

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 28-29, 1995

I. CALL TO ORDER

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met at the Ramada Airport Inn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at 1:28 p.m. The Chairman, Dr. Myung Doh Kim, called the meeting to order. He read Psalm 123 and led in prayer.

II. WELCOME TO THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

The Chairman formally welcomed the delegates from the Reformed Church in the United States as that denomination is received into membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council. The Rev. Norman Hoeflinger responded for the RCUS.

Note: All the member churches of NAPARC voted on the matter of membership for the Reformed Church in the United States and each church has informed the Secretary that they voted in the affirmative.

III. ROLL CALL

Denomination	Delegates:
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)	John J. Doudoukjian Milton C. Fisher David J. Vickery Jack C. Whytock
Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)	David H. Engelhard Leonard J. Hofman Edward A. Van Baak
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	Myung Doh Kim
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Richard A. Barker Donald J. Duff Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. Thomas E. Tyson
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	K. Eric Perrin William Edgar (present on Wednesday) Paul R. Gilchrist Henry Lewis Smith
Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	Norman C. Hoeflinger Ronald L. Potter
Reformed Presbyterian Church North America (RPCNA)	Robert A. Henning Bruce C. Stewart John H. White

A quorum was declared to be present.

The following observer churches were represented:

American Presbyterian Church	John Morrow
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	L. Edward Davis
	Horace Heafner
	Paul Heidebrecht
	Wayne M. Hoffman
	Charles A. Wickman
Presbyterian Reformed Church	Sherman Isbell
Protestant Reformed Churches	Robert D. Decker

IV. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting as amended by the Interim Committee was presented as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome to the Reformed Church in the United States
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of Docket
- V. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
- VI. Reports from Various Member Churches
- VII. Reports from Observer Churches
- VIII. Election of Additional Members to Interim Committee
- IX. Approval of Minutes
- X. Communications:
- XI. Treasurer's Report
- XII. Interim Committee Report
- XIII. Old Business
- XIV. Reports on Conference/Consultation Held
- XV. New Business
 - a. Proposals to change the constitution from the OPC
 - b. Missions to North Korea from KAPC
 - c. "Golden Rule" Comity Agreement and NAPARC consultations
 - d. Joint Assemblies in 1999
 - e. Recommendations of the CRC
- XVI. Arrangements for Next Meeting (place, time, invitees)
- XVII. Adjournment

Adopted

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following nominations were placed before the Council by the Interim Committee, and all were elected.

Chairman	David H. Engelhard (CRCNA)
Vice chairman	Jack C. Whytock (ARPC)
Secretary	Donald J. Duff (OPC)
Treasurer	Robert A. Henning (RPCNA)

VI. REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES

Each of the member churches reported as follows with each report followed by a time of prayer for the church which had reported.

Denomination	Reporter	Report Paper
ARPC	John H. Doudoukjian	
KAPC	Myung Doh Kim	Paper A
OPC	Donald J. Duff	Paper B
PCA	Paul R. Gilchrist	Paper C
RCUS	Norman C. Hoeflinger	Paper D
RPCNA	Robert A. Henning	Paper E
CRCNA	David H. Engelhard	Paper F

VII. RECESS

During the reports given above there was a recess from 3:10 to 3:20 p.m.

VIII. REPORTS OF OBSERVER CHURCHES

American Presbyterian Church	John Morrow	Paper J
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Wayne M. Hofman	Paper G
Presbyterian Reformed Church	Sherman Isbell	Paper H
Protestant Reformed Church	Robert D. Decker	Paper I

IX. RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 5:24 p.m. with prayer led by the Chairman. That evening a banquet was held at the Ramada Airport Inn with the Rev. William Shishko, pastor of the Franklin Square, NY Orthodox Presbyterian Church, as a speaker on the subject "Raising Calvinists With the Heart of Luther."

Wednesday, November 29, 1995

X. RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:26 a.m. by the Chairman who called the meeting to order and read Revelation 21:1-4 and led in prayer.

