

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH MEETING of the NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL

**Clarion Hotel KCI
Kansas City, MO
November 9-10, 2004**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Thirtieth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order at the Clarion Hotel KCI, Kansas City, MO on Tuesday, November 9th, 2004 at 1:35 PM by the Rev. John Dawson, Chairman. Rev. Dawson began the proceedings by reading 1 John 3:1-3 and appointing the Rev. Steve Park to open with prayer.

In preliminary matters a delegate and observer sign up sheet was announced and circulated, refreshment times were set for the 9th at 3:00 PM and the 10th, at 10:30 AM and adjournment time for the 9th were set at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll call of member churches was taken as follows:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC): Rev. John W. Dawson; Rev. Bill Evans; Rev. Marty Taylor.

Eglise reformee du Quebec (ERQ): Rev. Paulin Bedard

Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC): Rev. Dr. Steve Sung Park; Rev. David H. Yuhan..

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC): Rev. G.I. Williamson; Rev. George Knight III, Rev. Robert Needham; Rev. Jack Peterson.

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA): Rev. Roy Taylor; Dr. William Barker; Rev. Paul Gilchrist; Mr. Stanley Jenkins.

Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS): Rev. George Syms; Rev. Maynard Koerner; Rev. Ron Morris; Rev. Ron Potter.

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA): Rev. R. Bruce Parnell; Mr. Douglas Carson; Rev. Robert McFarland; Rev. Dr. Bruce Stewart.

Invited Observer Churches present:

Canadian Reformed Churches: Rev. Klaas Jonker; Mr. Art Poppe. Mr. Jacob Kuik. Rev. Andrew Pol.

Free Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Kuldip Gangar; Mr. Edward Laman.

Heritage Reformed Congregations: Rev. Jan Neels; Rev. Mike Fintelman.

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin): Rev. James Alderman; Rev. Byung Ho Kim; Rev. Chai Young Park.

Presbyterian Reformed Church: Rev. Mike Ericson; Mr. Christopher Levi

United Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Ralph Pontier; Rev. John Bouwers.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Interim Committee placed the following nominations for officers before the Council

Chairman: Rev. John Dawson (ARPC)
Vice Chairman: Rev. Bruce Parnell (RPCNA)
Secretary: Rev. Ron Potter (RCUS)
Treasurer: Rev. Maynard Koerner (RCUS)

There were no nominations from the floor. Moved and seconded that the Council approve the slate of officers recommended by the Interim Committee as its officers for the year 2004-2005. Carried

IV. REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES

The following member churches reported to the Council followed by prayer for that church by a Chairman appointed representative from another church.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Paper
ARPC	John Dawson	Robert McFarland (RPCNA)	A
ERQ	Paulin Bedard	George Syms (RCUS)	B
KAPC	Steve Sung Park	Marty Taylor (ARPC)	C
OPC	G.I. Williamson	Paulin Bedard (ERQ)	D
PCA	Roy Taylor	George Knight III (OPC)	E
RCUS	George Syms	William Barker (PCA)	F
RPCNA	Bruce Parnell	Steve Sung Park (KAPC)	G

The Chairman gave opportunity for questions to be directed to the member churches that reported. The delegates present directed questions to various member churches who responded.

The Order of the Day was called at 3:04 PM.

The Council reconvened at 3:23 PM.

V. REPORTS FROM OBSERVER CHURCHES

The following observer churches reported and prayer was offered by a Chairman appointed representative from a member church.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Paper
Canadian Reformed Churches	Klaas Jonker	Paul Gilchrist (PCA)	H
Free Reformed Churches of NA	Kuldip Gangar	Jack Peterson (OPC)	
Heritage Reformed Congregations	Mike Fintelman	Ron Morris(RCUS)	
Korean Presbyterian Church (Kosin)	James Alderman	Bruce Stewart (RPCNA)	
Presbyterian Reformed Church	Mike Ericson	Bill Evans (ARPC)	I
United Reformed Churches of NA	Ralph Pontier	Steve Sung Park (KAPC)	

The collation charts of the distinctives of the member churches were distributed by the secretary.
(Paper J)

VI. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

Moved and seconded that the docket as approved by the Interim Committee be approved. Carried.

VII. ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

The member churches were advised by the Chairman of the need to elect members to the interim committee for the 31st meeting of NAPARC in 2005.

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of the 29th Annual Meeting of NAPARC be approved. Carried.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. From the OPC GA re: a resolution on Justification.

The secretary read this communication from the OPC to the Council for information. **(Paper K)**

- B. From the OPC, CEIR, information and a request for action (see below under new business).

The secretary read this communication from the OPC to the Council for information (see under new business below)

- C. From the PCA: 32nd General Assembly resolution *On Marriage and Sexuality*.

Received for information by the Council. Available at www.byfaithonline.com and www.pcanet.org/ac.

- D. From the PCA: Stated Clerk's report to the 32nd General Assembly.

Received for information by the Council. Available at www.byfaithonline.com and www.pcanet.org/ac

- E. From the PCA: *Pastoral Letter on Racism*.

Received for information by the Council. Available at www.byfaithonline.com and www.pcanet.org/ac.

