

**THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 24, 1980**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sixth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order by the Rev. Le Roy B. Oliver, Chairman of the Council, at 2:00 p.m., on October 24, 1980, at the Best Western Airport Motel, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Oliver read Hebrews 12:14-29. The Rev. Donald J. MacNair led the Council in the opening prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. The following delegates and observers were present:

Delegates:

Christian Reformed Church (CRC):

Mr. Albert A. Bel, Rev. John H. Bratt, Rev. William P. Brink,
Mr. Keith Knight

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC):

Rev. Edmund P. Clowney, Rev. John P. Galbraith, Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA):

Mr. Henry Dekker, Mr. F. Patrick McHugh, Rev. Morton H. Smith, Rev. G. Aiken Taylor

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES):

Rev. John P. Clark, Rev. Donald J. McNair

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA):

Mr. William Edgar, Rev. John H. White, Mr. Donald B. Willson

Observers:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP):

Rev. George J. Gerard

Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS):

Rev. Norman C. Hoeflinger, Rev. Norman L. Jones

It was moved that the observers be granted the privilege of the floor.
Adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket as indicated by these minutes was adopted.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Rev. Jack B. White (RPCNA)
Vice Chairman: Rev. John Clark (RPCES)
Secretary: Rev. Morton H. Smith (PCA)
Treasurer: Mr. Albert A. Bel (CRC)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Council were approved with corrections in the roll, namely, that Rev. H. B. Harrington should be listed under RPCNA, and Rev. George W. Smith should be listed under RPCES.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Albert Bel, Treasurer of the Council, presented the Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix C). It was moved and seconded that the report be received. **Adopted.**

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the budget for 1980-81 be raised to a total of \$750.00, to be requested from the member Churches on the same family basis previously used. **Adopted.**

Mr. Bel reported that Rev. Jacob Eppenga of Grand Rapids, Michigan, serves as Assistant Treasurer. The bank account is in the Old Kent Bank of Grand Rapids. **Adopted.**

7. INTERIM REPORT

The Interim Report was read for the information of the Council. (The recommendations of the Interim Report are presented and acted upon under the respective places in the docket.) (See Appendix A)

8. OBSERVERS WELCOMED

On motion from the Interim Committee the invitation of the ARPC to send observers was ratified, and the representatives are to be welcomed with appreciation for their consistent interest in NAPARC. **Adopted.**

On motion from the Interim Committee that the invitation to the RCUS be be ratified, and that the representatives be welcomed to the meeting. **Adopted.**

9. PLANS FOR THE CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF ASSEMBLIES AND SYNODS

It was moved and seconded that the Council request the Inter-Church Committees of each denomination to arrange for the appointment of two members to serve on a joint committee to begin work as soon as possible for recommendations to their parent bodies, if necessary, regarding methods and procedures for joint consultations, worship and fellowship at the 1982 concurrent meetings of the Assemblies and Synods at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that the CRC be designated by the Council to convene this Committee. **Adopted.**

10. SECRETARY'S HONORARIUM

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the annual honorarium paid to the Secretary be raised from \$150 to \$200. **Adopted.**

11. STUDY COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the study committees and conferences be reminded that they have the freedom and responsibility to recommend to the Council new areas of study and/or areas for cooperation and further consultation. **Adopted.**

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary of the Council be directed to send a letter to the Clerks of each of the denominations asking all agencies involved in conferences and/or consultations to be reminded that they need to report on these consultations each year. (See Appendices L-) **Adopted.**

12. REPORTS FROM THE MEMBER CHURCHES

Representatives from each of the Churches reported as follows:

Rev. John H. Bratt - CRC
Rev. John P. Galbraith - OPC
Rev. G. Aiken Taylor - PCA
Rev. Donald MacNair - RPCES
Mr. Donald B. Willson - RPCNA

(Note recess of 15 minutes was taken from 3:45 to 4:00 p.m. during these reports, the meeting being reconvened with prayer by the Rev. Donald J. MacNair.)

(See Appendices D-H)

13. REPORT FROM THE OBSERVING CHURCHES

Rev. George J. Gerard presented the report from the ARP Church. It was moved that NAPARC express appreciation to the ARPC for the report made to this meeting, and that the ARPC be invited to send representatives as observers to future meetings of the Council, and be invited to send observers to meetings sponsored by NAPARC. (See Appendix I) **Adopted.**

14. RECESS

The Council took recess at 5:30 p.m. for the evening meal. The Rev. G. Aiken Taylor led the Council in prayer, including a blessing upon the food.

15. COUNCIL RECONVENED

The Council was reconvened at 7:05 p.m. The Rev. John Clark led in prayer.

16. REPORTS FROM OBSERVING CHURCHES, CONTINUED

The Rev. Norman Hoeflinger gave an oral report on the RCUS. It was moved that NAPARC express appreciation to the RCUS for the report made to this meeting, and that the RCUS be invited to send representatives as observers to future meetings of the Council, and be invited to send observers to meetings sponsored by NAPARC. (See Appendix J) Adopted.

17. REPORT ON THE HERMENEUTICS COMMITTEE

An oral report was made on the progress being made towards the establishment of the Hermeneutics Study Committee authorized by the last meeting of the Council (Item 12). The report was received as information. (See Appendix K)

18. INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Rev. John P. Galbraith (OPC) was elected by white ballot to serve as the OPC representative on the Interim Committee.

19. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is set for 2:00 p.m., October 23-24, 1981, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Adopted.

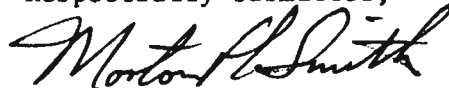
20. MOTION OF THANKS

It was moved that the Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver be thanked for making the arrangements for this meeting, and that the OPC be thanked for bearing the financial costs of the dinner. Adopted.

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m., to meet at 2:00 p.m., October 23, 1981, at Philadelphia. The Rev. John H. Bratt and the Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver led the Council in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Morton H. Smith
Secretary