

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL**
Radisson Wilshire Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California
November 14-15, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met on November 16, 1999, at the Radisson Wilshire Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California. The Chairman, the Rev. L. Roy Taylor, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. PST. He read Ephesians 4:7-16 and led in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

Denomination	Delegates
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. (ARPC)	Robert J. Cara Charles H. Carlisle John W. Dawson
Christian Reformed Church in North America* (CRCNA)	Peter W. Brouwer Jason Chen David H. Engelhard Tong Park
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	Brian S. Lee James K. Kim Sung Il Park Duck Young Won
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Donald J. Duff Robert B. Needham Jack J. Peterson G. I. Williamson
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Bruce B. Howes Irfon R. Hughes L. Roy Taylor
Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	Maynard A. Koerner Vernon Pollema Ronald L. Potter Paul Treick
Reformed Presbyterian Church North America (RPCNA)	Gordon Keddie John McFarland Kenneth Orr Bruce C. Stewart

*The Christian Reformed Church in North America is a suspended member.

A quorum was declared to be present.

The following observer churches were represented:
Free Reformed Churches in North America

Kuldip S. Gandar

United Reformed Churches in NA

John W. Wullschlegler
Ronald L. Scheures

Others present were:

(Presbyterian and Reformed News:

Ron Gleason

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Interim Committee placed the following nominations before the Council:

Chairman	L. Roy Taylor (PCA)
Vice chairman	Jack J. Peterson (OPC)
Secretary	Bruce C. Stewart (RPCNA)
Treasurer	Maynard A. Koerner (RCUS)

Adopted

IV. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Interim Committee will be as follows:

ARPC	Robert J. Cara
KAPC	Duck Young Won
OPC	Jack J. Peterson (Vice Chairman)
PCA	L. Roy Taylor (Chairman)
RCUS	Ronald L. Potter
	Maynard A. Koerner (Treasurer)
RPCNA	Bruce C. Stewart (Secretary)

Adopted

V. ASSUMPTION OF THE CHAIR

Dr. L. Roy Taylor continued in the chair as the 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	Robert Cara	P. Brower	Paper H
CRCNA	David Engelhard	J. Kim	Paper I
KAPC	Brian Lee	J. Peterson	Paper J
OPC	Jack J. Peterson	B. Howes	Paper K
PCA	L. Roy Taylor	R. Potter	Paper L
RCUS	Ronald Potter	B. Stewart	Paper M
RPCNA	Gordon Keddie	???	Paper N

VII. RECESS

During item VI the Council recessed from 4:15 p.m. until 4:26 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		Duff	none
United Reformed Churches in NA		Koerner	none

IX. RECESS

The Council recessed at 5:12 p.m. with prayer led by Mr. Duff. That evening a banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. followed by an assembly with Dr. S. Steve Park as the speaker on the subject "How am I to pray this very night?" An Exposition of C. S. Lewis's Reflections on Prayer."

Wednesday, November 15, 2000

X. RECONVENE

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. with the reading of Psalm 32. The Council was led in prayer by Mr. Orr.

