

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL**
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
November 17-18, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met on November 17, 1998, at the Ramkota Inn in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the absence of the Chairman (the Rev. Gordon J. Keddie, was absent due to illness) the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. Ronald L. Potter, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. CST. He read Psalm 122 and led in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

Denomination	Delegates
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. (ARPC)	William B. Evans Gregory C. Slater
Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)	Peter W. Brouwer David H. Engelhard
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	Chun Il Cho Duck Young Won
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Richard A. Barker Mark T. Bube Jack J. Peterson G. I. Williamson
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Irfon R. Hughes L. Roy Taylor
Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	Maynard A Koerner David R. McPherson James N. Sawtelle Paul H. Treick
Reformed Presbyterian Church North America (RPCNA)	Andrew K. Schep Bruce C. Stewart

A quorum was declared to be present.

The following observer churches were represented:

Free Reformed Churches in NA	L. W. Bilkes Hans Overduin
Presbyterian Reformed Church	C. Timothy Hammett Christopher M. Levi
United Reformed Churches in NA	Ralph A. Pontier Harry Zekveld

Others present were:

Wesley Brice (RCUS)	Donald J. Duff, Secretary
Charles De Boer (RCUS)	Robert Grossman (RCUS)
Jan-Louis de Plooy	David Fagrey (RCUS)

Harvey De Groot (RCUS)
Howard E. Hart (RCUS)
Robert H. Miller
Ronald L. Potter, Chairman

George Syms (RCUS)
Darrell Todd Maurina
Keith R. Magill

III. SUSPENSION OF THE CRCNA (Report about the motion of NAPARC 1997 concerning the CRCNA (see *Minutes* 1997, XV and XVII))

The Secretary reported on the actions of the major bodies of the member churches concerning the matter of the suspension of the CRCNA as follows:

ARPC	Yes	PCA	Yes
CRCNA	Did not vote	RCUS	Yes
KAPC	Did not vote	RPCNA	Yes
OPC	Yes	YES 5	Did not vote 2

The Vice- Chairman read the Constitution Section V:3 concerning suspension of a member church and declared that as a result of the actions taken by the requisite number of major bodies the CRCNA is now suspended as a member in NAPARC and "may send delegates to meetings of the Council but they shall not vote nor may that church be represented on the Interim Committee."

The Rev. Jack J. Peterson led the council in prayer.

Dr. David H. Engelhard read a letter from the CRCNA to NAPARC. (Paper J)

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations were placed before the Council by the Interim Committee, and all were elected when a motion was made and carried to close nominations and to declare these nominees elected.

Chairman	Ronald L. Potter (RCUS)
Vice chairman	L. Roy Taylor (PCA)
Secretary	Donald J. Duff (OPC)
Treasurer	Maynard A. Koerner (RCUS)

V. ASSUMPTION OF THE CHAIR

The Rev. Ronald L. Potter continued in the chair as the new chairman.

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	Bruce Stewart	Paper A
CRCNA	David Engelhard	William Evans	Paper B
KAPC	Duck Young Won	Peter Brouwer	Paper C
OPC	Jack Peterson	Paul Treick	Paper D
PCA	L. Roy Taylor	Duck Young Won	
RCUS	Maynard Koerner	Ifron Hughes	Paper E
RPCNA	Bruce Stewart	Richard Barker	Paper F

VII. RECESS

During item VI the Council recessed from 3:00 p.m. until 3:18 p.m.

VIII. REPORTS OF OBSERVER CHURCHES

The following observer churches reported as follows with each report followed by prayer for the church which had reported.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Report Paper
Free Reformed Churches in NA	L. V. Bilkes	G. I. Williamson	
Presbyterian Reformed Church	C. T. Hammett	Andrew Schep	Paper G
United Reformed Churches in NA	R. A. Pontier	James Sawtelle	Paper H

IX. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket as proposed by the Interim Committee was put before the body as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Report about motion of NAPARC 1997 concerning the CRCNA (see *Minutes* 1997, XV and XVII)
- IV. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer listing of additional Interim Committee members.
- V. *Reports from Various Member Churches
- VI. Reports from Observer Churches
- VII. Adoption of Docket
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
- IX. Communications:
- X. Treasurer's Report
- XI. Interim Committee Report
- XII. Old Business
 - a. The use of the Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund (see *Minutes* 1996, IX and 1997, XV).
 - b.) Motion from NAPARC 1997 concerning a web page. (see *Minutes* 1997, XVIII.b)
 - c.) Motion from NAPARC 1997 concerning a request of the OPC. (see *Minutes* 1997, XVIII.c)
- XIII. Reports on Conference/Consultation Held
- XIV. New Business
- XV. Arrangements for Next Meeting (place, time, invitees)
- XVI. 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Interim Committee recommended the approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Interim Committee on November 18, 1997 and the meeting of NAPARC of November 18-19, 1997 as distributed and corrected. **Adopted**

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary reported he had the following communications to report for this meeting:
Addressed to NAPARC:

1. February 19, 1998 From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the L'Église Réformée du Québec seeking to "initiate correspondence and establish contact with Reformed and Presbyterian Churches and associations" and sending a "Presentation of L'Église Réformée du Québec."
2. June 28, 1998 From the General Assembly of the OPC informing NAPARC that the 65th General Assembly voted to approve the suspension of the Christian Reformed Church in North America from membership in NAPARC.

