

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

**BonClarken
Flat Rock, NC
November 1-2, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Thirty First Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order at the ARPC BonClarken Assembly on Tuesday, November 1st, 2005 at 1:30 PM by the Rev. John Dawson, Chairman. Rev. Dawson opened the proceedings with devotions from Psalm 2 and appointed Rev. George Knight III to open the meeting with prayer.

In preliminary matters a document listing delegates and observers was announced and circulated for corrections and additions. Order of the day refreshment times were set for the 1st at 3:00 PM and the 2nd, at 10:15 AM. Adjournment time for the 1st, was set at 5:00 PM with Dinner at 6:00 PM in the Dining Hall to be followed by a program at Synodical Hall.

It was announced by the secretary that a CD, from the Encyclopedia Puritannica Project, was available for distribution to the NAPARC delegates and observers at no charge. Sample published material from member and/or observer churches were made available to the delegates and observers on a publications table

II. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call of Member Churches.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC): Rev. John H. Dawson; Rev. Charles Clendinen; Mr. Tom Patterson; Rev. Bill Evans; (Observer: Wilfred Bellamy)

Eglise reformee du Quebec (ERQ): No delegate was present

Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC): Rev. James Kim

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC): Rev. G.I. Williamson; Rev. George Knight III, Rev. L. Anthony Curto; Rev. Jack Peterson (Observer Richard R. Gerber).

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

Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS): Rev. Maynard Koerner; Rev. Ron Potter; Rev. Harvey Opp; Mr. Sam Powell..

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA): Rev. R. Bruce Parnell; Rev. Ian Wise; Mr. Drew Gordon; Dr. Bruce Stewart. (Observer: Douglas Carson).

Invited Observer Churches present:

Canadian Reformed Churches: Mr. John Jonker.

Free Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Eric Moerdyk; Mr. Edward Laman.

Heritage Reformed Congregations: Rev. David Lipsy; Rev. Mark Kelderman

Church: Rev. Timothy Worrell; Rev. Steven Dilday; Mr. Steve Mouring

United Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Ralph Pontier; Rev. John A. Bouwers; Rev. Harry Zekveld; Mr. Chuck Dykstra.

B. Reception of URCNA into NAPARC membership.

The Secretary reported that 6 of the 7 member NAPARC churches voted during the preceding year regarding the application of the URCNA into NAPARC membership. All churches voting voted in the affirmative. The URCNA was, upon recommendation of the Interim Committee, received as a member church of NAPARC and added to the roll of churches.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Chairman:	Rev. Bruce Parnell (RPCNA)
Vice Chairman:	Rev. James Kim (KAPC)
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 2005-2006. Carried.

The Rev. Bruce Parnell, newly elected Chairman, assumed the Chair and on behalf of NAPARC expressed thanks to Rev. Dawson for his two years of service as Chairman.

IV. REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES

The following member churches reported to the Council followed by prayer for that church by a Chair appointed representative from another church. After each report the Chairman gave opportunity for questions to be directed to the church reporting and for answers to be given.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Paper
ARPC	John Dawson	James Kim (KAPC)	A
ERQ	Secretary read	G.I. Williamson (OPC)	B
KAPC	James Kim	Stanley Jenkins (PCA)	C
OPC	G.I. Williamson	Harvey Opp (RCUS)	D
PCA	Roy Taylor	Drew Gordon (RPCNA)	E
RCUS	Maynard Koerner	Charles Clendinen (ARPC)	F

The order of the day was called by the Chair at 3:00 PM for refreshments.

The Council reconvened at 3:20 PM.

RPCNA	Bruce Stewart	John A Bouwers (URCNA)	G
URCNA	John A. Bouwers	Jack Peterson (OPC)	H

V. REPORTS FROM OBSERVER CHURCHES

The following observer churches reported and prayer was offered by a Chair appointed representative from a member church. After each report the Chairman gave opportunity for questions to be directed to the church reporting and for answers to be given.

Denomination	Reporter	Who Prayed	Paper
Canadian Reformed Churches	John Jonker	Paul Gilchrist (PCA)	I
Free Reformed Churches of NA	Eric Moerdyk	Ian Wise (RPCNA)	J
Heritage Reformed Congregations	David Lipsy	L. Anthony Curto (OPC)	
Presbyterian Reformed Church	Timothy Worrell	Ralph Pontier (URCNA)	K

VI. ADOPTION OF DOCKET

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

VII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved, seconded that the Minutes of the 30th Annual Meeting of NAPARC in 2004 as distributed be approved. Carried.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. From the Synod of the RCUS: Vote on URCNA membership
- B. From the OPC GA:
 - 1. Willingness to participate in concurrent Assemblies in 2009 with provisions
 - 2. Vote on URCNA membership.
- C. From the Synod of the FRCNA:
 - 1. Request for NAPARC membership.
 - 2. Advising of observers.
- D. From the ERQ:
 - 1. Advising that no delegate will be present.
 - 2. Expressing willingness to host 2006 NAPARC Meeting.
- E. From the PCA: Vote on URCNA membership.
- F. From the ARPC: Vote on URCNA membership.
- G. From the RPCNA: Vote on URCNA membership.

Moved and seconded to receive communications A-G. Carried.

(Secretary's Note: Regular communications such as voting results or communications for information etc. are not appended to the distributed Minutes. They will however be filed with the Minutes by the Secretary for future reference. Any communications taken up as new NAPARC business and acted upon will appear in the appropriate place on the docket. These communications will be numbered and will appear in the appendix to the distributed Minutes. – RP)

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of NAPARC, the Rev. Maynard Koerner read the Treasurer's Report for 2004-2005. It was noted by the Treasurer that since the report was made the PCA and the ERQ sent in dues and the dues of all member churches are now paid.