XI. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

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

November 14, 2000, - 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

November 15, 2000, - 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer
Listing of additional Interim Committee members.
- IV. *Reports from Various Member Churches
- V. Reports from Observer Churches
- VI. Adoption of Docket
- VII. Approval of Minutes
- VIII. Communications:
 1. From Mr. Stephen Flanagan, Clerk of Session of The PRC of Metropolitan Washington
 2. From PCA concerning the CRCNA
 3. From Thomas and Laurie Vanden Heuvel editors of The Outlook
 4. Hungarian Reformed Church in America
 5. From Thomas and Laurie Vanden Heuvel editors of *The Outlook*
- IX. Treasurer's Report and Audit Committee Report
- X. Interim Committee Report
- XI. Old Business
 - a.) Report of the committee of three to look into the publication of Reformed materials. (See Minutes 1999, XVII)
 - b.) Report concerning status of any reports on Women in the Military
- XII. Discussion of the following item put on the docket from the 25th NAPARC meeting:
We are grateful for the bonds of the gospel and the Reformed Faith that unite us. In the light of the "II. Basis of the Council" (*Constitution of NAPARC*) and in order that all NAPARC member churches may be more fully aware of the unique characteristics of each member church, we recommend that each member church discern and enumerate those issues of belief, practice, and government that, to the best of their knowledge, distinguish them from other NAPARC churches, and submit a report to NAPARC, no later than October 3, 2000 so that NAPARC may evaluate the Biblical and confessional basis for such distinctive positions and the degree to which these issues necessitate continued separation.
- XIII. Reports on Conference/Consultation Held
- XIV. New Business
 - a.) PCA letter concerning the proposed expulsion of the CRCNA
- 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

XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Interim Committee recommended the approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Interim Committee on November 16, 1999 and the meeting of NAPARC of November 16-17, 1999 as distributed and corrected. **Adopted**

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary reported he had the following communications to report for this meeting:
The Communications are assigned as follows:

1. From Mr. Stephen Flanagan, Clerk of Session of The PRC of Metropolitan Washington
2. From PCA General Assembly concerning the CRCNA
3. From Thomas and Laurie Vanden Heuvel, editors of The Outlook
4. Hungarian Reformed Church in America
5. From Thomas and Laurie Vanden Heuvel, editors of The Outlook

Actions concerning these communications:

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| 1. Take note | 4. Take note |
| 2. For XIV:a of NAPARC docket | 5. Take note |
| 3. Take note | |

Adopted

XIV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maynard Koerner, Treasurer, reported as follows (Paper O):

Account number in Dacotah Bank, Watertown, SD 440009928

Employer ID Number for accounts in Dacotah Bank, Watertown, SD 35-1940120

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

NAPARC's General Fund

Current Accounts:

Balance: Checking Account as of November 17, 1999 \$7445.89

Receipts

from dues:

KAPC (99)	\$300.00
ARPC	300.00
OPC	300.00
PCA	300.00
RCUS	300.00
RPCNA	300.00
CD Transfer	4548.20
Interest from checking	30.34
From CD	<u>349.24</u>

Total receipts \$6727.78 6727.28

Total responsible for \$14173.67

Expenditures:

NAPARC meeting (1999)	\$700.00
Donald J. Duff, Secretary	200.00
Secretarial help	250.00
Bill Evans (Honorarium)	100.00
Den Dulk Foundation	<u>4656.52</u>

Total Expenditures \$5906.52 5906.52

Balance - Checking Account, November 10, 2000 \$8267.15

Westminster Assembly Commemoration Conference Fund Account

The balance of the fund, \$4656.52 was paid to the den Dulk Foundation. This fund is now closed.

The Interim Committee recommended that the Council accept the report (along with the recommendation that the dues from member denominations for 2001 be set at \$300.00). **Adopted**

XV. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Taylor reported for the auditors (Chairman and Secretary) as follows: We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of NAPARC for 1999-2000 and found everything to be in order.

XVI. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Interim Committee reported the following:

A. That we register the NAPARC name as a web site and authorize the payment of the host cost not to exceed \$300 per year. The minimum to be placed on the web site is:

- a. Links to all member church's web sites
- b. The Constitution and By-Laws of NAPARC.

and that the Rev. Barry Traver be asked to do this and that the officers of NAPARC be asked to oversee this matter. **Adopted**

B. That the Rev. Ross W. Graham be encouraged to organize a Home Mission consultation for next year. **Adopted**

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of the Committee to Study the Use of the Westminster Assembly Commemoration Fund

1. Paul Trieck reported for the committee. (Paper P)
2. The Committee was continued.

B. Women in the Military

The RCUS has sent a finished report. The OPC and PCA General Assemblies took no final action as yet on their reports. The committee of two, established last year, to coordinate and facilitate the interchange on this subject is continued

XVIII. DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM PUT ON THE DOCKET FROM THE 25TH NAPARC MEETING:

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The Interim Committee recommended that each delegation to NAPARC be permitted up to 30 minutes to speak about their report with up to 15 minutes to questions to follow. **Adopted**

Robert Cara reported for the ARPC (Paper A) with questions following that presentation

XIX. RECESS

The council recessed from 10:12 a.m. until 10:23 a.m. A picture of the council was taken.

