

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL**
Atlanta, Georgia
November 18-19, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met on November 18, 1997, at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chairman, the Rev. Jack C. Whytock, called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. EDT. He read Psalm 110 and the Rev. Donald J. Duff led in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

Denomination	Delegates:
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)	James Coad, Jr. Allan J. Derrick William B. Evans Jack C. Whytock
Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)	Merle Den Bleyker David H. Engelhard Leonard J. Hofman Edward A. Van Baak
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	David Hiechun Kim Oong-ky Syn
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Richard A. Barker Mark T. Bube George W. Knight, III Jack J. Peterson
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Charles H. Dunahoo K. Eric Perrin James D. Walters, Jr.
Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	David R. McPherson Jonathan Merica Ronald L. Potter
Reformed Presbyterian Church North America (RPCNA)	Aubery E. Ayer Andrew K. Schep Bruce C. Stewart Johannes Verlinde

A quorum was declared to be present.

The following observer churches were represented:

Evangelical Presbyterian Church	L. Edward Davis
Presbyterian Reformed Church	D. Douglas Gebbie
Protestant Reformed Churches	Henry J. Boer
	Ronald J. Van Overloop

Others present were:

Donald J. Duff, Secretary
 Paul R. Gilchrist
 Robert A. Henning, Treasurer
 Gordon J. Keddie

Darrell Todd Maurina (on Wednesday)
 Keith R. Magill
 Frank J. Smith

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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

Chairman	Gordon J. Keddie (RPCNA)
Vice chairman	Ronald L. Potter (RCUS)
Secretary	Donald J. Duff (OPC)
Treasurer	Robert A. Henning (RPCNA)

IV. ASSUMPTION OF THE CHAIR

The Rev. Gordon J. Keddie, the new Chairman, assumed the chair.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert A. Henning, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report as follows (Paper 1):

Employer ID Number for accounts in Citizens Bank, Columbus, IN: 35-1940120

Donald J. Duff, Secretary, second signature on accounts.

NAPARC'S General Fund**Current Accounts:**

Balance: Checking Account as of November 18, 1996	\$1,750.96
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Receipts

from Dues:

ARPC	\$150.00
CRC	150.00
KAPC	150.00
OPC	150.00
PCA	150.00
RCUS	300.00
RPCNA	150.00
Interest from checking	32.93
Meals	109.00
From CD	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total receipts	\$2,191.93	<u>2,191.93</u>
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Total responsible for		<u>\$3,942.89</u>
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Expenditures:

NAPARC meeting in 1996	\$312.10
Honorarium	100.00
Banquet	548.32
j. Whytock—Phone	45-45
Donald J. Duff, Secretary	200.00
Secretarial help	<u>250.00</u>

Total Expenditures	1,455.87	<u>-1,455.87</u>
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Balance - Checking Account, November 15, 1997		<u>\$2,487.02</u>
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Balance CD Account 0823008042 November 18, 1997	\$3,120.95	
Receipts		
Interest 12-29-96	212.89	
Interest six months -97	<u>217.233</u>	
Total Receipts	430.12	
Balance - CD Account, November 15, 1997		\$7,293.99

Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund as of November 2, 1994

Balance - CD Account 0823008043 November 18, 1996	\$3,869.98	
Receipts		
Interest on CD 12-29-96	101.87	
Interest 6 months 97	<u>105.56</u>	
Total receipts	207.43	
Balance as of November 18, 1997	\$4,077.41	\$4,077.41

Total Funds on hand in all accounts as of November 18, 1997		\$15,314.29
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It was moved to receive the Treasurer's report as a whole.

Adopted

It was moved to set the dues for member churches at \$150.00 per member church in 1998.

Adopted

V. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Keddie reported for the Auditors as follows (Paper 2):

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of NAPARC for 1996-1997 and found everything to be in order.

Respectfully submitted, Jack C. Whytock, Chairman and Gordon J. Keddie, Vice Chairman

Dated: November 18, 1997

VI. REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES

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

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Report Paper
ARPC	William Evans	Richard Barker	Paper A
CRCNA	David Engelhard	Bruce Stewart	Paper B
KAPC	Oong-ky Syn	James Coad, Jr.	Paper C
OPC	Jack Peterson	David Kim	Paper D
PCA	Paul Gilchrist	Jonathan Merica	Paper E
RCUS	Jonathan Merica	Charles Dunahoo	Paper F
RPCNA	Bruce Stewart	Leonard Hofman	Paper G

VII. REPORTS OF OBSERVER CHURCHES

Evangelical Presbyterian Church	L. Edward Davis	
Protestant Reformed Church	Ronald Van Overloop	
Presbyterian Reformed Church	D. Douglas Gebbie	Paper H

Following these reports Ronald Potter led in prayer.

VIII. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
listing of additional Interim Committee members.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. *Reports from Various Member Churches
- VI. Reports from Observer Churches
- VII. Adoption of Docket
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
- IX. Communications:
- X. Interim Committee Report
- XI. Old Business
 - a. The use of the Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund
(see *Minutes of NAPARC 1996, IX*).
 - b. Motion from NAPARC 1996 concerning the CRCNA (see *Minutes of NAPARC 1996, XVII*)
- XII. Reports on Conference/Consultation Held
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Arrangements for Next Meeting (place, time, invitees)
- XV. Adjournment

*This is a time when NAPARC delegates assemble to present reports from their churches, to talk about important issues raised, and to pray with and for each other. The churches are encouraged to submit their reports for distribution with the final notice of the meeting.