3. August 4, 1998 From the Reformed Church in the United States informing NAPARC the following motion was approved by the 252nd Synod of the RCUS "that the RCUS affirm the action of NAPARC with respect to the suspension of the CRCNA."

4. August 27, 1998 From the Committee for Contact With Other Churches of the Protestant Reformed Churches in America stating that the 1998 Synod of the PRCA adopted the recommendation of the Contact Committee to discontinue sending observers to NAPARC.

5. September ??, 1998 From the L'Église Réformée du Québec stating "Dear brothers: We have many reasons to participate at your next meeting but because of serious financial difficulties in the ERQ we unfortunately cannot send any observer, May God guide your deliberations."

6. September 21, 1998 From the Inter-church Relations Committee of the RCUS with names and addresses of the RCUS delegation to NAPARC and a three page "1998 Report to NAPARC concerning the 252nd Synod of the RCUS."

7. October 6, 1998 From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America a "Summary of Actions of the 1998 Synod of the RPCNA." This report states: "The Synod voted to ratify the actions of the 1997 Meeting of NAPARC in suspending the membership of the Christian Reformed Church from membership in NAPARC."

8. October 8, 1998, From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church informing NAPARC "that the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church voted at its June 1998 meeting to approve the decision of NAPARC regarding the suspension of the CRCNA."

9. October 13, 1998 From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America with a list of delegates to the meeting of NAPARC.

10. October 19, 1998 From the Stated Clerk of the PCA stating "The Twenty-sixth General Assembly voted to approve that the Christian Reformed Church in North America be suspended from membership in NAPARC."

11. October 26, 1998 From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church concerning the delegates to the meeting of NAPARC.

12. November 4, 1998 From the United Reformed Churches in North America concerning the observers being sent to the meeting of NAPARC.

13. October 23, 1998 From the Deputies for Ecumenical Affairs Synod of the Reformed Churches in South Africa introducing the Rev. Jan-Louis du Plooy to the Council.

14. November 14, 1998 From Hans Verlinde concerning the NAPARC web page. This did not arrive until after the meeting of NAPARC as it was being sent with Gorden Keddle.

The Communications are assigned as follows:

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| 1. For VI of NAPARC docket | 8. For III of NAPARC docket |
| 2. For III of NAPARC docket | 9. Information |
| 3. For III of NAPARC docket | 10. For III of NAPARC docket |
| 4. For V of NAPARC docket I | 11. Information |
| 5. For VI of NAPARC docket | 12. Information |
| 6. For V of NAPARC docket | 13. For Interim Committee |
| 7. For III and V of NAPARC docket | 14. For XII, b of NAPARC docket |
- Adopted**

XII. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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, 1997 \$2487.02

Receipts

from Dues:

ARPC	\$150.00
OPC	150.00
PCA	150.00
RCUS	300.00
RPCNA	150.00
Interest from checking	19.46
Meals	40.00
From CD - Apr. 6, '98	2000.00
From CD - Nov. 6, '98	<u>5803.20</u>

Total receipts \$8612.66 8612.66

Total responsible for \$11099.68

Expenditures:

NAPARC meeting (1997) Crowne Plaza Airport	\$2696.23
Honorarium	300.00
Expenses - Walters	222.27
Expenses - Gilchrist	165.79
Expenses - Perrin	212.80
Donald J. Duff, Secretary	200.00
Secretarial help	<u>250.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$4047.09 -4047.09

Balance - Checking Account, November 17, 1998 \$7052.59

Balance CD Account 0823008433, November 18, 1997 \$7293.99

Maturity - April 3, 1998 Int. (345.47) 7639.53

Transfer to Checking Account Apr. 6, '98 2000.00

New Certificate - 0823016157 Apr. 6, '98 5639.53

Maturity - Nov. 6, 1998 Interest 163.67

Total deposited in checking account \$5803.20

Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund Account

Balance - CD Account 0823008043 November 18, 1997 \$3869.98

Total interest at maturity, 12/30/97 317.03

New CD 0823015364 - 17 Month 12/30/97 4187.01 \$4187.01

(6% at maturity - 251.23, May 30, 1999)

Total of CD and checking account: Nov. 17, 1998 \$11239.60

The Interim Committee recommended that the Council accept the report (along with the recommendation that the dues from member denominations for 1999 be set at \$150.00). On motion the amount was amended to be \$300.00 per member churches. **Adopted**

It was moved that a church whose membership in NAPARC has been suspended be excused from paying dues for the year in which the suspension becomes effective and for every year in which the suspension continues in effect. **Adopted**

It was moved that to request the out going treasurer to pay the bills for this meeting and then to transfer the funds to the new treasurer. **Adopted**

XIII. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Koerner reported for the auditors as follows: We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of NAPARC for 1997-1998 and found everything to be in order.
Respectfully submitted, Maynard A. Koerner Dated: November 18, 1997

XIV. RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 4:58 p.m. with prayer led by the David R. McPherson. That evening a banquet was held at the Ramkota Inn with the Rev. Paul H. Treick as the speaker on the topic "What it Means to be Reformed in the Modern World."

