

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
Bonclarken, Flat Rock, North Carolina
November 12,13, 2002**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met on November 12, 2002 at Bonclarken, the ARP Conference Center, in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The Chairman, Jack J. Peterson, called the Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. He led Devotions reading and commenting on Isaiah 49:13-16, and led in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

The Roll was taken, and is as follows:

Denomination	Delegates
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)	Robert J. Cara John W. Dawson Wayne Frazier David W. Sides
Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)	James K. Kim Steve Sung Il Park Duck Young Won
Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)	Richard Knodel Jack J. Peterson Thomas E. Tyson G. I. Williamson
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Paul Gilchrist L. Roy Taylor
Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)	Maynard Koerner Ronald Morris Ronald I. Potter George Syms

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) Douglas Carson
Bruce C. Stewart

A quorum was declared to be present.

The following representatives of Observer Churches were present:

Denomination

Representative

Canadian Reformed Churches **William Gortenmaker**
Klass Jonker
Art Poppe

L'Eglise reformee du Quebec

Yves Bergeron
Bernard Westerveld

Presbyterian Reformed Church Steven Mouring
Tim Worrell

United Reformed Churches of North America Calvin Tuininga

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Interim Committee placed the following nominations before the Council, and they were elected:

Chairman	Jack J. Peterson (OPC)
Vice Chairman	Duck Young Won (KAPC)
Secretary	Bruce C. Stewart (RPCNA)
Treasurer	Maynard A. Koerner (RCUS)

(Please note! Denominations not represented through the above officers will need to appoint representatives to next years Interim Committee.)

IV. REPORTS FOM MEMBER CHURCHES

Each of the member churches reported to the Council with each report followed by prayer for that church. (The reports are attached to these Minutes.)

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Report Paper
ARPC	Robert Cara	L. Roy Taylor	Paper A
KAPC	James Kim	Thomas Tyson	Paper B
OPC	Thomas Tyson	Douglas Carson	Paper C
PCA	Roy Taylor	James Kim	Paper D
RCUS	George Syms	John Dawson	Paper E
RPCNA	Bruce Stewart	Ronald Potter	Paper F

V. REPORTS FROM OBSERVER CHURCHES

The following Observer churches reported, followed by prayer.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed
L'Eglise reformee du Quebec	Bernard Westerveld	Robert Cara
Canadian Reformed Churches	Klaas Jonker	Maynard Koener
PRC	Tim Worrell	G. I. Williamson
URCNA	Calvin Tuninga	Paul Gilchrist

VI. DOCKET

The Docket as prepared by the Secretary was amended and adopted.

The Interim Committee recommended the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of NAPARC, November 13 and 14, 2001. Their recommendation was adopted.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and noted.

1. A letter from David Engelhard, General Secretary of the Christian Reformed Church, indicating that they "decided it would be the better part of wisdom not to send delegates to this year's meeting", and expressing the "hope that someday our relationships will be restored".
2. A letter from Casey Keuning, Secretary of the External Relations Committee of the Free Reformed Churches of America, expressed regrets that no one could attend from their church.
3. A letter from Michael Globo, Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, stated that the time of our meeting conflicted with an annual workshop in his office for all of their Presbytery Clerks, but

that he would attempt to change the date of the workshop next year so he could attend NAPARC.

4. A letter from Robert B. Selph, Coordinator of the Reformed Baptist Churches of America, expressing regrets that he could not attend. (The Secretary of NAPARC had responded to his inquiry about NAPARC by inviting him to be an observer at the Meeting.)

The Council recessed for dinner at 5:30, George Syms leading in prayer.

The Evening Program was arranged by the PCA, our hosts for this Meeting. Following dinner, L. Roy Taylor presented as our speaker, Dr. Douglas F. Kelly, Professor of Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, who spoke on the topic, "Southern Presbyterian Piety".

VIII. COUNCIL RECONVENES

The Chairman reconvened the Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, November 13 at 8:30 A.M. Wayne Frazier led in prayer.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Report of the Treasurer, Maynard Koerner, was received and approved as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council

November 8, 2001 - November 7, 2002

Account Number for Dacotah Bank, Watertown, South Dakota - 440009928

Account Number for First National Bank, Colorado Springs, CO - 1804668

Taxpayer ID Number - 35-1940120

Dr. Bruce C. Stewart, Secretary of NAPARC, second signature on accounts

Balance, Checking account, Nov. 8, 2001 \$ 5,995.57

Receipts:

Dues:

PCA ('01)	\$ 300.00
PCA ('02)	500.00
RCUS ('02)	500.00
OPC ('02)	300.00
RPCNA ('02)	200.00
Meals ('01 Banquet)	154.00
Interest, Checking	18.04

Total Receipts 1,972.04

TOTAL 7,967.61

Expenses:

2001 Meeting	1,595.82
Secretary Expense	299.81
Secretary Honorarium	200.00
Checks	14.95

Total Expenses 2,119.58

Balance, Checking Account, Nov. 7, 2002 \$ 5,857.03

(Since Nov. 7, 2002, \$1,200 additional receipts from dues have been received. All dues are now up to date.)

