

**THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 22, 1982**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Eighth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order by RE Kenneth Ryskamp, Vice Chairman of the Council, in the absence of the Chairman, at 2:00 p.m., on October 22, 1982, at the Howard Johnson's Airport Motel, Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Rev. John Primus led in the opening prayer.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Delegates:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC):

Mr. Clarence Boswell, Rev. John L. Carson, Rev. William A. Macaulay, Jr., Rev. Gregory C. Slater

Christian Reformed Church (CRC):

Mr. Albert A. Bel, Rev. John H. Bratt, Rev. Keith Knight, Rev. John H. Primus

Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC):

Rev. Myung D. Kim, Rev. Peter B. Kim

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC):

Rev. John P. Galbraith, Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell, Rev. Jack J. Peterson, Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA):

Mr. Lawrence H. De Bert, Mr. Kenneth L. Ryskamp, Rev. Morton H. Smith, Rev. Robert Valentine

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA):

Rev. Bruce R. Backensto, Rev. Paul M. Martin, Rev. Bruce C. Stewart, Rev. John H. White

Observers:

Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS):

Rev. Paul Treick

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the two new member Churches, namely, the ARPC and the KAPC, to their first meeting as members.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Treick be given 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: Mr. Kenneth L. Ryskamp (PCA)
Vice Chairman: Rev. John H. Bratt (CRC)
Secretary: Rev. Morton H. Smith (PCA)
Treasurer: Mr. Albert A. Bel (CRC)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Council were approved as mailed out.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

On motion from the Interim Committee, the Council authorized the Treasurer to pay the costs of the evening meal for observers and guests, as well as for the members of the Council.
Adopted

7. MOTION FROM THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

On motion from the Interim Committee the following was adopted:

That since the previously adopted action of the Council - "That study reports of the various member Churches be circulated to sister Churches" (M7NAPARC, #12) - has not been implemented with great satisfaction, that the following procedure for its effective and orderly implementation be recommended to all Churches:

- a. Each denomination report annually to the NAPARC the subjects of that year's study reports, and where they may be found.
- b. The Secretary of NAPARC compile a list of such reports alphabetically by subject, update it annually, and transmit it to the Stated Clerk of each member denomination.
- c. The Stated Clerk of each denomination send the list to each session/consistory and minister of his Church.

- d. Each Church shall send a copy of each year's study to the Stated Clerk of each NAPARC member church.
- e. Each Church shall determine how copies of these reports may be obtained. **Adopted**

8. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

On motion from the Interim Committee the Council voted to amend the Bylaws as follows:

I-3 add the word "authorized" before "observers", and add the following new sentence: "Observer status shall be limited to those invited by the Interim Committee." **Adopted**

9. COMITY MATTERS

On motion from the Interim Committee the Council took the following action: That in view of the tensions that have arisen and apparent overlapping, the Council requests the next Joint Meeting of the Home Mission Agencies of NAPARC to develop comity arrangements setting forth guidelines for location of new churches, and for the reception of established congregations, to recommend to the Council for recommendation to the member Churches. **Adopted**

10. CONCURRENT ASSEMBLIES/SYNODS

On recommendation from the Interim Committee the Council voted to recommend to the member Churches that concurrent meetings of Assemblies/Synods be held in 1986, with the recommendation of the Council to the Arrangements Committees of the member Churches to give higher priority to the joint meetings than in the past. **Adopted**

11. DIACONAL MINISTRIES

On motion from the Interim Committee the Council recommends to the member Churches the support and use of institutions of mercy operated by or associated with other NAPARC member Churches, and that this include the institutions listed in Appendix . **Adopted**

12. NAPARC DIRECTORY

That NAPARC undertake to bring up to date the Directory of NAPARC Churches and Agencies (particularly the institutions referred to in Item 11 above). Should funding not be available, the denominations be asked to support the project by the Interim Committee of NAPARC. **Adopted**

13. REPORTS FROM MEMBER CHURCHES

Representatives from each of the member Churches reported on significant actions of their recent Assemblies and Synods.

(See Appendices D - J)

14. REPORT FROM THE OBSERVER CHURCH

Mr. Paul Treick presented a report on recent actions of his denomination.

15. LISTING OF 1983 ASSEMBLY/SYNOD MEETINGS

The following is a list of the times and places of Assembly/Synod meetings of the various member Churches and of the RCUS:

ARP	June 13-16, 1983	Flat Rock, NC
CRC	June 7-16, 1983	Grand Rapids, MI
KARP	June 20-24, 1983	New York, NY
OPC	June 2-9, 1983	Philadelphia, PA
PCA	June 13-17, 1983	Norfolk, VA
RPCNA	June 25 - July 1, 1983	Beaver Falls, PA
RCUS	March 14-17, 1983	Sutton, NE

16. REPORT OF HERMENEUTICS STUDY COMMITTEE

Letters from members of the Hermeneutics Committee were received as information. The Council requested the Committee to continue its work. The ARP is to serve as the convening body of the continued study. (See Appendix L for report of the committee to the concurrent Assemblies/Synods.)

Adopted

The PCA delegation named Rev. Palmer Robertson and Rev. David Jones as its continuing members of the Committee (in light of the "joining and receiving").

17. CULTURAL IMPACT

In response to the following request from the OPC that NAPARC "consider how the member churches may separately and together address the issue of how to transform American culture in accordance with biblical principles." the Council moved to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of making this the focus of joint meetings at the proposed concurrent Assemblies/Synods in 1986, to report back to the 1983 meeting of the Council. Each delegation was asked to name a member to this committee.

They are:

ARP	James Corbett
CRC	John Primus, Convener
KARP	Myung Kim
OPC	Glenn Jerrell
PCA	Joseph Morecraft
RPCNA	William Edgar

Adopted

18. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

On motion from the Interim Committee the next meeting of the Council was set for October 21, 1983, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that the RPCNA be requested to make the arrangements.

Adopted

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19. INTERIM COMMITTEE

The delegations needing to name a member to the Interim Committee caucused with the following Interim Committee being named:

Chairman: RE Kenneth Ryskamp, PCA

Vice Chairman: TE John Bratt, CRC

Secretary: TE Morton H. Smith, PCA

TE Greg Slater, ARP

TE Samuel Chang, KARP

TE John Galbraith, OPC

TE Paul Martin, RPCNA

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m., to meet on October 21, 1983, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton H. Smith, Secretary