- F. From the URCNA re: membership application (see below under new business).

X. TREASURER'S REPORT (Paper P)

The Treasurer of NAPARC, the Rev. Maynard Koerner read the Treasurer's Report for 2003-2004. **(Paper L)**

And audit of the treasurer's records was done by John Dawson and Doug Carson and found in order. Rev. Koerner was commended for his work as Treasurer. **(Paper M)**

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt both the Treasurer's Report and the Auditors Report.

XI. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary reported on behalf of the interim committee that its report is reflected in the approved docket.

The Council, according to the Order of the Day, adjourned from the day's business at 5:01 PM.

Rev. Maynard Koerner closed with prayer.

The evening program, hosted by the RCUS was held at the Clarion Hotel at 6:00 PM and consisted of dinner for the delegates, observers and guests and a lecture by Rev. Dr. Warren Embree (RCUS) of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Vermillion, SD from Romans 3:21-26 on *Maintaining the Pastoral Focus in Preaching Justification by Faith*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2004

The Council was called to order by the Chairman at 8:44 AM.

Rev. John Dawson, the chairman, opened the meeting by reading Psalm 46 and followed the reading with comments and prayer.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report on Women in the Military.

Rev. Ron Potter read the report. Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the report. **(Paper N)**

Moved, seconded and carried to add Rev. George Knight III to the committee. Carried.

B. Report on NAPARC Web Site.

A verbal report was given by the secretary based on e-mail communication with Barry Traver.

Moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the interim committee: that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of NAPARC constitute the NAPARC Web site oversight committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the interim committee : that Mr. Barry Traver be granted an honorarium of \$250.00 and up to \$250.00 for reimbursable expenses to manage the NAPARC Web site. Carried.

C. Report of Committee to Plan Celebration of 500th Anniversary of Birth of John Calvin in 2009.

Dr. Roy L. Taylor gave a verbal report. A written report is to be provided for the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that the NAPARC secretary correspond with the stated clerks and general secretaries inquiring whether their respective denominations are willing to hold concurrent General Assemblies or Synods in 2009 for the purpose of holding seminars and meetings in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of John Calvin. NAPARC Assemblies and Synods are also requested to suggest dates and sites for the concurrent meetings. Carried.

D. Report of the Committee to make G.I. Williamson's Westminster Confession of Faith for Study Classes available in the Spanish Language.

Dr. Bill Evans presented a report. Moved and seconded to receive the report. Carried. (Paper O)

Moved and seconded to dismiss the committee with thanks and appreciation. Carried.

As a point of personal privilege Rev. Bill Evans presented Rev. G.I. Williamson with a copy of the translation signed by all the delegates present.

At the request of some delegates, Rev. G.I. Williamson spoke on the genesis of the work.

At the request of the chairman, Rev. Evans offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the work of Rev. Williamson and for the project as a whole.

A copy of the translation was presented to each member church and to NAPARC for its records.

XIII. Reports on Foreign and Home Missions Consultations.

Rev. Ron Morris brought a verbal report on the Home Missions Consultation.

There was no Foreign Missions Consultation held in conjunction with NAPARC this year.

XIV. New Business:

A. Application of United Reformed Churches in North America for NAPARC Membership.
(Paper P)

The recommendation of the interim committee: that the application of the URCNA for NAPARC membership be received, was seconded and carried.

Moved and seconded to propose to the member churches synods and assemblies that the URCNA application for membership in NAPARC be approved.

By consent the order of the day was changed from a 10:30 AM break to 10:10 AM to permit delegations to caucus.

The Council recessed at 10:10 AM.

The Council reconvened at 10:30 AM.

The roll call vote on the above motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Ron Potter, at the request of the chair, offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the URCNA and their application.

Rev. Pontier of the URCNA responded with thanks to NAPARC for their reception of the application for membership.

B. Request of Orthodox Presbyterian Church: *to request the Interim Committee to propose a policy to NAPARC for the invitation of observers or other visitors, including what privileges should be extended to them.* (Paper Q)

The recommendation of the Interim Committee: that this be referred back to the OPC for further development and report to NAPARC 2005. Carried.

XV. Arrangements for next meeting

The ARPC is slated, according to the rotation of member churches, to host the 2005 meeting of NAPARC at BonClarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC.

The interim committee recommended that the dates of the 2005 meeting be November 15-16, 2005. This was moved and seconded.

It was moved and seconded and carried to amend this to November 10-11, 2005.

An amendment to the above amendment changing the dates to November 1-2, 2005 was moved, seconded and carried. This became the main motion.

The main motion carried. The dates for the 31st meeting of NAPARC will be November 1-2, 2005.

Moved, seconded and carried that the following be invited to observe the 31st annual meeting of NAPARC in 2005.

Canadian Reformed Churches
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Free Reformed Churches of North America
Heritage Reformed Congregations
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)
Presbyterian Reformed Church
United Reformed Churches in North America

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved, seconded and carried that the 30th meeting of NAPARC be adjourned.

Rev. Bruce Parnell closed the 30th session of NAPARC with prayer.

Respectfully submitted.



Rev. Ron Potter

Secretary