X. AUDITOR'S REPORT

L. Roy Taylor and Jack J. Peterson reported that they had examined the accounts for 2001-2002 and found everything to be in order.

XII. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary presented the Recommendations of the Interim Committee to the Council. They were adopted and are as follows:

1. That the Report of the Coordination Committee on Women in the Military be continued. (Paper G)
2. That the Collating Committee be continued, and that 10 minutes be allowed at the Council meeting to present corrections and additions to their Report. (Paper H) Several corrections and additions were made. (If there are other corrections or additions, please submit them to Ronald Potter by January 31, 2003,)
3. That all NAPARC denominations be requested to make sure that they have a link to the NAPARC website, and that the Secretary of NAPARC place a report of the NAPARC Meeting on the NAPARC Website. (The Website is: trever.org/naparc; it would be my hope that we could have it designated something like NAPARC.org.)
4. That both Foreign Mission and Home Mission Representatives of our NAPARC denominations be encouraged to have their annual consultations in conjunction with the annual meetings of NAPARC, and that the host church be charged with implementing these meetings.

XIV. VOTE ON TERMINATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CRC

5. That since it was reported to the Interim Committee by representatives of member churches of NAPARC that all the member churches had voted for the termination of membership of the CRC in NAPARC, that an official vote be taken in which each member church would bring before the Council the action of its Synod or General Assembly on the NAPARC Resolution Re: The termination of the membership of the CRC in NAPARC.

The Roll was called with the following response

ARP	Yes	Paper I
KAPC	Yes	Paper J
OPC	Yes	Paper K
PCA	Yes	Paper L
RCUS	Yes	Paper M
RPCNA	Yes	Paper N

Upon the basis of a unanimous vote of the member churches' Synods and General Assemblies, the Chairman declared that the membership of the Christian Reformed Church in NAPARC is terminated. Thomas Tyson led in prayer, bringing this action before God, and praying for God's leading for NAPARC and the CRC that in His grace He might lead the CRC to seek to restore a mutually agreeable fellowship with NAPARC.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the CRC of this action.

XV. VOTE ON RECEPTION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF QUEBEC INTO MEMBERSHIP IN NAPARC

6. That the Reformed Church of Quebec be received into the membership of NAPARC pending the approval of two-thirds of the Synods/General Assemblies of member churches.

The Roll was called on the reception into membership of NAPARC of L'Eglise reformee du Quebec (the Reformed Church of Quebec).

ARP	Yes
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes
PCA	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes

(This is an item that should come before each of our member churches' judicatories this next year. A summary statement about the Reformed Church of Quebec is included with these Minutes (Paper O). More extensive documents were submitted to each of our Interchurch Committees last year.)

XVI. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

7. That the Council give time for discussion of the Golden Rule Comity Agreement (Paper P) and its implementation at the presbytery/classis level. This recommendation came in response to a paper from the ARP Committee (Paper Q). A time of discussion followed with the consensus expressed that the Agreement needs to be made better known with the understanding that we need to talk together and work together and encourage one another in building the church.

8. That the Agreement of Transfer of Members and Congregations (i.e., "fugitives from church discipline") (Paper R) be distributed. A time of discussion followed with requests for more information and study. The Secretary was requested to see if NAPARC has approved this Agreement.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

(Actually, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Women in the Military and the Report of the Collating Committee and the Report on the NAPARCP Website were listed on the Docket as Old Business, but they were brought in through recommendations by the Interim Committee.)

Another item of Old Business was a request for a Progress Report on the Translation into Spanish of Williamson's "WCF for Study Classes" (NAPARC had transferred money for this project to the Den Dulk Foundation.) It was decided to refer this request to the ARP in care of Dr. William Evans.

XVIII. CELEBRATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN CALVIN

A Resolution was presented to the Council that we consider again the meeting of our Synods/General Assemblies simultaneously at the same site with the suggestion that such a meeting could be in 2009 and commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.

Following discussion, it was voted to have the Chairman appoint a Study Committee of four to consider the feasibility and implementation of a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin in 2009. Members of the Committee appointed by the Chairman are: L. Roy Taylor, Chm., Robert Cara, Ronald potter and Jack Peterson.

XIX. 2003 MEETING OF NAPARC

The Council accepted the offer of the RPCNA to host the 2003 Meeting of NAPARC in Pittsburgh, PA, November 11,12, 2003. The Interim Committee will meet at 10:30 A.M., November 11. The Council will meet at 1:30 P.M., November 12. The Council will adjourn at 12:00 Noon, November 12.

XX. INVITED OBSERVERS

It was agreed that the following Observer Churches should be invited to the 2003 Meeting of NAPARC: Bible Baptist Church, Canadian Reformed Churches, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Free Reformed Churches of North America, Orthodox Christian Reformed Churches, Presbyterian Reformed Church, United Reformed Churches in North America. Approval of additional churches may be made by the Interim Committee.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned in prayer by Bruce Stewart at 10:56 A..M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Stewart, Secretary