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

XV. RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. by the Chairman who called the meeting to order and read Mark 10:17-22, had a short devotional and led in prayer.

XVI. REPORT OF JAN-LOUIS DU PLOOY

Communication #13 was read and Jan-Louis du Plooy (Reformed Church Potchefstroom North, Republic of South Africa) addressed the Council concerning a radio ministry in South Africa.. The Rev. Paul H. Treick led in prayer.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Westminster Assembly Commemoration Fund
The Interim Committee recommended to the Council that a committee of three be appointed to look into the publication of Reformed materials, particularly in the Spanish language, and to report on the usage of the Westminster Assembly Conference Funds for this project to the next meeting of NAPARC. **Adopted**
- b. Web site
The Chairman appointed Messers. Evans, Treick and Williamson to this committee
- c. Web site
The Interim Committee recommended to the council that Johannes Verlinde proceed with plans for a web site for NAPARC and inform the council next year. **Adopted**
- c. Several churches reported as to how they are using the materials sent by the OPC for consideration. (see *Minutes* 1997, XVIII.c)

XVIII. REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS CONSULTATION

James N. Sawtelle reported on the Home Mission Consultation held on November 16-17, 1998

XIX. REPORT ON FOREIGN CONSULTATION

Mark T. Bube reported on the Foreign Missions consultation held on November 16-17, 1998.

XX. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

XXI. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Interim Committee will be as follows:

ARPC	William B. Evans
KAPC	
OPC	Donald J. Duff (Secretary)
PCA	
RCUS	Ronald L. Potter
RPCNA	

XXII. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Interim Committee recommended to the Council that member churches discuss and draw up concrete proposals regarding how NAPARC can fulfill its "Purpose and Function" (see NAPARC *Constitution* III) for discussion at the 1999 NAPARC meeting and that they be required to send these proposals in by the time mentioned in the By-laws so that they can be distributed before the meeting.

Adopted

b. The Interim Committee recommended to the Council that \$500.00 be made available to the L'Eglise Réformée du Quebec to help them send an observer or observers to NAPARC in 1999.

Adopted**XXIII. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING (PLACE, TIME, INVITEES)**

The Interim Committee NAPARC recommended that the Associate Reformed Church host the next meeting of NAPARC. It was moved that the Council request the Associate Reformed Church to host the next meeting of NAPARC to be held in Flat Rock, North Carolina, on November 16 & 17, 1999 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
Associate Reformed Churches of Mexico
Bible Presbyterian Church
Canadian Reformed Churches
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Free Church of Scotland
Free Reformed Church of North America
Heritage Netherlands Reformed
Congregations
Hungarian Reformed Church
Independent Presbyterian Church of
Mexico

Korean Presbyterian Church (Hapdong)
Korean Presbyterian Church (Koshin)
L'Eglise Réformée du Quebec
Lithuanian Evangelical Reformed Church
Netherlands Reformed Church
National Presbyterian Church of Mexico
Orthodox Christian Reformed Churches
Presbyterian Reformed Church
Protestant Reformed Churches
United Reformed Churches in North
America

It was moved to add the Independent Presbyterian Church of Mexico and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Mexico.

Adopted**XXIV. A TIME OF DISCUSSION**

There was a general time of discussion concerning the "Function and Purpose" of NAPARC.

It was moved that each member church be requested to submit updated indexes of her study reports for the 1999 meeting of NAPARC and state how to secure copies of these reports if desired.

The Secretary is requested to make a list of papers available

XXV. RECESS

The council recessed from 10:00 until 10:18 a.m.

XXVI. A TIME OF DISCUSSION (Continued)

Some suggestions made for furthering the work of NAPARC were:

- a. Have an index of the kinds of work each body is doing in various places.
- b. List books which are on the history of the various churches.
- c. Find out the status of papers in each body.
- d. Ask the Interim Committee to consider the matter of staff and secretarial help

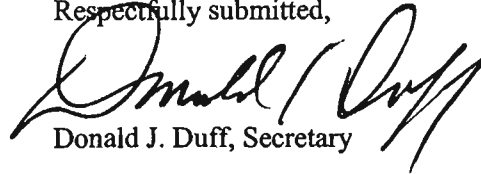
XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn.

Adopted

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the chairman at 10:24 a.m. after which the doxology was sung

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Duff", written in a cursive style.

Donald J. Duff, Secretary