(Paper L)

An audit of the Treasurer's records was done by John Dawson and Bruce Parnell and these were found in order and well kept. Rev. Koerner was commended for his work as Treasurer. **(Paper M)**

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

Moved and seconded that NAPARC 2005 pay the banquet costs for the observer churches for this year. Carried.

Order of the Day was called at 5:00 PM by the Chair.

A banquet was held in the Dining Hall at 6:00 PM.

At 7:00 PM, in Synodical Hall, Dr. Gabriel Statom, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church (ARPC), Lake Wales, Florida, brought a presentation on the *Reformed Heritage Collection of Psalms* and engaged those gathered in the singing of several selections.

Wednesday November 2nd, 2005-12-27

I. Call to Order.

The Council was called to order at 8:30 AM on Wednesday November 2nd, 2005 by Chairman Rev. Parnell. Rev. Parnell lead in devotions from Hebrews 12:18-24. Rev. Koerner, at the Chair's appointment, offered opening prayer.

X. INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary reported on behalf of the Interim Committee that the work of the Interim Committee is reflected in the amended and approved Council docket.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report on Women in the Military. .

Rev. Ron Potter read the report. **(Paper N)**

Moved and seconded that the 2003 co-ordinate statement (Recommendation #2) on Women in The Military be forwarded to the churches for vote next year (2006).

Moved and seconded that action on the above motion be postponed until after the Order of the Day at 10:15 AM. Carried.

B. Report on NAPARC Web Site.

A verbal report was given by Rev. Bruce Parnell.

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.

XII. REPORTS ON FOREIGN AND HOME MISSIONS CONSULTATIONS.

Rev. Ian Wise brought a verbal report on the Home Missions Consultation.

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of the Free Reformed Churches of North America for NAPARC Membership.

Rev. Eric Moerdyk gave an introduction to the Council on behalf of the FRCNA and answered questions. Documents germane to the application of the FRCNA were previously distributed and appear in the appendix to the Minutes. **(Paper O)**

The recommendation of the Interim Committee: that the application of the FRCNA for NAPARC membership be received was taken up by the Council. The Chair called a 5 minute break at 9:33 AM for delegations to caucus. At 9:38 AM the Chair called for a roll call vote regarding receiving the application of the FRCNA for NAPARC membership and to propose to the member churches synods and assemblies of NAPARC that the FRCNA application for membership in NAPARC be approved. Roll Call vote: ARPC: Yes. ERQ: Absent. KAPC: Yes. OPC: Yes. PCA: Yes. RCUS: Yes. RPCNA: Yes. URCNA: Yes. The motion thus carried.

B. Observer Invitees to NAPARC 2006.

The Interim Committee proposed the following list of churches to be invited to observe NAPARC 2006, the Canadian Reformed Churches, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Heritage Reformed Congregations, the Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin), the Presbyterian Reformed Church and the Free Reformed Churches of North America.

Moved and seconded to vote on the EPC separately. Carried.

Moved and seconded to invite the churches proposed by the Interim Committee to NAPARC 2006. Carried.

Moved and seconded to invite the EPC to observe NAPARC 2006. Carried.

Order of the Day was called by the Chair at 10:05 AM for refreshments.

The Council reconvened at 10:29 AM.

C. Communication from the OPC regarding proposed changes to the NAPARC Bylaws. **(Paper P)**

A late communication was received from the OPC regarding proposed changes to the NAPARC Bylaws and brought before the Council upon recommendation of the Interim Committee.

Moved and seconded to receive the communication and to act on it at NAPARC 2006. Carried.

(Secretary's note: This communication will be placed on the Council docket for 2006. -RP)

The Council was advised of the terminal illness of the Rev. David Englehart of the CRCNA.

Moved and seconded that Rev. L. Roy Taylor write Rev. Englehart on behalf of NAPARC. Carried.

The Council discussed the lack of distribution of G.I. Williamson's commentary on the Westminster Confession of faith in the Spanish language.

The postponed action of **Old Business, XI. A.**, regarding Women in the Military was taken up by the Council at this time.

Five minutes was given by the Chair to Rev. Potter to summarize the 2003 report on Women in The Military and to read its recommendation #2 which is as follows:

RP That NAPARC adopt the following statement: *That it is the conviction of the member churches of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council that the word of God give² no warrant expressed or implied that women are to be conscripted into or employed for military combat roles but rather they are to be defended by men and kept from harms way that they might fulfil their biblical callings and duties under God.*

Moved and seconded to amend recommendation #2 to delete *That it is the conviction of the member churches of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council that . . .* and to capitalize the word "the". Carried.

The vote on the main motion as amended carried.

The following proposed statement to be adopted by NAPARC will be sent to the churches for their vote next year:

RP *The word of God give² no warrant expressed or implied that women are to be conscripted into or employed for military combat roles but rather they are to be defended by men and kept from harms way that they might fulfil their biblical callings and duties under God.*

(Secretary's note: The full 2003 report together with its recommendations, which was reviewed by the Council prior to the above action, is appended to these Minutes for information. -RP) (Paper Q)

XIV. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Moved and seconded that the invitation of the ERQ to host the 2006 NAPARC meeting at Laval, Quebec, Canada, be taken up and that the date be set for November 14th and 15th, 2006. Carried

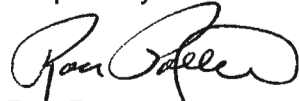
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded that the 31st Meeting of NAPARC be adjourned. Carried.

Rev. Bruce Parnell read Psalm 133 and at the request of the Chair Rev. Ron Potter offered a closing prayer.

Adjournment was at 11:00 AM..

Respectfully submitted.



Rev. Ron Potter

Secretary

