held during the afternoon and evening of the first day. NAPARC hosts the dinner, and the Host Church the luncheon.

Adopted

C. Consideration the EPC request for membership in NAPARC

The Recommendation of the Interim Committee regarding the request for membership in the Council by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (See Appendix B Minutes of the Interim Committee, April 25-26, 1988, Item 11) was considered. The observers from the EPC were granted the privilege of the floor.

After full discussion, the following motion was adopted:

That the application of the EPC for membership in NAPARC be postponed with regret at this time, That the EPC be urged to reconsider the following matters in the light of Scripture and the Reformed Standards that form the Basis of the Council (Constitution V,2), as well as the books of church order of the member churches:

1. the continuance of such extraordinary gifts as prophecy and tongues;
2. the ordination of women to ruling and teaching office(s);
3. the changes in Chapter 24 of the Confession of Faith regarding divorce; and

We also urge the EPC, while these issues are being further studied, to continue to send observers to the meetings of NAPARC.

Adopted by the following delegation votes:

ARP	yes
CRC	no
KARC	yes
PCA	no
OPC	yes
RPCNA	yes

The RPCNA stipulated that their vote was to support the postponing at this time, but that they wanted to state in the record that they do not believe that the points listed should become barriers to the future reception of the EPC into the Council.

IX. REPORTS FROM THE MEMBER CHURCHES OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF ASSEMBLIES/SYNODS.

Each delegation, including the EPC observers, gave a brief report on significant actions taken at the recent meetings of the Assemblies or Synods of their respective churches. (See Appendices E - J.)

The following is the listing of the times and places of the 1989 Assemblies/Synods:

ARP	June 12-15, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC
CRC	June 13-23, Calvin College, Grand Rapids MI
KAPC	June 19-22, YMCA, Estes Park, CO
PCA	June 15-21, Biola, LaMirada, CA
OPC	June 9-16, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA
RPCNA	June 9-16, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA
EPC	June 19-22, St. Louis, MO

X. REPORTS ON CONFERENCES/CONSULTATIONS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MEETING.

Brief oral reports were made by participants in the various conferences or consultations held in conjunction with this Council meeting. There was no consultation of the Stated Clerks and Business Managers. The World Mission consultation was postponed. The consultation on Diaconal Ministries was not held. (See Appendices K and L for minutes that are available from these meetings.)

The following paragraph and recommendation is taken from the Report of the Christian Education Consultation:

The Conference spent considerable time dealing with the fact that North America is increasingly multi-ethnic but that NAPARC member churches are experiencing significant challenges and problems in reaching ethnic groups and disciplining them. This problem reaches across all areas of ministry and therefore the Conference thought that it could be addressed by NAPARC as a whole. Therefore the Conference made the following recommendation to NAPARC:

That NAPARC appoint committee to organize a multi-ethnic conference by 1990.

The Council referred this matter to the CE consultation group to plan and arrange for a multi-ethnic conference, if feasible.

Adopted.

XII. THE INTERIM COMMITTEE ELECTED

The Bylaws of the Council specify that the Interim Committee consists of "the officers of the Council, together with such others, elected by the Council as will provide a representative from each member church."

The Interim Committee for the following year is as follows:

ARP Charles Carlisle, Treasurer
CRC Leonard Hofmann, Vice chairman
KAPC Myug Kim
OPC Jack Peterson, Chairman
PCA Morton H. Smith, Secretary
RPCNA Paul Martin

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. with prayer by TE John Carson.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton H. Smith, Secretary