Adopted

X. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Interim Committee will be as follows:

ARPC	William B. Evans
CRCNA	David H. Engelhard
KAPC	
OPC	Donald J. Duff (Secretary)
PCA	K. Eric Perrin
RCUS	Ronald L. Potter
RPCNA	Gordon J. Keddie (Chairman)

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Interim Committee recommended the approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Interim Committee on November 19, 1996 and the meeting of NAPARC of November 19-20, 1996 as distributed and corrected.

Adopted

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary reported he had the following communications to report for this meeting.

Addressed to the Interim Committee:

- I From the Christian Reformed Church in North America concerning the Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund and its use.

2. From the Christian Reformed Church in North America concerning the motion made at the 1996 meeting of NAPARC concerning the CRCNA.

Addressed to NAPARC:

3. From The Orthodox Presbyterian Church General Assembly concerning "Ecclesiastical Fellowship".
4. From The Orthodox Presbyterian Church General Assembly concerning proposed policies for interchurch relations.
5. From The Orthodox Presbyterian Church General Assembly concerning actions taken with regard to the CRCNA.
6. From The Reformed Church in the United States inviting the 24th Meeting of NAPARC to convene in Sioux Falls, SD in 1998.
7. from the Presbyterian Church in America repeating the motion of NAPARC 1996 concerning the CRCNA
8. From the Korean American Presbyterian Church General Assembly stating that the 21st General Assembly has decided to stop fraternal relationship with the Christian Reformed Church in North America
9. From the Korean American Presbyterian Church General Assembly stating that the 21st General Assembly has decided to petition NAPARC to terminate the membership of the Christian Reformed Church in NAPARC.
10. From Joel H. Nederhood and James A. De Jong asking NAPARC "to consider organizing a forum ...to make judgments on the issues impinging on the question of continuing Christian Reformed membership in NAPARC."

The assignment of communications as recommended by the Interim Committee are as follows:

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| 1. For XI:a | 6. For XIV |
| 2. For Interim Committee | 7. For XI:b |
| 3. Information | 8. Information |
| 4. Advice Requested | 9. See below |
| 5. Information | 10. Information |

In view of uncertainty as to the intent of Communication #9 and its late reception by the Secretary the Interim Committee does not present this communication for the Agenda of the Council.

Adopted

X. RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 5:03 p.m. with prayer led by the Chairman. That evening a banquet was held at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel with the Dr. Frank A. Brock, President of Covenant College as the speaker.

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XI. RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:33 a.m. by the Chairman who called the meeting to order and read Psalm 72 and led in prayer.

XII. REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS CONSULTATION

Keith R. Magill reported on the Home Missions Consultation held on November 17-18, 1997.

XIII. REPORT ON FOREIGN CONSULTATION

Mark T. Bube reported on the Foreign Missions consultation held on November 17-18, 1997.

XIV. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary reported concerning the Interim Committee meeting. It was moved to receive the report.

Adopted**XV. OLD BUSINESS**

a.) Westminster Assembly Commemoration Fund
It was moved to give these funds to the KAPC for the North Korean Relief Work of that denomination.

On motion this was referred to the Interim Committee for their report.

Adopted

b.) The Interim Committee put the following motion before the council:
Resolved that NAPARC initiate the process to suspend the Christian Reformed Church in North America from its membership.

XVI. RECESS

The council recessed from 10:00 until 10:17 a.m.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

After a time of discussion and a short recess for the delegations of member churches to discuss the motion concerning the suspension of the CRCNA, the question was put to the council.

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

Approved (6-1)

The following motion was made:

That a committee comprising of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary of NAPARC be requested to formulate, from the actions of major assemblies of the NAPARC churches pursuant to the matter of the ordination of women to ecclesiastical office in the Christian Reformed Church in North America, reasons to be sent to the NAPARC churches with citations from the actions of the major assemblies of the NAPARC churches, together with the information concerning the proposed suspension of the Christian Reformed Church in North America from membership in NAPARC.

Adopted

Dr. William Evans led in prayer for the Christian Reformed Church in North America

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Resolved that NAPARC recommend to member churches that they join the KAPC in their relief work in North Korea.

Adopted

b.) That NAPARC take steps to establish a web page with a focus on church directories of member churches.

It was moved that the pending motion be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chairman, to report in 1998 regarding the feasibility (including budget, content and oversight) of establishing a web page. The Chairman later appointed *John H. Verkinde*

Adopted

c.) Communication 4 was set before the council for advice.

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

The Interim Committee NAPARC recommended that the Reformed Church in the United States host the next meeting of NAPARC. It was moved that the Council request the Reformed Church in the United States to host the next meeting of NAPARC to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on November 17 & 18, 1998 and to arrange for a keynote speaker for the dinner.

Adopted

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

American Presbyterian Church	Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Koshin)
Bible Presbyterian Church	L'Eglise Réformée du Quebec
Canadian Reformed Churches	Lithuanian Evangelical Reformed Church
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Netherlands Reformed Church
Free Church of Scotland	Orthodox Christian Reformed Churches
Free Reformed Churches of North America	Presbyterian Reformed Church
Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregations	Protestant Reformed Churches
Hungarian Reformed Church	United Reformed Churches
Korean Presbyterian Church (Hapdong)	

Adopted

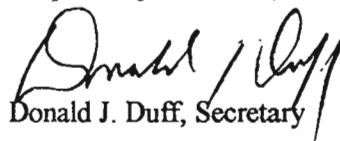
XIX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn.

Adopted

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the chairman at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Donald J. Duff, Secretary