XX. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM PUT ON THE DOCKET FROM THE 25TH NAPARC MEETING:

David Engelhard reported for the CRCNA (Paper B) with questions following that presentation.

Brian Lee reported for the KAPC (Paper C) with questions following that presentation.

XXI. RECESS

The council recessed from 12:09 p.m. until 1:41 p.m. Jack Petersen led in prayer.

XXII. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM PUT ON THE DOCKET FROM THE 25TH NAPARC MEETING:

Jack Peterson reported for the OPC (Paper D) with questions following that presentation.

Irfon Hughes reported for the PCA (Paper E) with questions following that presentation.

XXIII. RECESS

The council recessed from 3:17 p.m. until 3:28 p.m.

Ronald Potter reported for the OPC (Paper F) with questions following that presentation.

XXIV. RECESS

The council recessed from 5:02 p.m. until 6:31 p.m. Brian Lee led in prayer.

XXV. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM PUT ON THE DOCKET FROM THE 25TH NAPARC MEETING:

When the Council reconvened Gordon Keddle led in Prayer and reported for the RPCNA (Paper E) with questions following that presentation.

A substitute motion was made for the recommendation of the Interim Committee that a committee of three men be appointed to collate the information found in these reports in a somewhat visual form. At a latter point the Chairman appointed Messrs. I. Hughes, R. Potter and B. Stewart with Mr. Potter as a convener.

Adopted

Messrs. Potter and Wisdom were appointed to this committee.

XXVI. REPORT ON FOREIGN CONSULTATION

A Foreign Missions consultation will be held on November 20-21, 2000 in Nashville, Tennessee.

XXVII. NEW BUSINESS

In the light of Communication 2 from the PCA General Assembly concerning the CRCNA it was moved to terminate the membership of the CRCNA in NAPARC since the CRCNA has not rescinded its position on the ordination of women to the office of ruling elder and minister.

A procedural motion was made to delay the vote on whether to terminate the membership of the CRCNA in NAPARC until the meeting of 20001 and that the PCA be asked to formulate grounds for such and action.

The vote on this motion was taken by unit vote as follows:

ARPC Yes
KAPC Yes
OPC Yes

PCA Yes
RPCNA Yes
RCUS Yes

Adopted

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

The Interim Committee NAPARC recommended that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be asked to host the Twenty-seventh Meeting of NAPARC to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November

13-14, 2001, and to arrange for a keynote speaker for the dinner. The time of adjournment for the meeting was set at 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2001. The Interim Committee is to meet at 10:30 a.m. on November 15, 2001. **Adopted**

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

American Presbyterian Church
Associate Reformed Churches of Mexico
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
Independent Presbyterian Church of Mexico

Korean Presbyterian Church in America
(Koshin)
L'Église Réformée du Québec
Lithuanian Evangelical Reformed Church
National Presbyterian Church of Mexico
Netherlands Reformed Church
Orthodox Christian Reformed Churches
Presbyterian Reformed Church
Reformed Presbyterian Church of Mexico
United Reformed Churches in North America
Adopted

XXVIX. LETTER OF THANKS

The Secretary is asked to write a letter of thanks to the Rev. Hun Sung Park and the Yul Lin Mun Korean Presbyterian Church, 3300 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019 for supplying a bountiful Korean feast at the banquet on Tuesday evening.

XXXX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn.

Adopted

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the Dr. Park at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce C. Stewart, Secretary