XI. THE MATTER OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The docket was amended to allow the Council to take up the question of the application of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. (Item XIII)

The recommendation of the Interim Committee concerning the EPC was moved namely:

That NAPARC approve the application of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for membership and constitutional procedures be followed

The following procedural motion was made:

That action on the motion to receive the Evangelical Presbyterian Church into membership in NAPARC be postponed to NAPARC 1996, and that the Secretary be requested to send to the interchurch relations committees of the member churches, a summary of past NAPARC actions concerning the EPC together with the response provided by the EPC to the Interim Committee on November 28, 1995 to the matters that NAPARC asked the EPC to "reconsider" at NAPARC 1988.

A motion was made to divide the question and vote on the two parts in reverse order.

The previous question was moved on all motions pending before the council.

XII. RECESS

A council recessed from 10:15 until 10:30 a.m.

XIII. THE MATTER OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE EPC (cont.)

A motion was made that voting on the pending questions be by unit vote of the members.

Adopted

The motion concerning the previous question was put to the council.

ARPC	Yes	PCA	Yes
CRCNA	Yes	RCUS	Yes
KAPC	No	RPCNA	Yes
OPC	No		

Adopted

The motion to divide the question and reverse the order was put to the council.

ARPC	No	PCA	Yes
CRCNA	Yes	RCUS	No
KAPC	No	RPCNA	Yes
OPC	No		

Failed

The procedural motion was put to the council. Before it was voted on Henry L. Smith led the council in prayer.

ARPC	Yes	PCA	No
CRCNA	No	RCUS	Yes
KAPC	Yes	RPCNA	No
OPC	Yes		

Adopted

XIV. ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO INTERIM COMMITTEE

The election of additional members of the Interim Committee was as follows:

KAPC	Myung Doh Kim
PCA	K. Eric Perrin
RCUS	Norman C. Hoeflinger
RPCNA	Andrew K. Schep

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Interim Committee recommend the approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Interim Committee on November 1, 1994 and the meeting of NAPARC of November 2, 1994 as distributed and corrected.

Adopted

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS:

The Secretary reported he had received the following communications:

	Date	From	Concerning
1.	12-07-94	From Rev. Myung Doh Kim	Council business
2.	12-29-95	From Robert A. Henning	Finances
3.	06-23-95	From OPC	RCUS and a proposed amendment to the Constitution
4.	06-28-95	From CRC	Meeting dates
5.	06-28-95	From K. Eric Perrin	Meeting dates
6.	06-29-95	From Rev. Myung Doh Kim	Meeting dates
7.	06-29-95	From Rev. Myung Doh Kim	RCUS and Foreign Missions
8.	07-12-95	From ARPC	RCUS
9.	07-28-95	From Robert A. Henning	Concerning dues
10.	07-28-95	From Robert A. Henning	Dues and council business
11.	07-31-95	From CRC	RCUS
12.	08-31-95	From Rev. Myung Doh Kim	Requesting some information
13.	09-15-95	From PCA	RCUS
14.	09-20-95	From OPC	"Golden Rule" Comity Agreement and NAPARC consultations
15.	09-25-95	From K. Eric Perrin	Joint Assemblies in 1999
16.	10-03-95	From Leonard J. Hofman	Various recommendations for how to operate
17.	10-05-95	From Robert D. Decker	Requesting information
18.	10-14-95	From Robert A. Henning	RCUS
19.	11-14-95	ARPC	Delegates to NAPARC
20.	11-24-95	KAPC	North Korean missions

Communications were assigned to places on the docket as follows:

1, 4, 5, 6, 12, 17, and 19 received for information
 3a, 7a, 8, 11, 13, and 18 to II
 2, 9, 10 to IX
 7b, 14, 15, 16, and 20 to XV (see XXI)

XVII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert A. Henning, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

NAPARC'S General Fund

Balance - November 2, 1994		\$5,664.82
Receipts from Dues:		
ARPC	\$200.00	
CRC	200.00	
KAPC	200.00	
OPC	200.00	
PCA	200.00	
RPCNA	200.00	
Interest from checking	39.08	
Interest on CD	120.95	
Total receipts	\$1,360.03	1,360.03
Total responsible for		\$7,024.85

Expenditures:		
NAPARC meeting in 1993	\$1,060.18	
Donald J. Duff, Secretary	200.00	
Secretarial help	250.00	
Total Expenditures	1,510.18	-1,510.18
Balance - November 18, 1995		\$5,514.67

Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund as of November 2, 1994

Balance - November 2, 1994	\$7,846.53	
Income:		
Interest on CD	316.34	
Balance as of November 18, 1995	\$8,162.87	\$8,162.87

Total Funds on hand in all accounts as of November 18, 1995 **\$13,677.54**

The Treasurer's report included the following recommendations which are given here as amended by the Council:

1. That \$4,500.00 be transferred from the Westminster Assembly Conference Fund to NAPARC'S General Fund. Adopted
2. That the treasurer's action of collecting \$200 from member denominations for 1995 instead of \$400 be sustained. (The Interim Committee recommended to NAPARC the adoption of recommendation #2.) Adopted
3. That the dues be set at \$150.00 for 1996. Adopted
4. That consideration be made by each denomination, through its interchurch relations committee, as to how the Westminster Fund is to be used and report suggestions to the Council at the annual meeting in 1996. Adopted

XVIII. REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS CONSULTATION

Robert A. Henning gave a report on the Foreign Missions Consultation that had taken place on November 27-28, 1995 in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

XIX. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING (PLACE, TIME, INVITEES)

The Interim Committee NAPARC recommended that the Presbyterian Church in America host the next meeting of NAPARC. It was determined instead to request the Reformed Presbyterian Church North America to host the next meeting of the Council and to arrange for a key note speaker for the dinner to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania November 19 & 20, 1996

Adopted

The Interim Committee recommended that the following be invited as observers to the next meeting:

American Presbyterian Church
Bible Presbyterian Church
Canadian Reformed Churches
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Free Church of Scotland
Free Reformed Churches of North America
Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregations

Hungarian Reformed Church — Korean Presby. (Hofburg)
Lithuanian Evangelical Reformed Church
Netherlands Reformed Church
Orthodox Christian Reformed Churches
Presbyterian Reformed Church
Protestant Reformed Churches

XX. JACK WHYTECK ASSUMES THE CHAIR

Since the Chairman, David H. Engelhard, had to leave the Vice-Chairman, Jack Whytock assumed the chair for the rest of the meeting.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

1. It was moved to adopt the constitutional change proposed in communication #3 and to send it to the member denominations for approval. That constitutional change is as follows:

That Article V, section 3 of the Constitution of the NAPARC be amended as follows:

Admission to, suspension from, restoration to (after suspension), and termination of membership shall be proposed by recommendation of the Council to the member churches by two thirds of the ballots cast, and this proposal recommendation must then be approved adopted within three years by the approval of two thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches. A proposal to suspend or terminate the membership of a member church may be initiated only by a major assembly of a member church. A suspended church may send delegates to meetings of the Council but they shall not vote nor may that church be represented on the Interim Committee.

ARPC	Yes
CRCNA	Abstain
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes

PCA	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes

Adopted

2. Missions to North Korea. (communications #7 and 20) The Foreign Missions Consultation has this on their docket for 1996.

3. It was moved that the first recommendation in communication #14 be adopted in the following form:

That NAPARC request the major assemblies of the member churches to remind their congregations and regional assemblies of the terms of the *GOLDEN RULE COMITY AGREEMENT* which, by virtue of their denominational commitment, they have promised to observe.

Adopted

It was moved that the second recommendation in communication #14 be adopted in the following form:

That NAPARC encourage the respective denominational agencies having responsibility for the ministries of church education and North American missions to actively participate in the 1996 annual NAPARC consultations at the senior leadership level.

Adopted

4. It was moved that the matter of joint NAPARC assemblies (communication #15) be postponed to NAPARC 1996.

Adopted

XXII. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED

On motion the order of the day was extended 15 minutes.

XXIII. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

5. With regard to communication # 16 from the CRCNA the following procedural motion was made:

That the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary be constituted a committee to draft Standing Rules for NAPARC and its Interim Committee, and that the recommendations of the CRCNA in its communication (#16) to NAPARC 1995 be referred to the committee, and that the committee be requested to report to NAPARC 1996.

Adopted

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with the reading of Psalm 130 and prayer led by Jack Whytock at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Duff, Secretary